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SOWING THE SEED IN CYPRUS

By Elder L. J. Norris

Superintendent, Palestine—Trans-Jordan Mission

The counsel of the Lord through the Spirit of Prophecy places great emphasis upon the importance of the distribution of truth filled literature in His closing work.

Our members in Cyprus are actively giving heed to this God-given counsel. Approximately one hundred *Signs of the Times* are being distributed each week by our faithful brothers and sisters in Nicosia. Taking into consideration the size of the group in this place we feel reason to be proud of their earnest endeavors and believe that they are setting an example which other churches would do well to follow. Nor are the "*Signs*" given away indiscriminately. They are taken week by week to interested readers among whom are officials of the courts, police officials, municipality officials, bank officials, editors and influential merchants throughout the city.

Many words of thanks and appreciation have been received. Only recently one of the leading Greek newspapers of Nicosia translated a portion of an article from the *Signs* giving credit in the article that the material had been taken from the *Signs of the Times* magazine.

To make possible a wider circulation of

truth we have recently placed an order for the new tract series in the Greek language. When these arrive we plan to pave the way with the printed page for an evangelistic effort to follow as soon as preparations can be completed.

Our believers are becoming well known and respected, and we know that the truth exemplified will bear fruit in the future.

Last week at our Sabbath service, an elderly gentleman was passing by our meeting hall and upon hearing singing entered and sat down near the rear. After the service he told us that he knew Adventists met there and while passing a voice inside told him not to go in but another voice urged him to go; that there was something in store for him. He listened to the voice of God speaking to his heart and expressed his thanks and appreciation for having had the privilege of joining us in worship. And so we see that the Holy Spirit is watering the seed which our faithful members are sowing. We pray that the time is not far distant when a bountiful harvest can be garnered into the church in this place.

“SUCH AS I HAVE . . .”*

By Elder G. M. Krick

Scripture Lesson :

Acts 3.1-8. The story of the healing of the lame man.

Text :

The words of Peter, “Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give thee : In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.” v. 6.

In many ways the lame man is like the world about us. He was suffering from a physical infirmity, which dwarfed all of his mental, moral, and spiritual powers. His only hope of gaining a livelihood was begging from others. The people of the world around us are also in great need. There is physical suffering caused by war, sickness, and disease. But this is not the greatest suffering. The world is suffering from sin, in fact it is lying in the grasp of the evil one. (I John 5:19 Moffatt). The world's greatest need is a spiritual one, and it is looking for the answer. Like Peter and John we have an opportunity to impart from the possession which we have.

Peter and John were unable to give the poor beggar silver or gold, for they had none, but they gave from what they did have which was of much greater benefit to him. Peter had a knowledge of Jesus and faith in His miracle working power. He had already, under the command of Jesus, healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, and cast out devils. (Matt. 10). Jesus had counseled the disciples, “Freely ye have received, freely give.” So Peter was ever looking for an opportunity to impart from his treasure and bring a blessing. He found this opportunity in this poor lame man.

As graduates you too have partaken of this same treasure within the walls of this institution. You are also able to cause men to rise up and walk through the name of Jesus Christ. Like Peter you may stretch forth your hand and lift up men and women who are unable to stand alone and strengthen them so that they will be able to walk in newness of life.

The lame man “leaping up stood, and walked and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.” v. 8. The joy that came to this man is inexpressible. The only way he could express his feelings was by leaping in the air and crying, “Praise God” over and over again. He was supremely happy. He then accompanied Peter and John into the temple to worship.

I appeal to you, the graduating classes of 1948 to give to others freely from what you have gained at this institution.

I appeal to you to ever look for opportunities to impart blessings to others, especially to bring them into contact and fellowship with Jesus Christ, the source of every blessing.

In doing this you not only will bring joy to others, but your own joy will be increased to overflowing. You will find that people will be anxious to go with you into the temple of the Lord to worship. You will be doing the greatest work that there is—winning souls to Christ.

* Summary of Consecration Address delivered at the Commencement Exercises of Middle East College, 1948.



EDITORIAL



MAINTAINING OUR OBJECTIVES

Elder W. G. Turner, President of the Australian Union Conference, tells a pointed story in the June 28 issue of the *Australian Record*. It reads as follows :

"A dog named Tray was observed one day in pursuit of a big black bear. When the distance between the dog and the object of the chase had been materially lessened, a wolf cut across the dog's path. At once Tray forgot the bear, and forthwith started after the wolf. He had nearly reached his quarry when the noise made in his race of death started a fox from its lair and Tray, seeing the fox forgot the wolf and went panting madly after this streak of red as it sought refuge in some nearby timber. Ere he caught the fox, however, a rabbit was frightened from a nearby pile of brush. Tray at once commenced to chase the rabbit. As he approached the fleeing bunny a wood-mouse ran across the line of flight and Tray, again diverted from the object of his pursuit, followed the mouse. He almost had this tiny animal when it ran into a small hole, leaving Tray barking madly at a hole in the ground."

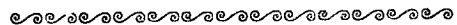
Elder Turner passes the comment that Tray had started after something big, but he finished up at a mouse hole, and asks the question whether we have been likewise side-tracked. It is a question that we do well to consider both individually and as an organization.

There can be no doubt about our supreme objective; there can be only one aim and

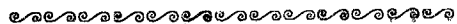
that is to take the everlasting gospel to the people of the Middle East. We must preach to warn the many millions within our territory and to prepare a people to meet their God.

We do this work in various ways : through our schools, our medical institutions, our literature, the Voice of Prophecy, a consecrated ministry working in villages and towns and wherever interest is aroused. Our departmental activities, our building programs and campaigns, our camp-meetings and annual committee meetings and all the travelling that these activities entail are part of the machinery that is essential to organization and progress. They must all be imbued with the spirit of our prime objective or they will be worse than useless. Even *Middle East Messenger* must contribute its part to the achieving of our purpose or it must cease to exist.

It is only too easy to be lost in a maze of detail, not to see the wood for trees. Paul found it necessary to keep his eyes on the goal, "looking unto Jesus", "forgetting those things which are behind", "pressing on to those things which are before". Even Jesus endured many things "for the joy that was set before him". When Nehemiah was building the wall of Jerusalem he refused to be called away from his work because he was too busy achieving his main purposes. At this time in the world's history, as individuals and as an organization, we too cannot afford to be side-tracked; we must maintain our prime objectives.



A big man is usually a little man who makes use of an opportunity.



TEHRAN SUMMER MEETINGS

June 18-27

The annual summer meetings of the Iran Mission were held this year in the Mission compound on Pahlavi Avenue, Tehran, June 18-27. They proved a source of blessing to all. Brother Kenneth Oster reports of these meetings as follows :

“Having removed the worries of another week, and the dust from a dozen roads, mind and body were prepared for the feast of spiritual things our Mission superintendent, Elder C. C. Crider, and his associates had prepared for those who had gathered from the eight or more church groups throughout the Iran Mission. The setting was beautiful, the lawn, flowers, and trees, giving evidence of a gardener’s faithful care.

Opening Meeting

In the opening meeting Brother Crider extended a warm welcome to all and, basing his remarks on the well known fact of the nearness of the end and the all too short a time in which to finish a tremendous task lying ahead of us, urged a deeper consecration for the accomplishment of this task.”

Devotional Hours

Every morning of the summer meetings there was a devotional hour from 7-8. Brother Oster continues his report : “In the Devotional Hour Sabbath morning we received a new vision of the position and work of our Lord. Few there were indeed who attended this morning worship period who did not continue to benefit from Elder G. Keough’s thought-provoking studies on the *Book of*

Revelation. The book is truly a ‘revelation of Jesus Christ’, the ‘Son of God’ who ‘walks among the churches’ in every generation, administering to the needs of the flock, whose true greatness lies in the fact that he came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, as indicated by his girdle, the symbol of service.”

“Sunday morning the Judgment was brought to our view as the message of Revelation 4 and 5. Elder Keough assured us that God’s mighty will still directs affairs in this world. We should never become disquieted if wars or famines or hardships of a national or personal nature should exist. Revelation 12 and Galatians 3:27 were combined to impress us with the importance of our spiritual condition at all times. The crisis of the present day, the revival of the Papacy, the strong forces working together to unite all Christendom, and the ideological war that is raging now, all indicate that our work is almost done, and that the culmination of the prophecy of Revelation 13 is at hand.

To wind up the studies on Revelation Elder Keough mentioned the great deception of the last days when Satan will impersonate Christ and draw many after him. In the last Devotional Hour Elder Keough spoke on Daniel 11. We had all been so intensely interested in the subject of these devotional studies during the week, that as this last hour came to a close we wished that we had as many weeks to study *Revelation* as we had days.”

Inspirational Sermons

"The eleven o'clock services were all inspirational. The challenge of an unfinished work in the Middle East was forcefully brought to our attention by Elder G. Arthur Keough. Elder Boynton asked the question: 'Are we going to be in the same spiritual condition next Sabbath as we were last Sabbath?' The fact that we cannot have eternal life by choosing the tinsel of this world was well illustrated by a piece of gold coloured paper which was shiny and bright, but of no more value than a scrap of paper, yet nine times out of ten people naturally choose the flashy piece. 'In the choice we make', he said, 'lies our future.' Elder Kubrock took Prov. 4:23 as his text. 'Keeping the heart is like growing a garden free of weeds', he said. 'The Rose of Sharon or the Lily of the Valley will not grow in a heart full of weeds.' On Wednesday morning the subject, The Return of the Jews, drew many questions from the audience. On Thursday morning Elder Branson advised us to do as Philip did in the city of Samaria—he went down and preached Christ to them (Acts 8:5). Dr. Hargreaves advised us to keep not only the first part of the law, but also the second—our duty toward man. We are not to be as the preacher who turned a beggar away from his door, only to find that the same man was the Prime Minister whom he approached with the gospel the next day."

Departmental Hours

The afternoons were taken up with a clinic and lecture period in which Dr. Arzoo took the lead. Mrs. Crider gave a number of lectures on a couple of days to deal on problems relating to women. There was also the Departmental Hour from 5-6, in which the problems and policies of the Missionary Volunteer, Sabbath School, and Educational

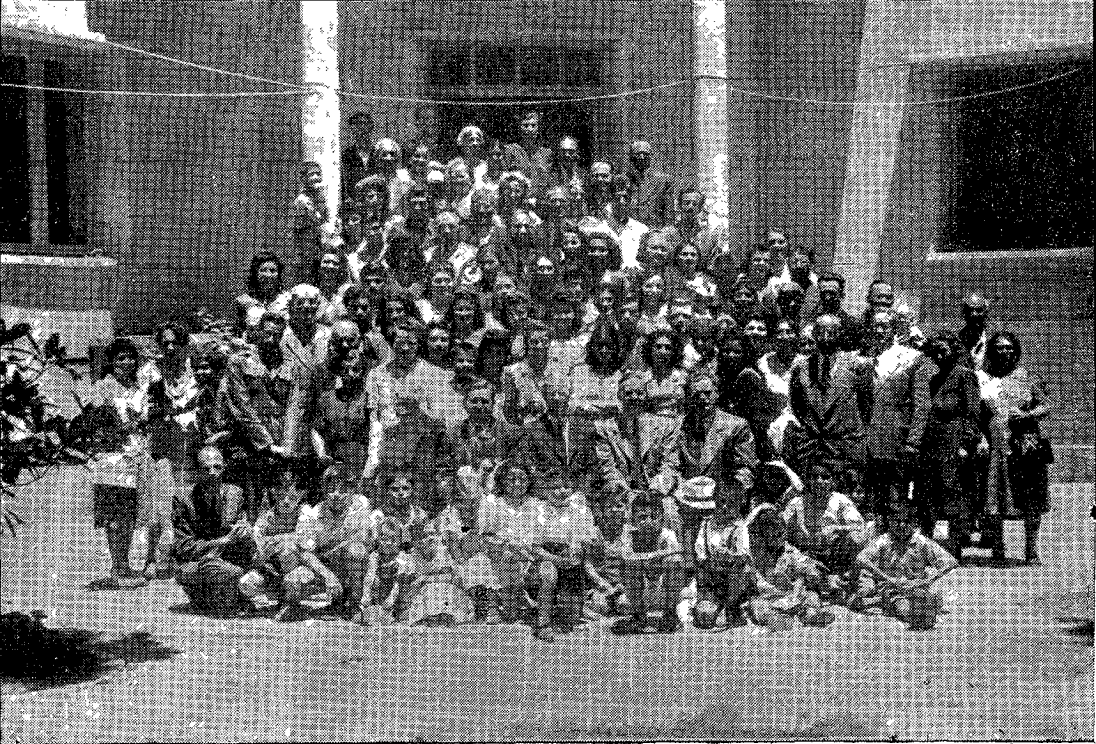
Departments were discussed. Special reports were given by Brother Robert Hasso and Elder P. Boynton on the Mosul and Iran Training Schools. On Sabbath afternoon there was a special investiture service in which six Master Comrades were invested as well as members from the other classes.

Evangelistic Meetings

Every evening there was an evangelistic meeting. Brother Oster reports: "Many visitors were present at the evening evangelistic meetings. Elder Beitzakhar pointed out how there were two forces continually at work in the material world as well as in the spiritual. He appealed to those present to allow God to control their lives. Brother Salakian made his appeal that we be saved before it is too late. Brother Oster spoke of the privilege of being members of the Remnant church. Brother Sangarioo exalted Christ, the Lamb of God." Other meetings were taken by Elder Branson, and Elders George and Arthur Keough. These meetings were such a success that it was decided to continue them under local leadership.

Sabbath School

The two sabbaths of the summer meetings were naturally high days. Sabbath school was conducted by local leadership under the guidance of the Union Sabbath School Secretary. On the first Sabbath Brother Oster gave a missionary talk based on an account of his recent trip to Afghanistan. The Sabbath School lesson was taught on the first Sabbath by Brother Gasparian, and on the second by Dr. Hargreaves. The offering was taken up by the three groups in Tehran, Russian, Farsee, and Armenian. On the second sabbath it was a privilege to be present at the ordination of Brother Haik Salakian to the gospel ministry. In the afternoon eleven were



WORKERS AT TEHRAN CAMP MEETING

Workers' Meetings

The Devotional Hour was followed on week days with a nine o'clock Workers' Meeting. "The people we work for," said Elder Keough, "must be able to pattern their lives after ours." Brother Oster writes: "We were glad that by Tuesday Elder E. L. Branson could be with us. He chose as his text Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens," and truly how needful we are of a message like that. Let us earnestly pray that our consecration to work together, press together, in unity, courage, cheerfulness, hope, and confidence may long outlast the days of the summer meetings.

Wednesday morning our veteran missionary gave us valuable instruction in regard to the important matter with which we have to

do, namely the method we should use to bring the Third Angel's Message to the attention of the Moslems, specifically treating the subjects of the Unity of God and the Trinity.

Elder Branson took charge of the next session, using as his text Hebrews 5:8. Our condition on earth does not necessarily indicate what our condition will be in the next, but one thing is certain, obedience is necessary and that is learned through suffering.

Voice of Prophecy

On Friday the work of the Voice of Prophecy was presented to us by its Director in the Union. We were glad to hear that four hundred have registered. It was strongly recommended that this same type of work be done for Farsee speaking people."

baptized representing converts from four different faiths.

Ministry of Song

The success of the meetings was due to God's blessing and the consecration of everyone present. As important as the ministry of the word was the ministry of song in

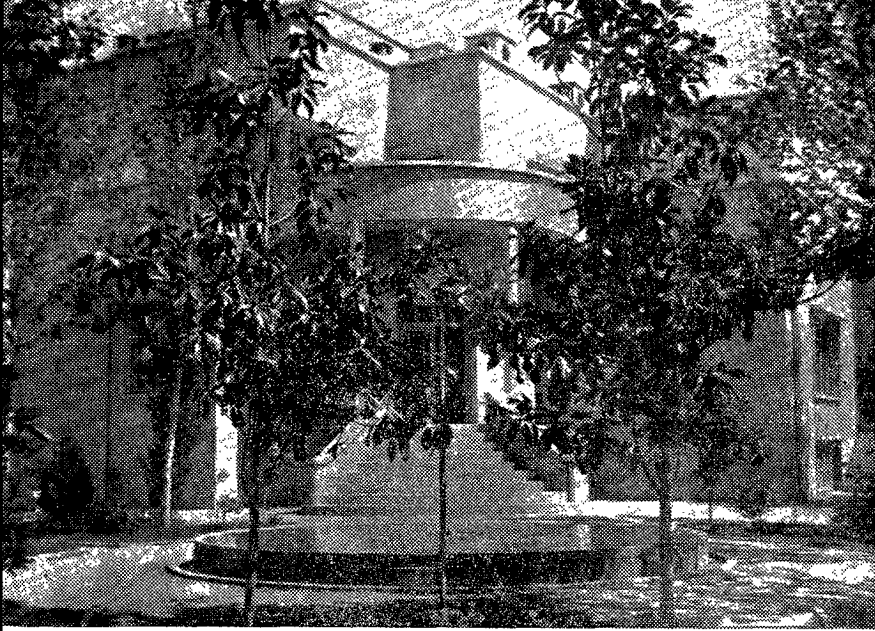
which Elder Kubrock led out. The programmes were carried on from day to day with a quiet efficiency which indicated a spirit of co-operation and service. And so as Brother Oster concludes: "Thus it was as we returned to our respective places of labour that we felt it had been good to be there."

Many of you will remember the recent visit of Elder F. D. Nichol, Editor of the Review and Herald. You may have had the privilege of reading his most interesting accounts of his visits all through Europe, the Middle East countries and Ethiopia. He has now gathered these together in printed book form, titled, Letters From Far Lands. No doubt many will want to get a copy of this new book and we will be glad to pass your orders on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association for them.

Turn your order in to your Mission Superintendent.



The registrar of Atlantic Union College are both doing above average work. They reports: "Ghanem Majeed and Khalil Yared are fine boys!"



IRAN

MISSION

HEAD—

QUARTERS,

TEHRAN

IRAN TRAINING SCHOOL

Principal : PAUL BOYNTON

OUR SCHOOL

By Luba Beitzakhar

Now that spring has clothed all nature in the new and most beautiful dress of green, Pahlevi Avenue looks its best. North against the mountains where this street begins can be seen a beautiful mountain with a white cap of snow. This street passes through the city clear to the southern end on the other side, and at the end is the railway station. It is so straight that if you stand at one end you can see to the other end. It is one of the most beautiful streets in Teheran. On each side of it are rows of trees that have been planted, and between them a brook of water flows continually. The trees are so high that the huge limbs reach out over the

street and form a long beautiful archway.

It is at the northern end of this street that you will see a large wide open iron gate. This gate is open to receive the group of students that hurry to it each morning. Most of the students live far away from this gate but they strive to be on time each morning. Do you wonder why? Well, it is because here is the Iran Training School and the Christian education that they so much desire.

The students of Iran Training School after becoming acquainted with the Christian education, have decided to join the aim of all the Adventist young people; that is to educate themselves in schools like this to be ready to spread this wonderful third angel's message to all the world in this generation.

OUR CLUB

By Clara Vaskanian

After having had the boys and girls clubs separate the first semester the principal of our school decided that it would be nice to have the two clubs together the second semester. So on a bright and happy day, and with joyful hearts we all gathered ourselves to the chapel.

A special committee of three was chosen and went out of the chapel, while the rest waited anxiously to know the result. After an absence of several minutes they returned having on their faces mysterious smiles. With a solemn voice Mr. Boynton read the names of the leaders. They were the following :

President—Miss Mary Paulus

Vice President—Mr. Michael Khanoian
Secretary and

Treasurer—Miss Clara Vaskanian

Mr. Boynton is the club adviser.

Our first meeting was held on the 10th of March 1948. After a short talk from our Principal we chose the following name and motto for our club :

Name-----*Loyal Leaders.*

Motto-----Faithful Forever.

As for a special song, our adviser suggested that we find a suitable tune and make up words for ourselves to fit our school. He promised to give a special gift to the one who would make the best song.

Then our club president wrote down on the blackboard a program of music and plays, which we intend to have some time. We commit our club to the hands of God and we hope that He will bless it and its work. We are looking forward to many pleasant

and useful activities in this association.

OUR PICNIC

By Khosti Shirvanian

At seven o'clock on the morning of April 20 all the students of the Iran Training School gathered in the mission and school yard all ready for a picnic. All the students were smiling and happy as they were getting an early start on the picnic. They all got on a bus and joyfully went to Manzarea picnic ground, singing as they went.

When the bus stopped everyone jumped out and raced to the play ground eager to get started on the real fun for the day. We played many games and were so hungry by the time Mr. Crider came bringing our dinner at two o'clock we could hardly wait to eat. Mr. King from Beirut was with us for dinner and asked the blessing on our food. We had a wonderful dinner with lots of food left over.

Mr. King, Mr. Crider, Mr. Boynton and some of the students took pictures after dinner so we have plenty to remind us of our exciting day.

We were also happy to have Mrs. Oster with little Donnie out for the day. Mr. Oster is away on a trip to Afghanistan. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shirvanian were with us as well as other friends from the Armenian church.

Along in the afternoon a group of about twenty five young men came into the park. We spoke Persian to them but they replied in English as they did not know Persian. They were the Turkish Sport Club that had come to play against the Iranians. They entered into a lively game of football with us and revived our tired spirits for a last

good play. They helped us finish some of the remains of our dinner and we told them good-bye feeling we had helped to establish friendship between our countries.

A little after six we packed up to make our trip home. We were all so tired that the two mile walk back to the bus seemed endless. After a long wait the weary sun-burned students boarded a bus for home.

OUR CAMPAIGN

By Mary Paulus

Although Iran Training School is one of the nicest schools and the students enjoy very much the school days, yet we lack important things. One of the most important of these was the lack of a nice piano. How could the students sing and praise God joyfully while there was the great lack of proper music—music that gives joy to the heart, and song to the lips?

So in order to fill this great need our principal suggested the possibility of having a campaign and raise money with which to purchase a piano for the school.

The students were divided into two groups, each one having a special leader and adviser. One group was the band led by Mr. Khosti Shirvanian, the other band was led by Miss Vadiéh Alborz.

With a thrill in their hearts, and also the ardent desire to win over their rivals, each group went forward. From door to door, and place to place these young people went enduring every difficulty, having only before their view their goal—the nice piano. They also wrote many letters to different people several of whom have answered with nice letters and good donations.

Miss Clara Vaskanian made a nice goal chart. It was a picture of a piano with squares marked off representing certain amounts of money. At first the whole piano was covered with another large sheet of heavy paper. But as the money began to come in each student would take sharp scissors and cut off a square representing the amount of money he had received. When the square had been cut off from the outer sheet of paper it revealed that much of the piano underneath. At the present time practically all the piano has been revealed and we are only waiting to behold the real thing before our eyes.

Mr. Shirvanian's band, which is composed of the younger students, has badly defeated the other band. They have raised nearly ninety percent of the total. Now the victors are looking forward to a treat from the defeated.

We thank God from all our hearts for success in this campaign. And we also want to thank all those who have had a part in this campaign and all those who have helped us. May God bless them all.

OUR CLASSES

By Zina Beitzakhar

Last year Iran Training School had a very successful progressive class program under the direction of Mr. Pourhadi. Although it was the first year in which they began to have these classes nearly all of the students finished the Friend and Companion classes.

IRAN TRAINING SCHOOL
STUDENTS, 1948

This year we do not have a boarding school, and there are many difficulties for the students to get together, but we are going forward with strong determination and overcoming all these difficulties to reach our aims.

In order to finish several subjects which are required we decided to have special classes during Friday and Sabbath afternoons. And in order to attend these classes the students were obliged to come to school twice or even three times a day. But none of these difficulties could discourage these young people who were ready to endure all things and thus become brave soldiers of Christ.

Now, seeing the results, we can say that God has surely blessed our efforts. For now we have four Master Comrades, eight Companions, and six Friends to be invested at

the time of our next investiture service.

OUR WEEK OF PRAYER

By Michael Khanoian

On May 7, 1948 our spring Week of Prayer began at Iran Training School. For several weeks we had looked forward to this week; and at last our desire was a reality.

Mr. Kenneth Oster, our missionary in Shihaz, came to conduct the meetings, and it was a joyful service when he preached the first sermon.

Each morning at our regular chapel time and also in the evening Mr. Oster spoke to us. Each evening half an hour before time for the song service to begin three prayer bands met under the leadership of Luba Beit-



zakhar, Angel Shirvanian, and Michael Khanoian. It is very inspiring to come apart at the close of the day and earnestly seek the Lord. He pours out his rich blessings on those who earnestly seek their Master.

The aim of the week of prayer was to turn the heart of each student to the Lord. The prayer of each one was for help from the Lord to keep us faithful to Him in this world of sin and guide us daily so that we may be ready to meet our Lord at His coming.

IRAN MISSION

It has been decided to raise the standard of the Teheran Church School one grade higher this year. This brings the school within one grade of offering complete elementary school work and it is definitely planned to add the final grade next year.

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In Northern Iran in the village of Rachmatabad we have a faithful group of Adventist believers of Russian origin. They have built and furnished at their own expense an attractive chapel which can be used for a school during the week and for the week-end services. Brother Leon Ofcheroff is conducting a school for the children of Adventist parents.

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Our Armenian churches will be glad to know that Dr. A. Arzoo is planning to print at his own expense an edition of a new Armenian hymn book. This will meet a long felt want in our churches

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The Iran Mission was sorry to lose the services of Brother Grover C. Winslow who has recently been transferred to Middle East

College.

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Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of a church and school site in Julfa, Ispahan. We look forward to having a representative building in this ancient Persian city that was once the most magnificent in Asia and today still retains much of its grandeur.

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The Iran Training School will continue to meet in the mission building in Pahlevi Avenue in the school year 1948-49. This is far from being a satisfactory arrangement both from the school and mission viewpoints but it is the only one possible in the circumstances. There is no doubt that one of the first calls for an appropriation must be for a suitable site and building for the Iran Training School.

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On Tuesday July 20 Dr. A. Arzoo left Teheran for the United States by plane. Dr. Arzoo is a veteran worker in the Iran Mission building up the hospital in Iraq but he has now found it necessary to return permanently to the States. We wish him God's blessing as he works in other places.

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The Iran Mission has decided to add the Voice of Prophecy to its evangelistic activities. An appeal has been made to the Union for funds to get the project under way and 20,000 rials from this year's Harvest Ingathering Fund has been devoted to this purpose. Brother Kenneth Oster has been asked to make the first draft of the Voice of Prophecy Lessons in Persian and it is hoped it will no be long before the message can be spread in this way to the millions in Iran.

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GRADUATION EXERCISES

AT

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

JUNE 18-20, 1948

CONSECRATION SERVICE

8:00 P.M., June 18, 1948

Processional	"Marche Romaine"	<i>Gounod</i>
	<i>Ardice Branson</i>	
Hymn	Church Hymnal 273	<i>Hendon</i>
Invocation		<i>S. W. Johnson</i>
Address		<i>G. M. Krick</i>
Responses		Representatives from the Classes
Consecration Prayer		<i>G. M. Krick</i>
Consecration Hymn		<i>Oberlin</i>
	By the Classes	
Benediction		<i>I. N. Swaidan</i>
Recessional	"March Scipio"	<i>Handel</i>
	<i>Ardice Branson</i>	

BACCALAUREATE

11:00 A.M. June 19, 1948

Processional	March from "Athalie"	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
	<i>Marjorie Harris-Harder</i>	
Call to Worship		<i>Harvey's Chant</i>
Invocation		<i>R. L. Mole</i>
Offertory		<i>J. S. Russell</i>
Mixed Quartett	"The Lord's Prayer,"	<i>Malotte</i>
	<i>Harder, Keough, Harder, Branson</i>	
Prayer		<i>J. S. Russell</i>
Sermon		<i>E. L. Branson</i>
Hymn	"God the Omnipotent"	
	Church Hymnal 78	
Benediction		<i>R. L. Mole</i>
Recessional	"Coronation March"	<i>Meyerbeer</i>
	<i>Marjorie Harris-Harder</i>	

COMMENCEMENT

June 20, 1948

Processional	"Pomp & Circumstance"	<i>Elgar</i>
	<i>Ardice Branson</i>	
Invocation		<i>Professor Gilbert M. Krick</i>
Ladies' Sextette	"Be Still My Soul",	<i>Finlandia</i>
	<i>Harder, Keough, Branson, Mole, Russell, Krick</i>	
Address		<i>Doctor Alvin W. Johnson</i>
Presentation of Diplomas and Conferring of Degrees		<i>President Frederick E. J. Harder</i>
	<i>Assisted by Gilbert M. Krick, Registrar</i>	

Benediction at Close of School year

Board Chairman, Ernest L. Branson

Recessional

"Grand March"

Wagner

Ardice Branson

ROSTER OF GRADUATES

Bachelor of Arts

Shahin Ouzounian
Adeeb Fargo

Secreterial Training Diploma

Sabah Hasso
George Yared

Teacher Training Diploma

Adel Isaac
* Samia Ayoub
* Adeeba Isaac
* Anees Fargo

Junior College Diploma

Angel Dikran

Faris Basta
Moussa Ghazal
Salim Majeed

Preparatory School Certificate

Beatrice Wakil
Dola Hasso
Haigouhy Keushguerian
Nabeeh Boulous
Michael Kebbas
Mary Nassimian
Nadia Shagoury
Samira Hasso
Phoebe Beythoun
Naji Shukri
Riad Bitar
* Emile Kafrouni
* Faiz Farag
* Gerayer Kayaian
* Najla Mansour

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F. BRENNWALD, G. C. AUDITOR WRITES A WORD OF APPRECIATION:

It was the last year that I had the privilege to visit the Middle East Union for the first time and when I arrived this year again I felt like returning to old friends. During these two stays together over a little more than four months, I got, of course, fairly well acquainted with the work, and a fairly good idea of the different problems with which the Middle East Union is confronted and there are certainly many, especially the one of bringing the last message to the peoples of the countries forming the territory of the Middle East Union.

My impression however, is that there is a group of workers in the Middle East Union—foreign and national—who are untiring in this part of the world more than ever before.

I leave your field praying that the Lord may be with you in a special way and abundantly bless you in the various lines of activities, which are all agencies for the winning of souls.

LEBANON-SYRIA MISSION

BAPTISM IN BEIT-MERY AND TARTOUS AREA

As a result of the meetings and house to house visits in Beit-Mery, five good people were baptized a few days ago. Some of these were keeping the Sabbath at the time when Brother Olson was in Beit-Mery. He worked hard with them until they accepted to join the Remnant Church.

At the same time six persons were baptized in the Tartous area. The membership is increasing in a wonderful way. We have now about eighty baptized members there. Soon we shall have another baptism. We

hope by the end of the year, to have one hundred members. This summer we are planning to hold evangelistic meetings in different places. May God bless the work in Syria.

Chafic Srou.



CONGRATULATIONS !

Once again the Beirut Arabic church sabbath school under the superintendency of Brother Yussef Berbawy has qualified for a Grade A certificate for the quarter ending June 30. This means that the school has passed the minimum requirements of the certificate which are: 1. 90% of the membership goal which is all church members, their children, and as many friends as it is possible to gather in; 2. 50% of the membership reporting daily lesson study; 3. 10% increase in the quarter's offerings compared with the offerings of the corresponding quarter last year. Actually the Beirut Arabic church sabbath school as gone well over the minimum requirements and we know that this has meant hard work and consecration on the part of all the officers and resulted in blessing to the church as a whole.

Congratulations to Brother M. V. Jacobson who was ordained to the gospel ministry in Baghdad on April 10. Those officiating in the ordination service were Elder R. A. Anderson, Associate secretary of the Ministerial Association, Elder E. L. Branson, Superintendent of the Middle East Union Mission, and Elder Philip Habib, Pastor of the Baghdad church.

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Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Said Touma whose marriage took place in Mosul June 30. Elder M. V. Jacobson was the officiating minister.

