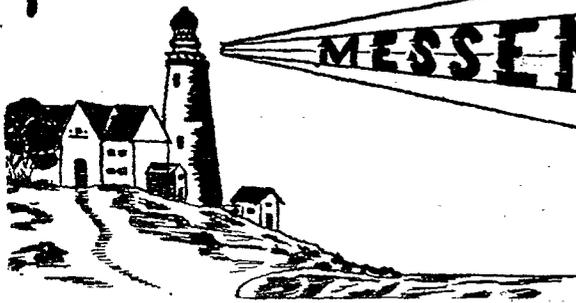
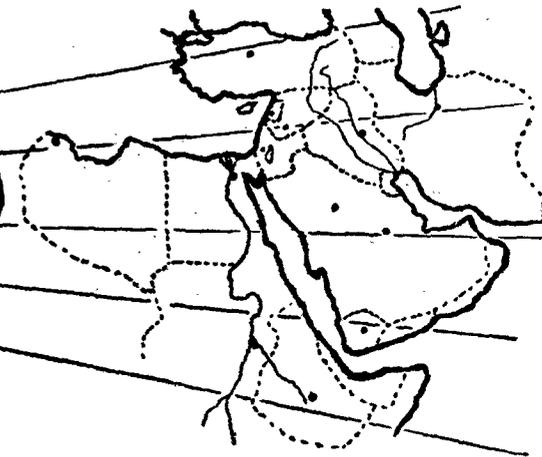


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The Road To Happiness and Success



By ERIC B. HARE

Joan smiled and said: "You see, Daddy, I saw there was a picture of a man on the other side of the map. So I put the man together right first, then when I got the man put together right I just turned it over, and I found I had the world put together right!"

We can never make the world better, till we make men and the women in the world better. **BUT WE CAN NEVER MAKE THE MEN AND WOMEN BETTER TILL WE MAKE THE BOYS AND GIRLS BETTER**, for the boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow.

THE MOST IMPORTANT YEARS

We sing, "There are two ways for travellers, only two ways," but we hardly realize that those two ways, going in opposite directions toward life and toward death, **BOTH** start at the child's birth. As two roads diverge so gradually at the fork that often we travel several miles before we realize we have taken the wrong road, so often we do not realize that we have started our tiny tots on the wrong road till they come to the days of junior adolescence.

The first three years are the most important years in conditioning the child for a successful, happy Christian life. Notice what these eminent people say:

"When we get to the place where we pay more attention to the high chair, we will have less need for the electric chair."—Warden Lawes of Sing Sing Penitentiary, *Introduction to Child Study*, p. 91.

"The first five years of life are the most fundamental and formative years

in the cycle of the child's growth."—Dr. Gessel, of Yale Child Clinic.

"If you train your children carefully until they are seven years old, they are already three-quarters educated."—Ella Frances Lynch, *Introduction to Child Study*, p. 91.

"The lessons that the child learns during the first seven years of its life have more to do with the formation of character than all it learns in future years."—*Signs of the Times*, Mrs. E. G. White, April 8, 1903.

TAUGHT BY IMITATION AND FEELINGS

It is easy for us to understand how a child can be taught *after* it is three years old, when it can talk and understand words. It is easier still to understand how a child can be taught *after* it is six years old, when it goes to school and learns to read and write. It is more difficult to understand how a child can be taught *before* it is three years old, when it cannot talk, and cannot read and cannot write. But God has made wise provision for that period of life, and every child is born with an instinct to *imitate*, and with very sensitive feelings.

Even before a child is old enough to imitate, it knows through its feelings whether it is loved or not. It cannot understand one word that father says to mother, but it *feels* the love or the anger that accompanies those words.

Also when a child begins to imitate what brother or sister or parents do, with every *action*, there comes to the child a *feeling*. If it is a feeling of unpleasantness or pain, the child will hesitate to repeat that action, but if

One Sunday afternoon a father found himself responsible for caring for his six year old daughter. In order to keep her busy, so that he could have a comfortable hour reading his paper, he tore a picture of a map of the world from his paper, cut it into a number of small, odd-shaped pieces, and said: "Here you are, Joan; see if you can put the world together right again."

Little Joan bent over her puzzle. Father sat down and looked forward to a quiet hour, but in five minutes Joan was back again. "I've got the world all put together right again, Daddy. Come and see!" Father went, and sure enough the world was put together right. "I don't see how you did it so quickly," said he. "I thought it would take you an hour!"

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there is a feeling of pleasure and satisfaction, there will be a desire to repeat that action, and the repetition of an action produces a habit.

Good habits and bad habits are produced exactly the same way, and thus the very small child is started in the path to obedience or to disobedience, to success or to failure, to a happy Christian life or to a disappointing life in the world.

Therefore it is our business as parents and teachers to accompany obedience, study, work, and worship with feelings that give pleasure to the child.

THE CURTAIN OF MEMORY

Have you ever noticed how God has wisely curtained off the first three or four years of life by the little curtain of memory? In this way we do not remember commencing the habit patterns of life that were formed in these first years. Those habits are formed unconsciously. So the child that was taught to obey before it was four years old grows up feeling it was born obeying.

And the child that was taught the going-to-Sabbath-school habit before it was four years old grows up feeling that it was born going to Sabbath school. And the child that was taught the family worship habit before it was four years old grows up feeling that it was born having family worship, and these habits become as definite a part in its life as eating or sleeping.

Remember, all habits not formed before the child is four years of age, must be formed consciously, and it is more difficult to form a new habit pattern consciously. Therefore the ideal time for conditioning the child for a happy successful life is during the first three or four years of its life.

THERE IS MUCH YET TO BE DONE

By MOUSSA GHAZAL

Sometimes we think that we have done all that we can. But soon, when our efforts are renewed through a close walk with God, we find that souls are led to the kingdom of God by an unseen Hand, and that God is waiting only on us to share our faith and show these wandering sheep the way to God's throne.

Here, near Mount Hermon, in the land of Marjeoun, we sow again the seeds of truth where once before, in the long ago, the apostles of old passed through. We labor among the minority of Christians, and we also give opportunity to a large number of non-Christians who come questioning the new faith we present; many think it is closer to their religion than all the rest.

We, of course, meet much opposition from those that call themselves Christians, as well as from non-Christians. We meet persecution of a minor sort, without the shedding of blood. Many curse us to our faces in the street; many are sent to spy out the interested ones and work against them to discourage them. Our boys were sent and driven out of their schools and told not to come back again. The Voice of Prophecy lessons were burned by bundles by the enemies of the truth, and almost every one of the four schools has given severe punishment to any student found studying or reading the lessons. Gangsters were sent by some leading men to cause us trouble at home and to attack the visitors, till every man, woman, and child knows who we are. The eyes of many were watching the progress and endurance of the message of God, as many plans

were laid to shake it and if possible to drive us out of the district. The accusation against us reached the government office and the army force, to detect whether we were spies or not. But all these efforts came to nought; the government still protects us and considers our problem, and we pray that this will continue (the hand of God is upon the heart of kings).

A small number have been baptized so far. We believe that this is the first fruits of the land, for all of them, though youth in age and of a youthful spirit, are men in their decision for Christ.

We ask for your prayers that God might give us the ways and means to know how to improve our labor in such a mountainous district where the interests are scattered. Many a student of the Voice of Prophecy and even graduates have become cold for lack of meeting with the representatives of present truth. God is going to hold us responsible in the day of judgment for every soul we ignore or pass by. Calls are coming from everywhere. The harvest is much and the laborers are few, and we have the feeling many times that we are not filling our task to the best advantage. Chance circumstances and the enemy of truth always make it difficult for us, to discourage us, and cause us to fall short in doing our duty. It seems that most of the time the devil keeps us busy and entangled with troubles.

But when we look upon Jesus only, all our troubles grow dim and our efforts are renewed, with new vision for better plans. We seek your kind help, and the help of all the brethren, to encourage the youth to take up the burden and study to be prepared for the field of ministry, to save souls for the kingdom of God and to herald the three angels' messages in this most needy generation.

We are looking for the day in the Middle East when the only soul's desire of our people shall be the salvation of souls and the making plain of the Advent faith before the people, thus giving them the final chance to enter the kingdom. This testimony will be accomplished only when the children of God will be made manifest to the world before the time of probation closes and our Lord returns.



First Baptism in Marjeoun District

EVERY BELIEVER EVERYWHERE WITH THE PRINTED PAGE

By WADIE FARAG

Publishing secretaries often prepare canvasses for the new books that come off the press. What we need today is a skillfully prepared canvass for the book, *Colporteur Ministry*, one that will help administrators, teachers, editors, students, doctors, publishing secretaries, colporteurs, and every Seventh-day Adventist not only to purchase the book, but to live it.

A diligent student of the blueprints given to the church in this book is led to conclude that heaven expects the church today to carry the work of the literature ministry on a tremendous scale. God desires to enlist "hundreds" in the colporteur work, and "to circulate our publications everywhere" (*C.M.*, pp. 20, 21.) Over and over again the thought is repeated that this phase of the work is to reach everybody without the forbiddings of anyone. Publications are to be prepared in "every" language, "to strengthen every pin and pillar of the faith," and be "scattered like the leaves of Autumn". "The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world" (*C.M.*, pp. 3, 25). The Lord desires to reach the world with the printed page, not just a few scattered places. The means that the church should use to enlighten the world "quickly" is through the book work. "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." (*C.M.*, p. 7)

Where do we stand in God's program for evangelizing the Middle East with the printed page? If the instruction is that the Advent "publications are to be translated into every language" (*C.M.*, p. 5), are we not to understand that we are bidden to translate them into Turkish, Farsee, and Arabic? And if our publications should "strengthen every pin and pillar of the faith" (*C.M.*, p. 3), could that possibly mean having just a tract or two in each language? And if our orders are, "Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. We need colporteurs, who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere." (*C.M.*, p. 21), are we then expected to print editions of 10,000 or would 100,000 be better? Are we to have ten colporteurs or would a hundred fill the order better? Should we have just two or three translators or are we to have five or six or more? Can we afford having more translators, more

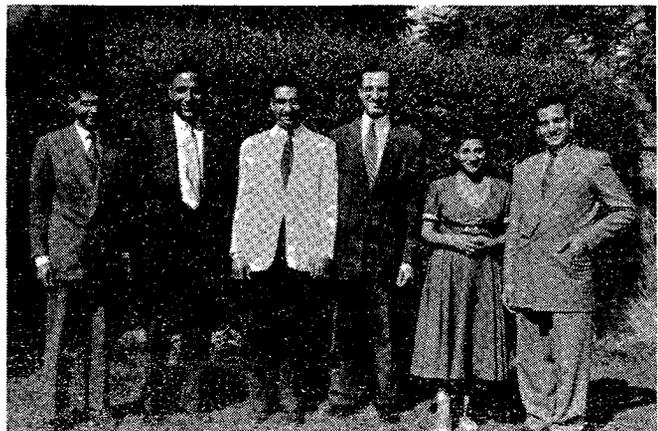
colporteurs and larger editions? Really the question should be, Can we afford not having them, especially when we are told that "The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world" (*C.M.*, p. 3), and that "in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory". (*C.M.*, p. 4).

God wants us to scatter truth-filled literature. It will save people today, and will in the glorious tomorrow when "more than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications." (*C.M.*, p. 151).

God has a great deal of work for us. We will never run out of work! He bids us do what seems impossible. To venture to think God's thoughts may seem presumption to some! But we thank God for the assurance that His biddings are enablings! What God wants us to do can be done. He has helped us have a good start the last three years. How thankful we should be to God for Middle East Press and for the well printed literature that it turns out from month to month. Marvelous indeed is the way the Lord blessed this institution from the day of its start only several months ago! Its establishment fortells great accomplishments for the Master in the near future.

In the summer of 1953 when we had 44 student-colporteurs who sold L.£. 13,000.00 worth of literature, we had in one summer more student-colporteurs and more sales by students than we have had since the beginning of our work in the Arabic speaking countries some half a century ago. This summer we have more than 80 student-colporteurs other than the assistant colporteur-leaders and publishing secretaries. This means that one out of sixteen Seventh-day Adventists in the Arabic speaking countries went out selling books in the summer of 1954. This is the highest ratio anywhere in the world. How thankful we are to God who helped us realize that it can be done. Three years ago it seemed hard to recruit five students in the colporteur work, and some wondered if we had enough territory for five! Today our cry is more colporteurs, more literature, and into every home!

We had a good start but the task is all still ahead. Who is going to do it? The colporteurs who responded to the call of God and went out canvassing these summers will help finish the work. They have gained an experience that is bound to invigorate the church activities in all their phases. "Those who are fitting for the ministry can engage in no other occupation that will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work." (*C.M.*, p. 34.) Thanks for the experiences gained by so many and thanks to God who is going to lead us ALL into these experiences, for it is He who said, "Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. We need colporteurs who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere." "Every believer" and "everywhere" should be our motto.



Colporteur Leaders in the Nile Union

In The Land of Jordan

By R. C. DARNELL

Workers of the Jordan Mission are combining educational and evangelistic work to reap the harvest of the Jordan Kingdom and they expect the best successes in 1954.

Evangelist Mousa Azar has opened new work in the Jerusalem area with meetings in Bait Jala, a small village within sling-shot reach of the fields where the boy David watched sheep. Here well-attended meetings have prepared a harvest of six or more souls, among them an Armenian who wants to dedicate his life to the literature ministry.

As the hours of each Sabbath day pass by, one may find Brother Mousa and his faithful wife conducting Sabbath services in Ramallah, Bethlehem and Bait Jala. Additional studies in private homes of Jerusalem indicate that soon there will be organized companies of baptized believers in all four of these cities.

A faithful lay brother, Boulos Meshni, has promoted the work for many years in this area by conducting a Sabbath School in his own home at Ramallah, and then conducting a branch Sabbath School in Bait Jala. This energetic brother and Evangelist Mousa look beyond the present day of beginnings, past the near future when we will have churches and schools beaming as beacon lights, to the time when Jesus will gather a host of believers from this land once made sacred by the presence of the Son of God.

Evangelist Nageeb Azar is also pressing into new frontiers. Moving to the southernmost outpost of Christianity in the kingdom, the ancient capital of the Moabites, the mountain fortress city of Kerak, he has opened a series of meetings which has stirred the interest of all the little city. Already several are in baptismal classes and soon will unite with the church.

Some have begun to pay tithes and offers of land for a church building have been heard. Many bright children bring joy to the families of the interested ones and soon we will need a school for them and teachers. These children and the optimistic attitude of those who are accepting the truth, give the workers confidence that here a permanent work is being built that will endure until the end.

The lines have been stretched to these new areas because of the sacrifices of our churches. Brother Mousa was pastor of the Amman church and Brother Nageeb of the El Housn church. Now both of these churches are without pastors, but must depend upon part-time help. In El Housn, Brother Naim Meshni, principal of the school, looks after the church and in

Amman, Brother Ibrahim Ayoub, Mrs. Wainer, and I all do what we can for the church when we can take time from our responsibilities.

Brother Naim's four-teacher school in El Housn is a full-time job, with its more than eighty students ranging from five-year-old kindergarteners to the more mature students of the second-secondary class. Each school morning he greets his "twelve disciples." These plus a thirteenth now married have all been baptized since Brother Naim began operating the school last year, an exceptionally fine harvest of good fruit. Since most of these are from non-Adventist homes, they have gone on to win their parents, until today several are requesting baptism and want to join the remnant people.

Another staff of teachers conduct the school in Amman, under the experienced and practical leadership of Miss H. J. Nasr. There an organized JMV program with related activities, daily worship in the school, and systematic Bible classes ensure that each student will finish with an active knowledge of the principles of the present truth.

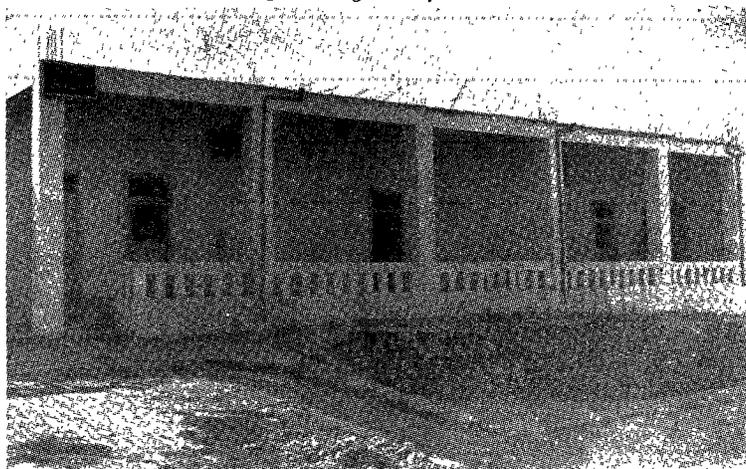
The teaching staff considers its work as more than just a job, but a calling from God. They are always ready to do more than their duty, and they consider duty anything which advances the kingdom of Christ, be it in the classroom, the church, or outside of the light of both church and school. Thus all take part in the work of the Sabbath School and Church, holding a number of offices. Ibrahim Ayoub spends out-of-school hours translating, making special calls, conducting services for the church, and providing

often-needed assistance in the affairs of the mission. Misses Angel and Rose Dikran are active in conducting branch Sabbath Schools and all other types of missionary work. The school thus constitutes an evangelistic center for Amman.

Mrs. Rosalie Wainer takes time out from her language lessons to conduct Bible studies, visit the church members, and assist in the church program when she is in Amman, thus adding her Godly influence to the work.

In these few paragraphs, you have met the working staff of the Jordan Mission. This year we expect to add to their consecrated efforts the influence of a new church building in Amman and a new school with worship facilities in El Housn. The Amman church will seat 200 persons and is being built on the same property as the present school.

Thus our teachers and evangelists have united their efforts to win souls, and thus they continue to carry the Jordan Mission into the most prosperous phase of its history. The need for additional workers is obvious. Our churches need pastors. Our schools must be raised to bridge the gap of years between their graduates and those who can be admitted to Middle East College for final preparation to take part in the work. New areas need schools for the children of our Sabbathkeepers there as well as to reach out and bring in more families. The office work is carried on with no office workers. There are no colporteurs at present to carry on the work of the literature ministry. There is no medical work. But as the work which we do prospers, we look courageously to the future when all branches of the work may be carried out in efficient strength.



Adventist School Building Amman, Jordania

REPORT FROM IRAQ

By C. C. CRIDER

This must of a necessity be a partial report, since it has been less than a year since we joined the working staff of the Iraq Mission. We believe that in this short space of time we have seen much that leads us to believe that God's hand is over His work in this land and that the cause is advancing. Over this period of time most of our offerings have shown a small gain. Our tithe this year, including the month of June, was as much as the total amount raised during the year 1953. With six months yet to go we are almost certain of a good increase. We are thankful to God for these additional funds to assist in our work in Iraq.

Our schools, under the splendid leadership of Brother Phillip Saaty in Mosul and Brother Yousif Fargo in Baghdad, have had very successful student years. In Baghdad the year closed with an enrollment of three hundred thirty-five, which we believe is the largest thus reported from our field. Much credit for the success of these schools this year is due to the able staff of teachers who are working for the mission. For the most part they have been trained in our own Middle East College in Beirut. Besides the terms just mentioned, summer sessions are being carried on in Baghdad and in Kirkuk, with Miss Fawzia Khalil and Miss Majeeda Shammoo as directors. The latter place is a new project, made possible this year by the generous appropriation of our Division brethren, who thus enabled us to open up Kirkuk as a new center for our work in Iraq.

Until about the first of this present year our mission did not own any property in Iraq. This situation has greatly altered during the past six months.

Shortly after the beginning of the year previously laid plans were carried out, which enabled us to secure a piece of land which we had been renting for some years in Mosul. On this property were several buildings which have served us for some time as a place in which to conduct our school and church. After acquiring the land our committee voted a generous sum of money with which to build a new plant to house the school, as well as a nice, attractive church home for our believers in Mosul. We are very happy to report that this structure is well under way at the time of this writing, and we hope that by fall our school will be able to be in its new quarters and that shortly afterward the church will be completed.

In addition to this advance move in Mosul an effort has been made to secure property in our other main centers. In Baghdad, which is the center of our work in Iraq, a nice lot has been secured which is on a main avenue of the city in a prominent section of town. In fact, the piece of land lies in a triangle between three streets and is faced on the front portion by a public park. We feel that the location is an ideal one upon which to build a nice evangelistic center that will assist us in bringing the truth to this great city. Also in Basrah a plot of land has been selected, and the purchase is now being arranged. It is hoped and planned that before fall work can be started on a modest building that will provide room for our school and a meeting place for our people on the Sabbath.

During the summer of 1953 four student colporteurs earned student aid

in Iraq. In addition to leading our Union in the amount of books sold, they also maintained a good report in hours of work, although two got a late start. This summer we have four working Iraq and one in Kuwait, and we are expecting two or three more to join us before the summer is finished. Those who are working now are having unusual success. In fact, we expect three to reach the required amount of sales needed for their student-aid by mid-August.

For the first time in the history of our work in Iraq an attempt was made this summer to hold a campmeeting. From the time when the project was planned, an effort was made to follow the advice of the Spirit of Prophecy, where we are admonished to make our campmeetings evangelistic efforts for our non-Adventist friends, as well as occasions of spiritual revival and help to our own people. In view of this it was decided not to hold our meeting in one of the centers where we already had work. Rather it was thought that we should go into an entirely new section, where we had no members, and see what we could do. Accordingly, early in March of this year Elder Behnam Arshat of Mosul, together with the writer of this article, made a journey into the mountain villages of northern Iraq. We visited a number of villages, some of which were too isolated for us to hope to bring a large company of people in for some years to come. We found the people eager and anxious to have us come to them, and they were very cordial in their reception of our message.

With several nice places available, recommendation was made to our committee that for this year our meeting be held in the village of Behbad in Amadi District, about 160 kilometers north of Mosul. As events proved, it was a most fortunate choice. Our location was ideal with abundant water and other facilities to use in our camp. The village was near enough to supply us with staple foods and also to enable our evangelistic workers to visit the homes of the people freely. In addition to a nightly evangelistic meeting conducted especially for our village friends, we conducted, with the help of Doctors Frank and Simeckova and several of the nurses from the Dar es Salaam Hospital, a fine clinic. These doctors and nurses worked so hard and faithfully, treating the scores that came every day not only from the nearby villages but from all the surrounding country as well, that our work was greatly appreciated by all who had contact with the camp.



Administration and Teaching Staff, Dar Es Salaam School, Baghdad, Iraq

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND SACRIFICE OFFERING

By GEO. J. APPEL

Standing on the Mount of Olives, looking over the hills and valleys of the surrounding country, Jesus spoke the following parting words to His disciples: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, . . . and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He desired that not only His disciples, but also His church through all succeeding generations would catch the vision and be moved as He was with the needs of a perishing world. He had died on the cross, paying the supreme sacrifice, that the multitudes of the earth might live and have eternal life. Now His parting desire was that His followers might become His messengers to carry the good news of salvation to the lost of all the earth. As His representatives they were to appeal to men everywhere to be reconciled to God.

The infant church accepted the challenge. Filled with the Spirit of their Saviour they went forth and proclaimed the message to the millions of their generation.

Today this same Saviour is calling upon His remnant church to finish the task which was so nobly begun by the early church. It is no small responsibility to warn every nation, kindred,

tongue, and people, comprising over 2,000,000,000 souls, found today in every land under the sun.

Considering the facilities and conveniences for doing a rapid work which we have, as compared with what existed in the days of the apostles, together with the promised power commensurate with the needs, the work will soon be finished, for God will surely work with His people now as He did in days of old.

"The willingness to sacrifice on the part of the Macedonian believers came as a result of whole hearted consecration. Moved by the Spirit of God, they 'first gave their own selves to the Lord;' then they were willing to give freely of their means for the support of the gospel. It was not necessary to urge them to give; rather, they rejoiced in the privilege of denying themselves even of necessary things in order to supply the needs of others." *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 343.

Years ago the servant of the Lord wrote:

"We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedg-

ed with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which is possible for them to do now." *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 22

These predictions are now being fulfilled before our eyes. Already in large areas of the earth it is almost impossible to preach the gospel, and our work is being carried on under bitter persecution. We have no assurance conditions will become any better, but we are told they will grow steadily worse as we near the end.

It is a solemn thought to think that if we, the members of God's remnant church, had been "thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice" and "had all manifested thorough earnestness," we would ere this have been in the kingdom of God.

The Annual Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering will be taken up this year on November 20, the last day of the Week of Prayer. This is one of the most important offerings of the year in aiding the cause we all love. Let us begin to pray and plan early that God will give us liberal hearts, willing to sacrifice to help provide the necessary means to finish the work committed to the remnant church.

NOVEMBER 20, 1954

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

"Desiring to enter into the spirit of a recommendation from the recent General Conference Session that the various Division organizations set apart a day for special prayer and fasting later in the year, since there was not sufficient time to get word to distant fields to join in the day of fasting and prayer observed at the time of the General Conference Session, it was

"VOTED, That for the Middle East Division, November 20, 1954, be set apart as a day of fasting and prayer, and that all our church members join our working forces in the observance of this day, seeking personal victory and power to complete the work quickly within our Division field." Action taken by the Middle East Division Committee, July 12, 1954.

"A legal religion can never lead souls to Christ; for it is a loveless, Christless religion. Fasting or prayer that is actuated by a self-justifying spirit is an abomination in the sight of God. The solemn assembly for worship, the round of religious ceremonies, the external humiliation, the

imposing sacrifice, proclaim that the doer of these things regards himself as righteous, and as entitled to heaven; but it is all a deception. Our own works can never purchase salvation.

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise." Ps. 51:17. Man must be emptied of self before he can be, in the fullest sense, a believer in Jesus. When self is renounced, then the Lord can make man a new creature. New bottles can contain the new wine. The love of Christ will animate the believer with new life. In him who looks unto the Author and Finisher of our faith the character of Christ will be manifest." *Desire of Ages*, p. 280

"If the Saviour of men, with His divine strength, felt the need of prayer, how much more should feeble, sinful mortals feel the necessity of prayer—fervent, constant prayer! When Christ was the most fiercely beset by temptation, He ate nothing. He committed Himself to God and, through earnest prayer and perfect submission to the will of His Father, came off conqueror. Those who profess the truth for these last days, above every

other class of professed Christians, should imitate the great Exemplar in prayer." *Testimonies*, Volume 2, p. 202.

"Ministers of Christ, you may be connected with God if you will watch and pray. Let your words be seasoned with salt, and let Christian courtesy and true elevation pervade your demeanor. If the peace of God is ruling within, its power will not only strengthen, but soften your hearts, and you will be living representatives of Christ. The people who profess the truth are backsliding from God. Jesus is soon to come, and they are unready. The minister must reach a higher standard himself, a faith marked with greater firmness, an experience that is living and vivid, not full and commonplace, like that of the nominal professors. The word of God sets a high mark before you. Will you, through fasting and prayerful effort, attain to the completeness and consistency of Christian character? You should make straight paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way. A close connection with God will bring to you in your labor that vital power which arouses the conscience, and convicts the sinner of sin, leading him to cry: 'What shall I do to be saved?'" *Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 400.

**MIDDLE EAST PRESS
CONSTITUENCY MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Constituency of Middle East Press will be held November 20, 1954, at 7:30 p.m., in the Middle East Division Office Committee Room, Beirut, Lebanon. All regular delegates to the Middle East Division 1954 Quadrennial Council are members of this constituency.

G. J. Appel, *Chairman*
M. J. McCulloch, *Secretary*

**MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE
CONSTITUENCY MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Constituency of Middle East College will be held November 21, 1954, at 9:30 a.m., at the Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon. All regular delegates to the Middle East Division 1954 Quadrennial Council are members of this constituency.

G. J. Appel, *Chairman*
T. S. Geraty, *Secretary*

**DAR ES SALAAM HOSPITAL
CONSTITUENCY MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Constituency of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital will be held November 26, 1954, at 9:30 a.m., at the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, Baghdad, Iraq. All regular delegates to the Middle East Division 1954 Quadrennial Council are members of this constituency.

G. J. Appel, *Chairman*
M. V. Jacobson, *Secretary*

**SCHEDULE OF CHURCH
OFFERINGS**

Regular Monthly Offerings

- 1st Sabbath...Local Church Evangelism
- 2nd Sabbath.....Church Expense
- 3rd Sabbath...Education (Local School)
- 4th Sabbath.....Church Expense
- 5th Sabbath.....Poor Fund

Special Offerings

- October 16.....Voice of Prophecy Offering
- November 20.....Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering

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in their hour of trial.

* Our two workers who are following the Voice of Prophecy interests in the Delta are being warmly received. Entire families are enthusiastic, acknowledging the love and duty of man towards God. One man offered his home and garden as a meeting place. The prospects are bright.

* Mrs. Erna Kreuger, the matron of the Mataria Mercy Home, is spending a well deserved furlough with her parents in Germany. Mrs. Kreuger has labored in Egypt for over twenty-five years and has won the love and appreciation of all.

* Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Klein, and their three sons, left Egypt September 1, returning to the States. We sincerely wish a safe and pleasant journey to this family whom we have learned to love and appreciate.

* Miss Laurice Kafrouni has returned to our Karachi hospital in Pakistan, where she is employed as a nurse. Miss Kafrouni spent a month with her parents in Heliopolis.

* At the time of writing plans are under way in preparation for our campmeeting, September 16 to 25, at Gebel Asfar. A number from the division office, as well as Brother Hare from the General Conference, will be with us.

* Pastors O. K. Anderson and Chafic Srour, with their families, enjoyed a vacation in Lebanon and Syria, and will soon be leaving to take up their new work in opening contacts in Aden.

* The first Junior Camp for boys was held August 8-15 at Gebel Asfar; everyone experienced fellowship, fun, work, activities, and campfire hours. From the driving of the first stake to the tearing down of camp, Brother Russell and those who assisted him found each day full of activity. It is hoped that this may be but the beginning of bigger and better camps for the youth of the Nile Union.

* Brother Yacoub Nashed has taken over his duties as director of the Ad-

ventist Institute, and is busily occupied with plans and problems of the coming school year. Though the facilities will of necessity be limited, he anticipates a good enrollment, according to the applications which have reached his desk.

* The Voice of Prophecy Department is very busy handling its correspondence, and a number of interesting contacts have been made.

* From the Sudan to Cairo and Beirut came Brother and Sister Faris Bishai to spend their leave. Brother Faris told of many interesting experiences and needs in that land, and appealed for the prayers of God's people in the winning of souls.

* IRAN — Elder and Mrs. R. C. Skinner proudly announce the birth of a daughter on October 4, whom they have named Sheryl Dell.

Report From Iraq

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Such a fine spirit of cooperation and consecration was shown by everyone who attended the camp that we not only enjoyed a most blessed experience together, but we had the pleasure of hearing our friends from the village tell of the help and blessing our campmeeting had brought them. Already two of the folk who attended the meetings have been baptized, and several others are being prepared for baptism.

We are very grateful for the splendid help sent to us by the Union and Division in the persons of Elder Zytkoskee and Brethren Henry Melki and Anees Haddad. While we were very sorry to have missed having Elder Appel and Elder Hartwell with us, since they were away attending the General Conference Session, we hope to make our campmeeting an annual event when we may have the pleasure of having with us many from outside our field.

Brief as this report has been, we believe that we have given you some of the reasons why we feel that God is blessing His work here in Iraq.

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MIDDLE EAST MESSENGER

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Fourth Quarter, 1954

- September 25 - October 30.....Ingathering Campaign
- October 9-16.....Voice of Prophecy Campaign
- October 30.....Tithe Promotion Day
- November 6.....Home Visitation Day
- November 13-20.....Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
- December 4.....Home Missionary Day
- December 11.....Local Church Evangelism

HERE and THERE

* Miss Ruth Tobiassen arrived in Beirut on July 29, enroute for Baghdad, where she will again take up her duties in the Dar Es Salaam Hospital. We welcome her back to the field.

* Elder and Mrs. A. W. Fiedler and three children left Beirut by air July 28, returning to the States. We shall miss Brother Fiedler's ministry, and we wish for them success in their new work.

* On board the NYHAUG when it docked on August 24 were Elder and Mrs. Wayne Olson, Ronnalee and David, returning from furlough to work in the Lebanon-Syria Mission, and Miss Mildred Berggren, who is proceeding on to Baghdad for teaching work. We also extend a hearty welcome to these workers.

* Miss Evangeline Voth disembarked from the ENOTRIA on September 9, and has gone on to Baghdad to take up her work again as director of nurses at the Dar Es Salaam Hospital. We are glad to have Miss Voth with us again.

* On September 8 Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Frank of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital and Miss Nora Atkins of the Division office left Beirut for the United States. We wish for the Franks success in their new place of labor and a profitable furlough for Miss Atkins.

* Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gott, Tommy, Patsy, and Jacque arrived in Beirut on September 10. Mr. Gott will be the business manager at the Middle East College. The college family and our group in Beirut were all happy to welcome the Gotts to their place among us.

* Dr. and Mrs. William Wagner, Carol, and William arrived aboard the STEEL FABRICATOR on September 16. They will be going on to Baghdad to take up their duties at the Dar Es Salaam Hospital. We greet the coming of these new workers with great pleasure.

* Elder Eric B. Hare of the General Conference Sabbath School Department is making an extended itinerary in the division, attending campmeetings and holding Sabbath school institutes in various areas. His counsel and inspiration have been greatly appreciated.

* Recent visitors to the division compound have included Elder and Mrs. Alva Appel and sons, enroute to India returning from furlough; Elder and Mrs. M.E. Kemmerer of India, enroute to the States on furlough; Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Miller, enroute to our

hospital on Taiwan (Fotmosa); Elder W. A. Scharffenberg of the General Conference Temperance Department; Elder and Mrs. C. A. Boykin, enroute to India; Miss Gladys Miller, enroute to the division office in Poona, India.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

* The Bible Textbook Workshop for the Middle East Division, under the chairmanship of Elder G. Arthur Keough, successfully met for a number of weeks, and has brought in a strong contribution for teaching materials and Bible classes for our schools. We trust that the program may still continue until our schools are adequately supplied with coordinated Bible teaching materials. Representatives came from both the East Mediterranean and Nile Union Missions together with some faculty and staff members from Middle East College.

* On the evening of August 15, 1954, two students completed their college preparatory graduation requirements and were graduated under the chairmanship of the director of the summer session, G. Arthur Keough.

* The new two-story Administration Building for Middle East College is under construction, and the contractor promises to finish the building within eight months.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* Elder and Mrs. Wayne Olson have arrived, and he is now in charge of the field promotion for the Bible Correspondence School in this Union.

* Mrs. Wainer is visiting our sisters in Turkey and Cyprus, as she has already done in Iraq and Lebanon. Her visits are much appreciated wherever she goes.

* Pastor Shukri Nowfel keeps us informed of the progress of the work in the Correspondence School, and the reports are quite encouraging. However an urgent appeal is being made for new enrollments. Can you enroll a few?

* **CYPRUS** — The Adventist church booth at the Nicosia Fair is attracting much favorable attention. It is the only church booth at the fair. A large map in the booth shows the stations where Adventists work in various parts of the world.

* The colporteurs have been having good success in their work.

* A new inspiration has come to our believers in Nicosia because of the purchase of a nice lot which may be the site of their church in the near future.

* **IRAQ** — The summer school in Kirkuk is progressing nicely under the direction of Miss Majeeda Shamoon, assisted by Miss Shemiram Yousif and Miss Rose Francis. It is making

a fine impression. An article in this issue gives further details regarding the progress of the work in Iraq.

* A step forward is being taken in the far north, near the borders of Turkey. The visit of our doctors has brought help to many sick persons in a few of the Christian villages. And now a call is being made for permanent work there.

The Iraq committee is seeking to answer these requests as early as possible, and land has been secured for a small center there.

* Without any direct help the summer colporteurs have been doing a successful work in this field.

* The new school and church building in Mosul is well along in its construction.

* **JORDAN** — Camps were held for girls and boys separately during the month of July in a very beautiful spot near Ajloun. Brother Anees Haddad from the Union and Brother Naim Boulos from the Jordan led out, with the full co-operation of all mission workers.

* The first fruits are being seen in Karak in Moab, and also in the neighborhood of Bethlehem. These new believers bring courage to our hearts.

* **LEBANON-SYRIA** — September is the month for M.V. camps in the Lebanon. Tents have been purchased, and great interest is being shown in these activities.

* Some twenty-five student colporteurs had a very pleasant outing on August 15, eating and hiking in the mountains, and talking over their plans for the rest of the summer. Already literature sales have equalled last summer's total sales. Soon we hope to double last year's sales. Sixteen young men received their "Faithful Service" pins during the outing.

* Two new places of worship are soon to be built in Lebanon. Baptisms have taken place in more than half a dozen places; the first one in the Baalbek area has now been conducted. Two Arab brothers recently baptized in Beirut were from Southern Turkey.

NILE UNION

* Following the Colporteur Rally in June, forty-four student colporteurs joined in selling literature. During July these colporteurs reported 1,835 books sold and 447 Hope subscriptions taken, representing 5,589 hours of work.

* Brother Farag Assad is in the hospital and has undergone two serious operations. Mrs. Assad is also in the hospital at the present time. The working force and members throughout the Union join in prayers and best wishes for our faithful brother and his family

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