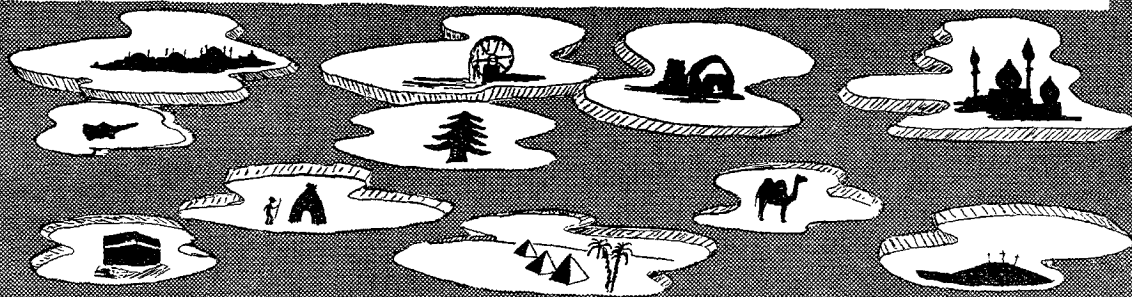


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ENLARGING THE KINGDOM

By A. A. ESTEB

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It has been four years since our visit to the Middle East Division in 1952. How pleased I am to see the progress of the work during these intervening years. Since we were here I find many evidences of growth. It was a pleasure to see the new Middle East Division office and the homes for the workers. And the new administration building at the College is also a credit to the church.

Furthermore, the Press building which was "new" four years ago I now find working to capacity and already too small. Indeed, a second floor has just been built and is being equipped as a bindery. I am told that the Press has been a busy place, working three shifts,

or around the clock 24 hours a day part of the time to supply the demand. In one recent year it is said the literature circulated exceeded the amount circulated in the previous fifty years.

I now see new churches built since we were here in 1952. Other new churches are in process of construction or are on blueprints. A new Bible auditorium and health and welfare center for the city of Beirut is also included in the expansion program for this field.

It is a great pleaser to see the growth of the work of God. It is in harmony with the mind and plans of God. Indeed, we have the explicit command: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isa. 54:2.

This enlargement includes the growth of the individual church member as well as the work around the world. In fact the real growth of the church depends upon the growth and development of the members of the church. It is not enough to build new churches or new schools. It is not enough to enlarge our buildings. And it is not even enough to enlarge the membership of our churches. The real test of the strength and character of the church cannot be measured by numbers alone or by the size of the buildings we build. Indeed, we have been given clear counsel on this point in the Spirit of Prophecy:

"The real character of the church is measured, not by the high profession

she makes, not by the names enrolled upon the church book, but by what she is actually doing for the Master, by the number of her persevering, faithful workers." CS p. 12.

From this statement it is clear that we must measure our success not by how many people we lead into church to worship but by how many we lead out to work. The strength of a church is found in the number of "faithful workers."

While we lengthen the cords we must constantly be strengthening the stakes. While reaching out to help others we must be sure our own feet are not standing on slippery places. While helping others we must keep our own hearts pure and strong. We must strengthen the stakes at home—in our own homes, in our own hearts. How can we strengthen our own spiritual experience? Let us spend more time with the Word of God. There is nothing that will strengthen our minds and hearts like a study of the living Words of the living God. "If God's Word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose that are rarely seen in these times." GW p. 249. Yes, and time spent in prayer and communion with God also makes us strong.

"We kneel how weak, we rise, how full of power;

Why do we do ourselves this wrong, and others,

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Love The Basis of Tithe Paying

By Y. O. Sangarloo

Love must be the basis of all what we do for God or give to Him. We are told that we are to love God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind. When the heart is right it is filled with love.

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32.

Through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, God has freely given us all things. Before one can give he must possess that which he gives. The Psalmist tells us that Christ is the creator and the supreme owner of all things. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalms 24:1. We also read, "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine." Psalms 50:10, 11. But more than that, God says the silver and gold are his.

God has given us in His word a definite plan for the support of the gospel message that is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. That plan is the tithing system. We are told, "The Lord does not come to this world with gold and silver to advance His work. He supplies men with resources that by their gifts and offerings they may keep His work advancing. The one purpose above all others for which God's gifts should be used, is the sustaining of workers in the great harvest field. And if men, and women as well, will become channels of blessing to other souls, the Lord will keep the channels supplied. It is not returning to God His own that makes men poor; it is withholding that tends to poverty." 6 T p. 448, 449.

The paying of the tithe is not a Jewish institution for before the days of the church in the wilderness it was known and practiced. The patriarchs recognized the paying of tithe as a moral obligation. Abraham paid tithe four hundred twenty-two years before Sinai. (Genesis 14:18-20). Jacob paid tithe two hundred sixty-nine years before Sinai. (Genesis 28:22). After the children of Israel were delivered from Egypt they were taught lessons in the wilderness concerning their responsibility to God and the support of His work. "All the tithe of the land,



whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." Leviticus 27:30.

God made it plain that the tithe was to be used to support the Levites and the priests who served in the sanctuary service. To Aaron He said, "Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel." Numbers 18:20.

God's plan for the support of ministers and those who serve in His cause today is the same as it was anciently. They are to be supported from His own revenue of holy things. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Corinthians 9:14. Christ Himself taught the binding obligation of the tithing system when He said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Matthew 23:23

Tithepayers are promised a rich blessing. When they bring all the tithes into His storehouse, they may claim the promise that God will open the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. He wants us to be faithful in tithe paying because He desires to take us into partnership with Him in the proclamation of the gospel. By paying an honest tithe will you not share in the joy of seeing souls saved in the kingdom of God?

"WHOSO PUTTETH HIS TRUST IN THE LORD SHALL BE SAFE"

As we hurry on from one day to another, busy with enumerable tasks, we often lose sight of the fact that God's care and protection is over each one of His children no matter where he is. We thought our readers would be interested in a letter recently written by Anees A. Haddad, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the East Mediterranean Union, in which he tells of a remarkable and miraculous experience which took place in Old Persia where a Junior Camp was held for the first time this year.—Editor.

"On Thursday we transported our first Iranian J.M.V. camp to a place called Georgeron, twenty-three kilometers east of Tehran, in a river valley that looked beautiful and inviting. We were tired and exhausted when we went to bed late that night. On Friday it started to rain. We had no waterproof tents. In a couple of hours everything we had was wet and the rain continued to pour down. I called the staff members to headquarters and we had an earnest season of prayer asking the Lord to guide us and if it was His will to stop the rain. Then each counselor went to his drenched tent and had a season of prayer with the juniors. That was at two o'clock in the afternoon. The rain stopped, but the weather was very bad. We were impressed to break up camp and return to Tehran. The Sabbath was approaching so we had to act quickly. Pastor Skinner took a counselor to Tehran to bring a bus.

We prepared to move camp and packed everything as quickly as we could while God's hand was sheltering us from a terrific storm. The bus came with ten porters and within a few hours we were in Tehran where we set up camp in the Mission compound for Sabbath and Sunday. Elder Skinner returned Friday night to Georgeron to transport the waiting counselors for there had been no room on the bus for them. He said it was raining hard where we had been. The Lord answered our prayers and protected us for four hours until we were moved. Everybody was discouraged. We could not understand it. The farmers said that no such summer rains had fallen for years. We could not understand why the Lord should make us move out before spending one full day at camp. We were so miserably tired that the prospects of pitching tents and setting up camp in another place was very disheartening. Within five days we camped in three sites.

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ACCEPT THAT WHICH GOD PROVIDES

By W. E. Olson



When Christ gave the command, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" He also provided the means to accomplish that commission. God declares, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine," David recognized that "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Furthermore we have the assurance of our Savior who promised, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." With these assurances of God's blessings we must press forward taking advantage of every opportunity that He presents before us.

The annual Ingathering Campaign is one means which the Lord has provided whereby we may solicit a portion of the wealth which He has entrusted to others to be used in His service. Some have asked regarding the propriety of receiving gifts from men of the world who are not of our faith. The Spirit of Prophecy gives this reply. "I would ask you, Who is it that owns our world? Who are the real owners of houses and lands? Is it not God? He has an abundance in our world which He has placed in the hands of men, by which the hungry might be supplied with food, the naked with clothing, the homeless with homes. The Lord would move upon worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of the work, if we would approach them wisely, and give them an opportunity of doing those things which it is their privilege to receive." TM p. 197.

A few hesitate to go Ingathering because they feel that they are asking the

people for money and giving nothing to them in return. This feeling should not exist for two reasons. First of all, the money received through Ingathering for the service of God is money which God first gave to those individuals to be kept in trust for His work. Secondly, we should not ask without also giving. God has entrusted into our hands the knowledge of the way to eternal life. That knowledge we should tactfully offer to everyone we meet as we ingather. That knowledge which may mean eternal life to the one you meet is worth far more to him than all the wealth he may now possess. Through Ingathering contacts you may offer mansions on the streets of gold in exchange for the trials of this life. Thus you are offering far more than what you receive.

We are told by the servant of the Lord, "Just as long as we are in this world, and the Spirit of God is striving with the world, we are to receive as well as to impart favors. We are to give to the world the light of truth as presented in the Sacred Scriptures, and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to do in behalf of His cause." TM p. 202.

"The Lord God... has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers, but they are to be used in favor of doing the works that must be done for a fallen world. The agents through whom these gifts come may open up avenues through which the truth may go. They may have no sympathy with the work, and no faith in Christ, and no practice in His words; but their gifts are not to be refused on that account.

"... Let them (the leaders) be as wise as serpents, and as harmless as doves. I have repeatedly been shown that we might receive far more favors than we do in many ways if we would approach men in wisdom, acquaint them with our work, and give them an opportunity of doing those things which it is our privilege to induce them to do for the advancement of the work of God." TM p. 203.

I have frequently been challenged with the question, how can we reach the rich men with our message? They will not come to our meetings. They are too busy, usually, to read our literature. Last year I found the Ingathering work to be a most effective means to find an excuse to enter the offices of the rich and poor alike. I was surprised to find such a large number of influential men who knew little or nothing

about our work but when we showed them pictures of our schools, hospitals and other like institutions they showed a very appreciative interest in the uplift work which we as Adventists are doing for their country. Why should we labor year after year and the very ones who need this message most do not know that we exist? I believe that year by year we can use the Ingathering campaign as a most effective means of acquainting all classes of society with the work we are doing.

Aside from the message we give and the funds we receive in return, I have found my own soul stirred as I took the most active part in Ingathering work last year that I have ever taken. I am sure that once the fear of knocking at the first door is overcome, every consecrated solicitor will find a blessed experience in the Ingathering work.

Much of the advancement made in the past few years in the construction of new schools, churches, etc. has been made possible by the funds collected through the Ingathering Campaign. As the local people become better acquainted with our work we can with confidence and a prayer for God's blessings expect greater offerings in the future.

We thank God for the larger offerings from the wealthy but also we should solicit gifts from the lower classes of society as well for by doing so we open a channel whereby God may pour out His richest blessings upon the giver. The following story written by F. Emerson Andrews in the *Atlantic Monthly* should give each one new courage to ask for offerings:

"Some years ago I was walking through the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. The depression was in its blackest depths, and a government program was making small allotments to impoverished farmers for seed, stock, or needed improvements. I met one of the government agents who had just returned from a mountain woman who, all alone, managed somehow to scratch a living from her two acres.

" 'If the government could allot you \$ 200, what would you do with it?' the government agent had asked her.

"The woman thought a moment. Her cabin had no floor but the packed earth, and light came through chinks in its wall. Finally she said: 'Reckon I'd give it to the poor.'"

May God bless each of you and make this year the greatest in Ingathering in the Middle East.

Not Twelves Disciples But Apostles

By T. S. Geraty

President, Middle East College



The graduating classes of 1956 at Middle East College evince the need for reviewing the term *commencement*. June 24 was Commencement Day on the campus, and it was an especially happy day for the seniors.

Yes, life and learning really commence, or begin, for the graduate on Commencement Day. The value of his education may be determined quite largely from the time he receives his certificate or diploma; his education and training will be tested. The crucible of daily life and experience will assess the value of theory.

All learning does not take place within four walls or within the years of childhood and youth. Learning is a continuous process during the life of an individual—or should be. Formal education helps to accelerate the learning processes, especially as problems and problem-solving occur even on the elementary school level. Laboratory and field experience should parallel the learning of the classroom and lecture hall. There should be no conflict between theory and practice.

Middle East College, like all Seventh-day Adventist schools, has a role to play in aiding the youth to know God and to help them to make Him known to others. It has a goal to follow the Word of God. It wants true higher education, a character well expressed in *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, page 11:

...To gain the higher education means to follow the word implicitly; it means to walk in the footsteps of Christ, to practice His virtues. It means to give up selfishness, and to devote the life

to the service of God. Higher education calls for something greater, something more divine, than the knowledge to be obtained merely from books. It means a personal, experimental knowledge of Christ; it means emancipation from ideas, from habits and practices; that have been gained in the school of the prince of darkness, and which are opposed to loyalty to God. It means to overcome stubbornness, pride, selfishness, worldly ambition, and unbelief. It is the message of deliverance from sin.

We are happy for the large groups of graduates in both the preparatory school and college classes. The number of college-graduates this year well remind us of the twelve who had followed the Master Teacher. Jesus called His *disciples to be apostles*. Unless the students from our schools "go forth" to witness for the true God into fields of His choosing, our training program is incomplete. God would call everyone to be a follower of His, and then He would send him forth into the vineyard.

At Middle East College we as fellow teachers and workers are interested in the salvation of all Advent youth and in their preparation to fill their places, respectively, to help fulfill under God the gospel commission in the Middle East.

As fellow workers we solicit your prayers and support for our Division college that each Commencement Day may offer more *apostles*. We desire our followers to be sent forth for God.

Lost Yesterday

Somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours. Each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered for they are gone forever.

—Horce Mann

to those in attendance. Demonstrations and quizzes, as well as the experiences and discussions, enlivened the meetings. Pastor William Gayer and Idrahim Yussef are assisting the colporteurs this suffer. A recently baptized Voice of Prophecy convert plans to join the colporteur group.

* Miss Miriam Bruce, R.N., is expected to arrive in Benghazi in September, to become Supervisor of Nurses at our Adventist Hospital there.

HERE AND THERE

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* Elder Theodore Lucas, Secretary the principle speaker at the Program of the Assiut School held in Assiut, May 17. An audience of 500, including many prominent guests witnessed a colorful and varied program put on by the students of the school. Pastor Hilmy Berbawy, the Headmaster, and his staff of teachers are to be commended for their efforts in the planning of this program.

* Seven Master Guides were invested in the largest Investiture Service ever to be held in Upper Egypt, and perhaps in the Nile Union, at the Assiut church, May 19. Pastors Lucas, Zytkoskee, Russell, and Brauer each had a share in investing the children and youth from Assiut and surrounding communities.

Many of the students from the Assiut school were invested in the children's Friend class, with a total of 25, including several from the Masra and Badary schools. Those receiving Master Guide insignia were Pastor Hilmy Berbawy, Lutfy Abd El Messieh, Fayes Thawfilis, Mrs. C. V. Brauer, Huda Watson, Nadia Watson, Fawzia Wadie. More than 100 Vocational Honors were also bestowed.

* Yousseff Bishai, M.D. is now taking up hospital work in Cleveland, Ohio, and sends greetings to his many friends back in the Middle East.

* From Jordania to Egypt comes a ten year old boy to find a home in the Mataria Mercy Home. The child's father lost his life during the Palestinian war. Mrs. Kreuger is mothering almost thirty children.

* Salim Farag, Ph.D, recently made a flying visit to his parents, Brother and Sister Farag Assad. Dr. Farag was on his way to Tanganyika where he will assist in field investigations for the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine, which is a branch of the College of Medical Evangelists, at Loma Linda, California.

* Farris Bishai reports from the Sudan that he is conducting a Baptismal Class, and is having interested and convicted listeners.

* Of the fifty colporteurs who are spending their summer selling our truth-filled literature, forty-five are students. Ten are new recruits this year. At the Colporteur Convention held June 15-21, at Heliopolis. Bro. Wadie Farag, from the Division, and Pastor Wilson, from the Union, gave timely instruction

A NEW IMPETUS TO OUR MISSION WORK

By Richard Hammill

One of the greatest needs in our denomination now is for a new vital surge forward in our mission activities. In past years we have built institutions and started new work in so many places in the world that at the present a large proportion of our mission funds is needed to carry on the work already started in these places. It is vital that we strengthen the work and continue it where it is already established. However, our people are interested in seeing an impetus given to expanding the work into fields that have not yet been touched, and for the commencement of new types of activity in certain areas where we are already operating. They have shown by their financial support that they believe in strengthening the stakes, but in conversation with loyal believers in many churches we find they are interested too in lengthening the cords, and launching out for greater, more expanded work.

We are happy to report that plans have been laid to reach out into new fields and to begin these new types of activity. Our leaders in the mission fields are asking our believers in the home land to finance these projects by liberal gifts for the missions extension offering which will be taken in all Seventh-day Adventist churches on Sabbath, September 1. Let me describe for you a few of these special projects which our missionaries are asking our people to help them finance.

Brazil, a country much larger than the United States, has a population of fifty-two million people. Out of this mass of human beings 36,652 are baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist church. We have several hospitals and a thriving medical work carried on by launches on the great rivers of the country. However, we are greatly embarrassed by the fact that we do not have nearly enough nurses in Brazil to enable the medical work to make the contribution to the advance of the message that it should. Within the whole great nation we do not have a single training school for Adventist nurses. Moreover, the nursing education schools of the country are greatly overcrowded and cannot provide nurses' training for our young people. In all South America there is only one other Adventist training school for nurses. Before our medical program, which serves so marvelously in strengthening our work and winning souls to the faith, can be expanded, it will be necessary to establish a training school within Brazil to train our Adventist young people for this profession. One of the projects to be launched as the result of funds given

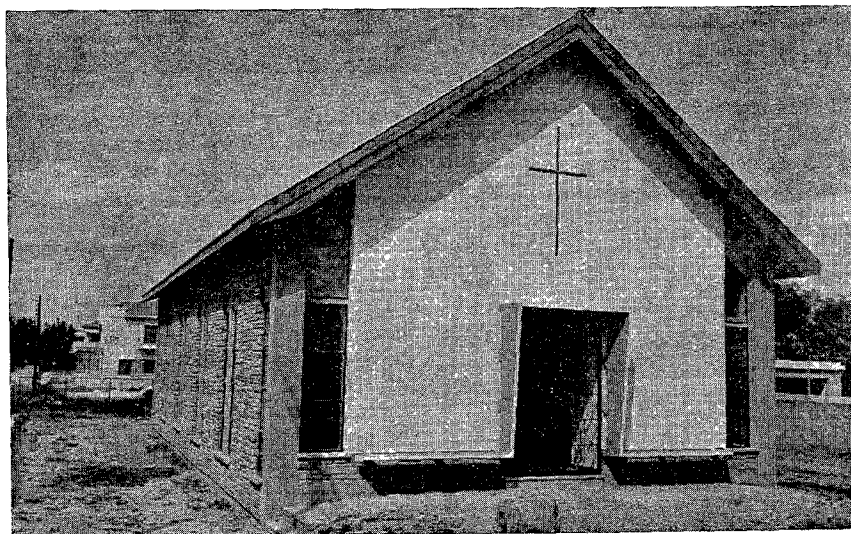
toward the missions extension offering is a school of nursing in Brazil.

Almost as vital for the advancement of our work in this great nation is the building and equipping of another worker-training school. Previously our young people from the northern regions of Brazil have had to travel over 3,000 miles to our training school in southern Brazil. In recent years attempts have been made to establish a strong worker-training school in northeastern Brazil in order to educate the young people of our church who reside in those areas. Our brethren have launched out in faith in these projects, and are looking to

their fellow believers here in America to help them, by means of the missions extension offering, to provide permanent quarters and adequate housing and equipment in order that this school may function efficiently in training workers for the field.

Another imperative need that must be met immediately is for a new worker-training school in Indonesia. This largest Moslem country in the world with its eighty million people is crying out for educational facilities. Almost weekly our leaders are receiving calls

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It was a happy day for the group of believers on the island of Cyprus when they met together for worship recently in their beautiful new Church in Nicosia.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Constituency of Middle East Press will be held November 14, 1956, at 10 a.m., in the Middle East Division Office Committee Room, Beirut, Lebanon. All regular delegates to the Middle East Division 1956 Bi-ennial Council are members of this constituency.

G. J. Appel, Chairman
M. J. McCulloch,
Secretary

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Constituency of Middle East College will be held November 12, 1965, at 10 a. m., in the Middle East Division Office Committee

Room, Beirut, Lebanon. All regular delegates to the Middle East Division 1956 Bi-ennial Council are members of this constituency.

G. J. Appel, Chairman
C. L. Gemmell,
Secretary

DAR EL SALAAM HOSPITAL CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Constituency of the Dar El Salaam Hospital will be held November 13, 1965, at 10 a. m., in the Middle East Division Office Committee Room, Beirut, Lebanon. All regular delegates to the Middle East Division 1965 Bi-ennial Council are members of this constituency.

G. J. Appel, Chairman
R. G. Ubbink,
Secretary

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

By G. Arthur Keough

BIBLE TEXTBOOK WORKSHOP MEETS AGAIN

In harmony with Division committee action, the Bible textbook workshop meets again this summer. All efforts are being made to complete the major portion of the work started two summers ago.

The following are the personnel for this summer. Mr. Yacoub Nashed, Mr. Selim Noujaim, Mr. Jad Katrib, Mr. George Rafoul, Mr. Ibrahim Swaidan, Mr. H. J. Nasir, Miss Fawzia Khalil, Miss Nageeba Isaac, Miss Hana Jubran, Miss Foutna Bishai, Miss Ruth Nashed, Miss Sonia Nassif, Mr. Habib Ghali, and Mrs. Aziza Farag-Ghali.

There is a good spirit of cooperation and endeavor and it is felt that this coming year some very valuable material will be placed in the hands of teachers and students that will enhance the teaching of Bible in our schools.

Here are some statements from members of the workshop.

"It is a joy and pleasure for me to spend this summer in doing something which is of great interest to me, and I hope is of interest to all teachers and students, that of translating and adapting material for Bible textbooks. I trust that the Lord will bless this kind of work and that it may be the means of saving many for the kingdom of heaven."—H. J. Nasir

"I have faith to believe that in heaven Jesus will surprise me with some stars in my crown because I have had the privilege of helping prepare Bible textbooks. Who knows how many souls will be brought to God's kingdom through them?"—Ruth Nashed

"I have always felt it is a privilege to serve our schools in any way possible. Being a member of the Bible Textbook Workshop for the first time this year I can proudly say that this workshop is carrying the responsibility of offering the best spiritual food for both our teachers and students."—Jad Katrib

"I am so very happy and consider it a great privilege to have a part in preparing these important Bible textbooks for the students in our schools in the Middle East countries. I do hope and pray that the lessons contained in these books may prove to be a great help and

a blessing to both teachers and students."—George Rafoul

"The Bible lessons in our schools are to be of the greatest interest to teachers and students and so the Bible books used are of great importance. It is a privilege to spend a third summer helping to prepare Bible books and I trust that any assistance given may be for the salvation of many."—Foutna Bishai



Middle East College is happy to welcome Miss June Soper, newly appointed music teacher.

TRUE EDUCATION

Means more than knowing all the histories and mathematics and ologies this old world has to offer; it is knowing Him of infinite wisdom who "so loved the world that Has gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Means more than passing a test of any noted university for an honored degree; it is measuring up to the test of God for a crown of life that fadeth not away.

Means more than receiving a sheepskin in the commencement of life; it is receiving the diploma of character in the commencement of eternity...

Means more than being accomplished in music; it is to sing the song of victory on the great sea of glass with the redeemed of all ages in that mighty anthem of Moses and the Lamb.

Means more than a knowledge of all the constellations and all the stars of heaven; it is knowing the Bright and Morning Star...

Means more than engineering and constructing an Empire State Building; it is "building, every day, a temple the world may not see," a glory to God throughout eternity.

Means more than reaching the highest pinnacle of earthly honor and fame; it is "sweeping through the gates to the New Jerusalem, washed in the blood of the Lamb."

—C. B. Howe

ENLARGING THE KINGDOM

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That we are not always strong?"

Besides the faithful study of the Word of God and prayer there is still the important work of active service—spiritual exercise. This is also essential to the development of a strong christian character. "Where there is no active labor for others love wanes and faith grows dim." DA p. 825.

Therefore, while the material evidences of growth are apparent in the Middle East Division in the great expansion program, let every worker and every member be sure that we are "strengthening the stakes" while we are "lengthening the cords." Yes, let us individually keep in step with the advance of the work of God around the world. We are a part of this great program of enlarging the kingdom of God. And the greatest days of the movement are just ahead of us. Let us be faithful until that wonderful day when He will say, "It is finished."

JUNIOR CAMP

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By Monday the weather had cleared and we had found a most beautiful spot to camp—right next to a spring in a grove of trees called Manzarieh on the Al Burz mountains north of Tehran.

Last night it was revealed to us why the Lord had moved us out of George-ron. The valley where we were camping was swept with a flood that took scores of lives. The newspapers report that 250 lives were lost (most of whom were in that valley) and one hundred million toumans worth of real estate and gardens.

I tremble as I write these words under a tree overlooking my juniors in their council period—all safe and praising the Lord."

Much prayer, much power; little prayer, little power; no prayer, no power.

—Selected

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from communities for teachers to come and establish Adventist schools. In many places the community is willing to provide the school and the equipment if we will only provide the teacher. Annually many souls are being won to the faith so that we are not able by any means to meet the demand for trained teachers to provide schools for our children, let alone to enter into the wonderful evangelistic opportunity provided by these calls from other communities. A worker-training school has been started for Indonesia, but it will need a large appropriation of funds this year in order to become well-established.

In the Middle East Division also missions extension funds will be used to provide a school for the training of Adventist children who are encountering intolerable conditions in trying to attend the local schools. These Seventh-day Adventist youth are punished for their attendance at Sabbath schools. Frequently they are beaten and sometimes expelled. The great need in that division is for a school in the area where a branch Sabbath school has been started by the students of the Middle East College. This elementary school, in addition to providing an education for those young people who have recently accepted the faith, will serve as a laboratory school in the teacher education department of the college.

We hesitate to mention the crying need of a worker-training school for central New Guinea for fear that our readers will tire of hearing about this endless need for schools. However, all over the world the need of the hour is for the establishment of additional schools to train our indigenous Adventist youth so that they can help proclaim the third Angel's message.

In some mission fields the greatest need is for industries wherein the young people who are receiving an education in schools already established may work to pay for their own expenses. Due to the very low average income in most mission fields it is almost impossible for many Adventist parents to pay anything toward the education of their children. At the same time, the mission cannot be burdened with these expenses. Therefore added industrial facilities are needed in several schools to provide opportunities for students to earn their own way. Some missions extension funds this year will purchase printing

presses to expand or establish print shops which provide excellent work opportunities for students. In other countries the need is for printing presses to enable the brethren to publish our truth in the language of the country.

I am sure it is not necessary to write more. The above illustrations have given a picture of the greatest challenge in expanding our work today. I have labored in some mission lands and have visited others. In every mission field the transcendent demand is for more and better schools to train thousands of Adventist young people to carry on and expand our growing work. Now here is an opportunity for each of us to provide a new surge to the onward progress of the Adventist message. Let us plan now to give a liberal offering for missions extension on Sabbath, September 1. At the worship hour let us talk it over with all the family including the children, and lay plans to give a large amount for these essential projects.

HERE AND THERE

* The Middle East College Graduation Services were held on June 22-24. The speakers for the various services were: Consecration service, Elder G. J. Appel; Baccalaureate service, Elder K. L. Vine; Commencement service, Elder Neal C. Wilson. Ten young people received the Bachelor of Arts Degree, two were given two-year college diplomas, and fifteen received their high school certificates.

* The summer session of Middle East College started on July 1. There are students from Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, and Iran. This summer session will give opportunity for more efficient service in their respective fields.

* Miss June Soper, the newly appointed music teacher for the college, arrived in Beirut on July 26. The college is looking forward to the development of a strong music department.

* An extensive work program is going on at the College campus this summer. There are two buildings under construction—the bakery-store building, and the Arabic Elementary school. The work students are energetically doing their best from the early hours of the morning to hasten the completion of these buildings.

* Miss Edith C. Davis returned from furlough on June 22 aboard the "S.S. Hoegh Silverspray." She has been appointed to serve as Principal of the Secondary School, and Principal of the

Arabic Elementary School. She will also continue in her position as head of the Division of Education.

* Elder Fred Veltman, the former president of the Cyprus Mission, has joined the staff of Middle East College. His talents will add much to the work at the college.

* Mr. Michael Nabti has been asked to fill the position of Arabic teacher in the secondary section of the college. Dean of Men for the ensuing school year will be Mr. N. Ouzounian.

* Elder K. L. Vine, chairman of the Division of Religion, attended the Iran Regional meetings and Iraq camp meetings, representing the college.

* Elder T. S. Geraty, President of Middle East College, received his Master's Degree in June in the field of School Administration from the University of Southern California. He has begun work on his Doctorate.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bitar on the birth of a daughter on August 11.

* By PAA via Europe, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fund, Larry and Nancy left Beirut on August 2 for furlough in the U. S. We wish them a safe and pleasant journey.

* Travelling by air and ship to the United States, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Green, Bobby, Danny, and Marvin left Beirut on June 29 for furlough in the homeland. A safe journey is wished them by their many friends.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of the late Melki Ghazal who passed to his rest on August 22. Brother Ghazal was a pioneer Adventist member in Beirut. He now awaits the call of the Lifegiver when the day shall break and the shadows flee away.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* A number of mission teachers are delegates to the Bible Textbook Workshop being held this summer at Middle East College under the direction of Elder G. A. Keough, the Division Educational Secretary.

* Local fields are happy to welcome new workers from the Middle East College graduating class of 1956. May the Lord bless these workers as they take up responsibilities in the Lord's work.

CYPRUS

* The East Mediterranean Union regrets the transfer of Elder Fred Veltman as he connects with Middle East College. Elder Veltman served as Cyprus Mission President for four years, during which time he supervised the construction of the recently completed new Nicosia Church building.

IRAQ

* The Iraq Camp Meeting was held July 26 to August 5 in the northern part of Iraq in Shaqlawa.

* Word received from the Dar Es Salaam Hospital states that work is now underway on the construction of a ramp from the first floor to the second floor of the hospital. This will enable the opening of the ward section of the hospital on the first floor and will also permit patients to be taken from the first floor up to surgery and from the second floor to the x-ray department on the first floor.

* Work has commenced on two cottages for overseas personnel which will partially solve the housing shortage.

* Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Ubbink, Ann, and Richard recently arrived to take up duties at the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in Baghdad. Mr. Ubbink is the Business Manager of the hospital while Dr. Joy Ubbink is the lady physician.

JORDAN

* Elder R. C. Darnell, Jordan Mission President, reports that Union evangelist, Pastor Chafic Srour, has been having very good attendances at the meetings at Amman and Zerka. A rich harvest of souls is anticipated as these efforts draw to a close.

LEBANON-SYRIA

* The Lebanon-Syria Mission held its annual Arabic Junior Camp from July 5 to 15 near the ancient city of Sidon overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. The Director was Brother Anees A. Haddad, Union M.V. Secretary, and the camp pastor was Elder D. V. Kubrock of Bishmazzine. A number of local, institutional, and Union workers participated as counselors for the 50 juniors who attended the camp session.

* The Armenian Junior Camp with Manoug Nazirian as Director, was held from July 19 to 29 near Sidon at the same site where the Arabic Junior Camp took place. Approximately forty juniors, counselors and other workers enjoyed fellowship together during the ten-day camp period.

* For the first time in North Lebanon a school will be opened this Fall in Bishmazzine to take care of the needs of our young people.

TURKEY

* From Istanbul news come that foundations for the new church building have been poured and construction work begun. We join with our believers there as they look forward to worshipping in their own church home.

IRAN

* In Tehran on June 27 a baby daughter, Patricia Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Adams, a sister for Carol.

* The first Junior Camp ever to be held in the Iran Mission took place from July 19 to 29.

NILE UNION

* Pastor T. E. Lucas of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference found many friends in the land of Egypt during his two weeks stay. His instruction in the Leadership courses which were held in Alexandria, Cairo, and Assuit was welcomed by the young people. Assisting him were Pastors Gordon Zytoskee, M.V. Secretary of the Middle East Division, and J. S. Russell, Secretary of the M.V. Department in the Nile Union.

* Pastor and Mrs. Peter E. M. Beach, and Janina, having spent six years in Alexandria, Egypt, left that city for furlough on July 5. Pastor Beach will study at the Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. During the years of Pastor Beach's service in Alexandria, he was pastor of the Sporting church and was also instrumental in the raising up of another church group in that city. Their many friends join in wishing the Beach family a pleasant furlough.

* Pastor J. S. Russell is taking care of the interests in Alexandria since the departure of Pastor and Mrs. Beach, who are now on furlough.

* Congratulations and best wishes to Pastor and Mrs. C. V. Brauer of Assiut, whose third son, Ronald William was born on July 2.

* From both missions within the Union comes the encouraging word that twenty-two people were baptized during the second quarter of 1956.

* Nine young men graduated from Nile Union Academy in June 1956, having finished their 3rd year, secondary. Half of this group are planning to attend Middle East College this fall. On the last Sabbath morning, Pastor Russell spoke to the students, and Pastor Beach of Alexandria gave the address at the graduation on June 24. Forty-seven students attended the Academy during the school year.

* Mr. Zaher Farag, who received his B. A. degree in Secondary Education at Middle East College last June, 15 now in Heliopolis and has accepted a call from the Nile Union Mission to join the staff of the Nile Union Academy, at Gabal Asfar, as Dean of Boys and teacher this coming year.

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VISITORS

We are happy to welcome the following visitors who have come to Beirut recently.

Elder and Mrs. N. C. Maberly and Linda, Gold Coast, West Africa; Elder Otto Schuberth, Berne, Switzerland, Elder W. A. Scharffenberg, Washington, D.C.; Elder and Mrs. J. M. Nerness, Singapore; Elder and Mrs. B. P. Haskell, Singapore; Elder T. R. Potts, New Zealand; Elder Adalai Esteb, Washington, D. C.; Elder and Mrs. J. G. Conmack, Liberia; Elder and Mrs. W. J. Hackett, Willard and Arlie, Manila; Dr. A. C.; Geschke, Rangoon; H. W. Barrows, Washington, D. C.; Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Smith, India; Elder C. A. Heitman, Washington, D. C.; Merlin Loop, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Pieche, Collonges-Sous-Saleve, France; Elder and Mrs. D. S. Harris, India; Elder and Mrs. J. I. Crawfords, India.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Third Quarter 1956

August 11	Christian Education
August 18	Tithe Promotion Day
August 25—	Missions Extension Week
September 1	Missions Extension Day
September 1	Sabbath School Rally Day

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

August 11	Local Training School
September 1	Missions Extension
September 15	Sabbath School Expense

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