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## LOOKING FORWARD INTO 1962 WITH ITS NEW HORIZON

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Middle East Division

The last days of the passing year are upon us. Fleeting time is measured in so many ways—some by removing monthly pages from man's calendar. Others measured time by another hatchet mark on a given tree or the trickling sand in the glass, or the shadows on the sundial. All methods used by man to measure time can only remind us of God's admonition: «Work... while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work.» — John 9:4.

Between the old and the new year there comes a pause, a moment of reflection and retrospection. We remember the best things and forget the trivial and not worth-while. We add the joys and sorrows in a hasty resumé and conclude that our heavenly Father cared well for us. There also comes to us something deeper from within — the desire to turn a new page white and fair and begin a new paragraph of a different chapter in the book of daily living.

On this daily journey toward heaven we cannot fail to look back and see the way we have gone and review the things we have done. Our life leaves a wake like the ocean-going vessels tracing their journeys on the sea.

The next year holds much for the men and women of God's cause. Fresh opportunities await us; challenges different and difficult face us, but for every trial God supplies sufficient grace to cover the spiritual need. All power is promised to the prayerful, trusting warrior of Christ.

The beginning of a new year is the time to look ahead and plan for the advancement of God's cause in the tomorrow. We want to share with you some of these goals and ideals. Cardinal and primary are the spiritual things—the choice possessions of deeper faith and more trusting confidence, courage

### IN LOVING MEMORY



**FIFTY YEARS AGO** - In November 1911 the late Elder F. F. Oster, and his wife, Sister Florence White-Oster, entered Iran as Seventh-day Adventist missionaries from the USA via Europe. He left the Middle East and foreign service in 1943, and worked in Indiana until 1949, when he retired from active service. On March 21, 1960 he passed away. How happy he would be if he could see the progress the work has made in Iran since the time when he began there. It is a credit to him that his son, Pastor K. S. Oster now teaches Bible in Middle East College. His wife, Dorothy Nelson-Oster stands faithfully by his side.

to look up and onward from the present to the future, from the old year to the new year.

There is much to be done for the church in the coming months of 1962—a new Armenian evangelistic center and school for the Lebanon, new industries for Middle East College, a temple for the Adventists in Jerusalem, a place where the members can stand up on the Sabbath day and read. Our Cairo Mercy Home will be rebuilt and doubled in size for larger services to needy, homeless boys and girls. Many new evangelistic efforts are being planned so that «this gospel of the kingdom» may be preached to the waiting millions.

Will you join us in a deeper consecration and a closer walk with God, that the work may be finished quickly in the Bible lands?

### PERCENTAGE OF SDAS TO WORLD POPULATION INCREASES IN SPITE OF TREMENDOUS POPULATION GROWTH

(Figures by Pastor W. P. Bradley)

Year	World Population
1900	1,550,000,000
1910	1,568,000,000
1920	1,810,000,000
1930	2,013,000,000
1940	2,246,000,000
1950	2,495,000,000
1960	2,792,000,000
SDA Membership	Relation of Mem. to Population.
75,767	1 to 20,452
104,526	1 to 15,001
185,450	1 to 9,780
314,253	1 to 6,406
504,752	1 to 4,441
756,712	1 to 3,297
1,245,125	1 to 2,242

## "Light and Sound"

W. E. OLSON, *Secretary*

Middle East Division Ministerial Association

On the edge of the desert overlooking the fertile Nile valley stands the great pyramid and the sphinx. They have attracted millions of tourists through the centuries, but now their attraction has been greatly enhanced by means of modern stereophonic recordings and a massive array of colored lights arranged in an evening performance entitled, «Light and Sound.» While the spectators are comfortably seated on chairs neatly arranged on the desert sand with the starry heavens above, they hear the Sphinx recite the history of ancient Egypt. The voices coming from various angles tell of the kings, princes, priests and people who built those massive monuments. They tell of the conquerors who have come and gone, but the eyes of the Sphinx still remain to behold each rising sun.

As I listened to the narration describing the great pyramid 480 feet high and 755 feet long at the base which was built by the Pharaoh Cheops, I asked myself, «Did he really build that massive structure alone?» If my figures are correct, there is enough stone in that one pyramid to make a stone path around the earth three feet wide and four inches thick and still have 3,330,937 cubic feet of stone left over! Now did one man do all that work? Of course not. He only did the planning. His wise men drew the design in detail. They organized 100,000 workmen into teams and supervised the construction. Organization, team work, and cooperation were essential in order to cut, transport, and hoist those two and a half ton stones into place.

I am sure if King Cheops had tried to do all the work alone there would be no great pyramid bearing his name today. If his family and wise engineers had joined him, they could have accomplished very little more. But with the organized help of 100,000 men the pyramid was built.

I believe there is a parallel in the building of the church of God on earth. Wise administrators, pastors and evangelists will not attempt to do all the work alone. Rather, they will earnestly endeavor to utilize the varied talents of every church member. They will plan, design, organize, promote and supervise the work. They will prayerfully and tactfully inspire every soul to actively use his or her talents in building God's kingdom.

There is a great work for laymen to do that the ministry can never accomplish alone. Notice the following instruction God has given to His church.

«The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.» — *Gospel Workers*, p. 352.

«Sitting by the fireside, they (the the laymen) can - if humble, discreet, and godly - do more to meet the real needs of families than could an ordained minister.» — *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 21.

God excuses no one. He «calls upon every church member to enter His service... the entire church, acting as one, blending in perfect union, is to be a living, active missionary agency, moved and controlled by the Holy Spirit.» — *Ibid*, vol. 8, p. 47.

With this instruction ringing in my ears, I am impressed to urge every worker in the Middle East

Division to make 1962 a year of real lay evangelism. By sermons, special MV programs, and by personal visits put the responsibility before your laymen.

Does your church have an active church missionary committee to plan lay activities? If not, study the latest recommendations regarding its organization. Make it the dynamic force in your church. Give this committee the assistance needed in planning a practical program of lay evangelism which will provide opportunity for the exercise of every talent available in the church. Then unitedly, working as one man with the blessing of God, you with the entire church can quickly extend the church of God on earth.

King Cheops and his men expended their energies constructing what he hoped would be an eternal resting place for his body. However, centuries ago, his tomb was robbed and the dust of his remains scattered about the desert sands.

By contrast, the monument you are building will endure throughout eternity. May God give you wisdom and grace to build for eternity.

Remember that, «every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty.» — *Ibid*, vol. 7, p. 30.

## Pastor Cossentine Visits the Middle East'

G. A. KROUGH, *Secretary*

Middle East Division Educational Department

Elder E. E. Cossentine, secretary of the Department of Education of the General Conference, visited the schools of the Middle East Division from September 1 to October 6, 1961. His visit was greatly appreciated for the inspiration and counsel that it gave.

Elder Cossentine touched the Middle East first at Istanbul where he took the weekend services. There is no Adventist school in Turkey now, although there are plans to open one as soon as funds and opportunities permit. At one time Turkey had a large Adventist membership and a worker training school.

Elder Cossentine's next appointment was Iran where he not only studied the plans for the development of the Iran Training School, but he also met with leading educators in the Iran Ministry of Education. It was encouraging to hear these responsible Iranians say that they would do their best to help establish Adventist schools in Iran. Some of these national leaders had visited Shenandoah Valley Academy under the sponsorship of Elder Cossentine while they were visiting in the United States.

Elder Cossentine then went to Iraq where he saw the need for a suitable building site and buildings for the Baghdad school. He gave some valuable counsel as to location, and it is hoped that it will not be long before the school can move from its present cramped quarters to more ample grounds.

Elder Cossentine's visits to the schools in Egypt, Jordan, and the Lebanon were equally effective. His wide experience in many parts of the world enabled him to give counsel that was authoritative and sound. It was a pleasure to hear him give practical advice to the teachers in the institutes that were held wherever he visited. «We must clarify our aims,» he said, «if we are to succeed in reaching our objectives. We must have specific as well as general aims.» He minced no words in pointing out the high ideals that are set before the teacher, but he also showed that there are few callings that can give greater satisfaction. He pointed out the importance of the teacher in the whole system of education and pleaded with each teacher to consecrate himself fully to a task in which the Master

## Three General Conference Leaders Visit Middle East



*Pastor W. P. Bradley,  
Associate Secretary.*



*Pastor E. E. Cossentine,  
Educational Secretary.*



*Pastor R. S. Watts,  
General Field Secretary*

Elder Cossentine ended his round of school visitation by inspecting Middle East College. As he left Beirut for other fields of labor we thanked God for such men who

can be straightforward as well as kind, who can inspire as well as instruct. We are thankful to the General Conference for making such visits possible.

Sabbath school offerings in North America have changed very little; however, our tithe per capita has increased by 103.3 per cent. The same picture is more or less true in other sections of the world field. I ask the question: «Are we really giving 'as God hath prospered'?» God has dealt liberally with us. Shall we not do something extraordinary for God and show our deep gratitude for His blessing by reaching out a helping hand to those who are still in darkness?

## An Urgent Appeal

G. R. NASH, *Secretary*

General Conference Sabbath School Department

Our money is rapidly losing its value. This is also true in certain other countries. Why not use our money for the spreading of God's glorious message of salvation now while it still has some value?

This appeal is intended as an earnest call to our Sabbath school members throughout the world field to plan to give much more through the Sabbath school offerings this year than ever before. The year 1962 should be marked by our greatest efforts to reach the nations of earth and to finish the work of God. «It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look, for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.»—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 22. «The Lord God of heaven will not send upon the world His judgments for disobedience and transgression until he has sent His watchmen to give the warning. — *Ibid*, vol. 6, p. 19.

We are sure there are many—yes, perhaps very many—of our Sabbath school members in different countries who could and would be willing to double their offerings during this coming year.

Several million dollars beyond any previous year's income are urgently needed to meet the needs of our expanding world program.

Not only in North America but in many of our other home-base divisions, God's people are unusually prosperous. Remember that the Bible rule for giving offerings is «as God hath prospered» you (1 Cor. 16:2). Since 1944 our per capita

This is not an ordinary appeal. It is made with the conviction that this is our day of final opportunity. Therefore, let us plan for enlarged gifts, and let us give systematically every Sabbath and «as God hath prospered,» so that the work may soon be finished and we can ever be with our Lord.

### PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF GRAHAM C. CUTTS RECENTLY BAPTISED IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS

“I feel privileged to become a member of one of the smallest churches in existence today. But I know that what the Seventh-day Adventist Church lacks in the quantity of members it most certainly makes up for in quality. And that is what I ask Jesus to do for me -- to give me the quality of faith, word, deed and love. To help myself as I help others more each day. No matter where I am, or what trials may come. I know you will agree that we hold a

unique position as units of the Remnant Church. We are the remaining members. As the end of the world of sin draws near and the glorious morning of the second advent draws nigh. Upon our shoulders rests the task -- no more important than that of telling others about Him My prayer today is that I can become as useful a church member as all of you are, and as all Seventh-

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*Self organized Sabbath School in Dhabyran, Saudi Arabia. They are from India. Five are baptised.*

LAST MINUTE NEWS: - December 26 Stephen Walten Johnson arrived to live with Brother and Sister Harold S. Johnson. He is their firstborn child. He arrived almost in time for Christmas.

#### BIRTHDAY-THANK OFFERING

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

The General Conference leaders have asked the Sabbath School Department to endeavor to raise a quarter million dollars or more in the Birthday-Thank Offering for 1962. We believe that this is possible, especially with the cooperation of all of our faithful leaders throughout the world field. We should not limit this offering to the occasion of a yearly birthday. Sometimes there are other occasions for special thanksgiving that one desires to acknowledge by a special gift to the Lord—preservation of life in an accident, recovery from a severe illness, the conversion of a soul for whom one has been laboring, and other blessings. Such an offering may be given by anyone, whether he has had a birthday or not, and is to be taken up at the same time that the Sabbath school Birthday-Thank Offering is taken, and becomes a part of this offering.

«The lesson which is recorded concerning the ten lepers should awaken in every heart a most earnest desire to change the existing order of ingratitude into one of praise and thanksgiving.... Let us remember who is the first great Giver of all our blessings. We are fed and clothed and sustained in

life, and should we not educate ourselves and our children to respond with gratitude to our heavenly Father?»—*Review and Herald*, November 13, 1894.

«When friends are kind to us we esteem it a privilege to thank them for their kindness. How much more should we count it a joy to return thanks to the Friend who has given us every good and perfect gift. Then let us, in every church,

cultivate thanksgiving to God.... Let our gifts and offerings declare our gratitude for the favors we daily receive.»—*Review and Herald*, May 7, 1908.

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day Adventists everywhere try to be that Jesus will show me my true vocation for the glory of His perfect name and will. Amen."

## FROM HERE AND THERE

### MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

\* Pastor R. C. Darnell has been appointed Director of Religious Research for the Middle East Division in addition to his duties as acting editor-in-chief of the Middle East Press. Because of this Pastor G. A. Keough has been requested to serve as acting radio secretary for the division, and Pastor W. E. Olson is to serve as acting publishing secretary for the division.

\* The annual division committee meeting was held in Beirut, Lebanon November 14 to 21, and it was good to have Elder W. P. Bradley, an associate secretary of the General Conference, present as the official representative from the world headquarters. Due to Sister Nellie Haddad's severe sickness Pastor Anees Haddad was unable to meet with the committee. All were disappointed that he could not be present, and special prayer was offered on behalf of his wife. At the time of this report she is on the road to improvement.

\* The book *Patriarchs and Prophets* has been chosen as the Arabic book of the year for 1962, and it is hoped that it will be ready for publication in the near future, it is now in the final stages of reading.

\* The 1962 Sabbath school goals are: 1. Membership 175% of the membership. 2. Individual offerings for missions through the Sabbath school to be 4% of the monthly income. 3. Thirteenth Sabbath offering to be triple the regular weekly goal. 4. Two branch Sabbath schools for every organized church, and one for each company.

\* Fourteen delegates have been appointed to the General Conference session to be in San Francisco from July 26 to August 4, 1962.

\* The M. E. Division Quadrennial Council will be held in Beirut, November 20 to 29, 1962, and will be followed by the union committee sessions.

\* At the General Conference session in 1962 an offering is to be taken for World Evangelism. It is expected that this offering will amount to at least one million dollars. On May 12, 1962 believers

in every church of the Middle East will give an offering for this purpose. It will be included in the total sum.

\* The division MV department plans to complete the Arabic MV leaflet series, taken from *Messages to Young People*, by June 1962. Twelve leaflets were already distributed and there are to be six more. This will complete the material covered in the book.

\* Mrs. Elias (Yvonne) Estephan has connected with the division office to help with the secretarial work.

\* Miss Nora Atkins left the Middle East, in company with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Hodgens, on October second. She had completed some forty-three years of denominational service in various divisions, and is therefore now having her well-earned retirement. Her many friends in the Middle East wish her many happy years as she continues to serve the Master in her own helpful way.

\* Miss Atkins was cashier and accountant for the Middle East Division eleven years. At a farewell given in her honor by many of her friends in the Beirut area she was presented with a silver tray commemorating her long and faithful service.

\* The new committee room is cheerful and adequate for the division committees and boards. At the end of the room is a large and beautiful mural picture which attracts the eye. The room is immediately above the entrance hallway of the building, and occupies the space of what would compare with three individual office rooms.

\* There is considerable landscaping being done around the office and parts of the division compound, and a double garage has been added to the south end of the overseas church school building.

\* Brother E. L. Becker, General Conference Auditor, visited the division office for a few days in September to audit the division books.

### EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

\* Miss A. Ruby Williams has been kept busy following up interests in connection with the efforts

## THREE WEDDINGS CONDUCTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE CHAPEL



Miss Samira Deeb was married by Pastor Shukri Nowfel, assisted by Pastor Ziki Hannawi, to Andrawis Nathan of Baghdad, Iraq, in the Middle East College Chapel on September 2, 1961. It was a lovely wedding. Brother Andrawis is a business man in Baghdad who was employed in the Dar Es Salaam Hospital a few years ago when Mrs. Andrawis was a nurse in that institution. Samira was called to help in the Benghazi Hospital in Libya when she came from Baghdad. She accepted the call and has done very fine service with her sister Kaokab in Benghazi. The forming of this new home will strengthen the Baghdad church.



Miss Najat Simaan was married to Adel Musa September 17 in the Middle East College Chapel by Pastors Anees Haddad and R. H. Hartwell. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Musa had experience assisting the dean of women, assisting the college matron in the kitchen and dining room, and assisting in and supervising the work of the college laundry. Since her marriage she has had charge of the laundry while Brother Adel Musa is completing the requirements for his B. A. degree.

finished high school, is now keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism.

\* Pastor Aram Aghassian reports that the ingathering has progressed so well that they ran out of supplies and needed more.

\* Pastor P. C. Christakos attended the East Mediterranean Union committee meetings in Beirut the last of November and reported on the progress of the work in the island.

\* Brother Elias Estephan visited Cyprus the first week in December helping some of the believers who were willing to do part time colporteur work.

### SYRIA

\* Miss Hasmik Keshishzade has joined her sister, Miss Anoush Keshishzade, as a teacher in the Tehran Elementary School, which has an enrollment of twenty-nine.

\* One was baptised in September from the meetings held by Pastor K. S. Oster in the Isfahan area, and several others were placed in a preparatory class.

\* Both the Tehran Elementary School and the Iran Training



Miss Mary Haddad was married by her brother, Pastor Anees Haddad, assisted by Pastor Chafic Srouf, to Ignatius Yacoub, in a beautiful Adventist wedding which was conducted in the Middle East College Chapel on September 14, 1961. Brother Yacoub is the registrar of the college, and Mrs. Yacoub is the dean of women. Before her marriage Mary Haddad was the registrar at the college, and Ignatius was employed in the Middle East Division office.

School have larger enrollments than before, and each school has added one grade more than last year.

\* Brother Hovik Sarrafian sends word that his evangelistic meetings in Tabriz are so well attended that the large church building is filled to capacity. He even had to rent extra chairs to accommodate the many listeners.

\* Pastor J. L. DeWitt, in addition to serving as community church pastor in Shiraz, is teaching first aid to some 2,000 people, and is holding two evangelistic meetings each night in his own home because space is limited.

### IRAQ

\* Pastor Salim Majeed and family have moved from Basrah to Kirkuk where he serves as district leader, and his wife, Sister Alice Majeed, has joined the teaching staff of the Dar Es Salaam School.

\* Pastor Said Tooma and family have moved from Kirkuk to Baghdad where he has taken up his duties as pastor of the church.

\* Pastor Najeeb Azar and family have located in the Basrah district. They moved recently from El Husn, Jordan. Pastor Azar is now in charge of the work in the gulf area of Iraq.

conducted in the Beirut Evangelistic Center, and helping with the activities of the newly organized church in the center.

\* Brother Philip Srouf reports continued activity in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School in Beirut. The staff includes five persons, and they are always ready to cooperate with the workers and believers in the field.

\* Brother A. W. Fund was invited to visit Jordan and Iraq during the past few months to help with some of the accounting problems. Both of these fields have been temporarily without secretary-treasurers.

### CYPRUS

\* Pastors R. A. Wilcox and R. H. Hartwell spent a week end in Cyprus, just before the division year-end committee meetings, visiting several members of the Nicosia church, and counselling with the workers on the island. A very fine young Greek man, who has



*Unusual view of the Administration Building of the Middle East College showing part of Beirut in the distance.*

\* Most of the departmental work is carried by Pastor Behnam Arshat in addition to his work as president of the local section.

#### JORDAN

\* Pastor Mousa Azar has been appointed associate pastor of the Amman church, and principal of the Amman Adventist School. Miss Hana Jubran has a somewhat lighter teaching load. Brother Sami Bishai, a graduate of Middle East College, has also joined the teaching staff of this school.

\* Brother Salam Aboujawdi and his wife Haifa have located with their little family in the El Husn district where he is now the district leader and principal of the El Husn School. They recently moved from Baghdad, Iraq.

\* On September 9 Pastors Naim Mashni and R. R. Aussner each baptised three candidates in the Jordan River.

\* Several persons have made substantial payments of tithe which has been encouraging as the work advances in Jordan.

\* Brother Boutros Ghazal of the Middle East Press has been called to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jordan. This post has been vacant for several months.

#### LEBANON

\* In addition to his departmental duties in the division and union, Pastor Anees Haddad has been appointed to serve as acting-president of the Lebanon Section during the absence of Pastor Salim Noujaim. Brother Noujaim has been taking strenuous treatments in the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, California.

\* On October 7 a new church

was organized in the Beirut Evangelistic Center. Pastor Chafic Srouf was chosen to serve as its first pastor.

\* Brother George Khoury, pastor of the Beirut Museitbe church, held a series of meetings in the Beirut Evangelistic Center every night for twenty-two nights in November. At the close two candidates were baptised. Others are still studying the truth.

\* Pastor Towfic Issa has been called to serve as evangelist in the Tripoli district of north Lebanon.

\* Brother Minas Megerditchian has been appointed, in addition to his office duties, to serve as Sabbath school secretary for the Lebanon Section.

\* Brother George Khoury has been appointed, in addition to his duties as pastor of the Museitbe church, to serve as home missionary secretary of the Lebanon Section.

\* Brother Shehada Halabi has been appointed principal of the Bishmazzine Elementary School. Teaching with him are Brother George Esber, Mrs. Wadad Akar-Issa, and Mrs. Ellen Esber-Raffoul.

\* The Museitbe school principal is Brother Issa Kharma. More than 120 children from this school are attending Sabbath school.

\* Brother Salim Hasbany has been chosen, in addition to his various other duties, to serve as temperance secretary for the Lebanon Section, also he has been asked by the Middle East Division to help with government contacts in the absence of Pastor Salim Noujaim.

\* Brother Samir Shahin, who studied for some time in Newbold College in England, and colporteur-ed in Sweden this past summer, has now returned home and connected with the Seventh-day Ad-

ventist Church in Lebanon as a ministerial intern. He is the associate pastor of the Museitbe church in Beirut.

\* Brother Rafic Issa and his wife have also returned from Newbold College, and he has been called to work in the Iraq Section if a permit is obtained.

\* Pastors Wilcox, Hartwell, Keough, Haddad, and Brethern Philip Srouf and Henry Melki spent a few hours each morning for three mornings making ingathering contacts in Beirut. The Lord blessed their efforts with LL. 2,500.00, and many pleasant contacts.

#### SYRIA

\* Pastor Maurice Kaarib has been appointed president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Syria, and will begin to take over his duties as soon as possible.

#### TURKEY

\* Brother L. C. Miller of Istanbul conducted the fall Week of Prayer at Middle East College. He now has a working knowledge of the Turkish language which is doubtless helpful in this temperance work in Turkey. His messages to the college family were translated from English to Arabic. His theme was «Christ For Me.»

\* Pastor Bradley, of the General Conference, passed through Istanbul on his way to the division year-end committee meetings. He was encouraged by what he saw there.

#### NILE UNION

\* During the past few years our schools have been in a critical situation with regard to teachers not having government recognition qualifications. Last year a goodly number of our teachers attended a teacher training institute sponsored by the government, but could not take the examinations because the tests came on the Sabbath. This year these teachers continued the course and a special appeal was made for the examinations to come on another day of the week. The Lord worked in our behalf, and when the examination results were announced, all ten of our teachers had passed. Now they have received government recognition as teachers. Their names are as follows:

Hanna Watson  
Samaan Fangary  
Ruth Nashed Malaka  
Narguis Farag Watson  
Aziza Farag Ghali  
Shehata Guindi  
Zaki Assad  
Hanna Malaka  
Fahim Iskander  
Nadio Watson Fangary

During October a special party

was held at the Nile Union Auditorium to honor this group of teachers for having successfully completed the teacher training course and obtaining this official recognition.

\* A social evening, in honor of W. R. Leshner and family leaving on furlough; Maurice Katrib and family, and Hilmy Berbawy and family, who have been called to work in countries outside of Egypt, was held in the Nile Union Auditorium December 9. A large gathering of workers and members from Cairo, Heliopolis, and the Nile Union Academy was present to bid farewell to these three families who are soon expecting to leave the field. We are very sorry that Maurice Katrib and Hilmy Berbawy and their families are planning to leave the work in Egypt. Our prayers and best wishes go with them to their new fields of labor.

\* Early Tuesday morning, December 5, Eileen Leshner rejoined her family, when she returned from the Vincent Hill School in India. The Leshners left Egypt by air Sunday afternoon, December 10, enroute to the States for their furlough.

\* On the week end of November 24 and 25 Elders W. P. Bradley, R. A. Wilcox, R. H. Hartwell, and V. A. Fenn participated in special services at our Cairo Center, Heliopolis church, and the Nile Union Academy.

\* The Nile Union held its annual committee meeting November 29 and 30. W. P. Bradley, General Conference associate secretary, and Elders R. A. Wilcox, R. H. Hartwell, V. A. Fenn, and W. E. Olson from the Middle East Division, were present to give counsel and advice.

\* Elder W. E. Olson, secretary of the Middle East Division Ministerial Association, spent nearly three weeks on an extended itinerary to the churches and companies in Egypt. Pastor Hilal Dose, president of the Egypt Section, accompanied him to most of the churches. He also attended the Nile Union and Egypt Section annual committees. Workers and church members greatly appreciated his visit, and the inspiration and practical instruction that he gave.

\* A teachers' institute was conducted in September. Dr. E. E. Cossentine, General Conference secretary of Education, and G. A. Keough, Middle East Division educational secretary, led out in the meetings of the institute.

\* Dr. E. E. Cossentine and Pastor G. A. Keough spent a number of days in visiting and inspecting the academy and Heliopolis school. Their visit and suggestions were greatly appreciated.

\* R. E. Anderson and family from Beirut, and Dr. William Wag-

ner and family from Benghazi, spent their vacations in Egypt.

\* Shehata Guindi, registrar of the Nile Union academy, announces that the enrollment for the 1961-62 school year is the best in the history of the school.

\* Wadie Youssif, formerly assistant to the business manager of the Benghazi hospital, has joined the staff of the academy as treasurer. Mrs. Shehata Guindi is serving this year as matron.

\* Angely Gayed was the speaker at the fall Week of Prayer held December 1-8 in the Nile Union Academy. Brother Angely and his wife stayed at the academy for the entire week in order to give counsel to the students.

### EGYPT SECTION

\* The Egypt Section committee held its annual meeting at the Cairo Center December 11 and 12. An encouraging report of the advance of the work was given. Steps are being taken to secure a legal entity for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in Egypt.

\* During the month of October C. V. Brauer and Hilmy Berbawy visited the churches and companies in Upper Egypt promoting the «120» club phase of home missionary work. In every church many members are now taking the special training based on the book *Training Light Bearers*, and looking forward to becoming qualified to be members of the «120» club.

\* Voice of Prophecy rallies were held in eight district centers in

Upper Egypt, and over one thousand attended these rallies. There were two hundred Voice of Prophecy graduates present, many of whom have indicated a renewed interest in the message and some are desirous of being baptized. Nearly six hundred new applications were gathered and over six pounds were collected in offerings.

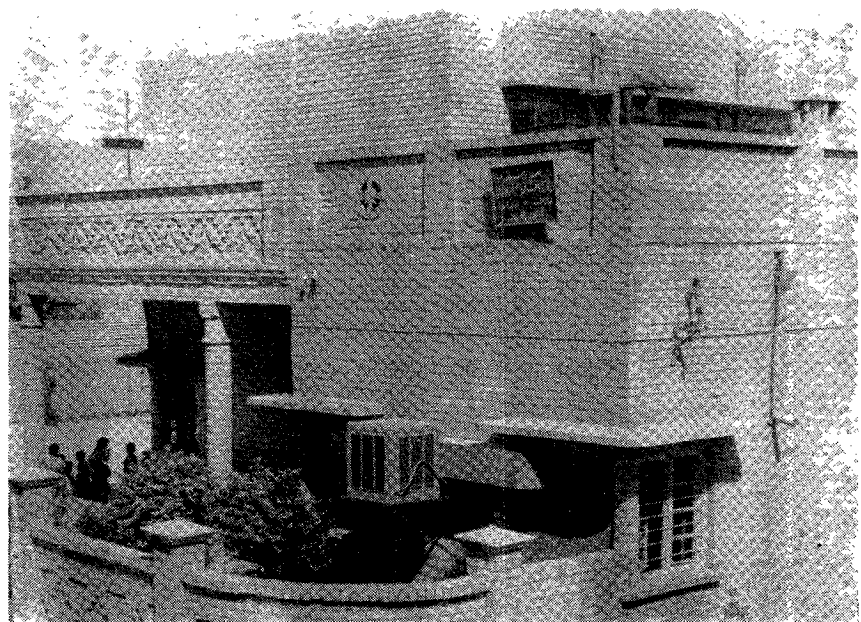
### BENGHAZI HOSPITAL

\* Miss Gladys Hurd, who has stayed long over her furlough time in order to help some of the former Baghdad student nurses to complete their training, is returning home this spring, and Miss Rae Anna Brown, assistant director of nurses, is also leaving for furlough during the summer of 1962. It is encouraging to know that Miss Evangeline Voth and Miss Ruth Tobiassen, former nurses in the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, have now been cleared to return to the Middle East, and will soon take up their new duties in the Benghazi Adventist Hospital.

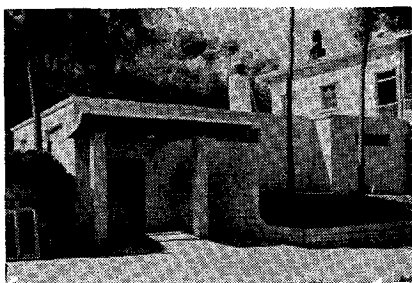
\* Brother and Sister Rafic Issa have returned to the hospital after two years of training at Middle East College. Brother Rafic obtained his B. A. degree in the summer of 1961, and is now assisting Brother Hulse, the hospital manager.

\* Plans are being made to relocate the hospital when a suitable location can be found, and as soon as sufficient funds are available.

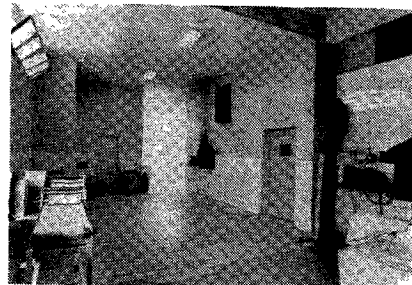
\* The hospital is proud of its new X-ray unit purchased from Germany.



*Dar Es Salaam School in Kirkuk, Iraq*



Outside view of new bakery addition at Middle East College.



Inside view of new bakery addition at Middle East College.

1. The manufacture of peanut butter.
2. Producing delicious ice cream with a recently purchased machine.
3. A new poultry building now being constructed. Soon it will be in use.
4. The bakery extension has been completed and is now occupied.

\* On the evening of November 22 a fellowship supper was enjoyed by all workers in the Beirut area. It was held in the college cafeteria dining room. Such get-togethers are really enjoyable.

\* The 1961 date crop brought the best price ever obtained from this grove.

\* The last week in November the College Park church invited its members to participate in providing food which was given to poor families.

\* Lebanese Independence Day was celebrated by playing outdoor games in spite of the fact that the weather was a little cold.

\* A new well is being drilled near the poultry farm. It is hoped that this will prove to be very productive.

\* Pastor J. S. Russell and others assisted H. S. Johnson, the College Park church pastor, in planning for an ingathering field day in November. The results of the day were about LL. 1,500.00, and previously division and college employees had brought in over LL. 1,700.00. There are still others who will have a part before the year closes.

\* Rather suddenly Elder E. L. Gammon found it necessary to request a release from his duties as college president so that he could return to America with his family for personal health reasons. It was fortunate that Elder W. P. Bradley was here from the General Conference at the time to give counsel. Pastor G. A. Keough was unanimously appointed to be the new president of Middle East College. He will also continue to carry his departmental duties until the general Conference session in July.

\* The division committee voted to record an expression of appreciation for the thought and work Elder Gammon brought into the college resulting in many heartening improvements and a record enrollment. Both Elder and Sister Gammon have brought encouragement to many, and we wish them much of God's blessing in their future undertakings, as well as in their health problem.

\* Dr. H. D. Reiner has enjoyed a visit from his father and mother. His father is Elder Daniel Reiner departmental secretary in California, but recently retired. Mrs. H. D. Reiner also has been honored by a visit from her mother.

**MIDDLE EAST PRESS**

\* A Bradma embossing machine was purchased for use in the circulation department of the press. This machine punches the names and addresses of periodical subscribers onto metal plates. These plates are then used each month in addressing the magazines to be sent out. With the purchase of this machine we are revising our entire system of recording and filing the names and addresses of the subscribers. The new system will provide a quicker and more efficient method of entering new subscriptions.

\* At the recent year end meeting of the board of trustees plans were approved that will provide additional storage areas for our stocks and a more efficient flow of our work through the factory. Plans are also being drawn up at this time that will provide a more representative entrance and reception area for the press building.

**MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE**

\* Brother Yacoub Nashed has recently been chosen to serve as academic dean for the college. This is in addition to his duties as head of the science department.

\* Middle East College has registered one hundred ninety-two students for the autumn quarter. The girls' residence hall is accommodating forty-one girls. Even though the second floor of the mens' residence hall has only been used two years it is now so crowded that a third floor is really needed to house the overflowing family. Really the enrollment of the college this year is record breaking.

\* Due to the 1961 first quarter thirteenth Sabbath offering overflow Middle East College has been able to make a number of industrial improvements:

**CHURCH CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS**

Jan.	6	Home Visitation
Jan.	20	Religious Liberty Day
Jan. 27-Feb.	3	HOPE Campaign
Feb.	3	Bible Evangelism Crusade Promotion
Feb.	10	Christian Home and Family Altar Day
Feb.	24	Temperance Commitment Day
March	3	Bible Evangelism Crusade starts
March	10	Sabbath School Rally Day
March	17-24	MV Week of Prayer
March	31	Thirteenth Sabbath
April	7	Home Visitation and Voice of Prophecy Day

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

Jan.	6	Church Missionary
Jan.	20	Religious Liberty
Feb.	3	HOPE Subscriptions
Feb.	10	Middle East College
March	3	Church Missionary
March	10	Missions Advance
April	7	Church Missionary

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