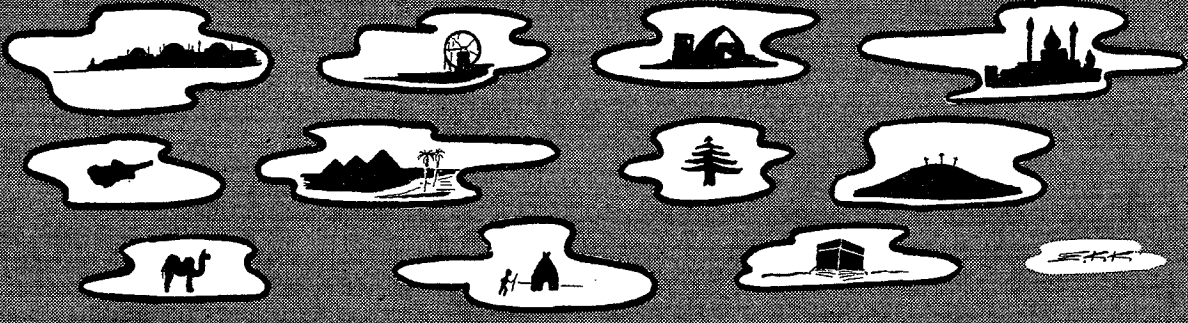


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## HEALTH TEACHING AND LIVING IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME OR COMMUNITY

By T. R. Flaiz  
*Medical Department Secretary  
General Conference*

It is a prime duty of every Christian and every Christian community to be properly understood by those with whom he comes in contact. Christians are often misunderstood because the real spirit of Christ is lost sight of behind the more colorful and more conspicuous interests in economy and politics of concern to the local area.

The very name, Christian, is often misunderstood for the simple reason that there are so many different types of Christians and so many different standards by which these Christians live their lives.

It should be possible to evaluate Christianity on the basis of the individual Christian life or on the basis of the lives of the individuals of the Christian community. Some might evaluate the Christian message on the story of the papal inspired crusades conducted for the recovery of the Holy Land centuries ago. We would rather see Christianity evaluated on the basis of the crusade which is now under way to bring health and healing into the homes and into the villages of people of need all about the world. I like to think of the representation of Christianity as we see it in the scores of medical units scattered throughout the continent of Africa where all, regardless of economic status, find healing under the ministry of the Christian nurse or doctor. I like to see Christianity evaluated on the basis of the service being rendered in the wards, in the operating

rooms, in the outpatient departments of the many Christian hospitals serving in the Middle East, in Southern Asia, in the Far East, and in other parts of the world. It is in these places that the spirit of Christ, as brought so forcefully to our attention through the story of the Good Samaritan many years ago, actually lives again today.

The spirit of Christianity is seen in the Christian orphanages of Korea which have gathered up unfortunate waifs, the aftermath of war, and have given them food, shelter, and kindly care. It is seen in the willingness of the nurse or the doctor to give up the conveniences and comforts of the home environment to go to the dangerous disease-ridden areas of Africa, to the remote and lonely upper reaches of the Amazon, or to the cold and bleak highlands of the Andes and there minister to the needs of those who otherwise would not receive such ministry.

This is all well and good for the medical ministry as it is conducted by Christians for the less fortunate around the world, but what is the relationship between the Christian health message and the Christian home? Here we come to one of the vital aspects of the matter of Christian medical ministry.

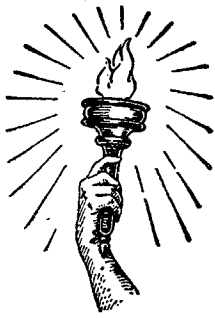
It was the pioneer lady physician, Elizabeth Blackwell, who stated: "It is only when we have learned to recognize that God's law for the human

body is as sacred as, nay, is one with God's law for the human soul that we shall begin to understand the religion of the heart." How very well this pioneering lady physician understood the message of Christian medical ministry as we see it and understand it today. Yes, truly only as we recognize an obligation to care for our physical bodies even as we care for our spiritual entities, only as we recognize that we must guard our health as we guard our character, will we have a complete understanding of the full significance of Christian health principles and medical ministry in the home. No individual is free to live his life in open disregard of the principles of health.

As individuals we should live with careful observance of those health principles which we know to bear upon our own good health. Our homes should be conducted in such a manner as to display and exemplify accepted Christian health principles. Our communities should be models of health and cleanliness. Throughout the world where communities have accepted Christ and are instructed in Christian health principles, these homes, these communities have immediately become outstanding as models for health and better living.

In the individual, acceptance of Christian health principles results in casting off unwholesome habits—drinking, smoking, irregularity of eating to

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## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

G. ARTHUR KEOUGH, SECRETARY

# HOW TO CHOOSE A SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD

Your child is the most precious possession that you have. You naturally want to give him the best. You already feed him and clothe him and provide him with a home where he can grow up healthy and strong. You are proud of him because he is a bit of yourself and you want him to develop into a worthy member of your family. You know that the time will come when you will have to send him to school because he must get an education. How will you choose that school? Will you choose that school with the same care with which you choose everything else for him?

You will be wise to choose the school carefully. Not all schools are equally efficient. Furthermore, the influence of the school on your child is going to be tremendous. He will develop habits of thought and speech that will remain with him throughout life. He will adopt attitudes and ideals which will shape his future. He will acquire satisfactorily or not, as the case might be, the tools for living which will make his life a success or failure. You are wise to make sure that the school is likely to give your child the best education.

One of the most important characteristics of a school is its aim and objectives. Do not be deceived by size or newness of building or the modernity of the equipment. Do not let the high fees make you think that you are necessarily getting better value for money. Find out the purpose of the school. Get acquainted with the principal and the teachers, and you will

soon find out whether their ideals for your child are the same as yours. If the teachers have adopted the same ideals of living as you have, you may be sure that there will be no conflict between the school and the home.

As a Christian you will want fellow-Christians as teachers in the school, teachers who will follow the example of the Master Teacher, Jesus Christ. They do not teach as a profession, but as a vocation. They do not work for money, but they have devoted their lives to the training of children. They will take a personal interest in your child. They will be more interested in character development and social adjustment than in the mere acquirement of knowledge. They will teach your child to love God, to believe in His Word, and to adopt the highest ideals of worship and Christian service. You may be sure that everything is done to provide an environment where your child will develop his talents to their fullest capacity.

When all is said and done, the centre and core of the school is the teacher. He is the ideal to which the children look for information and principles of life. Textbooks are important; but it is the teacher who interprets the text and gives that bias to knowledge which helps to mould the child's life. In a special way the children look to see whether the teacher lives out in his life the principles he teaches. If he believes that smoking is harmful, but himself smokes, he implants in the child's thinking that there is a difference between the ideal and the prac-

tical and this is natural. The child will not be encouraged to strive for the highest ideals, but will excuse human failings and learn to go along with the crowd. This is contrary to what you want for your child, because you want your child to aim for the highest, and by the grace of Jesus Christ to reach the highest level of attainment possible to him.

Make sure that the teachers in the school are qualified in training and academic attainment to lead your child along the path of educational development. This is, generally speaking, the case in any self-respecting school. But notice whether the teachers limit their activities to the classroom or not. The teacher who goes to school only at the ringing of a bell and leaves the school immediately after the last bell has been rung is not going to give your child the love and sympathy and companionship he needs. Much of the child's education is gained outside of the classroom in extra-curricular activities. Happy the child—and parent—whose teacher is as much interested in the development of habits of diligence, fair play, unselfishness, perseverance, etc., as in the acquirement of knowledge.

If the school has a Home and School Association where it is possible for the parents and the teachers to get together to discuss problems in common, you may be sure that it has some excellent characteristics. Let us not forget that the training of a child is a co-operative effort. The school is not an institution to reform a child after it has acquired bad habits at home; nor is the home the place where the child has to be corrected in habits acquired at the school. Happy the child who can grow up in an atmosphere of harmony and idealism where he has every opportunity to develop into the best that is possible for him.

Now you have some principles on which to base a judgment of your school. We hope that you will find a school suitable for your child. After all, the Bible places on your shoulders the responsibility of providing a satisfactory education for your child. The command is: Train up a child in the way that he should go. And the promise is: And when he is old he will not depart from it. God bless you and your children.



"Teachers should strive to realize the greatness of their work. . . . For their work, in its IMPORTANCE, RANKS WITH THAT OF THE CHRISTIAN MINISTER."—"Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students," p. 498.



# GOD ASKS A QUESTION

By Robert E. Osborn

Secretary-Treasurer

Middle East Division

Throughout the Holy Scriptures we find many instances where great truths are taught simply in the asking of a question. Sometimes the question is answered directly; other times the reader must draw his own conclusion.

In the last book of the Old Testament a very poignant question is asked by Malachi (3:8) wherein he makes inquiry as to whether a man will rob God. Rather than leaving us to answer incorrectly, a second question is asked as to how God has been robbed, followed by a simple, direct answer that we have robbed Him by withholding our tithes and offerings.

Today it would be good for us to ask ourselves whether we would rob the Creator and Sustainer of us all. Immediately you say that you would not think of doing such an ungrateful thing, and yet God's answer still comes ringing out that we have robbed Him in not paying an honest tithe and in selfishly keeping what we have and not giving offerings commensurate with our ability.

To think that a person would be guilty of stealing from the One to whom he owes everything is hard for us to understand and yet it is taking place all about us. As we read of the experiences of God's people through the ages often times we are inclined to think that if we had been living in those days we would have reacted in a much different way. We read of an incident and say how foolish, how stubborn, or how ungrateful were the people back there; if we had lived then we certainly would not have gotten into the situations they did. But, really, would we have?

Today we hear much about individuals who have taken advantage of their positions and have stolen from their employers, their governments, from those who have entrusted funds or property to them. Our reaction when we hear of these incidents is we wonder just whom can be trusted. Today many are actually doing worse than that because they are literally robbing God. The Spirit of Prophecy tells us:



"To defraud God is the greatest crime of which man can be guilty; and yet this sin is deep and widespread." *Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 86.

In the garden of Eden, God in his infinite wisdom placed a tree there as a test for Adam and Eve. This tree of knowledge of good and evil was to them as the tithe is to us today. Just as God instructed our first parents to not eat of that tree, today we are told that we are not to use the tithe for our own use in any way. It does not belong to us and some day we shall be called upon to give an accurate accounting of just how we have handled the things God has placed under our care and supervision.

The tithe is sacred and should be handled as if we fully realized that. The Lord made this very clear when He instructed Moses to tell his people "and 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.

The wording of the Sabbath commandment "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God" is very similar to the instruction concerning the tithe, "the tithe . . . is the Lord's." Most Sabbath keepers would not consider stealing any portion of God's holy day for secular work and yet some of these same individuals are doing just as bad by stealing funds that are not rightfully theirs—holy funds that belong to the Lord.

Occasionally we hear individuals say that our churches and members are not as spiritual as they should be; no doubt

there is some basis for these statements.

We are told "One reason why there is so great a dearth of the spirit of God is that so many are robbing God."—5 T. 734. So to change the spiritual condition of our church we need to set our accounts straight and then encourage the rest of our members to do likewise. What a blessing would result for us all.

Wonderful promises are made to those who are faithful—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

The storehouse is the church and that is where God would have us turn in the tithes that belong to Him and the offerings that we freely give.

One of our veteran ministers, Frederick F. Schwindt, lists five outstanding blessings that result from faithfulness in our Christian stewardship:

1. It will save us from the great sin of covetousness.
2. It will save us from the sin of dishonesty.
3. It will make us unselfish and God-like.
4. It will make us partners with God in the saving of souls for His kingdom.
5. It will make us beloved of God and give us free access to the true riches where thieves will not steal and rust will not corrupt.

We are all looking to the day when we will go with Jesus to Heaven for a time before coming back to the new earth to live through eternity. How tragic to think that some will not receive that privilege because they have robbed God during the testing time here on earth. Surely we would not sell our inheritance as did Esau of old for a mess of pottage, and yet that is what we are doing when we use God's holy tithe for personal use and do not bring it to His storehouse.

Will a man rob God? Unfortunately the answer is in the affirmative as we see this happening all about us. Let us individually determine that we will be diligent in all things so that we can claim the wonderful promises made to those who are faithful.

## DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH

By R. C. Skinner



Sabbath, May 25, 1957, was a day never to be forgotten by the members of the Julfa-Isfahan Seventh-day Adventist church of Iran for it was on that day that the new church building, the culmination of years of planning, working, and praying was dedicated to the Lord. Special invitations had been sent to outstanding city officials and as the hour of the service approached, the church was filled to capacity. The mayor of Isfahan, a city of 200,000, was present along with other high-ranking officials. Friends and neighbors streamed in. The pastor of the church, J. S. Gabriel, who was in charge of the dedication service, gave the welcome address after which prayer was offered by Hovanes Gregorian, one of the earliest members of the church. The account of Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple which he had built for the Lord was read by Elder K. S. Oster, son of pioneer missionary to Iran, Frank F. Oster. A short history of the church was given by Elder Y. O. Sangarloo, Secretary-Treasurer of the Iran Mission, after which the dedication sermon was preached by Elder J. E. Edwards of the General Conference Home Missionary Department. Arsen Keshishzade translated the sermon into the Farsi language, the national language of Iran, and a second translation, was given by J. S. Gabriel, into the Armenian language. Elder Edwards set forth in challenging language the responsibility of the Seventh-day Adventist church in this dark world of sin. R. C. Skinner, President of the Iran Mission, led out in the act of dedication, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder G. A. Keough, Educational Secretary of the Middle East Division of Seventh-day Adventists. May God's blessings rest upon the members of this church congregation, leading them to more faithful service in the name and spirit of the Master.

### TIME

Time is too slow for those who wait;  
Too swift for those who fear;  
Too long for those who grieve;  
Too short for those who rejoice;  
But for those who love—  
Time is eternity.

We are nearing the end of the journey, we  
have reached earth's crisis hour,  
When love shall be crowned with glory and  
justice shall stand in power;  
When the forces of wrong, defeated, shall  
cease with the setting sun  
As the last great page of this mighty age  
sends forth the decree: It is done.  
We are nearing the end of the journey; it's  
only a little way  
To the sweetness of rest in heaven, to the  
joy of a sinless day.  
In the strength of that hope eternal let us  
drop every wearying load.  
The triumph of right is now in sight; we  
are nearing the end of the road.

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### HEALTH TEACHING

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excess, the excessive use of rich foods and fried foods. Instead, this acceptance of Christian health principles leads to regular hours of rest, temperate hours of retirement, proper eating habits, avoidance of working beyond one's physical capacity. In the home the acceptance of Christian health principles leads to the bright, radiant, happy atmosphere characteristic of the good Christian home. It results in neatness, economy, regularity, the use of wholesome and desirable foods in the right quantities, regular meal hours, happy meal hours, and a spirit of helpfulness one to another in the home.

In the community, the acceptance of the Christian health principles shows

up in brighter, cleaner homes, cleaner streets, greater orderliness, beautifying of the community as far as resources permit, orderly and regular sanitary provision, and a general all-around improvement of health.

These are qualities which we like to think characterize a true Christian as relates to his duties for the preservation of health and the conduct of health ministry for those in need. Such conduct will not only result in greater personal enjoyment for the individual here below, greater happiness for the family and the community here below, but will be a potent influence in leading the individual, the family, and the community into a closer walk with God and a better understanding of the principles of His kingdom.

Let each one accept these principles as the code for his individual life.



Group of believers present at the dedication service of the new Julfa-Isfahan Church.

# OUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

By R. C. Darnell

*Missionary Volunteer Secretary*

Middle East Division

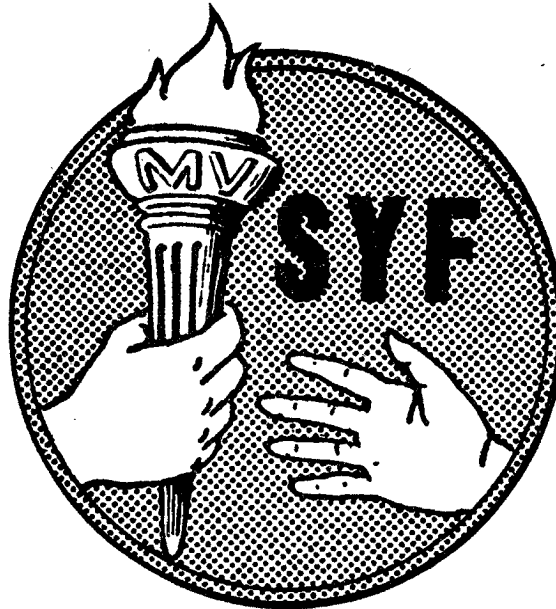
Here is your Golden Greeting from the MV Department celebrating its Golden Anniversary Year. We send it to you through the pages of THE MIDDLE EAST MESSENGER with the hope that you are helping some young person reach God's ideal for His children.

Our greeting is golden to match the golden year and our plea is insistent to answer the urgent need. For fifty years the MV Society has been the symbol of pure ideals and lofty goals and the channel for youthful energy to find expression in doing good. This year a generation of temptation-plagued youth with perplexed ideals desperately demand your guidance. Whatever you may have been in the past, decide today to be an active worker in the MV Society.

This is MV's golden year and October is the golden month. History has appointed the date; the present the opportunity. Teachers, pastors, and workers in every department are planning from now. Active MV societies schedule their most dramatic programs and exciting share-your-faith adventures for the golden month. Unhappy societies suffering from untimely death call it the resurrection month. Even in those few places where the youth have never had regular meetings and planned activities October is the beginning. Don't wait to be asked into this golden opportunity; jump onto the wagon as a volunteer.

*The golden month is your golden opportunity*—To expand. New students at the school will be anxious to join the MV Society and its activities. Boys

and girls included among the new neighbors who moved in during the summer need to get into the fellowship of true Christian youth under the guidance of dedicated counselors before Satan



draws them into worldly circles. Overlooked friends of the regular society members want to be invited to share in the fall season of thrilling MV adventures. Should anyone be forgotten?

Are you missing something? *THE golden month is your golden opportunity*—To catch up. Here's a check list.

1. Enthusiastic programs with strong spiritual impact.
2. Planned recreation with plenty of social snap.
3. Exciting MV class activities.
4. Thrilling missionary band adventures.
5. Lively MV honor projects.
6. Personal companionship, inspiring love, and interested guidance.
7. Serious Bible study in the home baptismal class. This should be

all regular routine to carry on through November, December, January, and always. Expect your MV Society to baptize more members in 1958 than the whole church has in any year before.

And that reminds me, look for a big increase in the number of baptisms soon. An amazing discovery is about to change the record. God has commended and the leaders have appreciated a certain small number of workers who for a long time have consistently baptized more than others. But now the others have stopped looking at this fruitfulness with envy and looked instead for the reason why. And they discovered that these new members of the church coming up out of the baptismal waters were mostly youth—boys and girls, young men and young women. Now

everyone wants to push evangelism among the youth. Remember young converts have a whole life to give to God.

*The golden month is your golden opportunity*—To energize the spiritual life of your church's youth.

1. To open their eyes to the great soul-winning opportunity in their own community.
2. To inspire their hearts to want to serve Christ.
3. To guide and organize their service according to God's perfect plan for them.

Let every worker and church member aim to take advantage of the opportunities and working together rejoice in the reward.

# GOD A DISCERNER OF HUMAN INTENTS

By J. S. Gabriel

A certain man approached a pastor walking in the street and inquired about the requirements of joining the church. After hearing the answer to his query, he went away and did not make any attempt to take the simple steps suggested to him. It is possible that the pastor believed this dissembling person and delighted in his heart that an honest soul was searching for truth, but the Lord knew the motives of his approach.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, . . . and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the human heart." Heb. 4:12. The Bible very explicitly declares that the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.

When one reads this powerful statement, one is often inclined to refer it to another person's heart. By this way he tries to still his own conscience and conceal his inward motives. He is often tempted to resort to flattery. Hypocrisy has a tendency to spread out in its influence upon others and may divert the thoughts of its associates imperceptibly into a different line of thought.

Peter, one of the outstanding disciples of Jesus Christ, was not exempt from this human weakness. He went so much ahead in this line that other Jews dissembled likewise with him in so much that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. This situation was so displeasing that the apostle Paul was obliged to reprimand him before others. This spirit of hypocrisy was so deeply rooted among God's own people, that our Lord Jesus Christ openly rebuked them. Matt. 23:13-30.

The experiences of ancient Israel are being reiterated among the latter day Israel. If Peter and others were led by this hypocritical spirit, it is no wonder that such a spirit still has its influence upon us. Man is prone to pass judgment according to outward appearance which may not be truth or fact and because of such an attitude he may come under the divine condemnation.

Samuel was a prophet of the Lord. He was ordered to go to Bethlehem

and anoint one of Jesse's sons as a king. When he got there, the very first son he saw, he looked on him and said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." But the Lord said unto Samuel, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." I Sam. 16:6-7.

Human nature has not changed. If God's chosen prophet was liable to judge by outward appearance, how careful we ought to be not to jump to conclusions, favorable or unfavorable.

The Lord is calling out today a people out of every nation and intends to make them ready when He appears the second time to establish His Kingdom.

As human beings we often bring with us either preconceived ideas or prejudiced feelings towards this one or that and in order to conceal these distinctive feelings, we are often led unconsciously to flatter under the guise of hypocrisy.

"Do not receive flattery, even in your religious life. Flattery is an act by which Satan lieth in wait to deceive and to puff up the human agent with high thoughts of himself. Flattery is a part of the world's policy, and it is no part of Christ's policy. Through flattery poor human beings full of frailty and infirmities, come to think that they are efficient and worthy, and become puffed up in their fleshly mind. They become intoxicated with the idea that they possess ability beyond what they do have, and their religious experience becomes unbalanced." Education p. 304.

The Bible tells us very plainly that "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

The world is in dire need of such a unity and this most desirable purpose cannot be achieved, but by the indwelling power of the divine love. In Christian love there are no racial distinctions, nor national boundaries. "When men stand at the foot of the cross, there are no racial barriers," said

Billy Graham.

How excellent it would be if the world would come to realize the wonderful blessings of such a unity, more specially if such a spirit would be predominant always and be everywhere among the remnant people of the Lord.

We are called as witnesses of the Lord. "Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him." It is so thrilling to see that this spirit of doing good to others, has taken hold among so many Advent believers. In fact such deeds are a real source of inspiration to others who have had just a faint idea of Christianity, and may have thought about it just to be a series of lifeless rules. Many follow Christianity from afar off and, by the deeds of His true followers, they form their own opinions favorably of the Christian faith. Those who have dedicated their lives to following in the steps of the Good Master, will surely reap the fruit of their unselfish toil and in the books of heaven it is recorded against their names: "Well done." The Lord expects us to manifest the loving kindness towards one another which He revealed toward fallen humanity.

So we should beware not to substitute activity for spirituality. We might enter enthusiastically into church programs but labor with very little holiness of life. We may even have success and produce high records of certain achievements exerting a strong influence upon others; yet in the meantime spiritual results may not be found in our work. Our interest might be in visible success and not in godliness. By our daily living we can either draw men to the Good Shepherd or drive them away once and for all.

May God help every one of us to be sincere at heart and true to our calling.

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## PRECIOUS JEWELS

To Elder and Mrs. L. H. Cowles in Beirut, Lebanon, on May 27, a daughter, Nelda May.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melki in Beirut, Lebanon, on June 2, a daughter, Sana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jad Katreeb in Beirut, Lebanon, on July 12, a son, Suhail.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wadie Farag in Cairo, Egypt, on July 26, a son.

CONGRATULATIONS!

## HERE AND THERE

\* Middle East College was privileged to have Pastor Audeh, President of the Protestant Evangelical Council, address the student body at a chapel service.

\* On June 15, there was an Investiture service held at Middle East College at which time a large number of students were invested in various MV classes, and also for a number of MV honors. Twelve students were invested as Master Guides. A special feature on the program was the distribution of the Leadercraft Course Certificates to fifteen young people. On the evening of June 15 the Master Guide Club had a small gathering to welcome the newly invested Master Guides into the Club membership.

\* The graduating classes of 1957 chose the following speakers for the commencement weekend services. June 21 to 23:

Consecration: K. L. Vine  
Baccalaureate: G. A. Keough  
Commencement: A. G. Zytkoskee

\* Miss Edith Davis has accepted a call to conduct Vacation Bible Schools in Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan during the summer.

\* Elder K. L. Vine, Middle East College field representative for the summer months, visited Iraq, Jordan, and Iran in the interest of prospective students.

\* Miss Shahin Ouzounian spent the summer months assisting in the Dar-Es-Salaam Hospital office.

\* At its last meeting for the school year the Ministerial Seminar of the College gave the following report:

Total Bible Studies, 266; Average attendance, 2 SDA, 5 Non-SDA; Total Sermons, 73; Average attendance, 25 SDA, 18 Non-SDA; Evangelistic meetings in Aramoun, 12 weeks; 36 studies; 4 in baptismal class: 5 baptized.

We certainly are happy that our ministerial students have opportunity to put into practice all the valuable lessons which they learn in the classroom.

\* On the staff of Middle East College for the past several years, Mr. Michael Nabti, left Beirut on July 10 for the United States. He will be a student at Southern Missionary College taking advanced training in Business Administration and will be returning to the division following the completion of his studies to resume his work at the College.

\* Mr. C. L. Gemmell, Acting President of Middle East College for the past two years, left on furlough to the United States on June 25. Mr. Gemmell will join his family in

Michigan where he will study toward his Ph.D. degree at the University of Michigan.

\* Closing exercises for the Beirut English Church School were held on the evening of June 19 at which time certificates of promotion were given to the students and a certificate of graduation was given to David Rice who graduated from the eighth grade.

\* Elder and Mrs. R. C. Darnell are now located in Beirut where Elder Darnell has taken over his new duties as Division Radio and Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

\* We extend our sincere sympathies to the D. V. Kubrock family in the loss of Mrs. Kubrock's father, Elder D. E. Robinson, a pioneer worker, who passed away in Loma Linda, California, on June 28.

\* On June 24 Elder and Mrs. A. Gordon Zytkoskee and Cherry left the Middle East by air on permanent return to the homeland. The prayers and well wishes of their many friends go with them as they assume new responsibilities pastoring a large church in Toronto, Canada.

\* Mr. H. W. Barrows, General Conference auditor, visited the Division offices in Beirut from June 11 to 19 during which time he audited the books for 1956.

\* Recent visitors to Beirut were Dr. Wm. Wagner and Dr. Geneveive Joy-Ubbink who attended a Medical Convention at the American University early in May.

\* The Seminary Tour group under the leadership of Dr. S. H. Horn, arrived in Cairo on June 28 and spent two weeks in Egypt observing archeological and historical places. On July 12 they arrived in Beirut where they spent four days also visiting historical sights in Lebanon before going on to Syria, Iraq, and Jordan. A reception in honor of the group was held on the College roof garden in Beirut the evening of July 13.

\* The second Adventist Medical Cadet and Civil Defense Corps camp was held on the campus of Middle East College from June 30 to July 14. Elder Olson was the camp director and his assistants were Anees Haddad and Salim Hasbani.

\* We regret to advise our readers that Doctor Roy S. Cornell, administrator of the Adventist hospital in Benghazi, Libya, was stricken with poliomyelitis on May 21. Doctor Cornell was evacuated from Benghazi by the U. S. Air Forces on July 4 and was flown directly to Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Cornell and sons left July 5 by S. A. S. for Seattle. The news of Doctor Cornell's illness has come as a shock to all and prayers are unitedly rising to the throne of grace that God will bless

him and his family and give them guidance and comfort during this trying hour.

\* Dr. Jay Paul Munsey is leaving the United States in September to take charge of the hospital in Benghazi. Doctor Munsey comes from Moab, Utah.

### EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

\* Elder C. C. Crider recently visited in Iran in order to assist in arranging for the transfer of some legal matters for the mission there.

\* Brother Henry Melki in company with Elder J. E. Edwards visited our four larger missions from the last of March to the first week in May. "Training Light Bearers", and introducing the "120" project were among their objectives at that time.

\* Early in June R. H. Hartwell, the Union President, visited the believers in Iraq, Cyprus, and Jordan.

\* Elder Wayne E. Olson and family have been called to work in connection with the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in Baghdad. This will require the laying of new plans for the Union Evangelistic team. We have been sorry to release this family, but realize that they will still serve within the boundaries of our field.

\* Elder A. Gordon Zytkoskee and Brother Anees Haddad have completed a full round of Investiture services throughout the field and hundreds of M.V. pins, vocational honors, and Bible Year and Book Club certificates were issued. In a special way our schools have taken the lead in promoting this commendable work.

\* A three-day Union Colporteur Institute was held at Middle East College from June 24 to 26 with Brother Henry Melki leading out. About twenty-four student colporteurs and prospective colporteurs were in attendance. An assistant leader for each country was chosen from among the successful colporteurs of previous summers.

\* Returning to America, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jones, Charles, and Theresa left Beirut on June 28. We shall remember them in our prayers, and wish them God's blessing in their future work. We greatly appreciate the good work they have done for us here in this Union field.

\* Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fund, Larry and Nancy, returned to the Union on August 4. We welcome them back to the field.

\* In celebration of the MV Golden Anniversary Year, the two Junior camps in the Jordan, the Arabic-English camp in Lebanon, and the Armenian camp in Lebanon, joined together to form one large camp held in Lebanon July 18 to 28. Among the several special features at the camp was a baptism and investiture service.

**CYPRUS**

\* Thus far Elder D. A. Christoforides is still waiting for a work permit to labor in the island. Your prayers are solicited that the Lord's will may be done.

**IRAQ**

\* Brother Khalil Yared, accountant at the Dar Es Salaam Hospital, left for study in America during the latter part of May. Brother Jones paid a second visit to Baghdad to audit the accounts. So far no successor has been found to take over this important work.

\* The Junior M.V. Camp, as well as the General Camp Meeting, are to be held this year in Shaqlawa as before.

\* Miss Mildred Berggren, teacher of the Baghdad church school for a number of years, left Beirut on July 1 for the United States where she will take up further studies at Atlantic Union College.

\* The Dar Es Salaam Hospital is sorry to lose its physiotherapy team, Mr. and Mrs. Sven O. Sjoberg, who left Baghdad in July for their homeland in the Northern European Division. It was necessary for these workers to return due to a serious back ailment which Brother Sjoberg has had for some time. We thank them for their contributions to the work in Baghdad and trust they will soon again be able to take up new endeavors.

**JORDAN**

\* Pastor Chafic Srour baptized one man in the Jordan River early in June. A student was baptized in Amman a few weeks earlier.

\* Three evangelistic efforts are now in progress in Jordan as follows:

Pastor Mousa Azar inside the walls of old Jerusalem.

Pastor Chafic Srour and the El Husn teachers in El Husn's new church.

Brethern Naim Meshni and Michael Katrib in Zerka.

Brief efforts were held by Brother Najeeb Azar in Adar and Hmoud near Kerak.

**KUWAIT**

\* Pastor Behnam Arshat has recently visited the members living in Kuwait.

**LEBANON-SYRIA**

\* At last it seems that negotiations are about to be completed for the purchase of land in Aramoun village. We hope in due time to have our own school and church building there. Elder Vine and the Middle East College students have completed their Bible study evangelistic program there for this year.

\* Elder D. V. Kubrock and his evangelistic company have held two

spearhead village evangelistic meetings in north Lebanon.

\* Pastor Manoug Nazirian recently baptized two persons at the Beirut Armenian church.

\* Five souls were recently baptized in Beirut by Pastor Shukri Nowfel. Maurice Katrib, Aida Ghazal, and George Raffoul, were among those who had an active part in working for these dear souls.

\* Elder Fred Veltman, recent pastor of the College Park Church, left the division on June 24 returning to the United States where he will join Mrs. Veltman, Jackie and Karie. His faithful efforts to promote the various phases of church work in the College have certainly been greatly appreciated.

**TURKEY**

\* Good progress is still being made in constructing the new church in Istanbul. It is thought that it will be completed in August.

**NILE UNION**

\* Dr. and Mrs. Harry W. Miller of California arrived on June 18 in Benghazi, Libya. Doctor Miller will be relief doctor at the Adventist Hospital caused by the sudden illness of Doctor Cornell. Doctor Miller is a veteran medical worker in the denomination, having spent many years in denominational administration and medical work in China and in the United States.

**IRAN**

\* R. E. Osborn, Division treasurer and auditor, spent the first week of June auditing the records of the Iran Mission and assisting in the registration of the legal corporation for that country.

\* A four-day Home Missionary Institute was held in the Iran Mission April 25 to 29 at which time Elder J. E. Edwards of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, led out in the instructional classes. On the last evening of the institute an impressive lighted torch ceremony challenged all to let their lights shine for Christ.

\* On June 2 it was the pleasure of the Iran Mission to welcome as guests Elder and Mrs. C. C. Crider and family who drove to Tehran from Baghdad. Elder Crider, was President of the Iran Mission from 1946-1950,

\* Sabbath, June 15th at 5 p.m. the largest M.V. Investiture ever held in Iran commenced. Approximately 30 Reading Course Certificates, 94 honors, and 20 pins were given out. Three of the pins given were Master Guide pins. The Master Guide Club, under the leadership of Mrs. K. S. Oster, had an active part in the Investiture.

\* On the evening of June 15th, graduation exercises were held for the

students of the Iran Training School in the garden of the Mission Compound. Elder R. C. Skinner gave the address and after the program refreshments were served to the students, teachers, and parents.

\* The dormitory and Principal's cottage are going up steadily and we hope that they will both be ready for the opening of school in the Fall. The garden also, is producing a steady income for the school and the grounds for the campus are being planted and terraced so that they will look beautiful for the opening of school."

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Teach me how to give to others  
 Something helpful, something true;  
 How to make my life worth living,  
 How to start each day anew.  
 —Sylvia Chapin

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Third Quarter 1957

August	3	Home Visitation Day
	10	Christian Education
	17	Tithe Promotion Day
	24-31	Missions Extension Week
September	7	Missions Extension Day
	14	S. S. Rally Day
	21-	Ingathering Campaign
October	26	

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**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

July	6	Midsummer Offering
August	10	Local Training School
September	7	Missions Extension
September	14	S. S. Expense

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