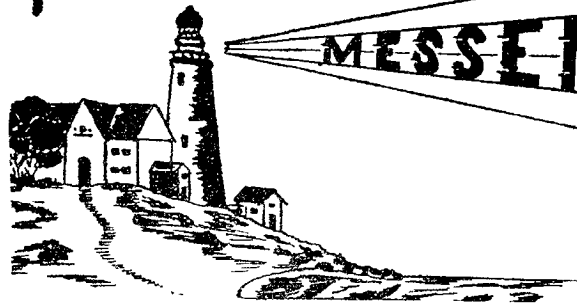
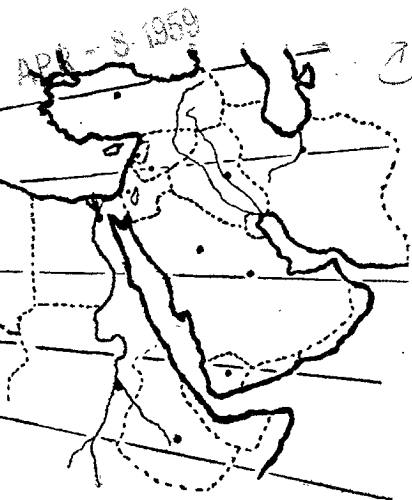


# MIDDLE EAST



## MESSENGER



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## THE FAMILY ALTAR



Geo. J. Appel

*President, Middle East Division*

Sensing the great importance of regular, daily, family worship in the homes of our people, and realizing that there are many Adventist homes in which this practice has either never been begun or has been neglected, Sabbath, January 5, 1952, has been appointed *Family Altar Day* in all our churches throughout the world. On this day we trust that all our church elders will make this topic the subject of the church service and that all our believers will make this need the theme of their meditation and study.

The times in which we live and the tests, temptations, and trials facing God's people in these closing days of the earth's history, demand that our people in all lands unite in regular, daily, family worship, seeking at such times through prayer that close relationship which will strengthen them to stand faithful through to the end.

In days of old Abraham's love for his household and children led him to carefully guard their religious faith, and daily to impart to them the knowledge of the goodness of God. As he carefully prepared the altar wherever he pitched his tents, all in his family were taught their allegiance to the God of heaven and that they should live lives of obedience to the commandments written by the finger of God. The following instruction by the servant of the Lord is worthy of our careful study:

"In too many households, prayer is neglected. Parents feel that they have no time for morning and evening worship. They cannot spare a few moments to be spent in thanksgiving to God for His abundant mercies,—for the blessed sunshine and the showers of rain, which cause vegetation to flourish, and for the guardianship of holy angels. They have no time to offer prayer for divine help and guidance, and for the abiding presence of Jesus in the household. They go forth to labour

as the ox or the horse goes, without one thought of the God of heaven. They have souls so precious that rather than permit them to be hopelessly lost, the Son of God gave His life to ransom them; but they have little more appreciation of His great goodness than have the beasts that perish." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pages 143-144.

How important it is that like these patriarchs of old, all who profess to love God supremely should erect an altar by their own firesides. Truly every Adventist home should be a house of prayer. Love should be revealed in action. Then from these homes there will flow the true religion through thoughtful kindness and Christian courtesy. Yes, there are many homes where these principles are carried out. There God is worshipped and supreme love reigns. May every Christian home have this experience by resolving on this, the first Sabbath of the new year, to make their homes households of prayer, and each morning and evening keep burning the altar fires of prayer and consecration to God.

*Make your home a household of prayer.*



**A MESSAGE FROM  
THE TREASURER OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE**

It has been a very real pleasure to attend the Middle East Division Committee meetings and to hear the encouraging reports from the leaders of the Division, Unions, and Local missions, and institutions in this field. My heart has been cheered as I have noted the courage and faith of the leadership right throughout the division in the triumph of the gospel in the Middle East. The plans which have been carefully and prayerfully made for the work for the coming year will, I am sure, mean greater progress in all lines of activity, and I shall be very interested in the development of these plans during the year, and indeed, years to come. Nothing can stand in the way of Godly men and women who are filled with the Spirit of the living God, and who are determined to go forward and finish the task.

It was also a pleasure to meet some of the workers and lay-members in Iraq and Egypt. I shall long remember the very warm welcome which they gave us. The Middle East Division is fortunate in having such a splendid corps of workers and laymen in this field. As I leave to attend meetings in the Southern Asia and Far Eastern Divisions, I do so fully believing that the men and women whom God has appointed to carry the work in this far-flung field will be successful in their endeavors and will be faithful to God no matter what comes. The Lord expects much of each worker and lay-member, and I am confident that they will not disappoint the Master, but will be true to their trust and do faithfully and well the task assigned to them.

—C. L. Torrey

**A CALL TO  
FASTING & PRAYER**

The year 1952 is before us. The hour is growing late. The work is far from done. The task is super-human. Without mere power, and that from above, we can never finish the work. The reservoir of heaven is unlimited. It waits our demand and reception. How fitting it is that we begin the new year by spending Sabbath, January 12th, as a day of fasting and prayer. On that day God is looking to His church in the Middle East to seek Him as never before by making that whole-hearted consecration that will enable Him to give the strength necessary to give the final warning with such power as will make the millions of these Bible lands tremble, and the final harvest be gathered in.

The following resolution was adopted by the Middle East Division in annual committee session, November 15 to 24, 1951. We call this important message to the special attention of all our leaders and workers in this field:

*"Whereas,* Grave conditions have resulted in the peril of life and liberty and loss of property to our believers in many lands, thus seriously hampering the heralding of the everlasting gospel to all nations; therefore

*"Voted,* That January 12, 1952, be set apart as a day of solemn prayer and fasting, summoning our

people everywhere to plead most earnestly with God:

"1. For the power of the Holy Spirit to rest upon our ministers and people for holy living and effective witnessing.

"2. For God to open or reopen doors in lands now closed to the preaching of the message of Christ's return.

"3. For His hand of care and protection to be over our youth called to serve their countries in connection with the armed forces.

"4. For the lives of our leaders and people to be preserved in the lands of affliction.

"5. For these brethren, and our people everywhere, to be endowed with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit for soul winning."

—G. J. Appel.

**SCHEDULE OF CHURCH  
OFFERINGS**

*Regular Monthly Offerings*

1st Sabbath...	Local Church Evangelism
2nd Sabbath...	Church Expense
3rd Sabbath...	Education (Local School)
4th Sabbath...	Church Expense
5th Sabbath...	Poor Fund

*Special Offerings*

January 26	Religious Liberty
February 9	Free Church Literature
March 1	Middle East College

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

*First Quarter, 1952*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Special days</i>
January 5 .....	Local Church Evangelism (Family Altar Day)
January 12 .....	Day of Fasting and Prayer
January 26 .....	Religious Liberty Day
February 2 .....	Home Visitation Day
February 9 .....	Literature Ministry
February 16 .....	Local Church Evangelism
March 1 .....	Christian Education
March 8 .....	Missionary Volunteer Day
March 8 to 15 .....	Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer
March 22 to	
April 5 .....	"Hope" Campaign

**PRAY, PLAN, PREPARE TO GO ADVENTURING FOR GOD  
ON HOME VISITATION DAY, FEBRUARY 2.**

# Highlights of the Annual Committee Meeting

**C. C. Morris**, *Secretary*  
*Middle East Division*

Early in January, 1951, representative national and foreign workers assembled in Beirut from the various countries of the Middle East. Elder E. D. Dick and Elder W. H. Williams were present from the General Conference, and at that time the Middle East Division was organized in harmony with the provision made at the 1950 General Conference session. The territory was organized into two union missions, namely the East Mediterranean Union with R. H. Hartwell as president and A. B. King as secretary-treasurer, and the Nile Union Mission with Neal C. Wilson as president and A. E. Klein as secretary-treasurer. Local missions were organized under these two unions, and Iran was left as a detached mission under the supervision of the division. A division committee was formed, as well as institutional boards for the Middle East College, the Dar El Salaam Hospital, the Voice of Prophecy, and other division interests. The appropriations granted to the Middle East Division for 1951 were distributed, and the newly formed Middle East Division was off to a good start.

During the months which have followed a number of new workers joined the forces in the division. Early in the year R. C. Dinning and family arrived, he to take charge of the Middle East Press, and shortly afterward Elder A. W. Fiedler, with his wife and child, came to the Middle East. After a short stay in Beirut for language study, this family went on to Iraq, where Elder Fiedler is the president of the local mission. The medical work of the division was strengthened by the arrival of Dr. K. H. Pihl, who with his family arrived from the States to lead out at the Dar El Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, and Dr. W. H. Lesovsky and wife from Austria, who are re-opening the Sultanabad Hospital in Iran. During the summer months Elder T. S. Geraty arrived with his family from Hong Kong to take up his duties as president of the Middle East College; the A. R. Mazats, also from the South China Island Mission,

joined the group in Beirut, Elder Mazat having been called to be the Home Missionary and Publishing Department Secretary for the division. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Commell and baby daughter, called to the Iran Training School, found it necessary to spend three months in Beirut after their arrival in September, waiting for the necessary visas to proceed.

In November the Division Committee met again, with the division institution and union treasurers being invited in. We were also favored in having Elder C. L. Torrey, the General Conference Treasurer, and Dr. T. R. Flaiz, the General Conference Medical Department secretary, and his wife, present for our Autumn committee meeting. The first meeting was held the evening of November 15 at the Middle East College chapel with Elder G. J. Appel, division president, sounding the key note of the session. Each evening through to November 23 there were meetings held at the college chapel, thereby giving the students of the college an opportunity to listen to reports from various parts of the division. Each organization and division institution rendered most encouraging reports of the progress of the work during 1951.

The work of the committee was conducted in the committee room at the division headquarters building. Each morning at 8:15 the division office staff, the East Mediterranean Union office staff, the Voice of Prophecy office workers, and a number of the ladies from the union and division homes gathered for the devotional hours. During the first half of the session Dr. Flaiz led out in the devotional meetings, and for the last half of the week Elder C. L. Torrey conducted the morning devotional studies. These were highly beneficial to all who had the privilege of attending, as very practical instruction was presented along the line of missionary relationships for both national and foreign workers, and good counsel was given along the lines of practical religion.

During the first year of our work as a division organization study had been given to the drafting of operating policies to guide in the ac-



tivities of the work throughout the field. These were presented to the full committee through a sub-committee and were adopted during the session. Other sub-committees functioned during the session, bringing in plans and recommendations for promoting a strong advance in all lines of endeavor for the year 1952.

During 1951 a strong Ingathering campaign was organized, and splendid results were seen in all parts of the division territory. The concerted efforts of all our working force made a real impression in bringing our work to the attention of the general public, which responded very favorably in contributing to our mission endeavor. During the time of the committee session further plans were laid for "Home Visitation Days" and other lines of home missionary evangelism which will carry the work forward in an aggressive way throughout the coming year.

We have found that the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School is a most effective method of reaching the people of the Middle East, and at the time of the committee meeting we were happy for the report that the combined enrollment for the Voice of Prophecy students amounted to over 30,000. This phase of the work was again given careful study and more definite plans laid for the rapid advancement of the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School work, in the hope that by the end of 1952, 100,000 enrollments may be secured. Brother A. R. Mazat was asked to take the leadership of this work for the time being, thus freeing Elder George Keough to spend his time in the preparation of much needed literature. A number of actions taken at the time of the committee meeting stressed again the need for a greater supply of suitable literature for the division field, and

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## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST DIVISION ANNUAL COMMITTEE

### *Resolution on Gratitude*

Acknowledging with grateful hearts the guiding hand of God that has been over the work in this Division field during the past year (1951), and recognizing in the increasing difficulties met, the mounting international tensions, and the multiplying calamities of fire and flood by land and sea, sure signs of the nearness of the approaching end,

*Resolved*, That with solemn joy, and invoking the power of the Holy Spirit, we rededicate ourselves to the task of finishing the task assigned us, using to that end every talent the Lord has bestowed upon us and every means He has provided, and that we call upon every member throughout the field to join us in this complete consecration, that the world may see in us works suited to our professed faith, and glorify God and acknowledge His power.

### *Work of Revival*

*Whereas*, The work of revival carried on in many of our churches and institutions during the past year has brought great blessing to our people; and

*Whereas*, The Lord has graciously visited us through His Spirit during recent meetings held in Beirut, Cairo, and Iran :

*Be it resolved* :

1. That the work of revival and reformation be continued until all our people shall have been reached and given the opportunity of entering into this renewed experience under the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and

2. That constant effort be put forth to implement the series of recommendations on evangelism passed recently by the Division Council, to the end that the Advent message may be quickly carried to the uttermost part of the territory of the Middle East Division.

### *Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School Promotion*

*Whereas*, The students of the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School constitute an army of poten-

tial candidates for membership in the Seventh-day Adventist church; and

*Whereas*, At the present time we are not developing as we should the tremendous results of the opportunity of soul-saving in this line of work; and

*Whereas*, We are told that before the end "hundreds of thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God;" therefore,

*We recommend*, 1. That in the immediate future, or during 1952, a strong effort be put forth to contact the many who are studying our truths through the correspondence school, and bring them into the church.

2. That where possible, rallies be conducted, sponsored by union and local committees in centers where there are a large number of correspondence school students.

3. That a small message-filled booklet be prepared and distributed not only to those who are readers, but to potential readers, the cost of the same to be met from the free literature fund.

4. That readers in being contacted be encouraged to enroll their relatives, neighbors, and friends in the correspondence school.

5. That the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Department leaders in cooperation with the local pastors and elders carry the responsibility of contacting and fostering the interest among readers to the place where they are ready for baptism and to join the church.

6. That our publishing house be invited to make available a list of subscribers to the "Hope" Magazine, and that these be made available to the offices handling the Bible Correspondence Courses, and that these offices check their files with these lists. If all are not enrolled in the Correspondence Course, the office should correspond with such individuals urging them to enroll.

7. That greater emphasis be placed on enrolling our church membership throughout the unions and local missions in taking an active part in securing names and fostering the work of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School.

### *Challenge to Greater Evangelism with "Hope"*

*Whereas*, One of our objectives throughout the world is to double our church membership by 1954 through a vastly increased effort in every phase of our evangelistic program; and

*Whereas*, The vision of the future assures us that "more than 1,000 will be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our literature,"

*We recommend*, 1. That every church member be encouraged to endeavor by God's help to bring the spiritual blessing and uplift of the "Hope" magazine into two or more homes each year.

2. That all of our churches be encouraged to form prayer hands to pray for those who are subscribers to the "Hope," to the end that this journal might become an instrumentality in leading them to Christ, and an acceptance of the message.

### *"Hope" Magazine Promotion*

*Whereas*, "The Third Angel's Message is to be given through" the medium of our publications; and

*Whereas*, The "Hope" magazine is one of those streams of light that were seen to encircle the world; and

*Whereas*, "Our publications should be sent to every civilized country at any cost;" therefore,

*Resolved*,

1. That we rally to the support of the "Hope" magazine.

2. That we encourage our local workers and members to subscribe to it.

3. That we select and train young people in each country to obtain subscriptions for it.

4. That we concentrate all our colporteur efforts, so far as practicable, upon its circulation, to reach as soon as possible an immediate goal of 10,000 subscribers.

### *A Call to Greater Sabbath School Evangelism*

*Whereas*, There are great soul winning possibilities within the Sabbath School which as yet have not been fully utilized as indicated by the following statement from the messenger of the Lord :

"The Sabbath School should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 10.

"Our Sabbath Schools . . . can

accomplish far more than they have hitherto accomplished. The Sabbath School, when rightly managed, possesses marvelous power, and is adapted to doing a great work, but it is not now what it may and should be. The influence growing out of the Sabbath school work should improve and enlarge the church.... There is a most precious missionary field in the Sabbath school, and if there are omens of good, they are only indications and beginnings of what may be done." *Ibid.*, page 9; and,

*Whereas*, The year 1952 is the centennial year in our Sabbath School work throughout the world, and offers an unusual opportunity for launching the strongest soul-saving campaign in our history,

*We recommend*, 1. That every effort be made to place the strongest possible emphasis on the soul-saving phases of our Sabbath School work, both among our own children, youth, and adults, and among the general public; and

2. That 1952 mark the initiation of the strongest possible program of soul-winning through better teaching and Branch Sabbath Schools, in order that we might make the maximum contribution to the denominational objective of doubling our membership throughout the world.

3. That at least once a month the time usually devoted to the lesson review in the Sabbath School program be used for the presentation of

Sabbath School evangelism and the relating of Sabbath School soul winning experiences.

4. That at all of our local mission committee meetings and camp meetings the consideration and implementing of these plans be strongly promoted.

### **Membership and Baptismal Goals**

*Voted*, That in the Middle East Division we set as a goal to double our church membership by the end of 1954; further,

That the following be baptismal goals for 1952:

Nile Union	200
East Mediterranean Union	250
Iran Mission	50
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	500

### **1952 Evangelistic Campaign**

*Whereas*, In many areas of the earth where a campaign of concerted evangelistic efforts has been conducted it has proved a real blessing to our work, and the results have been such that a great ingathering of souls has taken place; and

*Whereas*, The many who joined in the efforts held in this division in the Fall of 1951 were greatly blessed,

*Voted*, That we encourage all of our workers, including evangelists, institutional, departmental workers, and laymen, and other workers, to take an active part in helping to conduct a general evangelistic cam-

paign in this division beginning March 1st and running to May 31, 1952; and

That in this series at least 27 campaigns be conducted throughout the division in the following proportion:

East Mediterranean Union	12
Nile Union	10
Iran Mission	5

That controlling committees give study to the follow-up of these efforts so that many more may be gathered in who have not taken their stand during the efforts.

### **Home Visitation Days**

*Whereas*, We are admonished in *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, Page 38, that the church is established to do missionary work and that genuine missionary work is visiting our neighbors, showing an interest in their eternal salvation, and pointing out to them that the coming of Christ is near at hand; and

*Whereas*, We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that by the proper use of the printing press in the winning of souls we multiply the resources a hundredfold, it was

*Voted*, 1. That in 1952 four Home Visitation Days be observed throughout our Division; that February 2, May 3, August 2, and November 1 be set apart for a visitation crusade sponsored co-operatively by the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments, and that during each visitation day, a special two-colored tract be distributed.

Group present in  
Beirut for Middle  
East Division  
Annual Committee  
Nov. 15-24, 1951



## WEEK OF PRAYER AT MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Beginning with vespers on Friday evening, November 30, and ending with a consecration service on Sabbath morning, December 8, the students and faculty enjoyed the privileges and blessings of another Week of Prayer.

Elder G. M. Krick, Chairman of the Spiritual Interests Committee, led out in the arrangements of the week. He was assisted by the members of the faculty who shared in the responsibility of preparing talks for the occasion.

It was an inspiration to hear everyone join heartily in the theme song of the week: "Precious Lord, lead me on, make me stand . . . Lead me home." The chapel talks were based on the book, *Steps to Christ*, emphasizing the principles of Christian living. The messages of the evening were taken from the Week of Prayer Readings prepared by the General Conference for this year. It was impossible not to be impressed with the importance of the times, the need to get ready for the coming of Jesus, the challenge of a world task to preach the Gospel, and the possibilities of power in a life wholly consecrated to God.

The dormitory deans of the College had divided the students into suitable prayer groups. These met every morning immediately after chapel. It was interesting to note that prayers were offered in a number of languages—Turkish, Armenian, Greek, Arabic, and English. God heard them all and answered in blessing the heart-yearnings of everyone.

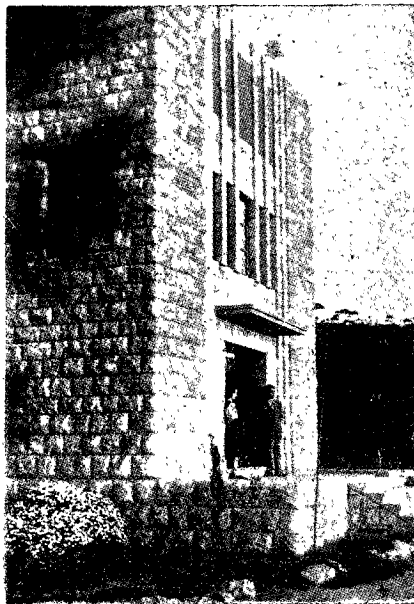
An arrangement of the Week of Prayer that was very much appreciated was the provision of a special counselling service whereby the students could interview in the evenings senior members of the faculty regarding personal difficulties and problems. The benefit was mutual to

teacher and student. The Scripture enjoins us to bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

The climax of the week came in the testimony meeting of Friday evening and the consecration service of Sabbath morning. Students and faculty testified to God's goodness and responded in consecration and re-consecration to the service of God.

A baptismal class of nine has been organized by Elder Krick, and we pray that God will bless these young people as they plan to follow their Master more fully. There is no doubt that Middle East College has a fine group of young people who are anxious to fulfill God's purposes for them in the Middle East.

—G. A. Keough



The doors of opportunity

Stand open at

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

### HIGHLIGHTS

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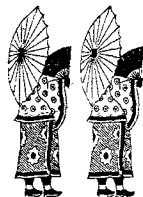
at the time of this writing, the manuscript for the first of a series of tracts has already gone to press.

The radio work was also given careful study. A studio building has been completed on the Middle East College campus, and equipment has been ordered for making transcriptions in the languages of the Middle East for use in broadcasting over the facilities that are being offered to us. It is our hope that we will be able to avail ourselves of the opportunities that are opening before us in broadcasting. The division radio work has been greatly strengthened by the appointment of Brother Wadie Farag to serve as radio secretary, and we are sure that the enthusiasm that he and others will bring to this department will be felt throughout our division territory.

The work of the Middle East Press was given much study during the time of our committee session, and plans were laid for the location of the publishing house, the erection of a press building, the securing of equipment, and every other phase of our publishing work. We are working toward the end of soon having our publishing plant established and literature produced in it for the needs of our work, rather than outside as is now being done. It was voted to erect the Press building on land owned by the Middle East College. Brother Dinning, the manager, is going forward with plans for establishing the press in the near future.

Funds made available to the Middle East Division by the General Conference Autumn Council were distributed. We felt very fortunate in receiving a substantial increase in our base appropriations, as well as a good sum for special needs. Our brethren throughout the division felt encouraged by the fact that the financial needs of the work were so well provided for. They have returned to their fields filled with courage and hope, determined that all the plans laid for the development of the work during 1952 can be vigorously carried forward and that the goals which were set along many lines of endeavor can be successfully attained.

# IN OTHER LANDS



## A THOUSAND IN A DAY

C. L. Paddock, Jr.

For years I have heard it said that the time would come when we would baptize a thousand people in a single day. I have often wondered if the time would ever come when I would be able to witness such an event.

Now I have seen prophecy fulfilled again before my own eyes.

We started out early Sunday morning from Mandeville, Jamaica, to drive to Montego Bay, where the baptism for the West Jamaica Conference was to be held. It was a distance of about seventy miles; but with the condition of the roads and the many turns, I think each mile must have been at least four.

We had not gone far when we saw people walking along either side of the road. Some were carrying little suit-cases on their heads. There were some riding bicycles. Most of those walking were hoping to be picked up by special buses or trucks going to the baptism. We passed a railway station crowded with people waiting for one of the six special trains which ran that day to Montego Bay. For sixty miles we passed buses, trucks, and people walking and riding every kind of conveyance. All were headed toward the great baptism.

When we arrived in Montego Bay, the streets were already packed with people. It was impossible to drive down many of the streets because of the crowds. At the church we were to meet the candidates. We had to walk several blocks because we couldn't go further with the car. The church was packed, and the churchyard was full. I thought perhaps these were relatives and friends; but learned they were all candidates

for baptism. There were 550 of them there holding a little yellow card which showed they were ready to be baptized.

We started out for the beach. I have never seen such crowds in my life. It reminded me of the stories I have heard of the people over in Africa coming from every direction to camp-meeting. Again it was out of the question to try to drive, so for an hour and a half we walked, pushing our way through the crowd.

People were coming in boats, and all along the shore out about a hundred feet were boatloads of people to see the ceremony. There were twenty-one ministers lined up in the water ready to baptize the candidates. Pastor Calkins and Pastor Peters, of the General Conference, stood on a small platform near the water. As the candidate stood by the side of each preacher in the water, these two men took turns saying, "I now baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost."

Due to the tremendous and unexpected crowds, there were almost one hundred candidates who could not even get down to the water to be baptized. I noticed a tree full of people. More kept going up into the tree. Soon it began to crack and it fell to the ground.

There were 20,000 people there that afternoon. In the evening a special meeting was held in the city square. The speaker stood in the tower of the city hall and spoke to a crowd of well over 20,000.

In the East Jamaica Conference, several smaller baptisms were held where they baptized an equal number, making a total for the entire island of about 1,100 people baptized in a single day.

But the most wonderful part of this to me was the number of these

candidates who became interested in the message through the printed page. It was impossible to count them when they held up their hands; but we feel that probably half of this number first became interested through reading. This is another sign of the mighty power there is in the printed page.

—From the *Atlantic Union Gleaner*, August 7, 1951.

"Humble workers, who do not trust in their own strength, but who labor in simplicity, trusting always in God, will share in the joy of the Saviour. Their persevering prayers will bring souls to the cross. In co-operation with their self-sacrificing efforts, Jesus will move upon hearts, working miracles in the conversion of souls. Men and women will be gathered into church fellowship. Meeting-houses will be built, and schools established. The hearts of the workers will be filled with joy as they see the salvation of God." *Testimonies*, vol. 7, page 27.

## CONGRATULATIONS :

To Elder and Mrs. K. S. Oster on the birth of their son, Cyrus Kenneth, on May 20, 1951, in Teheran.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Green, whose second son, Daniel Harley, was born in Tehran August 30, 1951.

To Elder and Mrs. A. W. Fiedler, who announced the arrival of Beverly Jane on September 9, 1951, in Baghdad.

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## HERE and THERE

\* Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Darnell arrived in Beirut from the United States on board the *Nyhaug* in mid-December. Brother Darnell has been called to the Jordania Mission and will be proceeding on there in the near future. We are happy to welcome these new workers as additions to the staff in this field.

\* During the time of the recent division committee, it was possible for the C. L. Gemmell family to obtain their visas to enter Iran. While the group at Beirut were sorry to see good folks leave, we are thankful that they can now proceed on to their work at the Iran Training School.

\* **Iraq**—Brother Salim Majeed reports having conducted a series of evangelistic meetings in Basrah. His school is also financially successful as well as helpful in making friends for our work in that port city.

Pastor Hilal expects several to be baptised before the new year as a result of evangelistic efforts in Baghdad. Brother Wadie Saaty is principal of the largest mission school we have in the Middle East, and he is assisted by Miss Fawzia Khalil and a group of other fine teachers. The enrollment is the greatest in history—over 270.

The Mosul school is also progressing nicely with its activities. Brother Behnam Arshat, and Brother Said Tooma, the principal there, have done very well in their Ingathering work and nearly 250 Voice of Prophecy names have been sent in. Another baptism is desired in that city very soon.

\* **Jordania** — Single handed Brother Mousa Azar has tried to hold onto the interests springing up all over the country. A new school has been opened in El Husn with fourteen children attending. Miss Hana Jubran reports a good school year in Amman. Ingathering work in Amman proved more successful than ever before. Special thanks to the Division for loaning Brethren Mazat and Wadie Farag this year to help with the campaign.

\* **Lebanon-Syria (Including Cyprus)**—On the Island of Cyprus Brother Robert Moie and Brother John Bedelian have been holding evangelistic meetings in a very pro-

minent rented hall. The meetings have been in English and translated into Greek. We are thankful that so far three have united with the Nicosia church.

In Syria Voice of Prophecy interests are multiplying on every hand. To date there have been twenty-one baptisms in 1951.

In Lebanon the membership has now reached 275 and prospects are good for passing the 300 mark before long. The Week of Prayer is producing good results in the Beirut area, and no doubt reports will soon tell of the Spirit's power being manifested in other places. Brother Elias Hanna and Miss Aida Ghazal are not only conducting a good school in Aramoun, but they are spending every evening either in holding meetings or in giving Bible studies. A real interest has been springing up from the Voice of Prophecy all over Lebanon and especially in some of the prisons.

\* **Turkey**—On a recent visit to Turkey it was good to find our brothers and sisters of good courage and praying for a leader to be with them. A very pretty wedding was held in the Protestant church when Mr. Kevork Yeshil and Miss Selma Kahrman were married by the union president on November 4. Several hundred people attended the wedding service.

\* **Egypt**—December 29 is being called "Victory Day" in the Nile Union, when they hope to have at least eighty souls baptized as a result of their evangelistic efforts during the Fall.

Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School lessons are now being corrected and sent out from our Cairo office at an ever increasing rate. Frequently as many as five hundred of these corrected lessons are mailed to enrollees in one day.

\* **Iran**—During the time of the recent committee meetings in Beirut the good news was received from Dr. W. H. Lesovsky that our hospital in Sultanabad is again open and receiving patients.

## RECENT VISITORS IN BEIRUT

The workers in Beirut have enjoyed the privilege of entertaining and being entertained by an unusually large number of visitors during the last few weeks. Shortly before the recent Division Annual Committee we were favored by a surprise visit from Elder V. T. Armstrong, President of the Far Eastern Division, who stopped here for two days between planes on his way to Singapore from the Fall Council in the States.

The first arrival of the delegates to the Division Committee was Elder Neal Wilson, who flew from Cairo on Tuesday, November 13. A few hours later the Sultanabad station wagon rolled up to the door of the Division Office, bringing our delegates from Iran, Brethren K. S. Oster and E. J. Green.

On Wednesday Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Flaiz arrived to give us valuable assistance during the council. The same day another of our delegates from Egypt, Brother A. E. Klein, joined our group.

Early Thursday morning the treasurer of the General Conference, Elder C. L. Torrey, arrived. His friendly and encouraging counsel during his stay was an inspiration to all. Later on Thursday Brother Ramses Mina came from Cairo, and the Arthur Fund family of Baghdad reached Beirut.

On Friday Dr. K. H. Pihl arrived from Baghdad to complete the list of delegates. During the next week we were happy to have Mrs. Neal Wilson with us for a few days.

Although it was necessary for Dr. and Mrs. Flaiz to leave early for appointments in India, and Dr. Pihl had to return to the medical work in Baghdad before the end of the session, most of our visitors left for their respective fields shortly after the close of the committee meetings on November 25.

Stopping over on December 2 for a two day visit while their boat was in port here were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Soule and their small son, enroute to India. Brother Torrey, who had gone with the Division leaders to visit our work in Baghdad and in Egypt, returned to Beirut for a day while making connections to continue his around-the-world trip.

