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SPIRIT OF PROPHECY DAY

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May 21 has been appointed as Spirit of Prophecy Day. The church all over the world will count the many blessings bequeathed to it in the rich spiritual heritage of the prophetic gift. Through this channel God has given the saints of the last days His special counsel. Wherever this message has been heeded, the ministry has been strengthened and the church enriched, believers have been added to the fold of God's people, and the gospel has been preached with great power. We are so thankful for this wonderful source of divine instruction.

This special day comes at a very opportune moment. "The church needs to be begotten again unto a lively hope 'By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.'" (1 Peter 1:3,4). When the church awakes to a sense of what must be done in our world, the members will have travail of soul for those who know not God and who in their spiritual ignorance cannot understand the truth for this time. Self-denial, self-sacrifice, is to be woven into all our experience. . . .

"The heavenly universe is waiting for consecrated channels, through which God can communicate with His people, and through them with the world. God will work through a consecrated, self-denying church, and He will reveal His Spirit in a visible and glorious manner, especially at this time, when Satan is working in a masterly manner to deceive the souls of both ministers and people. If God's ministers will cooperate with Him, He will be with in a remarkable manner, even as He was with His disciples of old." *Selected Messages*, Vol. 1, pp. 116, 117.

The church in its final labors for the Master is needful of the spiritual gifts. New converts in the Middle Eastern countries need so much the molding influence of the Testimonies. It provides for the believers that unity of Ephesians 4:5, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." The call of the church is to unite and prepare itself to meet the Bridegroom. Recently the division committee has given special study to the question of preparing this literature in the languages of the people. The entire Conflict series is being prepared for translation in the Arabic language. *Patriarchs and Prophets* is complete and has gone to the press for the final steps in publication. One family has asked to pay for the translation of four books of the Conflict series. The people long to possess this God-given treasure, and through its channels will come a revival of godliness and soul winning. Will you not renew your determination to study more the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy and do your part in helping to provide them for others?



THE ORDINATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR ARAM AGHASSIAN

February 6, 1960 at the Beirut
Armenian Church.

Pastor A. A. Haddad gave the opening remarks giving a brief summary of the candidate's past experiences.

Pastor R. A. Wilcox preached the sermon.

Pastor R. H. Hartwell offered the ordination prayer.

Pastor Manoug Nazirian gave the ordination charge.

Pastor A. A. Haddad extended the welcome to the gospel ministry.

Pastor Aram Aghassian offered the benediction.

"Our time, our talents, our property, should be sacredly devoted to Him who has given us these blessings in trust. Whenever a special deliverance is wrought in our behalf, or new and unexpected favors are granted us, we should acknowledge God's goodness, not only by expressing our gratitude in words, but, like Jacob, by gifts and offerings to His cause, as we are continually receiving the blessings of God, so we are to be continually giving." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 187.

THE PATHWAY OF SACRIFICE LEADS TO GLORY

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16.

In the gift of Jesus to a fallen world, heaven made its supreme sacrifice in behalf of lost men and women. If Christ, our Lord and Master, found it necessary to give His life in order that man might be saved, surely it is essential that those who bear the name of Jesus in this world, must sacrifice themselves and all they have if they hope to share in the joys of rescuing the lost. Christ has ever taught His people they must surrender their all in this life, if they expect to reign with Him. It has been the plan of the devil since his fall, to cause God's people to lose sight of the spirit of sacrificing for Jesus, and to have them instead, center their affections on the world and its interests. When Jesus was on earth, He made it very plain that if a man wanted to be His disciple, he would have to deny himself daily, take up his cross and follow Him. The disciples left their nets, etc., and threw all they had into the cause Jesus represented, the winning of lost souls. After Christ had ascended and Pentecost had come, we find the early disciples selling their houses and lands, and devoting the proceeds to the spread of the gospel. We find calls being made for this and that worthy purpose, and the early believers gladly responding to the appeals made by the Apostles. The response was generous,

for the Scriptures tell us that there was no lack among them, and that the word of God did great things through their ministry. During the great apostasy, when the man of sin was revealed, the church lost her vision, and the spirit of giving to rescue sinners, gave way to a spirit of self-exaltation and the spending of money for pomp and display in the church and in the lives of its leaders.

Among the reformers, however, great sacrifices both in lives and money were made in order that the gospel of righteousness by faith in Christ might again reach the lost. Many prominent men of wealth and culture as well as the poorest peasant, threw their all upon the altar of sacrifice in behalf of the Reformation. When Protestantism was being born, it drew to its standard many prominent and learned men, who not only gave liberally of their means, but millions laid down their lives for the faith. We have now reached the closing generation of earth's history, when a whole world is to hear the third angel's message, which decides their destiny one way or the other. An army of workers is required for this task, at the very time when the love of money is the prevailing sin of this age. The Bible predicted the time in which we live would be used by many in the piling up of riches. It seems that the devil has planted the desire to make money and hold on to it, everywhere in the world and in the heart of every soul that lives in this world. It is as natural to love this world, its pleasures, etc., as

DEATH OF PASTOR F. F. OSTER

A last minute message has reached us from Pastor K. S. Oster which states that his father, Elder F. F. Oster, passed away in California at 10:00 p. m., March 22. Brother Oster had been suffering "constant excruciating pain", but now "He rests in peace." Elder F. F. Oster was sent to the Middle East about fifty years ago, and labored many years in Iran and Turkey. He loved the Middle East and the Osters trained their son Kenneth in such a way that he has also given his life to mission service in this division. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Pastor K. S. Oster and his family, especially to his dear mother, Florence White Oster. The funeral service was held in the church Sabbath afternoon, March 26, and the interment took place on March 28.

THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER AND TO PLAN FOR:

1. Easter Home Visitation and Bible Course Enrollments April 17.
2. CALL TO HEALTH subscriptions June 18 - Is your list of names and addresses ready?
3. July 9 - The annual Mid-Summer offering for world missions.

THE ORDINATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR SALIM NOUJAIM

February 27, 1960 at the Musseitbe
Church in Beirut.

Pastor Anees Haddad reviewed the past years of service in the life of Brother Noujaim.

Pastor R. H. Hartwell gave the ordination address.

Pastor Shukri Nowfel offered the ordination prayer.

Pastor K. L. Vine gave the ordination charge.

Pastor R. A. Wilcox extended the fraternal welcome to the gospel ministry.

Pastor Salim Noujaim offered the benediction.



it is for sparks to fly upward. We are all selfish by nature, and if left to our own fate, we would all be selfishly trying to gather together wealth for our personal enjoyment here in this world. The very spirit of piling up money is in the air we breathe. It is more deadly than the "flu" or other epidemics. The testimonies tell us that Satan is especially working to destroy Seventh-day Adventists, and that he tells his angels if they can make us care more for money, than the love of souls, he will have us yet. Satan well knows that if he can cause an Adventist to hold tightly to his money, giving very sparingly to God's cause, he will capture that man's soul sooner or later. Our only safety today is in crucifying the love of money, and the only way to do that is by giving it to God's work for the saving of souls. Since the calls will come, more and more, as we near the end, let us realize that our only hope of going through with God's people is by sacrificing for Jesus. It is no time to be hoarding up, but we should be placing our all on the altar. Our great foreign mission endeavor calls for a weekly sacrifice on our part. It is impossible for us to do too much or give too much when the needs are so great. Let us be cheerful when the calls come, give as we are able, cheerfully too, ever remembering that the path to glory is by the way of sacrifice of life and all we have to Christ for the finishing of the work.

For the benefit of any who may wish to know more about the relationship of giving to their Christian experience, the following selections have been taken from the testimonies of Sister White. Now and then we find some one who questions the wisdom of so many calls being made for funds. They feel that too much is said about it. I believe a careful study of these quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy will convince

the honest in heart, who sincerely love the message, that in being called upon to give frequently as we are, it is one of God's agencies not only for reaching sinners, but for saving His people living in this age of covetousness. We plead for a careful study along this line, and for a stronger and more systematic support of our world-wide foreign missions and work at home in 1960 than ever before, knowing that the more we invest in God's cause here, the greater treasures we are laying up in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, nor do thieves break through and steal.

SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE NECESSARY IN DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

"Perfection of character can not possibly be attained without self-sacrifice."
—Vol. 9, p. 53.

"Constant, self-denying benevolence is God's remedy for the cankering sins of selfishness and covetousness. He has ordained that giving should become a habit, that it may counteract the dangerous and deceitful sin of covetousness.

"Continual giving starves covetousness to death. Systematic benevolence is designed in the order of God to tear away treasures from the covetous as fast as they are gained, and to consecrate them to the Lord, to whom they belong. He requires the constant exercise of benevolence, that the force of habit in good works may break the force of habit in an opposite direction. God requires an appropriation of means for benevolent objects every week, that in the frequent exercise of this good quality the heart may be left open like a flowing stream, and not allowed to close up."—Vol. 3, p. 548.



Brother E. D. McGhee directing the Middle East College Band at the Evangelistic Center in Beirut, Lebanon during Pastor W. E. Olson's meetings.



Mrs. E. D. McGhee demonstrating how to make pear honey at the Lebanon Dorcas Federation. The Federation President, Mrs. George T. Gott is seated beside Mrs. McGhee.

"Self sacrifice is the key-note of the teachings of Christ. Often it is presented and enjoined in language that seems authoritative, because God sees that there is no other way to save man than to cut away from his life the selfishness which, if retained, would degrade the whole being."—*Vol. 9, p. 49*

"He has placed means in the hands of men, that His divine gifts may flow through human channels, in doing the work appointed us in saving our fellow men. This is one of God's ways that man needs; for it will stir the deepest sympathies of his heart, and call into exercise the highest capabilities of the mind. God's people should understand that it is His mercy that multiplies the demands for their means. Objects that call benevolence into action must be placed before them, or they can not pattern after the character of the Great Exemplar."—*Vol. 9, p. 255.*

"There are many who have looked upon the Jewish nation as a people to be pitied, because they were constantly taxed for the support of their religion, but God, who created man and provided him with all the blessings he enjoys, knew what was for his best good."—*Vol. 3, p. 404.*

"No less than one-third of their in-

come was devoted to sacred and religious purposes. There are even more urgent necessities upon the Israel of God in these last days than were upon ancient Israel. There is a great and important work to be accomplished in a very short time."—*Vol. 3, pp. 395, 396.*

"The people of God are to come close to Christ in self-denial and sacrifice, their one aim being to give the message of mercy to all the world."—*Vol. 9, p. 26.*

"The work of evangelizing the world has been greatly hindered by personal selfishness. Some, even among professing Christians, are unable to see that the work of the gospel is to be supported by the means that Christ has given them. Money is needed in order that the work done all over the world may be carried forward."—*Vol. 9, p. 53.*

"Our work is aggressive. Something must be done to warn the world; and let no voice be heard that will encourage selfish interests to the neglect of missionary fields. We must engage in the work with heart and soul and voice; both mental and physical powers must be aroused. All Heaven is interested in our work, and angels of God are ashamed of our weak efforts."—*Vol. 5, p. 381.*

FROM HERE AND THERE

Elder J. E. Edwards of the General Conference commends us for improvement in:

1. Churches holding the ten minute service between S. S. and church.
2. Number of service companies being activated in the churches.
3. Dorcas Welfare activities.

But he urges us to improve in:

2. Number of churches holding first Sabbath Missionary Services.
1. Number of reporting members.
3. Number of training classes.
4. Number of Bible studies.
5. Number of missionary contacts.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

* Miss Nora Atkins returned on January 22 from a very short furlough of one month, and resumed her duties as cashier of the division.

* Pastor A. A. Haddad has been asked to become secretary of the Temperance Department for the Middle East Division together with the Missionary Volunteer Department, and Pastor R. H. Hartwell has been asked to carry the Sabbath school work in addition to his other duties.

* A farewell get-together was held on February 1 for Elder R. E. Osborn and his family. All workers in the Beirut area met on the roof of the Middle East College administration building. The Osborns were presented with a token of appreciation intended to remind them of the host of friends who



A view of some of those who were attending a Dorcas Federation at Middle East College in Lebanon.

will miss them. Many wishes were expressed that God would bless them in their new field of service in South America.

* New office hours have been adopted and recommended to other Middle East offices as follows:

Monday through Thursday

7:30 a. m. to 12:00 m.

1:00 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Fridays

7:30 to 11:30 a. m.

From June 15 to October 1 the summer hours will be as follows:

Sunday through Thursday

7:00 a. m. to 12:00 m.

12:30 p. m. to 2:15 p. m.

Friday

Closing at 1:45 p. m.

* Pastor G. A. Keough writes that he is carrying a heavy study program during his furlough period in England.

* Pastor W. E. Olson recently visited Cairo, Benghazi, and Istanbul, where he is reported to have carried inspiration.

* Pastor R. A. Anderson, secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, visited Cairo, Beirut, and Istanbul on his way from Southern Asia back to Washington, D. C.

* Pastor C. C. Crider is teaching at La Sierra College, and is working to complete his requirements for the doctor's degree at the University of Southern California.

* Dr. Kern H. Pihl, formerly medical director of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, has recently returned to the United States after five years of service in South America. He is living in Chicago and is taking "post graduate work in surgery and other lines."

* Dr. William Wagner visited the College of Medical Evangelists attending a banquet that was held for returned missionaries and new appointees for overseas' service. Dr. Wagner was one of those who spoke on a panel which included doctors from South Africa, India, the Middle East, and the Far East. Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Crider were also present at the banquet, and so were Brother R. G. Ubbink and Dr. Joy Ubbink.

NILE UNION

* Pastor R. H. Hartwell, representing the Middle East Division Educational Department, visited the Heliopolis day school and the Nile Union Academy and assisted in grading them. He spoke twice in the academy, and also visited the Adventist Mercy Home.

* Pastors R. A. Wilcox and R. H. Hartwell accompanied Pastor A. G. Zytoskee to Alexandria on January 28. There they met Miss Emilie Levidis and Brother Angely Gayed and his family.



Miss Haigoube Keushguerian, assistant secretary of the Lebanon Dorcas Federation giving the secretary's report at a meeting held at Middle East College. Standing beside her is Pastor Aram Aghassian who translated from English to Armenian.

OBITUARY OF SISTER FARAG ASSAD

* After an illness of many months, Mrs. Farag Assad passed to her rest on March 15, 1960. The funeral service, conducted by A. G. Zytoskee, was held in the Heliopolis church. Assisting in the service were Basta Bishai, Hilal Dose, Hilmy Berbawy, and Nashed Yacoub.

* Marygo Saleeb was born May 15, 1897, in Benha Egypt. In the year 1917 she was united in marriage to Farag Assad. To this union four boys and five girls were born. In 1927 Sister Farag accepted the truth together with her husband. She died in the hope of the resurrection and with the knowledge that her entire family are in the truth.

She leaves to mourn her husband Farag Assad; her sons, Chafic, Wadie, Saleem, and Zaher; her daughters, Gamila, Nargis (Mrs. Hanna Watson), Aziza (Mrs. Habib Ghaly), Bedura (Mrs. Wadie Youssef), and Latifa (Mrs. Antoine Jabbour); and eight grandchildren.

* Several visitors have passed through Cairo in recent weeks. The list includes: R. A. Anderson, from the General Conference; Harold Beavon and family, from Tanganyika; E. E. Cossentine, from the General Conference; Karl Fischer and wife from C. M. E.; Erna Knauer, from Ethiopia; B. A. Roberts and family, from Nigeria; Dr. O. Rouhe, from C. M. E.; and N. L. Sherwood.

* Pastor A. G. Zytoskee accompanied Pastors R. A. Wilcox and R. H. Hartwell, of the Middle East Division, on a trip to Benghazi, Libya on January 22. It was a real pleasure to meet again with the hospital staff there.

* At the chapel service, March 3, Pastor C. V. Brauer, MV secretary of the Nile Union, presented twelve from the students and faculty of the Nile Union Academy with Leadercraft Certificates. The Leadercraft class, conducted by Pastor Brauer, assisted by Hanna Malaka and several others, began in January with a membership of 24. Exactly half that number completed the requirements. Among those receiving certificates were Pastor W. R. Leshner, Nile Union Academy principal, and Mrs. Leshner.

* A new addition to the Nile Union Academy equipment is the two-tone Volkswagen bus. The old bus-truck has been sold, after seven years of semi-faithful service. Another new look on the grounds in the newly planted mango orchard to the south of the administration building. A Jersey bull and two heifers were recently purchased to provide the nucleus of a potentially successful dairy.

EGYPT

* March 5 was a day when the hopes of the believers in Cairo began to be fulfilled. For the first time the church worshipped in their new home, the new Cairo Center. Elder R. A. Anderson, Ministerial Association Secretary of the General Conference, was the speaker for the occasion. Several months work yet remains to be done before the Center is fully completed. Then it will be possible to use the main auditorium for larger audiences.

* An estimated crowd of 3,400 attended the showing, March 16, of the film "One in Twenty Thousand" in Tanta. Pastor William Gayed secured the city's largest auditorium and many of the leading citizens were present. A total of 471 from these attending signed to enroll in the VOP Bible Course.

* A special meeting was held, January 19-21, in the Heliopolis church for the workers of the Egypt Section. Pastors R. A. Wilcox, president, and R. H. Hartwell, secretary, respectively, of the Middle East Division were present to speak and give counsel on plans for the advance of the work in Egypt. Pastor A. G. Zytkoskee, president, Nile Union, led out in the meetings.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* Brother Ayoub Azar and his family moved to Beirut, where he is associating with Brother Leif Jensen in the physiotherapy unit.

* The first phase of the effort in the Beirut Cultural Center, under the direction of Pastor W. E. Olson, was completed at the end of February. Meetings will continue to be held on Thursday and Sunday nights. The interest has been encouraging.

* Brother George Khoury, who has been assistant publishing secretary for the union, has accepted a call to serve as pastor of the Beirut Arabic church in Musseitbe. This is the first time in many years that a full time pastor has been provided for this church.

* Mrs. Venice (George) Khoury, who has done faithful work in the Voice of Prophecy office for several years, has decided to resign and have more time for her home duties and for helping her husband with his pastoral and evangelistic work.

IRAQ

* Brother Salam Aboujawdi moved with his family to Mosul to take up his duties as pastor of the church in that city, and MV secretary for the Sev-

enth-day Adventist Church in Iraq.

* Pastor Shukri Nowfel has been invited to assist in the dedication of the Baghdad Central church.

CYPRUS

* Pastor R. A. Wilcox paid another visit to the island in January.

* Pastor P. G. Christakos has been appointed director of the Bible Correspondence School in Nicosia.

* Brother A. N. Barlas has moved to the Famagusta district of Cyprus where work is being reopened. Several years have elapsed since a worker was located in that area.

* Brother and Sister Moses Elmadjian have a second baby girl to bring added sunshine into their home.

* Miss Effie Leontides, having completed her nurses' training in England, is now with her parents in Nicosia.

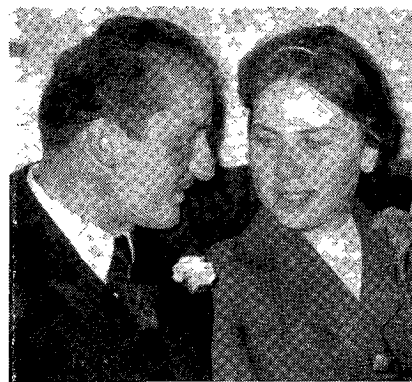
JORDAN

* About the middle of January Pastor R. A. Wilcox and Brother A. W. Fund visited Jordan in the interests of the property recently purchased in Jerusalem. Pastor Wilcox made another short visit in Jordan on March 16 enroute to Benghazi.

* The officers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jordan have been kept very busy recently with appointments for showing the temperance films and holding temperance rallies. Official groups have welcomed this important project.

LEBANON

* Brother Aram Aghassian was ordained to the gospel ministry in the Beirut Armenian church on Sabbath, February 6. Pastor R. A. Wilcox gave the dedicatory address. Pastor Aghassian has accepted a call to connect with the Cyprus field as the Armenian pastor in the Nicosia church.



* Brother Adel Aboujawdi was married to Miss Leila Yacoub on February 24 in Bishmazzine, Lebanon. Pastor George Raffoul officiated at the ceremony. He was assisted by Pastor A. A. Haddad.

* Six were baptized by Pastor Manoug Nazirian in the Beirut Armenian church, and Pastor M. C. Grin baptized one candidate in the Mediterranean Sea. This last mentioned young lady united with the College Park church at Middle East College. Also one was baptized in the Bishmazzine church by Pastor George Raffoul.

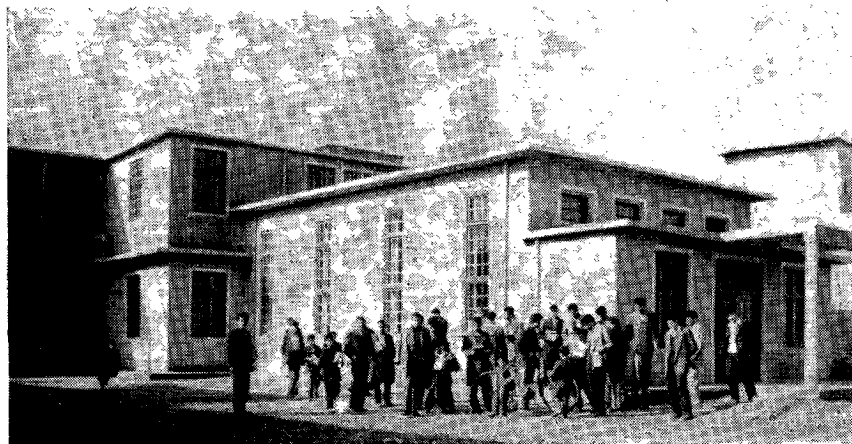
* On February 14, in the office of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lebanon, a farewell was held for the Salam Aboujawdi family, which was ready to move to Iraq; and the Aram Aghassian family which was preparing to move to Cyprus. Pastor A. A. Haddad, who was, at that time, the acting-president of the Lebanon field, served as the master of ceremonies. It was discovered that no less than 25 or 30 workers have gone from Lebanon to serve in other countries outside of their homeland.

* Dr. Farid Awdi, president of the Supreme Council of Evangelical Churches in Lebanon and Syria, graciously received Pastor R. A. Anderson, secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, as well as Middle East representatives accompanying him. Pastor Anderson was passing through Beirut early in March, on his way back to Washington from Southern Asia.

* Brother and Sister Salim Noujaim returned to Beirut in February from visiting their daughters, Madeline and Denise, in America. On February 27 Brother Noujaim was ordained to the gospel ministry in the new Musseitbe church. Pastor Noujaim has resumed his work as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lebanon.

* On March 13 Brother Samir Noujaim, son of Pastor Salim Noujiam, was married to Miss Aida Jabbour. Pastor Shukri Nowfel presided at the wedding. He was assisted by Pastors Maurice Katrib, A. A. Haddad, and K. L. Vine. Some seven or eight hundred people were present to witness the ceremony.

* The first series of evangelistic meet-



Mosul, Iraq Adventist Church and Dar Es Salaam School where Brother Salam Aboujawdi is pastor.

ings ever to be held in the new Beirut Musseitbe church building, is being led by Pastor Maurice Katrib assisted by a team of other workers.

* A baby boy named Bishara was born into the George Yared family November 16, 1959, and a baby girl named Hudah was born into the family of George Issa in December. The Sabbath school always welcomes new members for the Cradle Roll Department.

* Brother Henry Jeha, principal of the Aramoun Adventist School, has issued another attractive number of the SCHOOL ECHOES. It contains thirty-two pages besides the cover. For the most part it is in Arabic with a few pages in English.

* On February 7, Brother George Khoury, assistant secretary of the East Mediterranean Union Publishing Department, reported that in Lebanon nine colporteurs had worked 1,107 hours, in thirty-four weeks, selling LL. 2,248.50. This included LL. 1,541.75 in book sales, and LL. 706.75 in magazine sales. Seven of these young men conducted ninety-seven Bible studies, prayed with seventy-six people, received 159 enrollments for Bible courses, and distributed 767 pieces of free literature. In addition they reported many visits.

SYRIA

* There are indications that the faithful lives and prayers of our believers will be rewarded, and that closed doors are opening for the conduct of the work of the remnant church in this area.

TURKEY

* Recent visitors in Istanbul included Pastors R. A. Anderson, R. A. Wilcox, R. E. Osborn and family, W. E. Olson, and Brother G. T. Gott.

* Six persons have requested baptism of late in Istanbul.

IRAN

* Pastors R. A. Wilcox and R. H. Hartwell visited Iran about the middle of February. They found the Iran Training School progressing nicely, and even planning for enlargement as well as improvement. Brethren M. H. Morovati and J. L. Sprout have been working hard to build up this institution. Also on this visit more definite preparations were made for the opening of the new physiotherapy unit in Tehran. Brother Ivan C. Peacock is enthusiastic about this new venture. Miss Shamiram Ameer, a graduate of the Dar Es Salam School of Nursing in Baghdad, Iraq, is waiting to assist in this unit as soon as it opens.

* Pastor E. E. Cossentine, secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, made a brief stopover in

Tehran, where he visited the Iran Training School, the church headquarters, and several officials of the Iran Ministry of Education. Sometime ago Pastor Cossentine had the privilege of having a few of these officials as his guests in Washington, D. C. He was happy to take them to visit the Shenandoah Valley Academy. He now has a standing invitation to visit them in Iran whenever he has opportunity to do so.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL

* Dr. Jay P. Munsey, who has given faithful and efficient professional service, and commendable administrative leadership, to the Adventist Hospital in Benghazi for some three years, has now gone to take further specialized training in his homeland.

* Dr. O. Rouhe, who has practiced medicine for many years, and who has been giving temporary help to the School of Tropical Medicine of Loma Linda, California, has consented to help with the hospital in Benghazi for two months on his way back from Nyassaland to the United States. He was expected to arrive in Benghazi in March.

* Dr. William Wagner has consented to locate in Benghazi at the close of his present furlough year. His presence and experienced leadership there will do much for the progress of the medical work in Libya.

* Recently word has been received from Dr. William Wagner that he saw Dr. Ray S. Cornell, the first medical director of this institution, and found him sitting in a chair somewhat improved. He is able to sit up several hours each day. Some will recall that Dr. Cornell contracted polio while serving in the Adventist Hospital in Benghazi several years ago. Libya has left the medical door open to Adventists. This is a challenge to this denomination, and we pray that God will continue to provide consecrated professional personnel for this hospital.

* Miss Gladys Hurd, director of nurses at the Benghazi hospital, has given untiring service in the institution even supervising the food service and laundry work. In addition to this she has helped several young people to complete their nursing training. Associated with her is Miss Anna Rae Brown.

* Three young people, who had nearly completed their nurses' training in the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, have now completed their work and studies. Pastor A. G. Zytoskee was asked to give their graduation address.

* The three nurses who graduated in March are Miss Maha Azar, Miss Anita (Anitza) Kassardjian, and Brother Bishara Aziz Saliaman. March 18 to 21 was chosen as their graduation week end, and it began with Miss Gladys

Hurd conducting the Friday evening consecration service.

* Miss Gladys Dandan, who is the hospital mid-wife, reports continually increasing patronage for her department.

* Dr. J. P. Munsey's parents were to arrive in Benghazi in time to accompany Dr. Munsey and his family on their journey to America.

* The hospital has received a gift of a new and much needed electro-cardiograph. This machine is valued at \$ 775.00. It will be an excellent help in making diagnoses.

SPECIAL NOTICE CONCERNING H. M. DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES AVAILABLE TO YOU

1. A beautiful CALENDAR is being prepared for 1961, in the Arabic and Armenian languages, containing a lovely colored picture of heaven. This is to be used for Ingathering, VOP students, relatives, friends and neighbors. The price is to be about LL. 0.50 each. If you could see one you would rush in with a large order to be sure you have your supply early.
2. Home Visitation Day leaflets. The Easter number was well received all over the field. Each quarter these are to be available to the churches in both Arabic and Armenian for only LL. 13.00 per 1,000. We are forgetting those things which are behind and starting all over new. Will you please see that each church sends through the regular Book and Periodical House channels a NEW STANDING ORDER? Thank you very much. Without this no one knows how many to prepare. We are depending on you to help with this matter immediately if possible.
3. April 2 is the day to promote the distribution of the Arabic book entitled "The Lord's Day." It is a 96 page book. It retails in Lebanon for LL. 1.00, in Jordan for JD. 0.100, in Iraq for ID. 0.100, in Egypt for LE. 0.125. Book and Periodical Houses will welcome your order for the same. Thousands of these should be used in Arab lands during the month of April. Place your order now.
4. What have you done about the HOPE MAGAZINE (Arabic) campaign? This periodical should go to 10,000 each month in the immediate future. The H. M. Department is anxious for reports of this campaign which was set for February 6. If you have not promoted this yet PLEASE push it just as soon as possible. If you have already done so kindly send us your report of success.

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* On January 14, 1960 Pastor and Mrs. Maurice Katrib became the proud parents of a baby boy which they named Bissam. Both mother and baby are reportedly doing fine.

* The enthusiastic response from the field for the special Easter Home Visitation Day tract was very encouraging. 27,000 copies were printed in Arabic and Armenian and we understand that Elder Christakos of Cyprus is preparing the same tract in Greek. May this leaflet bring light and hope to many dark and perplexed hearts.

* Recently authorization was given for the publication of the Bible workbooks for Grades 1 and 2 as prepared by the division Department of Education. These books will be the first of the Bible workbook series to be printed in Middle East Press. Special type has been purchased, paper secured and the work begun. These volumes promise to be the best published so far. They will be ready for use in the 1960-1961 school year.

* In addition to Pastor Maurice Katrib's editorial duties he is launching a three month evangelistic campaign beginning March 27 in the new Beirut Musseitbe church. Let us pray that God will use these meetings to bring many to a knowledge of Jesus Christ.

* Sister Jamili Abdelnour, wife of Brother Elia Abdelnour, fell on a wet street in Damascus and broke her right wrist. She is now recovering quite well. Not too long ago she had the misfortune to break her left arm. She has the sympathy of all her brothers and sisters in the faith.

1961 MISSIONARY CALENDAR

The Middle East Press is now preparing a beautiful Home Missionary calendar for 1961. The large calendar, 35 by 50 cm. over all, will include a lovely 21 by 28 cm. full-color picture depicting the joys and beauties of the new earth. The months and days are in large black type that can be easily seen across a room. It will be printed on a durable bristol stock. This calendar is being planned in such a way that all religious sects will welcome it. It is being printed in Arabic and Armenian and possibly other languages. Let us use this calendar in many places for public relations, Ingathering campaigns, Voice of Prophecy promotion, and gifts. The price is LL.0.50. The calendar will be ready about July 15. Lay your plans now for its use and make your order early through your Book and Periodical House to be sure that you get your calendars before the stock is depleted.

Brother E. D. McGhee directed the Middle East College "B" and "A" bands in a very refreshing musical concert.

* By the time this copy of the MESSENGER reaches you it is expected that Elder E. L. Gammon will be on the high seas enroute to Middle East College to take up his duties as president of the school.

* Pastor J. S. Russell and family are to continue their connection with the Middle East College when they return from furlough in July. It is expected that Pastor Russell will have his M. A. degree when he returns.

* Pastor K. S. Oster has accepted the invitation to connect with the faculty of Middle East College after his furlough. He is completing the requirements for his M. A. degree also before coming back in July.

CHURCH CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS

April	23	Sabbath School Rally Day
April	30	Tithe Promotion Day
May	7	Home Missionary Day
May	14	Medical Missionary Day
May	21	Spirit of Prophecy Day
June	4	Home Missionary Day
June	11-18	CALL TO HEALTH Campaign
June	25	Thirteenth Sabbath
July	2	Home Missionary Day

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

April	23	Sabbath School Expense
May	7	Church Missionary
June	4	Church Missionary
June	18	CALL TO HEALTH Subscriptions
July	2	Church Missionary
July	9	Mid-Summer Offering

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* For the first time in the history of Middle East College the young people's Week of Prayer was conducted completely by students. They chose for their theme "Discovery of Living." The messages brought by the students were an inspiration to all.

* A Parents Open House was held at Middle East College on March 13. Parents and relatives of the students were invited to spend the afternoon on the college campus. The activities of the day included the following: a band concert, guided tour, refreshments, and a variety program presented by the students. It has been estimated that about 200 guests were present for some or all of the activities.

* During the second quarter of the school the Ministerial Seminar was organized. The ministerial students are receiving much practical help in this organization. On Monday, March 7, R. A. Anderson, secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, brought the special challenge to the ministerial students and conducted the combined worship usually assigned to the Ministerial Seminar.

* Elders R. C. Darnell and K. L. Vine gave a series of talks at the Beirut Cultural Center on the Seven Churches of Revelation 1-3. These were a part of the studies planned by Elder W. E. Olson, director of the Center.

* The Women's Residence Hall received a gift of more than one hundred dollars from Portland Union Academy in Oregon. The ladies of MEC have decided to use this donation to decorate their parlor.

* During this quarter a series of talks on professional guidance were presented in the chapel exercises by the heads of the Ministerial, Educational, Secretarial, and Vocational Departments. In these lectures the students learned the advantages of the various professions and the reasons for choosing them as a life work.

* On Saturday night, March 12,

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