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He Shall Be Called-

Wonderful

Because He took the sinner's place
And died to save a guilty race;
Because He stooped to bear the shame:
Forever WONDERFUL His name.

Counselor

Because He bids me come and ask
For guidance in my daily task.
In Him alone all wisdom's found;
So be His name with honor crowned.

The Mighty God

Because, though veiled in lowly guise,
He came from far beyond the skies.
To all the world the tidings tell,
His name is blest Immanuel.

The Everlasting Father

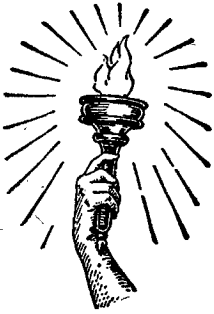
Because He lived a life below
That men might thus His Father know;
The Spirit thence bears witness plain—
Now "Abba, Father, born again."

The Prince of Peace

Because, as once by shepherds heard,
"Good will to men." This blessed word,
Proclaimed while angel chorus sang
Till all the hills of Judah rang,
Will be proclaimed the world around
Till He as King of kings is crowned.
Then all earth's wars and strife shall cease;
The world shall own Him PRINCE OF PEACE.

—FRANCIS M. BURG.





EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

G. ARTHUR KEOUGH, SECRETARY

WHAT KIND OF CONSTITUENCY DO WE WANT FOR OUR SCHOOLS?

By T. S. GERATY,
President
Middle East College

NEEDED—throughout the Middle East Division! We want church members and workers who demand the *best* in education for our Advent youth:

- Christian objectives
- Christian teachers
- Christian methods
- Christian support
- Christian results

Surely since the servant of God wrote that "The schoolroom is needed just as much as is the church building" (T6, p. 109), as a church constituency the world around we should rally around God's educational program.

In the Middle East Division we thank God for the schools which we already have. We need to support more fully the schools and the faculties. In the providence of heaven we shall provide more "places of refuge" for our youth. We cannot be satisfied with low standards, mean attainments, or mediocre results.

We should individually and collectively appeal to God to help us make our schools the real Christian schools that we need. We should pray that God will help us each to give the support—morally, financially, prayerfully—that each of our schools will be transformed into a tower of light, of strength, of wisdom. As never before, let us as the constituency for our schools re-evaluate our objectives, procedures, and methodologies.

A dynamic challenge should come to every Seventh-day Adventist in the Division. Let it be the keynote of every Sabbath school, every church service, and every youth meeting—a *Christ-centered education for every Seventh-day Adventist youth and for every school age child of a Seventh-day Adventist parent.*

We as a constituency are admonished that "we are not at liberty to teach that which shall meet the world's standard or the standard of the church, simply because it is the custom to do so. The lessons which Christ taught are

to be the standard. That which the Lord has spoken concerning the instruction to be given in our school is to be strictly regarded. . . " T 6, p. 142.

Let us earnestly pray that our schools sponsored by the Missions, Unions, and Division will be maintained in such a manner as to be heaven accredited.

REPORTS FROM THE SCHOOLS

THE ARAMOUN SCHOOL

By Henry Jeha
Principal

The Aramoun School held a very worthwhile and interesting school year during 1956-1957. The school began with three teachers in charge but at the close of the year two additional had been added. The school enrollment was also doubled with 140 students in attendance.

Considerable emphasis was given to the spiritual life of the students and Bible study and baptismal classes were organized as well as a well-attended Sabbath school. Seven students were baptized during the year.

Elder K. L. Vine, from Middle East College, and his theology students, together with the teachers, conducted an evangelistic effort in the Spring. A plan was followed whereby much visiting was done in the homes; fifteen students also received V.O.P. certificates.

We give God the glory for the many blessings received during the school year. We trust that another school year will be even better as plans are laid for the erection of a new school and church.

THE BISHMAZZINE SCHOOL

By Alfred Akar

Although ours is a small school the 1956-1957 school year was a successful one. There were two teachers and the thirty-five students represented five grades. During the year two Weeks of Prayer were conducted by Elder D. V. Kubrock, Brother George Issa, and Miss Widad Akar. A baptismal class was

conducted and four young people were baptized at the end of the school year. A good Sabbath school was also held throughout the year with 90 o/o of the students attending.

We thank the Lord for that which has been accomplished during the year and trust that the school may continue to be a blessing to the young people of North Lebanon.

THE BEIRUT ARMENIAN SCHOOL

By Sella Nazirian

The purpose of any church school is to win souls for God's kingdom. With this thought in mind the Armenian school has endeavored to train its young people to take an active part in the religious activities of the church.

The first step taken was to urge all students to attend Sabbath school and the secondary section to stay for the church service. Secondly, in order to interest the students in the truth, literature bands were formed and tracts distributed. In this way the children had a part in winning others as well as helping others to become acquainted with Jesus. As a further means of being of assistance to the church the children prepared and sang special songs.

During the past two years two prayer bands have been conducted each year. The pastor and teachers have followed up the various interests and by visiting in the homes the parents have become more interested in the work of the students and the school. We are happy to report that six students have been baptized as a result of baptismal classes being held.

It is the sincere prayer of the teachers that as they teach the regular fundamentals of education they might also prepare youth for a higher education and a home in Heaven.

THE BEIRUT JUNIOR ACADEMY

By Jad Katrib
Principal

The school's records of the year 1955-1956 show an enrollment of 375 students. This last school year, 1956-57, the records show that there was no loss in the number of students even though the fees were increased 40 o/o. We are very thankful to God for this great blessing.

The Treasurer's report indicates a very definite financial improvement in the school. But we are looking forward to the day when this school will stand as a self supporting institution, thanks to the guidance and blessing of God.

The school has been blessed of God spiritually. Brother George Raffoul has been conducting a baptismal class for the last two years, and because of his faithful work seven young people were

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MV GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

By Theodore Lucas

The young people of the Middle East are among the strongest links in the chain of Missionary Volunteering. This statement is not made without foundation. Last year it was my privilege to travel in the Middle East and to witness personally the glorious achievements of our youth in this great and important area of the world field. It was a privilege to be a part of the investiture services. They are indications of the determination of our Middle East youth to prepare for greater service.

The year 1957 has been a year of progress for our Missionary Volunteers around the world. It is their Golden Anniversary. We recognize this milestone with deep reverence. We are stirred as we recount the meaning of Missionary Volunteering in the lives of the youth for whom it exists.

God's messenger had spoken of the youth of the church as an "army," but who could tell that it would be "such an army." Today we find even in the most remote places of earth an advancing host of young people marching under the MV banner, marshalled by Jesus Himself.

How small were our beginnings. Fifty years ago there were fewer than 100,000 Seventh-day Adventists in the whole world. At that time we had entered 78 countries and were using 52 languages to send the Advent message to all the world. What an astounding history has followed by God's help! Since then with the aid of this fine army of Advent youth which through 50 years has been enlisted and trained for world service, our church membership has grown to a million, and the Advent message has gone into 184 countries using 731 languages. Young people have pioneered the way.

This world movement of Advent youth which we see today began 50 years ago when there were only 8,933 young people enrolled in the 461 societies scattered over the field. Today we have nearly 13,000 societies with a membership of 430,000. The onward sweep of this message, crossing all oceans, entering all countries, pushing up all great rivers, traversing all great

deserts, penetrating all great jungles, adapting itself to all climates, learning to speak in all languages, acquainting itself with all customs and religions, and persuading the hearts of all peoples, is a striking fulfillment of prophecy. It must stir our hearts with new faith in God's leadership and with new hope in the quick finishing of the work.

As we review what has been accomplished during the five decades past, should we not also consider plans for the achievement of even greater things in a much shorter period? Conditions about us indicate that the signs of Christ's coming are rapidly fulfill-



ing. The final movements of this world's activities are to be rapid ones. This is also true of the work that must be carried on in connection with God's cause. "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

God is going to accomplish this short work very largely through the young men and young women. In order for the youth of the church to be used as the medium through whom He may work, they must keep close to Him. They must keep their lives free from sin. They must be in the place where they will always recognize His voice and be ready to answer, "Here am I, send me."

This 50th Anniversary has been a time of heart searching, a time of consecration. May it be a time of renewed purposes and resolutions. May it thus lead the youth and workers of the Middle East Division into that fellowship with God which will make it possible for Him to use them mightily for the finishing of the work in all the earth.

Please remember the Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering which is to be received in all of our churches on November 30, 1957. Never has there been greater need for funds for the advancing of God's cause than today. Pray and plan for a large offering.

SABBATH SCHOOL AT PETRA

By Leona Running

On July 27 an unusual Sabbath School was held in an unusual setting, in a shady court before a rock-hewn tomb in beautiful rose-red Petra in Jordan. Forty-one members of Dr. Siegfried Horn's Bible Lands Tour, plus eight who had joined for this part of the tour, and twelve visitors from Beirut and Baghdad, joined in a song service led by Harold Rupert, a minister in Oregon. The Superintendent for the day was Gordon Balharrie of Walla Walla College, who welcomed the visitors and read Acts 16:25-34.

Halvard Thomsen, minister in the Washington Conference, offered prayer. The mission story was presented by Percy Manuel of Trinidad and concerned medical and other mission work in the Caribbean Union.

The lesson on Paul and Silas at Philippi was taught by Hollis Terry. Morris Lewis of South Western Junior College, Keene, Texas, took six juniors aside for their separate lesson study. After the singing of *Blessed Assurance*, Milton McCulloch of Beirut pronounced the benediction.

The offering received was in five different currencies and amounted to LL 82.40.

TARANEEM-E ROOHANEE (SPIRITUAL SONGS)

By Kenneth Oster

The realization of fond hopes always provides occasion for great rejoicing—and what better means of expressing our joy can we contemplate than that of a church full of people singing “spiritual songs”?

The occasion was on the evening of Friday, August 2 when a large congregation had gathered for the weekly Voice of Prophecy evangelistic meeting being held at the Pahlavi Avenue church in Tehran. All present beheld a most welcome sight as one by one they were ushered into the spacious church; each pew had several copies of “Taraneem-e Roohanee”, our new Farsee hymnal. It was with unusual inspiration and devotion that the congregation joined in the singing of praises to God from whom all blessings flow—for now we had a dignified-looking, respectable hymnal that would be an honor to Christ and His church.

During the almost half century of work in Iran, we have not had the privilege of having an Adventist hymnal in Farsee, the national language. In the early days when the headquarters of our work was in Turkish-speaking Azarbaijan, approximately forty of distinctive “Advent” hymns were translated by Elder F. F. Oster into Turkish and added to the Turkish hymnal then in use in the Christian churches. These hymns had a real message and for many years were sung and loved by all of our people. In later years hymnals in Armenian, Assyrian, and

Farsee have been secured from other denominations and have been very much appreciated.

Intermittently since 1945, someone sensing the need for “Advent” hymns to be added to the existing hymnals would translate a song, and over a period of years these were mimeographed for congregational use.

It wasn't until 1955, however, that any serious thought was given to the publication of a Farsee hymnal. Brother Keshishzade having returned from Middle East College on fire with the unquenchable determination to dedicate his talents to the Lord's service, set about to translate a hymn, a song or a chorus whenever he had a moment to spare. The inspiration would come during a stirring sermon on “The Church Has One Foundation;” while listening to a tape recording of the “King's Heralds” during a Friday evening meeting as they sang “Follow, follow, I would follow Jesus. . .;” or as the memory of the strains of a Gospel chorus from college days would come to him on a sleepless night. He would not allow the inspiration to pass unnoticed, but would immediately jot down the Farsee words that came to him—until one hundred hymns, choruses, and songs took final shape.

It is because Brother Arsen was in the habit of “singing and making melody in (his) heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19) that the burden of making the song of the angels who were “praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest” (Luke 2:13,14) available to all, came to him. The Iran Mission Committee enthusiastically and unanimously, with a vote of thanks to Brother Arsen, decided to print this first edition. With the appearance of this our first printed hymnal in the national language we pass a notable milestone in the history of Adventism in Iran. As a result of it we expect more success in our future evangelistic endeavors as we determine with God's help to carry out the timely instruction of the Apostle Paul to the Colossians: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and *spiritual songs*, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Col. 3:16)

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IRAQ

The Adventist teachers in our three schools in Iraq met for a Teachers' Institute, August 26-29, which proved interesting and profitable. Through the kindness of Dr. Wagner the meetings were held in the parlor of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital.

It was a privilege to have Elder Hartwell attend the meetings. He not only pointed out the importance of the work of the teacher in the cause of God but also introduced lines along which our schools can improve. It was decided at this Institute to place special emphasis on a health program for our schools, and the lectures given by Drs. Karmy and Wagner and Miss Evangeline Voth were very valuable to this end. Guest speakers included Dr. Adib Fargo who spoke about “Understanding Children;” Professor Yacoub who pointed out the basic principles for teachers' recreation; Professor Fargo who outlined the practices that make for a smooth running school. It was encouraging to the teachers to note the interest that Paster Behnam Arshat showed in school work, and needless to say that the Union and Division Educational Secretaries were present with counsel and advice.

Iraq is facing the same problem being faced in other parts of the Union—a lack of Adventist teachers to teach all the subjects that need to be taught. But we believe that this is God's work, and we pray that God will send forth the teachers necessary for the progress of the work.

LEBANON-SYRIA

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Prospective and actual teachers of the Lebanon-Syria Mission met at Middle East College, September 9-11, for a profitable Teachers' Institute.

One of the features of the Institute was the showing of a series of films on the characteristics of children from the ages of two to nine. Mrs. Crider gave some valuable instruction on health in the schools. Mrs. Hartwell showed the importance of music and suggested ways whereby the teachers might improve themselves and improve the music education offered by the schools where they teach. Brother Jad Katrib gave a report of the Educational Conference held at the AUB in which the problems of school administration were discussed. Special time was set aside for studying the educational policies of the Union, and a number of agenda items of interest to teachers were discussed.

It was felt that this Institute was a blessing to the teachers, and we trust that its influence will be carried over into the 1957-58 school year.

G. A. Keough

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baptized and joined the church. Ten of our students have applied to join Middle East College.

The school has an organized Home Visitation plan. These visits have proved very helpful spiritually and socially.

The school has had a considerable part in the welfare and progress of the Sabbath school, the Missionary Volunteer Society, and the Ingathering Campaign of the Mission. I am sure every teacher has done his part faithfully according to his capacity. Nevertheless, we look forward to much improvement by the grace of God.

“WE SHALL INDIVIDUALLY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING ONE JOT LESS THAN WE HAVE ABILITY TO DO. THE LORD MEASURES WITH EXACTNESS EVERY POSSIBILITY FOR SERVICE.”

—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 363

YOUTH LEADERS' TRAINING CAMP

By R. C. Darnell

The unseen hand of happy activity sped the flow of ten days at the Nile Union Youth Leaders' Training camp, and they were finished when they had scarce begun. Egyptians are accustomed to the sweetness of mango, guava and date in September, but the delight of camping by the guava trees at Gabal El Asfar added new zest.

The climax of the camp came four days after it was all over. I stood with pride that Sabbath afternoon, September 14, at the Nile Union Camp Meeting, to announce the names of the honored fifteen who were to receive the Leadership certificate. Sister Ruth Nashid and Brother Angely Gayed stood beside me, just as they had stood with me during the days of the camp assisting in the leadership. Now they presented the hard-earned certificates, and I watched each happy smile with sincere pleasure.

More than 200 MV Honors were granted during the same service. Elder Naseef Butros, who had been the camp pastor, read the names and honors while Brother Hanna Malaka, instructor in physical training and nature classes for the camp, presented the honors.

Completing the requirements of the Master Guide class, four youth were named by Elder Fakhri Naguib, MV Department secretary for the Central Egypt mission and business manager of the camp, to receive the highest honor of MV class work. I gave each one his pin, and as I recall the ceremony I thank God for the zeal of Egypt's youth who are determined to be the leaders of their generation in the pathways of righteousness.

Putting every other activity outside their thoughts, the 33 campers and staff of eight concentrated on training for youth leadership. They studied and worked seriously to accomplish their purpose. Today the churches of Egypt look trustingly and hopefully to these leaders to show the way.

A feature of the camp that attracted all the campers was the first aid course provided by the Egyptian government. Not only were the lessons unusually thorough in material content, but they were also exceptionally interesting. Many campers now plan to take an active interest in emergency rescue work in their own communities.

Sister Narguis Watson was likely the most appreciated person on the campground. The food she prepared was tasty enough to arouse the most somnolent appetite, promptly served, and sufficient to satisfy an active camp. Perhaps even a few may be suspected of attending the camp chiefly for the

purpose of eating.

The art of pottery decoration was ably taught by Brother Hanna Watson and the campers showed excellent talent under his direction.

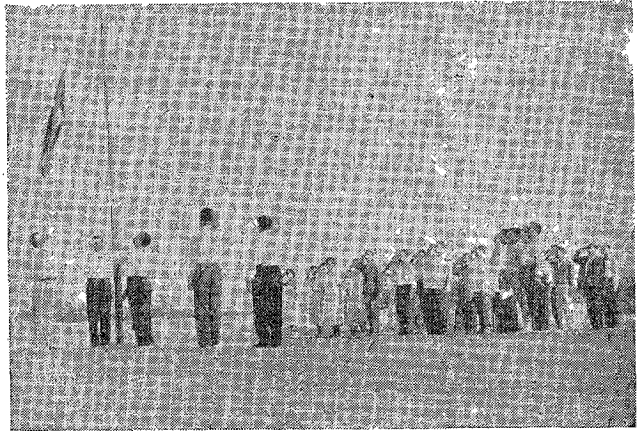
A system of merits was used for camp order; the six units of the camp competing for the most merits. The Lions unit, led by Brother Zaky Assaad, three times succeeded in capturing the

top honors, and the Carnations unit, led by Sister Nadia Watson, won top honors twice and honorable mention twice.

September 1 to 10 rushed into history, but as I reflect on their passing, I pray that their memory may linger long enough to spread their inspiration through all the churches and companies of the Nile Union.

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THE WEEK OF SACRIFICE

By A. L. Ham
Vice President
General Conference

As we approach the closing weeks of another year we are reminded of the constant care and many blessings received from our heavenly Father. It is not reasonable or right that we should fail to acknowledge these tokens of love and care.

The words of the song-writer are very appropriate:

"Count your many blessings,
Name them one by one;
And it will surprise you
What the Lord hath done!

"Count your many blessings,
Every doubt will fly;
And you will be singing
As the days go by!

"Count your many blessings,
Money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven,
Or your home on high.

"Count your many blessings,
Angels will attend;
Help and comfort give you
To your journey's end."

This ought to inspire God's people to far greater love and liberality in giving to the work of the church in all the world. The increasing expansion of the giving of the message is the source of thanksgiving during this week of prayer season and is also a reason for far greater sacrifices, that the task given us to perform may soon be completed.

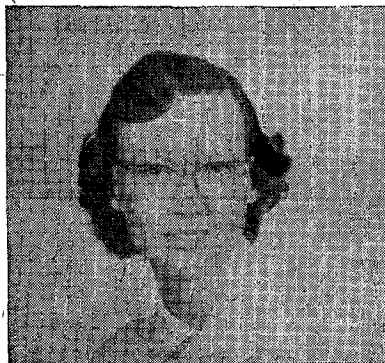
There are great issues at stake in the cause of God today. There has never been a time when our work has been looked upon with so great favor as now, in most parts of the world. Our people have been prospered and should remember that it is God who gives power to get wealth. We are the stewards of the mysteries of God and, "moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

This time of great opportunity must not be neglected or the work will suffer, for we are told that "some doors now open to the truth will be forever closed. Carry the message now. Do not wait, allowing the enemy to take possession of the fields now open before you." Volume 9, p. 172.

These words were never more appropriate than now. We can actually discover how the closing of some doors which have been open to the gospel message for a long time have closed. We must enter in and complete our task before the day arrives when we shall no longer have opportunity. Like the blessed Master we follow, "we must work the works of Him that sent us while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4.

Remember the date—November 30—during the coming Week of Prayer. Let us all plan to give most liberally to the cause of God at this time and we shall be blessed in so doing.

NEW WORKERS FOR THE Middle East Division



MISS VIOLET WENTLAND,
Dean of Women,
Middle East College



MISS IZELLA STUIWENGA
Beirut English Church
School Teacher

CAMP MEETING IN EGYPT

By L. L. Moffitt
General Conference
Sabbath School Secretary

It was my privilege to attend the entire Nile Union Campmeeting on the grounds of the Nile Union Academy on the edge of Cairo, Egypt from September 12-21, 1957.

Delegates were present from 18 churches, from Upper Egypt, Middle Egypt, and the Delta. The attendance each day was very consistent. Approximately 230 were camped on the Academy grounds and housed in dormitory rooms. All meals were served at a nominal cost in the Academy dining room and in overflow rooms and verandahs. Families, as far as possible, were seated together, and the entire camp was present at most every meal. The Sabbath attendance was augmented by about 100 people from the Cairo and Heliopolis churches.

Elder G. J. Appel, the Division President, who had recently returned from furlough to Beirut, the headquarters of the Middle East Division, was also in attendance for the latter half of the Campmeeting. Professor L. H. Cowles, Principal of the Academy and his wife gave valuable help as did W. R. Leshner newly appointed worker for Alexandria and the Delta. All of the national workers including ministers, Bible instructors, colporteurs and teachers were present.

The meeting was climaxed by a "Gospel Gem" service in which Elder Neal C. Wilson the President of the Nile Union interviewed a number of persons who had experiences of unusual interest in accepting the message. This was followed by a baptismal service at which eight candidates were baptized by Elder Appel.

One whole day of the Campmeeting beginning with the Morning Devotional was devoted to the presentation of various phases of the Sabbath School work. At the night meeting a report on the history and world wide extent of the Sabbath School was given. One of the features of the day was a round table discussion at which the various steps in the Sabbath School organization was represented, the Local Sabbath School by Sister Alice Zaglama, the S. S. Superintendent of the Heliopolis Sabbath School, the Local Conference by Brother Fakhry Naguib, the S. S. Secretary for Middle Egypt Mission, the Union by Brother Ramses Mina, the Acting Union S. S. Secretary, the Division by Elder G. J. Appel the Division S. S. Secretary, and the General Conference by the writer.

HERE AND THERE

* The Annual Meeting of the Division Committee was held in Beirut at Division Headquarters beginning November 11. General Conference representatives present were Elder E. E. Roenfelt, Associate Secretary, and Elder O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer.

* Elder L. L. Moffitt, General Conference Sabbath School Secretary, visited the division from September 12 to October 31 taking charge of camp meeting appointments, Sabbath school workshops, and conventions.

* The Division is happy to welcome back its President, Elder George J. Appel and Mrs. Appel who arrived in Beirut by P.A.A. on September 8.

* At a Dorcas Federation meeting held September 22 in Beirut, Mrs. G. T. Gott was elected President, Mrs. C. C. Crider, Assistant Leader, Miss Aida Ghazal, Secretary, and Miss Haygouhi Keushguerian, Assistant Secretary.

* Elder G. A. Keough, Educational Secretary, recently visited Iran in the interests of the Iran Training School as they begin another school year.

* On September 16 Gillian and Graham Keough left Beirut for Newbold Missionary College in England where they will continue their secondary education.

* Recent visitors to Beirut were Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Manalaysay who were returning from the United States to the Philippine Islands where Dr. Manalaysay is President of Philippine Union College. Both Dr. and Mrs. Manalaysay received their Doctorate degrees while in America. At an evening meeting held in the Middle East College chapel Dr. Manalaysay spoke on the work in the Philippines and showed colored slides. Also an accomplished musician he rendered several violin selections.

* Elder D. E. Venden, President of the Central California Conference, and Mrs. Venden passed through Beirut enroute to America from South Africa where Elder Venden conducted a number of camp meetings in the unions of that division.

* Elder and Mrs. W. R. Leshner, Eileen, and Martha, left Beirut on October 14 for Alexandria, Egypt where they will take up their new duties. Elder Leshner is Director of the Delta Section and pastor of the Sporting Church.

* The Division is happy to welcome to Beirut Miss Izella Stuiivenga. Miss Stuiivenga is a graduate of Walla Walla College and is the new teacher for the Beirut English Church School.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

* Four new staff members have been added this year. Miss Violet Wentland

from the Canadian Union College joins the staff as Dean of Girls and Instructor in Home Economics. Mr. Henry Melki, formerly Home Missionary Secretary of the East Mediterranean Union Mission, will serve as Arabic Instructor in the Secondary School. Mrs. C. C. Crider has accepted a call to serve as school nurse. Mrs. J. S. Russell will teach high school mathematics.

* Mr. and Mrs. Nourhan Ouzounian spent the summer in their home country, Turkey, where they assisted Elder Rasmussen in the Turkey Mission.

* Twenty-five students worked on labor scholarships at the College during the summer.

* Two new apartments have been completed over the store-bakery building. Misses Soper and Bryne will occupy these.

* The sidewalks of Middle East College have all been paved with asphalt. This adds considerably to not only the general appearance of the campus but makes possible keeping the buildings cleaner.

* Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Geraty, Ronny and Kathleen, arrived in Beirut on November 7 thus culminating a two-year leave of absence in the United States during which time Dr. Geraty received an M. S. in Ed. degree, a M. Ed. degree, and a Doctor of Education degree. Congratulations and welcome back President and Mrs. Geraty!

* Lawrence Geraty, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Geraty, is at present studying at the French Adventist Seminary, Collonges-sous-Saleve, in France.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* Elders Hartwell and Crider attended Biennial sessions throughout the Union, and Elder Anees Haddad and Brother Henry Melki united with them in attending the Iraq camp meeting.

* Brother Henry Melki has accepted a call to teach Arabic at Middle East College and has now taken up his new work.

* Miss Ruby Williams, Dean of Women at Middle East College for several years, has rejoined the Union as Bible Instructor.

* Brother Naim Meshni is working part time in the Voice of Prophecy office and attending Middle East College.

* On October 12 in the afternoon an impressive ceremony was held in the chapel of Middle East College when three young men, Maurice Katrib, George Raffoul, and Anees Haddad were ordained to the gospel ministry. Elder L. L. Moffitt, General Conference Sabbath School Secretary, gave the ordination prayer, Elder R. E. Osborn, Division Secretary-Treasurer, the charge,

and Elder R. H. Hartwell, the address of welcome.

* Weekend Sabbath School Conventions were held during October by Elder L. L. Moffitt, Elder George J. Appel, and Elder Anees Haddad in Amman, Beirut, and Baghdad.

* At a quiet home ceremony on September 29, Maha Saadeh became the bride of George Moujabber. Pastor Manoug Nazarian officiated. Brother Moujabber is a teacher at the Mouseitbe School and Mrs. Moujabber will continue her secretarial work in the Union. May the Lord bless these young people as they set up a Christian home together.

* On Sunday afternoon, October 27, George Issa and Widad Akar were united in marriage in the Bishmazzine Church. Elder Shukry Nowfel officiated at the ceremony. The good wishes and prayers of many friends go with them as they unite their lives together in service for Him.

CYPRUS

* Miss Ruby Williams and Elder G. A. Keough each made visits to the island recently: Elder Keough to check on some legal problems, and Miss Williams to visit the members and their friends.

IRAQ

* A Junior Camp was conducted in Shaqlawa from August 1 to 11 and we are happy to report that at the close of the camp eight juniors were baptized.

* The Shaqlawa camp meeting and Biennial Session held September 16 to 25 proved to be a blessing to a good portion of the membership.

* Hiam Hasso has now joined the working staff of the mission office.

* Brother David Ishoo has been invited to do evangelistic work in the field.

DAR ES SALAAM HOSPITAL

* The hospital staff welcomes into its midst Dr. Dorothy Turner. Her presence is greatly appreciated and we wish for her a happy term of service.

* Elder and Mrs. Wayne E. Olson, Ronnalee and David, have now arrived in Baghdad and have taken up their new duties. Elder Olson is assisting with the teaching program in the Nursing School, and will also lead out in the spiritual program of the institution. Mrs. Olson is the new teacher for the overseas children.

* Under the supervision of Brother Theo Williams, the laboratory in the hospital has been remodeled and new equipment added. This will do much toward making it a very complete and modern laboratory.

* We are happy to report that the Dar Es Salaam Association is now officially recognized by the government as a philanthropic organization. We now have approval to solicit funds and help from outside sources.

JORDAN

* Brother Najeeb Azar who has recently been transferred to the Palestine district, sends word that a new daughter, Viola, arrived on August 14.

* Brother Mousa Azar has been transferred to the Karak district and we are hoping for a strong work to be established in that area.

* Since early in the summer Brother George Khoury has been located in El-Husn following up an evangelistic effort held there. He has recently moved to Iraq to do evangelistic work in Kirkuk.

* Brother Mousa Kerkanny recently moved his family to Aramoun, Lebanon, he later leaving for Emmanuel Missionary College to enroll for school work.

* Mrs. Rose Katrib is the new principal of the Amman Girls' School and Miss Suhaila Bishara has accepted an invitation also to each in this school.

LEBANON-SYRIA

* Elder Maurice Katrib has recently moved to Bishmazine to take charge of the North Lebanon district.

* Elder D. V. Kubrock and his evangelistic company moved early in September to Sidon to care for the interests in Southwest Lebanon.

* Miss Edith Davis took charge of a Vacation Bible School Workshop in the Arabic Church in Beirut and also supervised the opening of a number of field Vacation Bible Schools in other sections of Lebanon during the month of August.

* A Lebanon Teachers' Institute was conducted by Elders Keough and Crider, and Brother Noujaim at Middle East College from September 9 to 11.

* Construction is under way on the new Aramoun school building and it is hoped that it will be ready for use during the 1957-1958 school year.

* The Lebanon-Syria camp meeting and Biennial session was held on the campus of Middle East College from September 12 to 23. A large number of delegates, workers, and believers attended the inspirational meetings.

TURKEY

* Elder and Mrs. George J. Appel visited Turkey on their return from furlough. This was their first landing place in the division and their visit was much appreciated.

IRAN

* Elder K. S. Oster, assisted by Brethren Mir Ali Asghar Montazam and Mohammad Seidol Hokama, held a series of evangelistic meetings in Kermanshah, an oil refinery center in the western part of Iran. Although there are only about eight or nine believers in that center, the attendance at the meetings averaged from twenty-five to thirty. Meetings were held six days of the week for almost two months and we pray that as a result there will be a

harvest of precious souls.

* Elder Y. O. Sangarloo held a series of evangelistic meetings in Arak, Iran and was assisted by the Arak church pastor, Gaspar Manasarian.

* The church school for children of missionaries in Tehran began on September 5 with Mrs. K. S. Oster in charge.

* Elder R. S. Darnell, Division MV Secretary, visited Isfahan from August 16 to 18 and, in association with Earl Adams, Iran Mission MV Secretary, conducted an MV Rally. A special Junior outing was also planned for the Tehran Juniors on August 21 and it was a day that will long be remembered.

* The Iran Training School under the direction of Earl Adams began the new school year the latter part of September. As the buildings at the new school property are not entirely completed the first part of the school year is being conducted in the mission compound.

NILE UNION

* The Heliopolis School has been given official permission by the Ministry of Education to operate as a Primary School for boys and girls, and as a Preparatory School for girls only. We hope this school will continue to be a blessing to our Adventist children in this area.

* Three 1957 graduates of Middle East College have taken up important posts in various capacities: Samaan Fangari as Voice of Prophecy Secretary for the Upper Egypt Mission; Angely Gayed as pastor-evangelist in Alexandria; Hanna Malaka as Dean of Boys at the Nile Union Academy.

* The most successful campmeeting known in Egypt was held at the Nile Union Academy from September 12 to 21. The theme of the camp was "Spirituality and Souls". An excellent spirit of fellowship was manifested throughout. During the week there were some 250 persons present and on Sabbaths the attendance was 350. This constitutes the largest number of Adventists to gather at one time in the history of our work in Egypt. Splendid spiritual help was given by Elder L. L. Moffitt of the General Conference, Elder George J. Appel, our Division President; Elder R. C. Darnell, Division MV Secretary, and Elder W. R. Leshar who has joined the Nile Union and is in charge of the Delta Section. Eight were baptized in an impressive service on the last Sabbath afternoon.

* The Heliopolis Church was the setting Sunday, September 29, when Elder Neal C. Wilson united in marriage Samaan Fangari and Nadia Watson. May the Lord bless this young couple as they establish a Christian home together.

* Zaher Farag recently left for the United States to take further studies.

We shall miss him but hope that he will successfully complete his studies and return to the Middle East soon.

* In spite of many difficulties our student colporteurs have made a fine showing during this summer. Some will attend Middle East College and a large number will be enrolling as students in the Nile Union Academy.

* Dr. J. Munsey and family arrived in Tripoli, Libya on October 4. We are happy to welcome them and to have them join the Benghazi Hospital where they are so much needed. Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Miller have given wonderful help in carrying the burden of the hospital while we have been waiting for new doctors.

THE GATE OF THE YEAR

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!"
And he replied: "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

CHURCH CALENDAR

Fourth Quarter 1957	
October 5-12	Voice of Prophecy Campaign
	19 MV Pathfinder Day
	26 Christian Temperance
November 2	Home Visitation Day
	16 Local Church Evangelism (Home Missionary Day)
	23-30 Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
December 7	Home Missionary Day

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

October 12	V.O.P. Offering
	26 Temperance
November 30	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering
December 7	Home Missionary

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