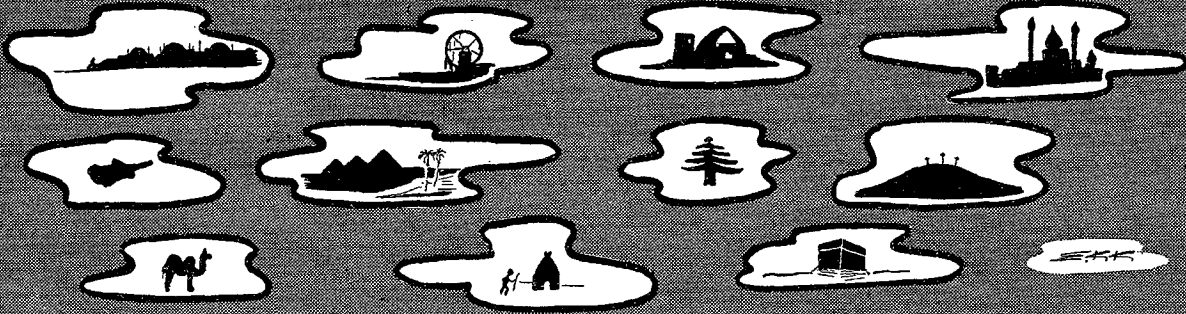


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DEDICATION OF IRAN TRAINING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

KENNETH S. OSTER,
Acting President
Iran Mission

forced the school to be conducted on a very limited basis for a while.

Looking forward to the time when these limitations would be removed, the Middle East Division accepted the request of the Iran Mission to make the Iran Training School one of the projects for the 13th Sabbath Offering overflow, proceeds from which were used in the purchase of a choice piece of property which would house the Iran Training School in the future. Many years passed, however, before funds were made available for the construction of buildings. It was not until the arrival of M. E. Adams in 1955 that definite steps were taken for the construction of a boys' dormitory and other buildings on the campus. Construction work went ahead steadily under his supervision.

November 27 was the day of thanksgiving in more than one way, for on that day the new Administration building of the Iran Training School was dedicated to the task of training young people spiritually, mentally, and physically for a life of usefulness. M. H. Morovati in his welcoming remarks pointed out very admirably the aims of the school, after which R. R. Figuhr, President of the General Conference, preached the dedicatory sermon. Our new Division President, R. A. Wilcox, presented to the guests and school family the high objectives of Christian education, and gave assurance of his hearty support of the educational work. Since organization of the Iran Mission almost half a century ago, the educational work has gone through many

crises. We truly have lots to be thankful for with the bright prospects of the Iran Training School in the future.

Although former dreams of the establishment and progress of the Iran Training School were visibly coming to pass during this dedication service, we admit that this is by no means the culmination of our hopes for the school. The Iran Training School is merely a means for attaining the goal as outlined in the Spirit of Prophecy:

"To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation



R. R. Figuhr, General Conference President officially cuts the ribbon at opening of the "ITS" Administration Building

The Iran Training School was first opened in rented quarters about fifteen kilometers north of Tehran under the able leadership of Elder Paul C. Boynton in 1946. Ups and downs in the educational field have brought many changes to the Iran Training School through the intervening years. Cecil L. Gemmell was appointed Principal of the school after Elder Boynton left. Political upheavals in the country



R. R. Figuhr, R. E. Osborn, M. H. Morovati, R. A. Wilcox, at official opening of new "ITS" building

might be realized,—this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life.”

—*Education*, pp. 15-16

It is not the bricks and mortar that make the school, but the persons in it. The physical plant is not the fulfillment of our dreams, but our dream is of Paradise where those who have walked through the halls of this building will reach for the highest rung in the school above. Our thoughts were directed to the Paradise school by the beautiful solo sung by Miss Florence Sangarloo, entitled “Dream of Paradise.”

The first time Elder Osborn visited the Iran Training School there was nothing but a water reservoir in one corner of the property. Trudging through the deep snow he and other visiting brethren looked over the future Iran Training School campus. Elder Osborn expressed his satisfaction on the progress that has been made at the school since he first saw it. Following his remarks all stood while Elder Figuhr asked God’s blessings on the institution in his dedicatory prayer. After our guest of honor cut the ribbon, Brother Morovati conducted the guests in attendance through a tour of the new building. After this he ushered them in to the newly completed dining room where a banquet had been prepared in honor of the occasion, a Thanksgiving banquet long to be remembered.

SETTING OUR SIGHTS FOR 1959

G. ARTHUR KEOUGH
Educational Secretary
Middle East Division

What shall we aim for in 1959? Quantity or Quality? Both, I hear you say. Good. We want as many as we can, as much as we can, as big as we can, but with all the quantity we want the highest quality, because quantity without quality is, in the words of the Preacher, “vanity, and a striving after wind.”

It was Dr. Charles Malik who said: “Quality is in eclipse. Quantity and size dominate.” He was speaking before the Political Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations and indicting the West. The tragedy is that his words apply to the world as a whole; men are impressed by numbers, size, power, and speed. They rarely stop to ask whether the purposes are noble, balanced, and worth while. They seldom stop to consider whether the achievements are commensurate with the expenditure of time and energy.

What does all this mean for our schools in the Middle East Division as we enter a new year? It means that

as teachers, principals, educational superintendents, secretaries, and administrators we are not going to let size fool us. We are going to look for quality in the quantity, and if the quality is not available then we shall be inclined to reduce the quantity.

It is not the number of students in the school, but the quality of teaching that matters. It is not the size of the building but the spirit of the school that determines its value. It is not equipment, however elaborate, but the contact of mind with mind which makes its influence so effective in preparing the younger generation for the duties and responsibilities of life. These are the things that we want to watch and emphasize, because these are the things that really count.

In a Christian school it is the spirit of Christ in the school that is paramount. It is a recognition that every child is important in the sight of God and must be given every opportunity to develop his talent to the utmost. It is an understanding that the physical and the mental must be complemented with the spiritual if growth and development are to be well-rounded and complete. There can be no neglect of the study of the Bible, the source of truth and light. There must be daily worship and communion with God. There must be love and work for one another so that the varying needs of the community are provided. A Christian school must be Christian in deed as well as in name.

Quantity is much easier to present than quality. It is easier to measure. Quality is difficult to photograph. Quality can be felt and appreciated, but it is difficult to appraise and cannot be compared. Herein is our difficulty when we want to make comparisons and judge progress. However, we feel that the emphasis in our schools in 1959 should be on quality rather than quantity. We shall try to expand all we can, but seek to expand in harmony with the adequate provision of quality.

It is not the number of schools, but the number of good schools in the Division that counts. It is not the number of teachers, but the number of efficient and qualified teachers that matters. It is not the number of children enrolled but the number of children adequately trained that determines our success. This means that we shall reconsider our objectives, re-evaluate our methods, re-appraise our achievements. We shall ask: Do we have quality here? Are we getting down to essentials? Or are we neglecting the weightier matters of the law while we tithe the mint and the cummin? God grant that in our schools throughout the Middle East Division in 1959 we shall be faithful to our trust in quality as well as quantity.

REPORT BLANKITIS

ANEES A. HADDAD,
Sabbath School and Missionary
Volunteer Secretary
Middle East Division

“Peter, James, John, listen every body!” Jesus might have said. “The prince of this world has a very special interest in you. He is seeking to discourage you, I know. In fact some of his most poisonous darts come after a deep spiritual experience. Let me tell you what happened to me. . .” Then Jesus probably told His disciples, whose heads were bowed with remorse at their failure, about His own experience with the devil after His baptism. He told them about the first temptation and how He overcame. Then as He started telling them about the second attack, all their eyes were transfixed upon Him. Courage was coming back to their fainting hearts. Yes, Jesus went on to tell how after the third unsuccessful attack, the angel of the Lord came to His aid to strengthen and to bless. That experience was enough to spur those disheartened disciples onto higher grounds of confidence, of faith, and of courage.

The story of Christ’s victory over Satan in the wilderness of temptation has brought untold joy and hope to millions of people throughout the ages. But can you imagine Jesus entertaining thoughts such as these: “Well, now I really should not be telling people what I do and what difficulties or successes I meet. If I should give them a report, some will misunderstand! And after all, I really believe that a person should not let his left hand know what his right hand has done, even though this really means that an individual should not boast and feel self-righteous. Furthermore, to give a report requires the expenditure of time and effort. It takes work. Reports are useless. I think it is better not to say anything.”

If this were the philosophy of Jesus, do you think His disciples after returning from their missionary tour would have bubbled over with the glad news of their accomplishments through His power and grace? Do you suppose the New Testament would be as full of reports of the disciples’ deeds as it is? No, it is very plain that a report has many advantages. If it is a report of success, it encourages the hearers or the readers, spurring them on to similar or even greater works. If it is a report of pitfalls, it warns the listeners of similar dangers and pools their judgment and advice to help both the reporter and themselves.

Reports come dressed in various attire. There is the story form, both written and oral, which is probably

the most interesting and inspiring. On the other hand there is the more condensed form which collects statistics and makes them available. Usually this latter form is supplied on report blanks, and it tells its own story just as surely as the first method does. And yet, we notice that there seems to be a fear of these "colorful" report blanks. But whether the blank is white, yellow, pink, blue, green, or any other color, it has one purpose—that of telling a story as completely as possible, and as accurately as possible.

It does take time and effort, especially as one blank carries the reminder that: "An incomplete report is an inaccurate report." Yet after the time is taken and the effort is put forth, that report blank becomes a mighty instrument of good in the hands of those concerned. It serves as an historical document. It acts as a thermometer of spiritual temperature and sanctified activities. It becomes a measuring rod. It contributes to the long and short-range planning of that particular phase of the work.

I would like to reverently consider the Bible as God's report blank—complete, and accurate. As we allow the Master to heal us of any "report blankitis" that we may have, let us strive to allow the Holy Spirit to help us fill out all report blanks as accurately, as completely, and most important as truthfully as He helped men of old fill out their Report Blank. Every report blank is a mighty instrument in the hands of the devil. Neglected, rejected, inaccurately filled out it can become Satan's beloved instrument. Well-received, well-understood, faithfully filled out, it will become God's useful tool. In what category do your report blanks fall?

DISCERNING GOD'S PURPOSE

WAYNE E. OLSON,
Ministerial Association Secretary
Middle East Division

As I look out of my window I notice that the sun that was shining so brightly early this morning is now hidden behind the darkening clouds, giving a dreary atmosphere to the landscape and indicating that there may soon be rain. I remember the beautiful bright days filled with sunshine that we have enjoyed and am tempted to complain, "Why can't we have sunshine all the time? Why do we have to have this miserable cold wet weather?" But then I am reminded that if there is no rain this winter there will be no water in the springs next summer, no fragrant flowers in the gardens, no delicious fruit on the tables, and no life-giving wheat in the fields. And so I rejoice that the all-wise God sends the rain and the sunshine.

In looking into 1959 we may be tempted to look at the clouds of difficulties overshadowing us and be tempted to complain, "Why doesn't the Lord give us sunshine every day? Why doesn't the Lord take away these obstacles?" Remember, friends, even as the clouds of winter shower the earth with life-giving water which in turn provides an abundant harvest of food for man and animals, so also God designs the clouds of difficulties to drive us closer to our Maker where we may find shelter in the Rock of Ages. There the Almighty promises to create in us a spring of spiritual life found only by the closer connection with God.

Let us enter the new year not with our eyes upon the storm, but rather with them focused upon the Master of heaven and earth. Notice the following description of God's purpose in allowing difficulties to come. "In God's service obstacles must be met and difficulties encountered. Events belong to God; and His servants must meet with difficulties and opposition; for they are His chosen methods of discipline and His appointed conditions of sure progress, advancement, and success. But I entreat the servants of the Lord Jesus to remember that there is a work which may be done quietly, without arousing that strong opposition which closes hearts to the truth." *Evangelism*, p. 445.

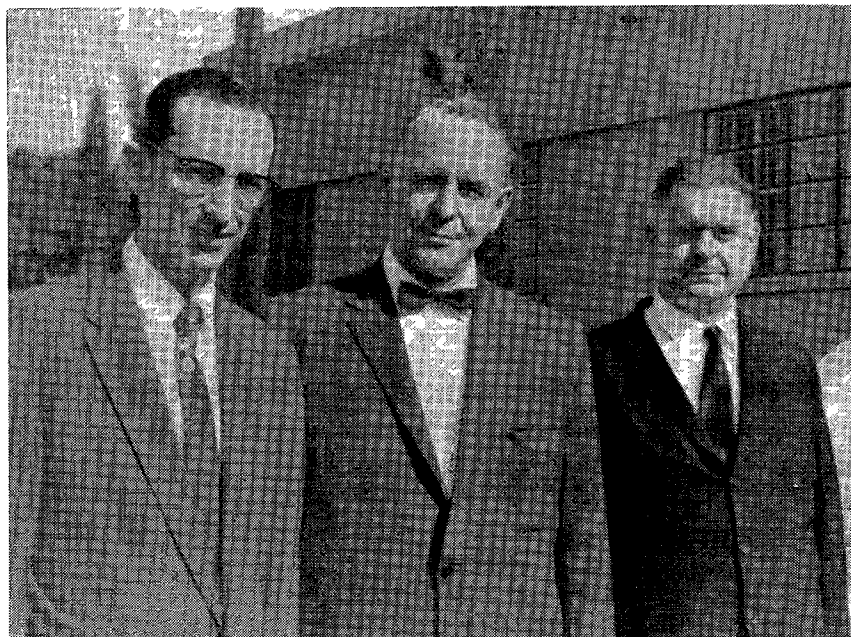
So, fellow-worker in God's great harvest field, let us take courage and press forward placing our trust in the Master of heaven and earth. Let us rededicate ourselves to His service, praying that His Spirit may direct our lives throughout the new year.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE "REVIEW"

Increasingly during the years one of the great objectives of the church paper has been to bind the home field to the great overseas fields where more than 70 per cent of our membership now resides. I think it imperative that we be thus bound together if we are to maintain unity and to secure from the home base a constantly increasing liberality. Now, we feel that the church paper, the REVIEW AND HERALD, can today be of distinct service in holding our people together, even as it has been in the days gone by. Actually, that service is rendered in no small degree by our overseas missionaries and other leaders who send in to the REVIEW a continual stream of reports. These reports enable our people in the home base ever to have vividly before them a picture of just what is taking place out in the far corners of the earth. That means that they can see how their mission offerings, their liberality, their sacrifice have been translated into great victories for the Advent Movement. And to the extent that the hearts of our people in the homeland are kept sensitive to the fact that the Advent Movement is growing and gaining greater victories all the while, to that extent will offerings grow to expand the work overseas.

And so I appeal to you to send in to us ever and anon heart-warming, human-interest stories of the growth of the message in all the corners of the earth. I don't care if you are up in Eskimoland, down at the lowest tip of

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MIDDLE EAST DIVISION OFFICERS

R. E. Osborn, Treasurer and Auditor, R. A. Wilcox, President, and R. H. Hartwell, Secretary

THREE LICENSED MINISTERS MARRY IN LEBANON



George Khoury and Venice Simon, who works in the Union Voice of Prophecy Office, were married by Elders R. H. Hartwell and Anees Haddad at Middle East College January 4, 1959. The chapel was overflowing with the host of friends and relatives.

Brother George is the Publishing Department Secretary for Lebanon, and Assistant Publishing Secretary for the East Mediterranean Union.



Aram Aghassian and Miss Lucine Djabraian were married by Elder Manoug Nazirian, assisted by Elders Shukri Nowfel and R. H. Hartwell, at the Beirut Protestant Church on December 25, 1958. The service was in Armenian for the most part.

Brother Aram is Associate Pastor of the Beirut Armenian Church, as well as Home Missionary Secretary for Lebanon.



Salam Aboujaudi and Haifa Moujabber were married at the College Park Church, Middle East College by Elders R. H. Hartwell and A. A. Haddad on September 7, 1958. Soon after, they went to Nicosia to care for the interest of the church and for evangelism in that area until the arrival of an overseas worker. They report two as already definitely preparing for baptism, and others showing good interest.

Brother Simon appears to us to be

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South America, or over in the South Pacific, Africa, or elsewhere. We are interested in what is happening in the Advent Movement in every corner of the earth.

You don't have to write a long story. You don't have to be a literary light of the first order to be able to write something good. If your story has real merit, if there is something heart-warming about it, we might be able to help you a bit with a split infinitive and a few dangling participles. If you are thinking of sending us something of length, drop us a line ahead of time, and we will write you, to help you shape it in such a way that it will accomplish the maximum. Don't fail to send us good pictures, if possible, and always use airmail. We like promptness. It is the essence, always, of good journalism.

One last thought. Don't send to us dry, formal reports of a conference session, or anything akin to it. It's not that we don't think that conference sessions are important, but a formal report of them is generally as dry as the hills of Gilboa of dew and rain. Tell us what happened as a *result* of that conference meeting—the new work that began, the new developments, the souls saved. Give us something that pulsates, that has warmth, that has color, that will burn into the hearts of the souls of men and women and into their pocket books as well, that the treasury of God may be filled to overflowing.

FROM HERE AND THERE

The following encouraging words were received in a letter from Elder Clinton Lee, sponsor of the Foreign Missions Band at Emmanuel Missionary College, telling of some of the activities of Jabbour Simon, a former student of Middle East College who is presently taking the pre-medical course at Emmanuel Missionary College:

Sabbath evening, November 15, 1958, Jabbour Simon was the speaker at the regular meeting of Christ's Foreign Legion of Emmanuel Missionary College. He gave a wonderful description of our work in Lebanon and made us all feel a deep interest in the mission of the Advent Movement in that field and the Middle East Division. We could understand why it is difficult for people there to accept this message. We felt how precious each believer is in the sight of the Lord. We felt the ties of love for the church of Lebanon and the Middle East strengthened.

a very conscientious Christian young man and he is well liked here. He told us that he wanted opportunity to do more for the Master while here in school. We plan to make use of his talents. He is anxious to finish his education here as soon as possible and return to the Middle East to give all that he is to the finishing of the mission of the Advent Movement. As he told us of the openings made for the truth by the Temperance work we could see how the prediction of Sister White that this work would do much for the finishing of our mission is being fulfilled.

Encouraging letters have also been received from other former students of Middle East College, including Michael Nabti and Denise Noujaim, now studying at Pacific Union College, and Shake Shennar who is studying at Washington Missionary College.

* R. C. Darnell writes from Ann Arbor, Michigan that he has just passed his first semester examinations at

the Michigan State University, where he is studying Arabic. He obtained the highest grades of anyone in the class.

* Word from C. C. Crider indicates that Sister Crider is well on her way to M. S. degree in Nursing Education, and he is enrolling for some advanced work in Social Sciences in the University of Southern California.

* 10,000 "Hope" magazine subscriptions in 1959 is our goal for this Arabic language periodical containing the truth. Elder Wilcox suggests that it would be a fine idea to place this journal in every hotel in the Middle Eastern Arab lands.

* New arrivals to be enrolled in the Cradle Roll Department of your Sabbath schools are as follows:

Na'ila, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Mousa Azar

Gregory Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Anderson

Shareen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Akrawi

Hanna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Issa

Habib, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melki

Serina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bitar

Katie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Najeeb Azar

John, son of Pastor and Mrs. George Raffoul

* Brother and Sister J. L. Sprout, and their daughter Margaret, arrived in Beirut February 5. They were driving a Simca car through to Iran. They are to be connected with the Iran Training School, and have been sent from the United States for this purpose.

* Elders Wilcox and Olson report that some fifty evangelistic efforts are now being planned for the year 1959.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* The prospects are that the Beirut Auditorium will be completed in a few months. We are happy that Najeeb Ghazal, the contractor, is recovering from his sickness enough to take rides in a car.

* The Union Session held in Brumanna, Lebanon, November 20 to 25 was given much inspiration by the presence of the General Conference President, R. R. Figuhr; a General Conference Field Secretary, F. A. Mote; and the new Division President, R. A. Wilcox, as well as the major part of the Middle East Division staff. Elder G. J. Appel spoke on Sabbath afternoon, and soon after that returned to the States.

* The delegates at the Union Session accepted the report of the Nominating Committee which recommended the suggestions made by the Division that as far as possible the Division care for

the interests of the Union as well, exceptions being that A. W. Fund will continue as Union Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor, and George Khoury will serve as Assistant Publishing Secretary for the Union.

* This means that Elder R. A. Wilcox is to be Union President; Elder G. A. Keough will be Voice of Prophecy, Educational, Religious Liberty, and Public Relations Secretary; Elder R. C. Darnell, Publishing and Radio Secretary; Elder R. H. Hartwell, Home Missionary Secretary (in addition to his duties as Secretary of the Division); Elder A. A. Haddad, Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Secretary; Dr. Wm. Wagner, Medical Secretary; and Elder R. E. Osborn, Temperance Secretary (in addition to his duties as Treasurer and Auditor for the Division).

* Philip Srour has now taken over his new duties as Director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School in Beirut. This is our Union Correspondence School handling lessons in Arabic, Armenian, Turkish, English, and French.

CYPRUS

* The General Conference has informed us that they have a missionary definitely under appointment for Cyprus who knows the Greek language. We are thankful for this encouraging word.

IRAQ

* Fuad Elaimy was recently appointed Publishing Secretary for the S. D. A. Church of Iraq. He has done considerable service in this department before.

* Plans have been approved for the new Baghdad Central Church building, and it is expected that the contract will soon be let.

* Elder Said Tooma and his family have moved to Kirkuk to care for the church interests in that field.

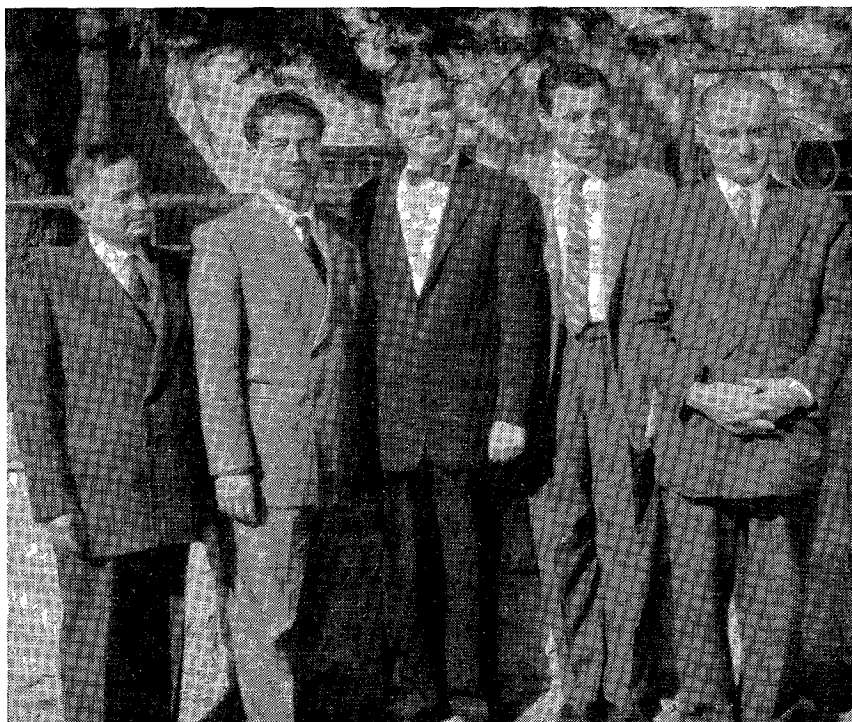
* Adnan Fargo, who graduated from Middle East College last June, has now taken up his new duties as Secretary-Treasurer of the S. D. A. Church of Iraq. This will bring new strength to the work in that country.

JORDAN

* Shehada Halabi and his bride, the former Miss Mary Ewas, have located in Kerak, where he is in charge of both the church and the school.

* Antoine Jabbour has moved to Amman and started his work as Secretary-Treasurer of the S. D. A. Church of Jordan. Thus a great need in that field has been supplied. Brother Antoine is a Lebanese.

* Habib Bishara and Miss Laurice Abboud were married by Elder Chafic Srour in the Amman Church in September.



Salim Noujaim, Chafic Srour, Benjamin Mondics, Behnam Arshat, and Towfic Issa at Brumanna's East Mediterranean Union Session - Representatives from Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq, and Syria.

* Plans are now laid for ten public evangelistic efforts in Jordan in 1959. Four of them are starting in January.

LEBANON

* This mission has been reorganized with Brother Salim Noujaim as President, and George Yared continuing as Secretary-Treasurer. The present membership is about 450. Salim Hasbany has been elected Secretary of the Sabbath School, Missionary Volunteer, Temperance, and Public Relations departments. George Khoury is to care for the Publishing Department, Aram Aghassian continues in the Home Missionary Department, and Brother Salim Noujaim carries the Education and Religious Liberty Departments.

* Elder George Raffoul has been appointed leader of the North Lebanon District.

* George Issa is to carry on evangelistic work in the Sidon area again.

* Elders Maurice Katrib and Anees Haddad have been appointed Pastors of the Beirut Arabic Church in addition to their other duties.

* Work has been resumed on the new church building at Mouseitbe in Beirut.

* Three new rooms are being built for the new school building at Bishmazzine in North Lebanon.

* The four new school rooms for the Beirut Armenian School are completed and now in use. This is a great improvement for that school.

SYRIA

* Elder Towfic Issa was recently appointed as Director of the S. D. A. Church in Syria, and Ibrahim Hanna is the Treasurer. Believers in Syria have reconsecrated their lives to the Lord and His service.

TURKEY

* Elder and Sister B. J. Mondics and their two boys arrived in Istanbul several months ago, and are doing their best to arrange to get their belongings out of customs and settle in their home. In spite of delays of unexpected kinds they are of good courage. Their many friends in Turkey were delighted to have them back again.

* Elders R. R. Figuhr, R. A. Wilcox, and R. E. Osborn, as well as Dr. T. S. Geraty, were recent visitors in Istanbul, and Ankara.

NILE UNION NEWS

* The Nile Union Colporteur Institute

under the direction of Wadie Farag, Division Publishing Secretary, was held at the Nile Union Academy from May 29 to June 1. Forty-nine colporteurs and prospective colporteurs attended this institute, and learned that "God will do the work if we will furnish Him the instruments."

* The film "One in 20,000" has been shown in Assuit, Minia, Beni Suef, Suez, and at various places in the Cairo area. The Cairo Arabic newspaper "The Daily News" recently contained an article advising all the people of Egypt, especially the youth, to see this film. Since then, many requests from governors, factory managers, and other leading people have been received to show the film.

* On Sabbath, June 28, fourteen were baptized in the Heliopolis Church. Eleven of these became members in Heliopolis, and three which were baptized by Elder Leshner were the first fruits of the work of Farris Bishai in Port Said.

* On July 7 and 8 in Assuit a workers' meeting was held for the pastors and teachers of the Upper Egypt Section, at which time a baptismal service was conducted for ten young men. These new members were from the towns of Luxor, Bahgoura, Beni Adiat, Nakhela, and one is a first baptized member from Abnoub. Several of these young men canvassed this year and hope to enter the Seminary.

* The wedding of Hanna Malaka and Ruth Nashed was solemnized on July 15 at the Heliopolis Church. Elder C. V. Brauer officiated at the ceremony. Brother and Sister Malaka make their home at apartment No. 4, Nile Union Academy. Brother Hanna, who was dean of boys at the academy last year, assumes the duties of farm manager this year besides his regular teaching load.

* After a delay of several months, due to visa difficulties, the Wilmot family arrived in Egypt. Richard W. Wilmot, his wife Naomi, and sons Rickie and Steve, are making their home in the union apartment. Brother Wilmot is the new Secretary-Treasurer for the Nile Union.

* Elder A. G. Zytoskee was elected president of the Nile Union and has accepted this call to return to the Middle East. Latest word from the Zytoskees indicates that they will soon be on their way.

* Attending the Nile Union Session were R. R. Figuhr, President of the General Conference; R. A. Wilcox, new President of Middle East Division; and R. E. Osborn, Treasurer of the Division. The Nile Union is grateful for their presence and counsel at the session.

* The Nile Union Session held Dec. 1-4, 1958, voted a reorganization of the work in Egypt, bringing the entire

field under one organization called the Egypt Section of S. D. A. The Nile Union Committee, officers, and departmental secretaries will also serve in the same capacity for the Section. The land of Egypt has been divided into eleven districts, each under a district leader. The districts and their leaders are as follows:

Alexandria	W. R. Leshner
Central Delta	William Gayed
Eastern Delta	Nassif Boutros
Canal Zone	Farris B. Bishai
Cairo	A. G. Zytoskee
Fayoum	Nashed Yacoub
Beni Souef	Naguib Mossad
Minia	Fakhry Naguib
Assuit	Fikry Mikhail
Sohag	Abadir A. Messih
Far Upper Egypt	

Under Committee Direction

* On July 8 the workers and members living in the Cairo area held a farewell party for the Ramses Mina family. Brother Ramses, who was the Nile Union Secretary-Treasurer, has received a position in a telephone company in Chicago, Illinois. We wish them God's blessing, and trust that this move, although meaning a great loss to the Nile Union, will help him educate his family for greater service to the cause of God.

* Several of the workers and members were at the port to bid farewell to the Wilsons when they left Alexandria harbor April 19 for furlough. A farewell party was held for the Wilsons April 8 at Heliopolis. Elder Wilson and family gave 13 years of labor for the work in Egypt, and will long be remembered.

* On June 29 the graduating program of the Nile Union Academy was held in an evening service on the academy lawn. Elder C. V. Brauer was the speaker, and in his address applied the graduating class aim "Forever Upward" and its motto "Always True" to the future success of the graduates. The 1958 graduating class are: Nadie Wadie, President; Habib Banna, Saad Khillah, and Fathi Nassif.

* The faculty and students of the Nile Union Academy spent a memorable two-day holiday trip to Suez.

* During the first week of June the Spring Week of Prayer was conducted at Nile Union Academy. Elder Hilmy Berbawy, at that time President of the Upper Egypt Section, was the speaker. Many decisions for Christ were made during the Week of Prayer.

* On June 14 seven Master Guides were invested along with many others from the other classes at an investiture service held at the Nile Union Academy.

* Hanna Malaka has led out in sponsoring the M. V. class work at Nile Union Academy this year, and over-

half of the students were active and were either invested or obtained honors.

* The new departmental secretaries serving both the Union and the Section are as follows:

Wadie Farag: Radio, Temperance, Religious Liberty, and Director of Voice of Prophecy

Hilmy Berbawy: Publishing, Home Missionary, and Public Relations

C. V. Brauer: Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer

Hanna Watson: Educational

Hilal Dose: Ministerial

Dr. Jay P. Munsy: Medical

* The first floor of the Cairo Center is rapidly nearing completion, and the Cairo Church hopes to meet there soon. Elder Hilal Dose is in charge of this new evangelistic project in the heart of Cairo.

* Recently the Alexandria Church was recognized by the government, and this will mean new freedom for evangelistic work in Alexandria. Also the Central Egypt Welfare Society was officially recognized, and the other two welfare societies will shortly receive recognition.

* The building that has been used as rented quarters for our believers in Assuit has now been purchased as a church home. We are hoping that it will be possible in the near future to secure such places of worship for our membership in the cities of Egypt.

* On Sunday evening, November 30, 1958, Leon Azer Magrissy and Saadiya Rizk were married in the Assuit Church. Elder Hilmy Berbawy officiated. This new couple will make their home in Luxor where Brother Leon is labouring.

* Recent babies born to our workers' families include a baby girl "Wafia" born to Wadie and Dola Farag; a baby boy "Wassin" born to Hanna and Huda Gad; and a baby boy "Baher" born to Samaan and Nadia Fangari.

ADVENTIST THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE (Nile Union Academy)

* The Institute enrollment has reached 50, which is a record for the school. The students have recently moved into the new dormitory, although there is still some finishing work to be done before it is completed.

* At our Union Session it was voted to adopt a seminary type of program for the academy and to rename the institution, "The Adventist Theological Institute." This change was necessary in order to continue to operate as a training school in view of government laws and restrictions.

* The latest addition to the Institute staff is Samaan Fangari who with his wife are now living in the dean's apartment. Brother Samaan is the dean of men and head of the Ministerial Department at the Institute.

DAR ES SALAAM HOSPITAL

The families that left Baghdad last summer are now back in Iraq, and it is good to have them at the hospital again.

* It is good to have the new unit added to the hospital building, known as "the new annex" or "the poor clinic," now being completed. It not only provides the needed facilities for the poor clinic, but also it houses the nursing school classroom unit, as well as much needed store room space.

* Previously we had two homes for our senior overseas staff families. Now two more have been added. These will be occupied by other of our senior overseas staff.

* A Fall effort with Friday evening meetings has been held by Elder W. E. Olson.

* We congratulate six of our graduate nurses who have now passed the Iraq government examination for registration as nurses in Iraq. They are: Susan Nathan, Rosa Ayoub, Widad Meshni, Samira Deeb, Kathrine Deeb, and Geneva Alajaji.

* In spite of the heavy rains and muddy roads, the hospital has been well patronized. The doctors, nurses, and other hospital workers have had a busy season with plenty to do.

ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

* The Adventist Hospital in Benghazi, Libya, has for the last three months been privileged to have the services of Dr. Raymond Auvil of Loma Linda, California, and the unexpected assistance of Dr. Genevieve Joy-Ubbink, who after being evacuated from Baghdad located in Benghazi and gave valuable service to the hospital.

* The Benghazi Hospital in recent months has welcomed two new nurses, Miss Rae Anna Brown, acting director of nurses, and Miss Natiga Nakhla, a recent graduate of Dar Es Salaam Hospital.

* Lately, at our Union Session, it was voted that the Benghazi Hospital should in the future be a division institution.

Middle East College

President, Dr. T. S. Geraty

Dean, K. L. Vine

Treasurer, G. T. Gott

* Middle East College started the 1958-59 school year with 104 students who come to us from six of the Middle East countries. We are certainly glad that the political conditions have improved and that we are able to carry on our educational program without any difficulty.

* The college music department is becoming popular since E. D. McGhee started to organize instrumental bands. At the present time there are three bands and each of them is accomplishing much. The first band concert was presented during the Middle East College Constituency Meeting. Brother McGhee is head of the Social Science and Fine Arts Department.

* The college family enjoyed a very inspirational Autumn Week of Prayer under the leadership of Elder W. R. Leshner from Alexandria, Egypt. His theme was "Ready and Waiting for Jesus." At the close of the Week of Prayer a Bible Study Group was organized. We hope that many in this class will take their stand during the coming months and be baptized.

* Elder K. L. Vine, the college Dean of Studies, was invited to conduct the December Week of Prayer in the Iran Training School. We know

that his ministry in Iran brought inspiration and blessings to the young people in the school.

* The college family will long remember the inspiring message which was presented by Elder W. A. Fagal during his recent visit in Lebanon. Elder Fagal has been visiting the different countries in the Middle East.

* Elder and Mrs. Royal Brandstater from Australia have been visiting their son, Dr. B. Brandstater and family, in Lebanon. The college family was happy that Elder Brandstater was able to take a Sabbath morning service at the College Park Church.

* Middle East College was privileged to be host at a banquet for the delegates to the 1958 Quadrennial Session of the Middle East Division.

* Middle East College Elementary School has an enrollment this year of 40 students. Three college students are helping in the teaching at the school, and are thereby gaining training for later teacher assignments.

* Elder Maurice Katrib of the Middle East Press conducted a successful and inspiring Week of Prayer at the Middle East College Elementary School.

Plan For The Disaster

"If you had seen a thousand refugee children gathered under one Vienna roof at Christmas—every one a child without a country—you could understand the blessing of being a citizen of a land of liberty.

And Famine

If you had seen ten thousand refugees of India floods sleeping in Calcutta streets under the open sky, you could assess the true value of a sheltering roof and a bed with blankets and sheets.

Relief Of-

If you had seen a hundred thousand Arab refugees from Israel clothed in rags, tied together with bits of string, you could really appreciate the daily luxury of selecting a wardrobe from a well-stocked closet.

fering

If you had seen just one of a half million fatherless Korean children, burned, twisted, legless or blinded casualties of war and famine, you would give daily thanks to God for home, family, sound body, and three square meals.

All these I have seen, So indelibly etched in memory are these sights, I see them again and again when I think of my country, my home, my bed, my wardrobe, my dinner steaming on the table. Day and night the vision rises before me of the homeless and hungry millions of other lands. . . .

Can we ask God to bless what we refuse to share liberally with our hungry and destitute brothers?"
—By C. E. Guenther

One aged brother who was retired sent his whole month's pension check, writing on the envelope "I don't like to hear of anyone starving, I've always had enough to eat." How about you? Let's make the offering on May 16 a most generous one.

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In Churches

MAY 16 1959



CHURCH CALENDAR

First Quarter 1959

March	7	Home Missionary Day
March	14-21	M. V. Week of Prayer
March	21	Temperance Commitment Day
March	28	Thirteenth Sabbath
April	4	Home Visitation & V.O.P. Day
May	2	Home Missionary Day
May	9	Medical Missionary Day

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

March	7	Foreign Missions
April	4	Voice of Prophecy
April	25	S. S. Expense
May	2	Church Missionary
May	16	DISASTER & FAMINE RELIEF

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