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DEDICATION OF THE BAGHDAD CHURCH

R. H. HARTWELL, *Secretary*
Middle East Division

A delightful dedicatory service was held in the newly erected Baghdad church on February 18 at the eleven o'clock hour. The division president, Pastor R. A. Wilcox preached the dedicatory sermon, Pastor Shukri Nowfel, veteran worker from Lebanon, led in the «Act of Dedication», and the division secretary, R. H. Hartwell, offered the dedication prayer. Pastor Anees Haddad, division MV and temperance secretary, translated for the service. Miss Mary Haddad, registrar of Middle East College, played the Hammond organ. The choir, directed by Brother Yacoub Nashed, sang beautifully. Pastor G. A. Keough, division educational and public relations secretary, and Pastor A. G. Zytkoskee, **president of the Nile Union**, also assisted with the service, as well as Pastor V. A. Fenn division treasurer. Pastor Arshat, pastor of the Baghdad church and president of the Iraq field, was the chairman of the service.

The Baghdad church represents the combined skill and workmanship of the ministerial workers and laymen in Baghdad. It is a real credit to the denomination in its artistic appointments. These must be seen to be fully appreciated. It has attractive platform arrangements and a fine baptistry. The mothers' room will seat some twenty five persons and the balcony seventy more. The well made and very comfortable pews will provide for at least two hundred individuals in the main auditorium and by economy of space provision could be made for at least one hundred more. The wall-to-wall floor carpeting adds much to the atmosphere of reverent worship. Very attractive are the electric chandeliers and wall lights. The stained glass windows are quite ornamental and have plenty of eye appeal. The church model Hammond electric organ, which was flown from Chicago and arrived in time for the dedication adds much to the elegance of the worship atmosphere.

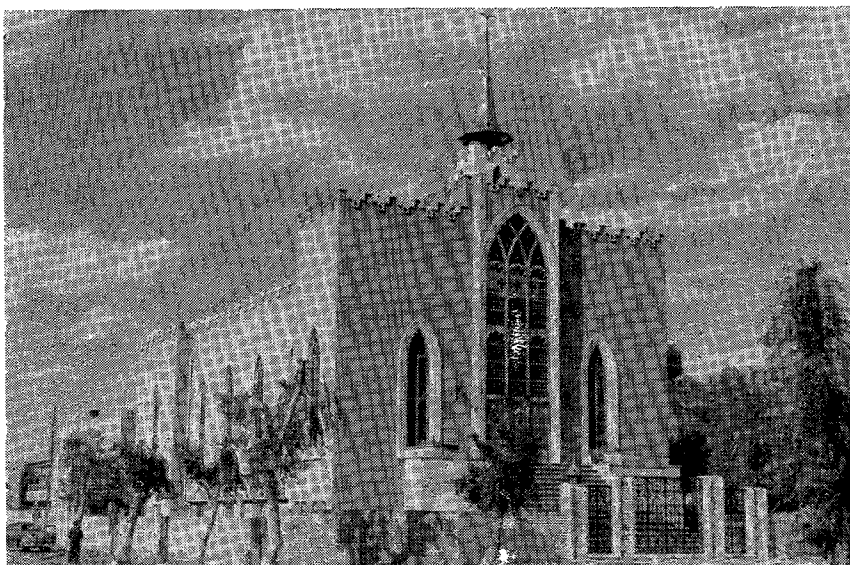
Above the church is a steeple and above that a cross. The outside of the church building is stuccoed. Various arranged flowers and plants add beauty to the appearance. The Iraq Section office, as well as rooms for various Sabbath school departments, and other purposes, are located in the full basement. All in all it is a very delightful sanctuary for worship and religious purposes.

The official opening service for the general public took place on the night of February 24. Pastor Shukri Nowfel delivered the sermon. Seven ministerial workers from the Middle East entered the pulpit on that occasion and conducted the service. Pastor Behman Arshat served as chairman. Others taking part were Pastor Salem Majeed, district leader in Basra; Pastor Said Tooma, district leader in Kirkuk; Brother Salam Aboujawdi and Brother Philip Saaty, departmental secretaries in Iraq, and Pastor Anees Haddad, division MV and temperance secretary. The choir appeared in attractive robes. The

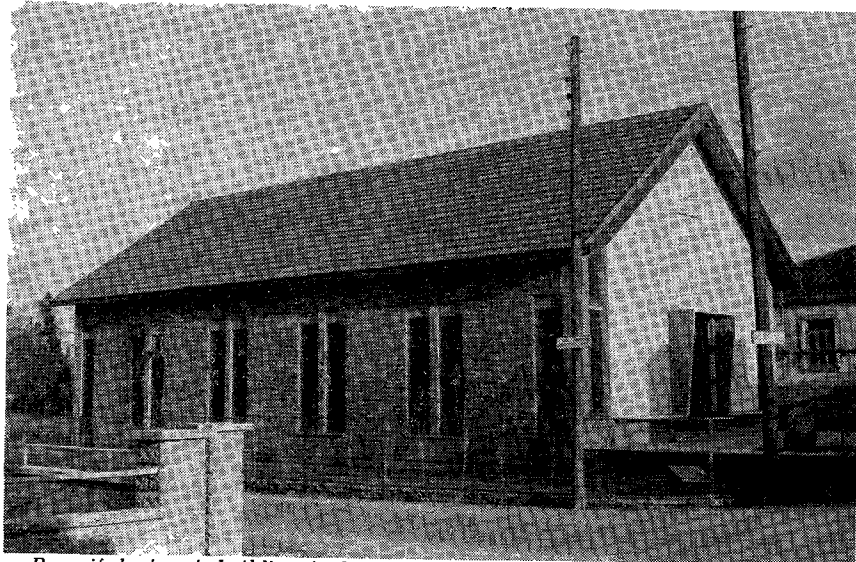
house was full both in the balcony and in the auditorium.

Sabbath morning, February 25, at the eleven o'clock hour Pastor V. A. Fenn preached a stirring sermon and gave an altar call which resulted in a wholehearted response. Two local elders were ordained by the ministerial group. Pastor R. A. Wilcox offered the ordination prayer for Brethren Ghanim Fargo and Philip Saaty. Gladiolas of various colors had been brought from Beirut to increase the joy of the occasion. Amplifying arrangements are adequate, and provision has been made for temperature control in hot weather. Much credit goes to Brother Farag Fargo the contractor.

All the believers and their many friends join in thanking God for His special blessing in preparing this lovely house of worship on one of the principal thoroughfares of Baghdad. This city is now the home of more than one million souls.



Attractive new Baghdad Church dedicated in February.



Beautiful church building in Nicosia, Cyprus. It was dedicated as a house of worship on May 20, 1961.

DEDICATION OF THE NICOSIA CHURCH

R. H. HARTWELL, *Secretary*
Middle East Division

Friday night, May 19, Pastors R. A. Wilcox, R. H. Hartwell, and Brother A. E. Ashod, from Beirut attended one meeting in the evangelistic series being conducted by Pastor Aram Aghassian in the Nicosia Church in Cyprus. This effort is conducted in the Armenian language. It was a pleasure to see the good attention the audience paid to the message given.

Sabbath morning, May 20, Brother Ashod spoke briefly in the Sabbath school telling of the way he was first introduced to the Sabbath school and its blessings. Pastor R. H. Hartwell spoke at the ten minute missionary period. Pastor R. A. Wilcox preached the Sabbath morning sermon entitled, «I Will Do it.»

At four o'clock Sabbath afternoon the believers and some of their friends gathered in the church for the dedicatory service. Though the church has been in use for nearly five years, still it has never been dedicated. Words of welcome were expressed by Pastor P. G. Christokas

pastor of the church and president of the Cyprus Mission. «The Church has One Foundation» was the opening hymn. Brother A. E. Ashod offered prayer. Brother Moses Elmadjian presented the history of the church. Mrs. Moses Elmadjian, formerly Alice Yessayan of Beirut, sang a beautiful solo. Pastor R. H. Hartwell preached the dedicatory sermon which was based chiefly on Genesis 28:16,17, «This is the house of God», and Psalms 48:12,13, «Tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks.» Pastor P. G. Christakos led in «The Act of Dedication.» Pastor R. A. Wilcox led in the prayer of dedication. In closing the congregation sang Luther's hymn. «A Mighty Fortress is Our God,» and Pastor Aram Aghassian pronounced the benediction.

Much praise is due to God for helping our believers in Nicosia to have such a representative meeting place. Pastor Fred Veltman actually built the church.

we are, but imbued with a great zeal for God's work, we endeavor to exploit beyond the call of duty every possibility for hastening to completion our great unfinished task.

South America writes of additional funds raised from the sale of fruit from special designated trees. A faithful member in the Philippines weaves mats and from the sale of them adds to her mission giving. Church school children mow lawns, work a paper route, baby-sit, and perform other activities to attain their Investment goal. The Loma Linda Food Company through redeeming their labels from satisfied customers has added over \$100,000 to mission funds.

So, what does Investment mean? It means through our exercise of faith God is afforded additional opportunity to grant us greater blessings enabling us to increase our giving for mission needs.

Ask Jacob, He will tell you it means a fruitful bough whose branches reach over the wall. It means more than the mere requirements of duty. It means responding to the challenge of need without regard to the limitations of one's obligations. It is service above and beyond the call of duty, a service prompted by love.

Ask William Carey. He will tell you it means attempting without the assurance of achievement; it means making the effort even with no promise of successful accomplishment—endeavoring in the face of possible loss. Investing is «chancing» — working for returns and trusting God for the increase. It means stretching a little farther in our efforts and attempting a little more in our work. It means doing more because we love more.

Ask Isaiah. He will tell you it means spreading forth the curtains, lengthening the cords, strengthening the stakes, and breaking forth on the right hand and on the left. It means more accomplishments in unexpected places; it means added facilities amid insurmountable needs. Indeed, it lengthens and broadens and strengthens because it springs from love that is deep and strong—a love that never fails.

Ask the thousands of Sabbath school members from Alaska to Tasmania, from Hammerfest to Punta Arenas, who love Investment, who are working on innumerable Investment projects that swell Investment funds until today they yearly pass the half-million dollar mark. Yes, ask these Sabbath school members what Investment means and they will tell you it means an additional opportunity to raise our Sabbath school mission goal.

Every Sabbath school is given a definite goal to reach in offerings for missions. Some schools have quite a struggle to reach the goal, and Investment—money that does not have to come out of the member's own

What Is Sabbath School Investment

G. R. NASH, *Secretary*
General Conference Sabbath School Department

With more than a quarter of a century of Sabbath school Investment behind us, with nearly \$9,000,000 raised by this interesting method, and with many thousands of Sabbath school members all over the world working for Investment, still we sometimes hear the question asked, «What does Sabbath school Investment mean?» Investment means more than just another offering.

Sabbath school Investment is a plan whereby through additional blessings from God we are able to find additional funds to hasten on His world-wide mission work. From every country and every clime loyal Sabbath school members are working special savings plans, unique sales projects, and making sacrificial efforts in order to augment their mission giving. Limited in funds as

pockets—can be the means of putting them over the top. The Sabbath schools of the world are expected to raise one half of the total mission budget, or an average of fifty cents per week per member. Since there are many Sabbath school members throughout the world who cannot give that much, we see how important it is that every school that can do so should far exceed that minimum goal in order to make up for those who because of circumstances must fall short.

Investment, then, becomes a helpful means of reaching the goal. But it means more than reaching the goal, it means going beyond the mark. It means not merely giving, but actually working in partnership with God to hasten the finishing of the work more quickly than would be possible if we were dependent entirely upon our own personal resources. More than that, it means an opportunity to have our faith increased and our zeal rekindled as we

witness the definite blessing of God upon our individual Investment project. Yes, Investment means covenanting to devote all the proceeds of a chosen project for the furtherance of God's work. It provides a way for enlarging our gifts to Jesus.

If you have not yet tasted the joy of Sabbath school Investment, may we suggest that you begin immediately. You are losing too much by further delay. Catch some inspiration from the thrilling experience of those who have worked faithfully in Investment, and decide to have a personal part with the great host of happy, joyful Sabbath school investors who are finding Sabbath school Investment as much of a blessing to themselves as it is to the great mission fields of need. Truly, there is no poorer Investment than NO Investment, no poorer sacrifice than NO sacrifice. So the best answer to your question will be found when YOU join the Investment workers today.

Thank You, Middle East Division

W. J. HARRIS, *Associate Secretary*

General Conference Sabbath School Department

The visiting of workers' homes, churches, chapels, schools, and viewing the work at first hand, in any mission field, is always a thrilling privilege. But coming to the Middle East Division and finding so many surprises, so many wonderful things that I had not anticipated, has been one of the most inspiring experiences that it has been my privilege to enjoy. For many years I had well known that the Middle East Division was far from being our largest division, but I was certainly mistaken in my estimation of its size, and the splendid extent of the work being done in this field.

From the first day in Egypt we have been visiting places, and viewing God's work, about which I formerly knew nothing. Elder R. H. Hartwell, the division secretary and division Sabbath school department secretary, has been my travelling companion and constant helper. He spared no pains in order to take me to isolated country chapels, or show me headquarters in nearly every field in this division. The Nile Union headquarters in Cairo, and the beautiful Middle East Division compound in Beirut, were not only surprising to me, but they were also very inspiring. The groups of busy workers, both national and from overseas, carrying on a great variety of activities, each diligent in his own endeavors, was wonderful to behold. In many cases we stayed right in the homes of the people, ate at their tables, and enjoyed true Christian fellowship. The quite general knowledge of the English language afforded an outsider like me the priv-



Pastor W. J. Harris, Associate Secretary Sabbath School Department of the General Conference.

ilege of enjoying a closer contact with the work and workers, than would otherwise have been possible.

Some of the problems of this field are staggering. The difficulties under which many labor requires divine wisdom, and an ever realizing sense of God's personal presence at all times. To be acquainted with this work, to learn of some of the problems here, and to see the blessing of God on His work in this great field, has been a most outstanding experience. We shall long remember the

kind hospitality of many, and you and your work will frequently be remembered in our prayers. Indeed may we put forth every effort to finish our work, for the night cometh when no man can work.

THANK YOU, GENERAL CONFERENCE

R. H. HARTWELL, *Secretary*
Middle East Division
Sabbath School Department

It was a real joy to have Elder W. J. Harris with us for a full month. During this time he visited seven countries and held Sabbath school institutes in each. A total of about forty meetings were conducted during this period. Everywhere the members and workers did their utmost to facilitate the work to be done. There seemed to be a very hearty response to the program and the appeals made. Elder Harris spared no pains to make clear the best way to accomplish the Sabbath school aims and purposes. He brought with him a liberal supply of visual aids, especially for the primary age group, and he carefully explained how to use these supplies. There is no doubt but that he has a sincere welcome to come again. Should he do so it is quite clear that all would be present to gain as much as possible from his instruction.

CELEBRATING "SPIRIT OF PROPHECY YEAR"

EDITOR

Pastor A. G. Keough writes of an experience that took place in one Arab home that had lately been reading the material prepared for Spirit of Prophecy Year in Arabic. Their little daughter had listened ready to heed the instruction. «Why can't we eat without using meat?» she asked her father. «I would be willing» replied her daddy, «if Mother is agreeable.» Mother said that she had no objections. So then and there the family decided to have meatless meals, and, of course, much better health.

«And» again asked the little daughter, «why not let's have family worship in the evenings as well as in the mornings?» Having made one right decision that family found it easy to make a second one. So now the family rejoices in doing what they know to be right by having worship both morning and evening. What a blessing it is to have sons and daughters who can study the Spirit of Prophecy with us, and help us to walk in the light received. Thank God for such little daughters.

Pastor Keough further reports on a sermon preached in the Beirut Muesitbe church, on March, 4, 1961, by Pastor C. R. Stanley of Aus-

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Presentation of the 1961 Senior Class at Middle East College.

PRESENTATION OF MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE 1961 SENIOR CLASS

G. A. KEOUGH, *Secretary*

Middle East Division Department of Education

The senior class of 1961 was presented to the student body in chapel on Wednesday, March 22, at 12:05 P.M.

The following are candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts: Sami Bishai, with majors in Secondary Education and Religion; Hasmik Keshishzade, with majors in Secondary Education and Secretarial Science; Zaki Narouz, a major in Secondary Education and minors in Arabic and English; Mokhtar Nashed, with a major in Secondary Education and minors in English and History.

The following are candidates for the two year certificate in Secretarial Science: Ellen Ghazel, Janet Marcarian, Mary Nashed.

The program in which the seniors were presented was announced as a special program and was eagerly anticipated by the students. With the curtains still drawn Mrs. R. H. Hartwell played the organ prelude and as soon as the registrar, Miss Mary Haddad, announced the class the curtains were opened and revealed the members of the class with their sponsor, Pastor J. S. Russell, and the speaker for the morning, Pastor G. Arthur Keough, sitting on the platform with the background suitably decorated with the class motto: «Mighty Efforts in Christ».

Sami Bishai introduced the young men of the class with propriety, insight, and wit. Miss Hasmik Keshishzade did the same for the young ladies. Mokhtar Nashed, the president of the class, introduced the sponsor and the speaker for the day.

In his address Pastor Keough emphasized that the students should remember the reasonableness of the unreasonable! It was reasonable that the righteousness of the disciples of Jesus should exceed the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees. Was it reasonable that they should go the second mile when compelled to go one? To give their goods to the poor when God had bestowed these goods upon them? If God asks us to do a thing, however unreasonable it may seem, like crossing a sea without ships or a river without a bridge, it is really reasonable and the most reasonable thing to do.

The class responded with a song and Pastor Russel offered a prayer of consecration while all knelt. As the members of the class filed out of the chapel, everyone felt that the Middle East College had a representative group of graduates.

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tralia. The sermon was entitled, «Take Heed». It was very appropriate for the Spirit of Prophecy Year. In summing up and concluding his sermon he said: «Instances could be multiplied of how God has today given guidance to the church through the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. This guidance is not only general; it is specific and meets individual needs. Let us not close our eyes to the light that has been revealed, but let us walk in the light. Let us heed the counsel: «Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper.» 2 Chron. 20:20.

WHO WILL RESPOND TO THE CALL FOR LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

R. E. ANDERSON, *Manager*
Middle East Press

"Our publications should go everywhere. Let them be issued in many languages. The third angel's message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher. You who believe the truth for this time, wake up. It is your duty now to bring in all the means possible to help those who understand the truth to proclaim it. Part of the money that comes in from the sale of our publications should be used to increase our facilities for the production of more literature that will open blind eyes and break up the fallow ground of the heart." —*Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 62.*

"We have no time to lose. Important work is before us, and if we are slothful servants we shall certainly lose the heavenly reward. But few have broad and extensive views of what can be done in reaching the people by personal, interested efforts in a wise distribution of our publications. Many who will not be induced to listen to the truth presented by the living preacher will take up a tract or a paper and peruse it; many things they read meet their ideas exactly, and they become interested to read all it contains." —*Review and Herald, December 19, 1878.*

"As a people we are to be reconverted, our lives sanctified to declare the truth as it is in Jesus. In the work of scattering our publications, we can speak of a Saviour's love from a warm and throbbing heart. God alone has the power to forgive sins; if we do not speak this message to the unconverted, our neglect may prove their ruin. . . The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls. Satan is at work to deceive the very elect, and now is our time to work with vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people; the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. Shall we not arouse to our duties?" —*Testimonies, vol. 9, pp. 62, 63.*

"Who will respond to the call? Who will go forth to labor in wisdom and grace and the love of Christ for those nigh and afar off? Who will sacrifice ease and pleasure, and enter the places of error, superstition, and darkness, working earnestly and perseveringly, speaking the truth in simplicity, praying in faith, doing house-to-house labor? Who at this time will go forth without the camp, imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit, bearing reproach for Christ's sake, opening the Scriptures to the people, and calling them to repentance?"

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The Pathway Of Sacrifice Leads to Glory

"The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for Himself. It is to be brought into His treasury to be used to sustain the gospel laborers in their work. For a long time the Lord has been robbed because there are those who do not realize that the tithe is God's reserved portion." *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 249.

QUESTION: Is it right to use the tithe or any part of it for missionary enterprises other than the support of the ministry? Is it proper to make use of tithe money in the payment of debts or in our ordinary every day living expense?

ANSWER: "The tithe is the Lord's and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure unless they repent." *Ibid.* p. 250.

"The portion that God has reserved for Himself is not to be diverted to any other purpose than that which He has specified. Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work." *Ibid.* p. 247.

"The fact that they are in debt does not excuse them. I saw that they should render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. Some feel conscientious to 'owe no man anything,' and think that God can require nothing of them until their debts are all paid. Here they deceive themselves. They fail to render to God the things that are His." *Ibid.* vol. 1, p. 220.

"Let no one when brought into a straight place, take money consecrated to religious purposes, and use it for his advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time. Far better cut down the expenses to correspond with the income, to restrict the wants, and live within the means, than to use the Lord's money for secular purposes." *Ibid.* vol. 9, p. 247.

VERY IMPORTANT

1. REMEMBER July 8 is the Mid-Summer Offering Day. Give as God has prospered you, and give willingly.
2. REMEMBER STEWARSHIP DAY AUGUST 19. Also known as «Tithe Promotion Day».
3. REMEMBER to start praying and planning to do your part in the INGATHERING CAMPAIGN which begins September 23.

QUESTION: What effect does the failure to pay an honest tithe have upon the individual and upon the Church as a whole?

ANSWER: "To rob God in tithes and offerings is a violation of the plain injunction of Jehovah, and works the deepest injury to those who do it, for it deprives them of the blessing of God, which is promised to those who deal honestly with Him." *Ibid.* vol. 5, p. 644.

"Holding back of tithes on the part of church members brings darkness upon the whole church." *Ibid.* vol. 3, p. 269.

QUESTION: If everyone in the division who earns money this year, whether in city or country, would pay an honest tithe into the treasury of the church and this in turn be sent on each month to the mission office, what effect would it have upon our people and upon the offerings they give?

ANSWER: "If all the tithes of our people flowed into the treasury of the Lord as they should, such blessings would be received that gifts and offerings for sacred purposes would be multiplied tenfold, and thus the channel between God and man would be kept open." *Ibid.* vol. 4, p. 474.

"Our time, our talents, our property, should be sacredly devoted to Him who has given us these blessings in trust. Whenever a special deliverance is wrought in our behalf, or new and unexpected favors are granted us, we should acknowledge God's goodness, not only by expressing our gratitude in words, but, like Jacob, by gifts and offerings to His cause, as we are continually receiving the blessings of God, so we are to be continually giving."
Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 187.

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

G. A. KEOUGH, *Secretary*
Middle East Division
Department of Education

Vartouhi, Christiana, Sylvia, and Seta were pupils at the Armenian Adventist School. It was Sabbath morning and Sabbath school had just been dismissed. The four girls aged six to ten were in the school playground waiting for the time to go into the church for the church service. They were attracted by the sound of wood being sawn up in a neighboring shed, and they went over to see what was going on.

It was Sylvia who spoke up first: «You should not be working today.»

«Why not?» asked the man.

«Because today is the Sabbath, and you should go to church instead.»

«But I go to church on Sunday,» said the man.

«But God said we should rest on Sabbath, and you are not resting.»

«Where does God say that I should rest on Sabbath?»

The four girls did not need to be asked the question a second time. They went to the room where they had met for Sabbath school and they found a Bible on the teacher's desk.

«The Ten Commandments are found on page eighty two,» said Seta. «Let us find them and take them to the man.»

It was not long before the page was found and the four girls went to the man in his shed to prove to him that the Sabbath was a day of rest. The man was so surprised to note the earnestness of the girls that he stopped his work and listened. In a clear voice Sylvia read all the commandments. At the end the man said:

«You are right. I am convinced. I must keep the Sabbath.»

A little child shall lead... How often children show a zeal that puts the rest of us to shame. What blessing it is that those children were taught in an Adventist school so that they might know the truth. Thank God for our children and thank God for our schools. The time will come when children will do the work that adults cannot do because the way is hedged up.

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"God has His workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. Thus when the divine Voice cries, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' the response will come, 'Here am I; send me.' Isaiah

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"The Heaven-Born Idea" That Was Conceived Particularly For You

"The plan of holding Bible readings was a heaven-born idea" (*Christian Service*, p. 141)

"We are to take our Bible, and go forth to warn the world." Ibid. p. 141.

Bible Evangelism, the proclamation of the saving gospel of Jesus Christ in the form of Bible studies, cottage meetings and lay preaching, is the heart and substance of our Lord's parting challenge to the devotion and zeal of His followers and the supreme concern of His chosen people. It is the indisputable justification for our very existence as a church.

Bible Lay-Evangelism, notwithstanding its claim for first consideration in our thinking, planning, and working, has not kept up with our advance along other lines of missionary endeavor. We are coming far short of what the Lord expects of us in these momentous times. To what extent, you may realize by asking yourself, how many Bible studies you give each week, each month, each year. On an average we each gave only four Bible studies a year for 1954-58 throughout the entire world and only 1.5 in North America.

A new sense of urgency has gripped our hearts, and we deeply feel the need of strengthening Bible Evangelism in our church missionary program. Greater soul-winning service through Bible studies, cottage meetings and lay preaching is the call of the hour. Now must be fulfilled through us all the glorious revelation given to the messenger of the Lord when she saw, "hundreds and thousands visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifested". (*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 126.)

God's all-seeing eye is looking for you in this dedicated army of Bible Lay-Evangelists.

Wherever God's people have risen to the occasion and faced the challenge of this prophetic vision, spiritual blessings have been poured out upon the individual and upon the church as a whole, and wonderful results have been achieved. Naturally so, for that is the way the Lord works.

On a recent tour of Inter-America we met with thousands of the finest

soul-winners God has anywhere. When they stood up and related their experiences, one could not but marvel at the manner and the extent to which the Lord can use plain men and women, boys and girls, who are fully dedicated to Him and who are willing to be used by His Spirit.

"I love Jesus," said one, "because he has done so much for me, and now I am a lay-preacher because His love has put a passion for souls into my heart. God used me to win my whole family and in addition I have won over 25 souls. Pray for me that I may always be faithful to win souls for Christ." Hundreds of similar testimonies were humbly given, to the glory of God and our edification. Everybody seemed to be an active soul-winner. Nine hundred and twenty-seven lay people pledged themselves to the winning of 3,168 souls during the last four months of the year. They will do it, for they have an unshakable faith in their God, in the importance of their message, and in their divine calling to greater and still greater Bible Evangelism.

We are thrilled when we hear of wonderful Bible Evangelism exploits in mission lands. It warms our hearts, and we sigh, "Oh, that it could be done here! But it is different where I am."

But is it really different? If there is any difference, I suggest it lies mainly within our own selves, in our love or lack of it; in our devotion or lack of it; in our willingness or lack of it. For our God is the God of possibilities everywhere, also where you are. Right here in North America one conference of about 5,000 members has for several years reported between 3,000-5,000 Bible studies annually. That was all. It just could not be done any better. Then something happened and lo, in only two quarters, or half a year, our

people there have given over 21,000 Bible studies. How has this been possible? What is the secret? It was made possible, and there is no secret about it. There is, however, a logical explanation and it is: Bible Lay-Evangelism after the divine blueprint, coordinated, consecrated, concentrated Bible Evangelism. Some pastors saw the reflection of the divine vision given Mrs. White years ago and began untiringly digging up the many hidden talents of their congregations. What had been buried under the hardened soil of inaction and fear came to light and proved to be just the kind of material God could use. While many had the idea that only a select few were able to give Bible studies, these same people now realized that God's plan really works, that they also could do it. They have experienced that the Lord "is wise in heart and mighty in strength" (Job 9:4).

The success of this Bible-Evangelism Crusade depends on us all as a church and as individuals.

"God. . . in His infinite love. . . chose to make us co-workers with Himself, with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessings, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which results from this unselfish ministry."

Be a soul winner in this year's Bible-Evangelism Crusade!

Win more than one in sixty-one!

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6:8. Let all who labor effectually in the canvassing field feel in their hearts that they are doing the work of the Lord in ministering to souls who know not the truth for this time. They are sounding the note of warning in the highways and byways to prepare a people for the great day of the Lord." —*Testimonies*, vol. 6, pp. 332, 333.

FROM HERE AND THERE

* Starting in Egypt March 30, associate secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, William J. Harris, in company with the division Sabbath school department secretary, R. H. Hartwell, conducted Sabbath school institutes in seven countries of the Middle East Division. The last one was held in

Istanbul, Turkey, and Pastor Harris left from there on April 30 to continue the good work in the Central European Division.

* The second floor of the division office building is rapidly being completed. It is planned to hold the mid-year division committee meetings in

the new committee room on the second floor. Brother Ibrahim Ghazal is the contractor.

* Brother R. W. Wilmot and family arrived in Beirut from Heliopolis, and they are much appreciated by their many friends here. Miss Nora Atkins has been explaining to him the many duties for which she is responsible.

* The division has acquired a new Volkswagon Microbus so as to be able to better care for some of the transportation problems.

* Miss Izella Stuiwenga is leaving about June 27 for her furlough in the United States of America. She will be taking advanced studies in the Andrews University.

* Miss Gladys Hurd, director of nurses at the Benghazi Hospital in Libya, spent the major part of her vacation in Beirut where she stayed with the Hartwells.

* Miss Mary Ghazal has been called to join the division office force as receptionist, typist, and telephone switchboard operator.

* Workers and believers in the Middle East Division were very pleased to have Dr. S. D. Karmy and family pass through this division, where they used to labor, on their way from the Karachi Hospital back to America. They were travelling in the campers' model Volkswagon, and all seemed to enjoy that method of travel. They received a special welcome in Baghdad.

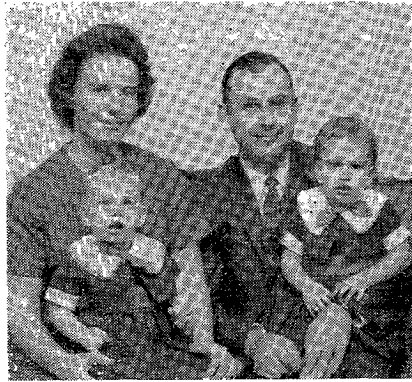
* All workers in the Beirut area had a get-together, on the roof of the Middle East College administration building, Sunday evening May 28, 1961. The special occasion was to welcome the Wilmots and the Robinsons, and to bid farewell to the E. D. McGhee family, who will leave the division field soon, and to wish the Warings, Miss Wentland, and Miss Stuiwenga, a very happy furlough, and to congratulate those who have birthdays and wedding anniversaries near this date. It was a pleasure to have Dr. Karmy and his family present at this time, as well as Pastors Zytkoskee, Arshat, and Meshni.

* Eight brethren went from Beirut by car to Jordan for urgent matters including an audience with the prime minister. His excellency has recently issued an order banning the use of alcoholic beverages from official functions. Also contact was made with the architect who is making the plans for the new church in Jerusalem. One of the eight men was Dr. William Wagner, division medical secretary, who gave valuable aid in meeting with various hospital staff members in Jordan, as well as with local officials in the northern area of Jordan, while a study of hospital needs and possibilities was made. The brethren left early one morning, spent most of the second night driving back, and they arrived home shortly before 3:00 A.M.

LAST MINUTE REPORTS

* Five were recently baptised in Jordan and taken into the Jordan Mission church.

* Lebanon reports ten more baptisms, one in Museitbe, Beirut, and nine at Middle East College. Six of the nine were children of overseas mission workers, and three Middle East College students.



Brother and Sister E. L. Hulse, and daughters Nancy and Karen, are now stationed at the Benghazi Hospital where Brother Hulse is the business manager. Sister Hulse is a graduate nurse with her degree from Union College. Both Brother and Sister Hulse have been connected with the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital in California before coming to the Middle East.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* Brother George Yared has been called to serve as East Mediterranean Union bookkeeper and cashier. He has already started work at the division office.

* Pastor Chafic Srour has continued his evangelistic meetings at the Beirut Center, and is now conducting Sabbath services, including both Sabbath school and church, and is also conducting a baptismal class. He baptised three candidates on May 27.

* June 11 to 25 was set aside as a time for Elder Andrew Fearing to conduct a spearhead evangelistic effort in the Beirut Center. Several workers from neighboring fields have been invited to attend and assist. Elder Fearing is an associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association.

* An effort is being made to have a strong colporteur program throughout the union this summer.

* Miss Ruby Williams is kept busy with her many Bible readers in Beirut.

* The Beirut Physiotherapy Clinic, directed by Brother Leif Jensen has been growing in popularity and patronage.

* Pastor and Mrs. H. E. Robinson and family arrived in Beirut May 25 by ship. They will be located at Aley for a period of Arabic language

study. He has already studied for six months with Brother Wilson Bishai in Washington. Pastor Robinson has been called to serve as a union evangelist in the East Mediterranean Union.

CYPRUS

* The Nicosia Church has been happy to welcome visiting Greek members from Egypt, and a young lady belonging to one of the churches in Germany. A young British service man has also enjoyed the fellowship of the members of the Nicosia Church. He is walking in the light as fast as it comes to him.

* Pastor Manoug Nazirian was called to Nicosia twice to help Pastor Aram with the Armenian evangelistic meetings in progress there.

* Brethren A. N. Barlas and Nicholas Ioannou have been doing colporteur work as they could spare time from their regular work. The Lord has blessed them in this undertaking.

* On April 10 Pastors W. J. Harris and R. H. Hartwell spent the evening with the Sabbath school staff, and other members of the church, counseling and answering questions on Sabbath school matters. The bicycles, used by Pastor Hartwell, to illustrate the Sabbath school, were unforgettable.

* The most important event of the quarter is the Armenian effort being held in the church. The Sunday night meeting, April 23, was well attended. Three meetings have been held each week, and the church members are doing their best to invite people to them. Pastor Aram Aghassian is the speaker at the meetings. Prayers are solicited for the success of this effort.

* Brother A. N. Barlas has continued interests in Famagusta. He works with Armenians, British Greeks, and Turks, as opportunity affords.

* One layman has permitted his shop to be used by the Docras Society to display their goods being offered for sale.

IRAQ

* Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Webber, formerly residing in India, have through Bible study, and the prayers of their friends, returned to their first love for the truth. Lessons from the VOP school in Poona, India were most helpful in bringing them back into obedience to the truth. Brother Webber works in Kuwait which belongs to the Iraq Section.

* Pastor Behnam Arshat, assisted by Brother Salam Aboujawdi, and other Baghdad workers and members, has been holding a series of evangelistic meetings in the new Baghdad church. The attendance has been excellent. Miss Najeeba Issac has been presenting the health messages with the pictures before the preaching service, but she has kept out of sight and has spoken through a microphone.



Packed church in Istanbul, Turkey during recent series of Sunday afternoon Bible lectures.



George Khoury, Mousa Azar, and Elias Estephan, teammates in recent evangelistic effort in Museitbe, Beirut.

JORDAN

* The Mayor of Bethlehem, expecting to be in Washington, D. C., in May, planned to visit Adventist headquarters and to present Elder Figuhr with the traditional key of Bethlehem and an honorary certificate of citizenship because he is deeply grateful to the Adventists for having decorated the tree outside the Church of the Nativity last Christmas. The tree was not only beautifully decorated, but arrangements had been made by Elder R. R. Aussner, resident Adventist minister in Jerusalem, for a tape recorder to play Christmas carols through the Christmas season. This music and the lights made a great impression on thousands of pilgrims who visited Bethlehem last year.

* The Amman Adventist Girls' School has a class of about thirty girls who are completing the class work offered in this junior academy this year.

Beirut, has returned to Jordan to continue his ministry in his homeland.

* Jordan has ten branch Sabbath schools now in operation.

LEBANON

* March 14 was a great day for Brother and Sister George Khoury. Their home was blessed by the addition of a baby girl named Victoria.

* April 1 the Lord's Supper and the ordinance of humility were celebrated in the Museitbe church with seventy-eight persons taking part.

* The Sabbath school institute for Lebanon was held in Museitbe April 9 all day. Representatives from every Sabbath school were present to benefit from the instruction of Pastor W. J. Harris of the General Conference.

* Brother Salim Hasbany has been called to serve as secretary-treasurer for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Lebanon, and he will also care for the similar needs of Syria.

* Sister Monsour Aboujawdi was in charge of a Dorcas Federation meeting and supper held in the Beirut Junior Academy on May 7, 1961.

* The Museitbe Arabic church invited Mrs. R. H. Hartwell to play their new Hammond electric organ, May 6, the first Sabbath that it was used. The regular organist is Mrs. Elias Estephan.

* Brother George Khoury reports that one candidate was baptised May 13, 1961. Pastor Shukri Nowfel performed the baptism.

* Brother Shehada Halibi reports that five colporteurs have continued working in Lebanon the past few months. Two others worked a few

* Meeting places were all packed in April when Pastor W. J. Harris came from Washington, and Pastor R. H. Hartwell came from Beirut, to visit the Adventist believers throughout Jordan in the interest of Sabbath school work.

Brother and Sister H. S. Johnson have been transferred from the Sudan to Amman where they are busy studying the Arabic language.

* Pastor R. R. Aussner recently underwent surgery in Beirut. It was found necessary to remove one kidney.

* Pastor Mousa Azar, who joined the evangelistic team in conducting an evangelistic effort in Museitbe,



A group of workers and laymen who cooperated in the conduct of the Museitbe, Beirut evangelistic effort.

hours. In April sales of 676.00 Lebanese lira's worth of literature were made in 327 hours. This means that the average sales were more than LL. 2.00 per hour. There should be other volunteers for this type of service.

* The Home and School Association of the Beirut English Church School has continued active under the leadership of Mrs. J. S. Russel. In the last meeting Elder G. A. Keough presented some of the problems of the adolescent and the principles of dealing with young people at this very difficult period in their development. Middle East College students majoring in education were invited to attend this meeting.

* Mrs. Salim Noujaim left by plane for Los Angeles, California, May 23, where her daughter Denise Noujaim, is to be married in June to Dr. George Kafrooni.

SYRIA

* Pastor Towfic Issa attended the Sabbath school institute held in Beirut April 9. His report was encouraging, and he expressed great hope for the future of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Syria.

* The secretarial duties previously performed by Brother George Yared are now being cared for by Brother Salim Hasbany.

TURKEY

* Newspaper advertising helped to bring a very fine class of people to the Sunday afternoon evangelistic meetings in the Istanbul church. The ads were placed in the Armenian and Greek newspapers. Pastor Mondics spoke in English and Brother Kevork Yeshil translated into Turkish. Talented musicians helped to make the program pleasant. All seats were occupied in the main auditorium and also in the gallery and in the mothers' room.

* Bumper strips that are florescent have been prepared in Turkish to promote temperance. This phase of work has been most appreciated and welcome in Turkey.

* L.C. Miller has completed his first year of Turkish language study.

* The sister-in-law of Sister Nurhan Ouzounian was baptised in May.

NILE UNION

* Pastor Maurice Katrib arrived in Egypt on February 17, and is now located in Heliopolis where he has taken up his duties as director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School and pastor of the Heliopolis church.

On February 25 a special program to welcome Maurice Katrib and his family was held in the Union Auditorium.

* The workers and members of the Nile Union were saddened by news

that their secretary-treasurer, R. W. Wilmot, found it necessary to leave Egypt. Both Brother and Sister Wilmot and their children, Ricky and Steve, will be missed by their many friends in Egypt.

* Farewell programs for the R. W. Wilmot family were held April 3 and 8. The first program was given by the Heliopolis church. The Wilmots left Egypt on May 3 by ship to Beirut.

NILE UNION ACADEMY

* The spring Week of Prayer held March 24 to April 1 was conducted by Pastor Anees Haddad, division MV secretary. The theme chosen was «I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands.»

* On April 17 the senior class was organized. Officers chosen were: Shaker Aziz, president; Faiz Youssef, secretary-treasurer; and Lami Saad, class pastor.

* The junior class was organized April 25. Melki Gobra was chosen president, and Bashir Gayed, secretary-treasurer.

* Pastor Anees Haddad began a Leadercraft class for twenty-five students of the academy during the time he was conducting the Week of Prayer. Pastor C. V. Brauer is completing the remaining hours of instruction.

* On May 5 the senior class made a trip to Alexandria and returned May 8.

EGYPT SECTION

* The Sabbath school institute for the workers of the Egypt Section was held in the Heliopolis church April 3-5. Pastor W. J. Harris, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department led out, and R. H. Hartwell, division Sabbath school secretary, assisted. The workers will long remember the inspirational and practical help given by Pastors Harris and Hartwell.

* The first service in the main auditorium of the Cairo Center was a communion service held on April 29. Elder A. G. Zythkoskee was the speaker.

* Evangelistic efforts are being held in a number of places in Egypt. In Alexandria Pastor Wadie Farag has recently held meetings in the Sporting church each night of the week for a month. The church auditorium has been well filled throughout the series, and our workers in Alexandria are busy following up the interest. Miss Emily Levidis is continuing to divide her time and efforts between the interests in Alexandria and Heliopolis.

* In Monsoura Pastor Nassif Boutris is holding the first effort in his

new meeting place, and reports a large interest among the better class of people.



Newly purchased Welfare Center and Church in Minya, Egypt, U. A. R.

SUDAN

* The Nile Union was sorry to see Brother and Sister Harold Johnson leave their work in Khartoum. We trust that the Lord will be with them as they take up their new assignment in the Middle East.

* Brother Mounir Andrawes has returned to the work and is enthusiastically preparing to open a Bible Correspondence School in Khartoum.

* C. V. Brauer recently made a trip to Khartoum to assist and encourage Brother Mounir in his work. On Sabbath afternoon, April 22, in the White Nile Pastor Brauer baptized our first convert from the South Sudan. Samuel is from a pagan family, but accepted Christianity in a mission school. His desire is to take the third angel's message to the South Sudan. Several others are keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism.

IRAN

* Pastor Y. O. Sangerloo recently went to the Karachi Hospital in West Pakistan for a medical examination. Fortunately the doctors there were able, after very careful checking, to pronounce Elder Sangerloo to be in excellent condition healthwise.

* From April 27 to May 19 Pastor A. A. Haddad was visiting in Iran. During the first week he conducted the spring Week of Prayer at the Iran Training School. The remainder of the time was spent in promoting temperance and MV work in which he was assisted by Brother Vigain Marcarian and Brother Hovik Sarrafian.

* Brother Melcom Gasparian has now moved with his family to Tabriz where he will serve as pastor of the church.



Ingathering Singing Band gathered funds to enable Pastor Fred Veltman to build the little stone house at the right, so that the widow shown here with her children, earthquake victims, could move from the Paphos tent in which they were staying. The 1961 Ingathering Campaign begins September 23. Pray and work for both are necessary for success now.

* Brother Hovik Sarrafian is, for the present, pastoring the Armenian church in Teheran until Pastor Salakian moves there. Brother Sarrafian is also holding many Bible studies in various parts of the city of Teheran. After the Field Extension School is over he will immediately start a round of evangelistic meetings in various parts of Iran.

* The Sabbath school institute conducted in Teheran April 25 and 26 was well attended for the most part. It is hoped that Elder Harris' visit there will long be remembered. Plans



Pastor J. L. DeWitt and family now studying Farsee language in Shiraz, Iran.

are now being laid to open a few Branch Sabbath schools.

* Brother Vigain Marcarian has spent much time of late trying to secure the permit for Elder Harding to enter. It is hoped that he will soon be on his way to the Middle East.

* Miss Anoush Keshishzade is keeping busy with her small school in Teheran.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

* In a recent meeting of the Middle East Press Board, it was decided that special emphasis should be given to the distribution of the book «All About the Baby» in the Arabic language. To greatly increase the distribution of this book the Middle East Press is reducing the price on it LL. 5.00 subscription discount per copy. We are also preparing a new colorful dust-jacket that will make the entire book much more appealing and attractive. It is our hope that medical institutions, health centers, evangelists and colporteurs will aid us in giving this book as wide a distribution as possible.

* A new edition of the book «Cigarette and You» has just been completed. The price of this new edition will be L.L. 1.00.

* From time to time we receive requests from various individuals for copies of our dated periodicals. In giving study to this item, the Middle East Press voted that from now on no orders from individuals for out-dated magazines will be honored. These orders must come through the regular channels of the Book and Periodical Houses. These magazines will not be for resale but will be used for missionary purposes only. We are reducing the price on these out-dated magazines to LL. 0.10 per copy plus postage. The magazines must be at least three months old to qualify for this price. It is hoped that this procedure will facilitate the distribution and use of these magazines.

Middle East College

President and Dean of Studies, E. L. Gammon. Business Manager, A. W. Fund

* Middle East College opened its doors for instruction on September 29, 1960. There are 132 students currently enrolled. The countries are represented with the following number of students: Lebanon 40, Egypt 30, Jordan 20, Syria 15, Iran 14, Iraq 9, Cyprus 1, Ethiopia 1, India 1, and Saudi Arabia 1. College and high school students are about equal in number.

* Pastor R.C. Darnell conducted the autumn Week of Prayer. The theme used was *That I May Know Him*. Many expressed a real appreciation for this special week, and they determined to know the Master better. One person requested baptism in the near future, and thirteen others have joined a baptismal class to study more about the Bible.

* Included on the teaching staff this year are students working on a fellowship basis. They are: Ahed Simaan who is in charge of the library, Zaki Narouz who is assisting in the field of mathematics, Tawfic Shar-

touni who is teaching Arabic, and Badi Milad and Habib Bishara who are assisting in the teaching of special English.

* The men's dormitory launched an important project. They hope to furnish their lounge, provide recorded music, and a water fountain for their home. They have solicited some money to secure these things, and the dean of men has been glad to hear from any who are interested in assisting the boys to realize their project.

* The Middle East College Elementary and Intermediate School is happy with the new addition to their building which makes it possible to accept more pupils. Mr. Henry Jehā is the principal. He reports that ninety-two pupils are enrolled between the first elementary and the second secondary grades. Assisting him in the school are: Mrs. Habib Bishara, Mr. Tawfic Shartouni, Mr. Mokhtar Nashed, and seven other student teachers.

* The college chapel has been com-

pletely redecorated. A new walnut backdrop on the platform, olive green carpeting for the platform and the aisles, matching olive-green upholstered pews, sand-beige colored walls, and new lighting fixtures complete the change.

* Mr. Hana Matouk is the director of food service. The students enjoy his good food three times a day. He is assisted by a number of students who work in this department to help earn their way while attending the school.

* Due to increased attendance at the College Park church services, and to the desire for the Arabic speaking students to worship in their own language, there is conducted a split service. The English church service is held in the chapel at 9:00 A.M. each Sabbath. At 10:00 the Arabic Sabbath school meets in the chapel, while the English Sabbath school is held in the worship room of the mens' dormitory. At 11:35 the Arabic church service is conducted in the chapel. All are cordially invited to visit the College Park church and attend the service each may choose.

* Middle East College has adopted a new navy blue blazer. On the pocket there is a badge which is an emblem of the school. These may be worn by students, faculty, and alumni members of the school who maintain the true spirit of unity with the school. Included in the badge is the motto, Brotherhood and Confidence.

* Several calls have been extended,

and there will be several new teachers added to the teaching staff of the college for the 1961-62 school year.

* On Sunday, March 7, Miss Aida Melki Ghazal was married to Deeb Salim Farah in the home of her uncle Ibrahim Ghazal. Pastors Shukri Nowfel and Chafic Srour officiated at the wedding service. Mrs. Farah is the dean of women at Middle East College.

* As of July 1, 1961 Brother A. W. Fund has been appointed vice-president of Middle East College, and Brother Henry Melki has been chosen as the business manager.

* The college MV Society conducted the MV Week of Prayer March 3 to 11. The theme of the week was Living for Jesus. Student speakers who gave inspirational messages during the week were: Gabriel Gabriel, Rafic Issa, Baldur Pfeiffer, Sami Bishai, Simaan Samaan, Victor Gabriel, Samuel Nassimian, Habib Bishara, and Bakhit Abdel Malek.

* Middle East College was indeed thankful for the privilege of having Dr. A. N. Nelson conduct its spring Week of Prayer. Elder Nelson has spent some forty years in overseas mission service. He is a man of much experience in the educational field, having been connected with Japan Missionary College, Philippine Union College, and Mountain View College for many years.

* For the theme of the week he chose the following quotation from *Gospel Workers* page 323, «We are

coming to a crisis which... will demand the *entire consecration* of everyone who has named the name of Christ.» Elder Nelson's sermons were enriched with quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy and with personal experiences. Assisting with the Week of Prayer, aside from the school family, was Elder G. A. Keough, who served as song leader, teaching many new hymns from the *Church Hymnal*. Also the Audio-Visual Aids class prepared very attractive bulletin board displays for each day of the week.

* Currently studying in the Bible Studies class are fifteen students several of whom are planning to be baptised at an early date. Others in the class will continue to study for subsequent baptisms.

* On March 18 the young women at Middle East College presented a program in honor of the young men. It was an interesting variety program including two skits and several musical numbers. It was enjoyed by both the young men and the community members.

* On the fifteenth of May the young men of Middle East College presented their annual program. The program consisted of two parts: A light part was presented in the men's dormitory and a serious one given in the college chapel. Featured in the serious section was a play called «The Lost Word.»

* Due to a back injury Brother E. D. McGhee will be returning with

WHAT IS YOUR 1961 INVESTMENT PROJECT? HAVE YOU STARTED IT YET?

ONE million dollars for our worldwide work through Sabbath School Investment during 1961 is surely an obtainable objective. This goal could be achieved easily in North America alone if our more than 330,000 members would place in the Investment Fund an average of only \$3.05 a year. We earnestly invite every member of our church to participate in this million-dollar Investment objective during 1961.

R. R. FIGUHR, *President*
General Conference



SABBATH SCHOOL INVESTMENT

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General Conference

THERE is a feeling of urgency among the leaders throughout the world field that the message must go more rapidly. In view of the seriousness of the times and the nearness of the end, the Sabbath School Department was requested to raise one million dollars through the Sabbath School Investment Offering. We believe our faithful members will be happy to respond to this challenge.

C. L. TORREY, *Treasurer*
General Conference



ONE million dollars for missions! What a challenge! What can be accomplished with this amount of money? Only eternity will answer the question. However, we do know that this large sum will mean many, many souls saved for the kingdom of God. We trust our members everywhere will participate in the Sabbath School Investment during 1961.

SOME of you have often said to yourselves, "I want to do something outstanding for God, but I just don't have the funds to meet all the needs that come." This is your opportunity to do something extraordinary for God. Invest a little time or money and permit God to pour out His blessing and multiply your efforts through the Sabbath School Investment.

G. R. NASH, *Secretary*
Sabbath School Department
General Conference

his family to the United States the middle of June for medical care. The college wishes him successful treatment, and the best for his family also.

* Those granted furloughs for the 1961-62 school year are the E. W. Waring family, and Miss Violet Wentland. They will be leaving shortly after this current school year is completed. Both Brother Waring and Miss Wentland plan to do graduate work at Andrews University.

* Graduation exercises for the present school year will be held on the week end of June 23-25. Prospective graduates receiving degrees and diplomas are:

B.A. Degrees:

- Zaki Narouz, Secondary Education
- Sami Bishai, Secondary Education and Religion
- Hasmik Keshishzade, Elementary Education
- Mokhtar Nashed Yacoub, Secondary Education

Two year Professional Diplomas:

- Janet Marcarian, Secretarial Science
- Ellen Ghazal, Secretarial Science

Mary Nashed Yacoub, Secretarial Science

Graduates from the secondary school are:

College Preparatory Certificate:

- Nasir Swaidan
- Mary Issa

General Secondary Certificate:

- Nazarete Boyadian
- Hana Abboud
- Vergine Habibian

Chosen by these students to sponsor their classes are:

College: J. S. Russell

Secondary: K. S. Oster

* Construction is presently being done on a new bakery addition. The plans include a proof box, increased working space, slicing and wrapping machine for bread, and flour storage space. This will make it possible to complete the entire baking procedure in one large room. At a future date it is also planned to add a second oven.

* The music students of Middle East College presented the annual music recital on May 27. The program gave evidence of many delightful hours of practice. Credit for instruction goes to Mrs. R. H. Harwell.

* Three young ladies who completed two years of their nurses' training in Baghdad are now in Benghazi completing their requirements under the direction of Miss Gladys Hurd, who was the director of nurses in Baghdad. They are: Misses Elizabeth Ballan, Serpouhie Maksoudian, and Alice Micheal.

* During a special week of revival meetings, conducted during the month of March, by the division secretary, R. H. Hartwell, fourteen public services were held, and three periods were spent studying with student nurses.

CHURCH CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS

- June 3 Home Missionary Day
- June 10-17 CALL TO HEALTH Campaign
- June 24 Thirteenth Sabbath
- July 1 Home Missionary Day
- July 8 Mid-Summer Service
- Aug. 5 Promotion of Pioneer Evangelism in Unentered Territory
- Aug. 12 Christian Education
- Aug. 19 Tithe Promotion
- Sept. 2 Literature Evangelists Rally Day
- Sept. 9 Missions Extension Day
- Sept. 16 MV Pathfinder Day
- Sept. 23 Ingathering Opening Day
- Sept. 30 Thirteenth Sabbath

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- June 3 Church Missionary
- June 17 CALL TO HEALTH Subscriptions
- July 1 Church Missionary
- July 8 Mid-Summer Offering
- Aug. 5 Church Missionary
- Aug. 12 Local Training School (Secondary)
- Sept. 2 Church Missionary
- Sept. 9 Missions Extension

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Middle East College will open its doors on July 9, in summer school session, and will continue until August 20. Registration will be on July 9 with instruction starting the following day. The classes offered will be education and Bible. These are especially planned to meet the needs of the teachers in the field.

In conjunction with this program there has been planned a Seminary Field Extension School under the direction of Dr. C. E. Weniger who is the vice-president for the School of Graduate Studies at the Andrews University. The courses to be offered on the postgraduate level will be:

1. Archaeology and the Bible. Elder G. A. Keough, Instructor.
2. Evangelism. Elder A.C. Fearing, Instructor.
3. Speech for Religious Workers. Dr. C. E. Weniger, Instructor.

Middle East College looks forward to having a number of you who are in the field attending the summer session. May the Lord richly bless in all the plans and activities.

BENHAZI HOSPITAL

* Elders Wilcox, Fenn, Gammon, and Zytoskee visited Benhazi in March to help plan for the improvement and enlargement of the hospital.

MIDDLE EAST MESSENGER

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This is a hand-painted picture of Christ, and includes the greatest promise of the Bible. The work was done freehand by a Korean war prisoner of the last world war. This picture contains all the Gospel of John. It took two full years to make this enormous work. The prisoner made the shades which create the darker letters, by controlling the amount of ink and drawing darker letters where the shades fall. The result has been fantastic. To be able to understand fully the greatness of this work, one need only to look at the picture through a magnifying glass. Every Sabbath school member who gives a birthday offering in 1961 will receive a copy eight and one-half by eleven inches in size.