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## AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE FALL COUNCIL

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Denver,  
Colorado

Dear fellow workers :

For the first time in ten years the General Conference officers from virtually all divisions of the world field have had the privilege of gathering for counsel. We believe that under the providence of God this is a most important and significant meeting, especially so as we think of impending events and the uncertainty of this hour. We recognize too the grave possibility that we may not be privileged soon to meet again as representatives from the whole world field.

As we have studied and prayed earnestly together we have been led

to look soberly at our need of more divine power for the finishing of the task which is set before us, and our hearts have been drawn out after God for the enduement of His Holy Spirit. We feel to share our convictions with you and to invite you to join with us in a consecration of life and service which is commensurate with the demands of this present hour.

We have come to the most critical moment in the spiritual life of the Advent Movement. We believe that the crisis among the nations likewise present great danger for the church and for all for which it stands.

We deplore the degree of complacency in our lives as leaders, and

in the lives of many of our workers and church members, particularly in these hours when the souls of men are facing their greatest peril.

This moment unquestionably calls for the full impact of the church in universal action. Nothing less will measure with the present situation and task. We now face the necessity of bringing to bear upon the advancing enemy of human souls all the spiritual resources which God by His Spirit has placed at our command.

The present, from every viewpoint, calls for both ministers and people to arise and enter into a program of evangelism of such proportions that will reach to the ends of the earth and to every unwarned and unsaved soul. This is our primary task. All else is of secondary importance.

All the operations of our institutions and all our plans must now be made more definitely evangelistic in their character. We must seriously examine our unprecedented expenditures on institutions and other agencies of the movement in certain parts of the world field to the possible neglect of what is more directly evangelistic in nature. Simplicity and economy should characterize all our plans for the upbuilding of God's

cause.

We need to guard carefully lest we institutionalize rather than evangelize in the world-wide program to which we are committed. We recognize that institutional and evangelistic advancement must go hand in hand. But we are to measure up to the greatness of the hour, actual field evangelism in the immediate future must be far beyond our present program.

All the world has become a battlefield upon which Satan is now mustering every means at his command to take control in one last mighty assault against God.

To respond to God's call in order to meet the present emergency demand a more powerful, spirit-filled ministry, and the utilization of all our resources both spiritual and material in the one great objective of quickly reaching every soul with the saving message of truth.

As we have pondered these great challenging facts we have been led wholeheartedly to seek to find for ourselves the fullness of God's power without delay, and to lead the church into a richer, fuller experience. We have here rededicated our lives, our ministry, and our leadership to the

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## EDITORIAL



### MEETING SUCCESS

Here is the kind of letter that is a joy to receive :

"Greetings. How is the Editor ? We received the last issue of the *Middle East Union Messenger* and enjoyed it. Hope things are well at your side and you are all happy and satisfied. Here, *El Hamdu L'Allah*, life is interesting and the future promising...

After two months of struggle for survival our school No. 2 project appears today to have some warmth that indicates life. We see a few roots extending downward into mother earth with an endeavour to find the source of nourishment. When this is done I feel confident the plant above will grow to become a big tree.

Our boarding school is filled to capacity—total number of resident students, seventeen. All the students are villagers (sorry, except one). Twelve are single students, two are married....

We have three industries in operation : carpentry, weaving and farming. The boys this morning under the direction of Faik are working out on the farm. Nasir the weaver is busy weaving towels. Yesterday was the first production day. Fine, nice feeling, nice looking towels were produced. Want any towels ? The Carpentry department is planning on manufacturing American designed chairs—made to fit the human body to a T. Forty five chairs are planned for December, sixty for the following months. We have made one to test and it has attracted the

admiration of the public. It withstood successfully and without embarrassing after effects the various weights bounced upon it. ....

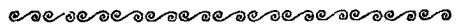
I am certain I forgot something, but I'll put it in my next letter—next year.

So long."

Pithy, it tells the news of success that everyone is going to be encouraged to hear. Want any towels ? Want any of these chairs that fit the anatomy and withstand rough treatment ? We feel sure that the Mosul school will find a ready market for its products when it maintains such a high standard of quality work.

Filled to capacity—that is the story that comes from all our schools. The College cannot receive more students unless it provides more dormitory space. The Training School in Seila, Egypt, cannot take more boys unless it extends its buildings. The Iran Training School cannot do much more than at present without a building of its own. From Amman and Beirut we hear of Palestinian refugee children pleading to come to our schools but our present facilities place limits on what we can do. Our educational problem in the Middle East is not to know how to fill our schools, but how to meet a great need with limited finances.

Will grow to become a big tree—Thank God, that is the way the work grows. Someone sows a seed; another comes and waters; and God gives the increase.



Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. A. G. Zytkoskee to whom was born on December 12 a daughter, Sheryl Ann.



## AN OPEN LETTER

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one great objective of evangelism above every other consideration. As General Conference officers, present from every portion of the world field, we unitedly appeal to our workers in all departments of service to join us in this rededication.

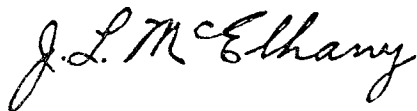
We believe it is high time for us all to reaffirm our faith in the invincible power of the gospel message which we bear. But we can make this message mighty in our own preaching only by the personal possession of that unlimited spiritual power which is essential. That power is promised. We are determined to receive it.

Let us together pledge anew our loyalty by consecrating ourselves to this one great objective, the endowment of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. This will mean the speedy completion of our evangelistic task for God. A spiritual revival of Pentecostal proportions is due in all our ministry and churches, and God commands that it be made of primary importance in the life of each of us. We must now plan for it, pray for it, work for it, and possess it. In the atmosphere of repentance, importunate prayer, in faith, and will-

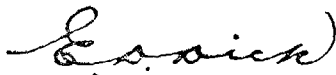
ing service we shall find full access to all that is promised for the accomplishment of His divine purpose.

This is the issue confronting us. We are confident that you will join with us in facing this great issue and opportunity. Thus we shall be enabled in all our leadership and service to move out into an all-encompassing program of evangelism more powerful than we have ever before known.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICERS  
OF THE WORLD FIELD



*President*



*Secretary*

Our hearts go out in deep sympathy to Mr. Hilmy Erbawy and his wife Nassima who on December 9 lost their first-born son, Fowzi. The boy who was only four and a half months old became sick suddenly and passed away within a few hours. We commend the parents and relatives to the God of all comfort in this time of sad bereavement.

# SURVEY OF THE WORLD FIELD

By E. D. DICK

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*One of the most inspiring messages delivered at the Autumn Council was given by Elder E. D. Dick, Secretary of the General Conference. I have taken a few statements from his general survey of the world field and know that you will all be glad to receive the information given and trust that your hearts will be stirred as were ours as we listened to his voice.*

E.L.B.

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I desire to introduce this survey by reading from Isaiah, chapter 60, verses 1-5 :

"1. *Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

"2. For, behold, the *darkness* shall cover the earth, and *gross darkness* the people : but the Lord shall *arise upon thee*, and His glory shall be *seen upon thee*.

"3. And the Gentiles shall come to thy *light*, and kings to the *brightness of thy rising*.

"4. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see : all they gather themselves together, *they come to thee* : thy sons shall *come from far*, and thy daughters shall be nourished at thy *side*.

"5. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall *fear*, and be *enlarged*; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentile shall *come unto thee*."

While the national leaders grope in darkness for a formula of peace, former allies drift nearer and still nearer to the brink of war. Fires of hatred have been kindled which threaten to engulf the world in another tragic conflict. Military leaders are working fever-

ishly to prepare against the time of open combat.

Never was I more conscious of the desperate gloom which possesses the hearts of men and women than came to me in my ten days spent in Berlin a short time ago. The blockade of Berlin began the day following our arrival. Incidents were taking place, any one of which in normal times would have provoked war. The memories of the terrible atrocities which occurred in Berlin following capitulation were even more terrifying. The thought of another world war was haunting. The people, war-weary, underfed, poorly-clothed and poorly-housed, long for the days of peace and security. They live under a dense cloud of gloom and uncertainty, fearing lest another war break out without even a moment's warning. . .

Yes, darkness does cover the earth and gross darkness the people....

But says our text, in this day of darkness the Lord shall rise upon thee. "His glory shall be seen upon thee. ... Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

In this, too, His word is being fulfilled. The post-war years have been years of blessing to the work of God. During the years 1946 and 1947—the two complete years since the last General Conference session, 104,052 persons were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the world field, of which 28,580 were in the United States and Canada, and 75,472 outside North America. The increase in church members during this two-year period was 15,665 in North America, and 36,551 in our overseas divisions—a total of 52,216.

Both in baptisms and membership gains, these post-war years have shown larger results than in any previous two-years period in our history. ....

As reported at the last General Conference, our world membership at the beginning of 1946, stood at 576,378 in 9,469 churches. At the close of 1947 we had 9,554 churches, with a membership of 628,594.

The over-all growth in membership of the denomination since its beginning is encouraging. Beginning in 1844 with no membership the pioneers of the message toiled on for 69 long years or until 1913 to attain the first 100,000 members. The record in attaining the succeeding hundred thousand members stands as follows :

9 years for the 2nd	100,000
8 years for the 3rd	100,000
4 years for the 4th	100,000
6 years for the 5th	100,000
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Could the present rate of membership increase be maintained we would reach the 7th 100,000 in less than four years. ...

The post-war years have brought to us

phenomenal financial returns. In the world field in 1946 and 1947, \$77,149,628.16 were received in tithes and mission and other offerings, including relief funds raised in North America only. During the previous two-year period the sum of these same funds was \$61,212,767.96, or an increase in 1946 and 1947 over the previous two years of \$15,936,860.20, or 26%. . . .

In spite of many obstacles we have in these post war years, 1946 and 1947, sent out from all home bases the largest number of newly selected missionaries in the history of our work.

The record stands as follows :

1946	-----	370
1947	-----	359
		729

This practically equals the number sent forward during the previous seven years, 1939 to 1945, which was 736. . . .

To every nation and kindred and tongue and people, the gospel of the three angels' messages is to go. While much yet remains to be done, reason for encouragement is found in that of the 281 land bodies of the world, we are conducting work in 227, and that we have a published literature in 190 languages, and are conducting work in 495 others, making 685 languages in all in which the gospel message is being preached at the present time.

The membership of our 14,852 Sabbath schools reached an all-time high in 1947 with 766,484 members. This was 122% of the church members of the same year. Besides the spiritual benefits received by its members, through them rivers of blessings flow on to others, made possible by the offerings given

in the Sabbath school. These offerings in 1946 amounted to \$4,030,919.03, and in 1947 reached the splendid total of \$4,314,115.33, or a total of \$8,345,034.36 for the eight quarters; almost one million and fifty thousand dollars for each quarter for the two years. This is surely a wonderful attainment. . . .

New highs in Ingathering receipts have been recorded in each successive year—1947 topping the record with \$3,355,588.86. Of this \$2,311,450.30 was received in North America, and \$1,044,138.56 in other lands.

Phenomenal returns have likewise been attained in relief work as the result of the enthusiastic efforts of the Dorcas Societies and other similar groups. . . .

From our warehouses in the United States alone, 154 tons of clothing were shipped in 1945—386 tons in 1946 and 613 tons in 1947.

No accurate estimate can be made of the weight or value of food sent forward. Shipments have been made from many lands. These sacrifices have not been in vain. . . .

Often we were told by our workers and others that the food parcels had saved their lives—of some who were so weakened by starvation they could not feed themselves; of some having gone to bed expecting never to get up again—when the food parcels came and brought the needed nourishment, enabling them to regain their strength. . . .

Like the leaves of autumn our literature pours from our forty publishing centers in 190 languages. Our Publishing Department enlisted in supervision of the production and the promotion of the circulation of this literature throughout the world field reports all-time sales records. Re-

tail sales of books and periodicals in 1947 amounted to \$11,477,499.76. While gratified by this high mark there are, no doubt, un-realized possibilities in literature production and distribution yet before us. It is estimated that six out of every ten people of the earth are illiterate, sixty out of every hundred, six hundred out of every thousand. One billion, two hundred million of all the world's total population of two billion people can neither read nor write. But there are abroad in the earth great mass movements of education. Millions are reaching out for education.

Struggling for opportunities to learn how to read and write, what shall these millions read? New challenges face the leadership of our work in these awakening lands to be able to place in these millions of outstretched hands gospel-filled literature. We must be prepared to meet these new opportunities. . .

With this summary of the work already attained, I turn to call attention to the great unfinished task. We rejoice in all that has been accomplished, but we are humbled as we contemplate the great work which remains undone. As we take even a cursory glance over the world and its needs we recall the words spoken to Joshua by the Lord. *There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed—yes indeed! very much.*—

But what are the prospects? Is the outlook hopeless? No! a thousand time no. This message is based upon and backed by the authority and command of Jesus Himself.

All power is given to me in heaven and earth. Therefore go—and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. *Amen.*

He not only commanded His children to go forth to carry the gospel to all the world, but took upon Himself the responsibility of

its success. Assuring indeed are the words found in "Acts of the Apostles," page 29 :

"He assured them that He would be with them; and that if they would go forth in faith, they should move under the shield of Omnipotence. He bade them be brave and strong; for One mightier than angels would be in their ranks,—the General of the armies of heaven. He made full provision for the prosecution of their work, and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success."

Yes ! He took upon Himself the responsibility of its success. This work will not fail—it cannot fail. Filled with meaning beyond our power to comprehend is the oft-quoted statement found in "Ministry of Healing," p. 481 : "Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing."

The Servant of the Lord, speaking of the progress of the work, says :

"When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern; angels will do a work which men might have had the blessing of accomplishing, had they not neglected to answer the claims of God."—*Review and Herald*, Dec. 15, 1885.

We believe there is nothing which God desires so much as that His work in the earth be finished. Surely it must pain His heart to behold the earth in its reign of sin and darkness and gloom. Long has He waited—waited for His people to so fully surrender themselves so that he can pour out His Spirit upon them, enduing them with power to quickly finish the work. That time is now. "The dispensation in which we are now living is to be, to those that ask, the dispensation of the Holy Spirit."—*T.M.* p. 511.

"In this age", we read from "Gospel Workers," page 27, "a new life coming from the source of all life is to take possession of every laborer."

May we each one in this hour so yield himself to God that, in the words of our text we may—Arise—and shine, and that the glory of the Lord may be seen upon us; that the work given us of God may be quickly finished.



## UNION EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Union Educational Council will be held in Beirut beginning January 5. The delegates are as follows : From Egypt : E. C. Wines, Principal of the Fayoum Training School; Miss E. Bryne, Principal of the Heliopolis Junior Academy. From Iran : P. Boynton, Principal of the Iran Training School. From Iraq : Robert K. Hasso, Principal of the Mosul Junior Academy. From Lebanon : Adeeb Fargo, Principal of the Beirut Junior Academy. From Middle East College : F. E. J. Harder, President; Miss E. Davis, Director of the Normal Department. Members of the College Faculty and Mission Superintendents are invited to attend if they can arrange their schedules to do so. We look forward to some important decisions this year affecting the courses offered by our schools throughout the Union.



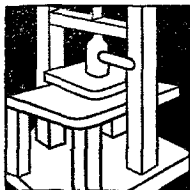
*Friendliness is the best lubricant of life.*



## HIGH LIGHTS OF THE AUTUMN COUNCIL



### MIDDLE EAST PRESS EQUIPMENT



Workers and believers in the Middle East will be especially glad to hear of plans which affect our Union. The best news for a long time is that our three major presses in America are buying a cylinder press and two job presses and all the equipment necessary to set up Middle East Press as a real printing establishment. It will take time for it to develop, but in 1949 we hope to have the beginning of our own publishing house here in these lands.

### VOICE of PROPHECY APPROPRIATION DOUBLED



Our appropriation for the Voice of Prophecy has doubled so we shall be able to expand our correspondence school work. A wonderful response is coming from those now studying and we can all join in enrolling new students in the new year.

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Every division in the world was represented except Russia.

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At the Denver Autumn Council a budget of over thirteen million dollars was voted to support our mission work during 1949.

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Elder N. C. Wilson was asked to take charge of the Australasian Inter-Union.

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### LIVE BROADCASTS IN 1949

We also hope to begin in 1949 live broadcasts in Arabic. The General Conference is helping us in this endeavour and we trust that these new talks and lessons on "Health and Home" may begin before many months are passed.

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Many are seeking for a sure foundation in these times of uncertainty. May we be diligent as we endeavour to find the honest in heart and lead them to a full knowledge of eternal salvation.

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## THE ADVENTIST MESSAGE ON THE SHORES OF THE CASPIAN

By DANIEL V. KUBROCK

A little more than a quarter of a century ago, the message of Rev. 14 first began to be proclaimed on the southern shores of the Caspian by Sister Theresa Neivert, a consecrated lay member. She and her husband, Richard Neivert had moved from Baku to the Persian port of Enzeli (now Pahlevi) on the south-eastern tip of the Caspian. While he was busily occupied with his construction work, she was diligently proclaiming the "everlasting gospel" to all who would listen. There was a good interest, and soon she sent for help to her home church in the Russian port of Baku. In response to her request Bro. Ozel was sent, and continued to make periodic visits to this interested group. When he could no longer come, Sr. Neivert sent for help again, not being aware that there were fellow believers nearby in Iran. Her request was passed on to Bro. Lebsack in Moscow, who communicated it to Bro. F.F. Oster, the Mission director in Iran. With great joy at such good news, Bro. Oster set out for Enzeli and there found some twelve people ready for baptism. He baptized them and thus organized the first group of Adventist believers on the shores of the Caspian.

A German brother, Richard Langhoff, was then sent to minister to this group, and remained with them until 1933. Then from that year till 1941, Bro. Simonovitch Beit-zakhar served as pastor. The first four years were very trying, since the group had come under the suspicion of the Persian Government. They were ordered to disband, and

their pastor was sent to another city. On one occasion he was marched under guard some 100 miles and brought in court to face charges as a political agitator. All these interesting experiences are given in detail in the forthcoming book on the life experiences of Bro. Beitzakhar, "*Assyrian Soldier for Christ.*" Permission was finally obtained from the Government to continue the work in Pahlevi, and for the next four years the church grew and prospered under the good hand of the Lord. The membership increased to about 35, and there was a fine spirit of brotherly love. However, in 1941, due to World War II, all the members were obliged to seek safety by moving to other cities. Thus the group was disbanded, and there were no members here nor any work conducted for the next six years.

In the summer of 1947 the Iran committee asked me and my wife to go to Pahlevi to raise up a new interest. There we had one active member who had arrived about a year previously, and a number of others who had formerly been acquainted with our church group. For six weeks we conducted an evangelistic campaign, and had a good attendance as well as a splendid interest. Those who attended were from three groups, Persians, and Russians. We used the Russian language but sometimes had a translation made into Persian. During the meetings, we were very grateful for the able assistance of Bro. Off-cherof and his wife. Also, Sister Hock, our resident member, gave freely of her time and talents.

After the campaign, we continued holding regular church services, and continued studying with the interested ones. Thus we carried on for more than a year. Since we were the only American family in town, the Soviet Consul made the most of this for propaganda purposes to frighten and discourage the people from attending the services. This was effective only to the extent of discouraging the faint of heart. Those who were really interested in the Truth came notwithstanding.

It was with great regret, that due to my poor health that year we were obliged to leave Pahlevi. But we did find meager consolation in the fact that previous to our departure, many of the interested ones had left too. But as we look back upon our short stay there, we are happy that God has blessed us with some fruit for our labors. Two Moslem young men have decided to become Christians. One has moved to Tehran, where he is continuing to study our Truth. The other is finishing high-school and is looking forward to attending Atlantic Union College next year. Besides these, there are two young ladies from Pahlevi who are attending

our secondary school in Tehran. An abundance of good will was created by our stay, which was manifested especially when we were taking our leave. Many of the townspeople came over to help, and some wept, asking when we would come back again.

However, even now, God has not left Himself without witness in this place. There remains one Adventist Sister, Olga Hock, one of the charter members of the church. Every Sabbath she holds Sabbath School for those who are interested, and continues to bear a witness to the Truth in this city.

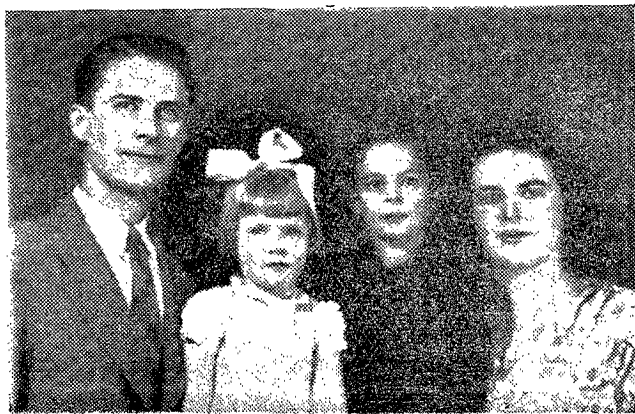
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### CONGRATULATIONS!

Elder C. C. Crider, Superintendent of the Iran Mission, reports that Iran has gone well over their Harvest Ingathering Goal this year. The exact sum collected is not indicated but it must be well over sixty thousand rials.

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ELDER & MRS. D. V. KUBROCK  
AND FAMILY WHO HAVE  
BEEN UNTIL RECENTLY  
LOCATED IN PARLAVI  
ON THE SHORES OF THE  
CASPIAN SEA

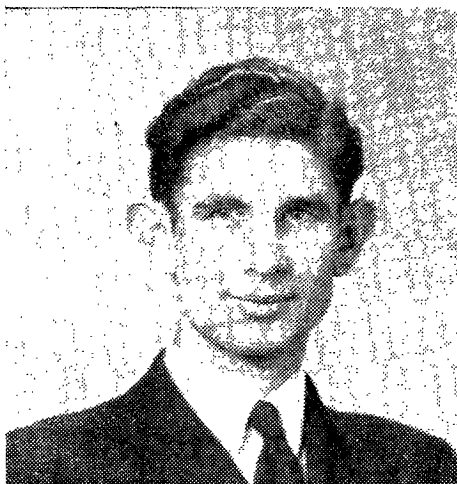


# A WEEK of PRAYER at MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Nov. 12-20, 1948

By

NEAL C. WILSON



Among the many precious promises in the Bible there are several definite promises assuring us that we may expect an unusual demonstration of the Holy Spirit operating in the closing days of earth's history. We realized the blessedness of this promise at Middle East College during the Fall Week of Prayer conducted from November 12-20.

A. Gordon Zytkoskee, pastor of our Cairo churches had been asked to lead out in this Week of Prayer, but due to certain circumstances it was impossible for him to meet this appointment. It was therefore my happy privilege to be with the students and the faculty members of Middle East College during this period.

On the campus I found a group of young men and women who are as sincere and earnest in their belief and support of Seventh-day Adventist teachings as any other group on any other denominational campus. This

assertion is not the result of a hasty or superficial appraisal, but was arrived at after a busy week during which time I mingled with and lived among the students as they studied, worked, and prayed. A period was provided each day for those who desired personal help and counsel. It was heartening to find these students desirous of agonizing in prayer over their problems, hopes, and aspirations. As a result of the many seasons of personal counseling and prayer, we witnessed a number of real victories for the Lord.

President F.E.J. Harder and his faculty had the meetings well planned, and the splendid co-operation of each one contributed in large measure to the success of the week. There seemed to be real, deep heart-searching on the part of the entire student body, many of whom were not of Adventist homes. The results of this week cannot be measured by any standard we might devise. Only eternity will reveal the good accomplished. It was

a wonderful climax, however, to have nearly thirty of these young men and women express their individual desire to join the baptismal class. Little do most of us realize what it means for many of these young people to make such a decision. We shall pray that the Lord will bless Professor Grover C. Winslow as he conducts this class week by week and that as a result many will be found ready when Jesus comes.

A very impressive dedication marked the opening of the week of prayer the first Friday evening. The faculty of the College have set aside a special room in the Administration building to be used as a prayer and meditation room. This has been furnished with a lovely carpet, neat prayer benches, and soft

wine-coloured drapes to cover the windows. It is indeed the best room in the school! The expense of this furnishing was met by the faculty members. On the door are these solemn and inviting words: "Take time to pray." With interest I observed from day to day as numerous students found their way to this little sanctuary and we are confident that their prayers ascending to the Throne of Grace will mean much to the entire College.

Let us thank God for such youth, and pray that He will enlarge our vision and increase our faith, that this college and our other schools may continue their noble work of saving our youth and preparing them for the glorious finishing of the Advent Message.

## *LIGHTNING INGATHERING!*

**REPORTED By J. S. RUSSELL,** *Dean of Men, Middle East College*

Middle East College Church launched its 1948 Ingathering during the church hour on Sabbath morning, November 6. Brother Camille Nowfel sounded the high spirit of the work which Ingathering demands by his message, "Go out with the purpose of giving as well as receiving, for this world needs what we can give them."

"But", said some, "three thousand pounds (Lebanese) is a large amount of money to raise when we have not had a good year, and the refugees from Palestine have increased the problem." But we'll try."

On that Sabbath evening two carloads of girls, with teachers, visited the hotel-cafe section of Beirut, and returned, after one and a half hours, with over one hundred pounds.

The campaign was off to a good start and enthusiasm was mounting high. The boys would have to hustle to win the campaign.

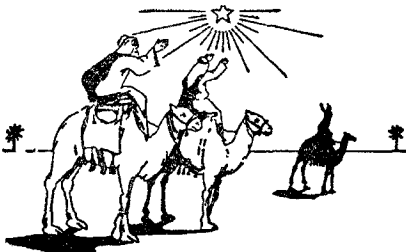
Tuesday and Wednesday of that week were devoted to field days. On Monday evening an anxious group gathered in the chapel to receive instructions for the next morning and also to see demonstrated by older students the best methods of approach to the people they would meet. The campaign device created by Brother Nowfel and Najeeb Butti was an interesting young lady with floating arms to indicate the flowing funds.

The next morning found practically every teacher and student leaving behind the cares of the college to spend the day in Beirut or its neighboring communities inviting friends

to give to the cause of God. The evening rally gathered together an eager group with happy faces, good amounts of money, interesting experiences, and some goods to sell. The auction, conducted by Brother Winslow climaxed the day with over half of the goal in the college office. Everyone fell off to sleep that night with the urge to "make tomorrow better than today."

And the second field day was surely not a disappointment, for the chapel that evening echoed with the talk and shouts of victory. As one group after another brought in their funds, it was almost incredible to everyone to realize that we had not only reached our three thousand pounds goal, but had passed it by over two hundred pounds. The large donations secured by many of the teachers, the income from the lively auction sale of jam, soap, socks etc. and the large amounts gathered by each carload of students had carried us right over the top.

In four days the Ingathering was finished. God had fully blessed us and given us favor with the people as each one tried to "give something as well as to receive." May the blessing of heaven rest upon these funds as they are directed into the work of the Lord and bring as much joy to the hearts of others as it did to those who helped to gather them.




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## BEIRUT JUNIOR ACADEMY

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### HARVEST INGATHERING SUCCESS

*"Yes the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from the master's table." Matt. 15:27.*

More than a month ago Middle East College invaded the city of Beirut for Harvest Ingathering. They left behind but the little area of Mousseitbeh. To this small field of grain *Ruth* (Beirut Junior Academy) went out to garner what was left over behind the reapers of *Boaz* (Middle East College).

No doubt it was impossible to go to the people who were once visited by our friends, so under the motto of "here a little and there a little" our folks went out for Ingathering.

So good was the spirit shown by our teachers toward their appointed task that the children in the school showed an even better spirit, rushing into the office for permission to go Ingathering too. Of course we could not send more than our limited territory could take and yet, even with the limitation of numbers, WE ALMOST DOUBLED OUR GOAL. The sum gathered amounted to L.L.488.22½. When I saw that I could not help but think of the text that speaks of the crumbs that fall from the master's table.

We are indeed thankful for the Lord's blessing and protection in this campaign.

Adeeb Fargo.

*Season's  
Greetings*

TO ALL OUR READERS

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## FAYOUM TRAINING SCHOOL

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The Fayoum Training School has as its object the training of young men who, by learning and experience in the things of God, can become the spiritual leaders in the Adventist Church in Egypt. There is no doubt about the need of such a school and the urgent need of men of God in a world that today has turned secular and materialistic.

The training offered by our school cannot be limited to the pursual of a certain course of study. It must also involve an experience in daily Christian living. We cannot get away from the principle that a man's influence for good is measured not so much by the eloquence of his words as by the power of his life, and that power must come through a daily communion with the Source of all power. It is only the man who has learned to pray who will be a spiritual leader in these difficult times.

In harmony with the policy in all our schools to arrange for a week of prayer in the autumn of the year, Elder G. Arthur Keough was invited to lead out in such a week at the Fayoum Training School. The motto for the week was taken from Heb. 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus", which Mr. Hanna Watson wrote out in beautiful Arabic script and had placed in a prominent position in the school chapel where all the services were held. The services were conducted in Arabic, and the students manifested a deep desire to search after God and secure a needed blessing. Without exception they met in daily prayer bands and on the Sabbath morning they brought joy and courage to the teachers by consecrating themselves wholly to the service of God.

It was a great privilege to enjoy the kindness and hospitality of the Principal, Brother E. C. Wines and his family, and of Brother R. L. Rowe and his wife, and to meet again the teaching staff of the school. They have an important task to perform, in leading and teaching the thirty three young people who form their enrolment, and we feel sure that under the continued blessing of God their work will mean the preparation of spiritual leaders for the Adventist Church in the land of Egypt.

G. Arthur Keough.

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## LEBANON-SYRIA MISSION

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Pastor Chafic Srour reports that he has distributed Elder Neal C. Wilson's tract in Arabic, *The Bible and Zionism*, among a number of officials in the Syrian government and editors of local newspapers. One newspaper at least has reported favourably on the tract and recommended it to its readers. We trust that the tract will help to dispel some of the misconceptions that seem to prevail in certain parts regarding Adventists.

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## TURKEY MISSION

**Office address : 14 Saray Arkasi**

**Ayazpasa, Beyoglu, ISTANBUL.**

**Superintendent : B. J. Mondics**

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Elder and Mrs. B. J. Mondics spent a number of weeks in Istanbul this summer. Upon their return to Beirut Elder Mondics gave an encouraging report of possibilities of work among the younger generation in Turkey. Thereupon the Union Minority Committee invited him to act as superintendent of the Turkey Mission and plans were laid for his transfer to be effected. Elder and Mrs. Mondics sailed for Istanbul from Beirut on November 8 and a recent letter from them indicates that they have arrived safely. They ask an interest in our prayers. "We feel a real need for wisdom to know what to do to help the work grow in this country; we always pray that God will help us to know what to say."

Elder Mondics is planning to hold revival meetings in the church in Istanbul until the time comes for him to attend the annual committee meetings in Beirut in January. Meanwhile Mrs. Mondics expects to leave Istanbul for the States on November 27 for a special mission, to complete the formalities of adopting twins! We are waiting for official news to send official congratulations.

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Brother A. E. Ashod who was led out in the work in Istanbul for so many years now has been called to connect with the work

in Cyprus where he will be located in Nicosia. He recently called at Beirut on his way to his new field of labour.

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## ANNUAL UNION MEETINGS

The Annual Union Committee Meetings are scheduled to begin in Beirut at 8 o'clock p.m. on January 19, 1949, and will last until January 31 or until all the official business has been transacted. The General Conference representatives will be : Elder E. E. Roenfeldt and Brother J. F. Cummins. These brethren were with us last year and we look forward to their visit again.





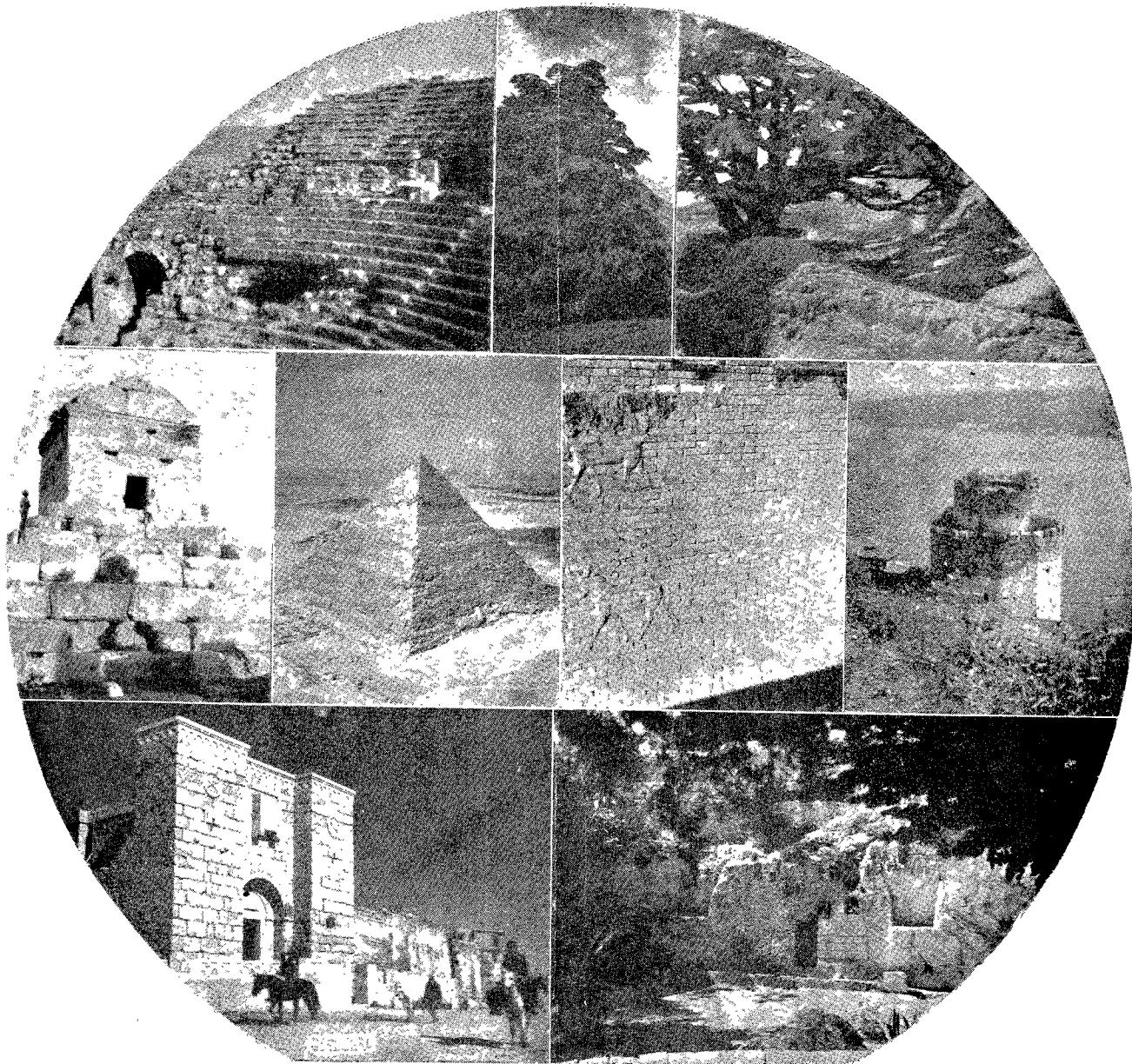
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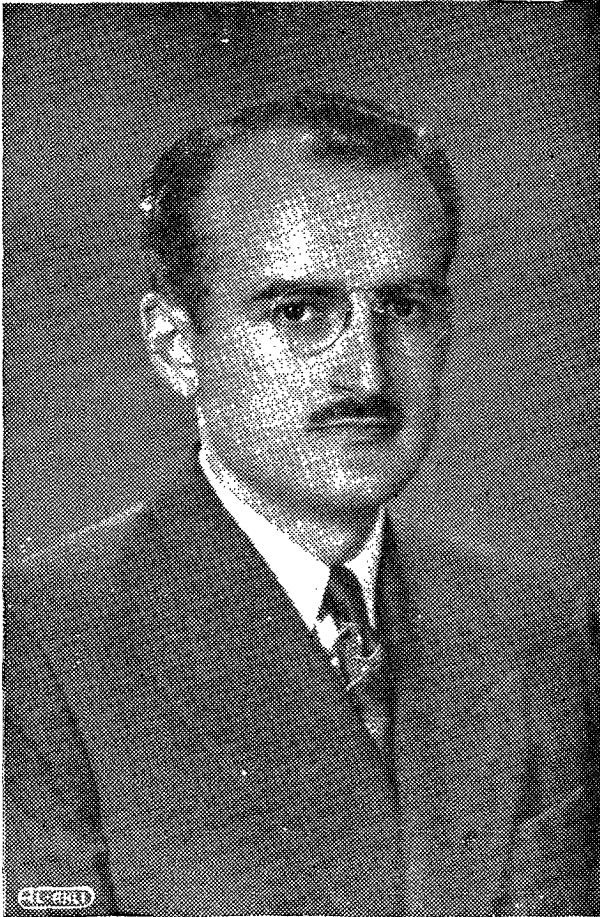
## MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE



Top Row : Roman Stadium, Transjordan. Cedars of Lebanon.

Second Row : Tomb of Cyrus, Iran. Pyramid, Egypt. Wall of Babylon, Iraq. Bosphorus, Turkey.

Bottom Row : Wall of Damascus, Syria. Garden Tomb, Palestine.



## *President's*

## *Message*

### Faculty and Students of Middle East College :

Ours is the high privilege and grave responsibility of building a college. To maintain these buildings may be the lot of others; ours it is to construct them. Others will modify and revise policies; we are creating them. We have no venerable traditions; we are evolving them. Our founding fathers are not ancients known to us only in patromizing anecdotes; we are the founding fathers.

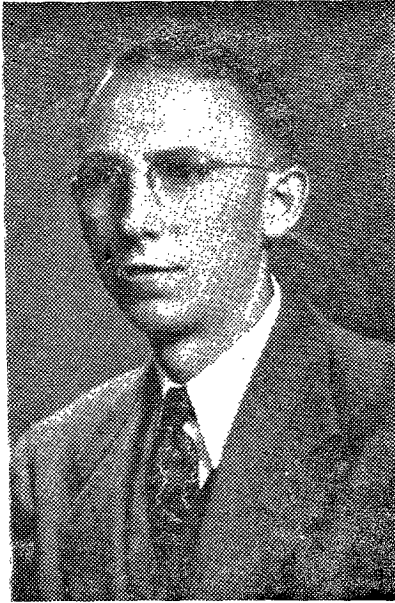
The institution has been growing rapidly. Some may say, too rapidly. In this its ninth year of operation Middle East College is conferring the Ba-

chelor of Arts degree. The College Board holds that a senior college is necessary to the execution of our task in the Middle East. The cause which we serve demands haste. We do not believe that our haste has resulted in superficiality.

Our past is not great, but it is sound. Our future is what we make it. God is our Architect. We will not deviate from His design. We must plan carefully and prayerfully. We must work devotedly and fervently. Let not the sense of urgency ever diminish in our endeavors.

*J. E. Harder*

## FACULTY



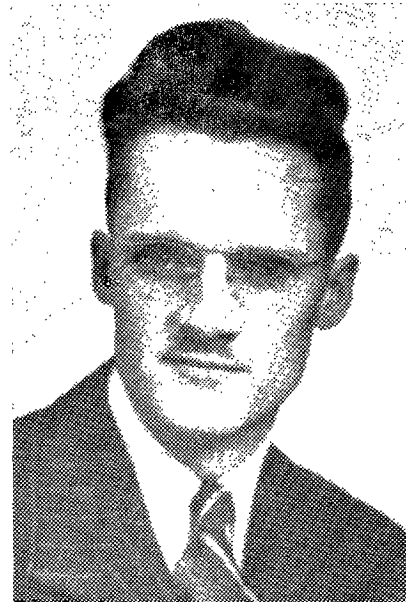
G. M. Krick, B.Th., M.A.  
Registrar, Religion



Edith C. Davis, B.A.  
Dean of Women, Education



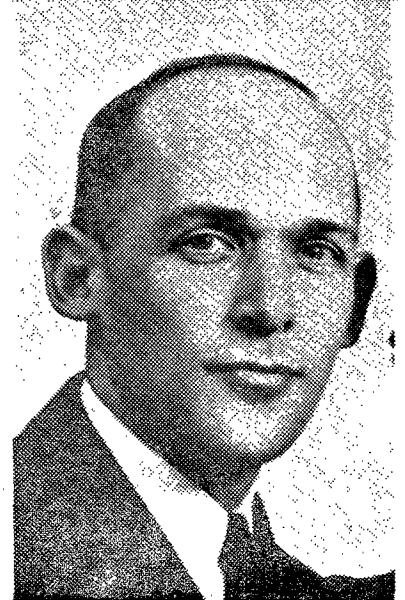
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J. S. Russell, B.A.  
Dean of Men, Speech



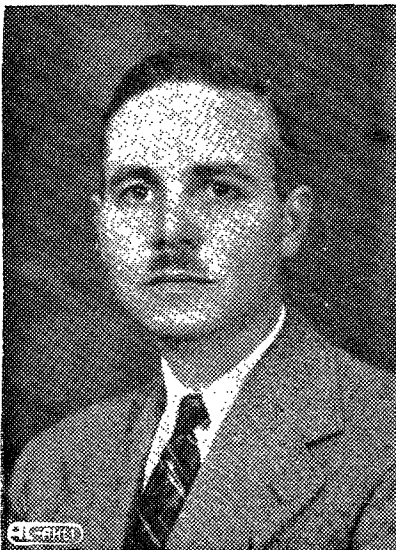
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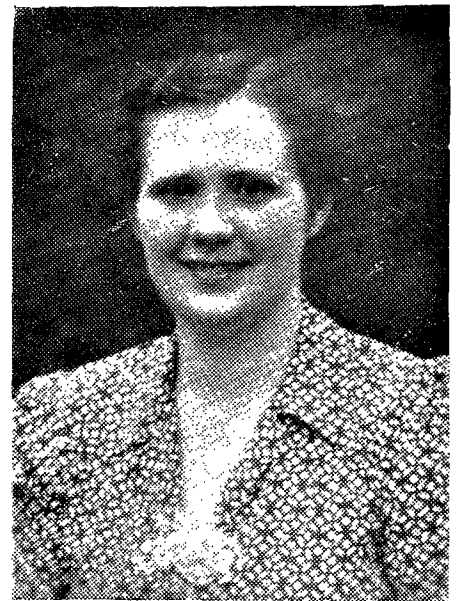
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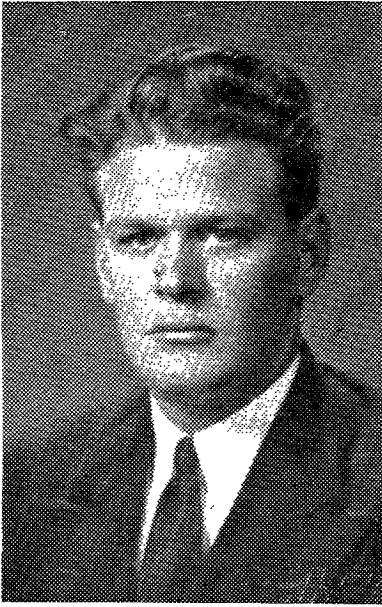
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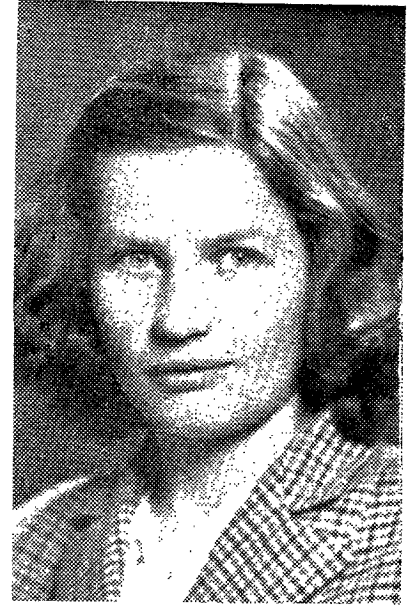
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Director, Extension Division



Mary Riley-King  
Normal School



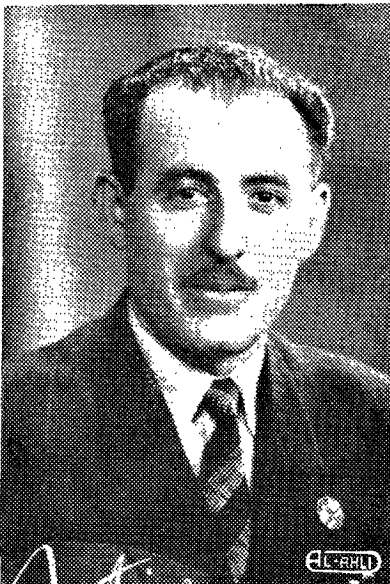
R. L. Mole, B.S., M.A.  
History, Science



Margaret L. Mondics, B.A.  
English



Shahin Ouzounian  
Typing



Ibrahim Swaidan  
Arabic



Verta Yanekian  
Cafeteria

# COLLEGE SENIORS

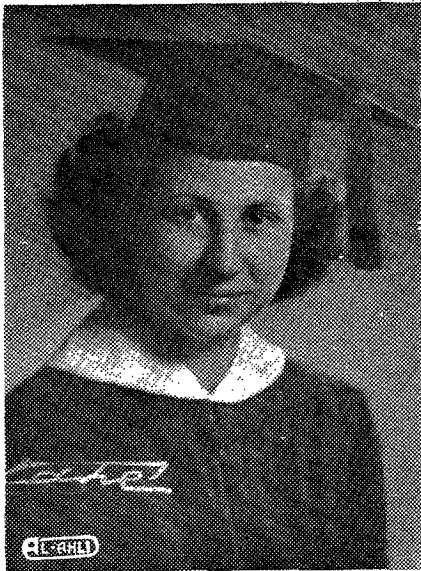
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Motto : "Who falls for the love of God shall rise a star."

Aim : "Ad astra per aspra."

Colors : Green and White.

Flower : White rose.



Shahin Ouzounian, B.A.  
Istanbul, Turkey.

Major : Religion

Minors : Education, Secretarial training

Activities :

Secretary, Sabbath School; President, T. C. S. Club; President, E. A. T. Club; Leader, M. V. Society; Leader, Prayer Band; Secretary, Program Committee; Teacher, Sabbath School; Deaconess; Master Comrade.

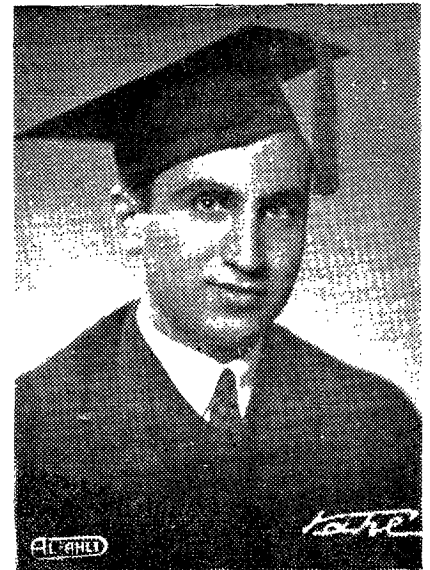
Adeeb Fargo, B.A.  
Mosul, Iraq

Majors : Religion, History

Minor : Education

Activities :

Leader, M. V. Society; President, S. R. Club; President, Master Comrade Club; Leader, Prayer Band; Teacher, Sabbath School; Assistant, Dean of men; Leader, Dresser Campaign; Deacon; Master Comrade.



# JUNIOR COLLEGE SENIORS



*First Row*

- Adil Isaac  
Mosul, Iraq
- Adeeba Isaac  
Mosul, Iraq
- Anees Fargo  
Mosul, Iraq
- Angel Dikran  
Beirut, Lebanon
- Farris Bishai  
Cairo, Egypt

*Second Row*

- George Yared  
Beirut, Lebanon
- Sabah Hasso  
Baghdad, Iraq
- Mousa Ghazal  
Beirut, Lebanon
- Samia Ayoub  
Mosul, Iraq
- Salim Majeed  
Mosul, Iraq

# PREPARATORY SCHOOL SENIORS



## *First Row*

Beatrice Wakil  
Mosul, Iraq

Emile Kafrouni  
Cairo, Egypt

Dola Hasso  
Baghdad, Iraq

Faiz Samuel  
Alexandria, Egypt

Haygouhi Keushguerian  
Beirut, Lebanon

## *Second Row*

Girair Kayaian  
Baghdad, Iraq

Mary Nassimian  
Beirut, Lebanon

Michael Kabbas  
Bazzak, Syria

Nadia Shaghouri  
Beirut, Lebanon

Nabeeh Boulus  
Ramallah, Palestine

## *Third Row*

Naji Shukri  
Baghdad, Iraq

Najla Mansour  
Beirut, Lebanon

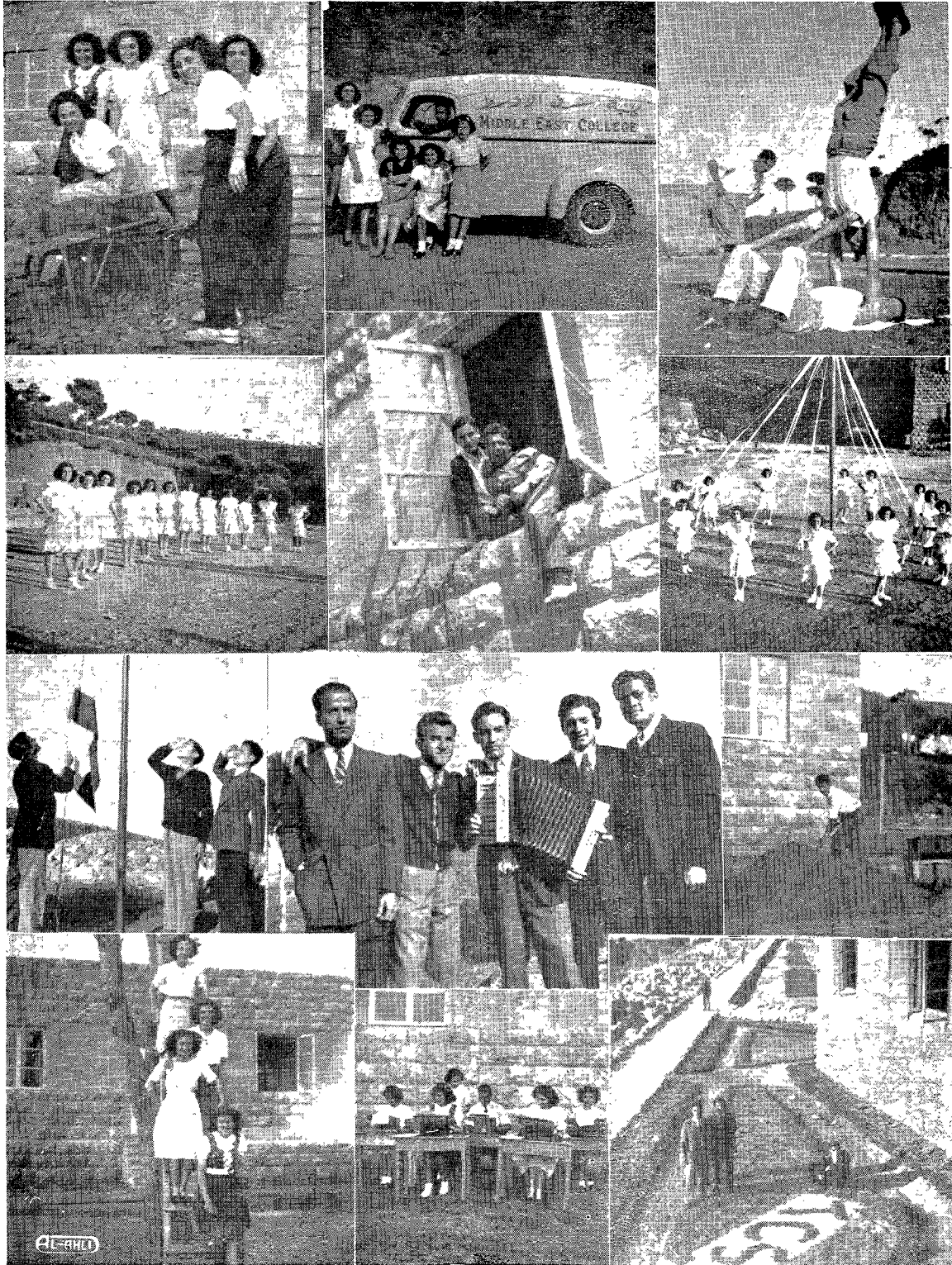
Phoebe Beythoun  
Mosul, Iraq

Riad Bittar  
Tartous, Syria

Samira Hasso  
Baghdad, Iraq



# Seen On the Campus



On November 1 we had the opening Faculty reception at Middle East College. The outstanding part of the program was given by the future staff (faculty members' children).

On the ninth of November the T. C. S. Club gave a farewell for the Macketts. They had accepted a call to South Africa after laboring in the Middle East four years.

Our students always enjoy the Ingathering Campaign. The last week of November found them scattered all over the city gathering funds to

further this cause.

Early in the year the girls organized a campaign to raise funds to furnish the parlor. Enough money was raised to fix a nice parlor.

Three Investitures were held at the College this year. All the faculty members and 32 students are now Master Comrades.

The first Medical Cadet unit of the Middle East Union has been created on the campus of Middle East College, under the direction of Mr. R. L. Mole.

The autumn week of prayer was conducted December 11-18, 1947, by Elder George Keough. At the end of the week the entire student body consecrated their lives to the Master and a baptismal class was organized.

Christmas week was the most exciting time in the College. Christmas Eve all who remained at the College gathered around the big tree in the chapel to sing carols and receive their gifts. At 9 o'clock Santa-Claus appeared carrying a large basket of gifts for all the boys who had been good during the last year. After the boys left, the girls opened their gifts from their tree and hung up their socks.

Christmas noon a special dinner was served in the dining room. The same night the President of the College entertained the student body with games and refreshments.

Soon after Christmas our Egyptian students arrived, having been delayed because of the cholera epidemic.

The boys' reception was given in the form of a world cruise this year. The ship made smooth sailing until near the end of the voyage when it was boarded by pirates.

Early in the New Year Brethren Roenfelt and Cummins from the General Conference arrived to attend the annual session of the College Board and Union Committee. The faculty gave a reception at which the members of the Board were introduced to officials of the Lebanon Government; the



*M.*

*C.*

*C.*



*M.*

*V.*



*A Pirate*

*Bold*

## THE SCHOOL YEAR

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American Consul General and the military and air Attaches with their wives; Administrative officers of the American University of Beirut, the Near East School of Theology, and the American Mission.

As soon as the students saw the snow on Mount Kaneisa, they began to talk about a snow picnic. The last week of February busses and cars filled with warmly dressed students headed for the mountain and snow sports.

On Wednesday, March 3, the regular faculty of the College took leave of absence and the students assumed the responsibility of administration and teaching under Adeeb Fargo as president for the day.

For the first time in the history of Middle East College the girls had an "open house". After the inspection tour a buffet supper was served in the parlor.

It was a real privilege for the students and the faculty of the College to have Elder R. A. Anderson lead out in the spring week of prayer. His helpful visit will long be remembered throughout the Middle East Union.

The dresser campaign that was started three months ago came to an end with a great success. The goal was reached, and the most important part was that the two seniors had raised more than half the total. They were given a golden pin each as a token of their prizes which were one quarter's tuition for the first and one quarter's room and laundry fees for the second.

Late in April the Chief Inspector of Schools for Lebanon visited our College and expressed his appreciation for the work which we are doing here. He was especially interested in the vocational phase. He was accompanied by a special representative of the Iraq Ministry of Education.

The faith of the two students who returned to Middle East College for upper division work was vindicated when they organized the Senior Class this year. The President is their sponsor.

On May 2 we became a Senior College. It was voted by the College Board that Middle East

College be authorized to grant the Bachelor of Arts degree. The following day was declared a campus day in celebration.

Day and night, day and night for over a week you could hear Mr. Johnson out on the "cat" excavating the foundations for the new vocational education building. The walls are already going up now. Mabruk Mr. Johnson!

The outstanding feature of the girls' reception, held on May 23, was the colorful May-Foie dance; although some may have enjoyed the good food more.



"Bachelors"

&

Sponsor



About 30 Missionary Volunteers, desiring a hiking vocational honor, started out 9 o'clock on the evening of May 26 for the Dog River, about 7 miles away. They returned weary but none the worse for wear 7:00 a.m.

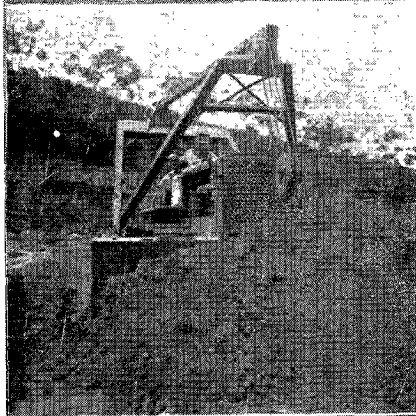
# *A Glance at Our Industries*



Michael follows the tractor



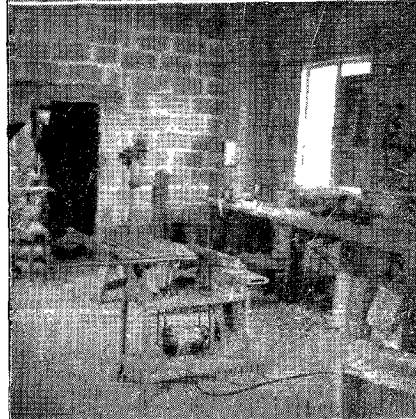
Mary and Angel raid the garden



Mr. Johnson leveling the new shop site.



"Ladies" of the dairy



Corner in the old shop



Hanna the cook



Whiter washes by Easa and Ghazala



Campus crew—not overworking

## NINE YEARS OF PROGRESS

E. L. Branson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

No where in the Middle East could a Seventh-day Adventist young person receive an all around education until our own college was founded in 1939. Elder G. A. Keough came from England that year and started the Adventist Training School, as it was called then, in the class rooms of the Arabic School at Museitbie, Beirut. There were only seven young men in attendance that first year, but they were sincere and faithful, and the next year the group increased to twelve. During the control of Lebanon by the Vichy-French government it was necessary to transfer the school to Amman, Transjordan. The following year the school returned once more to Museitbie. In harmony with the wishes of many parents and young women who urged that opportunity be given for Seventh-day Adventist young women to attend the school it was made coeducational during the last year at Museitbie.

The accommodations for school were not adequate even with additional rented apartments. In the Autumn of 1944 it was arranged to move the school to the Grand Hotel in Beit-Mery where it was conducted for two years under the leadership of Elder G. M. Krick. During this period Elder G. A. Keough was in North America taking graduate work preparing to return to lead out in this field in the Educational and other departmental work. When Elder Krick went home to take his furlough and continue with his studies Elder F. E. J. Harder was invited to become President of the school, which had been renamed Middle East College.

In 1944 just before Elder Keough sailed for America he signed the papers for a new college site which was gradually developed during the next two years by building a road from the main highway, improving the water system and beginning construction on the young men's and young women's dormitories. This work of construction was carried on under the able direction of Elder L. J. Norris who is now the Superintendent of the Palestine-Transjordan Mission.

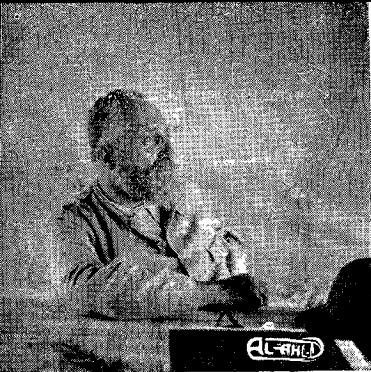
The money for the purchase of the College property, known as College Park, came from funds donated by our faithful brethren in Iraq. The General Conference has generously given special appropriations from year to year to continue the construction work. This winter has been the first

year that the College has been conducted at College Park, and, although the buildings are not plastered inside, the students and teachers have been very happy in their new location and have expressed themselves over and over again that this has been the best school year in the history of Middle East College.

Several hundred fruit trees have been planted on the hill-side terraces; the garden has grown some vegetables for the kitchen. A very good beginning has been made in the manufacture of products by the college shop. At the present time a new commodious vocational building is being constructed back of the young men's dormitory. This will provide work for a number of students and class room facilities for vocational subjects. A beginning has been made this winter with a dairy. Three good cows have been purchased which furnish milk for the college kitchen and faculty members. Other cows will be added so that an adequate supply of milk, butter and cheese will be available.

During the nine year history of this school there has been a constant raising of the standards of work offered. Two years ago the General Conference authorized the College to offer senior work in the departments of Bible and History, but it was a question as to when the school would have sufficient facilities to grant the B. A. degree. This spring government officials from two of the Middle East countries inspected the College and advised that we begin granting the B.A. degree immediately. Therefore, on May 2 the College Board voted to authorize Middle East College to confer the B.A. degree beginning with this spring for majors in the departments of Bible and History. This is a real mile stone in the history of the College and will bring joy and satisfaction to all college students past, present and future.

The record of Middle East College during the first nine years of its history is comparable with the early record of any Seventh-day Adventist College. We can be justly proud of its achievements. We honor the self sacrificing faculty members who have invested their time and talents in this institution. And we take great satisfaction in the accomplishments and efficient service of the young people who have studied in its class rooms.



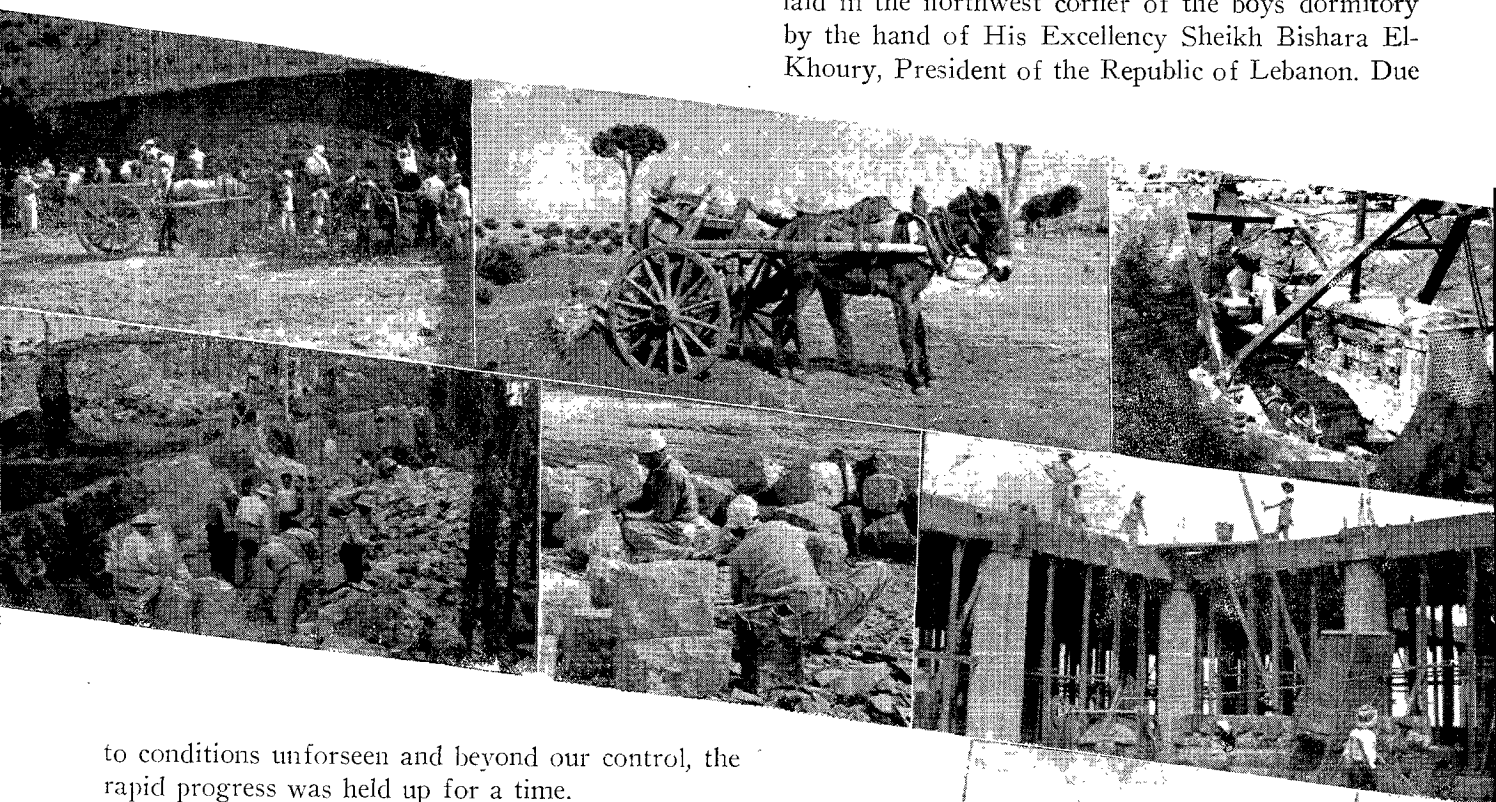
## A COLLEGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

S. W. Johnson

The work of constructing our College buildings has been a thrilling story touching the experiences of many people over a long period of time. Under the skillful and watchful eye of Mr. Bahjat Abdounour, (upper left) architect and construction engineer par excellence, the work received the necessary technical guidance.

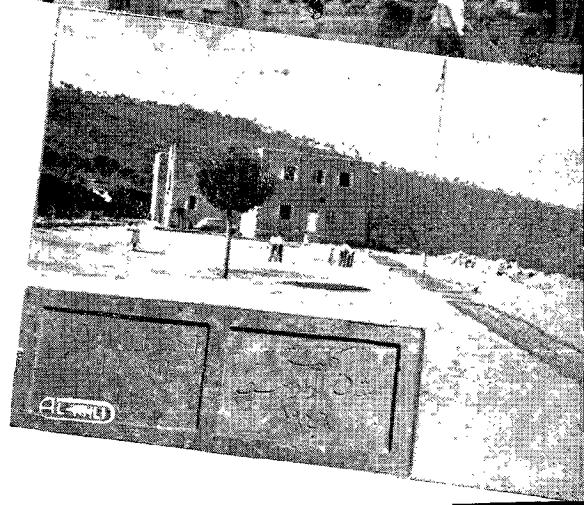
Throughout the winter and spring months of 1945-46 a large crew of men labored to level off the building site. At the same time another 100 men

were busy cutting building stones in the quarry a few hundred meters distant. Then in June, the foundation pits were located and digging proceeded on them for another six weeks. About the middle of July, Mr. L. J. Norris returned from Egypt with equipment to facilitate the work of pouring the concrete, etc., he himself resuming the responsibility of construction foreman. Besides a concrete mixer, power hoist and tools, we now had a Caterpillar D4 bulldozer to move vast amounts of earth. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Norris and Mr. Harder each shared the burden of driving this machine long hours to speed up operations and save much expense. On October 15, 1946, the cornerstone (lower right) was laid in the northwest corner of the boys dormitory by the hand of His Excellency Sheikh Bishara El-Khoury, President of the Republic of Lebanon. Due



to conditions unforeseen and beyond our control, the rapid progress was held up for a time.

In August 1947, Mr. Guido Turati was awarded the contract for finishing up work on the two floors of the girls dormitory and the one floor of the boys dormitory, with Mr. Norris and Mr. Johnson responsible for the interests of the College. Though yet without all the plaster and tiles for the floors, the buildings (lower right) were occupied on schedule the middle of October 1947.

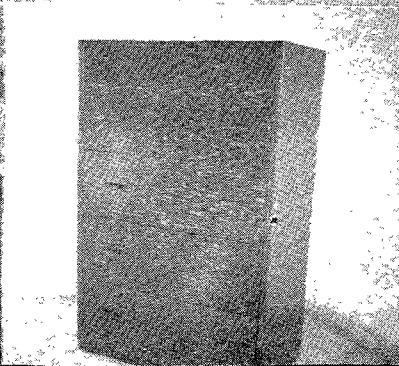
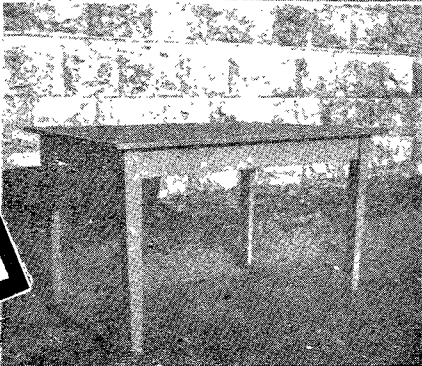
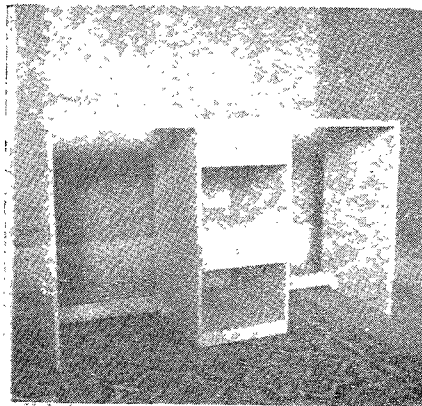
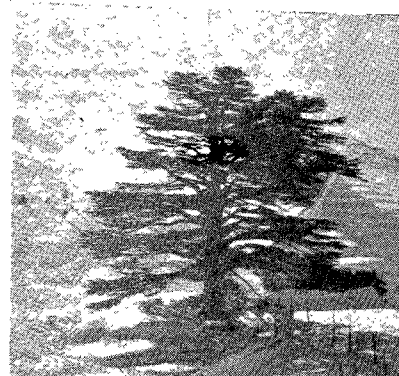
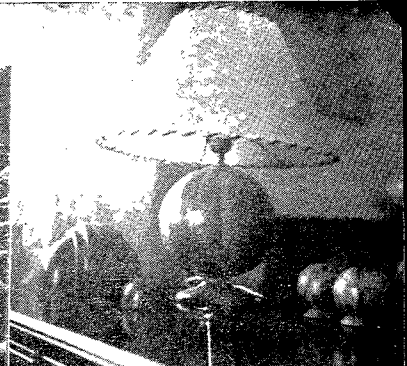


PRODUCTS

WHICH HELP

STUDENTS EARN

WHILE THEY LEARN





His Excellency, Sheikh Bischarra El-Khoury, President of the Lebanese Republic, (second from left) has upon a number of occasions shown a very definite interest in the College.

*Some of Our Distinguished Visitors*



Below, His Excellency, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, is shaking hands with Mrs. Dodge. Dr. Bayard Dodge, President of the American University of Beirut stands between them.



Right : Mr. Bertel Kuniholm, Charge de Affairs of the American Legation, pays a visit accompanied by Mrs. Kuniholm.

