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OUR YOUTH AND SOUL-WINNING IN TURKEY

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Miss Indra Ashod, who has written this report of young people's work in Turkey, is the daughter of Brother A. Ashod of Istanbul. She is studying in Middle East College this year. Her article was originally given as a talk in the College Missionary Volunteer Society.

When we think about Young People's Societies our first thoughts go to the programs, picnics and socials that we have for amusement and recreation. Of course this does form an important part of our meetings. As we talk about the harm of going to dances, movies and the like, we have to provide something else, some kind of useful and healthful entertainment to take its place. But the main and more important activity of the Young People's Societies is soul-winning.

Turkey is a very hard field to work in because of two main difficulties: first, the government places endless restrictions. All religious propaganda is strictly forbidden. It

is absolutely impossible to do any Harvest Ingathering, or to hold public meetings, or even to advertise our Sabbath services. Secondly, the people are superstitious. I do not know how it first started, but there is an idea that any Seventh-day Adventist who can get a person to join the church will receive L.Turk. 500 for it. There are still other strange ideas like this one.

In spite of these difficulties our youth are doing well in soul-winning. There are about twenty members of the Young People's Society in Turkey. They invite their non-Adventist friends and neighbours to the socials and picnics. The new-comers are immediate-

ly impressed by the pure, innocent forms of entertainment, and the kind, friendly, loving attitude of all the young members toward them. They feel that they are wanted and are happy to come again. Sometime later they are invited to come to the Young People's Meetings, and still later to the church services. In this way sincere young men and women become interested in the truth. There are now several who come to church regularly. Some of them take Bible studies and we hope they will soon be baptized.

Antonio is a young Greek boy about 19 years of age, the only child in the family. He was not very well in health and was nearly always sad and unhappy. One of our Adventist young men invited him to come to our picnics and social gatherings. Antonio enjoyed them and came again and again. Later on he came to our Young People's Meetings and also to church. There was a change in him. He enjoyed associating with our

young people. He became more cheerful and his health improved. His parents were very pleased. Some time later Antonio saw the Sabbath truth and decided to keep the sabbath. This news made his father furious. He forbade his son to associate with the Seventh-day Adventists and he even whipped him. He found some worldly young men and wanted his son to be friends with them. This was a hard time for Antonio. He could not enjoy the company of these worldly boys. How he longed for the Seventh-day Adventist youth he had learned to love so well! Poor Antonio was sad and unhappy again. His health began to fail. Finally his father saw no other way out, so he allowed his son to go back again to his "Seventh-day Adventists"

Please remember Antonio and the other interested young folks in your prayers. May the Lord open the way for the Gospel truth and message to reach all the poor people in Turkey who are yet in total darkness.

ANNOUNCING

The arrival of *David Wayne* latest member added to the Olson Evangelistic group of Northern Lebanon :

Distinguishing features :

Good lungs.

Loud Voice.

Weight : 5 lbs., 13 oz.

Position : Chief Chorister.

Date of beginning work :

1:45 a.m., October 18.

Evangelist : Wayne Olson.

Helpmate : Mildred Olson.

Receptionist : Ronnalee Gayle.



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 Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Yussif Barbawy who had a boy born to them on October 22. By all accounts Nabeel is a fine lad and Raja is glad to have him.  
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EDITORIAL



MEETING DIFFICULTIES

When is it that we may consider our work successful? Is it when everything is running smoothly: when permits are granted upon request and growth and expansion come naturally? Or is it when, as a result of the interest of the people, permits are refused and the police lend a hand in seeking to check the work?

We have been meeting difficulties in one or two places in the Middle East Union. One of our workers who has been blessed of God in his service over a number of years writes to us as follows:

"On—— I wrote you a report of the the Sabbath School which I hoped would give you great pleasure. Before telling you what delayed my forwarding it I will just summarize it. On Sabbath—— those who have decided to join the body of Christ met with us. They were nine persons, and with my wife and I we were eleven. We opened with praise and prayer and the reading of a portion of the Bible, followed by the Missions Reading, and then I expounded the lesson as best I could. At the close of the service everyone was happy. No doubt you can imagine how happy my wife and I were at this victory over the enemy of mankind. There were five others who wanted to join us, but were hindered for various reasons.

On Sunday, after I had written the report and was about to forward it to you I received news that the mayor wanted to see me in his house. (The mayor is the son of the priest of the village.) After a few moments

for thought and prayer my wife and I went. As soon as we entered the house we noticed he had police with him. He had been told many wrong things about us, about 80% falsehood. When we arrived and saluted him we were told the Officer wanted to see us. I replied that I would be honoured to visit the Officer, but in the morning when we could get a car. It was useless. They took us, my wife and me, walking ninety minutes to—— I was there told by the Colonel that we must leave the district. I returned to —— and continued my work as usual. Then on ——, about 10 a.m., the leader of the police with the mayor and his servant and two soldiers entered the house, and after they had taken my books gave me till noon to get out of the village. He began to throw things out and said that if I should say another word they would throw all the furniture out into the street. I asked for time to get a permit to remain until I had found a place to put my things. I went to —— and returned with a permit to stay till the—— (four days later). We moved to a neighbouring town and informed our pastor. We at once went to see the Colonel, but without effect. I am now in my home town waiting to see where the Lord will send me. Pray for us———— So they took the report from me which I had written for you."

In another town we had over seventy families appeal to us to open a school for their children. The interest in the truth was good and so we decided to do what we could. We made arrangements to rent a house suitable for the school. We placed two full time teachers under appointment. We completed satisfactorily all the requirements for securing a permit. The inspector for schools for the area gave his approval and stated that the school was necessary in the district. But op-

position was aroused and for no reasons other than religious our work had been delayed.

We are meeting difficulties today in these Bible lands even as the apostles met them in days of old, and we shall triumph over them only as we have the same spirit as the apostles.



Wedding Bells

NASSIF BUTROS—ROSE HADDAD

Five o'clock in the evening of October 14 found many friends gathered in the new little chapel in the Basrah church to witness the wedding of Brother Nassif Butros and Miss Rose Haddad. The chapel had been nicely decorated for the occasion and in the courtyard was a large table from which the guests were invited to partake of light refreshments. Elder M. V. Jacobson made the trip from Baghdad to Basrah in order to perform the ceremony.

BEHNAME ARSHAT—NELLY SAATY

Monday September 27 was a happy day for the Baghdad church when Brother Behnam and Miss Nelly Saaty were united in marriage in the attractively decorated school chapel. Elder M. V. Jacobson performed the ceremony while Brother Bachir Hasso translated the service. A reception was held immediately after and then the couple left for Basrah where Brother Behnam leads out in evangelistic work.

TEWFIC ISSA—LODI MICHAEL

Mr. Tewfic Issa was married to Miss Lodi Michael on Sunday August 29 in the Beirut Arabic Church. Pastor Shukri Nowfel led out in the ceremony which was attended by many of the bridegroom's friends and the bride's relatives. A reception was held immediately after the marriage in Elder G. Keough's apartment. Our prayers and best wishes go with Brother Tewfic and his wife as they work for the Lord in Syria.



ARABIC SABBATH SCHOOL PAMPHLETS WANTED

We are trying to make in the Union Sabbath School Department a complete set of Sabbath School Quarterlies in Arabic. We find that the following quarterlies are missing :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Quarter</i>
1930	2nd.
1933	4th
1934	2nd 3rd 4th
1937	3rd
1939	3rd
1940	2nd 4th
1941	1st 2nd 4th
1942	1st 3rd
1944	1st
1945	2nd 3rd 4th
1946	1st 2nd 3rd 4th
1947	1st 2nd

We would appreciate it very much if those who have any of the above quarterlies would send us good clean copies.





FIRST IMPRESSIONS

IN A LAND OF CONTRASTS

By MARY JO HASSO

Thrilled at coming face to face with the mysteries of the East I had only read about—richly-robed men and women, turbaned priests on exquisite carpets, hump-backed camels, and flying horses—I dreamed of a world whose air was full of the fragrance of frankincense. I arrived nose first, as usual, but that sense, frankly, registered no incense of the odiferous quality I had anticipated.

Many times more exciting was my first glimpse of the very core of the "old country", a panorama of dry, dusty, naked scenery; heat waves wiggling their way upward; flies camouflaging everything; pedestrians, vehicles, and animals occupying the same narrow space, each advancing according to the aggressiveness he possesses. The picture was done in sepia—not technicolor. It was the East during its hottest season.

In just a few months the countryside changed its disposition and became mild, wearing its most beautiful costume. Its personality even seemed to change because of the complete transformation. Autumn and spring are delightful seasons, but unfortunately they are the shortest.

To be sure, people had warned me about the "disagreeable" country I was entering, but they gave me no details; so I was surprised to find it possible to live in comfort

here, and especially pleased to find the people friendly and helpful, each one concerned over making me feel at home.

When I arrived, I was as unusual to Mosul as Mosul was to me, and I found it at first embarrassing, then afterwards amusing, to see the people stop and stare at me the way I wanted to stare at them. Once or twice I got up enough courage to try to stare the women down, but they are completely uninhibited, and so I was the one to turn away in embarrassment! Very soon Eastern customs and food, along with riding *arabanas* and saying "*Marhubba*" became commonplace.

Such inconveniences as flies, hot summers without air conditioning, and cold winters without central heating sink into insignificance as I think of sleeping on the roof, of taking a nap after dinner, of eating buffalo cream or *taboolie*. I hate to think of all the years I have missed enjoying the rejuvenating, relaxed sleep which comes with sleeping on the roof. I have found it fine to get up with the sun smiling in my face. Being a rather sedentary nature, I revel in the afternoon nap which previously hurt my conscience to take. Actually it's not an extravagance of time, I've discovered, but a conservation, since one tires so quickly during those hours and cannot do efficient work.

I never cease to wonder at the contrasts which appear when the ancient and modern world meet. A robed Arab looks so incongruous in a 1948 model automobile. You may own the latest model car, but the donkey and camel have the right of way, just as they always have. Modern-styled houses find Bedouin tents pitched next door. Under her mysterious-looking black *abba* a woman may be wearing the latest Paris fashion. The new, streamlined, air-condition coach the Iraqi railways has is another pleasant surprise.

Seeing a mirage always seems miraculous and makes me feel as though a peculiar other-worldly power is at work. Connected with this is the surprising way villages and cities suddenly appear in entirety out of nowhere. They rise up right out of the dust after one has driven for miles over flat territory with nothing to break the sameness of the horizon.

The absence of a middle-class people and the large numbers of poor people impressed me. Everyone seems to be either very poor or very rich. I was shocked to see bare feet in winter, children without coats or sweaters running barefooted through the puddles. At first I associated wooden clogs with poverty until I learned that everyone wears them because they like them.

The fatalistic philosophy of the masses has impressed me more than anything else. What a difference there is between the outlook of the Christian and that of the one who believes that nothing he can do will ever change his fate! This reasoning robs men of all ambition or initiative and results in hopelessness, futility.

The mysterious East I imagined is still mysterious to me. The loud-tone djibbering in a language I don't understand only adds to my feeling of mystery, and I constantly

wonder what is going on in the minds of the people around me. But I do know that I have gained an invaluable experience—a post graduate course—in coming to the East, and I am happy here.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Under the heading "A Phenomenal Discovery" the *Biblical Archaeologist* of May, 1948, announces "the most important discovery ever made in Old Testament manuscripts." The entire Book of Isaiah in Hebrew has been found which Dr. Millar Burrows of Yale University dates as of the first century B.C. and Dr. W. F. Albright of Johns Hopkins University thinks ought to be dated in the 2nd century B.C. "This is amazing", writes Dr. G. E. Wright of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, "for complete Hebrew manuscripts of Isaiah, or for that matter of any part of the Old Testament have hitherto been unknown before the 9th century A.D. One exception to this is a tiny fragment of Deuteronomy known as the Nash Papyrus; and it was this fragment which gave the clue to the date of the newly found manuscript.

The discovery of this manuscript means that those who assumed a late date for the composition of certain portions of *Isaiah* will have to revise their opinions. In fact it seems likely that it will mean a revolution in the study of the Hebrew language.

The manner of the discovery of these manuscripts indicates that the day of surprises is not over. Bedouin chanced to find several hundred pages of Biblical and apocryphal manuscripts in a cave near the northern shore of the Dead Sea. "They were hidden in earthenware jars, wrapped in linen and covered

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THE
VOICE
OF
PROPHECY
IN THE
MIDDLE
EAST

G. D. Keough

Director



The present disturbances in the Middle East provide an opportunity to get the message before many who would not otherwise hear of it. "The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth." 9T., p. 97. This, therefore, is a time of mercy to many, and in this very time God has provided us with a new means of reaching with the truth many to whom we could have no other means of access. So that we are today doubly blessed: there is a new opportunity to reach the people, and there is a new means of getting the truth before them. We should show our appreciation of these circumstances by cooperating with God as never before in His work of saving men through the knowledge of His truth.

have spread in some parts of the field is very encouraging, and makes us wish that it could spread that way in other places also. A few names were sent by a worker from a town, and those who received the lessons told their friends of the fine lessons they were receiving freely by Post, and new names began to come in, till we have seventy-five names from one small town. From another town, where the living preacher had been unable to get an entrance, a name was sent to us, and that one told another, till we have twenty-three registered students there, and more coming. We thank those who sent the first names, and we hope that the work will continue to spread in this way throughout the Middle East Union. Now is the time to recommend to everyone in your neighbourhood that he take the Voice of Prophecy Bible Study Course. It may mean the saving of thousands.

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READING COURSES

1949



SENIOR

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	PRICE
Masters of Music	Arvid C. Anderson	\$2.25
The Shining Way	Norma Norris	2.50
Stories of the Reformation in the Netherlands	Ruth Gordon Short	2.75
Captains of the Host	Arthur W. Spalding	3.00
A Bride on the Amazon	Barbara Osborne Westphal	2.00
	Total	\$12.50
	Special Club Price	\$10.75

JUNIOR

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	PRICE
On Wings of Cheer	Sam Campbell	\$2.50
Really Truly Stories III	Gwendolen L. Hayden	2.00
With Jack & Jean in Bible Lands	Ellen Klose	3.00
Kings and Queens, Bible Pageant Series III	M. L. Neff	4.50
	Total	\$12.00
	Special Club Price	\$ 8.95



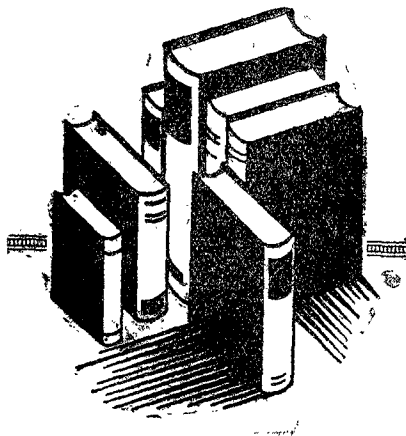
WE are happy to present for the reading pleasure of our Missionary Volunteers the 1949 M.V. Reading Courses. Each of these books has been prepared especially for our youth. Our objectives have been to offer to our young people through these fine books a well-balanced program of reading. The M.V. reading courses for 1949 are concerned with travel, biography, denominational history, youth's problems, missions, stories for our children, and spiritual uplift. May the blessings of God attend us as we direct our youth into channels of right living through good books.

PRIMARY

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	PRICE
The Skunklets	Ella M. Isaac	\$1.00
The Children's Hour IV	Arthur Maxwell	3.50
Wild Animals of Africa	Neil Wayne Northey	2.00
	Total	\$6.50
	Special Club Price	\$4.65

Without a love for books

"The Richest Man is Poor"



On a warm Sunday afternoon in June 1882 three of our brethren who were living in Alexandria, one from Ireland and two from Southern Europe, were murdered in a cruel way. They had been to the harbour to distribute tracts and gospel literature to the sailors of the many ships that were docked there, and on their way home they were attacked by an infuriated mob of fanatics. These brethren were beaten to the ground with clubs and finally died after having been stabbed

led and guided these patient, self-sacrificing men and women as they gave of their best to the Master in laying the foundation for the work we are privileged to see today. Human commendation of faithful stewards such as these is meaningless; they must await the "well done" from the lips of our Saviour. Often we are told, and rightly so, that these are among the most difficult fields in the world in which to fulfill the "great commission". I fear, however, that this has led many both in

IS IT WORTH WHILE ?

many times with daggers and bayonets; over 200 others lost their lives in the same way that day. From the available reports it seems clear that there was a plot to massacre all the Christian foreigners, but somehow the plan did not work out as the instigators had hoped. This is the earliest record we have of any Adventist believers in Egypt. Although sad, is it not inspiring that they met their death while engaged in active home missionary work? This was indeed a great discouragement to the little group of believers and for many years nothing was done to spread the work beyond these faithful few in Alexandria.

More than 65 years have passed since this experience, and as we look at the work today we can say with a surety "hitherto hath the Lord helped us". If only space would permit me to give you a detailed account of the happenings of the last half a century! It would be an account of how our early pioneers met severe trials; of how on many occasions they narrowly escaped death at the hands of enemies of the truth; of days of pestilence and discouragement; of periods of financial distress; but more than all this it would be an account of how the Lord had

the past and even today, to feel that we cannot expect much in the way of progress and results in these lands. What a tragedy this is! We are admonished by the Servant of the Lord never to think of failure, much less to talk defeatism. Have we forgotten the sure promises of God's Word? He declares that He will set His hand to reclaim His people from Egypt a "second time." Without question the prophet Isaiah had reference to our day when God's remnant church would be proclaiming the Judgment-Hour Message; even as Moses called the inhabitants of Egypt to repentance the first time when he warned them of the judgments of God to be poured out in the form of the plagues. It is true that on occasions there has been strong opposition from the Government and fanatical religious groups, but the Lord has always brought triumph to His work. Did not the Pharaoh, in days of old, say "Who is this God that I should obey Him?" And did not the Lord reveal Himself in a mighty way to vindicate His people? Dear Sabbath School members, God has promised that He will work in an even greater and more miraculous manner in these last days and it should be our firm conviction and belief that

we will shortly see these lands blaze forth with the glorious truth of the Advent Message. Do you believe this? I can see you nod your head in agreement. But as you do so, you must also determine to pray and give as never before for the accomplishment of this hope, so that we might not retard Heaven's programme.

But I hear you ask "why should we give more now than before, and why will it be a greater blessing now than later on?" Will you let me try to answer for you? To begin with, the work has been greatly delayed in this field; it is at least 25 years behind what it ought to be. To illustrate—we have almost no literature in Arabic; we have very few church buildings; we have no training school until a year or two ago, and consequently our workers have had little education to fit them for their task; we have no medical work, except the simple first-aid work done by our village workers; we have almost no funds to carry on evangelism in the many large cities; all this and much more has tended to hinder the work. but we are thankful that success does not depend on temporal

However if we do not establish a strong work now and "go in and possess the land" it may be too late. We already see the evidence of Satan working through government pressure and religious legislation in an endeavour to make the establishment of new work impossible. *What we do not do now, may never be done!* That last reason is that time is short; the twenty millions of Egypt must be told of the three angel's messages. We need an army of consecrated, well-trained young workers to lift high the gospel banner of Prince Emmanuel in this stronghold of Islam. A part of the overflow, which your offering will make possible this 13th Sabbath, will help to complete the new training school in Egypt. Besides saving many of our youth for the kingdom this school will supply us with an efficient corps of workers, for the last great offensive against sin.

Today we have about 500 baptized members in Egypt and by the time you give your 13th Sabbath Offering we hope to have added nearly 100 more. We have 13 companies of believers with as many Sabbath Schools, besides 2 branch Sabbath Schools. To care

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Superintendent, Egypt Mission

things alone. The second reason we should give more is because the doors of opportunity are now opening to us, as never before.

Men have offered us paper if we would print a book or tracts; villagers have offered us land for chapels and schools; delegations have pled for preachers and teachers to enlighten their people; but to all of these petitions and offers we can only smile, sadly shake our heads and tell them that someday we hope to be able to fulfill their desires.

for the education of our youth we have 6 village schools and 3 church schools besides our recently established Training School in Fayoum. We are thankful for these things; but, how can we be truly happy or at rest with so many desperate needs on every side? A recent letter from Pastor Nashid Yacoub, a district leader, located in Assuit, Capital of Upper Egypt and perhaps the Christian centre of Egypt will help you to understand what I mean. He says that not long ago an evan-

gelistic series of meetings was held in a huge tent made from decorated squares of canvass. These meetings stirred the city and large numbers attended regularly. Since the expense of renting this tent was too much it was necessary to take the tent down after about 3 months. For those who had learned to live the truth there was only one place to meet; and that was in a 21 x 12 foot room in his own home. He says it is very hard to see people come and find no place to sit and have to go away. In spite of this embarrassing situation the Lord has added many to the church. A few days ago one of our brethren died in this city. He had been a pastor of another denomination for nearly forty years before embracing the Advent Message, and was therefore a respected citizen. Desiring to hold a short service before going to the cemetery, they brought the casket to our meeting place but being on the second floor it was impossible to carry it up, in a dignified manner, and so they had to go directly to the cemetery. Our people were much ashamed but there was no other way, and so they beg for a larger and more suitable place of worship.

About one year ago we were able to start a fine little Orphanage in a suburb of Cairo. There is a spacious garden surrounding this Mercy Home. Here 22 little children between the ages of 4-8 years are tenderly cared for by Mrs. E. Kruger, a trained nurse; a fine young man who is the teacher, and a young lady helper. These boys and girls are brands actually plucked from the fire. Before they came to the orphanage they had nothing but rags for clothes, they were infected with all sorts of internal and external diseases, they had no proper home and they either begged for or stole their food. I wish you could see them now. What a wonderful change has been

wrought in their little lives! If you could step into their worship period just before they go to bed and hear their sincere prayers and their sweet childish voices blended in singing 'Jesus loves me', you would find your eyes beginning to moisten and a lump creeping into your throat. If you are ever tempted to doubt as to whether such a project is worthwhile, I feel certain that your doubts will be dispelled by this little incident just reported by Pastor Gordon Zythoskee, who is in charge of our work in the Cairo area. He says that not many days ago the older boys at the Orphanage called a secret meeting of all the children. They did not know, however, that Mrs. Kruger was watching them through a window. One little fellow was the chairman and he got up and asked for silence. Then he said, "We must be good because Jesus is coming soon. We must use kind words and speak the truth. When we play we must not fight, when we study we must be quiet, when we eat we must be polite. Don't you see," he urged, "we must be good all the time because Jesus is coming soon and we all want to be together when He takes His people to Heaven." The meeting was dismissed, and as Mrs. Kruger turned away all the toil and trouble of caring for these dear children seemed *very much worthwhile*.

Your willing and cheerful sacrifice, in liberally giving all you can, will help such boys and girls as these to meet you in the Kingdom. Unite in praying that this blessed day may soon come.



Discouragement is the anesthetic the devil uses before he takes your heart out.



IRAN MISSION

Our Harvest Ingathering reports in Iran are encouraging this year. We have been late beginning the campaign, but in a little more than a week over half the Mission goal has been raised. We are hoping to have a large overflow this year, and visit many new friends who have not been contacted in the past.

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For one month this summer Brethren Keshishzadeh and Manasserian, pastors of our Hamadan and Kermanshah churches respectively, visited Armenian villages in the Arak area. They report a very pleasant and profitable time. People seemed vitally interested in the Message that they brought, and pled with them to stay longer. One of the villagers thus expressed his feelings, "You brought us Light, if you leave we shall be in darkness again."

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We have been made sad that the long illness of Brother D. V. Kubrock has necessitated his seeking medical aid in Beirut. However, the latest reports are that he is now feeling much better and will soon be back with us. During his absence Mrs. Kubrock and the children are staying at the Mission in Teheran.

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Brother Kenneth Oster has been translating Voice of Prophecy lessons into Farsee during the last few months, and now has six ready for printing. We are anxious to see this work begun in Iran, and feel sure that it will prove a very effective means of spreading our Message.

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Doctor Hargreaves, who has opened an eye clinic in Isfahan during the past year,

reports that his practice is growing very nicely, with people coming in from the surrounding villages for treatment, as well as individuals from as far away as Kirman.

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The Tehran Church School has an enrollment of fifty-two, and the newly-rented quarters crowded. This year the first five grades are being taught.

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Recently ten individuals were baptized in the Reziah area. About fifty requested baptism, but it was felt that they were not quite ready. If it were possible to place a worker there, there would be many more anxious to study our Message. One individual there who was jailed during the political trouble about two years ago, began studying again the truths he had once believed, and gathered together with him several others to study the Bible. The little group of them were visited by one of our ministers, who talked and prayed with them. The next day when the minister went to visit the man's wife and report his visit, he was met by the man himself, all smiles, who announced that he with his friends had been released after more than two years in jail. It was truly a happy occasion, and all are anxious now to work for the Lord whom they have learned to love.

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The Training School has a good enrollment this year—twenty-four. Besides the regular students, there is a late afternoon class for individuals who are unable to attend during the day. This class is very well attended at present there are 20, with new students every day applying for entrance. Elder and Mrs. Boynton, with one assistant, have very heavy teaching programs.

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Brother Mouravati and Brother Crider, made a trip up into one of the almost inaccessible mountain passes of northern Iran this past summer. They travelled by donkey along the narrow little trails high up on the mountainsides, and made their way from village to village speaking of the Bible and preaching Christ. They were handicapped by the fact that the people knew very little Farsee due to their extreme isolation. However, they met the same fine hospitality that one encounters throughout the whole of Iran, and the people pled with them to return. The one valley they entered contained thousands of villages, and a nurse or doctor in that area (which is shut off from the outside world by snow for about six months of the year) could do an immense amount of work in medical as well as evangelistic lines. This is only one of thousands of valleys of Iran whose people are longing for a Message of Hope and Cheer.

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A few weeks ago the Dorcas society of the Tehran Armenian church was reorganized, and the sisters of this church are showing a great interest in the work of this very important phase of our activities. At the present time they are making various articles for a sale just before Christmas.

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MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

The College opened its doors for registration for the new scholastic year on Tuesday October 5. The opening reception took place on Sunday evening October 10 when students and teachers were formally introduced to one another. Mr. Adeeb Fargo, one of the first students to graduate from Middle East Col-

lege with a B.A. degree spoke a few words of welcome to the new students who had arrived.

The registrar reports the enrolment as follows :

In the preparatory school	51
In the college	27

Total enrolment	78
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The distribution of the students from the various countries of the Middle East is :

From Egypt	16
„ Iraq	15
„ Lebanon	23
„ Palestine	7
„ Syria	8
„ Trans-Jordan	5
„ Turkey	4

BEIRUT JUNIOR ACADEMY

The Principal of our Junior Academy in Beirut, Mr. Adeeb Fargo, reports :

1. Our enrollment this year has increased so wonderfully that we have over two hundred names on our registers. We could have many more if the walls of the classrooms could be pushed back to accommodate more, if Middle East College graduated a few more teachers, and if the Lebanon Syria Mission could provide a little more money for the school budget.

2. The students are happy to see that we are providing a small library, a general science laboratory, and some physical training apparatus this year.

3. A Junior Missionary Volunteer society is now fully organized and over seventy are working in some section of our Progressive Class work. Besides these there are sixty five who are Busy Bees, Sunbeams, Builders, or

Helping Hands. All are looking forward to a grand investiture in the Spring.

4. Some teachers have grown one or two white hairs as a consequence of hard work and great responsibilities; others claim appendicitis; none have got married; but among the students ninety eight percent attend regularly, ninety nine percent are always on time, and problems occur among only one quarter of one percent.

This is certainly a splendid report.

IRAQ MISSION

The Basrah church was happy to have Elder M. V. Jacobson pay them a visit over the week end of October 15-17 and lead out in the services. The Ordinances of the Lord's House were celebrated on the Sabbath.

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Dr. Abdel Karim has arrived back in Basrah after an extended trip to England to visit our Sanatarium in Watford for special health treatments. All those who know Dr. Karim recognize that his quick recovery has come as a direct answer to prayer.

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Miss Ruth Tobiassen has arrived in Baghdad to take up her nursing in the hospital. A hearty welcome to her to our working force in the Middle East.

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Miss Joyce Henderson has decided to take her furlough at this time. She sailed from Beirut on the Marine Carp on September 6.

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PALESTINE-TRANS-JORDAN MISSION

Reports from Amman indicate that our school there is making good progress. Miss Hana writes that the enrolment is 95 and might have been 200! "I wish we could have some more room for other children who are pleading to come. Till now I refuse two or more children nearly every day." A number of the children are refugees from Palestine. Miss Hana says that the morning worships are proving a blessing and the children are "thirsty" to know more about the truths of the Bible. It is also encouraging to see the children give up some of the unlovely ways they have been used to and adopt Christian standards of manners and conduct. We pray that these children, through the teaching and example of their Christian teachers, may learn to know their Saviour and be in the kingdom when Jesus comes.

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Elder George Keough has been invited to lead out in the Week of Prayer in Amman scheduled to begin December 11.

Only those who follow can be trusted to lead.

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ARMENIAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, BEIRUT

The Armenian church in Beirut has been active in distributing literature and holding evangelistic meetings. At the same time an Armenian religious organization has published an article warning its members against the

teachings of the "sabbatarians". As is often the case with such articles written by those who are not Adventists some of the statements are true but many are not. Truth, however, is bound to triumph.

LEBANON-SYRIA MISSION

In addition to his college duties Professor R. L. Mole of Middle East College has been asked to serve as pastor of the Armenian Church, Beirut.

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On Sabbath October 16, at a solemn and impressive service, Brother Yussif Barbawy was ordained as elder of the Beirut Arabic Church. Pastors Sh. Nowfel and G. Keough were the officiating ministers.

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with a black wax." Some of these manuscripts have been acquired by the Hebrew University and some by the bishop of the Syrian convent in Jerusalem.

"At last", concludes Dr. G. Ernest Wright, "there are Hebrew manuscripts which date as near to their originals as do the main manuscripts of the Greek New Testament. At the moment, however, all we can do is to sit back and await more information."