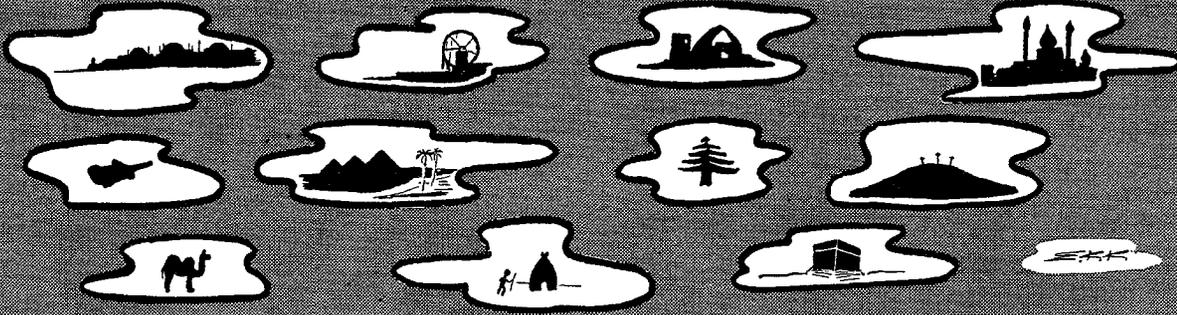


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A WEEK of PRAYER AND SACRIFICE OFFERING

By A. L. HAM,
Vice President General Conference

"How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent? (Romans 10:14, 15.)

The person inspired to ask those questions answered them in his own life's labors and by giving his fortune to save lost souls.

The founding fathers of this movement answered by also giving their lives and their possessions to further the interests of the cause of God in saving souls for the kingdom. In this they were following in the footsteps of the Master who commanded His followers to "go teach all nations." He had left all to come to this world to seek and save that which was lost. To Him that was of greatest importance. We are also to give the work of God first place in our hearts and plans. We are told:

"The cause of God is to hold the first place in our plans and affections. There is need of bearing a straight message concerning the indulgence of self while the cause of God is in need of means. Some are so cold and backslidden that they do not realize that they are setting their affections on earthly treasure, which is soon to be swept away forever."

—Counsels on Stewardship, p. 220.

It is so easy in these days of comparative plenty and prosperity for us to become indifferent to the spiritual needs of millions of people for whom Christ gave His precious life. How can we, who have been so wonderfully blessed, be so indifferent to the plight of others. This certainly is hard to understand or explain.

Our giving for missions is not keeping pace with the increased salaries and income of our people in many lands. It is not keeping pace with the increase of tithe which reflects somewhat the increased standard of living in most countries of the world. Why should we be less liberal with the church now than we were when we had less from which to give? We read:



"Some, when in poverty, are generous with their little; but as they acquire property, they become penurious. The reason they have so little faith is because they do not keep moving forward as they prosper and give to the cause of God even at a sacrifice."

—Test. Vol. IV, p. 77.

The needs of the cause of God are ever increasing as the work grows and is extended to the ends of the earth. We rejoice to see the progress and to know that the interests of the cause are established in countries having 98.5 per cent of the population of the earth, but do we forget that still in these coun-

tries there are millions of souls waiting to be saved through the power of the gospel? Do we forget that the 22 small countries and political divisions having a population of 1.5 per cent of the world's inhabitants are still behind doors closed to this message, except that by radio and Bible schools some are hearing it?

My dear brethren and sisters, while we gratefully rejoice in the wonderful progress of the message in all the world, let us be sympathetic to its urgent needs. Let us join this coming Week of Prayer in giving the largest Week of Sacrifice offering ever received.

It has been my privilege to visit our work in most of the divisions of the world field. We have listened to earnest appeals for financial help and we have seen the urgent needs. We have been distressed by the fact that so often we could not provide for such needs. It ought not to be so now when we are nearing the end, when the Lord has promised "to do a quick work in the earth." Doors are still open, but some are showing signs of closing. Some new doors are opening and we must be ready to enter these immediately they open with the message for this time. It is getting harder right along to carry on our world missions. Obstacles are arising before us and new problems are coming to our leaders in all parts of the world. This we do expect but we must hasten to finish our work of God or much will be lost.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

G. Arthur Keough, Secretary

The Church's Responsibility Toward the Children and Youth

By INDRA ASHOD

- I. Necessity of Christian Education.
 - A. A child is not naturally born with the ability to choose between good and evil. (Prov. 22:15.)
 - B. A child not corrected is a source of shame. (Prov. 29:15.)
- II. God Gives the Command Concerning the Training of Children.
 - A. Right education is a means of saving their souls. (Prov. 23:13, 14.)
 - B. God is displeased with those who neglect the training of the children. (Matt. 18:6.)
 - C. Jesus placed special stress on the training of the little ones. (Matt. 19:14, 15; 18:10; John 21:15.)
- III. When and How Should the Children Be Taught.
 - A. Parents' responsibility starts before the child is born. (Judges 13:4, 5.)
 - B. Training starts very early in the child's life. (Prov. 19:18.)
 - C. Children should be taught at all times, under all circumstances. (Deut. 6:6, 7; 11:18, 19.)
- D. Love is the basis of the training.
 1. He that loveth his son chasteneth him. (Prov. 13:24.)
 2. The Lord also chasteneth whom He loveth. (Heb. 12:6, 7.)
- IV. The Results of Right Education.
 - A. A child properly trained is wise and a delight to his parents. (Prov. 22:15; 29:15, 17.)
 - B. As a child is trained when he is young, so will he be when he grows old. (Prov. 22:6.)
 - C. They develop beauty of character. (Ps. 144:12.)
- V. Bible Examples of Proper Training.
 - A. The training Moses received as a child from a devoted mother affected his whole life. (Ex. 2:9, 10; Heb. 11:23-26.)
 - B. Timothy received his training from a faithful mother and grandmother. (1 Tim. 1:5; 3:14, 15.)
 - C. Jesus Christ—an example to all. (Luke 2:40, 51, 52.)

strong and firm, erected; and then day by day the work of building, polishing, perfecting, must go forward.

Deny the Child Anything but This Right

Parents, remember that your home is a training school, in which your children are to be prepared for the home above. Deny them anything rather than the education that they should receive in their earliest years. Allow no word of pettishness. Teach your children to be kind and patient. Teach them to be thoughtful of others. Thus you are preparing them for higher ministry in religious things.

The home should be a preparatory school, where children and youth may be fitted to do service for the Master, preparatory to joining the higher school in the kingdom of God.

Not a Secondary Matter

Let not home education be regarded as a secondary matter. It occupies the first place in all true education. Fathers and mothers have entrusted to them the molding of their children's minds.

How startling is the proverb, "As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined." This is to be applied to the training of our children. Parents, will you remember that the education of your children from their earliest years is committed to you as a sacred trust? These young trees are to be tenderly trained, that they may be trans-planted to the garden of the Lord. Home education is not by any means to be neglected. Those who neglect it neglect a religious duty.

The Great Scope of Home Education

Home education means much. It is a matter of great scope. Abraham was called the father of the faithful. Among the things that made him a remarkable example of godliness was the strict regard that in his home he paid to the commands of God. He cultivated home religion. He who sees the education given in every home, and who measures the influence of this education, said, "I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment."

God commanded the Hebrews to teach their children His requirements, and to make them acquainted with all His dealings with their people. The home and the school were one. In the place of stranger lips, the loving hearts of the father and mother were to give instruction to their children. Thoughts

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Importance of the Home School

Education Begins at Home

It is in the home that the education of the child is to begin. Here is his first school. Here, with his parents as instructors, he is to learn the lessons that are to guide him throughout life—lessons of respect, obedience, reverence, self-control. The educational influences of the home are a decided power for good or for evil. They are in many respects silent and gradual, but if exerted on the right side, they become a far-reaching power for truth and righteousness. If the child is not instructed aright here, Satan will educate him

through agencies of his choosing. How important, then, is the school in the home!

Here the Foundations Are Laid

Upon all parents there rests the obligation of giving physical, mental, and spiritual instruction. It should be the object of every parent to secure to his child a well-balanced, symmetrical character. This is a work of no small magnitude and importance—a work requiring earnest thought and prayer no less than patient, persevering effort. A right foundation must be laid, a framework,

ADVENTIST MEDICAL CADET AND CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS CAMP

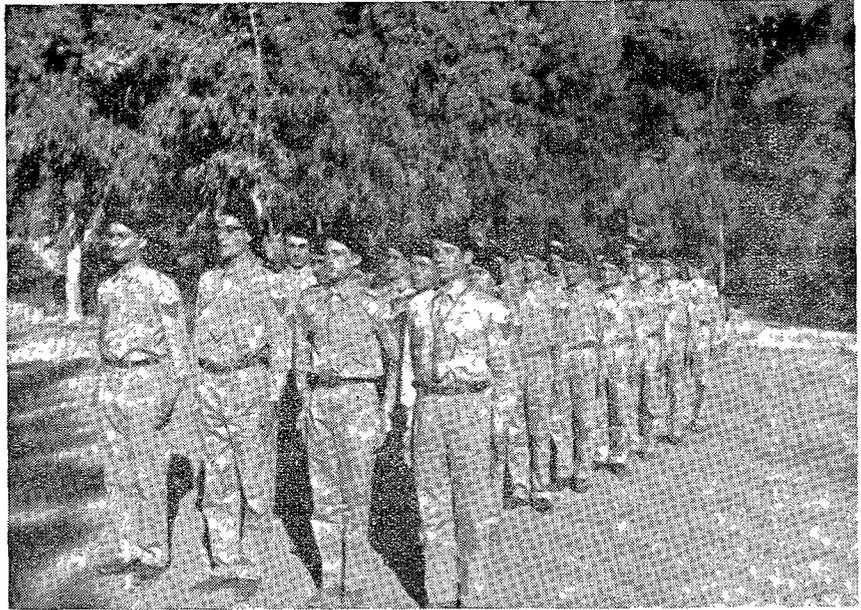
By WAYNE E. OLSON

The first Adventist Medical Cadet and Civil Defense Corps camp in the Middle East Division was conducted on the campus of Middle East College from September 9 to 25. Thirty-eight young men left their duties as students, teachers, and preachers in order to secure first aid, civil defense, and military training which would prepare them to serve their country and fellow men in time of need.

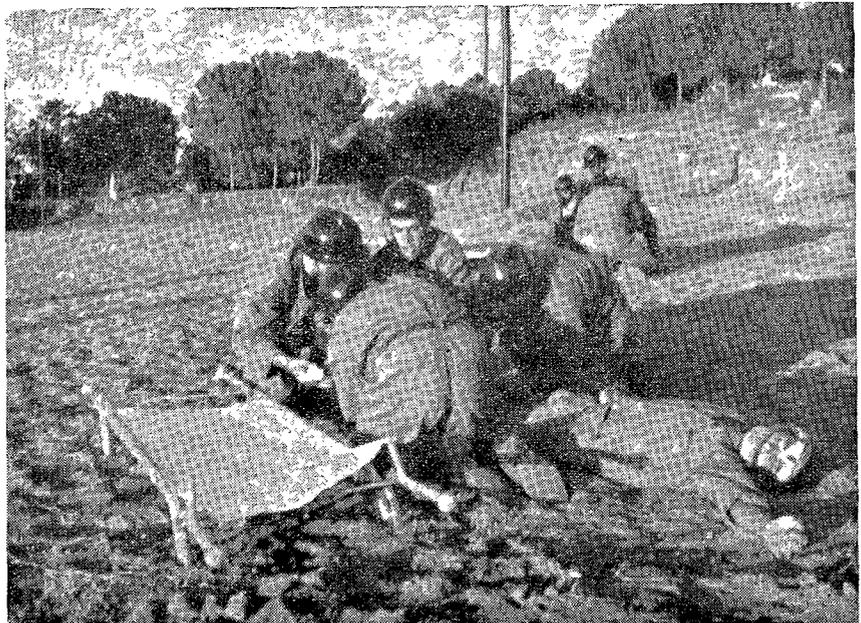
Seventh-day Adventists are willing to join the military forces of their country when called. However, they also believe that they are citizens of Christ's kingdom and therefore must obey His words for He said, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight." John 18:36. As citizens of Christ's kingdom which is a kingdom of love, and peace, Seventh-day Adventists do not feel that they can bear arms with which to take human life but they are willing to cooperate with their governments in every way possible to save life. Understanding and appreciating their position, the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Lebanon has arranged for Seventh-day Adventist students to take basic military training without arms. Instead of training with weapons of destruction they follow a concentrated program of training for civil defense and first aid work.

The Department of Military Training of the Ministry of Defense sent two drill instructors to the camp who were responsible for the military training and discipline. The Department of Civil Defense provided thirteen instructors, each a specialist in one or more phases of civil defense and rescue work. They also taught the men how to use the instruments carried in the special civil defense rescue trucks. The Lebanese Red Cross arranged for a doctor and first aid instructor to give 30 hours of first aid instruction. Twenty-three of the cadets were successful in the examinations and will receive their first aid certificates from the President of the Republic at the annual graduation ceremonies at UNESCO.

Mr. Michael Nabti acted as the executive officer of the camp and assisted in the first aid instruction. Mr. Anees Haddad, the Adjutant and First Sergeant kept the office records in order



First Adventist Medical Cadet and Civil Defense Corps held in the Middle East



Treating the "wounded" on the "battlefield"

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THE YEAR AHEAD

A flower unblown, a book unread,
A tree with fruit unharvested.
A path untrod; a house whose rooms
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes.
A landscape whose wide border lies
In silent shade 'neath silent skies.
A wondrous fountain yet unsealed,
A casket with its gifts concealed—
This is the year that for you waits
Beyond tomorrow's mystic gates.

—Horatio Nelson Powers.

MEDICAL CADET

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and led in the training of litter bearers. Elder G. Arthur Keough, the camp Chaplain, conducted the morning worship and character guidance studies. Wayne E. Olson was the general camp director.

During the camp some of the cadets felt they were being overworked by the crowded training schedule which ran from 5:15 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. or later. Recently one of the trainees remarked, "When we were in the camp we felt tired, irritated, overworked and unduly circumscribed by the military discipline of the camp. We could hardly wait for it to finish but now we realize its real value. Really, it was a wonderful training for us." The practicalness of the training was illustrated a few days ago when the forest near the shop caught on fire. In seconds those trained in fire fighting at the camp were fighting the fire with water and shovels according to the training they received while others stood on the road watching and wondering what to do.

On the day of the final parade, the cadets demonstrated their accomplishments by extinguishing a gasoline and oil fire with water in a few seconds. They also gently lowered "unconscious live casualties" from the roof of the Men's dormitory safely to the ground by means of rope "chairs" and litters suspended by ropes. Commenting on the demonstrations, Colonel Alexander from the Department of Civil Defense, said, "This is indeed marvelous. I don't see how these fellows could learn so much in only two weeks." The answer is simple. They did it because they had a purpose, a will to learn how to serve their country and fellow men in time of need.

At present study is being given toward organizing rescue squads that will be trained and ready on a moments notice to undertake rescue operations should another catastrophe such as the flood in Tripoli or the earthquake in South Lebanon strike again. May God bless these young men as they stand trained and ready to serve whenever called.

MEET FOR THE MASTER'S USE

By RICHARD LEWIS

I can see the expression on her face when he little boy told her. The great Teacher used *her* bread to feed all those people? All the multitude from the surrounding villages tasted *her* bread? Oh, my! Was it a good culture of yeast? Was the oil well beaten? Was the barley ground fine enough? Was the loaf baked to just the right golden brown so that the crust was crunchy but not hard, so that the center was completely done?

Oh, yes! And wasn't it wonderful that five little loaves could be used to feed the great throng! But it was *her* bread, every crumb of it, multiplied by the Master's command.

A workman minted a coin. It was Roman, with an image of Caesar on it.

Weddings

* Middle East College Chapel was the setting for a happy occasion on September 6 when the sacred marriage vow was solemnly pledged between Edmond Haddad and Ella Hasso. May heaven's richest blessings rest upon this young couple as they share a Christian home together.

In the chapel of Dar El Salaam School in Baghdad on September 9, Khalil Daoud took as his bride Claira Najeeb Hayalli. We wish them the Lord's blessing as they unite their lives together.

* In the Beirut Arabic Church on September 16, Noel Khoury became the bride of Alfred Akar. The good wishes and prayers of many friends go with them as they unite their lives together.

* On September 23 Yrvant Maksoudian and Knarig Mikaelian were united in marriage in the chapel of Middle East College. We wish them God's richest blessing as they establish a Christian home.

* Eddie Kaloustian of Istanbul, Turkey, and Sonia Nassif of Heliopolis, Egypt were united in marriage on September 30 in the Heliopolis Church by Elder Neal C. Wilson. We wish them the Lord's blessing as they continue to study and work for Him.

On October 14 Nicola Barlas and Samira Kamil Bunny were united in marriage in the school chapel in Baghdad by Elder C. C. Crider. May the Lord bless them as they establish a Christian home.

He didn't know it would become the most famous coin in the world, preached about in every land. He didn't know that the world's greatest Teacher would use that coin to emphasize a basic principle: that the Christian owes allegiance to human government and to God.

The Master, one evening, held a chalice in his hand, filled with the fruit of the vine. He blessed it and gave drink to His disciples from it, saying, "This cup is the new testament in My blood." It was a ceremonial cup, carefully wrought, possibly of beaten gold, and it has become the subject of story and legend throughout Christendom. A workman made it, but did not know that his artistry would become famous.

In countries which still have kings, to make for royalty is a distinction worth much to the maker and widely advertised. But the goldsmith, the minter, and the baker could not know that the Prince of heaven would use their wares. If the items were good enough for royalty it was because their habit was to make the best.

To make every batch of bread as though the Master would sample it! To keep the house each day as though the Master would visit! What a new glamour would attach to homemaking under such motivation! But it's true—really. Our only chance to serve Him, since He ceased to walk the lanes of Galilee, is in the person of a fellow human. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matthew 25:40.

You have a mouth to speak. Are the words chosen, the sentences formed, as thought the Master would hear them? He does, you know.

You have a face you wear each day. Would you change its expression if the Lord suddenly appeared around the corner? Or do you show to your fellows a face such as you would want Him to see?

Perhaps your business is to buy and sell. Is every transaction carried on as though the other party might suddenly reveal himself as the Master? It would be embarrassing to have Him discover a short weight, or inferior quality, or a false boundary, or a concealed defect. But He does discover every one, you know.

What a happy thought that every sentence that blesses, every smile that cheers, every honest act, receives His approval. And every object produced with perfection meets His approbation. It makes life ten times worth the living to know that, regardless of the opinions or ignorance of men, our lives are known by our Lord and that it is His evaluation that will count for eternity.

MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE

By A. GORDON ZYTKOSKEE

"Earnest, self-sacrificing men and women are needed, who will go to God and with strong crying and tears plead for the souls that are on the brink of ruin. There can be no harvest without seed-sowing, no result without effort." G.W., p. 26.

With this challenge ringing in their ears and weighing upon their hearts, nearly one hundred delegates from all parts of the Middle East Division met at Middle East College for a Ministerial Institute. For ten days, August 23 to September 2, eager hearts worked and prayed together in a rededication of their lives for greater service.

We were especially fortunate to have with us to lead out in the Institute, Elder R. A. Anderson, the Secretary of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference. With his years of wide experience in teaching and preaching, he was able to lead us into periods of inspiration and guidance which will be a lasting influence in the lives of the workers who had the privilege of attending the meetings.

Associated with Elder Anderson was Elder Kenneth Vine. Elder Vine is the Director of Counseling and Guidance and the Chairman of the Division of Religion and Biblical Languages at Middle East College. His practical lectures helped to make the Institute of keen interest to all.

A number of delegates also took part making a well-balanced program for the ten days.

Besides the official delegates that were present, a large number from the community and Middle East College took the opportunity of attending some of the lectures, especially the evening sermons given by Elder Anderson.

Prayer band leaders Anderson, Vine, Wilson, Skinner, Hartwell, and Zytoskee report that some of the outstanding moments of fellowship and heart-searching were experienced in the prayer circles that met following the morning devotions.

Besides the various problems applicable to the work of the Middle East that were discussed, there was a reiteration and emphasis of some of our standards and doctrines which have suffered a loss in our midst. However, the crowning theme and object of search for the entire ten days was a better and clearer knowledge of the vibrating influence and power of Jesus the Saviour. It was pointed out that much of the

misunderstanding that exists concerning our beliefs centers around the lack of emphasis on our part of the fundamental center of our entire message—that is, the divinity of Jesus the Son of God and His sinless character while upon this earth.

Surely not one delegate left the Institute without a stronger conviction of the power through the name of Jesus. No one left without a fuller understanding of the position and character of the Master. No one could leave without experiencing a more complete victory over besetting sins. Not one went back to his field without a God-given determination to be of greater service to the cause of God. Yes, most assuredly all who were present received a deeper spiritual experience that will spur them on to greater efforts and higher goals. It was truly a season of refreshing which by prayer and labor we must continue to maintain and develop until God has accomplished in and through us His divine purpose.

WEEK OF PRAYER

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Let us think again, and very seriously, of souls waiting to be saved by the gospel—the millions dying without knowing Him and His salvation. Stand on the crossroads of the continents; travel through the countries, the cities, the towns, the villages; see the multitudes of human beings—souls for whom Christ died, still waiting for His message of love and salvation. With Paul and me you will cry, "How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent?"

We, the people of His church, must answer those questions! It is the Church that sends. It is the Church that supports.

The answer of the church in great measure, may be found in our response to the appeal for the annual week of sacrifice offering, *Sabbath, December 1*. We sincerely hope that every church member in this division field will join heartily with the believers in other lands in this week of prayer and dedication. Also in this week of sacrifice for the speedy completion of the work we have been sent to do. May God bless each of you in so doing.



Some of the delegates and visitors present at the Ministerial Institute

REMEMBER —
WEEK OF SACRIFICE OFFERING
DECEMBER 1

TICKET TO HEAVEN

By Frances Shafer

Tommy was getting ready to go to his grandmother's, and he was excited. He didn't want to go in the car; he wanted to go by train. His mother told him that he could not go on the train, as it would cost too much for the ticket; all the rest of the family were going in the car, and he would have to go that way, too.

Tommy went away for a while, but soon he was back at his mother's side. In his hand he held a small piece of paper on which were some figures and even a small punched hole. "See here, mother," he said excitedly, "now can I go on the train? I have made a ticket." His mother explained to him that although he might think the ticket perfectly proper, the conductor on the train would not accept a ticket unless it were the right one issued by the railroad company.

How many people would like to go to heaven on their own ticket! But God does not accept a ticket like that any more than the railroad conductor would have accepted Tommy's home-made ticket.

In the twenty-second chapter of Matthew there is recorded the story of a certain king who made a marriage for his son. Verses 11-14 read: "And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he said unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen."

This man had come in from the street to attend the king's wedding party, but he was proud. He did not want to go to the trouble of putting on the white garment which the king gave him. He said to the king's men, "My own clothes are good enough. I don't need the king's white gown."

So he sat down among the other guests in his everyday clothes.

By and by the king came in to greet his guests. He wanted to be good to them. Then he saw the man who would not wear the white wedding gown, and said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here like this?"

The man did not know what to say. He did not want to say, "I reckoned

these rags were good enough for you," but he acted that way; and the king told his men to put him out.

Do you argue as did that man at the wedding? That the pitiful rags of your own supposed righteousness are "good enough" for your King? That they will get you into heaven as readily as will the pure white gown of Christ's righteousness?

A self-made religion is not good enough, as Tommy's home-made ticket was not good enough; as the old garments of the wedding guest were not good enough. Without God we can do nothing. John 15:5. In Isaiah 64:6 we are told, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." We need Christ's righteousness to cover our unrighteousness, our unsaved condition.

So we must accept Christ's ticket, His wedding garment; and we can only do that by coming to Him in prayer and accepting Him as our personal and only Saviour.

HOME SCHOOL

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of God were associated with all the events of daily life in the home dwelling. The mighty works of God in the deliverance of His people were recounted with eloquence and reverential awe. The great truths of God's providence and of the future life were impressed on the young mind. It became acquainted with the true, the good, the beautiful.

By the use of figures and symbols the lessons given were illustrated, and thus more firmly fixed in the memory. Through this animated imagery the child was, almost from infancy, initiated into the mysteries, the wisdom, and the hopes of his fathers, and guided in a way of thinking and feeling and anticipating, that reached beyond things seen and transitory, to the unseen and eternal.

Education in the Nazareth Home

Jesus secured His education in the home. His mother was His first human teacher. From her lips, and from the scrolls of the prophets, He learned of Heavenly things. He lived in a peasant's home and faithfully and cheerfully acted His part in bearing the household burdens. He who had been the commander of heaven was a willing servant, a loving, obedient son. He learned a trade, and with His own hands worked in the carpenter's shop with Joseph.—C.G., p. 17.

A DIARY OF A BIBLE

January 15—Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of this year my owner read me regularly, but I think he has forgotten me.

February 2—Clean up. I was dusted with other things and put back into my place.

February 8—Owner read me for a short time after dinner, looking up a few references. Went to Sunday school.

March 7—Clean up. Dusted and in my place again. Have been down on the hall table since my trip to Sunday school.

April 2—Busy day. My owner being leader at a Bible Search meeting had to look up references. He had an awful time finding one though it was right in its place all the time.

May 5—In Grandma's lap all afternoon. She is here on a visit. She let a teardrop fall on Colossians 2:5-7.

May 6—In Grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time on 1 Corinthians 13 and the last four verses of the fifteenth chapter.

May 7, 8, and 9—In Grandma's lap every afternoon now. It's a comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads to me, and sometimes she talks to me.

May 10—Grandma gone. Back in the old place. She kissed me good-by.

June 3—Had a couple of four-leaf clovers stuck into me today.

July 1—Packed in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off for a holiday.

July 7—Still in trunk.

July 10—Still in the trunk, though nearly everything else has been taken out.

What kind of story would your Bible tell?

Relatives and friends were saddened on August 29 by the death of Angel Yessayan, graduate nurse of Dar El Salaam Hospital, Baghdad. Although only a young lady of 21 years Miss Angel had a winning personality and was well liked by all. Her Christian virtues were an inspiration to patients, classmates, and hospital personnel. She was kind and considerate, thoughtfully giving cheer and encouragement to those less fortunate.

She leaves to mourn her parents, one sister, three brothers, other relatives and many friends. We extend our sincere sympathies to the bereaved.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION AND DEDICATION FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE FALL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, We have heard at this Autumn Council stirring reports of the onward progress of the message as it advances into all parts of the world field; and

WHEREAS, Our treasurers have reported unprecedented gifts, tithes, and offerings to the cause of God from our loyal members in all lands, making it possible to present this year the largest budget ever voted at an Autumn Council; and

WHEREAS, Our people in all lands are proving true to the message, even under persecution and trial, looking forward with confidence to the soon coming of our Lord to redeem His people, therefore

Be it Resolved, 1. That we hereby express our sincere thanks to our heavenly Father for His continued love and protection even in these troublous times, and for His manifold blessing in leading His people into a wider experience in the message and into a greater advance of the advent truth than we have ever before experienced.

2. That we extend to our faithful believers in all parts of the world field our loving greetings from this Biennial Council and our deep appreciation of their faithfulness to the message which called them out of the darkness of the world into the light of truth in these last days, for their faithful service and their generous gifts and offerings to the cause of God which will make it possible for the denomination, with God's blessing, to make the greatest advance in all its history.

3. That we express to our great family of workers, especially in the far-flung mission fields, our sincere appreciation of their loyal service to the cause, rendered oftentimes amidst forbidding surroundings when they have held up the banner of truth against opposing forces, that we assure them of our prayers and support, and that we join them in a mutual rededication of our all to the Master for the finishing of the work.

Christ has given us no promise of help in bearing today the burdens of tomorrow.

- Ellen G. White

HERE AND THERE

* Middle East College has started another school year with 110 students.

* Elder Shukri Nowfel has joined the College staff as College Arabic teacher. Another addition to the staff is Miss Indra Ashod who is teaching part time in the secondary section.

* The Arabic Elementary School which is under construction on the Middle East College campus will be completed by October 31. Miss Angel Dikran of the Lebanon-Syria Mission has accepted a call to teach in this school.

* The Medical Cadet Corps which was held on the Middle East College campus under the leadership of Elder W. E. Olson was brought to a successful close by a well-attended parade and demonstrations.

* Elder Fred Veltman has assumed the responsibilities of the Pastor for the Middle East College Church. We trust that the church will continue to prosper under his leadership.

* The 1955-56 graduates of Middle East College have taken their place in the Lord's work as follows:

Elias Zein: Teacher in Beirut Arabic School.

George Shaheen: Radio Studio Technician.

Henry Jeha: Teacher in Aramoun School.

Indra Ashod: Secretary at the Division, part time teacher at MEC secondary section.

Jack Barakat: Teacher in Beirut Arabic School.

Serob Ayyazian: Teacher in Tehran.

Shakey Shennar: Secretary in the East Mediterranean Union.

Vigain Marcarian: Accountant and Assistant Treasurer, Iran Mission.

Zaher Farag: Dean of boys, and teacher at Nile Union Academy.

* Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Katrib who became the proud parents of a baby daughter, Rym, on September 22.

* Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Naim Awais who welcomed a little son, Nadim, into their home May 24.

* On September 6, via Pan American Airways, Elder Geo. J. Appel, President of the Middle East Division, and Mrs. Appel left on a well-earned furlough to the homeland.

Recent visitors to the Division headquarters were Miss Marjorie Warner from Thailand and Elder A. P. Cooke from Australia.

* Mr. E. L. Haskell, step-father of Mrs. M. J. McCulloch, recently passed to his rest. Our sincere sympathies go to the bereaved believing "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying." Rev. 21:4.

* We extend our sincere sympathies to the Wayne Olson family in the loss of Elder Olson's father who was accidentally killed on October 20. We look forward to the resurrection morn.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* Plans are being laid for holding a Biennial Business Session from November 19 to 22 in or near Beirut.

* The total report for the colporteur work this summer shows an increase in sales over last year of about £3,500, or a total of £37,500 as compared with £34,000 in 1955. This is a very good report in spite of the fact that we did not have quite as many colporteurs as last year. It is a good record and we are thankful to the Lord for His help. * Brother A. J. Jones has taken over the work of Brother Fund during the absence of the Fund family who have gone on furlough.

* The East Mediterranean Union is happy to welcome back its President and his wife, Elder and Mrs. R. H. Hartwell who returned from furlough on August 21.

* Brother Hartwell and Brother Salim Noujaim recently attended the International Anti-Alcoholic Congress in Istanbul and enjoyed visiting our believers in that city.

* Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hanna Kabbas who received a small son into their home on September 27.

CYPRUS

* The responsibility for the work in Cyprus has been resting largely upon Brother Barlas since Elder Veltman connected with Middle East College. The directing of the work in Cyprus is being cared for by the Union.

Brother Aram Aghassian has also spent a few weeks there assisting the Nicosia church and his efforts have been much appreciated. Prayers are solicited for the selection of a new permanent worker to locate in Cyprus.

IRAQ

* Schools have now begun for another year in Baghdad, Mosul, and Kirkuk.

* The colporteur sales in Iraq this summer have proved to be quite encouraging and two colporteurs are continuing to sell literature though the student colporteurs have returned to the College.

* A new nursing class will begin in October at the Dar El Salaam Hospital when it is hoped a number of new students will begin the course.

* The American Community in Baghdad is having a campaign this Fall in behalf of the hospital to raise funds for an oxygen tent.

* On October 1 in the Dar El Salaam Hospital, Baghdad, a son, Roy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ghanim Fargo. Our congratulations to the happy parents.

JORDAN

* Amman, El-Husn, and Karak schools have now opened for another year.

* The Junior Camp season has kept our workers in Jordan very busy since September 2. These camps are much appreciated by the juniors of Jordan.

* Evangelistic work is still being carried on by the Union evangelist, Elder Chafic Srouf in Zerka, and by Elder Mousa Azar in the Ramallah area.

* Brother Najeeb Azar and Brother Mousa Kerkanny are continuing their work in Karak and El-Husn respectively.

LEBANON-SYRIA

* Some forty young men participated in the Medical Cadet Corps training which took place at Middle East College this past summer. Emphasis was placed on medical and first aid training. Elder Wayne Olson was in charge of the camp and a number of other workers assisted him.

IRAN

* The mission President is happy to report that the construction of the new church building in Julfa is nearly finished. Brother Y. O. Sangarloo has spent much time supervising the work and Brother J. S. Gabriel, the Julfa church pastor, has given faithful service in reaching the financial goal. The church is located on a wide paved street and will seat about one hundred and twenty-five persons.

* The following six persons from the Iran Mission were privileged to attend the Ministerial Institute recently held in Beirut: R. C. Skinner, Y. O. Sangarloo, K. S. Oster, M. Gasperian, J. S. Gabriel, and G. Manaserian.

* Representative to the International Temperance Convention held in Istanbul September 10 to 15, was Elder K. S. Oster. It is planned to show the film, *One in Twenty Thousand*, now translated into the Farsi language, in all the schools of Iran.

* Brethren Earl Adams and M. H. Morovati have been busy endeavoring to secure government permission to operate the Iran Training School. With this permission it will be possible to give the government certificate which will greatly strengthen the school program.

TURKEY

* The International Anti-Alocoholic Congress held in Istanbul September 10 to 15 was attended by scores of delegates from many countries. Among them were ten or twelve Seventh-day Adventists including Elder Scharffenberg from the General Conference, and one of his associates, Brother Soper. Also in attendance were Dr. Muller, medical director of the Gland Sanitarium in Switzerland; Brother Chad Israel, in charge of the temperance work for the

Southern Asia Division; Brother Watson, from the British Isles, as well as others from our own Division, Union, and Turkey. The part our people took in this congress was important, and very fine contacts were made.

NILE UNION

* Seven researchers from the College of Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles and Loma Linda, California, collected marine animals at a biological field station in the Red Sea during late summer.

The expedition, which is conducting the study with University of Cairo personnel located at Al Ghardaqa, is one of a series of scientific field trips made to various countries.

Headed by Dr. Bruce Halstead, the group spent a month making an extensive study of poisonous and venomous marine animals. This and similar expeditions are financed by research grants from foundations, government agencies, and industrial organizations.

In addition to its scientific purpose, it is hoped that this expedition, as have others, will contribute to the work of the Church by aiding its evangelistic efforts in the world fields.

FROM THE V.O.P. MAIL BAG

"These lessons are very good. I received many things from them I did not know before. The lessons gave me the opportunity to obtain light from its real source and salvation by Jesus' name."

"From these lessons I received religious, physical, and moral benefits."

"These lessons have meant a lot to me. Through their lines I found my Saviour who had given Himself on the cross to save me from death. To be baptized is my only hope and in my heart there is a fervent desire that urges me to take part in this solemn ceremony."

"Your visit will be a great honor to me, and especially when you help me to unite with the church to keep God's word and walk according to it. I really thank you for all you have done for me."

ENROLL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TODAY

"Every one is exerting an influence upon others, and will be held accountable for the result of that influence. Words and actions have a telling power, and the long hereafter will show the effect of our life here. The impression made by our words and deeds will surely react upon ourselves in blessing or in cursing. This thought gives an awful solemnity to life, and should draw us to God in humble prayer that He will guide us by His wisdom." PP, p. 556.

CHANGE IN BI-ENNIAL COUNCIL DATES

Middle East Division Bi-ennial Session, December 28, 1956 to January 5, 1957, in the Middle East Division office, Beirut.

Middle East College Constituency Meeting, 10 a.m., December 31, 1956, in the Middle East Division office, Beirut.

Dar El Salaam Hospital Constituency Meeting, 10 a.m., January 1, 1956, in the Middle East Division office, Beirut.

Middle East Press Constituency Meeting, 10 a.m., January 2, 1957, in the Middle East Division office, Beirut.

PHARMACIST

Anyone knowing of a Seventh-day Adventist Pharmacist living in the Middle East please contact Dr. Wm. Wagner, Dar El Salaam Hospital, Baghdad, Iraq.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Fourth Quarter 1956	
October 6-13	Voice of Prophecy Campaign
October 27	Christian Temperance
November 3	Home Visitation
November 17	Local Church Evangelism (Home Missionary Day)
November 24 to December 1	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

August 11	Local Training School
September 1	Missions Extension
September 15	Sabbath School Expense

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