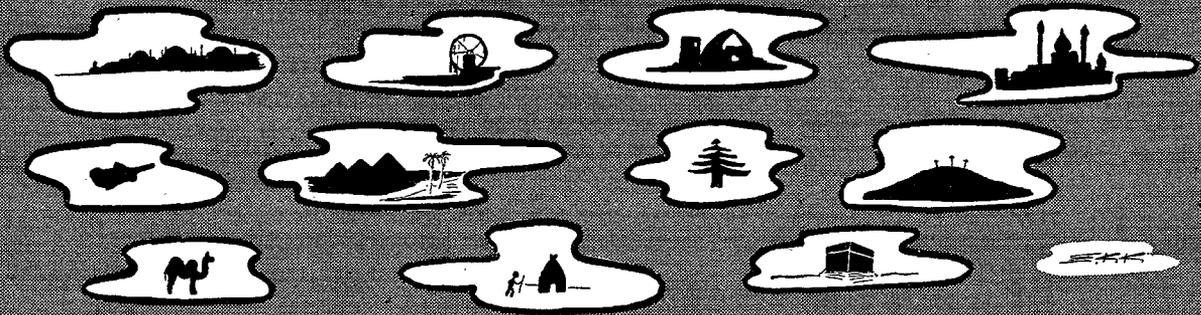


MIDDLE EAST MESSENGER



VOLUME VIII

FOURTH QUARTER 1959

NUMBER IV

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION PRESIDENT

Elder R. A. Wilcox

We were pleased when the General Conference invited us to join the workers of the Middle East Division. It will be a special privilege to have a part in the finishing of the work in this interesting field. We arrived on August 9 with our belongings and are now going through the processes of getting settled. For many years we have known some of the workers from the Middle East, some whom we met in South America and others in various places. It is with much pleasure and satisfaction that we renew these acquaintances.

We wish to rededicate our talents and reconsecrate our lives to the work in this division field. We pray earnestly that the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon the lands of the Middle East.

The new Evangelistic Center in Cairo, Egypt will be finished by the end of this year. It is a beautiful structure favorably located on the edge of Rameses Square. A very fine welfare clinic is being installed in the building, thus adding new emphasis to the Center's activities. The Beirut Evangelistic Center is already completed and a series of meetings is being conducted under the direction of Elder Wayne Olson, the Division Ministerial Secretary. A splendid corps of workers is uniting in this evangelistic advance in the city of Beirut. As a part of the training program, there will be conducted a fine school of evangelism.

A new physiotherapy unit is being installed in Tehran, the capital city of Iran, and another in the new Beirut Center. These treatment rooms, scientifically installed and efficiently operated, will provide many new contacts and special opportunities for acquainting the public with our truth. The Voice of Prophecy has moved its headquarters to the Center, and a cooking school and Bible classrooms have been provided for.

The Middle East Press has just given final study for the authorization to publish the book *Patriarchs and Prophets* in Arabic. This will strengthen our church membership and provide for the colporteurs a very fine religious book. Several other volumes of the Spirit of Prophecy are under consideration for translation. Many of these inspirational works need to be brought out into the languages of the people.

Some time ago study was given to the publishing of Twentieth Century filmstrips and their possible use in some of the countries of the Middle East. The Arabic filmstrip is almost finished. The first eight lessons are complete and have already been produced. We hope to complete the entire set soon and provide working material for our evangelists and lay workers. The filmstrips, if acceptable, will be a long-range program, but it may be possible to bring out one language a year.

There is much to do. Many new public efforts will soon be under way. 1960 presents a real challenge to the work and the workers of this division. "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION COLPORTEUR MINISTRY

By George Khoury, *Assistant Secretary,
Publishing Department*

Twenty-nine colporteurs went from door to door in this union this summer, even though troubles around us were numerous. Of these twenty-nine, three were assistant leaders, two were regular colporteurs, and twenty-four were student colporteurs. For the first time we had a lady student colporteur, Miss Aneesi Meshni, who worked the entire summer selling literature in this union.

It is interesting to notice the report of evangelistic activities which came from these young people. They mentioned the fact that 106 prayers were offered in homes, eighty-two Bible studies were given, 267 Bible correspondence course names were collected, and 2,256 tracts were distributed.

The totals for the summer work show 7,977 hours, 2,218 Lebanese lira worth of religious literature sold, and 16,130 Lebanese lira worth of health literature, making a total of 18,348 Lebanese lira sales for the summer months.

Now that school has started there are three regular colporteurs working in Lebanon, and more are expected to take up this sacred work in the near future.

S. S. QUARTERLIES WEAR A NEW GARB

By Pastor Anees A. Haddad,
Division S. S. Secretary

Our workers and members throughout the Middle East Division will be interested in the following announcement that comes from the office of the division Sabbath school department:

The year 1960 will mark a new milestone in the history of the Arabic and Armenian Sabbath school quarterly for the new year, the following changes will take place in these periodicals:

1. Most of the lessons will be illustrated with appropriate pictures that would make the understanding of the lesson easier.
2. Instead of having the page full of long lines as at present, the two-column system is being adopted.
3. By using smaller, bold type, and by following the two-column system, the quarterly will be about half as thick as it is now.
4. The Spirit of Prophecy books will be codified, and a new system of references will be adopted for the notes, making it easier.
5. Single as well as double quotation marks have been secured by the Press which will make the appearance of quotations



Pastor and Mrs. P. G. Crestakos now stationed in Nicosia

much more attractive and accurate.

6. The paper that will be used throughout the quarterly will be of a better grade. This will eliminate the necessity of having a thick cover.
7. A beautiful, appropriate picture will appear each quarter on the cover of the new quarterlies.

For a number of years it has been our desire to execute a constructive change in the Sabbath school quarterlies that are being published in the national languages. We are pleased that this has been possible through the excellent cooperation which we have received from our press manager, Brother R. E. Anderson, as well as from the General Conference Sabbath School Department staff. It is the aim of the division Sabbath school department to make the study of the Word of God as attractive as possible through the Sabbath school medium. We also welcome gratefully every suggestion that comes from the field.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Review and Herald Publishing Association has notified us that starting September 1, 1959 there would be a substantial increase in the cost of their periodicals. This includes the *Review and Herald*, the *Youth's Instructor*, the *Life and Health*, *Education*, the *Ministry*, the *Sabbath School Worker*, the *Junior Guide*, the *Go, Liberty*, and the *Family Group*. The notice reads, "Until the new rates become effective you may order at the regular current prices. Our billing department is being instructed to allow your field an extra four months extension so that all periodical subscription orders postmarked from now until December 31, 1959 will be honored at the present prices. Subscriptions may be extended regardless of their dates of expiration. Further savings may be effected by ordering multiple-year subscriptions or extensions."

1959 SUMMER CAMPS FOR MV YOUTH

By Pastor Anees A. Haddad, *Division MV Secretary*

The summer of 1959 will be remembered in the Middle East Division MV history as one of the most outstanding in activities for the young people. The Nile Union MV Secretary, Pastor C. V. Brauer, conducted three camps in Egypt. Of the three, two could be considered "Nile Ventures." In a report dated August 28, Elder Brauer tells the thrilling story of the camps. Following are some excerpts:

At our Colporteur Camp we had, I think, every colporteur present
(Continued on Page 3)



Modir of Baladeyya giving honor flag

1959 SUMMER CAMPS

(Continued from Page 2)

except one. Together with the publishing department men, and the Book and Periodical House men, there were sixty present. Some of the families attended and with the cooks, etc., the total at the Colporteur Camp was eighty. We used our best colporteurs and trainers as counselors, and they all did very well. For many, maybe most, it was their first camp experience. They all enthusiastically entered into the spirit of the camp.

The Senior Camp was our largest camp. There were ninety-six at this camp, but this included many tents of families, most of whom were non-SDA. We were trying to help these folks, most of whom were VOP graduates or "good interests", to decide for the truth. At Senior Camp we gave out forty-five MV Honors. We

(Continued on page 4)

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilcox Our Beloved President

FROM HERE AND THERE

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

* Among those who have visited Beirut during the past few months have been H. E. McClure, Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the Far Eastern Division; H. D. Erickson and family, principal and business manager of the Assam Training School in India; Miss Pearl Hall, member of the faculty of Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska; M. J. Jackson, district leader in the Florida Conference; Miss Gladys Martin, teacher from Ethiopia; Dr. Edward Wagner and family of the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California; W. Gordon Jenson and family, returning for another term of service in India; Mrs. Hilmy Berbawy and Mrs. Wadie Farag and their children from Egypt; Mrs. John Hasso and children, returning to their home in Tehran; Mr. Camille Nowfel and son from Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. Nassif Hasso and Serena completed their visit here, returning recently to their home in Baghdad.

* Many of our leaders know that we are trying to find a suitable name in Arabic for the Home Missionary Department. So far we have received two, and we would be very happy for any suggestion which our Arabic-speaking brethren may feel free to send us.

* On August 24 a farewell was held on the roof of the administration building of Middle East College for Doctor T. S. Geraty and family. At the same occasion a hearty welcome was extended to Elder and Mrs. R. A. Wilcox.

* Pastor and Mrs. R. C. Darnell and son have returned from furlough in America. Immediately, Pastor Darnell was asked to assume the duties of acting president of Middle East College. These heavy duties will somewhat delay the plans made for him to serve as editor-in-chief at the Middle East Press. However, he will endeavor to carry on his departmental duties for the division as much as possible.

* We welcome Pastors W. R. Beach and C. L. Torrey, officers of the General Conference, as they attend our Middle East Division annual committee meetings November 11 to 16, and other committees in the division field until November 30.

* No less than ten couples, of which one or both partners have been students in Middle East College, have been married this summer in the Middle East.

* Mrs. W. E. Olson has joined Miss Izella Stuvenga as a teacher in the Beirut overseas church school. The enrollment is fourteen.

* Mrs. R. A. Wilcox is doing secretarial work in the division office. Pastor and Mrs. Wilcox have been living in the guest apartment at the division compound until their new home is completed.

* On Saturday night, September 26, the entire college family gathered in the college chapel to welcome R. C. Darnell, the new acting president of Middle East College, and his family.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* Miss A. Ruby Williams has returned

from her furlough in Canada and is living in a rented apartment near the Beirut Evangelistic Center.

* George Ghazal has joined the union office staff as accountant and office worker in Brother Fund's office.

* Pastor W. E. Olson has been asked to serve as director of the evangelistic activities in the new Beirut Center. Associated with him in the first evangelistic campaign will be: George Khoury, Elias Estephan, Salim Hasbany, Salam Aboujawdi, Miss A. Ruby Williams, Miss Aida Ghazal and Mrs. George Khoury. Mrs. Khoury will assist outside of the VOP office requirements.

* Leif Jensen and Mrs. Jensen are preparing to open their physiotherapy rooms on the second floor of the Beirut Center. At the moment Brother Jensen is studying colloquial Arabic several hours each day.

CYPRUS

* Several young people from Cyprus are attending Middle East College this year. It is good to have representatives from the island at the college receiving training for service, and this is especially true in view of the fact that none from there attended last year.

* The Home Missionary band of the Nicosia church has been active in the systematic distribution of literature, and the securing of names for the Bible correspondence courses.

* Pastor P. G. Crestakos baptised four candidates in the past few months; and others are reported to be interested, some even attending services in the church at Nicosia.

* Brother A. N. Barlas and family re-

(Continued on page 6)

Wedding Bells Ring for young Middle East Workers and we wish for them



Manuk Benzatyán and Anahid Kálebjian were married in the Middle East College chapel on September 27, 1959 by Pastors K. L. Vine, Anees Haddad, and R. H. Hartwell, with Nourhan Ouzounian as interpreter. Anahid has worked for a number of years in the East Mediterranean Union office as a bookkeeper and stenographer. Manuk graduated from the theological course in Middle East College last June, and they are returning to Manuk's homeland in Turkey, where it is expected that he will be taking up work as a ministerial intern.



Herbert Faimann and Widad Meshni were married in the Protestant church in Ramallah, Jordan on August 23, 1959 by Pastor W. E. Olson, former chaplain of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital where Widad took her nurses' training and was employed as a graduate nurse. This couple now makes their home in Beirut near Middle East College, where Herbert has charge of the college bakery. He is a citizen of Austria.

The family tie is the closest, the most tender and sacred of any on earth. *M.H.* page 56.

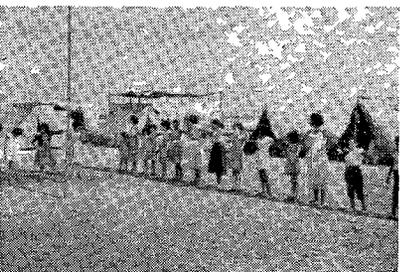


Gabriel Katrib and Hani Katrib were married in the Beirut Arabic church on August 25, 1959 by Pastors Maurice Katrib and Shukri Nowfel. Hani has been attending Middle East College in Beirut, and Gabriel has for several years been serving as a licensed minister of the gospel in Syria.

Marriage affects the after life both in this world and in the world to come. A sincere Christian will make no plans that God cannot approve. *M.H.* page 359.



Lewa Gbobara giving honor flag



Lining up for flag raising

1959 SUMMER CAMPS

(Continued from page 3)

also had a baptismal service on the beach.

At our Junior Camp, we had our smallest group in total number. We had thirty-six Juniors, and together with our counselors, kitchen crew and families, we numbered about seventy.

Junior Camp went well. We gave out honors in shells, cats, amphibians, and sculpturing. Altogether ninety-five honors were given out with some of the juniors earning five. We also had an Investiture service for two of our workers who joined the ranks of the Master Guides.

The camp was located about fifty meters from the Mediterranean Sea, about two miles west of Port Said. We had a nice level area of beach for our camp-site. A city water tap was located on the property so we had plenty of water for showers, etc. At one time we had twenty-two tents pitched.

On the last Friday of our camps

we invited the Commander of the Canal Zone to inspect the camp. Commander, Major General (Lewa) Abdullah Gbobara, together with the Modir of the Baladeyya, the Ma'mour and some other officials. They inspected the tents, gave out the honors, were shown our basketry, shell, mold, and glorified glass painting exhibits, etc.

One of the most interesting features of camp life was our "trips to Asia." Many of the campers had never been to Asia, so the prospect of going to such a romantic and far-away place thrilled them, especially when it was announced they would be going by boat. We made the trip hiking first about six kilometers down the beach to the Suez Canal, and then boarding a ferry-boat to Port Fuad, which is in Asia. We then played games in a park in Port Fuad, ate tawmeyya sandwiches, etc. and returned at night by the ferry-boat and a bus.

Our summer camps are now over but I'm sure they will not

The SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER contains a wealth of helpful suggestions on the various phases of Sabbath school work. Its many practical suggestions for superintendents and division leaders, together with teaching aids for all classes, from the cradle roll to the adult division, make the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER an invaluable tool for all who are endeavoring to build successful and progressive Sabbath schools.

R. R. Figuhr, *President
General Conference*



The SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER, with its helps for teachers and leaders in every division of the Sabbath school, and with its timely messages from world Sabbath school leaders, is an invaluable aid to every officer and teacher in their soul-winning activities through the Sabbath school.

G. R. Nash, *Secretary
General Conference
Sabbath School Department*



THE SABBATH
SCHOOL

Worker



The WORKER is virtually an entire Sabbath school workshop in miniature! With its wealth of unexcelled source data and promotional material, plus the well-planned lesson helps for every age level, this journal is a MUST for busy pastors, teachers, and laymen alike. I always keep my WORKER within easy reach!

L. R. Mansell, *Pastor
Takoma Park Church*



It is a pleasure to recommend to Seventh-day Adventists everywhere the excellent, timely helps appearing month by month in the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER. Edited with simplicity yet depth, it brings help to Sabbath school teachers and superintendents everywhere.

R. G. Campbell, *Manager
Periodical Department
Review and Herald Publishing Association*

..... Church Missionary Secretary or

..... Book and Bible House

Please enter subscriptions to SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER as checked below:

- One year \$2.90
- In combination with one or more other magazines purchased by same person at one time, per year \$2.50
- Three or more copies to same name and address, one year, each \$1.95

Enclosed find \$.....

Name

Address

Name

Address

**ORDER FROM YOUR BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE
REVIEW AND HERALD PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON 12, D.C.**

READ THIS AND REMEMBER THE "THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

A SANCTUARY

By O. O. Mattison, *president*
Southern Asia Division

If for years you had been meeting for services in the crowded little homes of church members one after another, or else in a loft above a weaving factory or in a rented shop facing a very busy commercial street, or out in the groves under coconut trees,—and then if you had the privilege of transferring from such surroundings into a beautiful little commodious church such as you see in this picture—what would be your reaction?

For many years such was the experience of our faithful believers in Calicut, Kerala, India. Through all that time they had longed for, prayed for, and pleaded for a place of worship.

Property was hard to obtain in the commercial town of Calicut, but by great sacrifice on the part of the local field and the union, eventually a lovely plot of land was bought. It was not large—just a little larger than the church building itself. The members put into this all that they had been saving through the years, as well as a great deal of labour in collecting materials, etc. They eagerly looked forward to the day when they would have a decent little place in which they could worship the Lord in peace and quietude.

If you could step into this little church next Sabbath and observe the joy on the faces of the people gathered there, you could not help but enter into the spirit of worship and thanksgiving that is manifested as they conduct their Sabbath school and church service. Their services and prayer meetings from week to week are a real inspiration.

The church building is not an expensive one. Completed it costs less than \$3,000, but \$3,000 represents a great deal of money in India (rupees 15,000 roughly). The church building represents much sacrifice by the members of the church, by the local mission and union, and sacrifice by you, our fellow believers around the world, as you have dipped deep into your pockets to give to missions. Your contribution to the Church Extension Fund year by year has made possible such little places of worship as this. They are real monuments to the glory of God.

We thank you for your sacrifice. We also thank the Lord for the humble people who are drawn to worship in these humble monuments to God's love. Their endeavour is not only to be in the Kingdom with you and me, but also to bring others with them.

Please continue to give and pray for companies of believers in scores of other places, who are longing for simi-



lar places of worship. By your liberality and with the united efforts of our believers within our local and union fields, we shall be able to help a number of other needy companies with their church building programme. May the Lord continue to bless our united efforts.

REPORTING

A letter to R. H. Hartwell from J. E. Edwards, Secretary, Home Missionary Department of the General Conference reads:

February 11, 1959

Dear Brother Hartwell:

I am endeavoring to catch up on the pile of correspondence which came while I was away for the last four weeks and I find three letters from you. First, may I answer your questions on reporting. The basic premise of reporting is that our reports are channelled through the church missionary secretary. The report that is taken Sabbath morning represents the entire church, including the Missionary Volunteer Society as well as the Dorcas Welfare units and Health and Welfare Centers. When this report is compiled and sent on to the conference, union and division secretary it represents all of the missionary activities of the entire church. The Missionary Volunteer Society usually takes its report at its meeting, and at the end of each month this report is given to the church missionary secretary to include with the report that is taken on Sabbath morning from the adult members. I need not point out that naturally the young people reporting Friday night or Sabbath afternoon do not report again on Sabbath morning. The church school report of missionary activities is also given to the church missionary secretary to include with the total report.

A copy of the Missionary Volunteer report, whether it be by society or the church school, is dispatched to the conference office so that the Missionary Volunteer Society may receive recognition for their "Share Your Faith" activities. In some places this report is lifted from the total church report when it comes to the conference or union office.

However, I wish to emphasize again the reporting philosophy, and that is

that the church report represents the entire church at work and is not just a segment, and it is the responsibility of the church missionary secretary to secure this report from the Missionary Volunteer Society, the Dorcas Welfare Society, the church school as well as any other organizations such as Men's Missionary groups and service companies.

Any items of missionary activity which are not included in the worker's report to the conference or union should be reported through the church missionary channels. I have made it a practice through the years of reporting my missionary work for the week through the church where I am attending the particular Sabbath, believing that in doing this I was setting a good example for workers and members there. On the weeks that I am home at my home church I report for that particular week.

We believe that it is the best plan to use the yellow "Weekly Missionary Report" card—H. M. Blank B—which would have the name of the member on it and would be given to him each week by his class band leader which will refresh his mind as to what he reported the week before, and if he is absent a week it helps him to remember that he did not attend that week and, of course, did not report. It is also more economical to use a card which members have for a period of three months. However, there are some fields that use a report slip which is given out to everyone to indicate what he has done for that particular week, and there is no attempt, of course, to get this into the hands of certain members by name because it is given to everyone in the church.

We disapprove, as a department, of taking up a verbal report whether it be done in a class or for the entire church. It is mystifying to friends that come, and it is not dignified. Using the card or slip plan of reporting removes any inclination on the part of any individual to boastfully proclaim his superior works.

THE MAN WITH A S-M-I-L-E

I don't know how he is on creeds,
I have never heard him say;
But he's got a smile that fits his face,
And he wears it every day.
If things go wrong, he won't complain,
Just tries to see the joke;
He's always finding little ways
Of helping other folk.
He sees the good in everyone,
Their faults he never mentions;
He has a lot of confidence
In people's good intentions.
You'll know him if you meet him
And you'll find it worth your while
To cultivate the friendship of
A worker behind the smile.

—Anonymus

MANY YEARS OF HAPPINESS AS THEY HAVE UNITED THEIR EFFORTS IN WORKING FOR GOD.



Johnny Manassian and Angel Dikran der-Haussikian were married in the Middle East College chapel by Elders R. C. Darnell, K. L. Vine, and Anees Haddad on September 23, 1959. Johnny is a senior in Middle East College, and it is expected that his field of labor will be Iran. Angel continues her teaching in the Middle East College elementary school during the 1959-60 school year.

●
Around every family there is a sacred circle that should be kept unbroken. *M.H.* page 361.

soon be forgotten by many who attended.

On the "Asiatic" side of our division there were six camps conducted last summer. The Leaders' Training Camp in Lebanon was conducted by the division MV secretary and was attended by 40 leaders including most of the Lebanon workers. There was an excellent spirit of unity and fellowship. Courses in Leadercraft, and Evolution in the Test Tube, were special features, the latter course being taught by Professor Ouzounian of Middle East College.

Brother Salim Hasbany, the new MV secretary of Lebanon, inaugurated his services by conducting two camps immediately following the Leaders' Training Camp, and on the same spot on the slopes for the junior youth. The camps were both very successful and fruitful.

The SDA Church in Jordan conducted two JMV camps in the summer of 1959. The tents were pitched in a beautiful forest on the way to Jerash. The first camp was conducted by the East Mediterranean Union MV secretary, and the second by the new Jordan MV secretary, Brother Naim Meshni. We



Naim Meshni and Mary Ayoub were married in the Amman Seventh-day Adventist church on September 24, 1959 by Pastors R. H. Hartwell and Chafic Srour. Mary has been principal of the El-Husn school during the past school year. Naim graduated from Middle East College last June with majors in theology and education, and is presently serving as secretary of the Educational, Home Missionary, Sabbath School, and YPMV departments of the Jordan Mission. Both Naim and Mary are teaching this year in the Amman school.

thank the Lord for the many decisions made for Christ in these camps. We thank Him also for these new youth leaders who are dedicating their talents and abilities to the salvation of young people. But especially are we grateful for the full cooperation which we receive from the various administrators in the program of Missionary Volunteering.

In 1956 the first JMV camp of Iran was conducted. Since then many factors entered into the planning of the work which made the continuance of the program almost an impossibility. With the faith and love of youth that Elder Skinner has, however, the program was restored to its rightful place. The MV secretary of Iran is Brother Vigain Marcarian, but since he is serving his army term as a student officer, Brother Morovati, principal of the Iran Training School, was asked to direct the second JMV camp that was held in Iran in the summer of 1959. The division MV secretary was asked to be the general camp counselor and pastor.

Dr. Banaye, General Director of the Iran Scout Movements, was invited to inspect the camp and to lecture to the



Minas Megerditchian and Kozette Azadian were married in the Beirut Armenian church on September 13 by Pastor Manoug Nazirian, assisted by R. H. Hartwell. Minas has been employed in the Armenian school in Beirut as a teacher, and this year Kozette is also teaching there on a temporary basis.

●
Love cannot long exist without expression. *M.H.* page 360.

●
They continue the early attention. *M.H.* page 360.

campers. This he kindly did to the full satisfaction of all the campers. During the camp over thirty-five decisions for Christ were made, and the general camp atmosphere was excellent.

It is hard to say that Summer Training Camps alone convert people. But we have seen many cases where the person, under a concentrated effort of ten days, was able through the power of the Holy Spirit to take his final stand with Christ. Others make their first contacts with the truth out in nature in summer camps. Still others are encouraged to attend Seventh-day Adventist schools. How our hearts rejoice to see such on our school benches when the autumn comes! Then for those who are already baptized or who are children of SDA parents, summer training camps are periods of further training and inspiration.

As the 1959 camping season comes to a close, the following lines tell of the experiences of hundreds of youth throughout the division:

On the trail I think more clearly

All my life a song becomes.

And my God I love more dearly

When the camping season comes.

FROM HERE AND THERE

(Continued from page 3)

cently took a vacation in Greece, where they visited relatives they had not seen for many years. Brother Barlas has also received several very encouraging letters from those studying the Bible correspondence courses in Cyprus.

IRAQ

* Miss Evelyn Dikran, after spending the summer with her parents in Beirut, is back teaching in Baghdad as before.

* Miss Nawal Abdul Messih, having spent a few weeks in the Skodsborg Sanitarium in Denmark, is reported to be considerably improved, and nearly ready to resume her Bible instructor's work again. She thanks God for His blessings to her.

JORDAN

* This school year the Kerak school is a one teacher school, and is being taught by Siham Kusous.

* Shahada Halabi is in charge of the Kerak district this year, and has no teaching duties.

* Mrs. Naim Meshni, formerly Miss Mary Ayoub, has joined the teaching staff of the Amman school. Miss Hanna Jubran Nasr is the principal of this school. Mrs. Antoine Jabbour has also taken her place on the teaching staff of the Amman school. Miss Leila Haddad is also a temporary teacher.

* Fourteen have been reported baptised in Jordan this far in 1959.

* Miss Edith Davis and Brother Nourhan Ouzounian of the Middle East College faculty, and Pastor R. H. Hartwell of the Division educational department, assisted Brother Naim Meshni, the educational secretary of the Jordan field, in conducting a teachers' institute in Amman, Jordan, in September.

* Pastor R. R. Aussner has rented living quarters on the side of the Mount of Olives, and he and Sister Aussner are being located there to carry on ministerial work in Palestine.

* Brother Najeeb Azar has moved with his family from Ramallah to Jerusalem, where he will be associated with Pastor Aussner in evangelistic work.

* Brother and Sister Habib Bishara, who have been previously teachers in Amman, are attending Middle East College and are doing part time teaching in the Middle East College elementary school.

* The El Husn school is being conducted by Miss Selwa Jameel, Mr. Fareed Samour, and Miss Wasmieh Fanik.

LEBANON

* On October 11 Brother and Sister Aram Aghassian welcomed a baby girl

into their family, and named her Lavotia, which is the Armenian equivalent of Lois, the grandmother of Timothy.

* On October 10 the many workers and friends gathered in the new office building of the Lebanon Section and held a farewell gathering for Brother and Sister Salim Noujaim, who left a few days later for the United States to be gone for a number of months.

* Pastor Anees Haddad has been asked to serve as acting president of the Lebanon field during the absence of Brother Noujaim. He will continue to care for his regular division departmental duties as usual.

* Issa Kharma is teaching this year in Aramoun, and Abdullah Farris is teaching for one year. Other teachers who teach there were also teaching there last year.

* Adel Aboujawdi and Sejia Farag, a temporary teacher, have joined Alfred Akar and Mary Jeha as teachers in the Bishmazzine school.

* The officers of the Lebanon field went with R. H. Hartwell to make an ingathering call one evening, and the Lord blessed them in a rather unusual way. The gentleman they were visiting said, "I do not keep the Sabbath, but I am very pleased with the work you folks are doing, and I would like to make a small donation". Many had been praying for the ingathering work this year, and the Lord impressed the man to write a check for L.L. 5,000. This is the time now for all to make their ingathering contacts, and God will bless each effort in His own good way.

* Mrs. Kozette Megerditchian is a temporary teacher at the Beirut Armenian school.

* The Lebanon Section has moved its offices into the newly completed building at Mousaitbe. Their new telephone number is 47706.

* Pastor Manoug Nazirian has been invited to connect with the school of evangelism and the evangelistic program being conducted by Pastor Walter Schubert in Milan, Italy. This will take Pastor Nazirian away from home for about four months. During his absence the Beirut Armenian church is being cared for by Brother Aram Aghassian, the associate pastor.

* The Mousaitbe church members will soon be worshipping in their newly completed church building. The older building will continue to be used by the Beirut Junior Academy.

* Mrs. Michael Katrib is teaching at the Beirut Junior Academy at Mousaitbe.

SYRIA

* Four members have been added to the church in Syria by baptism.

* The Lord has blessed our workers in many tests and trials, and we are thankful that He has helped Brother Hana Kabbas in recent problems.

TURKEY

* The marriage of Manuk Benzatian and Miss Anahid Kalebjian in September has caused rejoicing as it is expected that they will proceed to Istanbul for service there.

* Pastor B. J. Mondics is conducting the autumn Week of Prayer services at Middle East College in November.

NILE UNION

* The Middle East Division conducted a Ministerial Institute in Heliopolis from August 30 to September 5. Elder Walter Schubert, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Department, led out in the institute with daily discussions on evangelism and pastoral work. Each evening the Heliopolis church was packed to capacity to hear Elder Schubert preach some of his typical "opening" subjects. Elder R. A. Wilcox, president of the Middle East Division, Elder Wayne E. Olson, division ministerial secretary, and Elder K. L. Vine, dean of Middle East College, assisted in the conducting of the institute.

All of the ministerial workers in the Nile Union were able to attend and many of the wives were able to come as well. The workers will long remember this institute, not only for the important new ways and methods in soul-winning which were taught, but also for the new inspiration that filled every heart with renewed courage and zeal.

EGYPT

* Fall evangelistic efforts have started in a number of places. Pastor Fikry Mikhail's recent handbill from Assiut reveals that he is using Elder Schubert's new approach and subject titles for his effort. In the Minia District, Pastor Fakhry Naguib is greatly encouraged over the large attendance at his meetings in Abu Quorqas. Several of the national and overseas workers are taking services in an effort to help Pastor Fakhry make the Abu Quorqas campaign more fruitful.

* The fall evangelistic series in Souhag began with a special regional meeting held in the Souhag church, October 8 to 11. Our believers in the surrounding area came in to attend these meetings. Elder A. G. Zytoskee, president of the Nile Union, led out and was assisted by others of the overseas and national workers.

* Pastor Hilmy Berbawy, publishing and home missionary department secretary, has long felt the desire to engage in public evangelism. This fall

and winter Pastor Hilmy will conduct a three months' series of meetings in Luxor. Brother Leon Magressey, our worker in Luxor, will assist Pastor Hilmy.

* Other workers who will be starting efforts in the near future are: Pastor Nashed Yacoub, in Fayoum and Senures; Pastor William Gayed, in Tanta; Pastor Nassif Butros, in Monsura; Naguib Mossad, in Beni Suef; Farris Bishai, in Port Said; and in Heliopolis, Wadie Farag plans on a fall campaign to reap from the large interest created earlier this year.

* Pastor A. G. Zytoskee and Brother R. W. Wilmot, visited the Sudan in October. The opening of a strong work in the Sudan is one of the greatest challenges to have ever faced the Nile Union. You will be reading more about the Sudan in these columns in future issues of the *Messenger*.

* Work on the new Cairo evangelistic center is proceeding. The exterior of the building is almost finished and the interior has now been plastered. The contract for the seating has been signed and this means that within three months the floors will be finished and the seats installed. Some modifications on the ground floor have made it possible to operate a clinic in the center. Soon, the Lord willing, you will be reading about the opening of this prospective center for spreading the "truth" in the heart of Cairo.

* This summer something new was tried with respect to the summer camp program. Three camps were held successively; the first, a Colporteur Camp, from August 5 to 10; the second, a Senior Camp, from August 10 to 16; and lastly, the Junior Camp, from August 16 to 23.

* During the last week of August, a Teachers' Institute, conducted by Hanna Watson, Nile Union educational secretary, was held in Heliopolis. Several workers assisted, but special thanks go to Miss Edith Davis of Middle East College for leading out in a major portion of the sessions.

* The Heliopolis school opened its doors on September 20 to its first year as an Arabic language medium school. Actually only the first and second grades are being taught in Arabic this year, but in two years it is expected that the transition from English to Arabic will be completed.

* A new school for the overseas workers' children opened in Heliopolis recently. Mrs. Evelyn Zytoskee, the teacher, has an enrollment of six, three boys and three girls in three grades. An attractive classroom has been prepared in the Heliopolis church building.

* Recent shifts in the overseas workers have sent Pastor C. V. Brauer to the Cairo Center to associate with Pastor Hilal Dose. R. W. Wilmot, Union secretary-treasurer, is acting

pastor in Heliopolis in association with Wadie Farag. A call has been sent for an overseas worker to locate there.

* Pastor Hilmy Berbawy, Nile Union publishing secretary, and Fuad Girgis, assistant publishing secretary, together with the student trainers, Youssef Samuel, Mural Bishai, Nathan Aziz, Zaki Narouz, and Ferieh Rizk, have recently completed a successful summer's work that saw fifty-five students out working for scholarships to Middle East College and the Nile Union Academy. Twenty-eight earned scholarships and total sales for the summer was L.Eg. 2,205,855.

NILE UNION ACADEMY

* The academy opened for the 1959-60 school year on September 29. Pastor W. R. Leshner, is leading out as principal in the absence of Pastor L. H. Cowles, who has returned to the United States. A new face in the teaching staff is that of Samir Francis who attended Middle East College last year.

* The academy begins the new year with an enrollment of around fifty, and a newly completed dormitory to house them. New sidewalks help make the campus look more attractive. The school has been promised "Cairo water" in four months and a telephone immediately. With the "new city electricity" already in, it looks like the academy will soon have most of its material problems solved.

IRAN

* Pastor Anees Haddad gave valuable assistance at the summer camp for Juniors.

* Pastor R. A. Wilcox made a visit to Iran about the middle of September and brought back an encouraging report of progress. The Iran Training School was found to be in excellent condition preparatory to the opening of school.

* Elder Y. O. Sangarloo and Mohamad Seid ol Hokama are conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in Rezaieh each night for six weeks.

* Elder H. K. Salakian and Brother Gaspar Manasarian are conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in Arak, the city where our Adventist hospital was located for more than twenty-five years.

* Brother Melcom Gasparian and Elder R. C. Skinner are planning to open an evangelistic series in the Tehran Armenian church beginning November 22.

* The Iran Training School has opened with an enrollment of twenty according to reports from Brother M. H. Morovati, the school principal, and Brother J. L. Sprout, the school advisor.

* The building program at the school

is proceeding nicely. At present a new boiler room, a lounge room, and an additional dormitory room are being added to the boy's dormitory. A greenhouse and a much-needed play court are likewise being constructed. The teacher families possessive duplex is almost finished, and is a very fine addition to our school plant.

* Brother I. C. Peacock, our Iran Mission physiotherapist, is finalizing on the sketching of plans for a new physiotherapy clinic soon to be opened in Tehran.

BENGHAZI ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

* Doctor S. D. Karmy and family have moved to Karachi, Pakistan. He was called there to fill an urgent need for a surgeon.

* Miss Maha Azar of Jordan, and Miss Anitza Kassardjain of Lebanon, have gone to Benghazi where they will complete the few months of study needed to finish the nurses' course under Miss Gladys Hurd's direction.

* Plans have been approved for a new expansion project to provide adequate space for the laboratory. This will be provided within the area of the present hospital building.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

* Miss Jeanette Rice, secretary for Middle East Press is presently studying in Newbold College, England working towards her B.S. in Secretarial Science.

* Miss Aida Esber, a 1959 MEC Secondary School graduate, has taken up the secretarial responsibilities for the Press.

* A new book in Arabic entitled, *The Lord's Day*, is now completely made-up and will be put on the press this month. It will be ready for distribution about the end of December. This book will contain ninety-six pages and will be attractively illustrated throughout. It's subject matter deals with the Sabbath question. It will prove most valuable to our evangelists, workers, and members in presenting our Sabbath doctrine. Watch for further announcements concerning price and completion date.

* The editorial work on *Patriarchs and Prophets* in Arabic is nearing completion and soon the typesetting will begin. This fine volume from the pen of inspiration will be a great asset to our division bringing new light on truths from the Old Testament.

* Word has just been received from the Review and Herald that due to conditions beyond their control there will be a short delay in the completion of the new Seventh-day Adventist Bible Dictionary. They hope now to have the books finished sometime during the first quarter of 1960.

Middle East College

Acting President, R. C. Darnell Dean, K. L. Vine Business Manager, G. T. Gott

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE TODAY

R. C. Darnell, *Acting President*

Enrollment at Middle East College including both the secondary and college divisions reached a new high this year as, at the time of this writing, 162 students registered for fall quarter classes. An additional fifty enrolled in the elementary school. Students from the United Arab Republic equalled the representation from the Lebanon, traditionally the largest group on the campus. Lebanese students numbered sixty, as did those from the UAR—fourteen from the northern district and forty-six from the southern.

Jordan and Iran with sixteen and ten students respectively were also strongly represented. Four students from Germany, three each from the United States, and Iraq, two each from Cyprus and Ethiopia, and one each from Austria and Turkey also registered.

Part of the large increase in enrollment was made possible by the completion of a first floor above the men's residence. The dormitory now houses eighty-one young men. Another twenty-

five registered as day students.

Fifty-five young ladies, thirty-four of them boarding students, make up a third of the registered students. In recent years more and more girls have attended the college, reflecting both increased interest in education for girls and confidence in Middle East College. Its high standards of conduct and reputation for personal interest in the students have made it a desirable school for girls.

Student labor opportunities, always an area of emphasis at Middle East College, have also increased. Now 2,800 hours of student labor a week have been made available—the largest total in the history of the college. In addition, summer work activities at the college were expanded to provide 28,500 Lebanese lira of work and bonuses. Colporteur scholarships amounted to LL. 92,000.00.

The total earnings of students at Middle East College this school year will exceed LL. 92,000.00—more than twice the earnings in 1955.

NEWS NOTES FROM MEC

* The College has opened with the largest enrollment it has ever had—a total of 162 students have now registered. These students come from all the countries of the Middle East, Ethiopia, and Germany.

* The completion of the second story of the Men's Residence Hall provides better accommodations and more adequate facilities for the enlarged enrollment.

* Faculty Colloquium ended Thursday evening, September 24, with a faculty banquet held in a hotel in Broumanna.

* R. C. Darnell and R. A. Wilcox were the speakers at the Student Convocation on Wednesday, September 30. Mr. Gott and Miss Aboujaudi introduced the faculty and staff members.

* A Ministerial Institute was held during the summer on the college campus. The messages given by Elder Walter Schubert brought encouragement and inspiration to all.

* Both Mrs. Fund and Mrs. Hartwell are assisting with the teaching at the college. Mrs. Hartwell teaches in the English Department, and Mrs. Fund in the English and Education Departments.

* Miss Edith Davis attended three Teachers' Institutes during the summer. These were held in Cairo, Egypt; Biskinta, Lebanon; and Amman, Jordan.

* Elder K. L. Vine attended the Ministerial Institute in Cairo, and later visited students in Upper Egypt in the interest of the college.

* Elder B. J. Mondics, President of the Turkey Section, has accepted the call to conduct the Autumn Week of Prayer at the college. Mr. Khoury, assistant publishing secretary of the East Mediterranean Union, will conduct the Week of Prayer at the Arabic Elementary School.

* Fifty students are in attendance at the Arabic Elementary School this year.

KINDLY TAKE NOTICE. In the next column are some official changes in terminology recommended by the MV Secretaries' Exchange.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Fourth Quarter 1959
and

First Quarter 1960

Dec.	5	Home Missionary Day
Dec.	26	Thirteenth Sabbath
Jan.	2	Home Missionary Day
Jan.	16	Religious Liberty Day
Jan.	23	Christian Home and Family Altar Day
Jan.	30-Feb. 6	HOPE Campaign
Feb.	6	Home Visitation Day
Feb.	13	Christian Education Day
Feb.	27	Temperance Commitment Day
March	5	Home Missionary Day
March	12-19	MV Week of Prayer
March	26	Thirteenth Sabbath

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Dec.	5	Church Missionary
Jan.	2	Church Missionary
Jan.	16	Religious Liberty
Feb.	6	HOPE Subscriptions
Feb.	13	Middle East College
March	5	Church Missionary
March	12	Missions Advance

DIVISION DIRECTORY

President	R. A. Wilcox
Secretary	R. H. Hartwell
Treasurer & Auditor.....	R. E. Osborn
DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES-	
Educational, Religious Liberty, and Public Relations	G. A. Keough
Home Missionary	R. H. Hartwell
Medical	Wm. Wagner, M. D.
Ministerial	W. E. Olson
Publishing & Radio	R. C. Darnell
Sabbath & Y. P. M. V.	A. A. Haddad
Temperance	R. E. Osborn

These are "IN"

- MV, JMV (no periods)
- MV Classes
- MV Honors
- Youth Congress
- MV Book Club
- Junior youth, JMV's, Junior Missionary Volunteers, or boys and girls
- MV PROGRAM KIT, or the KIT
- Guide and Master Guide
- MV Summer Training Camp

These are "OUT"

- M.V., J. M. V.
- Progressive Classes
- Vocational Honors
- Youth's Congress
- MV Reading Course
- Juniors
- Never "the kit" or "a kit"
- Comrade and Master Comrade
- Junior Camp

MIDDLE EAST MESSENGER

R. H. Hartwell Editor

Published quarterly as the official Organ of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Middle East Division, P. O. Box 2020, Beirut, Lebanon.