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Sitting at my desk in Middle East College I can lift up my eyes, in one direction, and see the beautiful Mediterranean Sea. Then looking in another direction I view the green mountains of Lebanon. A more beautiful location for a college could hardly be found. From July 9 to August 20, forty-three ministers, Bible instructors, and teachers from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Turkey, were gathered in these pleasant surroundings to attend the Andrews University Field Extension School. The special courses which they studied were: Archeology and the Bible, Evangelistic Procedures, and Speech for Religious Workers. At this same time about twenty other students were attending the regular summer school of Middle East College. We shared our periods of chapel, our hours of emphasis, the vesper, and the church services.

From the very beginning it was evident that these workers were sincere in their desires to perfect themselves in the service of the Master. More than seventy-five special books pertaining to the subjects taught were added to the college library for these extension courses. Certain of these books were required reading. However, many of the students became so interested in the vast fund of information available that they read far beyond the required reading. They took copious notes for reference.

Warm fellowship was felt everywhere. Groups of students could be seen here and there on the campus, in the afternoons and evenings, studying, helping one another, and working on the practical aspects of their classwork. A number of them mentioned that they had never before worked so hard, but « We have enjoyed every minute of it. We have received so much usable material and so many practical ideas, to take back to our churches, and for our soul-winning work. Please thank Andrews

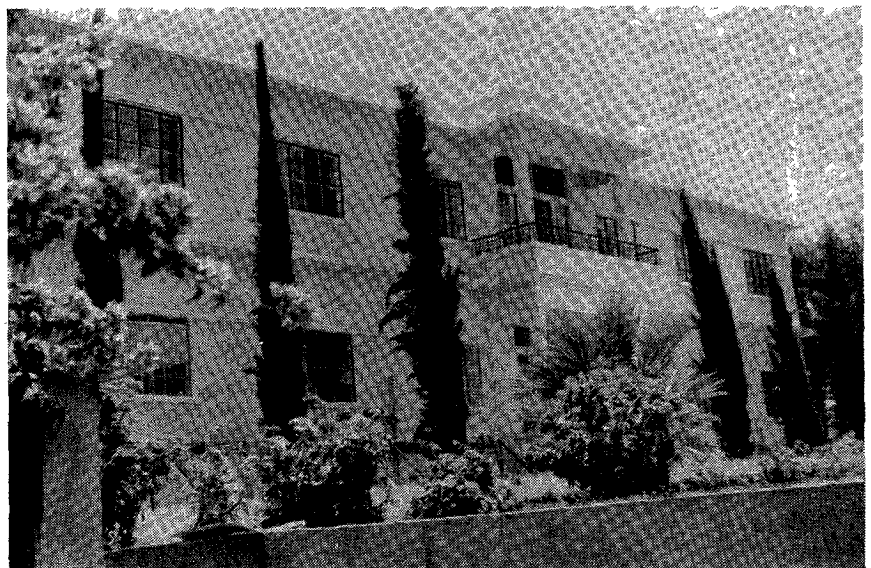


Pastor Andrew Fearing at the Commencement Exercises of the Andrews University Field Extension School 1961.

University and the Middle East Division for this privilege of study. We believe we are going to be stronger and more efficient and successful workers for the Master. »

The guest teachers for this special Field Extension School session believe that this will prove true in the months to come. We have witnessed a spiritual revival. Men have prayed together, prayed individually, and prayed as a complete group. They have earnestly sought the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon themselves and their churches. This has been an « upper room » experience, and even as the disciples of old, these chosen men of today have asked God to remove any barriers that would hinder the flow of His Spirit through their lives. They have renewed old friendships, and formed new ones.

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*Newly Enlarged Middle East Division Office Building
Beirut, Lebanon*



Pastor Bebnam Arshat with four candidates recently baptised in the Tigris River

Arabic Patriarchs and Prophets for «Spirit of Prophecy Year»

R. C. DARNELL, *Secretary*
Middle East Division Publishing Department

The 1961 Spirit of Prophecy year is coming to an exciting climax with the publication of **Patriarchs and Prophets** by the Middle East Press. This will be the first of Mrs. White's big books to be published in Arabic.

One of the most interesting books ever written, it is the result of Mrs. White having seen in vision the actual events of the first generations of human history. In detail, the lives of men of old to whom God committed the truth are described. These lives are found to be full of examples which the author was directed to apply to the problems of Christian living today.

The beautiful book, containing sixteen full-page illustrations, four of them in full color, and totalling nearly 600 pages will sell for only six Lebanese pounds or its equivalent. The price to church members will be liberally discounted so that members may buy all the books they want for themselves, for gifts to friends and relatives, or for resale in special sales campaigns for only three Lebanese pounds. A year's subscription for a magazine costs more and no other book of the same size gives the reader the same beauty, workmanship, scholarship, information, and inspiration for nearly so low a price.

The book is outstanding in that all the major points of Adventist belief can be found on its pages. But these are so woven into the story that the reader learns the truth while being captivated by the story. It makes a wonderful missionary gift to those we want to win to the truth.

It is one of the top four books we have in the number of persons known to have accepted the truth through reading it.

It is easy to share our faith through this book. No arrangements are necessary for urging and bringing reluctant and busy people to evangelistic meetings. There is no necessity for repeated visits as in the case of tract distribution and no problem of mailing such as troubles the magazine ministry. Here at a minimum

of expense and effort is a successful plan of bringing the truth to your relatives, friends, and neighbors, and establishing it in your own house.

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and have pledged complete loyalty to God's message of truth for this hour. They believe that God will grant them soul-winning power to go from this school into the surrounding area, and to the uttermost parts of the Middle East, to gather sheaves for the Master's kingdom.

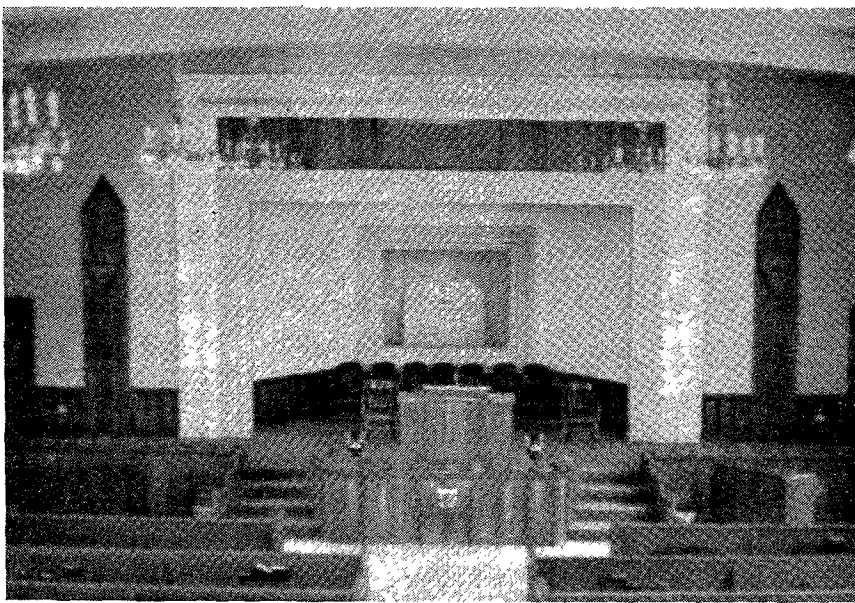
During the closing Wednesday (August 16) chapel service the workers fully committed themselves to do a greater work than has ever been done before. It was evident from their testimonies that their courage is high, their faith is strong, and that they believe the time has now come for miracles of grace to be seen in this great field. These workers are returning to their places of responsibility with the conviction that God will prepare the way before them for victory. Plans were formulated for specific evangelistic projects to be conducted in classrooms, homes, halls, and churches, as well as in clinics and evangelistic centers. Every department of the church is to be aflame for one purpose—soul-winning.

The church is being strengthened as more and more of Ellen G. White's books are being translated into the Arabic language. This is one of the many advance projects now going forward in the Middle East Division. The workers will recognize the spiritual blessing that will come upon their churches as these volumes of

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Part of the group in Amman attending the S. D. A. Church in Jordan at the time Pastor W. J. Harris visited the Middle East in the spring of 1961.



Inside view of the recently dedicated Baghdad Church

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inspiration are made available to the members.

It was not only a privilege and joy for me to fellowship with many of our believers in their own churches in various parts of the Middle East, and to witness their love and sacrifice, as shown in their houses of worship, but also to share in the conducting of two brief series of evangelistic meetings in the Beirut Center and the Heliopolis church.

The ministry and laity of the Middle East hold within the hollow of their hands a great warning message for their part of the world. What a responsibility is this! The field of labor is not an easy one, but God has placed each individual where He wants him to live, speak, and witness for Him. May His call be recognized and accepted by each member. With the ministry and laity united in this supreme task of proclaiming the message for this hour, power will be given. May God grant His Holy Spirit in abundance.

WEEK OF PRAYER AT BEIRUT ARMENIAN SCHOOL

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A number of juniors who have studied the Bible in the baptismal class have expressed their desire to be baptized.

Truly a dedicated Adventist school is a mighty agency in evangelising the youth and guiding them to the Saviour.

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failure that tests their faith and patience.

They need your prayers. May God inspire many other girls to meet this challenge of going from house to house spreading our truth-filled literature in this great division.

Jordan Youth Helped In A Strange Way

A. A. HADDAD, *Secretary*

Middle East Division MV Department

One of the most unique experiences has just taken place in Jordan. Some say it is coincidence, but for the Seventh-day Adventist church it was nothing short of providential interference.

Ever since the final examination dates were set, leaders and members alike were alarmed. The tests for some of the most important subjects were to be given on a Sabbath.

Pastor Naim Mashni, the mission president, made a number of contacts with the Ministry of Education. At last he saw the Deputy Minister himself, but his answer was not encouraging at all. He promised to study the situation for another year but said that he could do nothing about it this year since all the dates had already been published and circulated.

President Mashni brought the matter to the attention of the church. For a number of weeks the whole church prayed that the Lord would overrule in the matter of the tests that were scheduled for Sabbath, June 17. And as the church prayed, the students studied and prepared with full faith that God would not let them down.

Examination week came. Our seven girls sat for the government examination day after day. But Sabbath was drawing near and it seemed that their hearts were beating faster as the day approached. Special seasons of prayer were held. Parents, students, teachers, church members, and leaders alike joined in a most earnest appeal in fasting and prayer that God would intervene.

Friday morning the answer to their prayers was given. The Minis-

try of Education postponed the Saturday examinations until the next Monday because some of the notorious students had picked their way into the room which had the examination papers and had stolen them.

Monday came. The new examination questions were placed before the students, but there were no students happier than our seven girls. After a few days had passed the results were published. Our school had 100 per cent success and our people rejoiced and jubilated as never before. In this instance, it was the Lord's leading, and great was the thanksgiving and the consecration.



Group of believers attending the dedication of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nicosia, Cyprus



Part of church group in Tanta, Egypt, U. A. R. with Pastor William Gayed. The church property there has been newly purchased.

LAST MINUTE REPORTS

* Miss Haigouhe Yanekian receptionist at the New Gallery Evangelistic Center in London, recently spent her vacation in Cyprus during which time she gave much help in the MV society and in the Sabbath school as well as helping with the music.

* Miss Lucy Leontides, after studying in England five years on a Cyprus government music scholarship, has returned to her home city, Nicosia. She is sharing her piano playing talent at the church.

* Brother A. N. Barlas is using much Greek and English literature in the Greek and British homes of the Famagusta district. His helpful wife goes with him on many of his visits.

* An impressive baptism was held in the Nicosia church on Sabbath April 26. A service man of the RAF was baptised after giving a written testimony to his faith. He is active in distributing literature and VOP enrollment cards.

* Six were baptised in Jordan on September 9. Three were baptised by Pastor R. R. Aussner and three by Pastor Naim Mashni in the Jordan River.

* Recent weddings conducted in the Middle East College chapel included: Andrawis Nathan and Samira Deeb, September 2.

Ignatius Yacoub and Mary Had-dad, September 14.

Adel Musa and Najat Simaan, September 17.

* Recent births include:

Betty-Jo Mashni, daughter of Naim and Mary Mashni, August 30 in Amman.

Nelson Maksoudian, son of Yervant and Knarig Maksoudian of the Middle East Press, September 2.

Valdimar Faimann, son of Herbert and Widad Faimann of Middle East College, September 16.

* Pastor K. S. Oster reports encouraging success in the effort being conducted by him in Isfahan, Iran, and requests prayer for those attending the meetings.

There are forty-four Adventist publishing houses producing 309 periodicals, and about seventy new books each year, in 218 languages. Book and periodical sales in 1959 totalled \$21,097,125.00.

Seventh-day Adventists share with Christians everywhere a compelling mission to tell the gospel story in all the world.

* In the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference one person was baptised every forty-seven minutes throughout the year 1961.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

* Pastor E. E. Cossentine, General Conference Secretary of Education, is spending six weeks in the Middle East Division. His itinerary began in Istanbul. Pastor G. A. Keough met him there and is accompanying him on his visits to the various schools throughout the division.

* The General Conference recommendation, that once each quarter one Sabbath morning ten-minute service, between Sabbath school and the preaching service, be devoted to the promotion of Christian education, has been adopted by the Middle East Division and will start in 1962. The following are the Sabbaths when the ten-minute service will be devoted to promoting this education:

March 31

June 23

August 18

November 3

* On the second Sabbath of each month the ten-minute service is to be used for the promotion of Voice of Prophecy enrollments. The ten-minute services of other Sabbaths will be used by the home missionary department in promoting projects as indicated in the GO magazine.

* Already the new upstairs offices in the division office building are being used. The offices have been made more quiet by installing a special Celotex Hush-Tone ceiling tile. Visitors often remark about the beauty of the building.

* Pastor R. S. Watts spent about a week in August visiting in Cairo and Beirut. While in Beirut he and Pastor R. C. Darnell spent four days in council with various field representatives studying the needs of the work in the Middle East. Doubtless much good will result from this important study.

* Brother and Sister H. S. Johnson moved to Beirut June 23, 1961. They are living on the Middle East College campus and he has been asked to take charge of the Beirut Overseas Elementary School during the coming school year.

* Pastor and Mrs. Wayne E. Olson and their three children arrived back in Beirut, Lebanon, from their furlough in the United States, on July 21. He is now busy with his duties as secretary of the Ministerial Association for the Middle East Division.

FROM HERE AND THERE

The latest available figures (at the close of 1958) show that Seventh-day Adventists have a world membership of 1,194,069 baptised adult members; 12,707 churches; 1,585,879 Sabbath school members, 6,305 ordained ministers, and 46,385 full-time salaried workers.

The Adventist education program includes, 4,758 denominationally operated schools with a total enrollment of 276,799 pupils and students. Schools above the elementary level number 333 including thirty-four schools of nursing, and two universities, one of which has a medical center which trains and graduates doctors, dentists, and medical technicians. The Adventist Church is working in 195 of the 205 countries in the world listed

by the United Nations, and 791 languages are used by denominational workers around the globe.

In one single year members of the Adventist Church did \$34,035,018.00 worth of welfare work, helping 6,481,172 needy persons. They distributed 5,374,922 pieces of clothing, and gave food to at least 2,770,456 people. Health and welfare service centers were operated in 473 places. Their medical ministry, of 210 units, include 106 sanitariums and hospitals and 104 treatment rooms and clinics. Medical employees total 12,628 of whom 440 are graduate physicians employed in the 210 medical institutions. Annually they graduate 530 nurses and eighty physicians. Patients treated in 1959 numbered 2,581,582.

* Brother Wilmot has been appointed assistant auditor for the Middle East Division in addition to his duties as accountant and cashier.

* Brother George B. Yared has now taken up his new duties as accountant and cashier for the Middle East Division Section I.

* Brother Farouk Haddad has been called to work in the division office since Brother Agnatus Yacoub was called to Middle East College.

* It was a pleasure indeed to have a visit from Pastor O. A. Blake, undertreasurer of the General Conference, during the last days of June and the first days of July. He was an inspiration to the division office family.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* July 10 was the day when Samia Philip Srour was welcomed into the home of Philip and Sarah Srour. Brother and Sister Jensen, who live in the apartment just above Brother Philip Srour, were made happy by the birth of a son named Glenn on May 5. Now each family is balanced with one boy and one girl.

* Brother Elias Estephan, while continuing his duties as assistant pastor of the Beirut Museitbe church, has been chosen to serve as publishing department secretary for the East Mediterranean Union.

* Brother George Ghazal continues to serve as accountant and cashier of the East Mediterranean Union.

* One June 24 Pastor Chafic Srour, baptised six persons in the Beirut Evangelistic Center. This was at the close of the short series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor A. C. Fearing of Washington, D. C. Workers from a number of local sections were present to attend the school of evangelism held in connection with that effort. At the same time Miss A. Ruby Williams held a cooking school. A well-equipped room has been prepared in the center for giving the cooking lessons. Miss Nawal Abdul-Messih was present to as-



Brother and Sister Lloyd Nolin with their daughters, Jane and Judy. They have recently connected with Middle East College.



Brother and Sister Andrawis and little son, the only SDAs in Sudan until Brother Samuel, standing on the right in the picture, was baptised in 1961.

sist Miss Williams in this cooking school course.

* A Voice of Prophecy program was presented in the Beirut Evangelistic Center on June 25. On that occasion fifty-two graduates were present to receive their diplomas. Pastor A. C. Fearing was the main speaker at this graduation service. Several graduates also bore testimony to the high estimation they have for the courses offered by this school. Brother Philip Srour, the director of the school in Beirut, was in charge of the program and acted as chairman of the gathering.

* Brother Nawal Ibrahim Estephan was married on August 27 in the Middle East College chapel to Miss Georgette George Skaf. Pastors Shukri Nowfel and R. H. Hartwell officiated. Brother Estephan is connected with the VOP office in Beirut.

CYPRUS

* Due to the importance of following up interests from the Nicosia Armenian evangelistic effort Pastor Aram Aghassian found it unwise to attend the short effort by Pastor Andrew Fearing in Beirut. But he did attend the Andrews University Field Extension School, a few weeks later.

JORDAN

* Early in June an MV camp was conducted in a forest in Jordan. The help of Pastor and Mrs. R. C. Darnell in this camp was greatly appreciated by the staff and juniors in attendance.

* Pastor Najeeb Azar, El Husn district leader, baptised one candidate on July 4.

* The building of the Adventist church in the city of Jerusalem is progressing. In order to keep things moving Pastor Naim Meshni forfeited the privilege of attending the Andrews Field Extension School. All

other national ministerial workers enjoyed the university summer course.

IRAQ

* An MV camp was conducted in northern Iraq the first part of June. Pastor Anees Haddad was present to give leadership and counsel.

* The Baghdad church members rejoiced with Pastor Behnam Arshat and Miss Nawal Abdul-Messih, the Bible instructor, when four candidates were baptised in the Tigris River on July 1.

LEBANON

* March 8 was an eventful day in the home of Alfred and Nawal Akar in Bishmazzine when Assad Akar was born.

* Pastor Shukri Nowfel baptised one candidate in Museitbe early in the summer.

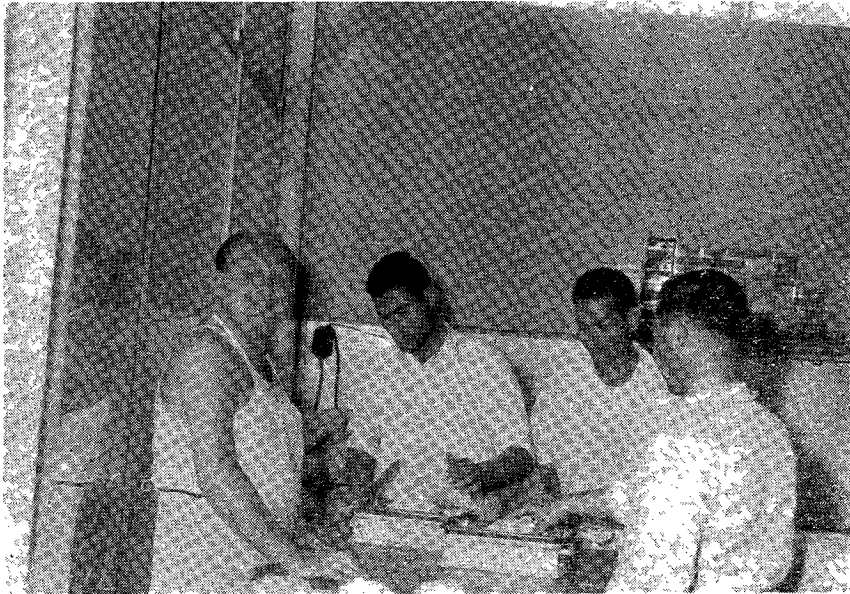
* Brother Minas Megerditchian has been called to connect with the Lebanon Mission office as a secretary.

* Brother Elias Estephan and Brother R. W. Wilmot have been chosen as assistant pastors of the Museitbe church to help Brother George Khoury the pastor of that church.

* Brother Nurhan Ouzounian, formerly in charge of the science department of Middle East College, has accepted a call to serve as principal of the Beirut Armenian Adventist School. No doubt he will bring much strength to that institution because of his years of experience as an educator.

* Brother Alfred Akar has been called to teach in the Beirut Junior Academy in Museitbe.

* Brother Shahada Halabi has presented the July colporteur report for Lebanon. It shows that a total of nineteen colporteurs worked seventy-seven weeks, 3,247 hours, and sold L.L. 8,655.60 worth of literature. This



College Baker Herbert Faimann and students weighing bread in the College Bakery.

means that the average sales amounted to LL. 2.65 per hour.

* Brother Nathan Daoud has been serving as assistant colporteur leader. We rejoice with these leaders in the excellent success the student colporteurs have been having in their work.

SYRIA

* Early in the summer seven precious souls were baptised in northern Syria.

NILE UNION

* A short Field School of Evangelism was conducted by Pastor Andrew Fearing June 26 to July 4. Classes convened each morning and public services were held every night in the Heliopolis church. Practically all of the workers of the Egypt Section, together with several of the Nile Union staff, were present. The Nile Union and its workers greatly appreciate the service that Pastor Fearing gave in this institute.

* On Sabbath, June 1, a joint meeting of all Seventh-day Adventists in the Cairo area was held in the Cairo Center. It seemed good to see this center really filled, for the first time, to hear Pastor Andrew Fearing.

* Brother and Sister Lotfy Abadir welcomed a baby girl to their home July 13. They have named their baby Elham.

* Fethi Nassif has joined the staff of the Nile Union Academy as farm manager.

* Graduation exercises were held at the Nile Union Academy June 16 to 18. The speaker at the consecration service was Pastor Maurice Katrib. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Pastor Hilal Dose, and Pastor G. A. Keough, the division edu-

cational secretary, gave the commencement address. Eight students graduated at this eighth graduation of the academy.

* An addition to the Nile Union Academy Administration Building, in which it is hoped that an intermediate school for girls will be conducted, is now underway. Pastor G. A. Keough, division educational secretary, spent considerable time in studying and advising in regard to the building of this addition and the opening of an intermediate school for girls.

* Pastor C. V. Brauer has been appointed secretary for the Nile Union as well as union home missionary secretary, in addition to his other duties; and Pastor W. R. Leshar has been chosen to be Nile Union educational secretary.

WEEK OF PRAYER AT BEIRUT ARMENIAN SCHOOL MANOUG NAZIRIAN, Pastor Beirut Armenian Church

The spring Week of Prayer was conducted in the Beirut Armenian Adventist School May 22 to 26, 1961, by the writer who is also pastor of the Armenian church in Beirut. The special theme for the week was « How to Live a Happy Life. » The subject together with the soul-stirring theme song « God Understands » brought much inspiration to the susceptible hearts of the pupils.

The teachers and the writer are greatly thankful to our heavenly Father that this Week of Prayer greatly enriched the spiritual life of the school. There was a very encouraging response from the student body. What a wonderful joy it always is to see the little lambs coming to the blessed Saviour.

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EGYPT SECTION

* A colporteur camp was held July 26 to 30 in Alexandria. Forty-five students and regular colporteurs were in attendance. Eight of these were lady colporteurs. Fuad Guirguis, assisted by Antar Yacoub and C. V. Brauer, led out with the work of the camp. The program consisted of nature classes, assembly services, daily swimming, field trips, and a special Sabbath schedule.

* In connection with the colporteur camp a special Bible quiz contest was conducted to determine the Nile Union's outstanding team of young people with Bible knowledge. Sixteen teams entered and in the finals held on Sabbath afternoon the winners were Zacharia Youssif and Samir Aziz. They were each awarded a copy of *Messages to Young People*. The runners-up who were awarded *Master Guide Manuals* were Fawzy Abdel Malak and Barty.

* Several Investiture services were held during May and June. These were held at the Nile Union Academy, the Heliopolis School, the Heliopolis Overseas School, and in Monsour. A large number of young people and junior boys and girls qualified for insignia in every MV and JMV class, and over one hundred vocational honors were awarded.

* Miss Futna Bishai, under call to unite with the Cairo Center staff, graduated from the Washington Sanitarium Nurses' Training School early in June. She is taking some brief special training to be better qualified for her future work in Egypt. She is expected to arrive in the field in November.

* A colporteur institute was held in the Nile Union Academy June 22 to 25. Brother Fuad Guirguis, acting secretary of the Egypt Section publishing department, was in charge. Assisting in the institute were Antar

BELEIVE IT OR NOT MAURICE KATRIB, Pastor Heliopolis Church, Egypt

Almost in every center of our work in the Middle East Division our leaders were receiving applications from young ladies asking for some kind of employment.

When work in the offices or in our schools was not available, our leaders referred these girls to the colporteur ministry, but the answer was at all times, « It is impossible for girls to canvass -- this can not be done ! »

Believe it or not, seven fine girls are doing that seemingly impossible job. They have been in the field for over two months. At times they work for one week in the VOP office, but most of their time is given to canvassing in the field. They are of good courage, thanking God for any success that attends their efforts, and pressing on in the face of any

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Yacoub, Nile Union Book and Periodical House manager; A. G. Zytkoskee, Nile Union president; and C. V. Brauer, Nile Union secretary.

* Paster R. S. Watts, General Conference Field Secretary, and Pastor R. C. Darnell, Middle East Division publishing secretary, were welcome guests during the August 19 week end.

* During the spring and summer months we have enjoyed the visits of over thirty Adventist families of workers and missionaries. It was good to have the Wilcox and Fenn families with us for a few days.

* Regional meetings were conducted in Minia, Assuit, and Sohag during the last week end of May. Practically all of our believers in Upper Egypt had the opportunity of attending one of these meetings. Those preaching at the meetings were A. G. Zytkoskee, Hilal Dose, C. V. Brauer, and W. R. Leshner.

* Brother and Sister Fikry Mikhail rejoiced on May 28 when a baby girl was born whom they named Hanan.

SUDAN

* Pastor C. V. Brauer reports the baptism of a Sudanese boy, from southern Sudan, named Samuel, on April 22.

IRAN

* On June 24 ten precious souls were baptised by Pastor Salakian in Tabriz. Some of the candidates were from Rezayeh. They were of various backgrounds and of different ages. Three were Armenians, two Assyrians, two Russians, and three Iranians.

* Pastor DeWitt also reports the baptism of one of his language teachers in Shiraz. Pastor DeWitt has, in addition to his language study, been able to help pastor the community church group in Shiraz.

* Pastor K. S. Oster is conducting an evangelistic effort in Isfahan for four weeks in September. Meetings are also planned for the Tehran Armenian church and the church in Tabriz. These last two will be conducted by Brother Hovik Sarrafian.

* JMV camp for the Iran Section was under the direction of Brethren Vigain Marcarian and Johnnie Minassian. The dates were August 27 to September 3. Pastor J. L. DeWitt was asked to serve as camp pastor, and thus spiritual values received a strong emphasis in the camping program.

* Sister Hranoush Avedissian, Bible instructor in Tabriz, had about a hundred children attending the Vacation Bible School there last year and is also continuing the plan this summer.

* Pastor Kenneth Harding, in addition

to his duties as a church pastor in Tehran, also serves as president of the Iran Section since his arrival June 15, and has visited all the churches in Iran. His sermons were heard by a good number of members and friends who attended the meetings. The overall picture that he obtained from his visits was quite encouraging, and the needs and opportunities for the advancement of our work in this field were tremendous. He is hopeful that the plans which are being laid at the present, and presented to our Iran workers at a workers' meeting on September 5 and 6, will greatly advance the work of God in the Iran Section.

* Miss Hasmik Keshishzade began her work as an elementary school teacher and office secretary in the Iran Section on August 1. It is a joy to see our Middle East College graduates returning and taking their part in the work of God.

* The tenth grade is being added this year to the Iran Training School. Last year the highest grade offered was the ninth. It is hoped that by adding a new grade each year for the next two years the Iran Training School will soon become a full twelve grade school.

* With the adding of grades three and four this year the plan has been to upgrade the Tehran Church School two additional grades, and, by adding another grade each year, in two more years it will offer a program of education through the sixth grade. Then our church in Iran will have a complete twelve grade system of education for the Tehran area.

* At the time of this report still unnamed, but he is very much enjoyed by his parents and sisters! On July 5 Brother and Sister Morovati became the happy parents of a baby boy.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL

* At the time of this report he is * Because of a great shortage in nursing personnel the entire nursing staff are working very hard and are anxiously awaiting replacements for those who left the institution.

* On July 23 and 24 Dr. Varner Johns of the Loma Linda University visited the hospital in the interest of the Medical College of the university.

* There is rejoicing over the fact that Brother Rafic Issa obtained his B. A. degree at Middle East College on August 20, and will soon return to the hospital in Benghazi with his family.

* After several years of faithful service Brother Wadie Yousif has been called to the Iraq Section to serve as secretary-treasurer there. It is hoped that his son will enjoy better health in his new climate, and that the Lord will bless him in his new assignment.

* Brother and Sister Rafic Issa added a precious little one to their family on May 31. Her name is Manal.

* A very modern and efficient X-ray unit has arrived from Germany, and is being installed in the Benghazi Hospital.

* Dr. H. D. Reiner and family have completed the first year of service in the hospital and are looking forward to a visit from his parents Elder and Mrs. D. N. Reiner of California.



Brother E. W. Waring with two students in the College Woodwork Products Shop at Middle East College.



A group of those on the Middle East College campus for the Andrews University Field Extension School, and a part of the College Summer School students in the summer of 1961.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

* From July 9 to August 20 the Andrews University Field Extension School held at Middle East College had an enrollment of forty-three, and the Middle East College Summer School enrolled nineteen others.

* A fellowship supper was held on the college campus on August 18 which was attended by the Field Extension School students with their families and the Adventist workers in the Lebanon area. «Let us have more of this» was the desire of the great majority of the happy workers at that gathering.

* Brother and Sister Lloyd Nolin and their two daughters, Jane and Judy, arrived on the campus, from Oregon, August 18. He is the maintenance supervisor. He says that he is very pleased with what he has seen, and hopes the college will grow in its influence in the lives of the young people. He also hopes to help the young people to use their hands as well as their heads.

* Miss Indra Ashod plans to further her biological science education in Emmanuel Missionary College. She will be missed, but it is hoped that she will return with her Master's degree in two years.

* An added extension to the college bakery is almost complete. Brother Faimann hopes to enlarge the quantity and variety of baked goods put out by this department. A new bread slicer and sealing machine has been purchased.

* Middle East College now produces its own peanut butter. Experimenta-

tion is now going on in the factory so as to produce the best possible product. The peanut butter, like other Middle East College products, is labelled « College Maid. »

* The process of changing the old wooden sash windows, and installing steel sash windows with screens attached is to be completed in the girls' dormitory by the time school opens this year.

* Miss Mary Haddad has been appointed dean of women at Middle East College, and Brother Agnatus Yacoub has been chosen to be the registrar of the college.

* Brother Yacoub Nashed has been called to be head of the science department of the college.

* Miss Kaokab Deeb, who has applied to study at Middle East College, has been chosen to serve as the school nurse at the college.

* Brother Zaky Narouz and Brother Mokhtar Nashed have also been invited to join the college faculty as teachers.

* On August 20 a great event took place at the college--GRADUATION. In addition to the forty, who received Field Extension School certificates from Andrews University, two graduates from Bachelor of Arts degrees, received their Bachelor of Arts degrees. Brother Rafic Issa majored in business administration, and Brother Baldur Pfeiffer majored in religion.

The speakers for the graduation week end services were: consecration service, K. S. Oster; baccalaureate sermon, R. A. Wilcox; and commencement address, Deputy Emile Bustani.

* Work has just started on the new poultry building which is being situated to the southeast of the present building.

* Outstanding messages were presented one week end of the summer school session by conference evangelists from the states of Arizona and Washington.

CHURCH CALANDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS

- Sept. 16 MV Pathfinder Day
- Sept. 23 Ingathering Opening Day
- Sept. 30 Thirteenth Sabbath
- Oct. 7 Neighborhood Evangelism
- Oct. 14 Sabbath School Visitors' Day
- Oct. 21 Community Relations Day
- Oct. 28 World Temperance Day
- Nov. 4 Witnessing Laymen (Consecration Service)
- Nov. 11-18 Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
- Nov. 25 Promote Tithe Square-Up Month (December is "Tithe Square-Up Month.")
- Dec. 2 Home Missionary Day
- Dec. 23 Thirteenth Sabbath, 1962

- Jan. 6 Home Visitation Day
- Jan. 20 Religious Liberty Day
- Jan. 27 to Feb. 3 HOPE Campaign

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- Oct. 7 Church Missionary
- Oct. 14 Voice of Prophecy
- Oct. 28 Temperance
- Nov. 4 Church Missionary
- Nov. 18 Week of Sacrifice
- Dec. 2 Church Missionary 1962
- Jan. 6 Church Missionary
- Jan. 20 Religious Liberty

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