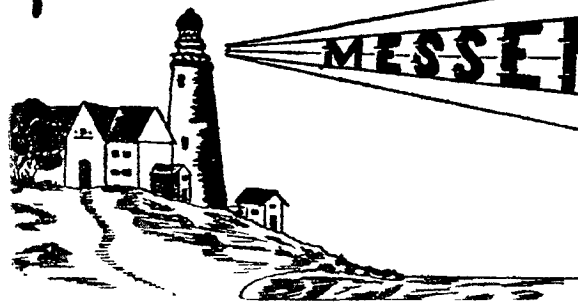
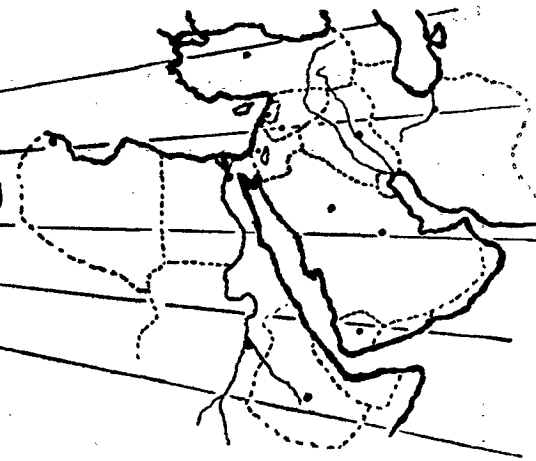


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## As A Thief In The Night

By W. H. BRANSON

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night" (2 Peter 3:10).

Jesus is coming very soon.

Everything in the world clearly indicates that His second personal appearance upon earth is now just at hand. He is even at the door.

But the world will not expect Him. He will come as a thief. While men are eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage; while they are erecting great buildings and making large plans for the future, He will appear.

We are warned that "a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is *very near*. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an *overwhelming surprise*."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 28. (Italics supplied.)

Bitter will be the cry when the wicked and unsaved of earth behold Christ coming in the clouds of heaven with all the holy angels. The rich will cast their gold and silver to the moles and the bats (see Isa. 2:20). "There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 13:42, 50). "Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matt. 24:30).

The Second Advent will be the cause of universal fear and dread among the wicked inhabitants of the earth. They have heard the warning given by the church, but they have not believed it. They have rejected God's offer of mercy and have refused to allow themselves to be influenced by it. Now they are caught unawares. What can they do? Madly they fly hither and yon to find

shelter. They try desperately to hide themselves from the face of Jesus as He nears the earth.

They will say to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb" (Rev. 6:16).

The scenes that will take place at that time are graphically described by the ancient prophet Zephaniah when he said:

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land" (Zeph. 1:14-18).

"The day of the Lord is approaching with stealthy tread; but the supposed great and wise men know not the signs of Christ's coming or the end of the world. Iniquity abounds, and the love of many has waxed cold.

"There are thousands upon thousands,

millions upon millions, who are now making their decision for eternal life or eternal death. The man who is wholly absorbed in his counting room, the man who finds pleasure at the gaming table, the man who loves to indulge perverted appetite, the amusement lover, the frequenters of the theater and the ballroom, put eternity out of their reckoning. The whole burden of their life is: What shall we eat? what shall we drink? and wherewithal shall we be clothed? They are not in the procession that is moving heavenward. They are led by the great apostate, and with him will be destroyed.

"Unless we understand the importance of the moments that are swiftly passing into eternity, and make ready to stand in the great day of God, we shall be unfaithful stewards. The watchman is to know the time of night. Everything is now clothed with a solemnity that all who believe the truth for this time should realize. They should act in reference to the day of God. The judgments of God are about to fall upon the world, and we need to be preparing for that great day.

"Our time is precious. We have but few, very few days of probation in which to make ready for the future, immortal life. We have no time to spend in haphazard movements...

"The restraining Spirit of God is even now being withdrawn from the world. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land, follow each other in quick succession. Science seeks to explain all these. The signs thickening around us, telling of the near approach of the Son of God,

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are attributed to any other than the true cause. Men cannot discern the sentinel angels restraining the four winds that they shall not blow until the servants of God are sealed; but when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture." *Ibid.*, vol. 6, pp. 406-408.

But there will be those who will not be taken by surprise. They will be ready and waiting for Christ's coming. They have heard God's warning message, and have accepted it into their hearts. Their lives have been transformed by it, and they are living in constant expectation of the Lord's return. These are the ones who are spoken of by the apostle Paul when he wrote:

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thess. 5:1-6).

These children of light make up the company of those who at Christ's appearing will rejoice, for "it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Isa. 25:9).

How wonderful it will be in that day to be under the protecting shadow of the Almighty, to look into the lovely face of Jesus and see His smile of welcome into the heavenly kingdom!

To those who are waiting for Him He will say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34). Then "he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (Matt. 24:31).

But some, even in the church, will not be ready. Said the Lord's servant: "Some are looking too far off for the coming of the Lord. Time has continued a few years longer than they expected, therefore they think it may continue a few years more, and in this way their minds are being led from present truth, out after the world. In these things I

saw great danger."—*Early Writings*, p. 58.

This no doubt is the greatest danger confronting the church today. Already "evil" servants are found in the church who are saying, "My Lord delayeth his coming. They are no longer watching and waiting for Him. They too have become children of darkness rather than light. To these also the coming of Christ will be an overwhelming surprise as a thief in the night.

How earnestly the Lord pleads with His people to watch and be ready! Said Jesus, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 24:44). And again He pleads: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:34-36).

The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others, but that we shall watch and be sober. The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God will triumph with it. The time is short; the night soon cometh when no man can work. Let those who are rejoicing in the light of present truth now make haste to impart the truth to others. The Lord is inquiring: "Whom shall I send?" Those who wish to sacrifice for the truth's sake are now to respond: "Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8"—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 135.

Brethren and sisters of the Advent faith, do you believe in your inmost soul that Jesus is coming *very* soon, and are you watching unto prayer for His appearing? Is His coming to you a blessed hope? Is your life being lived today entirely in harmony with your faith that soon, very soon, you are to see Him as He comes? Are you ready? If it were today, could you meet Him with faith and joy, and without fear?

"If you could know that Jesus would appear

Before another morn should give its light,

Oh, would your heart be filled with joy or fear,

If you could know that He would come tonight?

"The things you'd do, the words that you would say,  
Perchance the letter you had thought to write,

How many plans would have to change today

If you were sure that Christ would come tonight?

"How many acts would then remain undone?

How many wrongs would have to be made right,

If you should meet Him ere another sun,

And knew for sure that He would come to night?

"How many things would you find time for then

Now crowded out or else forgotten quite,—

The kindly deed, the hour of prayer again,—

Would aught be different, should He come to night?

"Some day that dawns will make all time as past;

Then may we keep our lamps all trimmed and bright.

Oh, may we live each day as 'twere the last,

And ready be if Christ should come tonight."

—Selected

This should be the attitude of all God's children. We who are now standing upon the very threshold of the eternal world should live each day as though we knew it would be the last, as though we fully expected that today or tomorrow He would come.

We know not the day and hour but we do know He is near, even at the door. His signs have been displayed. All the specifications of prophecy have been filled in by history, and now the crowning event is the next. We must be ready for Him daily and hourly, for we are told that "is such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch" (Mark 13:33-37).

The story is told that far up in the rugged highlands of Switzerland, close by a mirror-clear lake, surrounded by

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## CAMP NUMBER 10

By Anees A. Haddad

"Tsakh! Atch!—Tsakh! Atch!—Tsakh! Atch!" and the hills echoed the chorus. The marching of feet was in beautiful harmony with the order in God's nature. Thirty-three junior boys and girls were having a most glorious time with their camp leader, Pastor Manoug Nazirian. Our Armenian workers fully measured up to the responsibility given them, and the first all-Armenian JMV camp was in full swing when we visited them in late August. There was no happier group to be found anywhere. The camp was a complete success thanks to the able leader and his corps of counselors and other staff members.

A week later the hills and trees of Kartaba heard the "Tsakh! Atch!" in two other languages. For the ten Arab units it was "Shimal! Yameen!—Shimal! Yameen!" and for the two English speaking units, American, British, and Indian, the chorus was "Left! Right!—Left! Right!" Sixty-one JMV's with their leaders had invaded the silence of the forest and transformed it into a beehive of activity.

After careful and prayerful consideration it was decided to try the co-educational plan in our Lebanon-Syria camps for the summer of 1955. Teachers, preachers, Bible instructors, and secretaries made up the twelve counselors required to supervise the camp. What a thrill it was when the two forty-passenger busses arrived! Boys and girls came tumbling out and bags and bundles started flying down from the tops

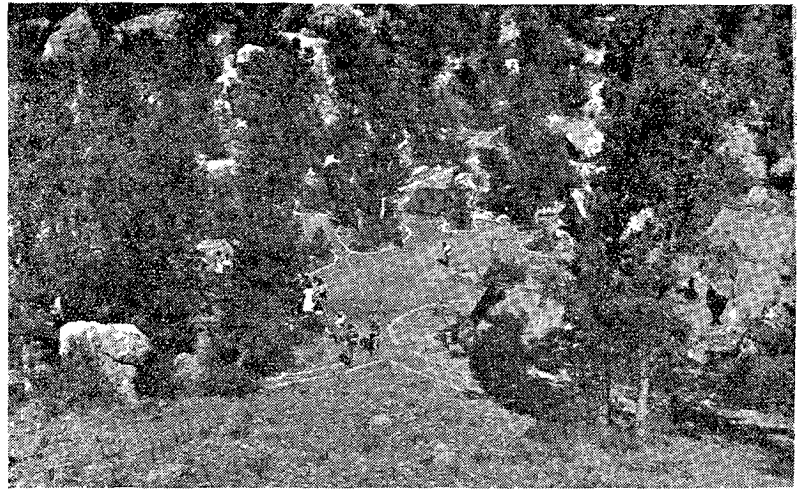
of the busses into the open arms of fellow campers. There were three of the counselors, Mrs. Rosalie Wainer, Miss Aida Ghazal, and Miss Widad Akkar. "Ahlan Wasahlan!" These young ladies left their regular Bible work for ten days and came to do Bible work with juniors—the golden age of conversion. Then there were Miss Najwa Nabti and Miss Mary Haddad also camp counselors. Brother Salim Hasbani was released from his Voice of Prophecy duties and we see him coming to the headquarters tent with Brother Aram Aghassian who does equally well counseling for Armenians, Arabs, and English. Brother Michael Nabti, who has helped us in most of our Lebanon JMV camps is seen with "Khayee" Alfred, whose smile lighted up the whole camp. "Ahlan! Ahlan! Ahlan!" Our Syrian delegation has arrived—five juniors strong, headed by Brother George Issa. We were certainly

happy to see every one of them and hope some day, God willing, to conduct JMV camps in Syria. Brother Yousif Khoury and Brother Henry Jeha completed our staff of counselors. Each person's untiring service and cooperation made the camp a success.

Nurse Gladys Dandan, a graduate of Dar Es Salaam Hospital came to camp as our nurse. Miss Gladys is a well-known and much loved figure at the American University Hospital in Beirut. She is known there as "The kind nurse who prays with her patients." These are the kind of persons we look for in making up our camp personnel. For a camp—an Adventist camp—Is *not* a vacation—it is an evangelistic effort of the utmost importance and the highest order!"

Our camp site was guarded on all sides by hills, but still better by holy angels. It was wrapped with the atmosphere of Lebanon, with the atmosphere of prayer, and the atmosphere of heaven. Right from the beginning the Lord blessed abundantly with the presence of His Holy Spirit. He was the Director—our constant Guide.

Very soon the grounds began to change in appearance. Long, straight lines of white-washed rocks marked the trails. The campus was kept so clean that a little speck of dirt could be spotted from a long distance. Beautiful high rocks dotted the camp grounds, and a large boulder separated the girls tents from those of the boys. A lantern was placed on top of this rock every night by our faithful watchman, Nicolas. A large circle of stones marked the Morning Watch "chapel" where every morn-



C. C. Morris

*Site of Armenian and Arabic junior camps in the scenic Lakluc mountains.*



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*Flag raising time during Arabic junior camp.*

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# "YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME"

By Geo. J. APPEL

Jesus was speaking of the great day of judgment. The sheep were being placed on His right hand while the goats were to stand on the left. To these in the right hand He said, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Matt. 25: 34-36. As we read on we find that it was second nature for this group to minister to the needs of their fellow men to the extent where they did it in sacrifice and loving service.

Jesus has set the example in bestowing heaven's gifts upon us. We daily receive the unending flow of God's goodness. His gifts come regularly, freely, and abundantly. How wretched we would be if they would cease to flow. How thankful we should be, that, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things." Rom. 8: 32.

It truly was a costly sacrifice that the God of heaven made. He gave until it was impossible for Him to give more. The "all things" not only includes the temporal blessings by which we are surrounded, but best of all, and most precious, is the gift of Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our salvation. How can we thank Him sufficiently for such wonderful love.

"In return for the great love where-with Christ has loved you, you are to bring to Him your thank offering. You are to make a gratitude offering of yourself. Your time, your talents, your means—all are to flow to the world in a tide of love for the saving of the lost. Jesus has made it possible for you to accept His love and in happy cooperation with Him to work under its fragrant influence. He requires you to use your possessions in unselfish service, that His plan for the salvation of souls shall be carried forward with power. He expects you to give your undivided energies to His work." 9T p. 50.

Our hearts are stirred with the many urgent requests which come to us repeatedly of the needs of the work of God, not only in the Middle East but in all the world. We are living in the closing hours of this world's history. God expects us to fully consecrate our time, our talents, and our means. Surely

the following words apply to us. "Those who are truly converted will regard themselves as God's almoners and will dispense, for the advancement of the work, the means He has placed in their hands. If Christ's words were obeyed, there would be sufficient means in His treasury for the needs of His cause. He has entrusted to men and women an abundance of means for the carrying forward of His plan of mercy and benevolence. He bids His stewards of means invest their money in the work of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and preaching the gospel to the poor. Perfection of character cannot possibly be attained without sacrifice." 9T p. 53.

As we near the end of this earth's history we shall need to make greater and greater sacrifices to supply the means necessary to finish the work committed to us. God's people are to serve Him with self-denial and sacrifice. Thus God's cause will triumph.

On December 3, 1955, the day set for the taking up of the Annual Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering, another opportunity will be given for faithful stewards of God by self denial and sacrifice to give to the cause of God that additional means may be provided to carry forward God's work to a most glorious triumph. As we prepare for this offering let us remember, "freely ye have received, freely give."

Time is so precious that it is dealt out to us only in the smallest possible fraction—a tiny moment at a time. We cannot live again the moment that has just passed, nor can we live in the moment that is to come. Just while the pendulum is swinging through the present instant—this is the only time of which we are sure, the only time to do our thinking our working. We should make this a perfect moment.

garden tomb in Jerusalem.

A floury confection marked "manna" aroused more curiosity and brought forth more questions from the crowd than any other item. The specimen on display was brought from Mosul, Iraq (the modern Nineveh) by a recently returned missionary. This "manna" is a nougat-like substance exuded by the

## Bible Food Exhibit ATTRACTS NEW YORKERS

By Mary Elam

When the suggestion was first made that FAITH FOR TODAY should exhibit at the International Food Show held in the large New York City Kingsbridge Armory April 18-24, the question arose,

"What connection could there be between a religious telecast and the Food Show?"

One attraction used successfully in previous exhibits was a small TV camera. Under the caption, "You are needed in the FAITH FOR TODAY TV picture," visitors could see themselves in a television set, a novelty that proved to be especially intriguing to the children and young people. In addition, it was decided to explore the possibility of presenting an exhibit of foods mentioned in the Scriptures. Bible writers had a great deal to say on almost every subject, and food was no exception. As they prepared for this display, the FAITH FOR TODAY staff were amazed at the number of references to food.

More than 40 items were assembled by Mrs. Ardice Branson, Tele-Notes editor, who spent 12 years in the Middle East as the wife of a missionary. She found most of the foods, which are still in common use in Bible lands, in the Syrian section of Brooklyn.

Attention focused on the mound of breads from Eastern countries. Wafer-thin loaves, 24 inches in diameter, were surmounted by flat round loaves baked on hot stones, Greek Orthodox communion bread bearing an imprint representing the twelve apostles, cake of oiled bread as mentioned in Exodus 29: 23, and sesame loaves baked in the shape of an artist's palette, containing a convenient thumb hole for carrying the bread.

Though no samples were offered, the supply of St. John's bread, the pod of a variety of locust tree, frequently needed replenishing. Visitors by the thousand recalled eating the tough pods in their childhood. Nuts, grains, vegetables, herbs, spices, and fruits mentioned in the Scriptures made Bible days seem real to the pleasure-seeking citizens of America's largest city.

Minute seeds of the mustard plant displayed under a magnifying glass gave vivid meaning to Christ's parable of the mustard seed. These were purchased by Mrs. Branson at the site of the

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## DEATH OF ROBERT HASSO

The news of the death of Mr. Robert K. Hasso on Sunday, October 9, came as a great shock to his relatives and many friends in the Middle East. Although it was known that Robert was suffering from a serious form of cancer, many prayers were ascending on his behalf and it was hoped that the Lord would see fit to restore him to health and strength for further service in the Middle East. In the circumstances our confidence is that God has done all things well, and our comfort is that Robert sleeps in Jesus.

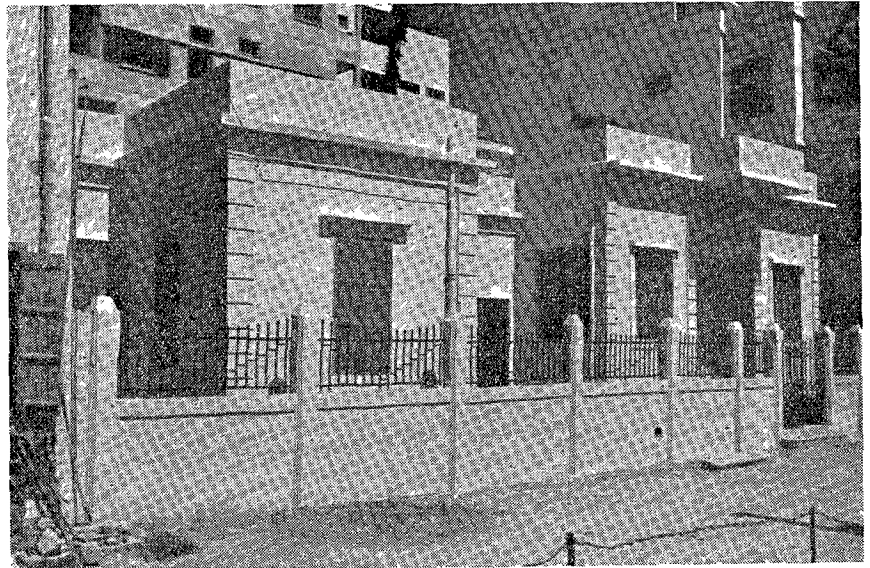
Robert early gave his heart to the Lord. The first major crisis in his life was when, as a Freshman in the American University of Beirut in 1941, he found that his program required class attendance on Sabbath. He asked the authorities to grant him permission to absent himself from these classes on condition that he make them up some other time. In spite of a clear presentation of his convictions, the authorities told him he would have to choose between attendance at classes or leaving the University. Robert chose to leave the University and immediately enrolled as a student in Middle East College.

Robert took a great interest in all the religious activities of Middle East College. When at the close of the year he went to Baghdad and Mosul he impressed everyone with his consecration and devotion to duty, and he urged all the young people to plan to secure their training at Middle East College. We believe that as a result of his testimony a constant stream of young people have come to the College from Iraq and many are now giving acceptable service in various lines of missionary work. Robert himself went to the United States where he continued his studies at Washington Missionary College.

Robert never lost his interest in the Middle East. At College he was always studying and collecting equipment with a view to helping in educational work



*A monument of sacrifice and service, the new Bishmazzine Church located in North Lebanon was dedicated on August 20*

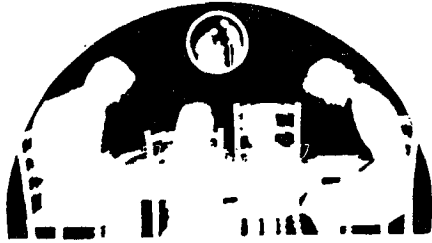


*July 30 was a high day for the members of the Armenian Church in Beirut when their church was dedicated.*

In Iraq. In 1947 he was married to Mary Jo Mitchell and accepted a call to head up the Adventist School in Mosul. Both Robert and his wife gave unstinted service to the development of this school. Although he was often invited to engage in more profitable business ventures he refused to give up his more humble, but to him more satisfying mission employ. Later he joined the faculty of Middle East College where, once again, he and his wife gave of every talent that they had for the benefit of Middle Eastern youth in training.

At the time of his death Robert was in the United States working on his doctorate with a view to more efficient service in the Middle East. We cannot understand the providences of God, but some day we shall understand more fully that all things work together for good to them that love God. Our sympathies go out to all relatives and friends in their bereavement. Robert leaves a wife and son in Washington, a father and brother in Tehran. May God hasten the resurrection morn.

*G. Arthur Keough*



### LET US GIVE THANKS

For the wonderful sunshine and occasional showers,  
 For the wonderful birds and the beautiful flowers,  
 For the wonderful air and the skies so blue,  
 For the wonderful rain and the gentle dew,  
 For the wonderful moon and the peaceful night,  
 For the wonderful stars that gleam so bright;  
 For music and poetry and science and art,  
 All of which add to our joys a part;  
 For the picturesque hills and the mountains high,  
 For the beautiful streams that go rippling by;  
 For the creatures of earth, in sea and on land,  
 The creation of an omnipotent hand;  
 For the handclasp of friends and words of good cheer,  
 For "home, sweet home," and children dear;  
 For the laughter of childhood and exuberance of youth;  
 For the conquest of right and the triumph of truth;  
 For a bountiful harvest that is now in store—  
 For all of these things and many more,  
 Let us, then, give thanks unto Him who gave  
 His only Son the world to save;  
 Let us thank Him and praise Him and worship Him, too,  
 And faithfully serve Him all our life through;  
 Then in mansions of glory, in heaven so bright,  
 We shall love and adore Him in endless delight.

—Jesse O. Weeks

## ARABIC HYMNAL WORKSHOP

By G. Arthur Keough

An Arabic Hymnal workshop met in Beirut from July 13 to August 12 under the chairmanship of Elder G. Arthur Keough. The delegates were as follows: East Mediterranean Union—Miss Aida Ghazal, Nile Union—Miss Ruth Nashed and Mr. Antar Yacoub, Middle East College—Mr. Ibrahim Sweidan, and appointed by the Division, Mr. Zaher Farag. The purpose of the workshop was to gather and prepare material for a Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal in the Arabic language.

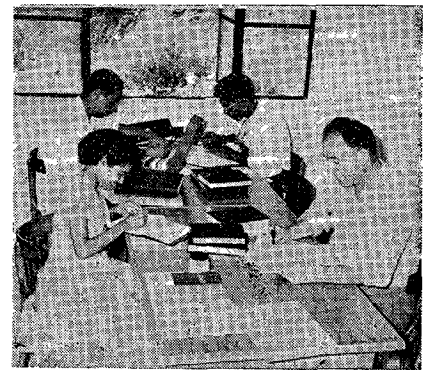
For some time the preparation of a hymnal in Arabic has been considered highly desirable. Mr. Ghanim Fargo, Mr. Wadie Saaty, Mr. Lutfy Abdel Messih, Mr. I. Sweidan, Miss Ruth Nashed and others translated a number of hymns. Elder A. R. Mazat, former Home Missionary Secretary of the Di-

vision, did much foundation work in collecting Arabic hymnbooks already available and finding out from the various churches their favorite hymns. In this connection Elder C. V. Brauer of Egypt and Brother Anees Haddad in Lebanon sent some very valuable material indicating needs and desires. But it was due to the interest and leadership of Elder G. J. Appel that a workshop was scheduled to meet this summer to do what it could towards the preparation of a representative hymnbook in Arabic to be used on a Division-wide basis.

The task of producing a hymnal is by no means easy. Suitable material needs to be collected from a great many sources. The material then needs to be studied carefully from the standpoint of language and doctrine. The words and

the music must be carefully correlated with the recognition that a hymnal in the East must of necessity have some adaptations to suit local conditions. Permissions and copyrights must also be secured. The printing of the music in Arabic style is in itself quite a problem, not to mention arrangement of the material, the balancing of the topical offerings of the hymns, size, format, edition, etc. Fortunately the *Church Hymnal* served as a guide in some of these matters.

The workshop was able to collect some three hundred hymns and approve of them from the standpoint of language and doctrine. These were arranged and put in a form suitable for passing on to the Press for printing. However, there were some seventy hymns produced by Adventist members that needed alteration in some way or another. This work could not be done by a workshop but needed the cooperation of the authors with persons like Mr. Sweidan and Miss Ruth Nashed to check on prosody and suitability of rhythm to the music. It was felt that the production of a hymnal without these hymns would mean the exclusion of definite Adventist contributions that were highly desirable. We trust that soon the preparation work will be completed and the Arabic speaking people will be able to enjoy their own hymnal.



Delegates to the Arabic Hymnal Workshop on the campus of Middle East College. Miss Ruth Nashed, Mr. Antar Yacoub, Mr. Zaher Farag, and Mr. Ibrahim Sweidan. Not pictured Miss Aida Ghazal.

"It is a solemn thing to die, but a far more solemn thing to live. Every thought and word and deed of our lives will meet us again. What we make of ourselves in probationary time, that we must remain to all eternity. Death brings dissolution to the body, but makes no change in the character. The coming of Christ does not change our characters; it only fixes them forever beyond all change." V. 5:466.

# Bible Textbook Workshop

By G. Arthur Keough

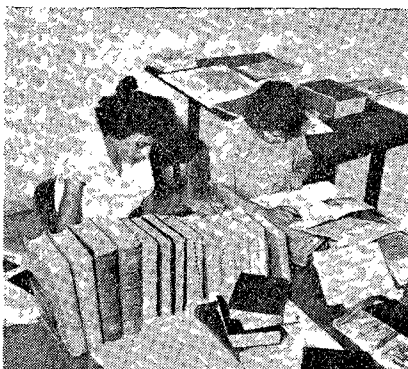
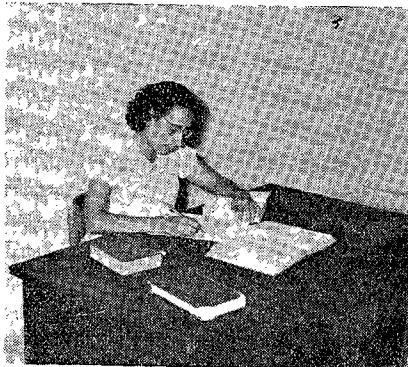
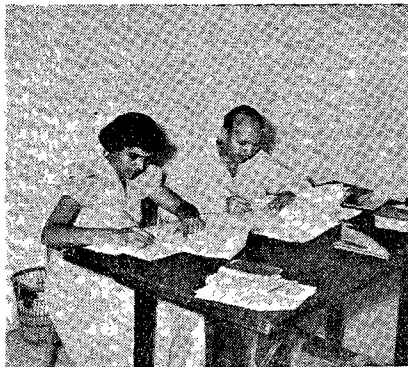
The project to provide Arabic schools throughout the Middle East Division with suitable textbooks for teaching Bible was resumed this summer. It will be remembered that the Division Educational Department began this project in the summer of 1954 and Elder G. Arthur Keough was appointed chairman of the workshop.

This summer saw some changes in the personnel of the workshop. Mr. and Mrs. Habib Ghali were delegates from the Nile Union, Mr. Henry Jeha was appointed by the East Mediterranean Union to represent the Lebanon-Syria Mission, and Miss Mildred Berggren of Iraq contributed her talent at the beginning of the session, while Miss Bedour Farag joined the workshop towards its close. Delegates who were appointed this summer for the second time were Mr. Ibrahim Sweidan, Mr. Philip Saaty, Miss Hana Jubran, and Miss Futna Bishai. The Union Educational Secretaries, Mr. S. Nougaim of the East Mediterranean Union, and Mr. Yacoub Nashed of the Nile Union were members of the workshop ex-officio. Although Mr. Nougaim was able to contribute much of his time this summer it was regretted that Mr. Yacoub Nashed was not able to attend any of the sessions.

In spite of some unfortunate delays in starting, the workshop was able once again to make a valuable contribution to the provision of textbook material for Bible teaching in Arabic. The material is all in manuscript form and it is hoped that arrangements will soon be made for tentative editions to be produced and the material to be tested in the schools so that the textbook can take on a permanent form. There is still considerable work to be done and many problems to be solved but we trust that the project will be brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

No one doubts the importance of the task that has been undertaken. The Spirit of Prophecy speaks of the work of education and the work of redemption as being one. We can be proud of our schools when they maintain high academic standards in the fields of science and art, but we can glory in them when they teach the Bible in such a way as to save our children and train them for the service of the Master.

The task of translating and adapting Bible material for Grades one to twelve



*Pictured above are a number of delegates to the Bible Textbook Workshop which convened in Beirut. Top picture, Mr. and Mrs. Habib Ghali, Center picture, Miss Futna Bishai, Bottom picture, Miss Bedour Farag and Miss Hana Jubran.*

is a gigantic one. May God grant wisdom and patience, devotion and perseverance, efficiency and success, so that our schools throughout the Division may not be merely poor copies of other schools but centers of light where boys and girls grow up into men and women full of grace and truth and in favor with God and man.

## FOOD EXHIBIT

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bark of the tamarisk. The Arabs call this secretion "mann-es-sama" (heavenly manna). Its name comes from its similarity in many respects to the miraculous manna which sustained the Children of Israel during the wilderness wanderings from Egypt to Canaan. Gathered early in the morning before the sun can melt it, it is made into a confection and quickly packed in flour so that it will not disintegrate.

Frankincense, though not a food, was an article which captured the interest of many people who had not had the opportunity of seeing it before. Brownish-white in color and resembling porous rock, it is actually the fragrant gum resin of a tree.

Since the principal aim of the exhibit was to arouse interest in the study of the Bible, a list of references with an explanation of the unfamiliar foods and Bible Course enrollment cards were handed out to all who desired them. Many persons enrolled as a result.

Among the thousands who visited the booth were members of several religious orders, Protestant ministers, Sunday School teachers, high school home economics students, importers exhibiting at the show, and people of the Jewish faith who were delighted at seeing the foods eaten by their forefathers. The high point came when Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, just returned from a trip to the Middle East, came by, inspected the display, and pronounced the items authentic. "Just like I saw in Israel," she said, over and over.

Reporters, journalists, and newscasters also stopped by the FAITH FOR TODAY booth and were generous in their coverage. An article in the *New York Times* aroused such interest that scores of persons sought out the Bible foods display, asking directions at other booths. The *New Yorker* and other publications, as well as several newscasters, mentioned it favorably. Representatives of three organizations—a New York bank and exhibitions in New York and Washington—requested the FAITH FOR TODAY staff for permission to set up the Bible foods display in their firms.

It has often been said that the Bible has a special appeal for persons particularly interested in any subject. This surely proved true in the case of people who were interested enough in food to pay to see the attractive display from many nations at the Armory, for in a contest in which visitors listed the exhibit they found most interesting, it was the FAITH FOR TODAY Bible foods booth that received the most votes!

## THE GIFT

Soon in your hand will be placed a priceless gift. Look at it closely. There is no price mark stamped on it. It cannot be weighed, because no scale can balance its value. A king's ransom in comparison is as nothing, yet it is given to beggar and prince alike. The giver asks only that it be used wisely and well.

This jewel, rare and unique, is not displayed in any shop window. It cannot be purchased, cannot be sold. No other treasure holds the possibilities this gift offers none can surpass its golden splendor.

Of all gifts this is the most precious. It has been offered many times before; from the depths of a boundless love it will be given again. It will be left to you to find the golden thread running through it. Only with great care will the jewel retain its luster. Carelessness, ingratitude, and selfishness will tarnish the brilliancy, break the unspoiled thread, mar the perfection.

Guard it closely, lest through weak fingers it slips from the hand. Look often at its faultless beauty. Accept it as it is offered from the heart of the giver. Consider it the most treasured of possessions, for of all gifts it is by far the greatest. It is the gift of the New Year!

—Loretta B. Buckley

## VISITORS TO BEIRUT

Once again we welcome the following visitors who have passed through Beirut during recent months.

Elder and Mrs. J. Korgan and children, Southern Rhodesia, Africa; Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Rothe, Ronald and Janette, Karachi, Pakistan; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Scott and children, Karachi, Pakistan; Miss Adelaide Christian, Yokohama, Japan; Elder Otto Christenson, Collegedale, Tenn.; Elder and Mrs. R. L. Watts and children, Bangalore, India; Miss Elizabeth Rogers, Singapore; Miss Leeta Hemme, Singapore; Mr. F. Brenwald, Washington, D.C.; Elder and Mrs. H. Carl Currie, David, Ruth, and Laura, Taiwan, Formosa; Elder C. T. Potter, New Zealand; Elder T. L. House, New Zealand; Mr. M. E. Cherran, Poona, India; Elder Elmer Walde, Washington, D.C.; Elder W. A. Scharfberg, Washington, D.C.; Mr. C. B. Israel, Poona, India; Elder and Mrs. E. S. Cubley, Montevideo, Uruguay; Elder and Mrs. W. H. McGhee and children, Lahore, West Pakistan. Elder and Mrs. H. W. Kingston; Victoria, Australia.

## CAMP NUMBER 10

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ing eighty campers began their day with God. A high flag pole was stationed at one end of the circle and carried the waving Lebanese flag the raising and lowering of which was coveted by twelve untis of sixty-one eager youth.

One of the busiest places in camp, and probably the most popular, was the kitchen. Although nothing extraordinary was served Miss Nawal Khoury, Miss Jamal Nassif, and Mrs. Anees Haddad spent long hours in trying to produce the best meals possible.

One night Elders C. C. Morris and A. G. Zytoskee visited the camp. The campers were thrilled to have Elder Morris for two days and hear his fascinating stories and counsel on "Being Content." Elder Zytoskee, the camp Spiritual Advisor, was a wonderful help throughout the entire week. Who will ever forget his counsel periods and apt illustrations? He conducted a baptismal class of some thirty members many of whom asked to be baptized. This interest will be quickly followed up by our workers.

A number of brethren invited to speak at the camp were Elder G. J. Appel, Mr. C. L. Gemmell, Elder M. C. Grin, Mr. M. J. McCulloch, Elder Wayne Olson, Mr. Henry Melki, and Elder E. S. Cubley from Montevideo, Uruguay. Other Adventist friends also visited the camp and many, many people from Kartaba the little village located near the camp came to see us including the Mayor, the Head of the Town Council, the Head of the Police Force, and other distinguished guests. The few cars, busses, and trucks that passed by on the main road near the camp stopped and watched the activities. The young people would be marching, raising or lowering the flag, playing volley-ball, standing in the regular prayer band circles, or singing around the blazing camp fire. The people were impressed by the military order that our little army manifested.

A large variety of crafts were taught in our camps this year. Mrs. Haddad taught the campers the art of making lamp shades and fruit baskets. Prizes were given to the winning units and of course each boy and girl was happy to take home the articles his own hands had made.

Eden! Whoever heard of the Garden

of Eden still existing on this earth? It all happened one day when eighty ardent mountaineers started the one thousand meter descent, single file, into "exceedingly wild country," as the guide book stated. Suddenly we emerged upon "Eden" located in a beautiful valley. River Adonis made the large green meadow more perfect. Like little lambs the boys and girls threw themselves on the cool grass and drank in its freshness and greenness. Large mountains loomed overhead amid the hanging clouds. A shepherd boy passing by celebrated Christmas is September as he counted out his walnuts to eager customers. All the garden needed was a choir of angels and the juniors supplied this music as they sang their best loved choruses, especially "Mal Mousa." It was hard to leave this restful haven but since this was not the really long-awaited-for Eden we did not expect to stay there for eternity. Our desire for heaven, however, was indeed kindled anew.

Soon, yes, too soon, the last Sabbath was slipping by. A lively Sabbath school conducted by juniors was followed by Elder Zytoskee's last sermon which was closed by a wonderful consecration service. In the afternoon the juniors paid a visit to the people of Kartaba. In two long lines they marched the three kilometers to the town and gave out hundreds of tracts containing the last message of God to them. About one hundred names were secured for the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence course. With this missionary work completed, all marched back to camp for the closing program. It had truly been a blessed Sabbath day filled with blessings and memories not soon to be forgotten. The last day of camp was in the past. Trumpet notes sounded taps as the moon rose over the guardian hills. All was quiet and peaceful.

It was the next morning. The juniors stood in formation for the last time and were dismissed with prayer by their director. The two large busses had returned to take the young people home. It was the end of a perfect camp—the tenth in the history of the Union, and will ever be remembered by the juniors, the leaders, and the people of Kartaba.

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"Life is a journey, not a home; a road, not a city of habitation; and the enjoyments and blessings we have are but little inns on the roadside of life, where we may be refreshed for a moment, that we may with new strength press on to the end—to the rest that remaineth for the people of God."



# HERE and THERE

\* Middle East College saw much activity during the summer months. Several students were in residence and worked in the Maintenance Department, on the school farm, and helping to complete the Administration Building. The new addition to the kitchen has been finished and includes a dish-washing unit, a cold storage room, and a store-room. The old kitchen has been completely renovated and is now entirely new.

\* Middle East College has been host to two Division workshops, the Arabic Bible Textbook Workshop, and the Arabic Hymnal Workshop under the supervision of Professor G. A. Keough.

\* A very pretty wedding, the first to be held in the chapel of the new College Administration Building, took place on September 4 when Miss Mary Nassimian, a former student of Middle East College, was united in marriage to Mr. Raymond Bittar. May God bless and guide these young people as they establish a new home.

\* All the offices of the College have now moved into their new quarters in the recently completed Administration Building.

\* The Beirut English Church which convened for the 1955-1956 school year on October 3 is now located in the old Administration Building having moved from its former location in the Vocational Building.

\* One hundred twenty-six students have enrolled at Middle East College, the largest number recorded in the history of the Institution.

\* On September 18 in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jamaica, New York, Miss Marie Baart and Mr. Donald Dean Van Scyoc were united in marriage. We wish them God's richest blessing as they establish a Christian home together.

Miss Baart was the former secretary to the President of the Middle East Division. For those of our readers who wish to contact Mr. and Mrs. Van Scyoc, their address is c/o Broadview Academy, La Grange, Ill.

\* Mr. M. J. McCulloch, Manager of the Middle East Press, recently returned from a trip to Germany visiting the cities of Darmstadt, Heidelberg, and Hamburg where he studied latest methods in printing and book binding.

\* Mr. and Mrs. M. Earl Adams, enroute to Iran where they will be engaged in educational work, arrived in Beirut aboard the *Hoegh Silverspray* on August 12.

\* Miss Nora Atkins, Cashier at the Division office, also arrived on the *Hoegh Silverspray* the 12th of August

# As A Thief In The Night

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snow-clad mountains, and away from the beaten paths, the frequented ways of tourists, a lone traveler came suddenly and unexpectedly upon a beautiful, well-cared-for estate.

Entering the meticulously kept grounds, the traveler met the caretaker, who showed him around the extensive, lovely, flower-filled gardens.

"Is your master here the year round?" the traveler inquired.

"No, he is away," the gardener answered.

"How long has he been gone?"

"About twenty years now," the caretaker replied.

"I suppose you hear from him often?" the questioner continued.

"Not once has he written me."

"From whom do you get your pay then?"

"From my master's agent in Mailand," said the gardener.

"Does the agent come often to tell you what is to be done?" the stranger asked.

"No he has never been here either."

"Pray tell, who does come then to oversee things?"

"It is very seldom that anyone comes here," the cordial caretaker continued, "since we are so far off the beaten path."

To the traveler this was hard to understand. His doubt and dismay were revealed in his next remark.

"And still you have kept the gardens, yes, every nook and corner of the whole estate in such perfect order! Everything looks as if you were expecting your master tomorrow."

"Not tomorrow but today, sir. I keep everything as though he were coming today," said the faithful gardener.

Just so, we should be prepared daily and hourly for Jesus' coming.

Brethren and sisters, let us make this Week of Prayer a time of real and complete preparation for His coming. Let us confess every sin, renounce every wrong habit, and surrender our lives entirely to the control of the Holy Spirit. Then let us go forth to others everywhere and invite them to join us in making preparation for the blessed coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### SHARE YOUR FAITH

... by enclosing a Voice of Prophecy enrollment card with each greeting card you mail during this coming Holiday Season.

# INGATHERING OVERFLOW OFFERING FOR FIRST QUARTER 1955

We are very happy to pass on the word to our workers and believers in the Middle East who so faithfully promoted the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow for the first quarter of this year that the total overflow funds which will come to the Middle East for the two projects designated amounts to \$48,174.84. This is a gain of nearly \$10,000 over what was received in the second quarter of 1953. Again we thank you all for the splendid support in making this overflow possible.

Middle East Sabbath School Department

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Oct. 15 V. O. P. Offering  
Nov. 26-Dec. 3 Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Fourth Quarter 1955  
Sept. 24-Oct. 29 Ingathering Campaign  
Oct. 8-15 Voice of Prophecy Campaign  
Oct. 29 Tithe Promotion Day  
Nov. 5 Home Visitation Day  
Nov. 19 Local Church Evangelism (Home Missionary Day)  
Nov. 26 Week of Prayer and Sacrifice

### SCHEDULE OF CHURCH OFFERINGS

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

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### MIDDLE EAST MESSENGER

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to resume her duties after a furlough in the homeland.

\* Word has been received that Elder and Mrs. T. S. Geraty and family are now located in the homeland at 3938 Platt Avenue, Lynwood, California. They send their best wishes and greetings to all their friends in the Middle East constituency.

\*...Correction: The name of baby Vine, which appeared in last quarter's *Messenger*, should read Judy Ann in place of Judith Ann.

\* Miss Ruth Mitchell and Miss Gladys Hurd spent their vacation in Jordan and Beirut. Unfortunately, while in Beirut Miss Hurd suffered a broken ankle.

\* A new worker to Dar Es Salaam Hospital is Brother Henry Moussally. He was a student at Walla Walla College and other schools in America and returned to Baghdad last winter. Henry is now supervising the cleaning at the hospital.

#### EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

\* On August 21st Elder and Mrs. Hartwell were escorted by many friends to the Beirut Airport where they left by PAA to the United States where they will enjoy a well-earned furlough. We welcome Elder G. J. Appel, who, in addition to his Division responsibilities, will be taking over the Union President's duties during his absence.

\* Brother A. J. Jones, Field Promotion Secretary for the Union Voice of Prophecy has been carrying forward a systematic lay-membership promotion campaign and to date he has covered a good portion of the Lebanon-Syria and Iraq Mission territory.

\* We welcome all reports of baptisms in each field and rejoice with them over the following Second Quarter reports: Cyprus 1, Iraq 5, Jordan 5, Lebanon-Syria 26.

\* Our colporteur sales this past summer were well above those of last year with approximately LL. 32,000 of literature being sold by forty student colporteurs and their leaders. We give God the glory for this good record and trust that the material as it is read in the many homes will bring much light to those in darkness.

\* Brother Philip Srour has returned from South America and has taken up work in the V.O.P. office, replacing Brother Mousa Karkanny.

#### CYPRUS

\* The Cyprus Fair which began September 14 had again this year an attractive S.D.A. booth sponsored by the Cyprus Mission. We trust that many became acquainted with "Your Friends the Adventists."

\* Cyprus believers rejoice over the news that both our Voice of Prophecy

office and our Cyprus Mission office are moving to a more central city location near the new church building.

\* All Treasurers who handle Cyprus currency will appreciate the fact that Cyprus is changing from the Pound, Shilling, Piastre to the decimal system as used in Egypt, Jordan, and Iraq.

#### IRAQ

\* The Iraq Mission Biennial session and camp meeting was held in Shaqlawa, a northern Iraq summer resort area, from August 5 to 14. A large number of laymen and delegates from the Iraq Mission attended.

\* The new Iraq Mission departmental secretaries for the coming biennium are as follows: Sabbath school—Munsif Fargo; Missionary Volunteer—A. A. Haddad; Home Missionary—Salim Majeed; Education—Philip Saaty; Publishing—Said Tooma.

\* The first Iraq Youth Camp began July 28 in Shaqlawa with thirty-four young people in attendance. The camp was directed by Ghanim Fargo. Elder Hartwell and Brother Anees Haddad from the Union were there to help.

\* The Voice of Prophecy was promoted in Iraq this past summer by Mr. A. J. Jones, recently appointed Field Director for the V.O.P. in the East Mediterranean Union. He attended the camp meeting and visited Basrah, Mosul, and other places encouraging our brethren in this important soul-winning endeavor.

\* Elder Elmer Walde, Secretary of the Radio and Television Department of the General Conference, together with Elder A. G. Zytoskee, spent a few days in Baghdad in the interest of the Voice of Prophecy.

#### JORDAN

\* The Jordan Mission welcomes Brother and Sister Mousa Kerkanny to their field where Brother Kerkanny will soon take up his duties in the El Husn district.

\* Investiture services in Amman, El Husn, Rammallah, and Kerak were well attended. The Mission President was assisted by the Division and Union MV Secretaries.

#### LEBANON-SYRIA

\* The first "all" Armenian Junior Camp in history came to a successful close on August 29, 1955. The camp was directed by Brother M. Nazirian on the scenic mountains of Lakluc at an altitude of 1260 meters. A group of 33 boys and girls were in attendance. Brother Nurhan Ouzounian was the spiritual leader for the camp.

\* Two churches were dedicated recently. Elder G. J. Appel, Division President, was the speaker on July 30 at the Armenian Church in Beirut, and

Elder R. H. Hartwell, East Mediterranean President, the speaker at the Bishmazzine Church in North Lebanon on August 20. We rejoice with the believers in this forward step in progress.

\* Three Mission Voice of Prophecy rallies were held in our Beirut churches in August with Elder Elmer Walde, General Conference Radio Department Secretary and Elder A. Gordon Zytoskee, Division Radio Secretary, leading out.

\* The new departmental secretaries for the coming Lebanon-Syria Mission biennium were appointed as follows: Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer—A. A. Haddad; Home Missionary—Aram Aghassian; Publishing—Henry Melki; Educational—W. E. Olson; Temperance—Salim Noujaim. New workers employed by the Lebanon-Syria Mission are Jabbour Jabbour, Riad Bitar, and Sabah Deeb.

#### NILE UNION

\* After almost one and one-half years of waiting, travelling, and being without a home, Dr. and Mrs. Roy S. Cornell have now moved into a villa in Benghazi. The patience, fortitude, and cheerfulness exercised by this good family have been an inspiration to those acquainted with them and our prayers are with them as they enter this new field of endeavor. A son, Clinton Cornell, is at present in France studying in preparation for further studies at Colonge College, France.

\* While waiting for the new Adventist Hospital in Benghazi to be made ready, Dr. Cornell, at the request of the Minister of Health, has been the chief surgeon at the government hospital there and has received considerable prestige for his valuable services. The Council of Ministers passed a vote of appreciation to Dr. Cornell and to the Seventh-day Adventist organization.

\* Brother Farris B. Bishai and his family, after spending some time in Egypt and Lebanon, have returned to their work in the Sudan. Even during Brother Farris' absence his work was going on as week by week the *Signs of the Times* were being distributed.

\* To the proud parents, Brother and Sister Ibrahim Youssef, a baby girl, Renee, was born July 21. Congratulations to the family and best wishes for their health and happiness.

\* The children of Mataria Mercy Home spent the summer on the shores of Nelson Bay near Alexandria. Others joined them for Junior Camp from August 1 to 11. Brother Russell and his counsellors, Mrs. Kruger and her helpers, and the children themselves, worked and played hard as they enjoyed the fresh air, sunshine, and swimming in the Mediterranean. In spite of limited

facilities this camp was declared by some to be the best Junior Camp thus far.

\* Through the tact and persistent efforts of Brother Ramses Mina and the blessings of the Lord, permission has been approved and granted by the Council of Ministers for the Mataria Mercy Home and other welfare organizations of the Seventh-day Adventists, to receive, duty free, such items as clothing, supplies, and food for welfare purposes. This privilege is indeed a blessing and will further our welfare work considerably. Already four tons of welfare parcels have been released from customs and distribution of them will be made soon.

\* Elder Chafic Srour had the privilege of baptizing his first convert in Aden on August 13. This man is a graduate of the Voice of Prophecy and we rejoice in his decision to become a member of the remnant church.

\* The teachers of the Nile Union gathered at Gabal Asfar, September 11 to 18 for a Teachers' Institute. Under the direction of Brother Yacoub Nashed, Principal of the Nile Union Academy and Educational Secretary of the Nile Union, plans and promotion for better schools were laid. Various teachers presented topics of vital interest. The inspiration of Elder Arthur Keough gave new ideas and broader views to those dealing with educational problems. Elder C. C. Morris spent several days attending the Institute and rendered valuable counsel. Mrs. Hugh Cowles had charge of the cafeteria and ably provided for the needs of the group. The campus is showing the result of painstaking effort for flowers, grass, and shrubs are growing where a year ago was only sand. Truly this educational institution shows much progress and is certainly "as a light shining in a dark place." It was only reluctantly that the teachers parted for their various fields of labor but they carried with them a new vision for the coming school year.

\* Dr. and Mrs. Maher Bishai left Egypt in August to take up work in the United States. Their little son, Magid Sherif, accompanies them. Dr. Maher is responding to an invitation of a residency in California.

\* After completing her work at Middle East College Miss Futna Bishai has returned to Heliopolis and is now teaching at the Heliopolis School.

\* The Voice of Prophecy department sponsored a fine convention recently and the workers were encouraged and benefited by the valuable instruction and inspiration received from Elder Elmer Walde, Secretary of the General Conference Radio Department. During the convention goals for workers and lay members alike were set up that more

homes might be visited and more enrollments obtained. An important decision of the committee was the selection of Pastor William Gayed as a Union Field Director, to give his full time and attention to the follow-up work of the Voice of Prophecy.

\* The Heliopolis Dorcas Society under its leader, Mrs. Helmy Berbawy, has been active in sewing and raising funds. A sale of food and articles netted good results.

\* Miss Ruth Nashed, Assistant Leader in the Heliopolis MV Society, featured an outdoor Investiture this past summer. At that time Pastor J. S. Russell, Union MV Secretary, invested four Master Guides. They were Miss Yvonne Ghali, Miss Elizabeth Nashed, Miss Susan Nashed, and Mrs. Ramses Mina. Each Master Guide received several MV honors.

\* Pastor Chafic Srour who has been laboring in Aden left with his family in September for Iraq where he has been called. We regret losing this family who have worked so energetically and we commit them to the Lord that He may continue to bless them in their services for Him. Sister Anderson who also was in Aden left for Australia early in September. Brother Anderson will remain in Aden until near the close of the year. The work of this group is sincerely appreciated and our prayers will continue in their behalf.

\* When Pastor Fakhry Nageeb left for Libya he took with him many supplies and the doors, windows, and woodwork for the hospital in Benghazi. With the purchase of every item the new hospital is about to become a reality. Mrs. Fakhry and the three girls will leave later to make their home in Benghazi.

\* The colporteurs of the Nile Union were busy during the summer months and Pastor Hilmy anticipates that approximately 1500 Egyptian pounds worth of sales were realized which exceeds the sales of last year. Ten full scholarships and thirteen part scholarships have been earned to the Nile Union Academy and four part scholarships to Middle East College. May the seeds that have been sown by these young men be the means of winning precious souls.

\* As a result of the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow offering, part of which is to go to the Nile Union, action has been taken for a committee to visit the Sudan in early November to look over possible sites for the proposed medical clinic and launch. It is hoped that this new project can become a reality in the not too distant future.

#### UPPER EGYPT MISSION

\* A new company of believers was organized in the village of Beni Sharon

when 14 were baptized. The present membership has risen to 16 and others will be baptized soon. It is planned to organize a church in Beni Sharon. These results are due to the blessings of God upon the work of Brother Daniel Dose assisted by Brother Abdel Messih, a faithful lay brother from Beni-Adiat.

\* It was a high day in the Souhag district when 14 were added to the remnant church by baptism. Ten of this group were the first fruits of the evangelistic effort which Pastor Fikry Mikhail has been conducting in Akhmin. A large number still remain from this effort who plan to unite with the church. Later this year a new church will be organized in the city of Akhmin.

\* The Assiut Intermediate School on June 21 presented a school program which was attended by over five hundred persons. We were happy that Pastor Neal C. Wilson, President of the Nile Union Mission, could present as well as many of the leading dignitaries of Upper Egypt. These included the **General of the Southern Egyptian Army**, the Governor of Assiut, the Chief Inspector of the Educational Zone and others. Pastor Fakhry Nageeb and the teachers of the Assiut school are to be congratulated for their efforts in presenting a truly interesting and representative program.

\* In a candlelight service conducted by Pastor C. V. Brauer in the Assiut Church on July 3, Mr. Fayed Towfillous and Miss Nadia Sawiris were united in marriage. Their many friends wish them God's blessing in their new home.

\* Pastor Abadir Abdel Messih reports that the new church building in Luxor is nearing completion and plans are to conduct an evangelistic effort soon.

\* Friends and workers will be saddened to learn of the accident which befell Mrs. Erna Kreuger, Director of the Mataria Mercy Home. On September 15 while returning from Gabal Asfar on her bicycle an accident occurred and she was taken to the hospital. Though suffering from head wounds and weariness, Mrs. Kreuger still displays patience which is so expressive and characteristic of her, and manifests thankfulness to God for His care. Mrs. Kreuger's many friends are praying for her speedy recovery.

#### IRAN

\* During the Iran Mission camp meeting which convened in the Pahlavi Avenue church in Tehran Elders Appel and Zytoskee and Brother Farag were present from the Division, and God's Spirit was felt in a marked manner. The reports from the churches were most encouraging and the people returned home determined by God's help to make

## WEEK OF SACRIFICE OFFERING

By C. L. Torrey

When we speak of sacrifice we are carried away back to the beginning of time upon this earth to the fall of our first parents. Following their fall the Lord appeared to them and gave them a promise of deliverance which brought courage and hope to their hearts. God instructed Adam and Eve and their descendants in a new and entirely different form of worship than they had hitherto known. They were told to build altars and sacrifice animals upon them as a reminder that when the fullness of time would come, Jesus would come to this earth and offer Himself a human sacrifice for the sins of men and thus shed His blood to redeem the human race Adam had lost to Satan.

Later on the simple altars were replaced by the first sanctuary which was built in the wilderness and the people worshipped there. The priesthood, under the direction of Aaron, cared for the spiritual needs of the people and accepted their sacrifices and also their offerings for the support of the system. In the building of the sanctuary the people were invited to give of their means and they responded so liberally that

Moses had to restrain them. Thus funds were provided for a finished work.

The people of Israel never came to worship except they brought an offering for the Lord. These offerings varied according to the economic condition of each donor. Some brought much, others less, and still others their mite. However, they all had a part in the support of their cause.

As spiritual Israel we, as members of the remnant church, have a very great responsibility in the finishing of God's work in the earth which has now expanded into nearly every part of the world field. The command of Jesus to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is a reality. We now have a membership of over one million souls and tens of thousands are in the baptismal classes awaiting baptism.

The contributions and sacrifices of our people have made this possible. They have given generously of their means to support an expanding work, and we want our people to know how

much we appreciate their liberality. God, I know, will reward them for their gifts and for their sacrifices. But, brethren and sisters, the challenge before us is very great. I want to appeal to your hearts for still greater efforts and liberality for the great cause of truth and the finishing of God's work.

The coming Week of Sacrifice offering is to be taken up in all of our churches in all the world following the Week of Prayer. I feel sure that, realizing the hour is late and that Jesus is soon to come and the task must be finished, you will make plans for a very special Week of Sacrifice offering. We cannot, must not fail Him now. From the pen of Sister White I quote, "The small and larger streams of beneficence should ever be kept flowing. God's providence is far ahead of us, moving onward much faster than our liberalities." *Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 296. And again she says, "I call upon the church as a whole, and upon the members individually, to render to God His own entrusted capital with interest. Thus you will have treasure in heaven. Let your hearts be true to Jesus." *Ibid.*

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the coming year more fruitful in soul-winning endeavor.

\* Brother and Sister M. Earl Adams have arrived in our field to take up the educational work of the Iran Mission. We pray for them God's richest blessings in this very important responsibility.

\* During the month of September Brother Earl Adams in company with the Iran Mission President visited the churches of Tehran, Isfahan, Arak, Tabriz, and Rezaieh for the purpose of getting acquainted with the church members and recruiting students for the Iran Training Institute. School has opened for grades seven to ten at the location on Pahlavi Avenue and approximately fifteen students have enrolled. Eight of these are boarding students. This is a small beginning but as God's Word declares "Who hath despised the day of small things?"

\* On September 13 two candidates were baptized in a lovely river forty kilometers from Arak by Elder R. C. Skinner. These, under the blessing of God, were the fruitage of the labors of Brother Gaspar Manasarian.

\* Elder Y. O. Sangarloo recently returned from Isfahan where he had gone on church business in connection with the construction of a new house of worship. Present plans call for building the foundation this Autumn and erect-

### THAT ONE LIFE

There was a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born.

He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was

turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth—and that was His coat.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the center-piece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that have ever been built and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

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ing the super structure next Spring. While in Isfahan Elder Sangarloo baptized two persons who had been prepared by Brother J. S. Gabriel. Brother Gabriel says, "We do hope that in the near future a representative church will be erected here to the glory of our dear Lord Jesus Christ and the redemption of many honest souls. We beseech the prayers of the brethren."

\* Elder H. K. Salakian recently baptized seven individuals at Tabriz and at present he has three others almost ready for this sacred ordinance.

\* A young lady who faces much opposition from her husband but who expressed her determination to be true to God, was baptized October 1 on the Pahlavi compound after the church service. Please pray for her.