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GREETINGS TO OUR FELLOW-BELIEVERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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Radio-TV Department, General Conference of S.D.A.

It was a privilege to visit many of our churches and institutions in the Middle East Division during July and August, 1960, in company with Pastor R. C. Darnell, the division radio-TV secretary. What an inspiration it is to meet with our brothers and sisters in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our language may be different but our love for the Lord is the same. Our habits may vary, but our Hope is identical. We are servants of the same Master, witnesses of the same God, members of the same Church. Our desires to see God's work done, our dedication, our worship, all are the same. What a family is God's family; what a privilege to be a member of it!

While in the division we visited our four Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence schools which are located in Beirut, Cairo, Nicosia, and Tehran. The workers in these schools are doing an important work—dealing with the souls of men and women and children, most of whom they have never seen. We met with our pastors and Bible instructors who are following up interests created by the Voice of Prophecy. They are engaged in a vital work. We found many church members who are securing good applications for the Bible correspondence schools—how could their help ever be dispensed with! May their tribe increase!

The Voice of Prophecy work has been, and is, a powerful means of winning souls to Christ. Wherever in the world the Voice of Prophecy work has been introduced and carried on with enthusiasm and perseverance, the results have been gratifying. Churches have been organized, large numbers have been added to our churches, lost souls have been saved, and wandering ones have been found.

Plans were laid for a greatly accelerated and even more thorough work to be done by the Voice of Pro-



phesy in the Middle East Division. These plans call upon every Seventh-day Adventist church member to help, as well as every minister and Bible instructor and administrator. Pastor R. C. Darnell and others will be announcing the plans shortly. The officers of the division, Elders Wilcox, Hartwell, and Fenn solidly support the Voice of Prophecy work.

Brethren and sisters of the Middle East Division, may God bless you as you continue the important work. Great satisfaction will be yours as you see souls coming to the Lord. I know of no world-wide evangelistic program that has the possibilities of the Voice of Prophecy. It is a God-given plan, a powerful tool in the hand of the church. Let us make the most of it.

Bible Correspondence School Council

R.C. DARNELL, *Secretary*

Radio Department, Middle East Division

The directors of the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence schools decided during a council in Beirut August 2-4, to emphasize the ways the schools can help workers and laymen to win their converts to Christ. Led by Elder James Chase, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Radio and Television Department, they laid plans for close cooperation with the churches in evangelism.

Bible correspondence schools in the southern United States, India, and Korea, have already followed such plans and in each place the numbers joining the church increased two and three times in just a few years. Churches in these areas concentrated on getting large numbers of applicants for the lessons. Then the Bible School worked with those and selected from them those who were most interested.

Workers and laymen visited these, invited them to meetings, and otherwise made personal efforts for them until they won many of them to the faith.

The schools plan to increase the personal attention given students and if church members or workers want to visit and encourage them, the schools will send special information about the students concerned. In this way the teacher in the school will work closely with the worker in the field who is seeking to win the soul to Christ.

The council gave much attention to the methods of working with those who finish the lessons. Graduation exercises and other meetings are planned on a wider scale and more frequently in order to help workers and church members to get acquainted with the graduates and to help graduates get acquainted with the church. It is hoped

that the mission committees will appoint special persons to assist the pastors and evangelists in getting to know the best interests so they can be successful in leading them to the truth.

It is expected that where these plans are used the schools will be able to supply evangelists with a good list of names for their meetings and they will be able to get better audiences and baptize more.

Recommendations were voted to plan special lessons for youth from 12 to 15 years of age, a set of lessons about the Bible that would be suitable for Muslims to study, the replacement of the course by easier, more modern and attractive lessons, and a special ten-lesson advanced course for graduates. In Iran a course about the Life of Jesus is soon to be printed. Probably many will want to study these new lessons.

Attending the council were Philip Srour, director of the Beirut school; Farag Assad, veteran supervisor of the work in the Heliopolis school; Peter Christakos, director of the Nicosia school; and David Melikian who manages the activities of the Tehran school. Joining the school leaders, were Naim Mashni and Salim Noujaim, presidents of the Jordan and Lebanon sections respectively. R. A. Wilcox and R. H. Hartwell from the division gave valuable counsel. The meetings were under the chairmanship of James Chase from the General Conference, and held under the auspices of the Middle East Division Radio Department, headed by Robert Darnell.

DIVISION BIENNIAL MEETINGS

November 15 to 22 the Middle East Division will hold its biennial committee meetings in Beirut, Lebanon. On November 21 three constituency meetings will be held in Beirut as follows: Middle East College constituency at 9:00 a.m., Middle East Press constituency at 2:00 p.m., and the Adventist Hospital (Benghazi) constituency at 7:30 p.m. It is expected that Elders W. E. Murray and O. A. Blake will be present from the General Conference.

UNION BIENNIAL SESSIONS

The biennial session of the East Mediterranean Union will convene in Beirut, November 23 and 24, and the General Conference and Middle East Division officers will proceed to the Nile Union November 25 to meet with the delegates to the Nile Union biennial session.



The group attending the Ministerial Institute held in Heliopolis, June 29 to July 2, 1960.

NILE UNION YOUTH CONGRESS

A. A. HADDAD, *Secretary*
MV Department
Middle East Division

This was held from August 4 to 6 at the Nile Union Academy. Elders Wilcox, Gammon, and Haddad from Beirut assisted in the program. Telegrams of greetings and mutual determination for full dedication were exchanged between this Congress and the one that was being currently held at Zurich for both the Central and Southern European Divisions. The Nile Union Congress was attended by delegates from all over the union as well as most of the colporteurs and workers. The theme was: Festival of the Holy Scriptures.

FIRST MIXED JORDAN JMV CAMP

A. A. HADDAD, *Secretary*
MV Department
Middle East Division

The first Jordan JMV camps were held in the summer of 1954—one for the girls and another for the boys. However, through the ensuing years, a growing conviction caused the committee to plan for a mixed camp for the summer of 1960. At first there were a number of conservative objections, but finally the plan was put into effect.

When I arrived on the camp grounds Sunday, July 24, I was very pleased indeed with what my eyes saw. All in all there were fifty campers directed by Brother Salim Hasbany, the new Jordan MV secretary, and a good staff of consecrated workers. The camp must have made an impression in Jordan as both the broadcasting station of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan as well as the leading newspapers reported about the camp.

Throughout the days of the camping

period, we felt the working of God's Spirit very clearly. There was a peacefully inspiring atmosphere brought about by the full cooperation manifested by staff members and JMV's alike. The new acting president, Brother Naim Meshni, managed the camp from its business angle, and did such a spectacular job that all the camp voted him unmatched gratitude.

At the end of the camp, the JMV's formed a large delegation that "officially" pled with the camp administration to extend the camp another week. "We are ready to pay whatever extra fees you charge." But the administration knew that the best time to end an event is when acceptance and enthusiasm are at the peak. Thus the first mixed Jordan JMV camp will find its place in the annals of Middle East Division MV history as a sweeping success.

A WORD OF THANKS AND A FURTHER APPEAL TO WORKERS

LEROY EDWIN FROM

General Conference of S.D.A.

Current Citations Now Needed to Complete "Life, Death, and Destiny" Manuscripts.

Deep appreciation is hereby gratefully expressed to our workers who have been on the alert for pertinent statements from writers discussing the nature and destiny of man. Numerous quotations and references of value have been sent me by workers in different lands, which items have already played a vital part in the development of the manuscript *Life, Death, and Destiny*, now coming to modern times in its 2500-year coverage.

We are soon to climax with contemporary writers who have broken with—or are at least challenging—the traditional positions of the innate immortality of all souls, and the eternal torment of the immortally wicked,



Following the ordination of Wadie Farag and Farris Bisbai, July 2 at the Heliopolis church, this group picture was taken. From left to right, Elder R. A. Wilcox, Elder Wadie Farag, Mrs. Wadie Farag, Elder James Chase, Elder Farris Bisbai, Mrs. Farris Bisbai, Elder C. E. Moseley, Jr., Elder A. G. Zytoskee.

which postulates have so long held general sway.

These paragraphs bring you another appeal to keep on the look-out for current book, pamphlet, and periodical article statements, now appearing with increasing frequency, which clearly reflect the widespread revolt against these predominant positions of the past. You may be able to bring to our attention some priceless item that might otherwise be missed.

The successful completion of this gigantic task, now well along toward consummation, calls for the continuing watchfulness and cooperation of all workers and the prompt reporting of items of value. It should be added that the results, in coordinated form, will be a distinct aid to all workers, and an effective means of reaching scholars not of our faith with a vital coverage of this fundamental doctrine.

As indicated, the cumulative results are already impressive. And I repeat that I know of no other means of compassing current literature of all lands for this closing section—hence this appeal. Please report any items, and send in pertinent information coming to your attention.

This information needs to be exact—full name of author, precise title of book, or pamphlet. Notation of the pertinent pages would facilitate matters. Also please give name of publisher, place of publication, and the date of issuance and edition. In the case of periodicals, the name, religious affiliation, and place of publication of the journal, as well as the author and the title of the article are required, and we of course need the exact date, if a weekly, or the month or quarter, as the case may be.

NILE UNION TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

G. A. KEOUGH, *Educational Secretary*
Middle East Division

The Nile Union Mission held its Teachers' Institute in the Adventist Auditorium, Heliopolis, July 27 to August 1. Attending the Institute were the teachers of the Nile Union Academy and the Heliopolis school.

Elder A. G. Zytoskee, president of the Nile Union Mission, set the keynote of the Institute when, in his opening address, he pointed to Jesus as The Master Teacher. Each morning some phase of the teaching of Jesus was studied as a pattern and guide for the teachers of today.

The details of the program were

worked out with Mr. Hanna Watson, Nile Union educational secretary, who was also chairman of the meetings. Elder E. L. Gammon, president of Middle East College, emphasized the aims and objectives of Adventist schools and pointed out their importance to the church and the community. Miss E. C. Davis, also of Middle East College, gave some practical talks on the learning process, the value of visual aids, and the way to tackle personal problems successfully. Others who led out in discussions with the teachers were Elders Wadie Farag, C. V. Brauer, Hilal Dose, Shafik Ghali, and the division educational secretary.

The teachers expressed themselves as appreciating the practical and inspirational counsel that was given. Here are some of the opinions expressed:

"I liked the simplicity and clearness in which all the topics were presented."

—Hanna Watson. "I have learned a lot in this Institute which will help me as a teacher to be more like Jesus."

—Hanna Malaka. "It has been a blessing to me to come together with our teachers for discussion and instruction."

—W. R. Leshner. From the heavenly messages I have heard I have been encouraged and I reconsecrate myself

to follow our Master Teacher in spite of what comes."—Shehata Guindi. "I have learned valuable lessons during this Teachers' Institute and I will perform my duties with renewed determination and added zeal and energy with the help and guidance of the Master Teacher."—Shafik Ghali. Words cannot express how thankful and grateful to God I am that He has given me this wonderful privilege where I have learned many new and useful things. My prayer is that God will help me to put them into practice."—Mrs. Nadia Abu Assal. (Concluded on page 5)



George and Nazeera Ghazal on their wedding day, May 29, 1960



Baptism of four candidates in the Tigris River

THE PATHWAY OF SACRIFICE LEADS TO GLORY

MINISTERS TO ENCOURAGE LIBERALITY IN GIVING

"The eternal destiny of all is soon to be decided, and at such a time as this, will the presidents of conferences lie back in the harness and refuse to draw the heavy load? They should encourage the people to diligence in the cause of God, to make every exertion for the salvation of souls; but they should never leave even the slightest impression on their minds, that they are sacrificing too much for the cause of God, or that more is required of them than is reasonable. The providence of God says,

'Go forward,' not back into Egypt; and instead of framing a testimony to please the people, ministers should seek to arouse those who are asleep."—*Vol. 5, p. 372.*

"Holding the office of president of a conference, with the experience and influence that this office gives, instead of discouraging the people, you should have urged them to new exertion, to bear weightier responsibilities. There are special duties devolving upon men in responsible positions; there are laborious efforts to be made which it would be convenient to neglect. But when the Shepherds are negligent of duty, may

the Lord pity the poor sheep."—*Vol. 5, p. 371.*

"Had the ministers done their duty in educating every member, whether rich or poor, to give as God has prospered him, there would be a full treasury. God has shown me that many souls are in danger of eternal ruin through selfishness and worldliness and the watchmen are guilty, for they have neglected their duty. This is a state of things that Satan exults to see."—*Vol. 5, p. 375.*

"Ministers have neglected to enforce gospel beneficence. The subject of tithes and offerings has not been dwelt upon as it should have been."—*Vol. 5, p. 382.*

THE CALLS FOR MEANS WILL INCREASE

"It is not to be a lamented fact that there are increasing calls to give. God in His providence is calling His people out from their limited sphere of action, to enter upon greater enterprises. Unlimited effort is demanded at this time when moral darkness is covering the world. Worldliness and covetousness are eating out the vitals of God's people. They should understand that it is His mercy which multiplies the demands for their means."—*Vol. 3, p. 405.*

"If professed Christians would use less of their wealth in adorning the body and beautifying their own houses, and would consume less in extravagant, health-destroying luxuries upon their tables, they could place much larger sums in the treasury of God."—*Vol. 3, p. 401.*

"Never was there greater need of earnest, self-sacrificing labor in the cause of Christ than now, when the hours of probation are fast closing, and the last message of mercy is to be given to the world. My soul is stirred within me as the Macedonian cry comes from every direction, from the cities and villages of our own land, from across the Atlantic and the broad Pacific and from the islands of the sea, 'Come over and help us.' Brethren and sisters, will you answer the cry saying: 'We will do our best both in sending you missionaries and money. We will deny ourselves in the embellishment of our houses, in the adornment of our persons, and in the gratification of appetite. We will give the means intrusted to us into the cause of God, and we will devote ourselves also unreservedly to His work.' The wants of the cause are laid before us, the empty treasuries appeal to us most pathetically for help. One dollar (or one pound) now is of more value to the work than ten dollars (or pounds) will be at some future period. Let every dollar that you can spare be invested in the bank of heaven."—*Vol. 5, pp. 732, 733.*

"In place of complaining of the officers of the General Conference because they cannot respond to the multi-



Pastor Behnam Arshat with four baptismal candidates in Baghdad, also in the picture to the extreme right is Sister Nawal Abdul Messih, the Bible Instructor, and next to her the Mother of one of the candidates.

plied calls for men and means, let our church members bear a living testimony to the power of the truth by denying self and giving liberally for the advancement of the work. Let our sisters save by refusing to put expensive trimmings on their garments. Let every unnecessary expense be cut down. Let every family bring their tithes and offerings to the Lord. My brethren and sisters, waste not your money in purchasing unnecessary things. You may think little sums do not amount to much, but many littles will make a great whole. Cut off every extravagant expenditure. Indulge in nothing that is simply for display. Your money means the salvation of souls. Let there be systematic giving on the part of all. Some may be unable to give a large sum but all can lay aside each week something for the Master. Let the children act their part. Let parents teach their children to save their piasters to give to the Lord. The gospel ministry is to be supported by self-denial and sacrifice. Let not the church members complain because they are so often called upon to give. From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality. So long as there are souls to save, our interest in the work of soul saving is to know no abating. There are new fields to be entered and we must have your help."—*Vol. 9, pp. 53, 55, 56.*

"Those churches who are the most systematic and liberal in sustaining the cause of God, are the most prosperous spiritually. True liberality in the follower of Christ identifies his interest with that of his Master. . . . The spiritual health and prosperity of the church is dependent in a great degree upon her systematic benevolence. It is like the life blood which must flow through the whole being, vitalizing every member of the body."—*Vol. 3, p. 405.*

SHALL WE CONTINUE TO INCREASE OUR WORLDLY POSSESSIONS?

"Would you make your property secure? Place it in the hand that bears the nail-print of the crucifixion. Retain it in your possession and it will be to your eternal loss. Give it to God, and from that moment it bears His inscription. It is sealed with His immutability. Would you enjoy your substance? Then use it for the blessing of the suffering."—*Vol. 9, p. 5.*

"I saw that if the saints had food laid up by them, or in the field, in the time of trouble, when sword, famine and pestilence are in the land, it would be taken from them by violent hands, and strangers would reap their field. Houses and lands will be of no use to the saints in the time of trouble, for they will then have to flee before infuriated mobs, and at that time their possessions can not be disposed of to



New Central Baghdad Church

advance the cause of present truth. I was shown that it is the will of God, that the saints should cut loose from every incumbrance before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice. I saw that if any held on to their property, and did not inquire of the Lord as to their duty, He would not make duty known, and they would be permitted to keep their property, and in the time of trouble it would come up before them like a mountain to crush them, and they would try to dispose of it, but would not be able. I heard some mourn like this: "The cause was languishing, God's people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless. Oh, that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven."—*Early Writings, pp. 56, 57.*

"Christians who believe the present truth should manifest wisdom and foresight. They should have their business in such a shape that, were they called at any hour to leave it, and should they have no voice in its arrangement, it might be settled as they would have had it were they alive. I was also shown the inconsistency of those who profess to believe the truth withholding their means from the cause of God, that they may leave it for their children. Parents should lay up for themselves

treasures in heaven, by appropriating their means themselves to the advancement of the cause of God. They should not rob themselves of heavenly treasure by leaving a surplus of means to those who have enough; for by so doing they not only deprive themselves of the precious privilege of laying up a treasure in the Heavens that faileth not, but they rob the treasury of God. While they have sound minds and good judgment parents should, with prayerful consideration, and with the help of proper counselors who have experience in the truth and a knowledge of the divine will, make disposition of their property. But if they have unbelieving children who have abundance of this world, and who are serving the world, they commit a sin against the Master who has made them His stewards, by placing means in their hands merely because they are their children. God's claims are not to be lightly regarded."—*Vol. 3, pp. 117, 119, 120, 121.*

Nile Union Teachers' Institute

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It is the earnest prayer of administrators and teachers that God will abundantly bless the two schools in the Nile Union so that boys and girls will be prepared as citizens for now and eternity.

FROM HERE AND THERE

APPRECIATION FOR THE VISIT OF PASTOR J. E. CHASE

On August 4 the Middle East Division committee passed the following action:

"VOTED, To express appreciation to the General Conference and to Elder Chase for his visit to the Middle East Division field during which time he visited all of our

Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence schools, evaluating them and giving counsel for improvement and greater efficiency; and aided in the conducting of Voice of Prophecy graduations and rallies; and contacted radio and TV station managers; and also presided as chairman at a three day Bible Correspondence School Directors'

Council in Beirut, at which time resolutions were set up for the more effective conduct of the work of these schools.

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

R. H. HARTWELL, *Secretary*
Middle East Division, Home Missionary
and Sabbath School Departments

INDIVIDUAL INGATHERING GOALS: —
In an all out effort to enlist some help
from every believer in the division on
June 28 it was

VOTED, That in fields other than
Cyprus, Lebanon, and Iraq, a minimum
individual Ingathering goal be set at
LL. 10.00 or its equivalent, for each
member. And that in Cyprus, Lebanon,
and Iraq the goal set for each individual
be a minimum of LL. 20.00 or its unit
equivalent. Where the church goals are
higher it is understood that there will
be special efforts made to reach these.
Many members can quietly approach their
special friends even where public solicitation
is not permitted, and of course most of
them can contribute something themselves
if necessary to reach their goals.

INGATHERING RALLIES: — Whereas
it is necessary that leaders should lead
in this project as well as in all worthy
endeavors, it was

VOTED, That in each center where
there are various organizations or mission
headquarters, a rally be held, and all
paid workers be encouraged to set a personal
goal for Ingathering, and at the same
time plans be made for the conduct of
the campaign in the area concerned, and
pastors and leaders instruct members in
organized plans, and a goal be set for
each church.

BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL YEAR: —
Whereas the year 1960 has been designated
as "Branch Sabbath School Year," and
whereas there are opportunities for new
branch Sabbath schools to be opened in
the Middle East, it was:

VOTED, That mission administrators
join with departmental secretaries and
local Sabbath school councils in studying,
when possible on the local committees and
church boards, to ascertain every means
to promote this worthy project during the
last half of 1960, and that, where they
are not already doing so, we urge every
worker to encourage, both by word and
by example, the opening of branch
Sabbath schools.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

* Brother Ignatius Yacoub, who received
his B. A. from Middle East College with
the class of 1960, has joined

the office family of the Middle East
Division.

* Miss Izella Stuvenga, church school
teacher for the children of overseas
workers in Beirut, has conducted a
Vacation Bible School in Amman,
Jordan, helped with their MV camp in
Jordan, and also helped one or two
other Vacation Bible Schools following
the camp.

* Pastor V. A. Fenn is rapidly becoming
acquainted with the field and its needs.
In company with Pastor R. A. Wilcox he
has already visited Amman, Cairo, Benghazi,
and Tehran. * Donald Fenn, son of Pastor
and Sister V. A. Fenn, has been visiting
them for a few weeks in Beirut. He is
returning to America after having spent
a few years in Europe.

* Pastor G. A. Keough arrived in Beirut
in July and proceeded to Egypt to help
conduct the Nile Union Teachers' Institute.

* Pastor K. S. Oster and family together
with his mother, Sister F. F. Oster, and
Pastor J. Russell and family, arrived in
Lebanon July 22, and have taken up their
duties at Middle East College. Sister F. F.
Oster and her husband were former
missionaries in Iran and Turkey several
decades ago.

* A division-wide Voice of Prophecy
Bible correspondence school directors' council
was held in Beirut August 2-4 under the
chairmanship of Pastor J. E. Chase. Those
who attended were P. G. Christakos, Philip
Srour, Farag Assad, David Melikian, Naim
Meshni, and of course R. C. Darnell and
division officers.

* Pastor Anees Haddad spent some time
at the Junior camp in Jordan near the end
of July, and attended the Nile Union Youth
Congress at the Nile Union Academy early
in August.

* Edmond and Ella Haddad and little
Raja visited Pastor Anees Haddad and
family as they returned from studying
overseas.

* Brother Ibrahim Swaidan and family
were pleased to have his brother Gabriel
and his wife spend several weeks with
them recently. They have now returned to
their home in the United States.

* Other visitors to the division offices
recently included Pastor C. V. Brauer and
family from Egypt; Pastor and Sister C. A.
Boykin from the Vincent Hill School in
India; Pastor C. R. Holford and family from
New Delhi, India; Miss Marion Miller
returning to the Giffard Memorial Hospital
in India; Robert Baldwin, son of H. M.
Baldwin who is business manager of the
Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital; David
Parker, son of Pastor P. A. Brooks of
Mandalay, Burma; Dr. E. A. Brooks and
family from the Saigon Adventist Hospital
in Vietnam; Dr. C. E. Randolph of the
General Conference Medical Department; and
thirty-five members of a Pacific Union
College tour led by

Dr. J. Paul Stauffer and H. E. Douglass;
as well as Brethren P. G. Christakos,
Farag Assad, Naim Mashni, and David
Melikian of the VOP Bible correspondence
schools.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* Miss A. Ruby Williams enjoyed a
visit from Miss Nawal Abdul-Messih in
July.

* Pastor Chafic Srour and family have
moved to Beirut where he has taken up
his duties as director of the Beirut
Evangelistic Center.

* Brother Leif Jensen, and his associates
at the Beirut Physical Therapy rooms,
have officially announced the opening
of their department and have circulated
an attractive brochure entitled: "In
Sickness and in Health." Their hours are
Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 5:30,
and on Fridays 8:00 to 12:00.

* July 31 was a big day at the Beirut
Evangelistic Center. Philip Srour, director
of the Beirut Voice of Prophecy Bible
correspondence school, took charge of a
graduation service. Pastor J. E. Chase
was the guest speaker.

CYPRUS

* Pastor J. E. Chase of the General
Conference Radio Department, accompanied
by Pastor R. C. Darnell, visited Nicosia
in the interest of the Bible correspondence
school and radio work.

IRAQ

* Pastor Behnam Arshat reports four
baptised in Baghdad July 2. Eight others
are said to be awaiting baptism in the
near future.

* The visit of Pastor C. E. Moseley, Jr.,
field secretary of the General Conference
was much appreciated by the believers in
Iraq.

* The Kirkuk school property is now
deeded to the denomination, and remodeling
is in progress so as to provide a suitable
place for church meetings.

JORDAN

* On July 16 Pastor R. R. Ausner
baptised five candidates. Two were from
Jerusalem and three from El Karak where
Brother Fayez Samuel and his wife are
stationed.

* Brother and Sister Naim Meshni were
made very happy on June 27 when Gillian
was born and brightened their home.
Interestingly enough was the fact that the
same day, in Beirut, Naim's sister Widad
Faiman gave birth to Isabella. Widad's
husband, Herbert Faiman, is the one who
produces fine whole-wheat bread, and
tasty rolls at Middle East College.

* Brother Salim Hasbany has returned
from the temperance institute in Paris,
and has taken up his duties as sec-

retary-treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jordan. He is also secretary of the MV, publishing, and temperance departments.

* Brother Naim Meshni is secretary of the educational, home missionary, public affairs, and Sabbath school departments in Jordan, in addition to his duties as the acting president.

LEBANON

* Brother George Esbir has been appointed principal of the Aramoun school, and his son Nicola Esbir has been asked to serve as the business manager. Both of them will be teaching as well.

* Miss Ellen Ghazal has been invited to do Bible work for the remainder of the summer, and is associating with Miss Williams in Beirut.

* Miss Evelyn Dikran has been invited to teach in the Beirut Armenian school for the 1960-61 school year.

SYRIA

* The baptism of one candidate was conducted in Aleppo.

* Pastor Ziky Hannawi suffered the injury of one hand in a car accident.

NILE UNION

* The first Nile Union Youth Congress was held on the campus of the Nile Union Academy, August 4 to 6. Speakers at the Congress included: R. A. Wilcox, president, Middle East Division; E. L. Gammon, president, Middle East College; Anees Haddad, MV secretary, Middle East Division; A. G. Zytoskee, president, Nile Union; and C. V. Brauer, MV secretary, Nile Union, who acted as chairman of the Congress.

* More than one hundred delegates attended. On Sabbath, and for the evening services, many additional visitors attended from Cairo and Heliopolis. All students of Middle East College present in Egypt, all Nile Union Academy students, all of the regular and student colporteurs, and most workers were official delegates. Each organized church in the Nile Union also sent at least one delegate. The delegates are determined to take the consecration and inspiration of Congress to the other youth of the Nile Union and launch out for God in a great Share Your Faith campaign.

* The work of the pastor was the theme of the 1960 Nile Union Ministerial Institute, held June 29 to July 2, in the Heliopolis church. Pastor Hilal Dose and Pastor A. G. Zytoskee, president, Nile Union, acted as chairmen of the Institute and chose as the motto the words, "Feed My Sheep." Pastor C. E. Moseley, Jr., Field Secretary, General Conference, was the principal speaker at the Institute and also delivered a series of inspiring revival sermons

open to the public each evening. J. E. Chase, Associate Secretary, General Conference Radio and TV Department; and from the division, R. A. Wilcox and R. C. Darnell also were given several speaking opportunities.

* The 1960 Nile Union Colporteur Institute was held June 15 to 19 at the Nile Union Academy. Hilmy Berbawy, Nile Union publishing department secretary, led out in the Institute. Although only forty attended the Institute the ranks of student colporteurs working in the Nile Union this summer were greatly increased with the arrival of several from Middle East College. One team of young ladies, Nadia Youssef and Aida Fahim, is working in Alexandria.

* Recent visitors have been: R. O. Baldwin, James Chase, R. C. Darnell, Edith Davis, Dr. Florin, E. L. Gammon, Leeta and Thelma Hemme, G. A. Keough, J. M. Lee and boys, C. E. Moseley, Jr., R. W. Olson and family, Charles Thomas, R. F. Waddell.

* Graduation services for the sixth class to be graduated from the Nile Union Academy were held the weekend of June 18. A. G. Zytoskee was speaker for the consecration service, Hilmy Berbawy gave the baccalaureate sermon, and C. V. Brauer delivered the commencement address. Members of the graduating class were: Girgis Narouz, Hanna Abd El Malak, Nathan Malaka, Rushdi Salim, Shoudi Twigger, and Zakaria Youssef.

* A Teachers' Institute was conducted in Heliopolis for the teachers of the Nile Union, July 27 to August 1. Those leading out were: G. A. Keough, educational secretary of the division; E. L. Gammon, president, Middle East College; Miss Edith Davis, educational department, Middle East College; and Hanna Watson, Nile Union educational secretary, who acted as chairman of the Institute.

* Regional meetings were held in several centers in Egypt. The first gathering was held in Heliopolis, July 1-3. This was followed by meetings in Minia, July 6,7; in Souhag, July 7-9; and in Assiut, July 8-10. Pastor C. E. Moseley Jr., was the principal speaker at the meetings. Other speakers included: Pastor James Chase, A. G. Zytoskee, Hilmy Berbawy, Wadie Farag, R. W. Wilmot, and C. V. Brauer.

* At each Regional meeting special services were conducted for the boys and girls of primary and junior age. C. V. Brauer and Hanna Watson worked together in giving the children craft-work, recreation, and a Nile boatripe with a campfire following. Two hundred and fifty children attended, many of whom had never had camp opportunities.

* A VOP rally was conducted in the Heliopolis church, Sunday evening, July 3. Pastors James Chase and R.

C. Darnell led out in the rally and issued graduation diplomas to seventeen VOP students from the Cairo area. The rally closed with a baptism of nine persons.

* On Sabbath morning, July 2, Wadie Farag and Farris Bishai were ordained to the gospel ministry. C. E. Moseley, Jr., preached the ordination sermon, A. G. Zytoskee gave the charge, R. A. Wilcox, extended the welcome, and Nashed Yacoub offered the prayer.

* Six young ladies were graduated from the Heliopolis school in graduation exercises conducted at the Heliopolis church, June 23. Pastor A. G. Zytoskee delivered the address. Actually the eighth grade this last year was conducted as a detached school with Mrs. Aziza Habib, teacher. The six graduates are: Susan Maharrib, Esther Nashed, Madeline Antar, Farida Rizk, Mounira Youssef, and Elaine Fahim.

* The children of the overseas missionaries presented a close of school program to their parents and friends at the Nile Union auditorium on June 16.

EGYPT

* Pastor Nassif Boutros writes: "For more than half a century our work was centered in Upper Egypt. But the sun of a new day has started to open our work in the eastern section of the Nile Delta. I have conducted two major evangelistic efforts in Mansoura, the provincial capitol, which has its historical background from the time of the crusades. Both the spring and the autumn efforts were held in a rented building which was packed to its capacity with people. Sometimes people were even standing at the door hungering to hear the truth. In spite of all kinds of persecution ten dear souls were united with their Master in baptism. These have formed the nucleus for our new work in the eastern area of the Nile Delta. Meetings are still being held three nights each week, and others are in the baptismal class preparing for this ordinance."

IRAN

* Elder C. E. Moseley, the field secretary of the General Conference, conducted the spring Week of Prayer at the Iran Training School, April 29-May 7, 1960. A baptismal class was formed, and six students were baptized on June 11, by Y. O. Sangerloo.

* A branch Sabbath school primarily for children was organized by the Pahlavi Avenue Church in Tehran under the leadership of Mrs. I. C. Peacock June 18. On the first Sabbath, even though the weather was somewhat stormy, 17 of the neighborhood children attended. And on the following Sabbath 30 were in attendance.

* A. R. Sarrafian, one of the early Seventh-day Adventists in Iran, fell

asleep in Jesus in Isfahan after an illness of several months. He is survived by his wife, two sons, three daughters, and a host of other relatives and friends. Brother Sarrafián was a diligent student of the Word of God, and along with his profession as a goldsmith, he counselled others to buy the gold of faith from the great Refiner.

* Brother Hovik Sarrafián, who recently returned from taking advanced study in the United States, has accepted the call to serve as mission evangelist for the Iran Mission.

* The contract has been let for remodeling the Pahlavi Avenue building so as to provide for an up-to-date physiotherapy department, as well as elementary school rooms, and a special guest room. The work is progressing nicely and should soon be completed.

* Three regional camp meetings were held in Iran this summer as follows: Isfahan, July 1-4; Tabriz, July 8-11; and Tehran, July 15-18. Besides the Iran Mission officers the following personnel assisted with one or more of the regional meetings: Pastor J. E. Chase, associate secretary of the General Conference Radio and TV department; Pastor R. C. Darnell, secretary of the Middle East Division Radio and TV department; Brother Nurhan Ouzounian, science professor at Middle East College in Beirut, Lebanon; Pastor E. L. Gammon, president of Middle East College; and Brother J. L. Sprout, secretary of the Iran Mission department of education.

* Voice of Prophecy rallies were conducted in Tehran on July 15, and in Isfahan on July 19. A large group attended each rally to hear the inspiring messages presented by Pastors James E. Chase and Robert C. Darnell. Diplomas were presented to those who had finished their course of studies.

* God is to be praised for the victories claimed by seventeen who have passed through the waters of baptism this summer. Giving the churches which they joined, and those through whose efforts, largely, they were brought to Christ, they are: Tehran Armenian church, Melcolm Gasparian, 6; Tehran Farsi church, Iran Training School, Y. O. Sangerloo, 6; Isfahan church, J. S. Gabriel, 1; Rezaieh church, H. K. Salakian, 4.

* It is anticipated that the remodeling of the Pahlavi Avenue building will be completed sometime early in October, so that Brother Ivan C. Peacock can open the physiotherapy clinic.

* Permission is being secured from the Iran Ministry of Education to open an elementary school in temporary quarters in the mission headquarters building on Pahlavi Avenue. Miss Anoosh Keshishzadeh, recently graduated from Middle East College in Beirut, Lebanon, has been chosen to teach this school, and

it is planned that the first four grades will be taught in the 1960-61 school year.

* A Vacation Bible School was conducted for the third consecutive summer at Tabriz, under the leadership of Miss Hranoush Avedissian, assisted by Mrs. Melcolm Gasparian. About one hundred children attended. There were three classes, and they were well organized and beautifully disciplined. Surely much good will come from such ministry for the lambs of the Lord's flock.

* A twelve week series of Sabbath afternoon meetings for the neighborhood children of the Tehran Farsi church was held under the leadership of Mrs. I. C. Peacock. The attendance has been increasing steadily from fifteen the first week to fifty at the time of this report. Interesting contacts with the parents of the children are being made, and some are enrolling in the Voice of Prophecy course.

* The Junior camp for the Iran Mission was conducted from August 11 to 21 at the Iran Training School property near Tehran. It was directed by the Iran Mission MV secretary, Brother Vigin Marcarian.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

* Middle East College campus has been a busy place during the summer months. A number of projects include the addition to the Arabic Elementary School, the remodeling of the auditorium, and the decoration of the girls' parlor. These activities have kept the students busy who are trying to earn their way through college.

* Miss Edith Davis and President Gammon attended the Nile Union Teachers' Institute during the month of July. While there they also administered some college entrance tests. Mr. Gammon also attended the Youth Congress in the Nile Union.

* Mr. N. Ouzounian was the college representative to the Iran Regional meetings. He reports that he had inspiring contacts with different church members and particularly with former MEC students.

* Middle East College was host to a group of 32 tourists from Pacific Union College. The group was touring Europe and the Holy lands.

* The 1960-61 school year starts on September 27 with registration and the actual instruction begins on September 29.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL

* On June 24 Weddy Youssef was born and came to join his sister, Hilda, in the home of Brother and Sister Wadie Youssef.

* Dr. Harold Reiner arrived at the Benghazi Hospital where he has taken up his duties. This has released Dr. Randolph so that he could return to his duties in the General Conference Medical Department.

* Dr. Wm. Wagner and family are making final preparations for their return to the Middle East where the doctor will serve as medical department secretary for the division, and medical director of the Benghazi Hospital.

CHURCH CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS

Sept. 17-Oct. 29	Ingathering Campaign
Oct. 1	Home Visitation Day
Oct. 1-8	Voice of Prophecy Campaign
Oct. 15	MV-Pathfinder Day
Oct. 22	Temperance Day
Nov. 5	Home Missionary Day
Nov. 5-12	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
Nov. 26	Promote Tithes Square-Up Month
Dec. 3	Home Missionary Day
Dec. 24	Thirteenth Sabbath

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