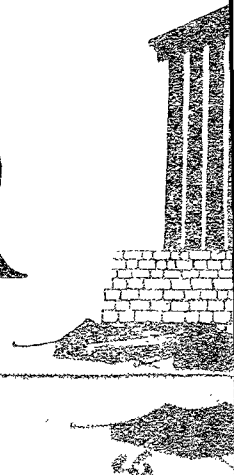




# MIDDLE EAST MESSENGER



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## OUR MEDICAL WORK IN BAGDAD

The following article appeared in the Baghdad *Iraq Times* of September 16 under the heading, "AMERICAN-DIRECTED

HOSPITAL TREATS HUNDREDS MONTHLY. It had been submitted by the *Iraq Times* Staff Reporter.

A modern hospital, fully equipped, run by a qualified staff, stands in premises off South Gate which during the war housed one of the capital's busiest hotels.

It is Dar el-Salaam Hospital, sponsored by the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, whose headquarters are in Washington.

The Association operates educational and medical institutions on a welfare basis in practically every country. In the Middle East it has the Mercy Home Orphanage in Egypt, the Middle East Collège, Beirut, which takes large number of Iraqi students every year, and the Sultanabad Hospital in Iran.

Dar el-Salaam was established towards the end of 1946. That it is a "little" hospital, is the impression you get as you step into the clean-looking, air-conditioned hall, with its green fountain in the centre.

Going over the place with the Managing Director, Mr. Melvin V. Jacobson, as your guide takes a good 90 minutes. Up-to-date facilities in evidence here range from surgery to physiology, obstetrics and medical treatment.

"Several hundred people come to us for treatment every month, the majority from Baghdad," said Mr. Jacobson.

"But we get patients from all parts of the country."

The charges vary, he indicated, hastening to add that has nothing to do with the treatment.

"The treatment and medicines we give are all first class," he said. "But you expect to pay more for a room with its own air-conditioning unit, bath and other amenities."

The hospital's staff numbers 40, some of them from the United States. The latter include Dr. Clarence H. Schilt, Medical Director, and Mrs. Lucille Henderson Saaty, who recently returned to take charge of the Obstetrical Department.

This is a department always kept busy.

"Babies don't keep to seasons," commented the Managing Director. "They come at any time."

Surgery is one of the other features of the place. The operating theatre, its windows sealed so that not a speck of dust enters even during severe sand-storms, is air-conditioned to a temperature of 75 degrees F. even on the hottest summer day.

A mechanically adjustable operating-table further facilitates the work of the surgeon, with lighting arrangement overhead, permitting him to operate free from the least hint of a shadow.

Bundles of instruments, sterilised in a huge drum in a nearby room are at hand

in a corner cubicle, ready for use for any kind of operation—major or minor. A suction equipment contributes to the cleanliness of the room, preventing blood going on the table or the floor.

The sinks here are provided with elbow-worked taps as a precaution against surgeon and nurses contaminating their hands.

The hospital has accommodation for 30 patients at present, each room provided with an adjustable bed for those unable to move.

"Its capacity can be expanded in an emergency," said Mr. Jacobson.

"Patients are not compelled to use the services of our own staff. They may have their own doctor for surgery or treatment, provided the latter is known by the staff and has previously been introduced to the Director."

Dar el-Salaam has its own X-Ray facilities, laboratory and pharmacy. The X-Ray room is provided with a lead-lined protective booth for the operator.

"Our American drugs come to us direct from the United States, this method enabling us to make no call on Iraq's dollar resources," went on Mr. Jacobson. "Locally purchased supplies are of British manufacture."

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**Famine Relief  
Offering**

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*Some of the Children in Our School in Basrah*

## AROUND & ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS . . . .

Mr. Habib Ghali of our Fayoum Training School reports that "as usual" they had 100% success in the number of students he submitted for the government elementary examination. The names of those who were successful are :

Emile William  
Farid Sherkawi  
Kamel Saleeb  
Nabiel Shaker  
Ragaie Andrawos  
Sami Michael  
Sedki Sadek

This success speaks well for the quality of student in the training school and the skill and talent of the teacher. Congratulations !

Miss Sella Maksoudian has been invited to continue her education at Middle East College and she has accepted to do so. We wish her every success in her studies this year.

Miss Haigouhi Keuchgerian is taking the lead in the teaching staff of the Beirut Armenian school. She will have Miss Mary Nassimian to help her.



Mr. Musa Ghazal who was working with Mr. W. Olsen in the Chekka area last year has been transferred to join the faculty of the Beirut Junior Academy (Arabic). We know that his talents will be a valuable asset to the school.

Miss Rose Dikran has accepted a call to teach in our school in Amman. She left Beirut for her appointment on Monday September 26. The Amman school is not only fortunate to have Miss Rose teach there but is also able this year to add a year to its curriculum and thus offer complete elementary school work.

Our school in Baghdad has an addition to its staff in the person of Mrs. Sarah

Ghazal-Srouf. It is thus able to offer an additional year of school work. Thanks to the continued generosity of Brother Bachir Hasso it meets in a new and more convenient building. It has also secured some new equipment.

Miss Ghazala Khalil has been transferred from Mosul to Baghdad where she will be working with her sister, Miss Fowzia.

Miss Mareen Saaty, who graduated from the Teacher Training Course at Middle East College this spring, is joining the staff of the Mosul Academy for the school year 1949-50.

It is with deep regret that we find ourselves compelled to close our school in Beit Mery this year. The necessity of effecting economies in the operation of the Lebanon-Syria Mission has rendered this inevitable. Mr. Elias Yussef is being transferred to the Tartous area where he will supervise the erection of a school building in Bezac and teach the children of our members there. Miss Mary Nassimian joins the Beirut Armenian school. We trust that the children who attend our Beit Mery school in the last three years will be able to continue their education satisfactorily and not forget some of the lessons they learned with us.

## Wedding Bells

A pretty wedding took place in Alexandria on August 29 when Mr. Steme Ioannou and Miss Mary Stavrinides were united in marriage by Elder N. C. Wilson. The happy couple are now studying in Middle East College.

*Children and Teachers in the Beirut Armenian School*



## OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS

The Baghdad Sabbath School is certainly doing well. The Superintendent, Brother Hilmy Berbawy, under date of August 18, reports that 70% of the members study their lesson daily.

The Sabbath School has been a vital part of the evangelistic endeavour made in the Lebanon this past summer. In connection with the effort in the Arax Cinema in the Nahr district of Beirut a special sabbath school was conducted on Sabbath afternoons. In the Chekka area in Kafr Hazir Elder Russell and Brother Faris Basta conducted a sabbath school for adults and for children. In Kafr Hata Brother Michael Kebbas, assisted by Brother Musa Kerkenny, conducted an early morning Sabbath school for about sixty children and then held a sabbath school for adults later in the morning. In the Union Building Mrs. A. B. King conducted a summer sabbath school which proved very popular with the children of the neighborhood. That is what the sabbath school is for, to win to the truth and to establish in the faith.

The Sabbath School of the Beirut Arabic Church reported good success in achieving their goals in the quarter ending September 30. By careful planning on the part of the Sabbath School officers and the sympathetic co-operation of everyone the membership showed an increase over the corresponding quarter last year; the offering to missions was considerably raised; and a majority of the members studied their lesson daily. In

## Teachers' Honor Roll

The first list of names of students completing the new Teachers' Training Course came from the Middle East Union Mission and gave the names of four young people of the Middle East College who had successfully completed the training course as outlined in the book *Teaching Teachers to Teach*. The names of the young people are as follows:

Miss Mareen Saaty  
Miss Bedour Farag  
Miss Emelia Feddo  
Mr. Faris Bishai

It was a real pleasure to issue the first certificates for the completion of this new training course to these young people away over in Beirut, Lebanon. May their example spur many of our members in America to complete this excellent training course, so that they, too, may receive the beautiful certificates — but more than that, so that they, too, may begin to reap the greater satisfaction which comes from larger soulwinning through more efficient teaching.

General Conference Sabbath School  
Department

recognition of this achievement the Sabbath School was presented with a Certificate of Honor "A". Hearty congratulations!

## UNION SABBATH SCHOOL REPORTS

### FIRST QUARTER, 1949.

Missions	No. S. S.	Membership	Offerings (Local Currency)	Lebanese pounds	per capita offerings
Egypt	14	624	L.Eg. 122,508	1,429.26	L.L. .21
Iran	10	273	Rls. 10,512	584.03	.16
Iraq	4	255	I.D. 144,880	1,650.04	.79
Lebanon-Syria	9	439	L.L. 1235.44	1,235.44	.38
Pales.-Tr.-Jor.	6	120	L.P. 20,515	233.64	.24
Turkey	3	74	L.T. 143.09	135.14	.15
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	46	1,785		5,267.56	.32

### SECOND QUARTER, 1949.

Missions	No. of S.S.	Membership	Offerings (Local currency)	Lebanese pounds	Per capita
Egypt	14	673	L. Eg. 121,063	L.L. 1,412.41	L.L. .21
Iran	10	226	Rls. 10,928	607.05	.17
Iraq	4	213	I. D. 148,976	1,696.67	.85
Lebanon-Syria	9	429	L.L. 1,429.23	1,249.23	.38
Palestine-Trans-Jordan	6	120	L.P. 28,000	318.89	.33
Turkey	3	53	L.T. 187.38	176.96	.19
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Union totals	46	1,714		5,461.21	.35

## FROM THE S. S. QUESTION BOX

*Question*: Has the promotion of daily lesson study been dropped?

*Answer*: No. We are promoting it as much as ever. As clearly and strongly as ever we must continue to follow these counsels:

"If we would study the Bible diligently and prayerfully every day, we should every day see some beautiful truth in a new, clear, and forcible light." Mrs. E. G. White in *Review and Herald*, March 4, 1844.

"Parents, set apart a little time each day for the study of the Sabbath school lesson with your children." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, pp. 41, 42.

"Let the Sabbath school lesson be learned, not by a hasty glance at the lesson scripture on Sabbath morning, but by careful study for the next week on Sabbath afternoon, with daily review or illustration during the week. Thus the lessons become fixed in the memory, a treasurer never to be wholly lost." *Education*, pp. 251, 252.

"Even as the bodily necessities must be supplied daily, so the word of God must be daily studied—eaten, and digested, and practised." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, pp. 43, 44.

"Every day some portion of time should be appropriated to the study of the lessons." *Ibid.*, p. 53.

*Question*: How is the promotion of daily study done in our schools?

*Answer*: (a) From the rostrum, in the repeated counsel of the superintendent and others from time to time. He can once in a while introduce someone with a personal testimony or a similar item on its blessings.

(b) In the secretary's report this item can be tellingly introduced from class records.

(c) By the teacher in class. He may hand out a slip with a question or questions for each member to answer next week. He might even prepare a simple suggestion for daily assignment. He can also in his teaching stress its necessity, for the daily study of the Bible is the basis of all true soul winning.

(d) The General, Union, and local departments are constantly stressing the value of "every day a portion" (Jer. 52:34)

*Question*: How is the study record taken?

*Answer*: In some schools the class card is passed around for each to mark for himself the attendance record and the number of times the lesson was studied. In others, the teacher asks each pupil how many times the lesson has been studied (there is now no urge to press the pupil about how often it was studied) and marks the record accordingly. Conferences are free to use whatever record of daily study appears best suited to their needs.

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## DOOMED PEOPLE

By CORA F. THURBER

Probably few of us take time to think what post-war conditions and scarcity of supplies of every type might mean to the comparatively few, (yet numbering many thousands of people) who were already ill and required a special diet or constant medical treatment with drugs which are now impossible to secure.

Imagine yourself suffering from tuberculosis, with complete rest and a specially nourishing diet prescribed by your doctor—when suddenly you find it impossible to get milk, eggs, or any nourishing foods; or you are driven from your home or hospital and forced to do hard labor with nothing to eat for days but thin watery soup and roots or tree bark.

Suppose you were a diabetic. Insulin taken daily will regulate the sugar metabolism in the body so that you can live and work like a normally healthy person. But you know that without this elixir of life, you



cannot possibly live.

Suddenly, the supply of insulin is cut off, and it is impossible to procure more than from 30% to 40% of the required amount. You are aware of the nature of your disease, and the course it will take. Frantically, but from sheer necessity, you begin to stretch out the dose, hoping somehow relief may soon come, but living in dismay and dread of the certain future which awaits you. You think of every possible way out — even suicide. Finally in desperation you write to some individual in North America whose name you have somehow learned. Hopefully yet fearfully you await a reply to you request for a small vial of insulin—which never comes.

You lose strength. Your vitality declines. You feel the dreaded coma drawing near, the unconsciousness resulting from the over-acidification of the blood, and then—death. If only a few units of insulin could have dropped from the sky!

These supposedly imaginary experiences have been very real ones for thousands of men, women, and children in Europe who were suffering from tuberculosis, diabetes, or other diseases at the war's end.

We have heard many appeals for food and clothing for the millions who desperately need them, but we have thought little about those who are doomed to slow but sure death because of lack of some certain life-sustaining medication.

Great rejoicing would ascend to heaven if our Famine Relief Offering this year could be sufficient to include a supply of insulin as well as lifegiving foods to build up the diseased and broken bodies of those who are looking to us to save them.

## THE AFTERMATH OF WAR

During the past few years, the peoples of the world have been playing "fruitbasket." Most of the players would prefer, like ourselves, to sit on the sides and watch the game rather than participate in it; but they have no choice in the matter.

Never in the history of the world has there been such a wholesale exodus of humanity from some place to nowhere as has occurred during and since World War II. It is estimated that in Europe last year, a total of 30,000,000 persons were homeless refugees, displaced persons, expelled, or exiles. Approximately 13,000,000 of these are still in refugee camps or floating restlessly from one place to the next in an almost fruitless effort to find a meager subsistence. Millions have perished on the move.

In Southern Asia last year when India received her independence from Great Britain and the country was divided between India and Pakistan, it is estimated that 6½ million Moslems enmasse left or were driven from their homes in India and fled across the border into the newly formed country of Pakistan. Simultaneously as they moved westward, they encountered, and frequently clashed with, 5½ million Hindus going in the opposite direction in search of a new home in India. And an estimated 2,000,000 are still in Indian refugee camps, while perhaps an equal number are in such camps in Pakistan, where the new governments are endeavoring to give them enough food to keep alive that life spark.

Within the past year, more than 20,000,000 Chinese starved to death, and millions more have been driven from their homes, with no



# "GIVE YE THEM TO EAT"

place to go, and no means of support. Still more millions in Greece and other European countries live a life-in-death of perpetual hunger. Neither they nor their children ever go to bed feeling warm, well-fed or secure.

Six years of grim destruction cannot be undone in three, four, or even eight years. Our brethren overseas will need our aid for a long time to come. While we in North America live in the greatest luxury known to any nation on earth, millions of God's children in various countries of the world are fighting for a mere existence. "God never meant that the wide-spread misery in the world should exist. He never meant that one man should have an abundance of the luxuries of life, while the children of others should cry for bread. The means over and above the actual necessities of life are entrusted to man to do good, to bless humanity." *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 371.

"God imparts His blessings to us that we may impart them to others. When we ask for our daily bread, He looks into our hearts to see if we will share the same with those more needy than ourselves." *Testimonies*, Vol. 6 p. 283.

In harmony with an action of the General Conference Committee at the Spring Council in April, a special Famine Relief Offering is to be lifted in all our churches on October 29th. In view of the millions in various countries who are at this very moment suffer-

Thank God You Are Not Hungry  
Thank God You Have a Comfortable Home  
Thank God You Have a Job  
Thank God You Have Something to Share  
**THANK HIM WITH A GENEROUS  
FAMINE RELIEF OFFERING  
SABBATH—NOVEMBER 26**

ing a living death due to lack of food and clothing it is our hope and prayer that the Famine Relief Offering this year will be a measure of our love to God. We should have at least one million dollars to buy food for our believers who have endured hardships beyond our comprehension.

One brother writes: "Our faith and trust in God have been greatly strengthened. When we pray, we obtain a peace and calm, *though we know we are starving to death.*" From another letter we quote: "It is impossible to describe the misery and suffering. Through it all, we lost two of our children from starvation; but we are so thankful that two, a boy and a girl, are spared to us."

Shall we not plan to make a genuine sacrifice on behalf of these other members of God's family? Just imagine, if you can, that Jesus in Person is passing the offering



plate to your pew; and give as you would if His hand actually received your offering.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. . . Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me."

— Cora F. Thurber.

## "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"

Hundreds of thousands of refugees are still homeless as a result of the recent conflict in Palestine. Most of these are in camps or living with relatives. Many times an entire family must get along in a small room. But other hundreds are literally living in the holes of the rocks. Old Roman ruins and ancient caves are being used as shelters.

Our hearts go out to these displaced persons and others right in our midst who are in desperate need. The General Conference has asked us to join our brethren in other lands in contributing to the European Famine Relief Offering. Since we have so many needy in our own territory, the Middle East Union Committee voted that a special offering be taken in every church with the understanding that 50% will be sent on to the General Conference for use in relieving suffering in Europe, and 50% will be held by the Local Mission to be used for local relief projects.

November 26 is the date now set for this offering. May God give each of us a spirit of liberality as this offering is taken. Let the words of Jesus ring in our ears, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

E. L. Branson.





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## NEWS NOTES FROM IRAN

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### DORCAS WORK

In the early part of 1946 a Dorcas Society was organized in Teheran by the late Elder M. F. Seitz. The work was very new to our sisters here and so after a few months it was discontinued. In 1947 meetings were held again for about half a year, and then discontinued. In the Fall of 1948 two Dorcas Societies were organized in the Teheran area—one for the Armenian sisters and one for the Russian sisters. These two societies have done a good work during the past year, and we trust that the work will continue and will grow from year to year.

The Russian Dorcas Society met weekly in the shop of Sister Mahilova. Since she is a dress-maker and several of the other members are good seamstresses, they made many lovely dresses especially for children. These dresses were usually spoken for before they were completed. Several times passers-by saw the dresses in the shop and asked to buy them, but were told they were already sold. The meeting was held every Wednesday afternoon, and prayer meeting followed the same evening. Since the sisters were already met together, and the pastor, Elder Kubrock, took most of them to church following their meeting, a good attendance at prayer meetings was assured. Thus the Dorcas meeting served a double purpose.

The Armenian Dorcas Society met each week for two or three hours at the home of the local pastor, Elder Salakhian. Only one sewing machine was available, but since most of the sisters were more experienced with hand work of all kinds, very little machining work was done. The product of their hands consisted of knitted goods of all kinds, embroidered pieces, hemstitched handkerchiefs and dish towels. At the time of the Christmas program by the church school a sale of these things as well as a food sale, netted over three hundred tomans (about one hundred dollars). This was a great encouragement and after Christmas many more lovely things were prepared for sale. Some of the sisters were unable to attend the weekly meetings, but many sent things for sale which they made in their homes. Several sisters had very small children which they had to bring with them. It was difficult for them to attend, but they came faithfully each week. One sister was adept at mending stockings with a run mender, and she pledged all the money received from members for this work to the Dorcas. Some of the men of the church felt sort of helpless seeing so much work done by the sisters and so gave gifts of money which were gratefully received.

The calls that come for Dorcas help, especially during the winter are overwhelming. First of all we have our own members, many of whom are in great need. After they are cared for there is a limitless need among those outside. Last winter was a bitter one, and it found many without adequate food, shelter or work. Many died and sickness was on all sides. Much of the Dorcas fund went to buy charcoal, rice and a few staples, to keep these poor folk going until warmer weather brought work and better living conditions, but alas the amount we were able to provide was pitifully small. Clothes have been sent from other countries, and we are thankful for them.

At the time of our camp-meeting a Dorcas sale was held each evening before the preaching service. Other churches throughout Iran expressed their wish to start a work of this kind. Out meetings are discontinued until the first of September, but we hope at that time to make plans to assist our sister churches in launching out in this work also.

We ask your prayers for us in this work, and would also appreciate letters of encouragement and suggestions from other societies.

### FAREWELL to Mrs. HARGREAVES

On the evening of July 3 a short farewell was held for Mrs. H. E. Hargreaves, who, with her children—Roger, Caroline, and Margaret—left the following day for Germany. She planned to reach there in time for their annual camp meeting, and meet many friends whom she had not seen for about twelve years. After a visit with her people Sister Hargreaves will continue on her way to England, where the children will attend school. Doctor Hargreaves is at present carrying on the work of the Sultanabad hospital here in Iran.

### JULFA-ISPHAHAN

Elder and Mrs. D. V. Kubrock have gone to Isfahan to hold evangelistic meetings for two months, following up the interest begun by Doctor Hargreaves there this Spring. Brother Melcom Gasparian will translate and assist in these meetings, as well as lead out in the Harvest Ingathering in the Julfa church.

Elder D. V. Kubrock has had a baptism of three as a result of evangelistic meetings he has been conducting in Julfa—Isfahan. He has a number studying in a baptismal class and expects to have another baptism in the Spring.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign in Julfa-Isfahan has gone with a real swing. The amount gathered to date of reporting was 11,000 rials and represents 6,000 rials more than was collected last year.

### LILLIHAN

Pastors Ohan Keshishzadeh and Gaspar Manasserian will work again in the Armenian village of Lillihan, where they found a real interest last summer.

### REZIAH

We are thankful that the way has opened up for a worker to go into Rezieh and the surrounding villages. Elder M. S. Beitzakhar has responded to their earnest appeal for a worker. There are plans to have a church school there this fall, and several of the older young people will be coming to the Iran Training school.

### ARAK

Pastor Yoash Sangarloo will spend his time this summer in village work in the Arak area. Brother M. H. Moravati will assist him.

### VOICE OF PROPHECY :

#### NOW IN FARSEE

The Voice of Prophecy Bible Lessons are now available in Farsee. Elder Kenneth Oster who is in charge of the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School in the Iran Mission writes under date of October 5 as follows :

"Fifteen lessons are entirely ready on the shelves here in the office and by the 17th of October the first eighteen lessons will be on the shelves. That is the date we have set to mail out the first batch of lessons. We have been enrolling students for about a week now among our friends in the Tehran area and have sent 100 enrolment blanks to each of our workers in the provinces. We hope to have many names coming in from all over the country before long to add to our list. We shall go right ahead with the printing of the last eighteen, hoping to have them through the press by the end of January. We are full of courage and have full confidence that we can really go "FORWARD IN FAITH".

Elder Oster solicits the prayers of all our workers and members that God may abundantly bless the Truth being sent out to Farsee speaking people this way.

If the camel saw its own hump it would fall and break its own neck.

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**EGYPT MISSION**


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**FAREWELL to the  
ZYTKOSKEES**


A large group of church members and friends gathered in the Heliopolis Church garden on Sabbath evening September 3 to wish farewell to Pastor and Mrs. A. Gordon Zytoskee and their daughter Sheryl Ann who were leaving on their furlough. During their three and a half years' stay in Egypt they endeared themselves to all who came into the sphere of their influence. After some tasty refreshments several speeches were given in which one could easily detect the deep appreciation of the members for the spiritual leadership that Pastor and Mrs. Zytoskee had exerted. An attractive inlaid wooden tray was presented to Pastor Zytoskee, and a lovely mother of pearl box was given to Mrs. Zytoskee. It was mentioned that these were but small tokens of the feelings of those present; however, all were confident that Egypt would always be very dear to Pastor and Mrs. Zytoskee since sweet little Sheryl Ann would be a constant reminder of the Nile Valley.

We feel sure that many will be ready to meet the Master at His appearing as a result of the devoted service of Pastor and Mrs. Zytoskee. We wish them every blessing in the days ahead and sincerely trust that they will be impressed of God to return and help us in finishing the Lord's work in our great country.

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**LEBANON-SYRIA MISSION**


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**TWO M. V. INVESTITURES**

On Sunday, September 11, two investiture services were held in the Chekka area and thirty three young people were invested with Junior Missionary Volunteer Friend and Companion pins.

The first service was held at ten o'clock in the morning in Kfar Hata in the spacious hall of a friend of the Advent Message. The place was crowded, every seat being taken and many were standing on the balcony, in the passage and the door way. Everyone listened intently as various ones of the candidates recited the aim, motto, pledge and law of the Junior Missionary Volunteer Society, and all were impressed with the high, yet practicable ideals of our Adventist youth. The sixteen young people who were presented with pins on the completion of their class requirements had been trained by Brethren Michael Kebbas and Musa Kerkenny.

The second service was held at four o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Brother Wayne Olsen in Kafr Hazir. In this village Elder and Mrs. J. S. Russell, associated with Brother Farris Basta, had conducted an evangelistic effort in the summer and now a group of seventeen young people had completed the Progressive class requirements for the Friend and Companion pin and were due their insignia. Once again the hall was crowded with visitors and the young people put on a programme to show what they had learned. They pledged themselves by the grace of God that they would live up to the ideals of the Junior Missionary Volunteer Society, being servants of God and friends of man.

The day of two investiture services was a high day for the Chekka area. Brother Olsen and his associates had reason to be proud, not only of the work accomplished, but also of the talent and consecration of the young people who had chosen to leave the things of the world and to follow their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

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**THANK YOU TO DAR ES SALAAM  
HOSPITAL**


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The following is a translation of an article in Arabic which appeared in a Baghdad newspaper, *Al-Akhbar*.

Dar es Salaam Hospital has indeed filled a vacancy among the medical institutions of our country. It is a model hospital in regard to orderliness, cleanliness, service, up-to-date equipment and efficiency. You may know of this excellent organization by referring to its business manager, Mr. Melvyn Jacobson.

Recently I took my sister, Regina, to this hospital to undergo a serious operation. This was performed by the expert Dr. Joseph Saaty assisted by his wife who is a surgery nurse and the nurses Miss Voth and Miss Ruth and the probationary nurses Miss Stella and Miss Bana and Miss Camille and others. Now that the operation has proved completely successful I feel compelled in justice and equity to praise the able surgeon, Dr. Saaty, and the nurses mentioned above, and to thank them all for their outstanding skill and special care. May God give them success in their service for humanity.

Kamel Ne'metallah Nazo

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is another of the institution's busy departments. There is equipment here to help cure many ailments, from an ordinary cold, to

various bodily complaints yielding to physiotherapy and hydrotherapy, down to shedding weight.

The hospital runs an out-patient section, and on two days a week poor people are given medical treatment at 50 fils a visit.

"Few people realise how expensive it is to operate a hospital," said the Director, "and sometimes comparisons are made between hospital rooms and hotel rooms.

"But here are involved the extremely high costs of medical equipment and supplies, plus trained medical personnel present 24 hours a day.

"Dar el-Salaam's records show that for every dinar taken from patients another dinar must be supplied by someone as a gift. Most of this latter help, which is received from America, comes in the form of supplies and equipment."

The hospital will move to a new site as soon as a building for the purpose in an area of 35,000 square metres at New Baghdad is completed. Work on the new premises, estimated to cost about ID. 38,000 is scheduled to begin in the next two months.

"It will be a complete institution, air-conditioned, provided with the best equipment available and a qualified staff to operate it," stated Mr. Jacobson.

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**VISIT OF ELDER N. C. WILSON**

Elder N. C. Wilson, Vice-President of the General Conference for the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, and wife, accompanied by their two sons, Bruce and Donald, spent a few days in the Middle East on their way to Australia. They were met and welcomed by their son Elder Neal C. Wilson and his wife when the family landed in Alexandria on August 11. Father Wilson took the church services in Alexandria and Cairo and then flew with his son to Beirut where he paid brief visits to the Voice of Prophecy, Middle East College, and the Union offices, August 22-24. The family left for India by plane on August 26.

He has studied the methods used in Broadcasting by the Voice of Prophecy and has come to the Middle East to foster this interest. For this year he has joined the faculty of Middle East College where his zeal and skill are greatly appreciated.

The first meeting of the series was held on Sunday, July 31, and the attendance was so good that he is going forward with renewed courage. A priest of another denomination told his congregation not to attend the meetings but his advice does not seem to be followed. "This is the first time," writes Brother Behnam, "that the church in Basrah has had so many persons present. . . . Please remember us and the work here in Basrah in your prayers."

**NEW BOOKS IN ARABIC**

The Union has authorized the publication of an edition of three thousand copies of *Bible Readings* in Arabic. This will be printed in Beirut under the direction of the Publishing Secretary, the funds being provided by Brother Nassif Hasso.

A three thousand copy edition of *Friendly Talks* in Arabic has just come off the press. This is an attractive little book which tells in story form some of the cardinal truths of the Bible. It retails at L.L. 1.50 (paper covers) and L.L. 2.50 (Board binding).

Negotiations are in progress for the printing of *Steps to Christ* in Arabic. This will be a new edition with a new translation.

**EVANGELISM IN BASRAH**

Mr. Behnam Arshat writes to say that he has started an evangelistic effort in Basrah.

**ASSIUT M. V. SOCIETY**

From Assiut, Egypt, we have received a copy of a local newspaper in which a whole column of print is devoted to the aims and purposes of the Missionary Volunteer Society. An invitation is also extended to all young people in Assiut to attend the local society's meetings. We congratulate the Missionary Volunteer Leaders in Assiut for their success in securing such wide publicity and we feel sure that this method of letting the public know of their activities will prove a challenge to them to do their best and be a means of attracting many young people of noble desires and ambitions to join them in their work.

**FROM HERE & THERE**

**BAPTISM IN BEIRUT**

As firstfruits of the evangelistic effort in the Nahr district of Beirut seven were baptized in the Arabic Church on August 20.

The Amman church had four young people added to its membership by baptism recently.

**MISS WILLIAMS RETURNS**

It is good to see Miss Williams again after her furlough in the States and in Canada. She arrived in Beirut on Tuesday, October 4.

**WELCOME, Mr. WADIE FARAG!**

A hearty welcome to Brother Wadie Farag who has recently returned to the Middle East from the United States. Brother Wadie was a student of Middle East College and is a graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College and the S.D.A. Theological Seminary.

*Congratulations!*

Mr. Hilmy Berbawy and his wife Nessima have been blessed with the arrival of a son, Zaher, on September 29.

Hearty congratulations to Elder and Mrs. Kenneth Oster to whom a daughter was born on September 12. Ellowyn May was seven pounds and four ounces at birth and is progressing fine.

*Here they are to let you see →*

