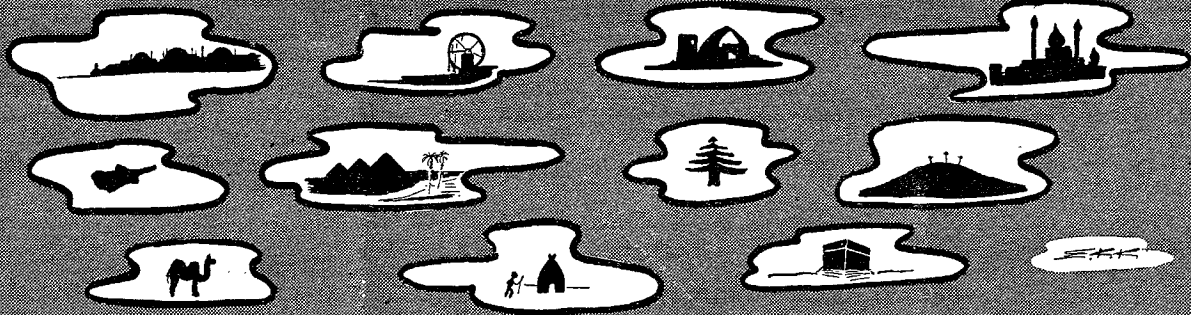


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## MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE SENIOR CLASS PRESENTATION

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To the tune of the lilting Grand Assembly March the college senior class of '59 filed up a specially-constructed staircase on March 4, 1959 to the rostrum at Middle East College for their class presentation.

In introducing his class, Professor George T. Gott, the sponsor, stated that "its members represent five different countries of the Middle East . . . and that the total time consumed by the members of this class in preparing at MEC (for graduation) is forty-three years . . . these candidates for graduation have taken a total of 345 one-year courses at Middle East College." He concluded with a tribute: "I have been impressed especially with the devotion to Godly service exemplified in the life of each one, and with the spirit of humility. These are two very important attributes in workers for God in these days."

Uniquely, the members of the class sat under the initial letter of their given names corresponding to the words of the class aim and motto, such as Manuk under the *M* of "Mighty", Anoush under the *A* of "Achievements", and Habib under the *H* of "Him". As the service progressed, each of the seven prospective seniors spoke briefly on the meaning of the words under which they sat: "Mighty Achievements for Him" (Aim) and "Service, not Fame, Needed Now" (Motto).

As a perfect number, they were cleverly introduced individually by loved ones, roommates, or intimate friends among the student body. Two were fortunate to be introduced by sisters. Echoes heard of introductions included: *Of Manuk Benzaitian*: "His unselfish character . . . his love for the study of

the Word of God . . . his enthusiasm . . . his deep bass voice . . . May God bless him as he responds to the call for the saving of souls in the land of Turkey. . . ."

*Of Miss Anoush Keshishzade*: In Iran "she grew tall, slender, and graceful like a lovely Persian princess. . . . Her friendly and yet responsible disposition has given her many responsibilities at the college. . . . A teacher that will not only teach lessons from a textbook, but who will lead them to the great Master Teacher, Christ. . . ."

*Of Habib Aboujauda*: "I have known this person all my life. I am quite acquainted with his disposition. . . . This young man has an unselfish spirit. . . . He loves to help and I am sure the Lord has a special place for him in his work. . . . I am proud to present to you my brother. . . ."

*Of Salim Hasbani*: He has been "not only faithful in his work (as assistant colporteur leader), but he has also lived up to the principles of our faith. He has proved his helpful and humble spirit at the college as well as in the work" of the mission.

*Of Faiz Samuel*: . . . He "comes from Alexandria, Egypt. He is quite a hard worker, and determines to work hard always. He has come to the place now when he can leave Middle East College

to fill a special place in the Lord's work."

*Of Miss Nazeera Ghazal*: She "has had the distinctive privilege of getting her education in Lebanon. For seven years she has been my classmate. She has been an ideal student, building and establishing her education on Christ. Kind, courteous, clever, and pleasing in every trait of her character."

*Of Naim Mashni*: "This little baby grew up a little distance away from where Jesus was born with a desire to be an ambitious young boy. Success has always been his goal. MEC served a vital part in his training. After finishing as a professional senior he served Christ five years as preacher and teacher. . . . With a great honor now I present to you the one who was born with Christ, whose aim is to serve Christ in the city of Christ, and to live eternally with Him."

In the dedication prayer which followed, the class was presented to God as a perfect number, composed of imperfect individuals who sought full growth and stature in Christ Jesus and who sought with His Spirit to serve with mighty achievement.

The postlude left a grand finale in the minds of the school family, neighbors, and friends present, as the impact of dedication for service was felt by all.

## SACREDNESS OF THE FAMILY RELATION

RAYMOND H. HARTWELL, *Secretary*, Middle East Division

Someone has said that, "Home is the place where we are treated the best and grumble the most." While too often this is true, yet there are faithful wives who smile and appear to be cheerful when their hearts are almost breaking

because of husbands who have proved untrue. Likewise there are many husbands who are greatly hindered in their work because their wives are grumbling and complaining most of the time.

Every family is surrounded by a sa-

cred circle which should never be broken. No person outside of the immediate family has any right to come into this circle. There are confidences that the husband and wife mutually enjoy, but which must never be shared with another. In homes where this rule is strictly followed love will reign supreme. In such homes the angels will love to be present — other things being equal.

Rather than waiting for each other to show love and sympathy the husband and wife should each be quick to give love to the other. By seeking to see the good qualities in one another great happiness will be brought into the home. Love will always cover up a multitude of sins and mistakes, and will see all the good traits in a companion. When each member of the home sees that he or she is appreciated love and satisfaction will greatly increase. Words of appreciation and kindness are not expensive, but they always have big value.

Cheerfulness and happiness in the home are very necessary. Expensive furniture and luxury do not produce happiness. Many a home has these, but lacks the real essentials of a home because the sacred circle has been broken and another has been allowed to enter what should have been kept private. Each member of the home should at the very start determine never to grieve or injure each other. Every person who becomes married should be prepared for emergencies, for better or for worse, and at no time after imagine that the marriage was a mistake or even a disappointment. Many times Satan tempts folk to entertain such thoughts, but we must resist all of his suggestions. Often the entertaining of such thoughts leads to great dissatisfaction and sometimes husbands and wives cause a real gulf to be formed between them by telling these troubles to a third party of the opposite sex. The sacred family circle must not be broken by mistakes of this kind.

Family troubles should only be told to the Lord. But if a person insists on telling some human beings about such matters, at least they should never be told to a person of the opposite sex. The Bible unfolds the principles which are the safeguard of the family, and without these principles no man or woman can have happiness and honor in this life or obtain eternal life hereafter. What are these principles?

First, let it be noted that God saw the wisdom of giving to Adam one wife. He saw that it was not good for man to live alone, but He did not provide more than one wife, and where another has been taken into any family it has resulted in bringing unhappiness and many perplexing problems. In the case of Sarah and Abraham

troubles multiplied as soon as another was brought within the circle as a member of the family. God directed that Sarah, the true wife and mother, should alone enjoy the affection of her husband, Abraham, and so Hagar, who was not the real wife, was sent away after provision was made for her livelihood.

It should also be noted that the woman was made to be a helpmeet for man, and when God presented her for the first time to her husband, He said, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Gen. 2:24. The happiness of many homes has been marred by failure to observe this principle. In some cases the husband has allowed his mother to make his wife unhappy. In every case the husband and wife must mean more to each other than any other human being. The father and mother should not in any case be forgotten or neglected, but a sacred circle is formed when a new family is begun and the wife must be the queen in the home.

When Jesus lived among men He was grieved to see so many homes broken up. He said, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Matt. 19:6. Divorce was no more instituted by Christ than was Sunday keeping, and He in no way approved of either. Today we see homes broken up by the thousands, and this one proof that Jesus is coming again soon. But marriage should be lasting, and its participants should always remember that they are life companions. They must prevent anything from breaking this union. However, Jesus did say that in case the other member of the family actually broke the union by committing fornication, then the innocent party would be free from the marriage vow. Such an act however must never be an imaginary one. And the so-called innocent party should make certain that no failure of his or hers has lead the other partner into temptation. Each member of the home must show confidence in the other and not be doubtful, suspicious, or jealous. Sometimes the manifestation of a lack of confidence destroys true love, and when this is once gone the home is in danger.

When one who is unconverted has entered the marriage relation and later becomes a Christian, he must remember that his conversion places upon him a greater obligation to be faithful to his companion, even though their religious faith be widely different. While God came first, yet the attentions shown early to the wife are to be continued. Marriage is to be the beginning of love, and this is to be stronger after the conversion than before. In this way the companion may often be won to Christ.

Why is it that so many Adventist parents fail to bring the entire family to the church service? The children need the benefit of these religious services while they are young before other influences have begun to draw them into the world. Why is it that more has not been done to bring the husbands of our Adventist sisters into the church family? They are brothers-in-law to the rest of us. Let us pray and invite until we shall as united families be ready for Jesus to come.

Never should a husband show familiarity with female hired help or with any other woman for that matter. Men who are doing the Lord's work will not enjoy the flattery of women, nor will they be so indiscrete as to allow women to flatter them. The rule will be "Hands off." Married men and women should strictly follow this rule even in associating with single folk of the opposite sex.

In such matters we are to avoid even the appearance of evil. In case a woman wants to tell her family troubles to one of our brothers he should insist that she tell them to one of the sisters and not to him. Familiarity has led to ruin in many cases. Family happiness has been lost, and in some cases even suicide has been a result.

We are living in the days which Jesus predicted when, like the days of Noah, imaginations of the heart of man would be evil continually, and, as in the days of Lot moral standards are left to trail in the dust. These are the days of which Paul wrote to Timothy saying that men would be "without natural affection." In these days of moral laxness and looseness how important that we as God's peculiar people should earnestly pray that every thought be brought into captivity to Christ.

In each home the husband and father should be careful to maintain his loyalty to his marriage vows. "How circumspect should be his character, lest he should encourage thoughts in young girls, or even in married women, that are not in accordance with the holy standard, the commandments of God." vol. 5, p. 594 of *Testimonies for the Church*. God will mark sin against the one who transgresses no matter how high his position or how great his influence.

God has given instruction to both ancient and modern Israel against marriage with unbelievers. Marriage is to be "Only in the Lord" because we are not to be "unequally yoked together with unbelievers." If the sacredness of the home is appreciated by those expecting to establish a home they will seek God's instruction and to do His will, and after it has been followed and the home established accordingly, they

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## EXACTLY 110 DOLLARS

WILLIAM A. FAGAL, *Speaker,*  
Faith for Today

When I was a senior in college I learned a lesson that made an indelible impression upon my mind; it showed me beyond all doubt that God keeps His promises to those who are faithful in returning to Him the tithe.

As far back as I can remember I always wanted to be a minister in God's cause. My parents encouraged me in my desire, making it possible for me to enroll in Atlantic Union College to secure this preparation.

College for me, however, came right in the midst of the great depression of the 1930's and while my parents were anxious to help me all they possibly could reversals limited them considerably after my first year. I was proud and happy to undertake the responsibility of working my way through college after that. While every moment had to be accounted for either in work or in study, yet it didn't seem hard, and each day brought me nearer my goal. During the summers I canvassed, and during the school years the college provided me with employment.

However, upon completing my summer's work just before my senior year and after applying all my earnings against a debt that had accumulated at the college during my junior year, I found that I was to start my last year in college \$110 in debt. That \$110 seemed enormous. I could not see how I could possibly get it paid before graduation.

In figuring out what I would probably earn during my senior year, I found that I could likely earn enough to pay my current expenses, but I would have nothing left with which to wipe out the past debt. A rule of the college was that all indebtedness must be paid before a student would be allowed to graduate.

After thinking it all through, the thought came to me, "If I didn't pay tithe during my senior year, I would have just about enough to meet current expenses, wipe out the past debt, and graduate with my class." As I continued to entertain the thought, the more certain I was that this was the solution. I reasoned that God would not want anybody to pay tithe while he was in debt. However, I decided to secure some counsel before entering on such a course of action.

The same afternoon, while walking across the campus, I met the head of the theological department, L. H. Hartin, whom I admired and respected greatly. While we stood beneath an old apple tree that grew close by the

walk, I explained to him my dilemma and my solution. I asked him if he thought I was thinking clearly, concluding with the query, "Do you think God expects me to pay tithe when I am in debt?"

I shall never forget his reply. Earnestly he said, "You really are in trouble, aren't you? I had not realized your problem before, and if any individual ever needs a great deal of the Lord's blessing, I am sure you do. As a matter of fact, you need more of God's blessing than I do because you are in debt and I am not." Then he added quietly, "There is only one way that I know of to secure God's blessing and that is to be faithful with the tithe. To those who will prove Him He has promised that He will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing so that there will not be room enough to receive it."

I had my answer. I decided to step out in faith and pay the tithe no matter what happened. Month after month proved to be just as I had figured it out. I had enough to meet current expenses after I had paid tithe, but not a penny to apply on the old indebtedness. A few weeks before graduation, I was called into the business office and asked if I expected to meet this debt before graduation. I assured the business manager of the college that the bill would be met and that he could definitely plan on my graduating.

At the time I had no idea how the bill was to be met. Nevertheless, I sent out invitations for commencement weekend just as all the rest of the class did. I rehearsed with them and, in fact, undertook a responsibility in connection with commencement, for I had been elected president of my class. Still I had no idea how the bill was to be paid.

Then the "windows of heaven" started to open. Some of my relatives and friends who knew absolutely nothing of my problem sent gifts for graduation. The other students in the class received watches, fountain pens, et cetera, but I received not a single one of these. Instead, all of my gifts were cash, the total amounting to exactly \$110. The last ten dollars arrived the very morning of commencement, and just prior to the service I walked into the business office and, while dressed in cap and gown, laid down the amount to completely wipe out my bill. Do you see why I am convinced that God keeps His promises when we are faithful with the tithe?

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY — A CHALLENGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

BY G. ARTHUR KEOUGH

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is thankful for the many privileges it enjoys in the Middle East. It is able to conduct a hospital in Banghazi, Libya. It operates two schools in the Egypt section of the United Arab Republic and holds religious services in churches which are recognized by the government in the regular way. In Lebanon there are four schools and a college, in Jordan, three schools and their related churches. In Iraq there are three schools as well as the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in Baghdad which is able to do its work for suffering humanity without let or hindrance. In the same way the church pursues its activities in other parts of the Middle East, such as Turkey and Iran.

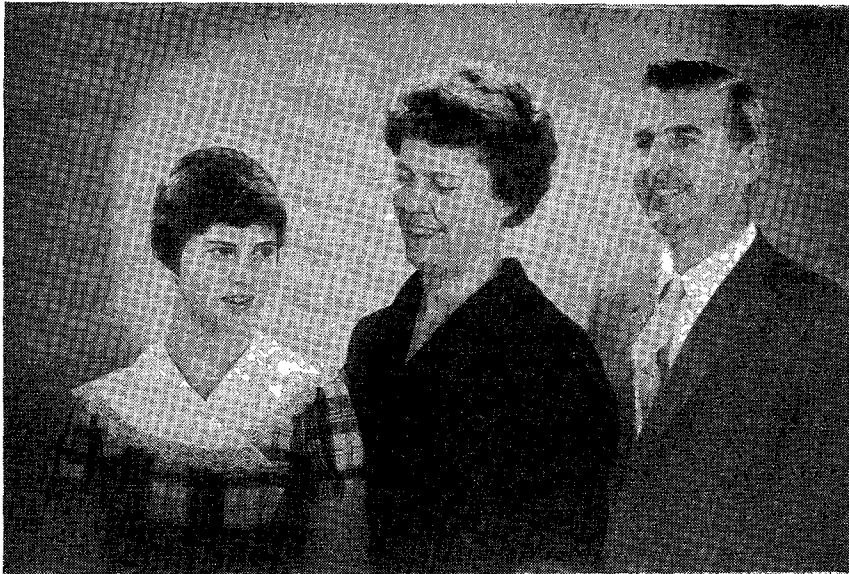
What are the responsibilities that go with these privileges? First and foremost is the responsibility of always living up to one's ideals and principles. Seventh-day Adventists believe that as Christians they ought to be good citizens. They give honour to whom honour is due. They are law abiding. Appreciating the right to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience they respect the religious beliefs of others. They recognize the needs of others and seek to help, regardless of race or religion. They are active in all community projects that are for the up-building of the society. In their relations with others they want to follow the Golden Rule which urges them to do to others as they would be done by. In brief, they want to be worthy of the privileges they enjoy.

One of the greatest dangers the Seventh-day Adventist faces is the danger of compromise. He may think that by compromising he is saving his skin, or safeguarding some other freedom. Experience has shown that no one ever loses by standing true to principle. The challenge of the hour is the challenge to remain true to principle though the heavens fall. And God is on the side of the one who stands for the right.

### JUNE 27 IMPORTANT TO THE MIDDLE EAST

Remember the 13th Sabbath overflow on June 27 from Sabbath schools all over the world comes to the Middle East Division. Our appeal is being made on the basis of the dire need for a boarding school for the country of Iraq, to be established near the city of Baghdad. If we were to go entirely by outward appearances we might wonder how this could be possible, but

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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sprout and Margaret  
New Worker Family for Iran Training School

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time is running out, and probation is rapidly drawing to a close. What we do must be done now.

For a number of years we have had the use of a fine building in Baghdad, near the Tigris River, in which we have conducted a day school. The enrollment has averaged between 200 and 375 pupils per year. We have had two other schools in Iraq, each with an enrollment of more than one hundred, and one of them has now reached two hundred. The school inspectors have usually given very fine reports of what they found when checking these schools.

The time has come when we need to operate a twelve-grade academy for this field. This foundation in Iraq education makes the young people who later apply for a teaching permit acceptable to the Iraq department of education.

In addition to the need of Iraq for such opportunities for our young people, we have the great country of Sudan, to the south of Egypt, in which we have done very little work for the more than ten million people. We have only two baptised members in that vast country. This is truly a huge challenge to Adventists who believe that this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world to all nations. How it can be done is a question that only God can reveal to us. We will need money and we will need men. We are now coming to the Sabbath schools around the world asking them for the money, and we believe that God will help us to find the men. If you could visit that country, and see the people for yourself, you would

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## SITTING WITH JESUS

by

Elaine Fahim\*

I'd like to be like Mary,  
Who lived in days of old,  
And listen to a story  
My Master dear has told.  
I'd like to be like Martha,  
Who helped in everything,  
And tried to please the Saviour,  
My Master and my King.  
Mary chose the better place,  
While Martha did her best,  
Mary sat beside His feet  
And there she found sweet rest.

\*G. A. Keough states that "Elaine Fahim, the author of the above poem, is a student at the Adventist School, Heliopolis. Some time ago she wrote a poem and sent it to the editor of the *Junior Guide*. She received First Prize in the poetry section of a world wide contest for young people. Elaine is only fifteen years of age. In a recent letter she says: 'I have promised to God that if I become a good writer and a poet, I shall be a worker for Him.' We sincerely hope so, Elaine!"

## GRATIFYING RESEARCH REPORT AND APPEAL

This is to report that, through the wonderful co-operation of our workers and laymen in various world divisions, priceless evidence has been secured showing that Conditional Immortality has been held by individuals and groups of Christians throughout Ethiopia in the sixteenth century—and about the same time by Nestorian Christians on the Malabar Coast of

India, and in 1574 by certain Anabaptists in Poland—the unconscious state of the dead was cherished as an article of faith.

Each century since the Reformation has had its quota. Valuable evidence has been obtained regarding current holders of Conditionalism among the clergy of various denominations in Finland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Germany, France, Switzerland, and other lands. A century ago a remarkable revival of Conditionalism took place, not only in Britain, continental Europe, and North America, but extending into India, Ceylon, Jamaica, South Africa, Australia, and the Far East as well.

As a result of this quest an unrivaled Conditional Immortality Source Library has been brought together at General Conference headquarters, comprising some two hundred original books, pamphlets, and bound periodicals, 150 microfilm copies of other rare items, including manuscripts, and two hundred packets of photostats, many of them priceless because difficult of access.

These provide the factual basis for the manuscript now in course of preparation. But such a denominational enterprise would have been impossible without the help of hundreds of alert eyes and helping hands, not a few being non-Adventist scholars and librarians. This is therefore a most hearty "Thank you!" for fine co-operation—and an appeal to keep on the alert a little longer for other materials, old or new, still scattered in many lands in periodical, book, and pamphlet form.

Where possible the original document should be secured. Quoted extracts need the full name of author, exact title of book, place of publication, name of publisher, and date (noting the particular edition or revision), with the quotation verified for exact wording, spelling and punctuation. In case of a periodical, the name of journal, place of publication, title of article, full name of author, volume and number, date, and the pages. When originals are unobtainable, photostats of title page and pertinent pages—or a microfilm of the entire work or the relevant sections—are of equal service. But these should always include the title page.

Biographical data is also highly desirable—birth and death dates, education, posts held, books or articles written, significant human interest features, and how Conditionalism came to be accepted. A photograph of the individual adds human interest.

Your continuing help is earnestly solicited. If anyone finds further data, please communicate with L. E. Froom, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Takoma Park, D. C., U. S. A.

# PROTEIN—HOW MUCH AND WHAT KIND

BY HULDA CROOKS

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The nineteenth century was waning day as an indicated minimum. when Carl von Voit, director of the Munich School of Physiology, interviewed 1000 German laborers to learn what they ate and how much. His special interest was the amount of protein a man eats a day.

Back in his office with the records, it was a mere matter of arithmetic to find that, on an average these men were consuming 118 grams of protein per man per day. This study was published in 1881 as an interesting statistical finding.

Unfortunately, this large amount of protein, consumed by a class of hard-working, heavy-eating men, was held up by some as a standard of protein intake for an average man.

It was not long until scientists from different schools in several countries, questioned the soundness of advocating so high a protein goal. As the argument grew keener, the camp of the nutrition-minded was split into "high" and "low" protein advocates. Since those who held to the high-protein intake had the custom of the flesh-eating classes to back them, it fell to the lot of the low-protein advocates to prove that much less was sufficient. To this task physiologists, and later, chemists, addressed themselves. In one school after another, in several lands, carefully controlled experiments were begun. Men were fed weighed diets of known composition, and laboratory tests were carried out to determine the minimum protein requirement.

From Berlin, Stockholm, and Yale came experimental findings that a daily intake of 40 to 60 grams of protein a day was sufficient to maintain a man even under severe exercise. Voit himself added to this experimental data by reporting his study of a vegetarian paper hanger who lived in good health on less than 60 grams of protein a day.

During World War I, Mikkel Hindhede of Copenhagen was appointed by his government to conserve the nation's food supplies. He dieted himself and found he could maintain good health on 40 grams of protein a day derived mostly from potatoes. Promptly Denmark's hogs and excess stock were butchered and the "pigfeed"—the whole grain—was fed to the people to the betterment of the country's health.

In 1920, Henry C. Sherman, professor of food chemistry at Columbia University, reviewed 109 protein-feeding experiments and found an average of 44 grams of protein per man per

Recent research lowers even this figure. In 1946 outstanding men at Harvard and at the University of Illinois reported that 30 grams a day, whether all plant or part plant and part animal protein, was sufficient to meet the minimum needs of an adult man.

The U. S. National Research Council's Recommended Dietary Allowances of 1958 retains its earlier most generous basal recommendation of 1 gram of protein per kilogram of body weight for normal, healthy adults, which amounts to 70 grams for an average man and 58 grams for an average woman. In proportion of calories of protein to total calories of the diet, this is somewhat above that consumed by a nursing infant whose intake enables him to meet the demands for rapid growth.

The margin of safety has been made so liberal that all likely differences in protein efficiency and in individual requirements may be met. The Council estimates, however, that in a country whose national dietary proteins provide an adequate amino acid supply for good nutrition, 2/3 of the recommended amount, or 0.66 grams per kilogram of body weight is a "safe practical adult allowance." Where the choice of protein foods is so limited as to provide a much less adequate amino acid supply, the estimate is 0.84 grams per kilogram. In amount per day, this approximates 46 grams for a man in a well-fed country and 59 grams in an underprivileged area. Any reasonable diet, even if mainly of rice, will meet this estimate if sufficient food is available to maintain an acceptable weight. According to Dr. Stare of Harvard, "as long as this country has access to a plentiful supply of calories, and a variety of whole grain cereals and legumes, it is most unlikely that *impairment of health from protein deficiency will ever occur*" (Am. J. Pub. Health 33: 1444, 1943).

It is also recommended that during the last half of pregnancy a woman's protein intake be increased by 20 grams above the recommendation for the average woman, and a nursing mother's by 40 grams. Under ordinary circumstances, where food is available, the increased appetite during this period of pregnancy, and during lactation, will increase the consumption to meet the need.

The recommended protein allowances for growing children are higher per kilogram of body weight than for adults, ranging from approximately three

grams per kilogram for the young child to one and a half for the later teenager. Again, if suitable food is available, the need is met by the proportionably large food intake of the growing child.

In many tropical and subtropical countries, where populations are dense and food supplies low, a large incidence of malignant malnutrition occurs among children after weaning when they are put directly on adult foods. Such a diet frequently consists mainly of plantains, cassava, tubers, and corn grits gruels, a diet not suited to infant needs. It is very low not only in protein, but also in calories and other essential food constituents. With reference to this condition, a noted nutritionist suggests: "Perhaps the most important problem to solve relative to kwashiokor is not that of finding enough protein but simply of finding suitable food mixtures which infants can tolerate and which can be fed in sufficient quantity.

"The data suggest that the total calorie intake deserves more attention . . . and that the role of proteins may have been overemphasized." (M. Hegsted, J. Amer. Dietet. Assoc. 33: 225, 1957).

The need for protein quality—"complete" proteins which has in the past plagued vegetarians, is readily met if a choice of food is available.

No one protein needs to be "complete." A mixed diet of reasonable choice provides proteins of different compositions. When these are broken down by the digestive processes they provide a pool of a "complete" assortment of amino acids to meet every body need.

Because proteins of different kinds, even when "incomplete," can supplement one another, Dr. Samson Wright, author of *Applied Physiology*, 1952, p. 1055, states: "In any mixed diet, even if wholly of plant origin, the proteins are sure to be sufficiently varied to compensate for any individual inadequacy in amino acid content, if only the total amount of protein is sufficient."

Let us then accept with confidence the counsel given in 1890, long before science proved its truth, that:

"Fruits, grains, and vegetables, prepared in a simple way, free from grease and spice of all kinds, make, with milk or cream, the most healthful diet." (*Counsels on Diet and Food*, p. 92).

## SACREDNESS OF THE FAMILY RELATIONS

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will continue to pray that He will help it to become a little heaven on earth.

"A little girl who was asked what it meant to be a Christian, replied,

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS — A NEW EMPHASIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

BY G. ARTHUR KEOUGH

With the elections at the beginning of the year a new emphasis is being placed on public relations in the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Middle East. The following personnel have been appointed: For the division and the East Mediterranean Union, G. Arthur Keough; for the Nile Union, Hilmy Berbawy; for the Lebanon Section of the East Mediterranean Union, Salim Hasbany. It is expected that other personnel will be appointed as the need arises.

Why is there an emphasis on public relations at this time? It is because there is a growing recognition that the church can best achieve its objectives when it operates in an atmosphere of good will and understanding. People are prejudiced against the church when they do not know much about it. By slight contact they have wrong impressions and spread adverse propaganda. The object of the public relations department is to present the truth about the church, to inform the public of the activities of the church for the welfare of the community, to win friends among the leaders of public opinion, and thus to help correct false impressions and lay a foundation for winning men to Christ and placing the truth before multitudes.

As Seventh-day Adventists we have every reason to be proud of our church. We have a wonderful truth in Jesus Christ. Our medical work is highly appreciated. Our educational work is recognized for a distinctive contribution. Our welfare work shows our interests in the community and its needs. Why should we hide our light under a bushel? We have a duty to inform the public of our truths and activities. May God bless us as we tactfully seize every opportunity to inform the public of our church and its activities.

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'For me to be a Christian is to live as Jesus would live, and behave as Jesus would behave if He were a little girl and lived at our house.' Perhaps no better definition of practical Christianity could be given. . . . The real test of the genuineness of our religion is in the home, where we constantly have experiences that vex and annoy us, and where it is not considered necessary to keep our inner thoughts and feelings hidden." *The Christian Home* by M. E. Kern.

## SYSTEMATIC GIVING - THE THREE PER CENT PLAN

G. R. NASH, *Secretary*, Sabbath School Department of the General Conference

"This matter of giving is not to be left to impulse. God has given us definite instruction in regard to it. He has specified tithes and offerings as the measure of our obligation. And He desires us to give regularly and systematically. . . . After the tithe is set apart, let gifts and offerings be apportioned, 'as God hath prospered' you." — *Counsels on Stewardship*, pp. 80, 81.

God, through His chosen messenger, is here very definitely telling us that we are to plan our offerings in advance on a systematic basis. God has laid down a policy for tithe. No matter what our personal desires may be or how pressing our needs we are commanded, by the Giver of all, to return our 10 per cent in tithe. The same scripture that mentions tithe also mentions offerings. Here no percentage is mentioned but the Biblical rule is "as God hath prospered" you. 1 Cor. 16: 2.

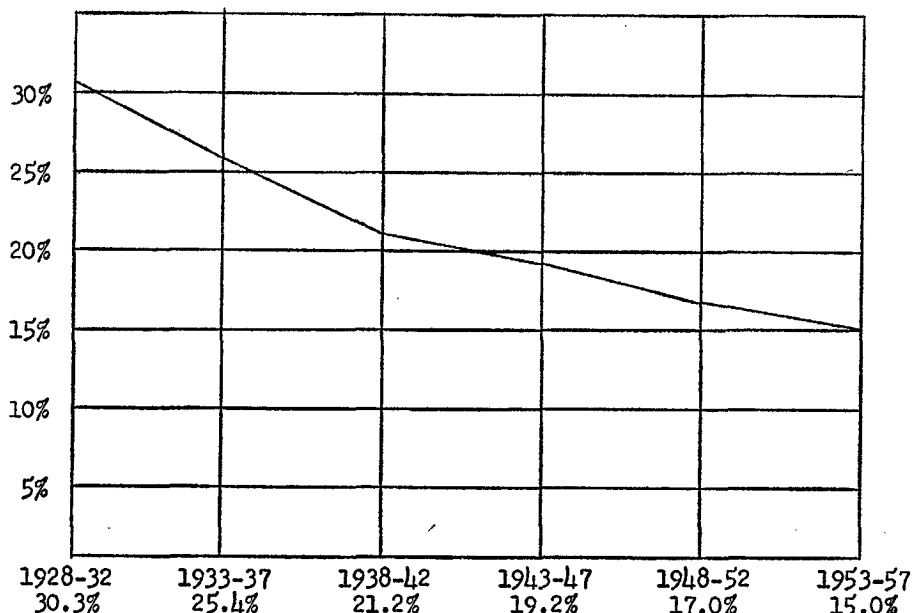
Faithfulness in tithes and offerings brings upon the believer one of the richest blessings of all the Bible; whereas unfaithfulness in either, or both, brings the curse mentioned in Malachi 3: 8-10. Surely no true Seventh-day Adventist desires to see the cause of God suffer, or personally wishes to receive the curse of God. But because of leaving their giving to impulse, some are guilty of robbing God in offerings. God expects us to be as systematic in the giving of offerings as we are in our tithes.

"The plan of systematic benevolence will prove a safeguard to every family against temptations to spend means for needless things, and especially will it prove a blessing to the rich by guarding them from indulging in extravagances." — *Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 412.

This means that we should budget our offerings to missions, just as we budget our income to care for our family needs. A Christian budget which leaves out the tithes and offerings is surely an unbalanced budget, even if all other items are taken care of in a business-like manner. Yet it is a fact that some Sabbath school members, because of having no definite system of offerings, are actually robbing God. It might be enlightening to take a pencil and do a little figuring just now. What percentage of your total income are you giving to the Sabbath school?

"God's requirements come first. We are not doing His will if we consecrate to Him what is left of our income after all our imaginary wants have been supplied. Before any part of our earnings is consumed, we should take out and present to Him that portion which He claims. . . . When that which God claims is rendered to Him, the remainder will be sanctified and blessed to our own use. But when a man robs God by withholding that which He requires, His curse rests upon the whole." — *Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 477.

SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS PER CENT OF TITHE



What percentage of the income shall be allocated for Sabbath school offerings? Since this is a matter of personal conscience, one that each individual must decide between himself and God, no man or organization should attempt to set the percentage for another to give. Surely we should give freely and cheerfully. Furthermore, we should give in proportion to our income, or "as God hath prospered."

It is this portion which reflects our sacrificial spirit and true liberality. "God has made men His stewards. The property which He has placed in their hands is the means that He has provided for the spread of the gospel. To those who prove themselves faithful stewards He will commit greater trusts. Saith the Lord, 'Them that honor me, I will honor' (1 Samuel 2:30)." — *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 529.

Many are systematically returning 3 per cent of their income to the Lord as Sabbath school offerings. This plan has the General Conference Sabbath School Department's approval and is one which we believe will bring a blessing to the giver and also the cause of missions.

Is this too much for us to give for Sabbath school offerings? My heart says, No! No! We are not nearly reaching the record of Israel, who gave from one fourth to one third of their income to religious and benevolent causes. To answer the question more specifically, let me say that in North America for a period of eight years—1924 to 1932—we averaged more than 3 per cent of the income dollar for Sabbath school offerings. The peak was 3.7 per cent. In other words, for the above mentioned years our Sabbath school offerings amounted to over 30 per cent of the church tithe.

"In the last extremity, before this work shall close, thousands will be cheerfully laid upon the altar. Men and women will feel it a blessed privilege to share in the work of preparing souls to stand in the great day of God, and they will give hundreds as readily as dollars are given now.

"If the love of Christ were burning in the hearts of His professed people, we would see the same spirit manifested today. Did they but realize how near is the end of all work for the salvation of souls, they would sacrifice their possessions as freely as did the members of the early church. They would work for the advancement of God's cause as earnestly as worldly men labor to acquire riches. Tact and skill would be exercised, and earnest and unselfish labor put forth to acquire means, not to hoard, but to pour into the treasury of the Lord." — *Counsels on Stewardship*, pp. 40, 41.

Some can and should give \$5 or \$10 as readily as some others can give fifty



Elder G. R. Nash

cents. The 3 per cent plan is for both the rich and the poor. However, if all would follow the plan it would greatly swell our mission offerings. If you find that you are exceeding 3 per cent, then by all means continue to do so. The 3 per cent plan should be our minimum goal. In the North American Division, since 1944 our per capita Sabbath school offerings have changed very little; however, our tithe has increased by 158.6 per cent. During 1957 our Sabbath school offerings represented only approximately 1½ per cent of our denominational income dollars—based on tithe income. In other words, the 3 per cent plan would have increased our total income for North America by approximately fifty per cent.

There is no conflict between the Biblical goal of "as God hath prospered" and the suggested 3 per cent plan. The Lord instituted the plan of systematic benevolence to combat the trait of selfishness which is present in every human heart.

"Men are not naturally inclined to be benevolent, but to be sordid and avaricious, and to live for self. And Satan is ever ready to present the advantages to be gained by using all their means for selfish, worldly purposes; he is glad when he can influence them to shirk duty and rob God in tithes and offerings. But not one is excused in this matter. 'Let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.' The poor and the rich, the young men and the young women who earn wages—all are to lay by a portion; for God claims it. The spiritual prosperity of every member of the church depends on personal effort and strict fidelity to God." — *Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 382.

"The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand" (Isaiah 32:8). Also, remember the words of the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7: "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

God will bless you as you do your best for Him.

## ELDER R. A. WILCOX—AN APPRECIATION

G. A. KEOUGH,  
Public Relations Secretary  
Middle East Division

"Who is he? What is he like?" These were the questions that ran through most people's minds when the announcement was made that the new president of the Middle East Division had been appointed.

Now, some six months later, there is no question in anybody's mind as to who he is or what he is like. Workers and members alike have heard his words of counsel, learned what his deep interests are, and associated with him enough to feel their hearts warmed towards him. They welcome him as a friend and a leader.

What is it that has gained for Elder Wilcox such a warm welcome? It is no one trait of character but rather a number of characteristics that have won for him an entrance into every heart. Everyone is appealed to in a different way, but all make the same response of confidence and love.

Perhaps Elder Wilcox's outstanding characteristic is friendliness. He has no pride of position; no aloofness. He talks to everyone as to a friend, as ready to learn as to impart counsel based on experience. One cannot but feel his sincere personal interest and a desire to work out plans that will be to the advantage of the individual as well as to the organization.

Equally important for him as a leader is that he has a mind of his own. He does not come to a problem with preconceived notions; he is not easily swayed by appearances; he quickly recognizes sound judgment, and once his mind is made up and he has the support of his brethren he is clear and definite.

In the short time that Elder Wilcox has been in the Middle East he has placed the emphasis where everyone has recognized they should be placed, on evangelism, for instance. Wherever he has gone he has inspired workers to plan a new series of evangelistic meetings. The efforts that are being conducted now throughout the division are evidence of his influence.

Effective public relations is another of his interests. He wants to clear away misunderstandings and prejudice. He is vitally interested in Christian education. He is anxious that the schools of the division shall indeed fulfil the purposes for which they were established. The literature ministry, the medical work—every phase of preaching the gospel is the one concern of his life and work. No wonder he is appreciated by all.

Last but not least, Elder Wilcox has a sense of humour, a sense of balance. If things tend to be "tremendous" in his view, he can nevertheless laugh at his own idiosyncracies. Welcome, Elder Wilcox! Because you are a great man, we believe that, under God, you will be a great leader in the Middle East. We are happy to rally around you for the finishing of the work of God in this important center of the world.

Perhaps someone will say: "Why write such an article at this time?" Shall we always wait for a person to leave before we express appreciation? Is it not even more appropriate at the beginning of one's ministry?



Pastor and Mrs. R. R. Aussner

## FROM HERE AND THERE

### MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

\* Brother Ayoub Azar has been asked to help Pastor Mousa Azar with the effort which he started in Mafrac, Jordan on April 26, 1959.

\* Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Brandstater became the happy parents of a son born April 26, 1959. His name is Nigel Shannon Brandstater.

\* May 3 the Middle East College choir sang at the A. U. B. together with a number of other school choirs. Miss June Soper directed the college choir.

\* The first nine chapters of *Desire of Ages* in Armenian is now before the reading committee, and should be ready for printing in the very near future.

\* The Arabic film strips are now being prepared with reasonable rapidity. The first one is completed, the next nine are about to be finished, and others are nearly ready to mail to the processing establishment. We appreciate the help that Brother Wadie Farag has given to this project.

\* Sidhom Anees, who has been teaching in Baghdad, arrived in Beirut late in April on his way to Egypt.

\* Dr. S. D. Karmy, together with his wife and three of his sons, arrived in Beirut on April 27. Here he has given assistance with the broadcast "Your Radio Doctor," and has helped with Health Education work in the mission schools of Jordan and Lebanon. He has been reappointed to the Adventist

Hospital in Benghazi, Libya, and will take his family there as soon as the boys complete their school work for this year.

\* Pastor Anees Haddad visited Egypt in April in the interest of the MV and Sabbath school work.

\* The 1959 goal for HOPE subscriptions is still 10,000. Anyone who can help to increase enrollments will be doing a fine service to the cause. For any who chance to see this but are not acquainted with this periodical let it be stated that this is our religious monthly in the Arabic language. The subscription rate is LL. 3.50 per year.

\* The Middle East College theological department, under the leadership of Pastor K. L. Vine, started an evangelistic effort in the Beirut Arabic church Sunday night May 3, 1959.

\* Our Beirut English church school was very privileged in having Elder Anees Haddad as speaker for its Spring Week of Prayer April 13 to 17. His theme for the week was, "The Greatest Things in Life." Each meeting was begun with a short song service under the direction of Miss Latifa Farag.

In the final meeting Elder Haddad gave the children an opportunity to speak a few words for their Saviour. It was heart-warming to listen to their sincere testimonies telling of their love for Jesus, their appreciation of Christian parents, the privilege of attending a Christian school, and for the Week of Prayer. Experiences such as these are among the greatest rewards which

a teacher receives. It is our hope and prayer that the lessons which the boys and girls learned during this week will be of help to them not only during the remainder of this school year but also throughout life.

\* Among recent visitors at the division office have been Dr. G. T. Anderson, president of the College of Medical Evangelists, and his wife; J. N. Hunt and family from East Africa; Mrs. Rochelle Philmon-Kilgore of Atlantic Union College; J. R. Nelson of the General Conference MV department; J. C. Johannes, M. D., and his wife, of the Ranchi S. D. A. Hospital in Northeast India; and Allen Maberly, director of the Himalayan Church in Northeast India, and formerly of New Zealand.

\* R. E. Osborn is chairman of the Middle East Division committees in the absence of President R. A. Wilcox. Elder Wilcox has gone to the United States to bring his family and belongings, and to take a bit more of his furlough which was cut short when he was called to the Middle East Division last November.

\* G. A. Keough accompanied R. A. Wilcox to Tehran in March in the interests of his departmental work. He has been inspecting the mission schools in Lebanon, and supervising the preparation of scripts for radio broadcasting over the Lebanese station. Salim Hasbany has been giving good help in this radio project in addition his other varied duties.

\* On April 6 Brother and Sister Ayoub Azar and their four children arrived in Beirut by plane from Baghdad.

\* G. A. Keough, director of language study for overseas workers, and public relations secretary, reports that, "Elder Rudolf Aussner passed with credit his examination covering the first unit of Arabic language study. He has now started working on his second unit."

"Elder Aussner is to be congratulated on completing the requirements of the first unit in less than the normal time allowed. He will now concentrate on classical Arabic in preparation for his work as chaplain of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital which he expects to take up as soon as his year of language study ends in September.

"The last missionary to complete the requirements of a course of study according to the language learning policy of the Middle East Division was Elder W. R. Leshner, who completed the requirements of the first two units of study.

"Both Elder Leshner and Elder Aussner took the major part of their language study under Mr. Selim Frayha, a Lebanese teacher who has skill and understanding of the needs of adult learners of Arabic.



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**IRAQ**


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\* In Kirkuk a new property is being purchased. It is the building in which our school has been conducted for the past two or three years.

\* In Basra we are acquiring three city lots, and it is hoped that we can provide a building there for reopening the school that was closed some years ago because of losing the building we were using at that time.

\* Progress on the new Baghdad Central church building is reported to be coming along well. This will provide a permanent church home for our large family of believers in the capitol of Iraq.

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**JORDAN**


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\* Pastor Mousa Azer has completed a successful effort in El Husn, and reports that he is having a number baptized in that church. He is looking for a meeting place in Mafrac.

\* Pastor Chafic Srouf and Najeeb Azer are holding a public effort in Taibeh, a little to the north of Jerusalem. The Palestine district is having baptismal candidates in four places. This will be an encouraging report when final details are received.

\* Pastor Chafic states that a number in Amman are awaiting baptism.

\* Young people of the Amman Girl's School are doing a splendid deed in conducting branch Sabbath schools, and securing Bible Correspondence School enrollments.

\* By the time this report reaches you no doubt Antoine Jabbour and Latifa Farag will have been married. We wish them all happiness and success in their work in Jordan.

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**LEBANON**


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\* In Aramoun an evangelistic effort is being conducted by the school principal, Henry Jeha assisted by the teachers. Middle East College also provides special music once a week. George Khoury led out in the school Week of Prayer in this village.

\* The Beirut Armenian church is having evangelistic meetings five nights each week, and the church has been full each night. The college also provides special music for this effort once a week.

\* The Bishmazzine district welcomed Pastor George Raffoul back as their district leader. George Issa has been called back to his former post in Sidon.

\* The Fall Week of Prayer that was conducted in the Beirut Junior Academy by Pastor Anees Haddad was an inspiration to both students and teachers. That week was a preparation for the baptismal class which was soon after

formed, and is being led by Pastor Maurice Katrib. It is expected that with thirty pupils attending the class there will be a good harvest.

\* Jad Katrib, principal of the Beirut Junior Academy, reports that the Morning Watch Calendars are being used in the different classes, as a basis for morning worship at the opening of school each day.

\* Early in February Pastor Haddad and Salim Hasbany conducted a Missionary Volunteer Investiture service in the Beirut Junior Academy. About thirty-five were invested. It is expected that another Investiture service will be conducted before the end of the school year.

\* Pastor George Raffoul is holding an evangelistic effort in the Bishmazzine church. He has some assistance from the school teachers and Brother George Issa.

\* The Beirut Junior Academy has added various publications to the teachers' library, such as *The Education Digest*, *Treasury of Devotional Aids*, and of course they have renewed their subscription to *The Journal of True Education*. No doubt all of our schools will feel the need of such helpful material for the teachers.

\* Miss Naomi Baltayan, one of the teachers in the Beirut Armenian school, was married by Pastor Manoug Nazirian, to Samuel Sambyan, on April 12 in the protestant church in Beirut. Brother Sambyan is from France, and their home will be there.

\* The new school building in Bishmazzine, in northern Lebanon, has been completed at an approximate cost of LL. 10,000. This building includes two school rooms, and a principal's office.

\* Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Akar are the happy parents of another little girl. Her name is Susan Akar.

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**CYPRUS**


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\* R. A. Wilcox, R. H. Hartwell, and A. W. Fund were visitors in Nicosia just before Elder Wilcox left the field to prepare to move his family to the Middle East. A. N. Barlas was of good courage, and was making plans to increase the Bible Course enrollments. Salam Aboujawdi has brought encouragement to the church members, and has been kept busy with some who wanted to know the Bible better. It was a pleasure to visit several of those fine friends.

\* Pastor and Mrs. Peter George Crestakos have been granted residence permits for Cyprus, and will be sailing from New York on May 24. It is expected that this boat will take nineteen days in making the journey to the

island. A hearty welcome is extended to Pastor and Sister Crestakos as they join the Middle East Adventist family.

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**SYRIA**


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\* The book *Your Friends the Adventists* is being very well appreciated by nearly all who receive it. Five thousand copies have been ordered thus far.

\* Ibrahim Hanna, treasurer of the Syria Section, has accepted a call to Middle East College, and will serve as the farm manager of the college. George Yared, secretary-treasurer of the Lebanon Section, is being asked to also care for this work again in Syria also.

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**TURKEY**


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\* R. A. Wilcox and A. W. Fund visited Istanbul in March and found the believers rejoicing in the faith. The Mondics family were still waiting to take their household and personal belongings out of customs.

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**NILE UNION NEWS**


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\* A. G. Zytoskee, president of the Nile Union, is at the time of writing on the high seas, and doubtless by the time the *MESSENGER* is printed will have arrived at his field of labor. His family will follow when school closes.

\* On Sunday evening April 5, Wadie Farag began an evangelistic effort in the Heliopolis church. Assisting Brother Wadie is Elder Hilmy Berbawy, Antar Yacoub, and many other workers and members. This effort in the Arabic language has been well planned, and many visual-aids such as motion pictures, filmstrips and black-light are being used in the meetings. The opening night audience filled the auditorium, and on the second Sunday night many were standing to hear the message.

\* In Alexandria, Elder W. R. Leshar is conducting public lectures in English with translation in Greek. Brother Angely Gayed is also carrying on weekly services in Arabic. These meetings are held in the Sporting church, and a good interest is developing. Miss Emilie Levidis is assisting Brother Leshar, and Miss Esther Grace is assisting Brother Angely. The work in Alexandria is fortunate to have these two faithful Bible workers.

\* In Port Said, Brother Farris B. Bishai has secured a very modern apartment for his evangelistic effort. He is at present preparing the hall for the summer evangelistic campaign.

\* Elder Nassif Boutros has secured a suitable meeting place in the center of Munsura, and is making preparations for an evangelistic effort to begin there this summer. Brother Fathi Nassif and Anwar Habib are distributing the book

*Your Friends the Adventists* in Munsura, and they have also secured many applications for the VOP Bible Course. \* Elder William Gayed reports that the evangelistic effort in Tanta is creating not only many good interests, but also considerable opposition. Our meeting place has suffered considerable damage from a gang of young men belonging to another Christian organization. Elder William is assisted by Brother Hanna Gad, and during the past few months Emile William and Farid Shergawy have been working in Tanta and the surrounding villages in distributing the book *Your Friends the Adventists*.

\* Elder Hilal Doss has been unable to conduct evening meetings at the Y. M. C. A., but he has opened cottage meetings in various parts of Cairo. Many good interests are developing, and several are preparing for baptism. At the present time, the "shell" of the Cairo Evangelistic Center has been completed, and the plastering is now underway. An evangelistic campaign is being planned for the Center this fall.

\* In the Fayoum district, Elder Nashed Yacoub and Brother Naguib Mossad have opened an evangelistic effort in the city of Fayoum. The first reports are that the attendance is excellent.

\* In the Minia district, Elder Fakhry Naguib has been conducting an evangelistic effort in Minia. On Sunday evenings, over 100 are in attendance. Elder Fakhry is also preparing our meeting place in Abu-Korkas, and will hold a fall effort there. Already 6 from Abu-Korkas are preparing for baptism.

\* Elder Fikry Mikail has recently conducted 20-day efforts in the villages of Nakhela, Badari, Massrah, Beni-Adiat and Tatalia. Twenty-two have been baptized thus far from these village campaigns. Most of these had already been interested in the message, and the efforts helped them to make their decision to be baptized. A large number of new interests, however, were created, and baptismal classes are being conducted in each of these villages. Elder Fikry has been away from home almost constantly during the past 3 months, sleeping and eating in the villages in an endeavour to make these short efforts most fruitful. He has been assisted by Galal Tadros, Benjamin Boutros, and Maurice Fahim, as well as Elias Mina.

\* Fayez Towfilles is conducting a public effort in Tahta. Handbills have been used by both Brother Towfilles, and by Brother Abdel Messih.

\* Colporteur sales in February and March were outstanding for Egypt. The average has been LEg. 250. per month, with fourteen colporteurs in the field.

Not long ago it was impossible to make such reports except in the summer months. We pay tribute to our faithful colporteurs.

\* In the Sohag district, Elder Abadir A. Messih has been conducting an evangelistic effort in Sohag and reports a good attendance. A short effort was also held in the Zuak church, and quite a number are in the baptismal class.

\* The Nile Union VOP office reports that during the first quarter of 1959, 1,253 new enrollees were received. The office staff has had to be increased to take care of the increased volume of mail. Since Brother Wadie Farag has become director of VOP, many new promotional plans have been effected. Since the VOP work began in the Nile Union 58,930 enrollments have been received, and 3,985 have graduated.

\* Brother Wadie Farag and Antar Yacoub have recently made trips to Upper Egypt, and have shown the new Arabic film "One in 20,000" in a number of communities. On one 3-day trip to the Minia district, the film was shown 11 times to an audience numbering several thousands.

\* Short colporteur institutes were held recently in Assiut and Heliopolis. Twelve young men have recently entered the Colporteur Ministry, and Elder Hilmy Berbawy, Nile Union publishing secretary, and Brother Fouad Guirguis, assistant, are laboring hard to train the new colporteurs and also look for new recruits. Over LEg. 1,000 worth of literature have been sold thus far in 1959.

\* The wedding of Fouad El Hawi and Hayat Fouad was conducted at the Heliopolis church, March 29, 1959. Elder C. V. Brauer officiated, assisted by Elder Hilmy Berbawy.

\* Recent additions to the cradle roll are: "David" born to Mr. and Mrs. Angely Gayed, and "Sana" born to Mr. and Mrs. Hanna Malaka.

#### ADVENTIST THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE (NILE UNION ACADEMY)

\* The Adventist Institute was very happy to have the assistance of G. T. Gott for a few days during his visit to Egypt. Brother Gott made some important suggestions regarding the financial situation which will greatly help the future administration of the school. Brother Gott also while in Egypt administered 34 English entrance examinations for Middle East College, and interviewed these prospective students.

\* The Spring Week of Prayer was conducted April 17 to 24 by Elder C. V. Brauer. Altogether 14 services were conducted besides the periods for prayer bands and counselling. The motto for the week was "Loyally serving Christ with pure thoughts, kind words, and noble deeds". Every stu-

dent at the academy has either been baptized or is in the baptismal class.

\* The faculty and student body are thankful that God has answered their prayers, and that Mrs. L. H. Cowles is on the go to full recovery of her health. The Cowles are leaving in June for a year's furlough.

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#### IRAN

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\* On the evening of February 18 Brother and Sister J. L. Sprout and Margaret arrived to join our mission staff. The following Saturday night a welcome party was held for this family who will be taking an active part in the educational program in the Iran Mission. They are now engaged full time in language study, and are making excellent progress as they use their Farsee among friends and in the market.

\* Word has just been received that Brother and Sister Ivan C. Peacock, formerly of Madison, Tennessee, will be arriving in Khorramshahr on May 3 to proceed to Tehran where they will take up their work in the Physiotherapy Unit to be established in that center. The Peacocks come to us with breadth of experience in medical lines. Brother Peacock has received his training from the College of Medical Evangelists school of Physical Therapy, and has spent the last 10 years in his specialty in denominational employ at Glendale, Loma Linda, and Madison. Sister Peacock comes to us with considerable experience as a teacher, and more recently as the dietitian at Madison Sanitarium and Hospital.

\* It was with considerable effort on the part of our mission president, Elder R. C. Skinner, and the division medical secretary, Doctor Wm. Wagner, that permission was finally granted by the Ministry of Education of the Imperial Iranian Government to establish this proposed Physiotherapy Unit. It is a new endeavor, and we are looking forward to gaining favorable relations with the people of Iran.

\* We rejoice to announce that for the first time in the history of our work in Iran the leading newspaper of Tehran, the *Itelaat*, has accepted to print advertisements for the evangelistic efforts being conducted in our Central church in Tehran by its pastor, Y. O. Sangarloo. At the first meeting held April 10, 1959 the church was filled to capacity with many in the balcony as well. The response on the part of the public is indicative of a change in the thinking of people in this great metropolis. The meetings have been started with faith and courage. It seems the day of miracles has not passed, and that the unexpected can still happen even here in Tehran. All too often we look for immediate results to our activities, and

tend to be discouraged if they are not as readily produced. The counsel of the wise man, however, has been proven again here as he says: "Cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shalt find it after many days. . . . in the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:1, 6.

\* Three years ago the Iran Temperance Society launched out on an active campaign with the use of the film "One in 20,000". Programs were arranged not only at most high schools in Tehran, but also in many places of business. At that time we had no idea that Tehran would be installing a television studio. But a few days ago Mr. Mansouri, the program manager of TVI, called on us requesting the use of the film "One in 20,000" for a program. We consider this an opportunity sent to us by God to bring before the higher strata of society the vital information on the evils of tobacco and narcotics. The Television of Iran request was considered in a specially called committee meeting, and authorization was given for representatives of the mission to finalize on arrangements for the telecasting of this film. We are happy to announce that not only the film "One in 20,000" will be telecast, but arrangements were made for the International Temperance Society to present a 15 minute program fortnightly. We are sure that all of our readers will rejoice in this good news.

#### DAR ES SALAAM HOSPITAL

\* Henry Moussally, credit manager of the hospital, and Miss Rose Michaelian, student nurse, have announced their engagement. This announcement was made at an engagement party given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lutfy Moussally.

\* The new hospital annex is now finished. It provides a new section for care of the charity patients. It also has a class room block for the nursing school, and a large storage room for the hospital. However it has not been officially opened as yet.

\* A new date and citrus garden has been planted behind the hospital. This will provide a place for recuperating patients to relax and rest in natural, healthful surroundings. Also in due time it will provide some good fruit.

\* Miss Gladys Dandan, who has completed her midwifery course in England since graduating from the nursing school of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, has been called to connect with the Das Es Salaam Hospital staff. She arrived in Beirut sometime ago, and is now awaiting her visa to proceed to her assigned post of duty.

\* Often certain improvements are

taken for granted, but among items reported by R. G. Ubbink, the hospital business manager, which are really appreciated by the hospital staff and also by the patients are:

12 window air-conditioners in first-class rooms of the south wing.

2 new first-class rooms were made by dividing two extra large rooms formerly numbers 101 and 108. These first-class rooms have all been equipped with modern furnishings for comfort and convenience.

24 new folding chairs equipped with writing arms have been provided for the school of nursing.

A new skeleton in a clutch type stand, and two life size "Chase" hospital dolls have been procured for the nursing school.

A new Hot Point electric oven, capacity 20 loaves of bread, and a 20 quart planetary mixer, and a large oil-fired cooking range, have been purchased for the kitchen. Other improvements in the kitchen are a heavy duty work table with three flour bins, and the purchase of a complete set of "Texas Ware" plastic dishes.

The dining room has been re-decorated with paint and new curtains, and six new dining tables and 36 chairs have given a new appearance there.

Doctors' offices were remodeled, and a new suite opened for Dr. Turner. Thus four doctors are provided with an office, two examining rooms, with the main treatment room in the center.

The Out-Patient Department has been supplied with 2 modern "Steeline" examining tables, and 2 platform scales.

A new Meilo washing machine for the laundry has a capacity twice the size of the old machine. Both machines are now in service.

Over \$ 5,000 worth of equipment and supplies have been added to the laboratory where Theo Williams serves as technician, with the help of an assistant, and a helper.

A "Stryker Dermatone" has been added to the surgical equipment, and a fracture table has been purchased.

A new public address system has been provided so that each patient's room can be contacted through a pillow speaker.

A National cash register is in-

stalled at the main desk.

A new elevator was installed in June 1958.

Thus we can see that God has prospered the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, and it has been blessed with a consecrated staff of faithful workers. The Middle East workers numbered 90 at the last annual report, and overseas workers were 12.

#### MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

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\* The college band presented its third concert on April 4. The members of the band have certainly improved over their first performance. Mr. McGhee's patience and enthusiasm have been appreciated and rewarded.

\* March 4, 1959 was an important day for the senior class of 1959. During the chapel period they were presented to the college family. The class officers are as follows: Naim Mashni, president; Salim Hasbani, vice-president; Miss Nazeera Ghazal, secretary-treasurer; Manuk Benzatian, pastor.

\* Middle East College family and community enjoyed an inspirational Week of Prayer, April 17 to 25, under the leadership of Elder Anees Haddad. Brother Haddad spoke in Arabic and Brother Henry Melki translated to English. "HIS FAITH IS MINE" was the theme of this Spring Week of Prayer sponsored by the Missionary Volunteer Society of the college. The influence of this week will long be remembered by many who attended.

\* Pastor Anees Haddad also conducted the Week of Prayer in the Arabic Elementary School.

#### JUNE 27 IMPORTANT TO THE MIDDLE EAST

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realize that the task is really superhuman. But as we have studied the history of God's people, in past ages, we have learned that God is able with a few loaves of bread and a few small fishes to feed thousands of hungry men, women, and children; and with a small Gideon's band to conquer a vast army; or in some cases to use only one man to accomplish superhuman things. He will show us a way even for the Sudan.

It is not a question of whether we have enough to meet the need or not. The question is, have we dedicated the little we do have to the Master's use? Is our all on the altar of sacrifice or service? What a joy it will be when in the last final day we can hear Jesus say, "Well done". The Master is counting on you and me.

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\* The missionary activities at the college have been very successful during the recent months. Every Sabbath afternoon a number of bands are going out to distribute literature, collect Voice of Prophecy names, and give Bible studies. We are happy that even our juniors are taking an active part in these various endeavors. We trust that these efforts will result in souls won for the kingdom.

\* During the month of April the college has sent out two field representatives: G. T. Gott to the Nile Union, and Elder K. L. Vine to the Jordan Section. They plan to contact prospective students for the 1959-60 school year and administer English entrance examinations in the respective fields.

\* The ministerial students have been invited to help out in the evangelistic efforts which started recently in Aramoun. Every Wednesday evening one of our ministerial students will be taking the service. The college is also assisting with the special musical numbers at this effort, as well as in the evangelistic series which has begun in the Armenian church in Beirut.

\* Elder K. L. Vine and Maurice Katreeb are planning to start a series of evangelistic meetings in the Mouseitbei church during the month of May. We trust that as a result of these meetings many will be brought to a knowledge of the gospel's saving power.

\* A baptismal class is being conducted at the College Arabic Elementary School by Elder Maurice Katreeb. They have an average attendance of 20 students.

\* The music department has very successfully presented the "Esther" Cantata on April 18. The program was very well attended and very much appreciated. We congratulate Miss Soper on this fine presentation!

\* Brethren George Khoury of Lebanon, and Hilmy Berbawy of Egypt, conducted the annual Colporteur Institute at Middle East College, in consultation with R. E. Anderson, acting publishing secretary of the Middle East Division. It is hoped that this summer will prove to be the best season for literature sales in the history of this division.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

Second Quarter 1959

May	16	Spirit of Prophecy Day
June	6	Home Missionary Day
June	13-20	Call to Health Campaign
June	27	Thirteenth Sabbath
July	4	Home Visitation Day
August	1	Home Missionary Day
August	8	Christian Education Day
August	15	Tithe Promotion Day

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

May	16	DISASTER & FAMILINE RELIEF
June	6	Church Missionary
June	20	Call to Health Subscriptions
July	4	Church Missionary
July	11	Mid-Summer Offering
August	1	Church Missionary
August	8	Local School

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