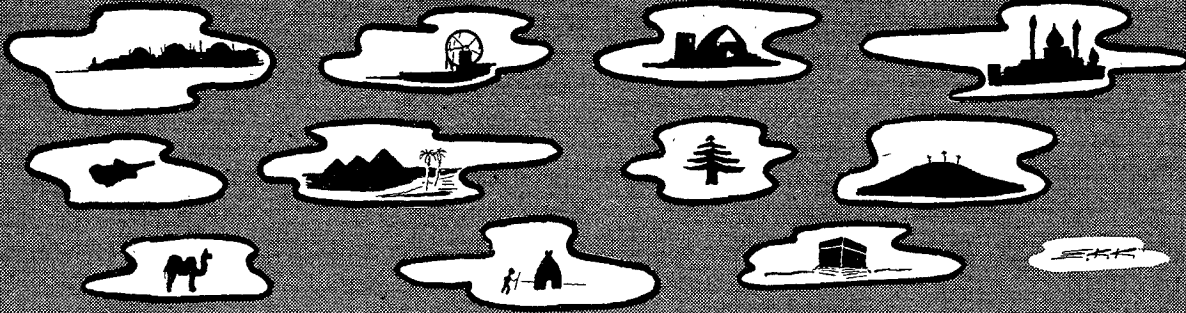


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HEAVEN'S ORDERS

By J. Ernest Edwards
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Some time ago while visiting one of our churches I saw this motto:

"A Seventh-day Adventist is one who *believes* Christ is coming soon, one who *lives* as if Christ were coming soon, and one who *works* as if Christ were coming soon."

This is the spirit that characterizes the workers and members in the Middle East. Inspired by love for Christ and impelled by the conviction of His soon coming they press forward accepting Heaven's order Go, Teach, Heal, Preach, and Baptize.

From the study of such great chapters as Matthew 24, Luke 21, II Timothy 3, James 5, Daniel 12, we comprehend that the signs of Christ's coming focus on this age. In this generation Christ will return. Fulfilling prophecies indicate that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of Heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. Only a moment of time remains.

THE TIMES

"We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. . . .

Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains." — *Christian Service*, pp. 51, 52.

"In a little while we shall be unable to work with the freedom that we now enjoy. . . . What we do we must do quickly." — 9T, p. 101.

"Now that we are standing upon the very verge of the eternal world. . . we must *double our diligence*."—*Christian Service*, p. 79.

THE CHALLENGE

The Master specifically charged, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to *every creature*."—Mark 16: 15.

"Arise, get thee down unto the *host*." —Judges 7: 9.

"*Every time you take a breath some soul goes to eternity*." Every day one hundred thousand souls die without a knowledge of God's message.

No longer a sectional, but a *finished* work. Not alone the doubling of membership, but an *enlightened* world. God calls for a double-quick advance. We must not measure ourselves with the past, but realistically grasp present opportunities.

WORK COMPLETED— HOW FINISHED?

"And *daily* in the (1) *temple*, and in *every house*, they (2) *ceased not to* (3) *teach and preach* (4) *Jesus Christ*." Acts 5: 42.

(1) Union of public and personal evangelism. (2) Continual soulwinning crusade, using (3) teaching and preaching method, presenting a (4) Christ-Centered message.

Work will be finished by:

A church program focused on soul winning;

Coordinated evangelism;
Pastor-directed lay evangelism;
Home Visitation climaxed by ministerial effort.

"How can the great work of the third angel's message be accomplished? It must be largely accomplished by persevering, individual effort; by visiting the people at their homes." — *Historical Sketches*. p. 150.

LAYMEN NEEDED

"A distinct work is assigned to every Christian. . . . God expects personal service from every one to whom He has intrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time. . . . God requires every one to be a worker in His vineyard." — *Christian Service*, p. 9

YOUR DISTINCT WORK

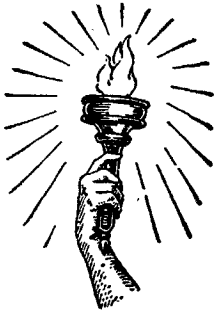
"A distinct work is assigned to every Christian. . . . Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world." — *Christian Service*, pp. 9, 141.

" . . . By holding Bible readings, our lay members could do much in their own neighborhoods . . . many would be converted." — 9T, p. 35.

"The plan of holding Bible Readings was a heaven-born idea." — *Christian Service*, p. 141.

FIVE REASONS why you should give Bible studies:

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E D U C A T I O N A L
D E P A R T M E N T
G. ARTHUR KEOUGH, SECRETARY

P R E P A R I N G F O R L I F E

1. Q. The church bulletin says, "Preparing for life demands Christian education." What is education anyway?

A. "True education . . . is a preparation for the faithful discharge of life's duties." — *Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, P. 64.
2. Q. If I am not planning to carry many duties, wouldn't it be better for me to drop out of school and let someone else take my place?

A. "It is sinful to be indolent and negligent in regard to obtaining an education." — *Messages to Young People*, p. 185.
3. Q. Sinful? Do you mean that education has something to do with religion?

A. "True education is religion." — *Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, p. 108.
4. Q. Do I understand from this that knowledge alone, without God, is in reality not true education?

A. "What worse than folly is it to seek an education apart from Him — to seek to be wise apart from Wisdom; to be true while rejecting Truth." — *Education*, p. 83.
5. Q. But couldn't I concentrate on training my mind first and then give my heart to God? Must education always include religion?

A. "When education in human lines is pushed to such an extent that the love of God wanes in the heart, that prayer is neglected, and that there is failure to cultivate spiritual attributes, it is wholly disastrous." — *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 350.
6. Q. Maybe I should devote my whole time to the church.

A. "God requires the training of the mental faculties." — *Messages To Young People*, p. 173.
7. Q. How much schooling should I plan to have?

A. "The Lord desires us to obtain all the education possible, with the object in view of imparting our knowledge to others." — *Ibid.*
8. Q. I know a minister must have a good education, but what about those who are not planning to preach?

A. "Let no one imagine that he has no need to study because he is not to preach in the sacred desk. You know not what God may require of you." — *Ibid.*, p. 186.
9. Q. With all the urgent calls from the mission fields, can we as a church afford to operate a church school?

A. "While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of the people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labor in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth." — *Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, p. 165.
10. Q. For what does Christian education prepare a student?

A. "It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." — *Education*, p. 13.

11. Q. For what will some be trained?

A. "Some will be trained to enter the field as missionary nurses, some as canvassers, some as evangelists, some as teachers, and some as gospel ministers." — *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 489.
12. Q. Must all students fill places of great responsibility to justify our operating a school?

A. "If they fill the least and lowest place in God's great plan of good for the world, our life work can never be called a failure." — *Ibid.*, p. 161.
13. Q. How many children and young people should attend our schools?

A. "All our youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools." — *Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, p. 44.
14. Q. What special blessing is in store for every student?

A. "The study of the Scriptures should have the first place in our system of education." — *Ibid.* p. 86.
15. Q. How essential is this study to everyone personally?

A. "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict." — *The Great Controversy*, p. 593.



New Workers, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Williams and Chris, who have joined the staff at the Dar Es Salaam Hospital.

NEW COLLEGE SERVICE CENTER

By G. T. Gott
Business Manager
Middle East College

February 21, 1957, marked the official opening of the new College Service Center on the campus of Middle East College. The new Service Center was provided from special appropriations made by the General Conference and Middle East Division in 1956 and 1957.

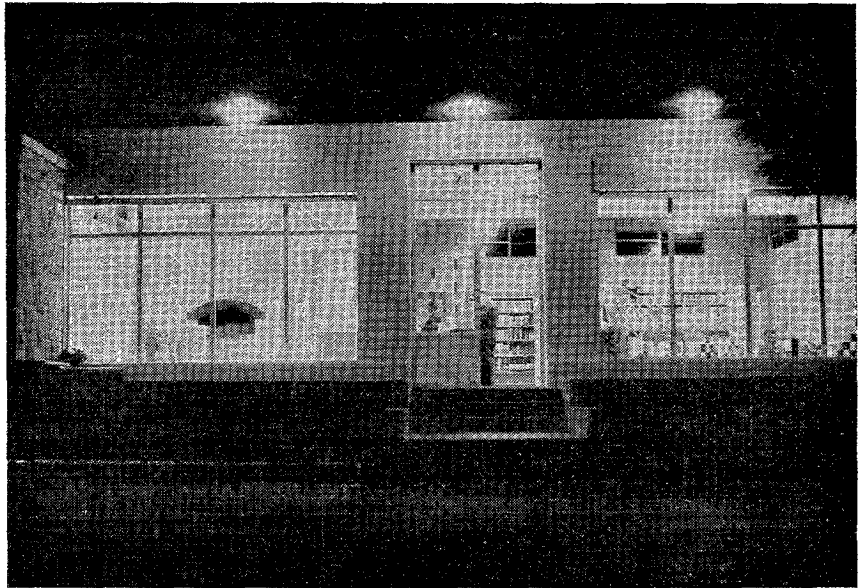
Full plate glass windows for display purposes and one wall of stone design give a modern touch in architecture. The new building measures 13-1/2 meters by 8 meters and houses the food store and bakery. The food store is of the self-service type and provides a large variety of foods and supplies for students, teachers, and community members. The bakery section also faces on the front of the building with plate glass windows. A regular Arab-type oven has been built. The walls are lined 160 centimeters high with porcelain tile in order to facilitate cleaning. A new 100 kilo Rex electric dough mixer has been installed. Both Arab and French breads will be manufactured for the needs of the College cafeteria and community. This new bakery will make it possible for the college to insure itself of 100 percent whole-wheat bread of a good quality.

This center represents another step forward in the program of industrialization of the College in order to provide more labor for students. The food and supply store will provide part-time work for from four to six students. The new bakery will provide part-time work for a least five students in the immediate future.

Not only will these departments provide labor, but they will also provide valuable opportunities for students to get training in business and in the skills of bread and pastry making. The food and supply store will serve as a real-life laboratory for apt students of business administration and of course both departments will fill a very important need in our community, that of providing a food shopping center for local residents.

The produce from the College farms, including fruits, vegetables, eggs, and milk will be displayed and sold at the center saving the expense of transportation to and from the market.

An electric Benzine pump is installed



Modern edifice of New College Service Center

just across the road from the store and bakery. Hand pumps and underground tanks will also be provided for mazout and kerosene. The Shell Company is providing this service. Along with Agipgas this will round out the facilities provided and justify the name for this enterprise of "College Service Center."

A food store is not a new enterprise on the Middle East College campus. There has almost always been a small store to provide a minimum of goods and services for the school family. One store in the past was located in the Maintenance Department. Another store later was in the closet under the stairway in the old Administration and Girls' Dormitory building. The most recent store occupied a room near the business office in the new Administration building. In that room last year LL 61,000.00 worth of food were sold. During 1957 it is anticipated that sales will exceed LL 100,000.00. It is expected that the bakery sales will exceed LL 25,000.00 during 1957. The savings in student labor will provide much help for ambitious students.

The organization and operation of such businesses on a quality basis present a real challenge to Middle East College. The training provided to students will be invaluable; the earnings of laborers will make possible more students who must earn a large part of their expenses, and the physical services provided to the College family and community will represent a real savings in time and money in the days to come.

OUTSTRETCHED HANDS

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purchased the land for an academy in the Southern Luzon area. It has a fine location with good rich land. We have already planted over 6,000 citrus trees which will begin to bear fruit in three more years. We have 20,000 pineapple plants, papaya, bananas, and other fruit crops coming on. We have found that the land is well suited for the production of soybeans. This will provide a good crop which is in demand here in the Philippine Islands.

We are attempting to build a school where we can not only give vocational training to our youth but where they can earn a large portion of their way. These students come from rural areas where there is little industry and where their finances are insufficient to pay their way to a school when cash is required.

We are working against great odds to provide these earnest and consecrated God-fearing youth a means of securing Christian education. Will you help us find that way? May God bless you as you dip deeply into your purses on Thirteenth Sabbath.

Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. T. 5 p. 214.

HEAVEN'S ORDERS

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1. To help others to know God's saving truth.
2. To accept Christ's commission to "go and teach every creature".
3. To increase my precious possession for truth, for I realize that only as I impart can I retain the truth.
4. To participate in soulwinning triumphs of the message.
5. To hasten the coming of the Saviour.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

"These times demand deeper consecration and greater efficiency." — *Gospel Workers*, p. 114. We have come to the hour when we must know how to successfully work for souls. It is thrilling news to know that the book *Training Light Bearers* is now printed in Arabic and available for your study. Grasp the opportunity now of preparing for more efficient service as a missionary work. Enroll in the "Training Light Bearers Course." Study to show yourself approved unto God, by taking this preparatory step which will lead to greater efficiency.

SUCCESS

"In every town and village, there are persons who would embrace the truth if it were brought before them in a judicious manner." — *Sowing Beside All Waters*, p. 4.

"Everyone is to have sufficient light to make a decision intelligently." — *Great Controversy*, p. 605.

"The time is coming when there will be as many converted in a day as there was on the day of Pentecost." — *Review & Herald*, June 29, 1905.

THE CALL

Christ calls you to be "a link in the chain let down to save the world." — *Christian Service*, p. 11.

The work will be finished when the members of our church rally to the work and unite their efforts with pastors and church officers.

God is counting on your cooperation. He needs your service. No other plan than that of pastor-member cooperation will satisfy God nor meet the needs of this last hour. Christ calls you, each worker and each member. The world needs you.

Under the direction of their leaders thousands of laymen around the world are enthusiastically carrying forward the last message of hope to a troubled world.

Join with them in dedicating one hour each Sabbath afternoon to missionary visitation and in devoting one evening a week to Bible teaching.

OUTSTRETCHED HANDS

By Willis J. Hackett
President, North Philippine
Union Mission



May I introduce to you Domingo, 28, Junito, 26, and Paz, 22, three children of Mr. and Mrs. Villagomez, who live in Camarines Sur, the territory of the Southern Luzon Mission in which the North Philippine Union proposes to build a vocational training school from the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow of the second quarter. We hope that this school will meet the needs of the hundreds of young people who stand with outstretched hands, looking to the leaders of the denomination with the hope in their hearts that somehow they will be provided with a Christian education.

Domingo, Juanito and Paz, are typical youth of the Southern Luzon Mission who constantly struggle to secure an education. These three youth with their parents found the advent message in the year 1940. As little by little the message opened their minds which had been steeped in the doctrines of Catholicism since their birth, their hearts responded to the anointing of the holy

Spirit to step out and keep the Sabbath. It was a real struggle to leave a large Catholic church which in the Philippines is always located right in the very center of every community. Their friends and neighbors would ask, "What is this that you are doing? How can you leave the Mother church to enter into that small and unknown sect, the 'Sabadistas'?" But like loyal Seventh-day Adventists all around the world, their hearts were moved and they continued to be true to their God. They joined the Seventh-day Adventist people in their community and started to teach their neighbors and friends the new found faith.

They had not been long in the church before they found that Seventh-day Adventists operate a system of schools and colleges where they could be trained for service. They determined in their hearts that they would have a Christian education at any cost.

After finishing the intermediate grades in his home town, Domingo came to Manila and applied at Philippine Union College as a self-supporting student. Juanito came two years later, and his sister, Paz, the next year. There is no school in their mission, and these young people without funds wish to support themselves while seeking a Christian education. And so they have secured employment in the Manila area and are living together in a small room helping each other in their educational projects. Paz takes care of the laundering of her brothers and cooks for them. They are taking turns in attending the school. One works to support the others, while they go to school, and the next year he drops out and becomes a worker while the brother or the sister attends the academy the next year. They have been working now for nine years for that great prize of Christian education. And still Domingo has more years to go to complete his work. Even though he is 28 years of age, he is not discouraged, and says, "It is worth it to have a Christian education."

These three youth are industrious, consecrated and willing to sacrifice in order to obtain a Christian education. There are hundreds of youth like these in the North Philippine Union, stretching out their hands to the leaders of the denomination, saying, "Give us only an opportunity. We are willing to work. Our great desire is to have an education in the schools of the prophets."

We appeal to the brethren and sisters of the world field to help us to provide that opportunity which our students so much seek. We have already

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YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN

By A. Gordon Zytoskee
Missionary Volunteer Secretary
 Middle East Division

Since the beginning of sin upon this earth, the world has gone through many crises. To face each crisis God has chosen someone or some people to lead out in the establishing of His plan.

God chose Abel to be the first martyr and from this experience men understood the plan of salvation just a little better.

The earth needed a cleansing as well as a man to preach the message of a cleansing power and so Noah was chosen to proclaim the day of doom as well as so proclaim the door of salvation. Moses, though meek and reticent, found his strength in the rod of God and went forth as Israel's greatest leader, to direct them to the borders of Canaan.

Then there were judges, kings and prophets, who took their place as the people of God faced physical and spiritual annihilation and rallied them to victory.

God chose John the Baptist out of the ranks of obscurity and impelled him to lead men to the true Lamb of God. It was the greatest hour the world had experienced. The first coming of Jesus was announced and realized. Upon this grand theme of salvation the disciples chose to establish the early church. Their labors were accompanied with power until the then known world became aflame with the truth.

Crisis upon crisis has marred and wrecked God's perfect creation. His everlasting plan has been revealed and now once again this world has been thrown into the effects of a final crisis.

But out of the shattered hopes and plans of men God will bring about His kingdom and even now we are about to enter the portals of restoration. Youth of the Middle East Division you have been chosen for this hour. The patriarchs and prophets longed to see your day. They worked, prayed, and hoped for the setting up of Gods everlasting kingdom. They, however, with the early disciples and other men of

It was back in the days of the rebuilding of Jerusalem that the prophet in vision heard heavenly messengers speaking to each other saying, "Run, speak to this young man." In this closing drama of earth's history our young people have been given the challenge of this last hour. It has been borne by heavenly messengers.

"The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand." T. 7, p. 64. "In order that the work may go forward

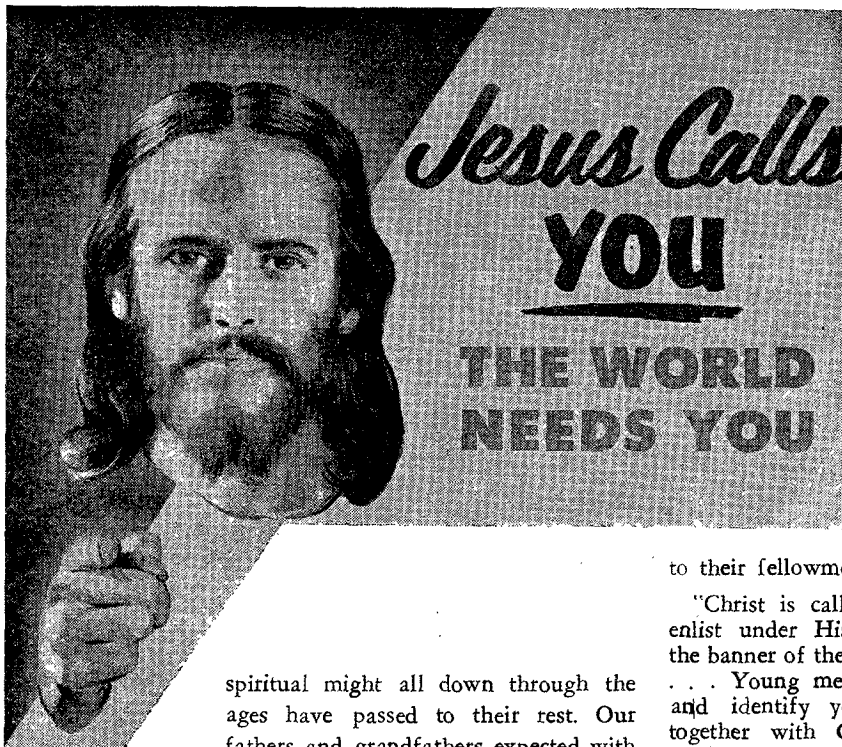
in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigor. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause. To plan with clear mind and execute with courageous hand, demands fresh, uncrippled energies. Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth, that through the exercise of their power, through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation

to their fellowmen." GW p. 67.

"Christ is calling for volunteers to enlist under His standard, and bear the banner of the cross before the world . . . Young men, press to the front, and identify yourselves as laborers together with Christ, taking up the work where He left it, to carry it on to its completion." R. & H. June 16, 1891.

Youth of God — let there be no doubt in your minds as to your calling. God has saved this last, glorious and climatic experience for you! Out of the shambles of time and though the walls of decency, principle, and true religion have been shattered, God will use you to usher time into eternity and build walls of honesty and truth.

You have been chosen as reapers of the great harvest to gather in the fruits of the latter rain. With the fervency of your forefathers work and pray for Pentecostal power. Expect great things — yes, greater works than those performed by the apostles of old because God has chosen you for the greatest hour in all history.



spiritual might all down through the ages have passed to their rest. Our fathers and grandfathers expected with undaunted vision the coming of our Lord. They, too, have passed from the scene of action.

But God has had a plan. He has chosen the youth of this generation to be the ushers at the setting up of His eternal kingdom. Fifty years of undaunted service has marked the progress of our organized young peoples' work throughout the world. Now we come to the Golden Anniversary. It may well be a year of the greatest opportunities as well as victories that the work of God has ever experienced. This is the year that God expects from you golden accomplishments.

YOUTH AT THE CROSSROADS

By C. L. Gemmell
Acting President
Middle East College

At this time of the year two words are uppermost in the minds of many young people. These words are *graduation* and *commencement*. One student *graduates*; while another *commences*. One word has the connotation of completion, success, and finishing; while the other word has the meaning of finishing one task and looking forward to beginning the conquest of new worlds.

At this season in many schools in this world young people will be finishing a course of study, or a year of school. They are facing *graduation* or *commencement*. Unfortunately, many will look to their past accomplishments and be lulled to inactivity by the sweet music coming from the diploma of graduation hanging on the wall. These "former students" are now fully matriculated in the alumni association of life. They have lived for a while—now they will sit back and reflect for many years upon those few years of activity. This old world is too full of these alumni members. The few who *commence* are the future leaders of our world.

The Lord has not called the students and young people of the Middle East to graduate yet. But He is calling for a commencement.

There is need for leaders in God's work. Every true follower of God must become a leader in bringing lost souls to a sin-pardoning Saviour. This is a work with a future. This is a heaven inspired *commencement*. Adventist youth cannot lean back on the laurels of past accomplishments; but must heed the call of heaven to "Look Up" and see greater battles to win for the Master. This is heaven's requirement.

Today the Adventist youth are at the crossroads of life. They stand as guide posts between the mortal life and the eternal life, the living and the dead. What if the signpost does not point in the direction of heaven? What if the witness of an Adventist youth is not for Christ and His soon coming? Only eternity could measure the terrible wrong committed to his fellow men.

Adventist education seeks first of all to push away the shams and false ideas of popular and ancient educational error so that the student can see Jesus Christ

as the great Educator and Saviour of his life. An education which does not prepare the student for eternal life is not a real education—it is a waste of time, no matter how much wordly honor it brings.

Adventist education also seeks to impart to students the great responsibility of the Gospel Commission to "go and preach the gospel." There is no greater work than the work of saving souls. It is a work from which one never "graduates."

Some think of heaven as a sort of graduation from all activity. But actually the rewards of heaven and eternal life will be only a "commencement" to an unending joy of service and an always growing knowledge and ever greater accomplishments.

Young people, let us never be satisfied with the past; let us always look to the future. May every day be a "commencement."

GRADUATION

This is the day your father's looked for;
Day your mother's sewed and cooked for.

This their dream and this their mission;
Since your birth their one ambition.
This the day for which they've waited;
Day when you have graduated.

And that cap and gown you're wearing;
At you now with pride they're staring.
Theirs the joy while they are living
You alone have power of giving.
Days of days on you're depending,
Your commencement theirs the ending.

As you stand there, and are hearing
From the way you've toiled and striven
Friends and loved ones gladly cheering,
Came to them the pride you've given.
Should you fail them some tomorrow,
Just as deep would be their sorrow.

Even in your cradle sleeping,
You had this day in your keeping.
Now from school as you're departing
And the tasks of life are starting,
Give them joy and fail them never.
Keep their pride in you forever.



M.E.C. Academy Seniors: Eppy Hasso, Haifa Mújabber, Jenny Paul, Nazeera Ghazal, Tony Hasso, Osbana Talya, Joseph Estephan, Camille Abdel Kerim, Salim Ibrahim, Mumtas Fargo, Jack Esselian, John Sangarloo. Absent Members: David Isboo, Akram Isaac, Shabada Haddad.



M.E.C. College Seniors: Widad Akrawi, Mary Haddad, Denise Noujaim, Gabriel Batarseh, Saman Soliman, Angely Gayed, George Kboury, Hanna Malaka. Absent Members: Henry Melki, Michael Nabii, Anees Haddad.



M.E.C. Professional Seniors: Maba Saadeb, Jeannette Rice, Iris Ghali

HERE AND THERE

* On February 24 the Lebanon-Syria Dorcas Federation met on the College campus. The afternoon was spent in demonstrations of bread-making and also gluten preparation. In the evening there was a Dorcas supper and a sale of handwork in the Middle East Press building. The program concluded at the College with several motion pictures.

* The Master Guide Club of Middle East College is holding a class in Leadership. Brother Anees Haddad is the teacher and the class members are learning many important facts concerning leadership. We are looking forward to a large group of trained leaders in the field.

* The latest arrival on the College campus is a new panel truck. This purchase of a new truck will add a great deal to the dispatch of business in the different work departments.

* The three graduating classes the year 1957 were recently organized and the officers and students are as follows:

College Seniors:

George Khoury, President
Widad Akrawi, Secretary
Saman Soliman, Pastor
Anees Haddad
Angely Gayed
Gabriel Batarseh
Hanna Malaka
Henry Melki
Denise Noujaim
Michael Nabti
Mary Haddad
K. L. Vine, Class Sponsor

Professional Seniors

Maha Saadeh, President
Iris Ghali
Jeanette Rice
Miss Shahin Ouzounian, Class Sponsor

Academy Seniors:

Camille Abdel Kerim, President
Haifa Mujabber, Secretary
John Sangarloo
Nazeera Ghazal
David Ishoo
Eppy Hasso
Joseph Estephan
Tony Hasso
Oshana Talya
Akram Isaac
Jack Esselian
Salim Ibrahim
Mumtas Fargo
Jenny Paul
Shahada Haddad
M. Nabti, Class Sponsor

* The Spring Y.P.M.V. Week of Prayer was held at the College April 5 - 12 with Elder A. G. Zytkoskee, Division M.V. Secretary, as the guest speaker. We pray that many will be led to take their stand for the Lord as a result of these inspirational meetings.

* Two Senior Ministerial students, Angely Gayed and Samaan Soliman, conducted the Spring Week of Prayer at the Arabic Elementary School. This practical experience will give them a wider vision for greater service in the Lord's vineyard.

* Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Tanios Issa who received a small daughter, Wadiah, into their home on February 5.

* Mr. Ibrahim Swaidan, translator in the division office, is working on several projects for literature in Arabic among which is a set of Bible textbooks for use in the elementary schools throughout the division.

* The Division was happy to have as its guest from March 29 to May 6, Elder J. E. Edwards, Associate Secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference. Elder Edwards held Laymen's Institutes and other meetings in Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Iran, and Turkey and we are sure our believers and workers were inspired and encouraged to labor more effectively in Home Missionary activities.

* Due to the lifting of travel restrictions in certain parts of the Middle East, it has been possible for those who were evacuated to Beirut to return to their respective homes. On April 17 Mrs. Neal C. Wilson and children left for their home in Cairo.

* Elder James E. Chase, Associate Secretary of the Radio Department of the General Conference stopped for a few hours in Beirut enroute to the United States from the Far East. He appreciated his visit to the Middle East College campus and was especially interested in the radio studio.

* Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gemmell on the birth of a son, David Paul, in Florida on May 3.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* R. H. Hartwell, the Union President, recently visited Turkey, Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, and Cyprus.

* The Acting Union Treasurer, Brother A. J. Jones, also recently visited Turkey and Jordan and Iraq where he audited the books of the missions.

* The *Hope* campaign held in Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon during the month of February was quite successful. A number of individuals took subscriptions for one hundred of their friends, several others became responsible for fifty subscriptions, and many paid for twenty-five subscriptions. It is hoped that any who have not done so will quickly join in this very commendable

endeavor. There are many who would read the *Hope* magazine if it were made available to them.

CYPRUS

* Elder D. A. Christoforides, newly elected President of the Cyprus Mission, has now arrived in Cyprus from Athens. This is good news to our believers on the island.

IRAQ

* A gift of ID 2000.000 was received from the American Community in Baghdad and will be used in purchasing an elevator for Dar Es Salaam Hospital.

* On March 15, 1957, in the Dar Es Salaam Hospital a baby son, Nils Erik, was born to Brother and Sister Sven Sjoberg. Our congratulations to the happy parents.

* A free clinic program three times a week is now in operation at the hospital.

* The hospital staff welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Theo Williams and young son, Christopher Dale, to Baghdad. Brother Williams has now taken over his duties in the hospital as X-ray and Laboratory technician.

* Pastor Behnam Arshat, the newly elected Iraq Mission President, has now taken up residence in Baghdad. The Mission headquarters is also located in the building where he is living.

* Permits for Ingathering have been secured in some places and a very successful beginning has been made. R. H. Hartwell, C. C. Crider, and the local Mission officers assisted Salim Majeed in Basrah.

* The Iraq Mission is happy for the news that soon there will be a Bible teacher and chaplain for the Dar Es Salaam Hospital. Elder Wayne E. Olson has been appointed and plans are being made for him to take up his duties soon.

* Congratulations to Salim and Alice Majeed who welcomed a baby son into their family in February. His name in English is *Restorer*.

JORDAN

* Chafic Srour, President of the Jordan Mission, has visited nearly every member in Jordan and is now holding a series of meetings in El Husn. The meetings have been very well attended with from one hundred to three hundred persons present and a rich harvest of souls is expected. Successful meetings are also being held in Mafrac. Pastor Srour is being assisted by Brother Mousa Kerkanney and teachers from El Husn school.

* Mousa Kerkanney reports five persons preparing for baptism in El Husn.

* R. C. Darnell has conducted the Spring Week of prayer in the Jordan schools.

LEBANON-SYRIA

* The school inspection team including G. A. Keough of the Division, and C. C. Crider and R. H. Hartwell of the Union, has just completed inspecting and grading the four schools in Lebanon. Their report is encouraging in that the schools seem to have made definite improvement in the physical equipment. Much credit is due Wayne E. Olson for this improved condition.

* A new type of evangelistic meeting has been started in Aramoun where V.O.P. lessons are studied at each meeting by the audience in attendance. Under the direction of Elder K. L. Vine some Middle East College theological students are cooperating with Aramoun mission workers in this project. Salim Noujaim, Director of the Beirut V.O.P. office, is also giving his help. Meetings are held three nights per week in a rented building in that village.

* Mousa Ghazal and Henry Jeha, as well as the other Aramoun teachers, were most happy when Pastor Wayne E. Olson baptized five of their students in the Beirut church on March 16. A number of other baptisms are being planned for the immediate future.

* Our congratulations and best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. George Raffoul who received a small daughter, Wasa, into their home on February 22.

IRAN

* We are happy to report that the new well of 70 meters depth has been completed on our Shimtan school property and an abundance of water for not only irrigation purposes but for all the needs of the school is assured.

* Elder G. A. Keough, Division Educational Department Secretary, recently visited Iran in the interests of establishing an educational program there.

* In early May the new church building at Julfa Isfahan, was dedicated. At that time it was a pleasure to have Elder J. Ernest Edwards, Associate Secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference give the dedication sermon.

* Elder K. S. Oster, Secretary of the Voice of Prophecy Department, has been on an itinerary to southern Iran visiting V.O.P. students and graduates.

* City water was installed at the mission premises in the month of February. This much delayed step will contribute to the health and happiness of all.

* Eeder H. K. Salakian began a series of evangelistic meetings in Re-zayeh in January. We pray that as a result of this seed sowing that some precious souls will be added to God's kingdom.

TURKEY

* The roof has now been poured on the new Istanbul Church. R. E. Osborn, R. H. Hartwell, and A. J. Jones visited there recently and were well pleased with the progress being made on this building.

* A fine Bible class is also being conducted in the city of Istanbul.

NILE UNION

* In the Nile Union Mission Biennial Session that took place from January 23 to 26, action was taken to reorganize the Northern Egypt Mission into the Middle Egypt Mission which covers the area from Minia on the south to Cairo on the north, and the Delta Section which comes under the Union committee.

The officers are as follows:

President, Upper Egypt Mission:
— Hilmy Berbawy

Secretary-Treasurer: — Habib Ghali

President, Middle Egypt Mission:
— Hilal Dose

Acting Secretary-Treasurer: Sha-fik Ghali

* Action was taken to appoint six full-time workers for aggressive V.O.P. follow-up work.

* We are sorry to lose the services of Elder J. S. Russel who has accepted a call to Middle East College where he will serve as Dean of Men. We wish Elder and Mrs. Russell God's richest blessings in their new endeavours.

* An 11 H.P. Diesel engine and a 5" pump has been erected on the new canal which is now carrying Nile water to irrigate the school farm.

* On Saturday evening, March 2, Wadie Youssef took as his bride Bedour Farag in a sacred wedding ceremony performed by Elder Neal C. Wilson. Brother Wadie has been appointed to join the Benghazi Hospital staff and will serve as assistant to the Business Manager while Mrs. Wadie Youssef will supervise the kitchen and laundry. May the Lord bless this young couple as they establish a Christian home together.

* Mr. and Mrs. Raffic Issa, both workers in the Adventist Hospital in Benghazi, Libya, recently welcomed a daughter, Nidal, into their home. We extend our best wishes to the happy couple.

* Miss Miriam Bruce, a recent new worker to the Division, is located at the Benghazi Hospital where she is the nursing supervisor.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Second Quarter 1957

- April 6 Colporteur Rally Day
- April 13 Voice of Prophecy
- May 4 Home Visitation Day
- May 11 Medical Missionary Day
- June 1 Local Church Evangelism
- 8 - 15 Call to Health Campaign

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