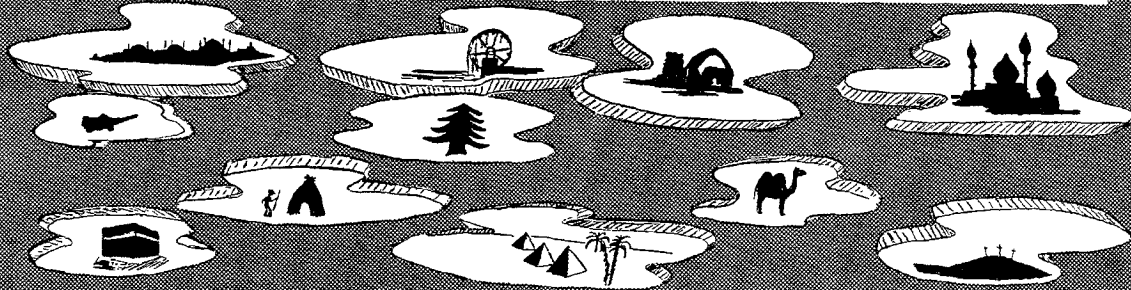


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## OUR YOUTH IN THE WORLD CRISIS

By T. E. Lucas



Challenging alarms sound over a world that rocks beneath the threatening destruction of alphabetic bombs. Civilization has come to the place where the end of the trail is in sight.

The prospect of catastrophe would be dismal indeed were it not for the fact that Christian youth know the way of escape. From this world of madness the church of God rises above the debris and points victoriously to Christ. The world's hope and only hope is in Christ. He has the only solution to the world's problem.

In such a day as this God calls our young people to make Christ supreme in their lives. To make that discovery is a transforming experience that changes our whole outlook, especially as we turn from ourselves and face Him with the sincerity and earnestness of youth, seeking the lasting things of life.

Jesus did far more than set up a discipline of spiritual exercises that would give us mechanical answers in any given situation. He set the Christian standards and patterns through His attitude and His spirit.

Through our efforts to learn the mind of Christ we must seek to follow the way of life He lived. His spirit and His teaching are as up to date as the newspaper of today.

The Christlike spirit is unselfish love in action. Love for Jesus is shown by good will toward men.

He invites us to a personal Christian experience, to an open commitment of heart and hand to Christian tasks, Bible study, personal devotion, the Missionary Volunteer pledge with its time honored and vital covenant relationship to Christ, participation in worship, cultivation of Christian friendships—these are at the foundation of sharing our faith.

"Amid the perils of these last days, the only safety of the youth lies in ever-increasing watchfulness and prayer. The youth who finds his joy in reading the word of God, and in the hour of prayer, will be constantly refreshed by drafts from the fountain of life. He will attain a height of moral excellence and a breadth of thought of which others cannot conceive. Communion with God encourages good thoughts, noble aspirations, clear perceptions of truth, and lofty purposes of action. Those who thus connect themselves with God are acknowledged by Him as His sons and daughters. They are constantly reaching higher and still higher, obtaining clearer views of God and of eternity, until the Lord makes them channels of light and

wisdom to the world." MYP 247.

There is no easy way to win for Christ the vast multitude of young people who are today longing for the Saviour's touch. Perhaps you have often wondered why God did not devise some easy way to make men come flocking to His church. Could He not cause some great supernatural sign to appear that would frighten the people into accepting Him.

"God might have committed the message of the gospel, and all the work of loving ministry, to the heavenly angels. He might have employed other means for accomplishing His purpose. But in His infinite love He chose to make us coworkers with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessing, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which results from this unselfish ministry." STC 83, 84.

Our real task begins as we go out to share our faith with the unreached youth on the highways and byways of life. We must go to them where they are. We cannot wait for them to come to us. Jesus did not establish himself on a mountain and send out an announcement that all who wished to become disciples should come to meet Him on a certain day and at a certain hour.

Instead He walked down to the seashore where Simon and Andrew were working. He went to the tax table where Matthew was sitting. In fact He was constantly going where the people were.

"The work of Christ was largely composed of personal interviews. He had a faithful regard for the one-soul audience; and that one soul has carried

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## I DO NOT UNDERSTAND

I do not know that power beyond compare  
Which makes a mother love to do, and dare,  
Forgetting self, her children to prepare  
For life ahead, with all its toil and care.  
This power I'm sure I do not understand.

I do not know the love within her breast—  
That love supreme, which nothing can molest.  
It makes her bravely toil and never rest  
Until she's given to her child the best.  
That kind of love I do not understand.

I do not know what current wave or wire  
Transmits to her dear heart her child's desire;  
In this distress, her heart may melt with fire,  
And for his joy and happiness aspire.  
This unknown wave I do not understand.

I do not know the patience she doth own  
Her brave endurance and the grace unknown,  
The selfless actions that are daily shown,  
The lovely virtues that are hers alone,  
All these I'm sure I do not understand.

I do not know, nor can I e'er repay  
Her goodness, but, dear Lord, I pray,  
These things I have received, to give away  
To some poor soul that needs it on life's way.  
And thus her love attempt to understand.

And mother dear, be this your joy and pride,  
To see your children happy by your side,  
As in your footsteps ever they abide,  
And thus proclaim your virtues far and wide.  
The whole world then may some day understand.

—RUTH NASHED

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to thousands the intelligence received.

"The most successful toilers are those who will cheerfully work to serve God in small things. Every human being is to work with his own individual thread, weave it into the fabric that composes the web, and complete the pattern. . .

"Educate the youth to help the youth; and in seeking to do this work each will gain experience that will qualify him to become a consecrated worker in a larger sphere. Thousands of hearts can be reached in the most simple way.

"The most intellectual, those who are looked upon and praised as the world's great and gifted men and women, are often refreshed by the most humble, simple words spoken by one who loves God, who can speak of that love as naturally as worldlings can speak of those things which their minds contemplate and feed upon. Words, even if well prepared and studied, have little

influence; but the true, honest work of a son or a daughter of God in words, or in a service of little things, done in natural simplicity, will unbolt the door, which has long been locked, to many souls." MYP 203.

As the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth seeking those whose hearts are toward Him they light again and again on the fine stalwart young men and the keen thoughtful young women of our day. He longs that you will give yourselves unreservedly to Him. He has great tasks for you to perform calling for the highest courage, the steadiest nerve, the greatest endurance. Among your ranks He sees His strongest champions who will maintain the honor of His name though the heavens fall. To you He looks for witnesses who will remain loyal to Him.

To you He commits the task of taking to all mankind the last warning and saving message. It is for you, with

all the power of your being, by voice and by pen, by preaching and visiting, by missionary service and the printed page, to arouse young men and young women everywhere to give their hearts to Jesus.

By loving ministry to the poor, the sick and the needy God would have you reveal His love for men and win them from their evil ways to serve Him with all their hearts.

God's invitation to young people today is indeed a call to noble tasks. All who yield themselves to Him and throw themselves wholeheartedly on His side, determined to champion His cause against all opponents, and at all costs to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will find that He will honor their faith and courage, He will not disappoint them.

Young people, you have heard the call of the Lord. This is your moment of supreme opportunity. Listen with all care. Tell Him that you want to do His will and that you desire His help. Say to Him as Isaiah said in his youth, "Here am I, send me."

## AN EARTHQUAKE IN LEBANON

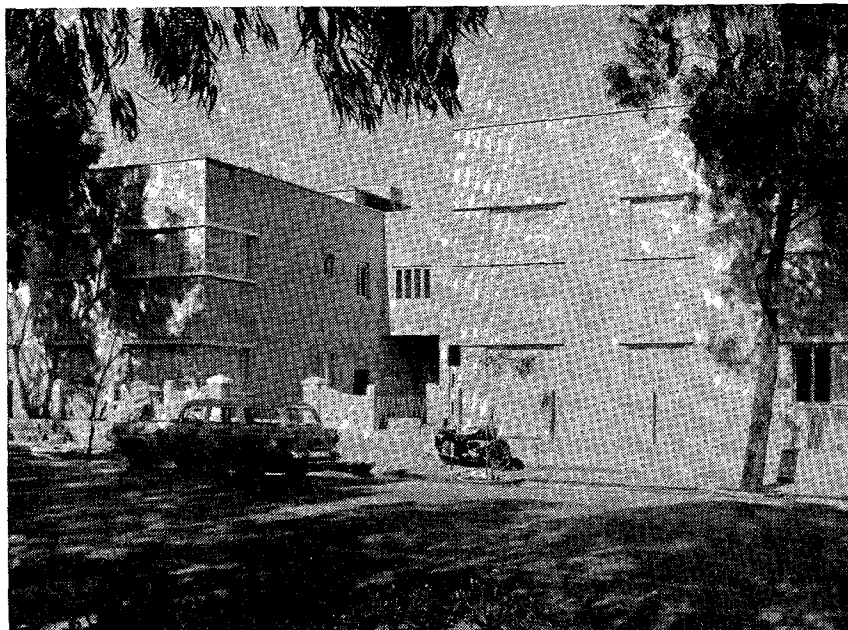
By G. Arthur Keough

At 9:30 p.m. Friday evening, March 16, Lebanon was shaken by an earthquake which caused considerable damage. Exact figures are difficult to secure, but it is reported that 134 lost their lives, and the material losses amounted to well over one million pounds sterling.

So far as we know there is no Adventist who has suffered serious loss as a result of the earthquake. One or two have reported a few cracks in their buildings. The earth tremours were definitely felt at Middle East College, but there are no appreciable effects on the buildings. For this we thank God.

The earthquake has caused us all to think more seriously of the times in which we live. Jesus said that earthquakes would be a sign of His second coming. Coming as it has done immediately after another major disaster when a flood in North Lebanon caused the death of over 140, it has caused the people of Lebanon to realize that their only refuge is in God.

The church is doing what it can to relieve suffering and point to the only Redeemer. A large quantity of clothing is expected to arrive shortly at Beirut to be distributed among the victims of these disasters. The local Dorcas Societies are working to bring relief to as many as they can. No amount of help can fully compensate for the losses involved, but we trust that these experiences will cause us all to get ready to meet our God.



*On May 21st the opening exercises will be held for the Adventist Hospital in Benghazi, Libya. Pictured is the building which is being used for our medical work*

## PIONEERING A NEW FIELD

By Roy S. Cornell, M.D.

At the last General Conference session in San Francisco, my wife and I found ourselves beside the large globe of the world looking at the great continent of Africa. There was at least one small electric light shining from almost every country of the black continent, but our attention focused on the yet unlighted country of Libya. This fact was probably not observed by the crowds that passed this familiar General Conference scene, but to us it held a very important interest because we had just been asked to go to Libya as the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary family. Now, almost two years later, the hopes and plans entered into as we stood there before the large world globe, are to materialize in the opening on May 21, of the new Adventist Hospital in Benghazi.

The Province of Cyrenaica, in which Benghazi is located, is truly a land of great need. Few of its people have had a primary education. Many cannot read or write. Malnutrition is very prevalent among the lower classes and accounts for a very high birth and infant mortality rate. Pulmonary tuberculosis, the white plague of the western world seventy-five years ago, is still the great curse here. Thousands of its victims in Benghazi alone are denied adequate treatment because of lack of hospital

and medical facilities. Malnutrition and also ignorance of the laws of health render many of the people physically incapable of doing the necessary daily labor.

The educational, nutritional and medical problems that face our work in Libya are great. But even a greater challenge is that of fulfilling the commission of Matt. 24:14. For this we must patiently wait upon the Lord and through prayer and faith learn how He desires a knowledge of the Great Plan of Salvation to be brought to these people. I believe that the Spirit of Prophecy instruction found in the *Ministry of Healing*, p. 469 is especially applicable to our work here. "There is an eloquence far more powerful than the eloquence of words in the quiet, consistent life of a pure, true Christian. What a man is has more influence than what he says." Our abstaining from the harmful habits of using alcohol, tobacco, tea and coffee is quickly noticed. Our health and temperance beliefs have placed us in a very favorable position with the leading men of the country. Truly the Lord is leading His people when we realize that the words, "the right arm of the message" and "the opening wedge" were spoken so many years ago.

Since July 1955 we have been in the

process of remodeling a war damaged building for hospital use. We have also brought hospital equipment from America, sewn hospital linens, installed an X-ray in order to establish a modern, efficient hospital. With the exception of one or two nurses, our staff is completed.

As the leading government men assemble to participate in the ceremonies and witness the opening of the new Adventist Hospital in Benghazi, we would ask each of our fellow believers in the Middle East Division to humbly ask God's blessing over His work in Libya. Jesus is certainly coming back to this earth soon. We know that He will finish His work quickly and even cut it short in righteousness. Let us each be found faithful in that day, as He finds us witnessing to all people of His great love.

## VOICE OF PROPHECY ON THE MARCH

By Farag Assad  
Voice of Prophecy Director  
Nile Union

The influence of our Arabic, English, and French Voice of Prophecy lessons is beyond measure. Through these truth-filled pages much good is being meted out to those who are sincere in heart. There are two outstanding experiences I would like to tell you about this morning.

Our first story is about a young Christian Copt in the Cairo School of Medicine. This young man wrote that he was always first in his class in both the Primary and Secondary Schools until the time he joined the School of Medicine. In order to receive his secondary education he went to live in Cairo and there stayed in the home of his cousins. Life with his cousins was far from easy. They hated him and very often tried to provoke him to anger for no reason except of their being jealous of his high standing in his classes. He finally wrote to his father telling of his grievances but was only admonished to be patient. As time passed on he had a nervous breakdown with the result that symptoms of leprosy showed on his body. His memory has become dull and he cannot study any longer though he is still in school. He wrote to us and inquired if this was just punishment from God for his patience and whether we had a solution to offer him. His only solution, he said, was to commit suicide. "How can I bring back my zeal and enthusiasm to study?" he inquired.

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# PROGRESS IN MEDICAL MINISTRY

By Wm. Wagner, M.D.

The members of the staff of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital wish to extend their greetings to all of our fellow believers in the Middle East. We appreciate your continuing interest, support, and prayers in behalf of the work here at the hospital. We would like to take this opportunity of acquainting you with the progress of our hospital program.

Many of you know that there have been changes in the personnel of the hospital staff. After having served for many years as Business Manager of the hospital, Brother Jacobson and his family have returned to their home land. Brother Jacobson directed the program at our former hospital on Rashid street and supervised the construction work at our new hospital. We wish the Jacobson family God's blessing in their new work.

We are sorry that Miss Gladys Hurd, one of our supervising nurses, had to return home because of an injury to her ankle. We wish her a speedy recovery so that she may soon be able to continue her professional duties.

Dr. Milena Simeckova has now completed her first term of service in Iraq. Recently she, too, left for America. The hospital will miss her services for she had developed a large practice and has won her way into the hearts of the people by her kind, efficient, Christian ministry. We pray that God's blessing will rest upon her as she leaves the field. We trust that some day she may return to Dar Es Salaam Hospital.

Brother and Sister Richard Ubbink and their family have just arrived to join us in the work here. Brother Ubbink will assume the responsibilities of the business office. He comes to us with former experience in this work as he has carried similar responsibilities both in the United States and at our mission hospital in Karachi. A successful lady physician, sister Ubbink will also be an active worker on our hospital staff and she is known by many of her friends and patients as Dr. Joy. Dr. Joy has had wide experience both in the mission field and in the homeland and we are very happy that she is coming to fill this important post of duty here at our hospital.

Many of our readers already know of the arrival of Dr. Karmy and family to Baghdad. Dr. Karmy has been a real strengthening influence both medically and spiritually to our work here in Baghdad. Dr. Karmy has already served one term of service as a missionary

in the Middle East with the former Dar Es Salaam Hospital on Rashid Street. For the past five years Dr. Karmy has been pursuing intensive post-graduate training in surgery in America. We are happy to welcome Dr. Karmy and his family to our staff.

The medical program of the hospital has continued its progress. We have added to our facilities so that our patients will have greater opportunity to receive the benefit of the modern aids in Diagnosis and treatment. We are happy that our X-ray department is now operating. We have employed the services of a well trained rentgenologist to assist us in this program of diagnosis. The hospital has installed many new items of furniture and equipment, both for the comfort of the patients in their rooms and for the convenience of the doctors and nurses in their work.

We are happy to inform you about the progress of the nursing school. Under the leadership of Miss Evangeline Voth, we are now in the midst of a very successful school year. There are now twelve young ladies in the nursing school. One is a senior and the rest are first year students. They are progressing quite well in their studies. Our Middle East field is well represented in this class. There are three students from Jordan, two from Lebanon, two from Syria, two from Iraq, one from Egypt and one from Persia. They are loyally united in Christian Medical Ministry.

There are excellent dormitory facilities provided for our nurses. We are now in the process of enclosing the dormitory property with a wall so that our students will have privacy in the gardens around the dormitory. We know that the entire Middle East field will benefit from the service these young ladies will be rendering to our medical missionary program. We are now preparing to accept another class of nursing students for the coming year. The requirements for application to the nursing school are the successful completion of the ninth grade or higher, good health and a recommendation from the local mission president. Further details may be secured by writing to the Director of Nurses, Dar Es Salaam Hospital, Baghdad. We urge those who are interested to apply early as the number in the next class will be limited to ten students.

The work of the hospital is steadily growing. The number of patients treated is on the increase. Our staff is

kept very busy meeting the need and our supervisory personnel are putting in long hours of work. We pray that the labors rendered in this hospital will result in souls won to the kingdom and that the day of Jesus' coming will be hastened.

## What Is Your Life?

By W. A. Nelson

Are you happy every day? Is there always a song within your heart? Are you making the best of things? Are you endeavouring to improve that which does not satisfy or are you always in the "dumps"? Are you constantly ailing? Is worry your right hand and faultfinding your constant companion? Are you living in an atmosphere of discontent? Have you surrendered to your "lot"? Do you say by your attitude, "What's the use?" Are you always wanting what you do not have and doing nothing about it?

These questions represent two distinct attitudes toward life: one lives and lives every day; the other endures. It is for each one to decide whether to live or just to endure.

Closely associated with our attitude toward life is the health that we enjoy or endure. The medical profession and the modern psychologist today agree that much of the affliction of mankind, both mental and physical, is brought on by the mind. John O. Schindler, M.D., in his recent book, *How to Live 365 Days a Year*, makes these statements: "Over 50 per cent of all the illness that doctors see is emotionally induced illness!" "Emotional stress is, today, our Number One cause of ill health. It is hard to shrug those facts off." "Fully 50 per cent of the patients who complain of an ulcer-like pain are found not to have an ulcer but merely an emotional muscle pain of the stomach." "Fully 85 per cent of all headaches are emotionally induced." "Healthful living is more a matter of having the right kind of emotions than anything else."

Long before the day of the modern psychologist, Mrs. Ellen G. White under inspiration wrote: "The condition of the mind affects the health to a far greater degree than many realize." "The power of the will . . . is a power also in dealing with disease. Exercised in the right direction, it would control the imagination, and be a potent means of resisting and overcoming disease of both mind and body." These quotations are from *Ministry of Healing*.

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# SALES AND SOULS

By Henry Melki

*Publishing Department Secretary*

East Mediterranean Union Mission



We view with optimism the future of the canvassing work in the East Mediterranean Union. Recently a Colporteur Rally was held and it is planned to hold a Colporteurs' Institute in Middle East College shortly before the close of the present school year. We trust that at this meeting it will be possible to enlist a large group of students to go out in the colporteur ministry this coming summer.

We recognize that there is a lack of regular colporteurs. Until we have a number of such faithful literature ministers doing full time colporteur work we will not be able to warn the millions in the territory of the Middle East Division. Recently our churches were encouraged to help recruit at least one regular colporteur. We trust that they will do this soon so that we may have more regular colporteurs than we have at the present time. One of the three that we do have recently sold fifteen hundred liras worth of literature in the first quarter of 1956. We are longing for many more faithful workers like this one.

Very little literature was sold in this Union up to the end of the year 1952. Beginning with the summer of 1953 much better results were seen in the literature work. In fact, that summer more literature was sold than in all the previous years in the history of our work in this field. We rejoice that over

eight thousand liras worth of literature was sold. During the next year we more than doubled what was done the previous year for which we wish to say, "Glory to God for His blessing upon our work."

But we were not satisfied even with this accomplishment, realizing that the Lord had still greater blessings for us if we would press forward in greater earnestness. In 1955 some forty young men went out colporteur. During that year double the amount of literature was sold over the previous year or a total of LL. 35,000 worth of literature was placed in the hands of the people in this Union Mission.

Just before us is another summer of opportunity. We greatly appreciate what our colporteurs and colporteur assistants were able to do in the past but we are determined to do still better this year.

Some colporteurs found it difficult to do canvassing because of governmental regulations. However, when they were stopped in one area they went to other territory and continued their good work. In still another country, one day all the books of two of our colporteurs were confiscated and these colporteurs were

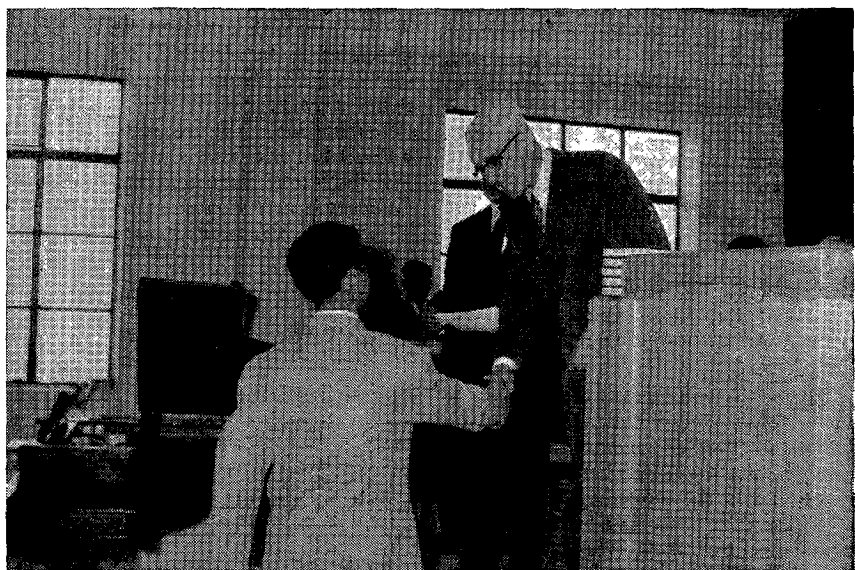
requested to come to the police station. When they went they were not only given back their books but also given permission to sell them to the officials in the police department.

Yes, the Lord moves on the hearts of men and kings and rulers even in the Twentieth Century. There is no limit to His power. As the Lord has blessed our colporteurs in the past he will continue to bless them as they go forward in this God-appointed work. Please continue to pray for the literature ministers as they work for God in Literature Evangelism.

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"The greatest want of the world is the want of men,—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."

*Education p. 57*



*The President of the General Conference, Elder R. R. Figubr, extending congratulations and a Colporteur Scholarship to student colporteur, Raja Hababo. Raja was just one of many students who received a scholarship at the time of the President's visit to Middle East College.*

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

G. Arthur Keough, *Secretary*

### BIBLE TEXTBOOK WORKSHOP

Once again the Middle East Division has taken action to authorize the holding of a workshop to continue the preparation of Bible Textbooks for the use of schools in which Arabic is the medium of instruction. All teachers in the Division, and particularly all teachers concerned with the teaching of Bible, will be happy to hear this news. It is planned to hold this workshop in Beirut beginning July 2.

It is generally known that the Bible Textbook workshop, with slight changes in personnel, has already met for two summers. It is expected that this summer will see some finalization on the work that has been done so far, and definite material will be placed in the hands of Bible teachers for their use this next school year.

The workshop method of procedure in the preparation of textbook material seems slow and costly to some. But it is the only method that brings satisfactory results. It is not a question merely of translating books; these books are to be adapted to meet the needs of the Middle East. Only teachers can advise as to the suitability of the material. They are the ones who can best tell whether certain language would be understood by the children or not. Furthermore, these books are to be used in schools as far apart as Mosul in the north and Assiut in the south; they must be practical to schools in the towns, and to schools where facilities may not be so readily available. That is why the delegates to the workshop must be practicing teachers and teachers representing every part of the Arabic speaking Middle East; they must come from Iraq, from Jordan, from Lebanon and from Egypt.

It is a source of gratification that the East Mediterranean Union and the Nile Union co-operated so admirably in the past in sending their best teachers to contribute to the workshop. It has been a pleasure to associate with teachers who have put their whole heart and soul into the task at hand. We are looking forward to another workshop this summer, and pray that God will bless our efforts and all efforts made to provide the Middle East Division schools with suitable Bible textbook material.

## AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Will Pastors, Elders, and all administrators please note that the Division Committee has set aside August 11 as *Christian Education Day*. Let us plan to bring this important topic to the attention of all our church members in a way that is striking and effective. Let us not forget:

1. It vitally concerns our Adventist parents. They have the solemn responsibility of bringing up their children in the way that they should go.

2. It vitally affects our children; their eternal salvation, and the part they can contribute to the finishing of the work largely depends on the kind of schools they attend.

3. It is of vital import to the church. "What shall it profit the church if it gain the whole world and lose its own children?"

If you want suggestions for programs or speakers please write to your local Educational Secretary. He will be happy to help you make August 11 an unforgettable day in your church.

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\* From a recent report regarding students from other countries attending Adventist Colleges and Academies in the United States, we pass on the following facts.

There are five students from Egypt, one from Iran, five from Iraq, two from Lebanon, four from Syria, and one from Turkey, making a total of eighteen from countries of the Middle East now studying overseas. Only two of these students were previously employed by the denomination. All are self supporting and all but one have student visas. The distribution of these students among the Colleges is as follows:

Walla Walla College	8
La Sierra College	3
Washington Missionary College	2
Atlantic Union College	1
Emmanuel Missionary College	1
Union College	1
Academies	2

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We must be there.—Ellen G. White

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Shall we not trust ourselves to the One who "is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him"? We will never fail or be disappointed in the face of trouble or difficulty if we cast all upon Him.

## WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

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The Bible deals with the same matter. Thousands of years ago it was written by inspiration: "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Christ in His Sermon on the Mount counselled against "emotionally induced illness" and directed us to trust in our heavenly Father rather than to take counsel with our troubles and the disappointments over which we have no control.

The Lord said that our heavenly Father looks after the birds. "Ye are of more value than many sparrows." He pictures also a beautiful lily and declares that the same God will look after His own children. He pointed out the futility of worry when He asked, "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?"

So much depends upon our own thinking and our own personal connection with the Lord. Trouble and affliction are a part of this world. We perhaps may never be entirely free from concern at times over experiences that may come or conditions that prevail, but by trust and confidence in God we can have peace within the soul and have hope and courage to look upon the beautiful things that surround us on every hand.

"Worry is sin." When one worries about things or conditions that he cannot change he then becomes susceptible to "emotionally induced illness."

"There are many who make life's burdens doubly heavy by continually anticipating trouble. If they meet with adversity or disappointment, they think that everything is going to ruin, that theirs is the hardest lot of all, that they are surely coming to want. Thus they bring wretchedness upon themselves, and cast a shadow upon all around them. Life itself becomes a burden to them."—*Ministry of Healing*, pp.247, 248.

The Apostle Paul said, "Godliness with contentment is great gain." Contentment comes from within, not from without. Contentment is not dependent upon things. Contentment is rather the reflection of the soul.

"Courage, hope, faith, sympathy, love, promote health and prolong life. A contented mind, a cheerful spirit, is health to the body and strength to the soul."—*Ibid.*, p. 241.

## HERE AND THERE

\* Middle East College student body and faculty members enjoyed many rich blessings during a Week of Prayer conducted by Elder T. E. Lucas, the Missionary Volunteer Department Secretary of the General Conference. His inspiring talks and individual counseling will long be remembered.

\* The Speaker of the Parliament of the Lebanese Government, Mr. Adil Osseiran, was the guest speaker at the College chapel on January 23 at which time the colporteurs received their merit awards.

\* Mr. G. T. Gott, Business Manager of Middle East College, recently returned from Egypt having helped the Nile Union Academy bring its books and accounts up-to-date.

\* We regret very much that Elder G. Arthur Keough has left the staff of Middle East College to accept a call

to serve as the Educational Secretary of the Middle East Division.

\* For the first time in the history of the College a Colporteur Club has been organized this year. The officers are: Henry Melki, President; Joseph Estephan, Vice-President; Fuad Elami, Secretary.

\* The Senior Class of 1956 has been organized and the officers are: Vigain Marcarian, President; Zaher Farag, Pastor; Florence Sangarloo, Secretary. The officers of the recently organized Junior Class are Anees Haddad, President; Angely Gayed, Pastor; Widad Akrawi, Secretary.

\* On April 19 Brother and Sister Richard Ubbink and their children Ann and Richard, arrived in Beirut by Pan American Airlines enroute to Baghdad, Iraq where they will take up their new duties. Brother Ubbink is the Business Manager of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital and Doctor Joy Ubbink will replace Doctor Simeckova as the lady physician for the hospital.

\* Recent visitors to Beirut were Elder and Mrs. J. A. Simonson enroute from Ethiopia to their home in London. Elder Simonson is Educational Secretary of the Northern European Division. Dr. and Mrs. Stanton B. Maye and Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Senseman of Glendale, California attended a Medical Convention at the A.U.B. while making a tour of the Middle East countries. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davidson of the Simla Sanitarium and Hospital, Simla, India, also visited Lebanon and the Middle East countries enroute to the United States on furlough. Accompanying them was Miss Alice Franks, R.N. from the Karachi S.D.A. Hospital. Also visiting Lebanon were Elder and Mrs. A. E. Rawson of Poona, India. Elder Rawson is the Voice of Prophecy and Radio Secretary for the Southern Asia Division.

\* The Middle East College Church Dorcas Society held a supper and sale on Sunday, April 8 on the recently completed second floor of the Press building. Proceeds from the sale were encouraging and they will be used to aid the needy and less fortunate.

\* On April 26 Mrs. Rosalie Wainer and Dr. Milena Simeckova left Beirut aboard the "S.S. Enotria" returning to the United States. Mrs. Wainer has been a Bible worker in this Division, serving in Jordan and Lebanon. Dr. Simeckova was on the staff of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, Iraq. May God grant these workers a safe journey and bless them as they take up new responsibilities.

\* We wish to extend our sympathies to the Salvador Jeha family in Bishmazine, North Lebanon, as they mourn the loss of a baby daughter and sister.

### EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

\* Iraq Mission reports that their 1956 Ingathering goal was reached in Basrah in early March. They have taken on a new worker, Behnam Ewas, to work in Basrah, and Said Tooma will expand our new work in Kirkuk.

\* Pastor Chafic Srouf, our Union Evangelist opened a new effort in Amman in April. Other meetings are scheduled to be held in El Husn, Irbid, Jerusalem, Rammallah, Baitjalla, and Kirkuk by Jordan workers.

\* In early March Mr. and Mrs. Behnam Arshat returned to Mosul from Baghdad carrying a precious bundle of cheer, a daughter named Linda.

\* Word comes from Nicosia that the new church will be completed soon. The dedication service will be held at a later date.

### IRAQ

\* On Thursday evening, April 12, a capping ceremony was held in the Dar Es Salaam Hospital Chapel under

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A letter of sympathy and encouragement was immediately written to him directing his attention, through the Voice of Prophecy lessons, to the Saviour of mankind, who is soon to appear in the clouds of heaven and will put an end to the woes and miseries of humanity that have come about as a result of sin.

These lessons served as a healing balm to his miserable condition. Listen to his words in a recent letter sent to us. "I send to you with this letter a small sum of money in contribution to the excellent work you are doing for the benefit of humanity. I am really indebted to you for having wonderfully rescued me from the satanic thoughts that were about to crush me down unmercifully."

With every test paper returned to us, this good brother sent a list of his friends and acquaintances for enrollment in the V.O.P. Thus he is sharing his faith with others. Truly the seeds of truth are finding good ground everywhere and many honest souls are discovering their way to the Saviour.

One now converted has given us our second story. He wrote us the following statements. "I do not find any use in these studies. They contain high ideals brought forth to the world by a so-called Jesus and these are but mere theories. No one save that Jesus was able to put these lofty ideals into practice, if he did practice them. I doubt in the promised power of God granted

to man to live accordingly." He continued his letter by cursing religion and all religious leaders and finally closed with an apology for his frank statements.

When that letter reached the V.O.P. office a reply full of kindness and love was written to him. The letter contained some pointed questions and asked him whether he was really honest in seeking to know God and to learn His truth. His attention was also called to Jesus on whom all the Bible prophecies are focused, the One who said, "Without Me ye can do nothing."

This man was amazed at the letter that was sent to him and he immediately answered saying, "I had expected a letter from you containing the worst of curses to be poured on me, but to my amazement I found the contrary. I exclaimed, 'What kind of people are these Adventists?'" This man expressed his desire to become a Christian. He has now finished the course on Daniel and his name has been sent to the pastor in his city that he might contact him and lead him to take his stand with God's people. Recently he sent us the name of his sister. She is now also gladly studying the course in French.

Yes, the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School is doing its part in finishing the Gospel work in these ancient lands. We solicit your prayers on behalf of our many students that as they continually receive a knowledge of this last day message they may receive it whole heartedly and join God's remnant people.

the direction of Miss Evangeline Voth, Director of the School of Nursing, and Dr. Wm. Wagner, Medical Director. It was a touching occasion when nurses from Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Iraq received their caps, lighted their candles from a special lamp, and recited together the Nightingale Pledge.

\* For the first time in the history of the school in Baghdad a Parent-Teacher meeting was held on Tuesday, April 17, in the Dar Es Salaam School chapel. The Principal of the school, Ghanem Fargo, gave a brief summary of the objectives of the school. The Division Educational Secretary spoke of the importance of religion and character training in the education of the children. Dr. S. D. Karmy of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital outlined the health needs of the children and Miss Nageeba Isaac showed how parents and teachers can co-operate for the good of the child.

\* After serving for eleven years in the Middle East, Elder and Mrs. M. V. Jacobson and family left Baghdad March 11 by Pan American on permanent return to the United States. Until the time of his leaving Elder Jacobson was Business Manager of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital. We wish the Jacobsons the blessing of the Lord as they enter upon now responsibilities in the homeland.

**LEBANON-SYRIA**

\* Lebanon-Syria Mission now has a regular Armenian colporteur. Mr. Varoujian Minasian has been reporting good sales and has been distributing many tracts and pamphlets.

\* Mr. Anees Haddad, the Union MV Secretary, directed an interesting MV Leader-Craft Course at Middle East College in January for the Lebanon-Syria Mission. The delegates felt they profited greatly from the well arranged program.

\* Due to the severe earthquake damage to many villages in South Lebanon, much needed clothing and food has been donated by our members to the various Dorcas societies. The Middle East College Church Dorcas Society visited the village of Kawtoulee where approximately two hundred and twenty-five articles of clothing were distributed to those in need. The Arabic Church Dorcas Society was happy to provide over five hundred kilos of food and many articles of clothing in another village, a victim of the earthquake.

**NILE UNION**

\* Brother and Sister Antar Yacoub and family are now located in Alexandria, where Brother Antar will assist Pastor Beach and lead out in the activities of the Arabic Town Church.

\* On furlough from our hospital in Karachi, Pakistan, Miss Laurice Kaf-

rouni is spending some weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Kafrouni of Heliopolis. Miss Kafrouni leaves soon for the United States where she will continue studying further in the nursing field.

\* From April 6 to 13 a Week of Prayer was conducted at the Nile Union Academy in Gabal Asfar by Elder R. C. Darnell. Pastor Darnell offered timely counsel to those who may be our future leaders.

\* Mr. Rafic Issa recently arrived in Benghazi, Libya where he will assist in the new hospital.

\* With all Egypt celebrating Mother's Day on March 21, the young ladies of the Heliopolis Church desiring to remember the mothers of that church prepared a program and buffet supper. Miss Futna Bishai was the Mistress of Ceremonies.

\* Pastor William Gayed is now in charge of the Home Missionary Department and follow-up work of the Voice of Prophecy.

\* Dr. Yousef Bishai, recently opened and is now operating a clinic in Maghagha. He is also the medical director of a hospital near by. Every success is wished him as he does this important work.

\* A baptism is soon to take place as a result of the evangelistic meeting held early in the year by Elder Peter E. M. Beach of the Arabic Town Church. Brethren Farag Assad and Antar Yacoub served as translators. A good interest has been maintained throughout the meetings and nearly one hundred names were received by those requesting special prayer and visitation.

\* The Seventh-day Adventist Church was represented in a special United Service of Fellowship among the Protestant and Evangelical bodies in Alexandria. Pastor Beach read the New Testament lesson.

\* On April 9 the Governor of Alexandria and many Army, Navy, and civic personalities viewed the Temperance film *one in 20,000*. Elder Neal C. Wilson was the chairman of this *Temperance Rally* at the Municipal Stadium First Aid Hall.

\* From May 8 to 22 with the help and inspiration of Elder T. E. Lucas, Secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, and Elder A. Gordon Zytoskee, Division Missionary Volunteer Society Secretary, the young people were instructed and encouraged for future responsibilities in the Lord's work. Under the direction of Elder J. S. Russell, the Nile Union MV Secretary, Leadercraft Courses were conducted in Alexandria, Heliopolis, and Assiut.

**IRAN**

\* The Iran Mission reports the re-

cent arrival of twenty bales of clothing from America. As these garments are distributed to needy families tracts will also be included. In this way spiritual contacts will be made which we trust will prove an impetus to our work.

\* A mission-wide Missionary Volunteer Council was held in Tehran, February 17 to 19. Guest speakers from the Division were Elders Geo. J. Appel and A. Gordon Zytoskee. It is hoped that this council will give new life to our Missionary Volunteer organizations in the local churches.

\* Elder A. Gordon Zytoskee conducted a Week of Prayer at the Iran Training School from February 18 to 25 and brought inspiration to all.

\* In searching for a suitable site for the first Junior Camp ever to be held in the Iran Mission, Elders K. S. Oster, A. G. Zytoskee, R. C. Skinner and brethren Earl Adams and M. J. McCulloch made a two-day trip from Tehran to Pahlavi.

\* Brother M. J. McCulloch, manager of the Middle East Press in Beirut, visited Iran in February to assist Elders K. S. Oster and Y. O. Sangarloo in setting up the Iran Branch of the Middle East Press.

\* Brother Earl Adams, President of the Iran Training School, reports that construction has begun on the brick wall surrounding the school property at Shimran. Step by step we desire to build up a training center for our youth that will prepare them for service in this life and for higher service in the life to come.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

	Second Quarter 1956	
April	7	Colporteur Rally Day
May	5	Home Visitation Day
	12	Medical Missionary Day
June	2	Local Church Evangelism
	9-16 <i>Call to Health Campaign</i>	

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