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## A Prophet In The Remnant Church

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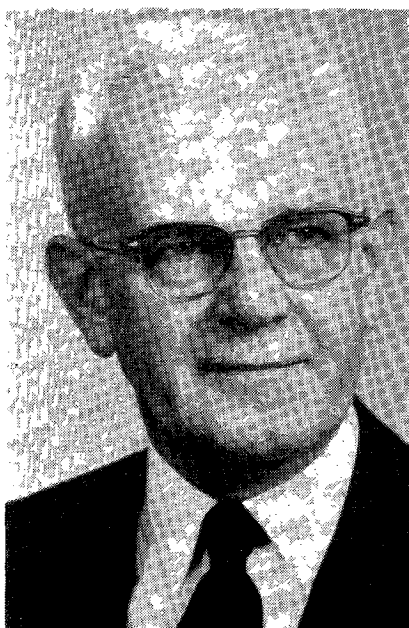
Near the close of World War I my family decided to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Those were exciting days, and we all felt our need of Bible study. In a few months my name would be called in the draft, and I would have to leave home and loved ones to prepare for the battlefield. A number of close friends, who were slightly older, had gone to front lines and had been killed. Was I prepared for what seemed to be my lot?

The day of our baptism was one that we shall never forget. Mother, father, brother, sister, and I were buried with our Lord in the water of an abandoned gravel pit near Frankfort, Indiana, where we were attending camp meeting. That was a happy day for me! What a wonderful experience it is to find Christ as Lord and Saviour and to begin the new life with Him!

After my family was baptized we discovered to our surprise that the Seventh-day Adventist Church had a prophet. That was a strange and bewildering discovery. Bible studies were given to make clear that the "remnant" church was to keep the commandments of God and to have the testimony of Jesus which is the Spirit of Prophecy. These truths were read to us from Revelation 21:17 and Revelation 19:10.

One of the first books which we purchased was *Early Writings*. As I sit here writing, this choice little volume is before me. I notice the date I received the book written on the fly leaf, December 25, 1918. Eventually we all received the light, and how grateful we have been that we did not steel our hearts against it.

I want to pass along to you a few of the points that helped me to decide that Mrs. White was indeed God's true messenger. Surely God inspired His servant, Mrs. Ellen G. White, to write this and all of the fifty-three volumes which were given through her to the remnant church.



Even before the time of the great disappointment in 1844 God sought to bring light and guidance to the Adventist believers. In 1842 He spoke in a prophetic dream to William Foy of Boston, Massachusetts, opening up to his mind the travels of God's people to the Holy City. Two such views were given to him. He was at one time a free-will Baptist, but he was preparing for the Episcopal ministry. Large audiences gathered to hear him speak and relate the story of what he had seen of the heavenly land and the earth made new. Not long before the disappointment of 1844 God gave this man another vision in which he saw three steps or platforms, the third extending all the way to the kingdom of God. This vision he could not understand as he was expecting Jesus to come very soon. And he saw no place for such a representation. Actually the vision represented the work of the three angels of Revelation 14. He made

no effort to relate this vision which might have allayed the heartbreak of the disappointed Adventists.

Shortly before October 22, 1844, God visited Hazen Foss of Maine with three visions. Mr. Foss firmly believed the Lord would come on October 22 of that year. He was a man of fine appearance, of pleasing address, and well educated. The Lord came near to this favored man and revealed to him the journey of the Advent people to the city of God with many of its accompanying dangers. He saw also the trials and persecution that would follow if he was faithful in relating what had been shown him. Like Mr. Foy, he saw the three steps on which the people of God were to stand as they neared the Holy City. But he was a firm believer in the Lord's coming "in a few more days" as the people then sang. The part of the vision relating to the three steps were to him unexplainable, and he shrank from the task assigned to him and refused to relate the story.

The vision was repeated the second time, and he was told that if he still refused to relate what had been shown to him the burden would be taken from him and given to one of the weakest of God's children who would faithfully communicate God's message. Again he refused. A third vision was given, and he was told that he was released and that the burden was to be laid upon one of the "weakest of the weak" who would do the Lord's bidding. This stirred him to action, and he resolved to tell the vision to others, but alas, when he stood before the assembled audience he could say nothing. The vision once so clear had fled, and his mind was a blank. He stood before the large audience of people as dumb as a statue, and finally said in the deepest agony, "God has fulfilled His word. He has taken the vision from me." And in great distress of mind he moaned,

"I am a lost man." From that time he lost his hope in Christ and went into a state of despair. He never attended a religious meeting again and lost all personal interest in religion. He lived for a number of years and died in 1893.

A few months after the disappointment God called the third person to serve as His messenger. This call came during a season of worship when five women were praying earnestly for light. It happened in Portland, Maine, in the home of a Mrs. Haines.

In this group of women was Ellen G. Harmon (later Ellen G. White), a girl of seventeen. She was of frail health, having been injured by an accident when she was only nine years old.

The disappointment had been a severe taxation on her physical strength, and some thought that Miss Harmon could live only a short time. It was while praying for light regarding the disappointment that she was taken off in vision for the first time. In this vision much of what God had revealed to Foy and to Foss passed before her mind's eye. It was a wonderful comfort to her and to the faithful ones to whom she related the vision, bringing a sense of the presence of God in their bitter experience. So we can see that this young woman, who was so weak physically and who had but a short time in which to live, was indeed one of the "weakest of the weak." Yet, God laid upon her the burden to serve as His messenger. This vision was the first of approximately 2,000 that followed during the next seventy years. She became God's messenger to the remnant people of God.

Many years after her first vision, Mrs. White wrote: "My Saviour declared me to be His messenger. Your work, He instructed me, is to bear My Word. Strange things will arise, and in your youth I set you apart to bear the message to the erring ones, to carry the Word before unbelievers, and with pen and voice, to prove from the Word actions that are not right. Exhort from the Word. I will make My Word open to you. It shall not be as a strange language. In the true eloquence of simplicity, with voice and pen, the messages that I have given shall be heard from one who has never learned in the schools, but My Spirit and My power shall be with you."

It was no easy struggle for Ellen Harmon to accept this call. For some time she prayed that the burden might be laid upon someone more capable than herself. Still came the command from her heavenly Father: "Make known to others what I have revealed to you." Finally after earnest prayer and the divine assurance that she

would be sustained through her labors she accepted the call of God.

Then her work began in earnest. At Poland, Maine, she passed along to those who were present in the home of her sister the sobering story of her first vision in Portland, Maine. Hazen Foss was present in an adjoining room listening. He recognized the vision as similar to the one that God had given him. He urged the young woman to be "faithful in bearing the burden and in relating the testimonies that the Lord should give her." He told her that she would wear the crown of life he might have worn. To others he said, "That is the instrument on whom the Lord has laid His burden."

From the day when Ellen unconditionally surrendered to her Master's will until her death July 16, 1915, the messenger of God, chosen and commissioned by God, never drew back.

If you haven't read the account of her first vision, turn to *Early Writings*, page 13. Read this thrilling experience, for it will help you to understand better the road we are to travel as we march onward and upward to the kingdom. Page 16 holds forth a lovely promise, "We all entered the cloud together, and were seven days ascending to the sea of glass, when Jesus brought the crowns, and with His own right hand placed them on our heads. He gave us harps of gold and palms of victory. Here on the sea of glass the 144,000 stood in a perfect square. Some of them had very bright crowns, others not so bright. Some crowns appeared heavy with stars, while others had but few. All were perfectly satisfied with their crowns."

Read it all for it is wonderful, and don't forget, you and I are to be in that great company, if we "hold fast" till He comes.

Not long after I joined the church I became a literature evangelist. Another book written by Sister White brought daily comfort and guidance to me for three and a half years during which time I worked as a colporteur. That little treasure chest of inspiration is now known as *Colporteur Ministry*. How often when things went hard with me in my work, I would go to God and my Bible and *Colporteur Ministry* to study, meditate, and pray. In those days God came near to me. And those were days which have molded and fashioned my life for service at home and in many mission fields.

Another experience that came to me in those halcyon days brought real joy. I decided to enroll in a correspondence course on the subject of the Spirit of Prophecy. Of all the subjects that I took while in academy and college this is the one that made the most profound and lasting impression upon my mind. As I studied the many lessons in this

course it became crystal clear to me that God had called youthful Ellen Gould Harmon (later Mrs. Ellen G. White) to be His messenger to the remnant church. I believe wholeheartedly in the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy which we have seen so gloriously manifested in the second Advent Movement. An ancient king of Judah said to his people, "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper." 2 Chron. 20:20.

After being led into the ministry I labored in many fields, among them the Australasian Division. While there I learned more about the work of Sister White. She worked to build up the cause of God in Australia and New Zealand for about nine years, between 1891 and 1900. Many precious gems of truth from her pen were written while she labored in that great division field. She owned a modest home at Avondale where the Australasian Missionary College is located. And it was in this place known as Sunnyside that Sister White spent many happy hours writing.

I have stood by the stump of the old tree near the side of her home, under which she sat writing portions of that wonderful book *Desire of Ages*. Her old chair is now at the newly renovated Sunnyside home. The old dwelling is being used as an historical landmark for our people.

While Sister White was in Australasia God gave her instruction through prophetic dreams of the night which have served as a guiding light to our leaders around the world. Among other important messages were those which gave to us guidance in the creation by the leaders of our present form of church and conference organization. Our first union conference organization came to birth in Australia. Instruction given gave to our leaders guidance in building a strong health and health food program. The instruction was followed most carefully in Australasia, and as a result we stand at "the head and not tail" in these things. The health food work in Australia is a large and fruitful enterprise.

We have a most valuable book, *Messages to Young People*, written especially for the youth by Sister White. How I did enjoy and appreciate this lovely volume as I read it for the first time many years ago while making my first airplane flight from Saigon to Singapore. I had the feeling of being very close to heaven in more than one respect. Here are some of the beautiful statements from *Messages to Young People* which I cherish as dear to my heart:

"Remember that in your life, religion is not merely one influence among others; it is an influence dominating all others."—p. 110.

## Challenge To Youth In Lebanon

G. ARTHUR KEOUGH, *Secretary*  
Public Affairs Department Middle East Division



*Elder and Mrs. H. E. Robinson soon to sail for Lebanon. The elder of their two children is shown in the picture.*

"Beware how you neglect secret prayer and a study of God's Word. These are your weapons against him who is striving to hinder your progress heavenward."—p. 96.

"The pains of duty and the pleasure of sin are the cords with which Satan binds man in his snares. Those who would rather die than perform a wrong act are the only ones who will be found faithful."—p. 74.

"Choose poverty, reproach, separation from friends, or any suffering, rather than to defile the soul with sin. Death before dishonor or the transgression of God's law, should be the motto of every Christian."—p. 80.

"If we serve sin, we cannot serve Christ."—p. 114.

God has a place for every young man and young woman in His service. "The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 64.

"Youthful talent, well organized and well trained, is needed in our churches."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 211.

Let us search the Scriptures daily and study carefully the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. These writings are only to shed light on the Bible. The gift of God as revealed through His handmaiden, Sister White, has meant much to our church. It has been a guiding light to our fore-fathers, and it remains the same for us today. God's messages through His servant are for you and me. They are timely and appropriate in every stage of our journey through life until we reach Canaan's shore.

May God whom we serve help us to be more grateful for His precious gift to us in giving Jesus to save us from sin, and may we be more appreciative of His Word and the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy as revealed in the remnant church "which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

In a special MV rally held in the Museitbe Church, Beirut, on February 12, Elder R. H. Hartwell urged all Adventist youth in Lebanon to "Win One In '61." He presented sixty ways of achieving this aim and challenged the group to find the sixty-first.

The purpose of the rally which was conducted under the leadership of Pastor Manoug Nazirian, the MV Secretary for the Lebanon Section, was to study ways and means of putting into effect the MV plans for the new year.

Among those who contributed to the success of the rally were Pastor A. A. Haddad, MV leader of the Middle East Division, who spoke about the marks of a true MV society; Elder E. L. Gammon, president of Middle East

College, who emphasized to the teachers present the importance of teaching the heart as well as the head and the hand; Elder R. C. Darnell, Radio and Publishing Department Secretary of the Middle East Division, who spoke about wholesome recreation for Adventist young people; Elder S. Noujaim, president of the Lebanon Section, who pointed out the importance of providing the needs of young people along various lines. A very interesting feature was a panel discussion on various phases of MV work.

At the close of the rally there was a wholehearted response to the call to consecration and devotion to the work for interests of young people in 1961. Pastor Mousa Azar offered the dedication prayer.

## A Message From The Division Treasurer

February 15, 1961

Dear Members of the Middle East Family:

It will soon be nine months since Mrs. Fenn and I joined the worker family of the Middle East Division. At first things were very strange and different but as the months have passed we have become more and more one of you and we now feel very much at home in this part of the Lord's vineyard. While it was not easy to leave our children and other relatives in the States you can be sure the Lord always makes up for the sacrifice of separation from loved ones.

We have greatly appreciated the personal friendliness of those whom we have met. As I travel about the division I find many problems and much to do, but I also find many evidences of God's leading and direction. These are indeed troublous times and certainly the best is called for in every believer and worker. These are the days when the final lines of prophecy are being fulfilled and we can see all about us the closing in of the powers of evil.

On a recent trip in Egypt, as we passed through scores of villages which need to be informed of the saving power of our Lord, our hearts were burdened and greatly disturbed as we wondered how we possibly could bring the gospel to the thousands who live in these spiritually-darkened areas of our field. The time must come quickly when our laymen will arise and carry the gospel into all sections of the Middle East. Surely it is time we not only pray for but receive in great measure the outpouring of the Spirit of God that the work may be quickly finished.

Indeed it is time for every believer and worker to cast off the garments of unrighteousness and be clothed with the Spirit of God.

Recently I noticed this text in Nahum 1:7. "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in Him." How good the Lord is and how confidently we can trust in Him in days of trouble and perplexity. How reassuring it is to know that He marks every trusting heart. He knows where we live, our name, all about us. In fact, He knows more about us than we know of ourselves. So it is with great confidence we can pick up the daily burdens and carry them until the sun sinks in the west, and then seek God for His protection through the night hours and again resume the day's duties. So it is that we must live—one day at a



*Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Reiner of the Benghazi Hospital and their three children.*

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time—by faith—and be sure that our eyes are always fixed upon the Master. There is much in the world today to distract and to divert our attention. It is in these days of stress and strain that we must keep our personal relationships on a high spiritual level. We must constantly watch lest any "root of bitterness" spring up and cause dissension and trouble in our ranks. It is Satan's studied purpose to bring about situations of distrust and bitterness; among the people of God. We must

constantly work against these evil influences and stand firmly and solidly as a unit before the onslaughts of the evil one.

It is our earnest prayer that God will use us and you to quickly finish the work in the Middle East, that His coming will not be longer delayed because of our unfaithfulness.

With kind personal greetings to each one of you.

Sincerely yours,  
V. A. FENN

## Baghdad Church Dedication And Opening

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

A delightful dedicatory service was held in the newly erected Baghdad church on February 18 at the eleven o'clock hour. The division president, Pastor R. A. Wilcox preached the dedicatory sermon; Pastor Shukri Nowfel, veteran worker from Lebanon, led in the "Act of Dedication;" and the division secretary, R. H. Hartwell, offered the dedication prayer. Pastor Anees Haddad, division MV and temperance secretary, translated for the service. Miss Mary Haddad, registrar of Middle East College, played the Hammond organ. The choir, directed by Brother Yacoub Nashed, sang beautifully. Pastor G. A. Keough, division educational and public relations secretary, and Pastor A. G. Zytkoske, president of the Nile Union, also assisted with the service, as well as Pastor V. A. Fenn, division treasurer. Pastor Behnam Arshat, pastor of the Baghdad church and president of the Iraq field, was the chairman of the service.

The Baghdad church represents the

combined skill and workmanship of the ministerial workers and laymen in Baghdad. It is a real credit to the denomination in its artistic appointments. These must be seen to be fully appreciated. It has attractive platform arrangements and a fine baptistry. The mothers' room will seat some twenty five persons and the balcony seventy five more. The well made and very comfortable pews will provide for at least two hundred individuals in the main auditorium and by economy of space provision could be made for at least one hundred more. The wall-to-wall floor carpeting adds much to the atmosphere of reverent worship. Very attractive are the electric chandeliers and wall lights. The stained glass windows are quite ornamental and have plenty of eye appeal. The church model Hammond electric organ, which was flown from Chicago and arrived in time for the dedication adds much to the elegance of the worship atmosphere

Above the church is a steeple and

above that a cross. The outside of the church building is stuccoed. Various arranged flowers and plants add beauty to the appearance. The Iraq Section office, as well as rooms for various Sabbath school departments, and other purposes, are located in the full basement. All in all it is a very delightful sanctuary for worship and religious purposes.

The official opening service for the general public took place on the night of February 24. Pastor Shukri Nowfel delivered the sermon. Seven ministerial workers from the Middle East entered the pulpit on that occasion and conducted the service. Pastor Behnam Arshat served as chairman. Others taking part were Pastor Salem Majeed, district leader in Basra; Pastor Said Tooma, district leader in Kirkuk; Brother Salam Aboujawdi and Brother Philip Saaty, departmental secretaries in Iraq, and Pastor Anees Haddad, division MV and temperance secretary. The choir appeared in attractive robes. The house was full both in the balcony and in the auditorium.

Sabbath morning, February 25, at the eleven o'clock hour Pastor V. A. Fenn preached a stirring sermon and gave an altar call which resulted in a whole-hearted response. Two local elders were ordained by the ministerial group. Pastor R. A. Wilcox offered the ordination prayer for Brethren Ghanim Fargo and Philip Saaty. Gladiolus of various colors had been brought from Beirut to increase the joy of the occasion. Amplifying arrangements are adequate, and provision has been made for temperature control in hot weather. Much credit goes to Brother Farag Fargo the contractor.

All the believers and their many friends join in thanking God for His special blessing in preparing this lovely house of worship on one of the principal thoroughfares of Baghdad. This city is now the home of more than one million souls.

### SOME POINTED QUESTIONS REGARDING TITHING

QUESTION: Is the question of tithing a matter of honesty in our dealing with God? Are we under condemnation if we do not pay it or if we withhold part of it?

ANSWER: "He who gives men power to get wealth, has with the gift bound up an obligation. Of all that we acquire He claims a specified portion. The tithe is the Lord's. 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,' is God's command. No appeal is made to gratitude or to generosity. This is a matter of simple honesty. The tithe is the Lord's; and He bids us return to Him that which is His own."—*Education*, pp. 138, 139.



A group meeting in the Beirut Arabic church to study the Spirit of Prophecy Lessons for 1961. This group also assists Brother George Khoury with the evangelistic meetings in progress now.

## FROM HERE AND THERE



King Hussien of Jordan welcomes Pastor Naim Meshni and his group at the palace in Amman, January 30

"The tithe is the Lord's.' Here the same form of expression is employed as in the law of the Sabbath. 'The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.' God reserved to Himself a specified portion of man's time and of his means, and no man could, without guilt appropriate either for his own interests."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 525, 526.

"Not until God ceases to bless His children will they cease to be under bonds to return to Him the portion that He claims. Not only should they render the Lord the portion that belongs to Him, but they should bring also to His treasury, as a gratitude offering, a liberal tribute. With joyful hearts they should dedicate to the Creator the first-fruits of their bounties,—their choicest possession; their best and holiest service. Thus they will gain rich blessings. God Himself will make their souls like a watered garden, whose waters fail not."—*Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 339, 340.

"God has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labors and gifts of His people. Voluntary offerings and the tithe constitute the revenue of the Lord's work. Of the means entrusted to man, God claims a certain portion,—the tenth. He leaves all free to say whether or not they will give more than this. But when the heart is stirred by the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a vow is made to give a certain amount, the one who vows has no longer any right to the consecrated portion. Promises of this kind made to men would be looked upon as binding; are those not more binding that are made to God?"—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 74.

\* In every Arab section of the Middle East Division believers are meeting once each week to study the Spirit of Prophecy course prepared by the editorial department of the Middle East Press. Pastor R. C. Darnell is now the editor-in-chief in the Middle East Press. The other editors are: Naim Awais for the Arabic language, and A. E. Ashod for the Armenian language.

\* After being gone for a month, on account of the death of her brother-in-law, Miss Nora Atkins, division cashier, returned January 28 from America. She brought with her to Beirut her sister Mrs. Margaret Hodgens.

\* Pastor G. A. Keough visited Jordan in February in the interest of the schools and of public affairs.

\* Pastors R. A. Wilcox and V. A. Fenn visited most of the main centers of the field in January and February, including: Iran, Jordan, Egypt, Libya, and Iraq. Pastor Wilcox visited Damascus also.

\* The division committee voted on January 27 "To recommend to fields throughout the division territory that, in addition to baptisms which are conducted from time to time, special baptismal services be planned for the twelfth Sabbath of each quarter.

\* The Beirut English Church School held its first Home and School Association meeting in the new school year on October 3 under the leadership of Mrs. E. W. Waring. Officers for the new school year were elected as follows: president: Mrs. J. S. Russell; secretary: Mrs. G. Arthur Keough.

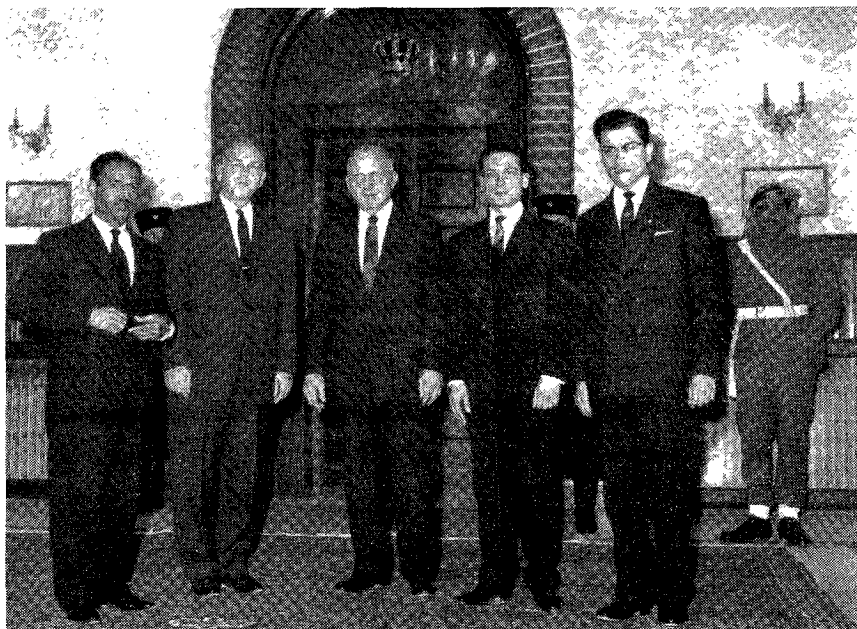
\* Plans are being finalized for the conduct of a Seminary Field Extension School at Middle East College from July 9 to August 20. Dr. C. E. Weniger is to be in charge of the school, assisted by Pastor Andrew Fearing of the General Conference Ministerial Association, and Pastor G. A. Keough of the Middle East Division Department of Education. Dr. Weniger is dean of the Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. The courses to be offered are on a graduate level, and enrollments will be accepted by recommendation of controlling committees in the field upon meeting entrance requirements.

\* The division committee has approved the plan of assigning the ten minute missionary service immediately following Sabbath school on the second Sabbath of each month to the promotion of VOP Bible correspondence course enrollments. The radio secretary in each church and company will take charge of this matter, and of course the home missionary reports will be taken up as usual. The remaining ten minute services of the other Sabbaths will still be under the direction of the church missionary leaders.

## EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

\* It was a pleasure to have Miss Ybraxe Gomig and Pastor Behnam Arshat visit Beirut for a few days. They brought inspiration with them.

\* Pastor Chafic Sour opened a public evangelistic effort in the Beirut Center



Standing at the entrance of the Palace of King Hussien the Great in Amman, Jordan. Left to right they are: Pastors Naim Meshni, R. A. Wilcox, V. A. Fenn, and Brother Salim Hasbanny, and Pastor Anees Haddad.

February 12. Joining with him in this endeavor are: Miss A. Ruby Williams, Brother Gabriel Katrib, and the VOP office workers.

### CYPRUS

\* Pastor R. H. Hartwell visited Cyprus January 6 to 9. In Famagusta Brother A. N. Barlas took him to see a number of families. Since the sixth was a holiday it was a pleasure to find entire families at home. There are several fine interests in that port area.

\* On January 4 Pastor Aram Aghasian and the members of the Nicosia church gave a special Christmas program, just before the Armenian Christmas. To their great joy at least a hundred Armenians attended the gathering and liked it. Without doubt this is the largest number of Armenians ever to attend that church since it was built.

### IRAQ

\* Brother Salam Aboujawdi and family are now living in Baghdad. Brother Aboujawdi has been appointed secretary of the publishing and home missionary departments, in addition to the MV and Sabbath school departments of the SDA Church in Iraq.

\* Recently the officers of the SDA Church in Iraq, and the Middle East Division officers, together with division departmental leaders, A. A. Haddad and G. A. Keough, visited Basra to study possible locations and plans for the school and church needed in that city. Salem Majeed, the district pastor, joined them in this study.

\* Not only has the Kirkuk school playground been enlarged and paved, but the building has been improved by adding two new classrooms upstairs for the school, and by removing the wall between two rooms on the ground floor. This makes a lovely chapel which seats at least eighty people.

Thus a fine place is provided for evangelistic meetings and other services.

\* Without a visit from any pastor seven believers from various countries, now working in Qatar, have organized themselves into a Sabbath school group.

\* Sister Emelia Feddo is teaching in our Baghdad school this year.

\* The Arshat quartette possibilities became very real in December 1960 when Sandra was added by birth to the Behnam Arshat family. The Sabbath school always heartily welcomes these new cradle roll additions.

\* Prayers have recently been answered in a wonderful way for our young people in Iraq. Not only have arrangements been made for Adventist youth to take their government school examinations on days other than the Sabbath, but the university has also agreed to allow Adventist students to take their examinations on days other than the Sabbath. We thank God for this helpful attitude on the part of the educational authorities.

\* Said Tooma, having attended the official opening of the Baghdad church, was happy to have the Iraq Section officers, as well as the division officers, and the division educational secretary, accompany him to Kirkuk, where he is the district pastor. This was the first visit of division leaders to Kirkuk since the property was purchased there for the school and worship auditorium.

\* The Kirkuk school has an enrollment of about 230 and is under the direction of Majeeda Shamoan. Our school is considered the best elementary school in Kirkuk.

\* The Baghdad school's enrollment is about 235 and Philip Saaty is the principal. Ten grades are being offered this year.

\* The Kirkuk school has received a silver cup as a second prize in an art contest in which many schools participated. A boy eight or nine years old took the first prize in drawing.

\* The Baghdad Sabbath school con-

ducted an Investment supper on February 25. Brother Edmond Haddad, the superintendent, reports a profit of more than ten Iraqi dinars.

\* Pastor Salem Majeed has been requested to visit Kuwait once a month to care for the spiritual interests of our believers living there.

\* Pastor Said Tooma has been asked to care for the interests of the church in Mosul by visiting there one week end each month.

### JORDAN

\* Pastor R. R. Aussner arranged for the mayor of Bethlehem to have Christmas carols played from tapes, and a nicely decorated tree complete with electric lights during the holiday season.

\* On January 30 King Hussien of Jordan granted a special audience to Pastors Wilcox, Fenn, and Haddad of the Middle East Division, and the officers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jordan, Pastor Meshni and Brother Hasbany. It was a pleasure for them to thank the king in person for the official recognition granted to the Adventist denomination in Jordan recently.

\* Pastor Mousa Azar is in Beirut working as a member of the team conducting the evangelistic effort in Museitbe associating with Brother George Khoury. His family remains in Jordan where his children are attending the El Husn School.

\* Pastor Najeeb Azar has been placed in charge of the El Husn district and his family has moved with him to that place.

\* Fayez Samuel has made many friends in El Kerak, and land has been secured for a new school and church.

### LEBANON

\* Brother George Khoury, pastor of the Beirut Arabic church, opened a public evangelistic effort in the Museitbe church building Sunday night, February 12. Associated with him in the effort is Brother Elias Estephan, Pastor Mousa Azar, and the teachers of the Beirut Junior Academy.

\* Brother Shehada Halaby and Pastor Anees Haddad have received a hearty welcome in several schools as they have shown the temperance films. Permission was given sometime ago for these films to be shown in all government schools throughout Lebanon.

\* MV Society officers met with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lebanon on the morning of February 12, at the Museitbe church, to plan how the young people of Lebanon could "Win One in Sixty-one." This is the first gathering of this kind to be held since Pastor Manoug Nazirian has had charge of the MV department for Lebanon.



Entrance of the new Cairo Evangelistic Center

\* In looking over the list of those teaching in mission schools of Lebanon who were not teaching here during the 1959-60 school year one notices the following names: Mr. Fawzi Deeb, Mrs. Sarah Srour, Mrs. Mary Bitar, Miss Anahid Barsoumian, Miss Evelyn Dikran, and Pastor Ziky Hannawy.

\* Pastor and Mrs. Salim Noujaim were overjoyed to become grandparents on December 31, 1960 when a son was born to their son Samir Noujaim and his wife Aida. The grandson's name is Salim Samir Noujaim.

\* Brother and Sister Minas Megerditchian became the happy parents of Hovannes Megerditchian on February 8, 1961. The English translation of this name is "John the Baptist." Brother Minas is a teacher in the Beirut Armenian School.

\* Miss Hermine Rosenberg, who took her high school certificate and completed her freshman year at Middle East College and is currently in her senior year at Union College, has qualified to be included in the *Who's Who in American Colleges*. This means that she has maintained a high academic standard in her college work. In fact she is one of twelve out of a college enrollment of over eight hundred to be so distinguished.

**SYRIA**

\* Brother Gabriel Katrib has connected with the evangelistic effort being conducted in the Beirut Evangelistic Center.

**TURKEY**

\* According to a recent report from Brother Manoug Benzatyan Brenda Gueny was born January 24 in Istanbul. The letter said, "We wanted her to arrive on the 27th of January, her father's birthday, but she knew the best. Anahid and the baby are very fine now."



*Christmas program in Istanbul Sabbath School - Junior Department.*

**NILE UNION**

\* A. G. Zytoskee visited Beirut and Baghdad in February in the interest of the work of the Nile Union.

\* Wadie Farag and family are in the process of moving to Alexandria where they will make their home for the

year 1961. Pastor Wadie will be engaged in evangelistic work in the city of Alexandria.

\* Pastors R. A. Wilcox and V. A. Fenn, our division leaders, spent some time looking at property which is to be purchased by the Coptic Evangelical Seventh-day Adventist Denomination during the year 1961. Upon returning from their visit to Bnghazi Hospital, these brethren met with the churches in the Cairo area on Sabbath, February 11.

\* The MV aim, "Win One in '61" is being adopted by the workers and youth of the Nile Union. At the recent Egypt Section workers' meeting every worker present stood in commitment to this aim. The faculty and students of the Nile Union Academy came to the front, on a recent Sabbath, consecrating their lives to "Win One in '61." The district pastors are taking this program to each church and company of Egypt.

\* Brother and Sister Antar Yacoub and their three daughters were pleased to welcome a baby boy, Hani, born January 27.

**EGYPT SECTION**

\* Dr. Richard Hamill of the General Conference Educational Department was guest speaker at the Heliopolis church on Sabbath, January 21. His timely message was much appreciated by those in attendance.

\* Hilal Dose and family have recently moved to the Cairo Center where the office of the Egypt Section will be located.

\* Through the efforts of Hilal Dose, Shafik Ghali and Hanna Watson, the teachers of the Egypt Section have received definite promise that qualifying examinations which were last year given on Sabbath will be given on a week day sometime during the year 1961.

**SUDAN**

\* Farris Bishai has spent some time in the Sudan assisting H. S. Johnson in his work there. Arrangements are being made to open a Temperance Club in Khartoum, also to distribute clothing through the Red Crescent Society of the Republic of Sudan.

\* A G. Zytoskee recently traveled to Sudan at which time he made important contacts to help establish and strengthen our new work there.

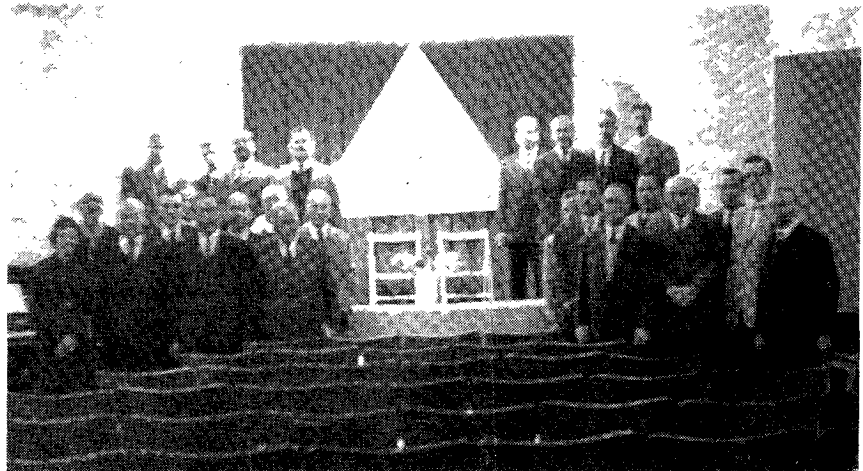
**IRAN**

\* Brother and Sister DeWitt write from Shiraz that at the first meeting of their new Sabbath school in that city eleven were present including the five members in their own family.

\* At a committee meeting held in Tehran January 11 it was decided to choose the book "Steps to Christ" as the book-of-the-year in both Farsi and Armenian languages. The goal is to use at least one thousand of each language in 1961.

\* The following arrangement was made for locating the workers in Iran:

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Tehran Farsi church,    | Pastor K. Harding and Johnny Minassian     |
| Tehran Armenian church, | Hovik Sarrafian and Pastor H. K. Salakian. |
| Tabriz church,          | Malcolm Gasperian                          |
| Julfa church,           | J. S. Gabriel                              |
| Arak church,            | G. Manassarian                             |
| Abadan company,         | Pastor Y. O. Sangerloo                     |
| Shiraz                  | J. L. DeWitt                               |
| Rezayeh church,         | Pastor H. K. Salakian until July 1         |



*Egypt Section workers meet in the smaller chapel of the new Cairo Evangelistic Center*

- \* A goal of forty baptisms was set for the year 1961.
- \* Hasmik Keshishzadeh has been called to teach in the Iran School after her graduation in June.
- \* Johnny Minassian has been asked to continue for another year as dean of men at the Iran Training School.

"Parents should explain and simplify the plan of salvation to their children, that their young minds may comprehend it. Children of eight, ten, or twelve years, are old enough to be addressed on the subject of personal religion. Do not teach your children with reference to some future period when they shall be old enough to repent and believe the truth. If properly instructed very young children may have correct views of their state as sinners, and of the way of salvation through Christ. Ministers are generally too indifferent to the salvation of children, and are not as personal as they should be. Golden opportunities to impress the minds of children frequently pass unimproved."—*Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 400.

**MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE**

\* Mrs. A. W. Fund, who is teaching General Methods at Middle East College, took her class to visit the Beirut English Church School where the students watched Miss Stuiwenga at work with her seven grades. All were impressed with the orderliness of the school and the way everyone was kept profitably occupied. The multi-grade school is not an impossibility, nor does it mean inefficiency; the teacher has to work harder, but the pupils can often learn more in this type of a school than one in which each child is in one grade only.

\* On February 18 a baptism was conducted by K. S. Oster, pastor of the College Park church. Ten candidates from Middle East College were baptized in the Beirut Evangelistic Center.

\* On January 20, 1961 Miss Hayat Melki joined the family of Henry and Mona Melki.

\* The Middle East College music department, under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Hartwell, has been asked to help provide special music for the evangelistic efforts in the Beirut Evangelistic Center and in the Museitbe church.

\* Miss Mary Haddad, the registrar, was invited to go to Baghdad to play the newly installed Hammond electric organ at the time of the dedication and official opening of the Baghdad church building in February.

**DISASTER AND FAMINE RELIEF OFFERING - REMEMBER AND PLAN FOR MAY 13**

Once in two years a special offering is taken all over the world for Disaster and Famine Relief. May 13, 1961 is one of these special times. In the past the Middle East has raised some \$200.00, but this year our goal is \$500.00 for the division. That means that you and I must remember the date, and plan to be very generous and liberal. But why not? This is on'y humanitarian. No one should be more interested in relieving the necessities of such victims than a Seventh-day Adventist. God is counting on you to give as MUCH as you possibly can for this most worthy project. Who said, "Ye have done it unto Me."?



*Orphans and other needy victims of Famine and Disaster ask for your liberal love offering on May 13.*

**BENGHAZI HOSPITAL**

\* On January 22 Brother and Sister E. L. Hulse, formerly of the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital, arrived in Benghazi, Libya, where Brother Hulse has taken up his duties as business manager of the Benghazi Adventist Hospital. These new workers have brought spiritual warmth and new courage to the members of the hospital staff there.

**MIDDLE EAST PRESS**

**EASTER HOME VISITATION TRACTS**

\* The Middle East Press has prepared a special Home Visitation Day tract in both the Arabic and the Armenian languages. The price will be LL. 13.00 per thousand. All churches, companies, and sections, are advised and requested to send their orders through the Book and Periodical House immediately before the supply is exhausted. R. H. Hartwell has dealt with the subject of "The True Meaning of the Resurrection."

**CHURCH CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS**

|       |       |                                    |
|-------|-------|------------------------------------|
| April | 1     | Home Visitation and VOP Day        |
| May   | 6     | Dorcas and Welfare Evangelism      |
| May   | 13    | Bible Evangelism Decision Meetings |
| May   | 20    | Spirit of Prophecy Day             |
| June  | 3     | Home Missicnary Day                |
| June  | 10-17 | CALL TO HEALTH Campaign            |
| June  | 24    | Thirteenth Sabbath                 |
| July  | 1     | Medical Missionary Day             |
| July  | 8     | Mid-Summer Service                 |

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

|       |    |                                     |
|-------|----|-------------------------------------|
| April | 1  | Church Missionary                   |
| May   | 6  | Church Missionary                   |
| May   | 13 | Disaster and Famine Relief Offering |
| June  | 3  | Church Missionary                   |
| June  | 17 | CALL TO HEALTH Subscriptions        |
| July  | 1  | Church Missionary                   |
| July  | 8  | Mid-Summer Offering                 |

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