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MISSIONS ADVANCE OFFERING

By C. L. Torrey

Treasurer, General Conference

There is a deep feeling of urgency on the part of our leadership right around the world field that the message must advance more rapidly, for time is fast running out and soon the opportunity to warn the world of its impending doom will be forever ended.

With the servant of the Lord, these brethren believe that "we have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now. We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare.

"From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our Leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory." *Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 22.

And further she says, "The spirit of war is stirring the nations from one end of the earth to the other." *Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 17. "The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth." *Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 11.

In view of this we must arise and with greater zeal and sacrifice and in the power of the Holy Spirit go forth

to finish the task while there is still time, for says Sister White, "Everywhere the light of truth is to shine forth, that hearts now in the sleep of ignorance may be awakened and converted. In all countries and cities the gospel is to be proclaimed. . . ." *Evangelism*, p. 19. And again, "From town to town, from city to city, from country to country, the warning message is to be proclaimed. . . ." *Evangelism*, p. 19.

These are days of opportunity; indeed it is a new day in many parts of the world. The Spirit of God is brooding over the hearts of men and women in all lands of earth and it is believed that there will soon be a recurrence of the Nestorian movement when the church will be ablaze and aflame for God, and when multitudes, many of whom have been secret believers in the message, will arise and take their stand for the truth. We see the power of God at work in the earth. Larger and larger numbers are being added to the church by baptism and tens of thousands are in baptismal classes awaiting the day when they too can become members.

As I travel from country to country carrying out my appointments, I rejoice to see what is taking place. In India, so long known as the Gibraltar of heathenism, the gospel is being proclaimed with power and baptisms are continuing to increase. Africa, once called the dark continent, has been lightened with the glory of God. Our membership, as of December 31, 1956, had reached 152,838 and there are 100,000 persons in the baptismal classes. In South America, referred to as the land

of opportunity, God has raised up His church 85,581 strong and it is rapidly growing. In Inter-America the membership is growing so rapidly that it has become impossible to provide the members with church homes and some companies are having to meet out under the trees. While in the Australasian Division, I visited the highlands of New Guinea where only a short time ago our missionaries moved in among a wild and turbulent people, many of them head-hunters. Today from 1200 to 2000 people are being baptized annually. In the Philippines and Indonesia and other countries of the Far East, people are joining the church in ever-increasing numbers, our membership in the Philippines being 54,625 as of December 31, 1956. We are greatly encouraged with the growth of the work in Europe and America, as well as in China, Russia, and the Balkan countries. Indeed right around the circle, sincere and honest seekers after truth are finding God.

While the work is going forward most encouragingly, yet think of the multitudes who are still without Christ and without hope! The task before us is tremendous. It is true that we are working in nearly every country of earth, yet there are so many within those countries who have not so much as heard the gospel story of Christ's redeeming love. It is to these dear souls for whom Christ died that we must bring the message. Brethren and sisters, with greater consecration on our part and a dedication of our hearts and money to the task which lies ahead, I believe that we can win hundreds of souls where we are now winning them by tens.

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EDUCATIONAL
DEPARTMENT
G. Arthur Keough, *Secretary*

INSPECTING OUR SCHOOLS

From time to time we find it necessary to visit our schools to make sure that the policies and standards set by the Mission are being followed and maintained. After all, our schools are important; in them our youth are receiving the training which is going to determine their future. We cannot afford to be careless about Christian Education.

How are our schools inspected? Who inspects, and what do inspectors look for? These are fair questions to ask, and there should be no difficulty in answering. There is nothing secret about an inspectorial visit, except perhaps the time of the visit, since it is important to see the school under normal working conditions.

The Inspectors are usually the Educational secretaries accompanied by the Mission President and aided by the school principal. These form a committee which meets to "inspect" the school after the visitors have had enough time to see all that needs to be seen and have a general idea about the spirit prevailing in the school. An inspection will take at least a whole morning, and sometimes a whole day.

What do the inspectors look for? There are various phases of school life and administration which come under review. There is the school plant: questions are asked about the site and the building. Is the location suitable for the school? Is it in a healthy, safe, and wholesome neighborhood amid pleasant surroundings and free from disturbing noises and unpleasant odors? It is obviously a disadvantage if the school is near a noisy factory and the children cannot hear the teacher easily or concentrate on their studies.

Questions are asked about the size of the playground in relation to the enrollment. The children should have ample room to run and play and younger ones should be separated from the older ones so that there is no interference due to differences in play activities. The site should be well drain-

ed, properly graded, beautified with appropriate plantings, and so surfaced that it can be used under all weather conditions. Furthermore, there should be a fence or wall around the area for protection and safety.

Then there is the building; it should be separate from the church. It should be attractive and architecturally designed for school purposes. The floors of the classrooms should be at or above ground level. The number and size of the classrooms should be sufficient for the enrollment. The building should be painted suitably and kept in good state of repair. The lighting and heating should be adequate to the needs of the children. Cloakroom facilities should be available. Rest rooms must be kept clean and disinfected and properly labelled. In wet weather there should be provision for indoor playing and physical exercise. For grades 7 and 8 there ought to be a practical arts room. The water supply must be approved and the method of drinking sanitary. First aid supplies must be readily available. There should be protection from fire and everything so arranged to avoid accidents. Finally the janitorial services must be adequate to the needs. All this is done so that the child can grow up in the healthiest environment, able to concentrate on its most important task, that of growing up and learning.

Next, the equipment of the school comes under review. Desks should be strong and suitable to the size of the pupil. The teacher should have a desk of good quality. The younger children should have small chairs and low tables at which they can work. Chalk boards should be big enough and low enough for the children to be able to use. Tack boards should be provided so that pupils' work can be displayed. There should be a supply cabinet, a filing cabinet, a piano or organ, a clock, a bell, a pencil sharpener, waste basket, and flag. The teacher should have desk copies of the textbooks being used, maps for Bible, history, and geography. There should be charts for health and

science and nature. A globe—at least 12" in diameter—should be available. In the lower grades such things as flash cards are a must, and in the practical arts room there ought to be equipment for vocational courses such as sewing, woodwork, gardening, etc. Then there should be a library of books suitable for the children. There will be reference books, such as concordances and dictionaries, an encyclopedia, a World Almanac and World Atlas. There will be about two hundred other books divided evenly as to subject matter and grade level. Current magazines will be found and provision in the budget for buying new books from time to time. There will also be audio-visual equipment such as a projector and a record player with some suitable recorded music. You see, every effort is being made to ensure that our children receive the most efficient teaching situation possible. In addition to this, the children are examined by a nurse or doctor for any physical defects, and the parents are informed of any treatment that may be necessary so that the child enjoys the best facilities for healthy growth and development. Are you not glad that all this is done for our boys and girls?

But this is not all that the inspectorial committee has to inquire about. There is the administration of the school and its financial operation. There should be a school board properly constituted and meeting at regular intervals to consider the needs of the school. All reports and records must be kept neatly and permanently. The school must be operating under a budget that is adequate, and be keeping within its budget. The teachers must be qualified to do their work, having academic and professional certificates. The school must operate the required number of weeks, giving lessons the required number of hours according to grade level, and following the official course of study. Teachers must keep daily register records, and have an adequate system of recording class marks. The teachers should meet regularly for prayer and consideration of the needs of the school.

But a school is not a model school unless there are public programs arranged for parents to see how their children are doing. There should be a Home and School Association. There should also be regular instruction in health and temperance and provision made for the care of emergency sickness and injury. In case of communicable diseases there ought to be proper control and prevention.

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

By J. S. Russell

A short time ago this sentence came to my attention. *Some people conduct their lives on the cafeteria plan—self service only.* Thoughts began to crowd into my mind, especially one little scene.

It was a busy corner restaurant where I had stopped for something to eat. The day was warm, folk were tired, and everyone seemed to be hungrily waiting in line for his turn to pick up the dishes of his choice. The food looked good, the atmosphere was pleasing, the music gentle and pleasant. It was a refreshing that one needed in the middle of the day and in a short time I began to feel very contented and satisfied.

One part of the picture made a difference. Against the glass of the window were pressed four little noses while glary eyes skipped about the room, seeming to take inventory of all the people and the food on the tables. The little bodies of the children were miserably clothed in dirty rags, while their feet, hands, and hair spoke of poverty and neglect. One's food takes on an air of rebuke when the pleadings of the poor take on such visible forms. The sobering sense of selfishness draws one back to his duty and responsibility when confronted by such a challenge. I felt a measure of guilt as I enjoyed my plenty while there were those more in need.

The Lord "daily loadeth us with benefits." Ps. 68:19. His children may enjoy the variety of good things which God prepares for them as a table in the wilderness. The attractiveness of Divine worship in the house of the Lord; music to warm the heart and subdue the spirit; spiritual food to nourish the hungry souls of God's children while in a troubled world; the joy of sweet fellowship among those of like precious faith—these the saints of God may enjoy today while waiting for greater blessings in the kingdom to come.

But what about those faces at the window? The spiritually poor who stand on the outside looking in on God's people, so abundantly blessed at the table of the Lord. They may not be dressed in physical rags, but their garments of righteousness may be very threadbare. Their souls, if not their stomachs oft times yearn for something they know not what. There they stand pressing their spiritual noses against the glass of church fellowship which separates them from the good things enjoyed by God's children—looking,



wondering, asking some interesting questions, and inwardly yearning for some kind of soul-food. Do they not challenge the spiritual generosity of the church who have "bread enough and to spare while they perish with hunger"? Does there not arise in the hearts of those who have a sense of compassion and responsibility for those who have not? Why do we not go out and compel them to come in to the feast?

The cafeteria-plan Christian whose chief concern is "self-service" only, stands in such bold contrast with the appeal the Master made to the disciples. "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold," said Jesus, "them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice." John 10:16. But when the Saviour led his disciples over the hills to mingle among the neighboring people of the Canaanites down by the seashore near Sidon, the disciples urged the Master to send the woman away who, they felt, was troubling them by "crying after them." This poor soul was humbly trying to glean a few of the crumbs from the gospel table and was met by the heartening response from the Master, "great is thy faith."

Is it strange that the devil tempts God's people to consume the blessings of salvation upon themselves, while seeming to have little thought for the soul-hungry ones about them? Are we not in grave danger of committing the same error the Pharisees made when they secluded themselves from those in need? No more scathing rebuke is to be found in the words of Christ, while here among men, than that which he administered to the scribes and Pharisees for their self-righteous, self-seeking behaviour.

"In every town, city and village there are persons who would embrace the

truth if it were brought before them in a judicious manner." 2T 113. The two mad men on the Decapolis shore who rushed out from the rocks to molest Jesus and His disciples were doubtless very disappointed that, after so miraculously transforming their lives, Jesus did not permit them to accompany Him, like the other disciples were doing, in order to gain a better knowledge of their salvation. But Jesus led them into a service for Him which only they could perform among their own people, the prejudiced populace of Decapolis. "For a short time only these men had listened to His words. Not one sermon from His lips had ever fallen upon their ears. They could not instruct the people as the disciples who had been daily with Christ were able to do. But they could tell what they knew; what they themselves had seen, and heard, and felt of the Saviour's power. This is what everyone can do whose heart has been touched by the grace of God. This is the witness for which our Lord calls and for want of which the world is perishing." M. H. 99.

A VISIT

One day I rang a doorbell
In a casual sort of way;
'Twas not a formal visit
And there wasn't much to say.

I don't remember what I said—
It matters not I guess—
I found a heart in hunger,
A soul in deep distress.

He said, I came from heaven,
And I often wondered why;
He said, I came to see him
When no other help was nigh.

It meant so little to me
To knock at a stranger's door,
But it meant heaven to him
And God's peace forevermore.

During the year 1958, four Sabbaths have been set aside especially for Home Visitation activity. These are January 4, April 5, July 5, and October 4. Of course no good faithful members thinks to limit his missionary labors to only four set days out of 365, because the art of witnessing for the Lord is not something to be regulated by days, or feelings, or convenience. If the Lord has rolled upon us a burden for the lost about us, we will not just concentrate a few short hours on these particular days. These are times when the organized church as a group puts forth special plans and makes an effort to reach as large a number with this message as is possible. Every member should feel his duty is not performed until he has helped his church approach the homes in his community with a kindly visit

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LIBYAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SUPPORT TEMPERANCE WORK

The support that the Libyan Government gave to the work carried by the International Temperance Association during the months of December 1957 and January 1958, was most remarkable. The officials were most keen in helping the Association in its work of pointing out the dangers of intemperance.

The Arab Kingdom of Libya is the youngest of the nations on the Mediterranean sea board. It was on the 24th of December, 1951, that the three provinces of Tripolitania, Cyrenaica and Fezzan were united under His Majesty King Idris the First, formerly known as Emir Idris el Senussi.

On arriving in Benghazi, together with Mr. Wadie Youssef, the assistant manager of the Adventist Hospital in that city, we interviewed all the top officials of the Province as well as of the Federal Government. Mr. Hussein Mazek, the Wali (Governor) of Cyrenaica, who does not smoke or drink, requested the Department of Press and Publications to make arrangements for us to show the film "One in 20,000" to the top government officials. Mr. T. N. El Barkawi, Director Press and Publications, printed invitation cards and mailed them to all the officials and leading citizens inviting them to see the film "One in 20,000" on the second and third of January 1958, at the Rex Cinema which has the best auditorium in town.

Before we showed the film, we gave a little lecture on nutrition and showed how the cigarette has no nutritive value whatsoever. Arranged on the rostrum were different articles of food in jars which were classified under proteins, carbohydrates, fats, minerals, vitamins and water. It was pointed out that the cigarette has none of these essential elements for the body, but on the contrary has nicotine which is poisonous to the human mechanism. The cooperation that Dr. J. P. Munsey; Miriam Bruce, R.N.; Mr. Mounir Masloub, laboratory technician; and Mr. Rafik Issa of the Adventist Hospital gave, was most appreciated by the people. Before starting the lecture a few cigarettes were requested from the audience. Mr. Mounir Masloub extracted before the audience the nicotine from two cigarettes, and just before we showed the film Dr. Munsey injected a bird with the extracted nicotine and the bird died instantly. The film, the lecture, and this experiment were repeated the following day for a different audience. All the top officials whom we interviewed wrote us testimonials for our Arabic

By Wadie Farag

Executive Director,
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for Middle East

"ALERT". Of these were the testimonies written by Mr. Abdel Megid Keabar, the Prime Minister for the Federal Government; Mr. Mahmoud Bouhedma, President of the Senate (Upper House); Mr. Salem L. El-Kadi, President of the House of Representatives (Lower House); Mr. Hussein Mazek, the Wali (Governor) of Cyrenaica; Mr. Aniss El Kasafi, President of the Executive Council of the Province of Cyrenaica; Mr. Mesbach Soliman Rockrock, President of the Legislative Council for the Province of Cyrenaica; Mr. Abou Seif Yassin, Nazir of Interior for the Province of Cyrenaica; Mr. Abdel Hadi Salem Dehum, Nazir of Health, and others.

His Majesty King Idris, who is a shrewd and well-informed judge of current affairs, was in his palace in Tobruk, about a thousand kilometers round trip from Benghazi. We arranged with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to secure a testimonial from him. Inasmuch as the Minister of Foreign Affairs was travelling by car from Benghazi to Tobruk to see His Majesty the King, the Chief of Protocol phoned the administrators of the first city on the highway to Tobruk and asked them to request the Minister upon his arrival to their city to phone back for an important matter. That, the Minister did. The Chief of Protocol explained to the Minister our mission, and requested if it might be possible to secure a testimonial from His Majesty. On interviewing the Minister of Foreign Affairs He said that His Majesty has agreed to write a testimonial and to present the Society with two autographed pictures of himself. His Majesty is a ceaseless champion of Libyan independence, a noted scholar who does not smoke or drink. The Minister of Foreign Affairs informed us of his willingness to arrange for us to have an audience with His Majesty, who is a devout supporter of the temperance work. The Foreign Minister showed great appreciation of our work and informed Mr. Wadie Youssef and myself that when the Minister of State visited him and was offered a cigarette, he refused to accept it, and stated that after he saw the film "One in 20,000" he had decided never to touch tobacco again. Later the Prime Minister stated that the film which was seen by the members of

the Cabinet and all the leading men in town had stirred the country, and that it had an excellent effect. He showed great appreciation for the work of the International Temperance Association, and congratulated the Association for their fine work. Mr. Tawfik El Barkawi, Director Press and Publications, remarked that he had received overwhelming thanks for sending out the invitations to the leading men of the country to see the film. He also stated that he would be glad to arrange for us to show it throughout Cyrenaica. On the 3rd of January, the Arabic newspaper Barka El Jedida, official paper of the Province, and which has the widest circulation, wrote the following:

A FILM ON THE EVIL OF SMOKING

The Department of Press and Publications for the Province of Cyrenaica invited a large number of the leading personalities of the Federal Government, Provincial Government, Members of Parliament, and Legislative Council, and leading citizens, and Press reporters to see the film on the dangers of smoking at the Rex Cinema. Just before starting the film at exactly 4:30 p.m. Mr. Wadie Farag, Executive Director of the International Temperance Association for the Middle East, gave a talk on the important nutritive elements that the body needs, and pointed out that the cigarette does not contain any of these essential elements. He gave his talk after he thanked the responsible men of the Government for the valuable help they rendered to facilitate the object of his mission. After that, Dr. Munsey, the physician of the Adventist Hospital, and Mr. Mounir Masloub, the laboratory technician of the Hospital, extracted the nicotine from two cigarettes in front of the audience and injected it into a bird which died instantly. Following this the film was shown depicting how the cigarette causes lung cancer.

REMEMBER
MAY 17
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IRAN TRAINING SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Left to right: K. S. Oster, M. Morovati, M. Gasparian,
R. C. Skinner, M. E. Adams, Y. O. Sangerloo

VOICE OF PROPHECY, IRAN BRANCH

By K. S. Oster

The Voice of Prophecy is silently but effectively witnessing for the Master in Iran. When we stop to realize that in over a period of two years we have graded an average of more than twelve hundred lessons every quarter, we will begin to see the effect that God's Word has had on the souls from whom, we are assured, "it shall not return unto me void, but will accomplish that whereunto I sent it." Every lesson graded represents at least half an hour that someone has spent reading and answering questions on the Bible that have to do with his eternal salvation. Over a period of two years on a conservative estimate of half an hour for each lesson, over five thousand hours have been spent in Bible study or an average of fifty hours every week! Our prayer is that these hours of Bible study may bring the intended blessings.

We cannot begin to compute the value of the results by evidence seen thus far, but await the day when the Great Statistician will ascribe to the Voice of Prophecy those who are in Paradise. We ask you to please join the worldwide Thursday morning Voice of Prophecy prayer circle and to make special mention of the Iran Branch and the hundreds studying the Bible with the help of the Voice of Prophecy lessons that they also might gain an abundant entrance into the Kingdom.

IN TROUBLE OFTEN

By L. N. Lock

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Kambubu, New Britain, Australasian
Division*

Boats are fascinating things to young fellows but to almost all missionaries who have anything to do with little mission ships they are just a necessary evil. We use them because there is no other way to get to the scattered islands where we must take the gospel. We don't like them but we can't do without them.

We were visiting the island of Bellona. The anchorage there is very poor but we held on for a few days because we did want so much to spend the Sabbath with the folk there. Those people had never had a missionary spend the Sabbath with them.

Just before sunset we opened the Sabbath with the people on shore and in the dusk we rowed back out to the little mission ship which was now tossing uncomfortably. While we had our tea the crew boys had a sing song up forward. Before turning in for the night I went out to see that everything was in order. Just then the ship gave a mighty lurch which snapped the anchor chain. I raced for the wheel house and started the engines for we had had to anchor close to a reef and we just got the ship under way in time to miss the reef.

We stood off for awhile to counsel what we should do. Our main anchor was gone and I knew we couldn't hold on with the other. Our fuel supply was low. A group of boys from neighbouring Rennel who were returning home from school were on the shore and we had no way of letting them know what had happened.

After prayer we decided to run for home as the weather was growing worse. We had a very rough passage that night and were glad to reach home next afternoon.

Some months later when we visited Bellona next, we found that our people there had found the anchor while fishing and after much effort had succeeded in getting the anchor ashore and had it ready for us to pick up.

The gospel could never have been taken to Rennel and Bellona where a wonderful work has been accomplished without the mission ship. And that is true of many other islands. You can share in this work by giving a generous offering this coming thirteenth Sabbath.

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In view of the seriousness of the times in which we live, the nearness of the end, the urgency of our God-given task and the unprecedented opportunities before us, the General Conference Committee has voted, after very careful and prayerful consideration of the need for greater urgency in finishing our work, to invite our people throughout the world field to give a sacrificial offering for evangelism on May 17, 1958. We have confidence to believe that they will respond with willing hearts and contribute the largest sacrificial offering for worldwide evangelism ever to be received from our believers. I am sure each one will rally to this call in order that the work of God may go forward with greater dispatch. May our heavenly Father indicate to each member the amount he should give to this most worthy cause which we all love, and thus help finish our task in power and great glory.

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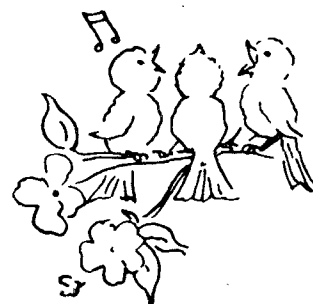
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THANK GOD FOR SPRING

By Lilian Hungerford

Thank God for spring! The time of all things new,
 When summer's burning suns, drear autumn winds,
 And winter's cruel breath, are all passed by,
 Forgotten, in the fragrance of the spring.
 Thank God that old mistakes, old ills and wrongs,
 May be forgotten as things of yesteryear,
 And with the springtime, we begin again.



Thank God for spring! When life comes out of death,
 The annual resurrection of the flowers
 Out of the bare brown earth, the trees stark limbs,
 They spring forth in their beauty, praising God,
 And He who works so oft this miracle
 Will raise up His beloved from the dust
 In perfect life and joy of endless spring.

Thank God for spring! An oft-recurring sign
 That the Creator's power has never waned;
 That He who made the world doth still create;
 That He who made men's hearts can make them new,
 Give hearts of flesh instead of hearts of stone;
 Renew in man the image of his God.
 In springtime praise Him! He made all things good.

GREATEST OFFERING FOR GREATEST ADVANCE IN ADVENTIST HISTORY

By George J. Appel

At the time of the recent General Conference Fall Council an action was taken to give our believers around the world an opportunity to share in having a part in the missions offering to be taken up at the General Conference Session on June 21, 1958, which is the first Sabbath of that important meeting. It is to be known as the "World Evangelism and Mission Advance" offering. This offering is to take the place, for the year of 1958 only, of the Missions Advance Offering and the Midsummer Offering. The world goal has been set at One Million Dollars.

The Middle East Division knowing that our believers in this Division desire to have a part in this splendid plan for

missions advance has taken the following action:

"That we cooperate in the plans of the General Conference for a special World Evangelism and Missions Advance Offering to be received in connection with the 1958 General Conference session, it being understood that the Middle East Division goal comes to \$1,604.80, and that this amount be prorated to the unions and the detached mission based on 1955 tithe income, that the offering be received on May 17, 1958, with reports being sent immediately following the receiving of the offering so that a report of the offering may be taken by the officers to the General Conference sessions and that the following distribution be made:

	<i>Local Currency</i>	<i>U. S. Dollars</i>
East Mediterranean Union	£3,424.25	1,095.76
Nile Union	£Eg 117.396	305.23
Iran Mission	Rials 15,285.00	203.81
		Total \$1,604.80

We urgently request that all our workers which includes pastors, church officers, and all others will promote this offering in a strong way. Living as we are in serious times with the end so near, let all be encouraged to make this a real sacrificial offering to meet the needs of God's cause in these closing days of the earth's history.

NEW WORKERS TO MIDDLE EAST



Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Anderson (right) arrived in Beirut in January 1958, and are diligently studying Arabic. Mr. Anderson becomes manager of the Middle East Press effective July 1, 1958, when Mr. M. J. McCulloch prepares to leave for the United States.

HERE AND THERE

* On April 30 Elder and Mrs. R. C. Darnell and Leonard left Beirut for furlough in the homeland. We wish them a safe and pleasant journey.

* Secretary to the President of the Division and Editor of the MIDDLE EAST MESSENGER, Miss Flora Oslund, left Beirut on April 6 for Canada on permanent return, this being her final issue of the Messenger.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

* Middle East College started the Winter Quarter with an enrollment of 112 students.

* Two students of Middle East College, Miss Hasmik Keshishzade and Raif Jeha recently followed their Lord in baptism at a service held in the Beirut Armenian Church.

* Under the sponsorship of K. L. Vine, the Middle East College Temperance Chapter conducted a program when students from both the college and academy sections participated in temperance addresses which were followed by the Temperance Department film *The Killer Strikes Again*.

* The Teachers of Tomorrow Club, organized in the beginning of the Winter Quarter, has as one of the projects of this club the fostering of the Home and School Association for the Arabic Elementary School. The first Home and School Association meeting convened on February 10.

* The Ministerial Seminar meets each week before the Friday evening devotional service. We trust that through this Seminar our students will gain a practical experience in soul winning.

* Miss Ruth Brown, a missionary nurse in the Belgian Congo, spent three weeks with her niece, Mrs. K. L. Vine. While in Beirut, Miss Brown gave an interesting talk to the students in chapel, and also showed her color slides to the T. C. S. Club.

* Middle East College is planning to conduct a six-weeks summer session during the summer of 1958, slated for July 8—August 20. We trust that many of our teachers and other workers in the field will avail themselves of this opportunity to prepare for better service for the youth and for God.

* February 15 was Christian Education Day throughout the Division, and the offering received will be used at the college for furniture improvement in the Men's Residence Hall. Faculty members were invited to five nearby churches to interpret the importance of Christian Education. Middle East College sincerely thanks all who contributed in the offerings and prayers in be-

half of the young men in training.

* The College graduating Class of 1958 was organized on February 11. Officers elected were:

George Ghazal, President;
Latifa Farag, Secretary;
Salam Aboujaudi, Pastor;
K. L. Vine, Faculty sponsor.

* The College family and community regretfully bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kaler on March 20 as they left for the United States where they will establish their home.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* Brother Salim Hasbany, while attending the College, is using all of his spare time in assisting our Union departmental men with various phases of the departmental work. He is also preparing the reports for the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments.

* Brother Antoine Jabbour, a Middle East College Senior, has begun part-time work in the treasury department of the Union.

CYPRUS

* The Division and Union officers have made short visits during the past four months, and they were pleased to find our brethren and sisters faithfully carrying on the church activities, even though they are still waiting for a pastor. Brother A. N. Barlas has been chosen as Acting-Pastor and VOP Director in this interim.

IRAQ

* The Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer societies of the Central Baghdad Church are taking active steps to carry forward their duties in 1958.

* Elder R. H. Hartwell recently returned from a two weeks visit in Iraq. It was Ingathering season in the Gulf area.

* A total of 500 *Hope* subscriptions were solicited from the public by Brethren Said Tooma and George Khoury.

DAR ES SALAAM HOSPITAL

* Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Theo Williams on the birth of a second son, Larry Wayne, born February 13.

* The government of Iraq has given approval to our nursing school.

* A new elevator is being installed to enable easy access to the second floor. Two new first class rooms have just been added to the hospital and plans are being made for an addition to the clinic.

* There were about twenty-five successful candidates from the Red

Crescent First Aid Course. Diplomas were presented at the Red Crescent headquarters. Chaplain Wayne E. Olson directed the successful program which was taught by the medical staff of the hospital and others.

* Due to a sudden illness, it was necessary for Brother Leif Jensen to return to Denmark for medical help. We trust he will recover soon and that he and Mrs. Jensen will be able to continue their good work in the physiotherapy department of the hospital.

JORDAN

* Evangelistic efforts have already started in the Amman Church, and also in Zerka and Madaba. Soon they will start in the Ramallah and Kerak districts according to present plans.

LEBANON-SYRIA

* On March 23 a full-scale evangelistic effort was begun in the Beirut Arabic Church under the leadership of Elders C. C. Crider and Anees A. Haddad, assisted by Miss. R. Williams, Pastor George Raffoul, and Miss Aida Ghazal, as well as the teachers of the Beirut Junior Academy and various officers of the church. The first meeting began at 7 o'clock and there was such a crowd of people that the side rooms were also filled.

At 8:15 p.m. at the close of the service, the church was again filled for a second service. There was also an overflow attendance upstairs of between one and two hundred mothers and children to whom Miss Williams and Pastor George Raffoul showed still pictures on the life of Christ. The meetings are continuing with an excellent attendance.

* Another series of meetings started on March 27 in Aramoun conducted by the five teachers in the Aramoun school. On April 6 another effort will begin in the Beirut Armenian Church under the leadership of Pastor Manoug Nazirian and Brother Aram Aghassian, assisted by the six teachers of the Armenian school. Pastor Maurice Katrib also hopes to begin meetings in Afesdeek, a village near Bishmizzine.

* Sister Ella M. Robinson came from California recently to live with her daughter Mrs. D. V. Kubrock in Sidon. A grand-daughter of Mrs. E.-G. White, Sister Robinson and her late husband spent long years of service in Africa as well as in the General Conference office. We give her a hearty welcome to this field.

* A very successful Dorcas Federation meeting, sale, and super was held in the Beirut Arabic Church on February 23. The proceeds amounted to L£ 222 according to Mrs. G. T. Gott, president.

* Brethren Keough, Crider, Noujaim, and Hartwell visited the schools in Lebanon for the purpose of grading them. Baptismal classes are being conducted in all four schools. Over 100 pupils are in these classes.

* On January 27 a Ministerial Get-together for the Beirut area was held at the Union office. Workers from most parts of the field enjoyed this spiritual retreat. About forty-five ministerial workers and wives were present.

* With meetings beginning at 5:00 p.m., three nights a week, the Sidon evangelistic effort began at the first of the year. Elder and Mrs. Kubrock and Brother and Sister George Issa are conducting the effort.

* The first meeting of the newly organized Teachers Association was held in Aramoun, Lebanon, on the evening of March 22 under the presidency of Brother Henry Jeha.

IRAN

* Evangelistic meetings were held for 24 consecutive nights in the new Rizaiyeh church building from February 7 to March 2 by R. C. Skinner, Y. O. Sangerloo, and Hovik Sarraffian. The attendance averaged from one hundred and fifty to two hundred persons nightly and several manifested a definite interest. Three individuals are planning to go forward in baptism in the near future. At present Brother Hovik Sarraffian and Sister Nanajan Badal are doing follow-up work with the interested ones.

* R. C. Skinner just returned from a trip to Ahwaz, Masjeed, Solieman, and Abadan in the southern part of Iran, where he visited all isolated members and held revival services for four nights in the Community Church of Abadan. He reports that the area is one of the most challenging.

* Plans are under way for the establishment of a physio-therapy clinic in the capital city of Teheran. Basic permission has been received from the government department of health but details remain to be worked out.

* President of the Iran Mission, Elder and Mrs. R. C. Skinner and family left Teheran on May 1 for furlough in the United States. We wish them a safe and pleasant journey to the homeland.

NILE UNION

* The new boy's dormitory at the Nile Union Academy is now under construction. Also the construction of the Cairo Center is expected to begin soon.

* Brother Wadie Farag recently returned from a month's visit to Libya where he showed the film "One in 20,000" to large audiences, and also delivered several temperance lectures which were greatly appreciated by the government officials and people of Benghazi.

* For the first time in the history of our work a worker has been located in the Suez Canal area. Brother Farris Bishai is located in Port Said, and he is endeavouring to establish a center for the proclamation of the Message.

* The Nile Union has obtained a supply of black-light materials to be used in evangelistic and departmental work.

* A V. O. P. Institute under the direction of Elder R. C. Darnell was held in the Heliopolis Church, February 11-13. All of the Nile Union evangelistic workers were in attendance. Plans were laid to secure 20,000 applications in 1958, and an effective follow-up program was organized.

* Heliopolis School is having a very successful year. The enrollment is about 75, and six grades and kindergarten are being taught. It has been thought best to relocate the school in another property.

* Our congratulations and best wishes to Daniel Doss and Mable Sawiris on their recent marriage. Brother Daniel and his wife are now located in Belliana, Upper Egypt.

* Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. Hilal Dose who are the proud parents of a new daughter called Iamni, born in Baghdad, Iraq.

* Our best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Hanna Watson who recently became the parents of a third child, Sami, born in Cairo.

* We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rafik Issa on the birth of a daughter, called Mana, in Benghazi, Libya.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

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and Christian literature. The eternal salvation of the souls in our own neighborhood should be the burden of each one who enjoys the light of this truth.

Why should we not make the Missionary Committee of the church the *High Command* for a spearhead advance into the homes of those who are on the outside looking in, and share with them the good fruits of the last warning message which we all enjoy. Burdened with the souls of the lost we may bring to them, as the servant of the Lord suggests, in "a judicious manner" the hope of a better world. The promise is that persons will embrace the truth if we are faithful in our part.

INSPECTING OUR SCHOOLS

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Last but not least, the inspectorial committee looks into the religious program of the school. It asks whether there are regular devotional periods for prayer and song. Whether there is a Junior Missionary Volunteer Society. It asks about plans effected or laid for weeks of prayer, because there should be two weeks of prayer every year, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Inquiries are made about a baptismal class and about the personal work done by the teachers for the guidance and spiritual help of the children. Only if the school shows a spirit of healthy co-operation among the teachers, and a high resolve to follow the religious objectives of the school, can it be rated as a model school.

The standards set for our schools are high, but they are necessary. They are difficult to achieve, but not impossible. It is encouraging to see the fine work done by our teachers, and the ready co-operation of mission committees, so that here and there we have schools that maintain high standards and provide our children with what they need so vitally, a Christian education.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Second Quarter 1958

April	5	Home Visitation Day
April	19	Voice of Prophecy Day
May	10	Medical Missionary Day
May	17	Local Church Evangelism
May	31	Colporteur Rally Day
June	14-21	Call to Health Campaign

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

April	19	S. S. Expense
May	17	World Evangelism & Missions' Advance

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