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REMEMBERING TO GIVE THANKS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

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"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth."
—2 Thess. 1:3.

God has been so good to each one of us, much better than we deserve. How we need to remember to give thanks unto our heavenly Father for His lovingkindness to us. Surely, we have many things for which to be thankful. We thank God for full and free salvation. Our lives have been preserved. Perhaps we have been in an accident and have come out of the difficult experience with renewed life so that we have been preserved for further service, or it may be that we have had a very serious illness and as a result of proper care and answered prayers in our behalf we have been healed. We have had the care and protection of our guardian angels in times of dangers, both seen and unseen.

Then we have had other experiences which come to God's faithful children around the world. We have prayed for the conversion of some precious souls, and maybe after many months, or perhaps years, of patiently working and praying we have seen such souls converted to God. How thankful we are for these precious souls who are thus brought into this glorious message. Many of our farmers and even those who live in suburban areas have had good crops. Gardens have been blessed abundantly, or our fruit tress and vines have yielded a rich harvest. We need to thank God for being so good to us.

We know of many of our dear brethren who have been saved from disasters, such as hurricanes, typhoons, or other serious storms and floods, or they have been preserved from fire, earth-

quakes, and other disturbances and unrest in the world. For these and many other blessings which cannot be enumerated we do thank our heavenly Father, and surely we should remember to bring to Him from time to time a liberal thank offering.

"For life, health, food and clothing, no less than for the hope of eternal life, we are indebted to the Giver of all mercies; and it is due to God to recognize His gifts, and to present our offerings of gratitude to our great benefactor. These birthday gifts are recognized of heaven." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 143.

For years it has been our practice to present unto God an offering for giving us another year of life. The Birthday-Thank Offerings has been blessed, and such offerings have helped to advance the cause of God throughout the world field. Many of our brethren in different portions of the earth have been very faithful in returning unto God, not only their Birthday Offerings once a year, but often they have given liberal Thank Offerings. We all need to do this more than we have.

"Think of the Saviour's matchless love. While we were yet sinners Christ

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TEMPERANCE PLEDGE: R. A. Wilcox, *Division President*, signs the temperance pledge as A. A. Haddad, *director of the International Temperance Society in the Middle East* looks on. Temperance leaders have set a world goal of one million signatures. Other officers of the division, *Treasurer V. A. Fenn on the left*, and *Secretary R. H. Hartwell on the right*, join in the pledge.

College Students Lead Prayer Week

K. S. OSTER, *Bible Department*

Middle East College

*He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me
And talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives!
Salvation to impart.
You ask me how I know He lives —
He lives within my heart!*

Wonderful thought! Proof that cannot be gainsaid! How do we know that the Galilean Carpenter who trod the Judean hills two millenniums ago lives today? "I know He lives—He lives within my heart!" The indwelling Christ makes Christianity the practical religion that it is. It is this great spiritual truth that takes Christianity out of the realm of theory and places it squarely on the platform of practical, workable every-day religion. Emphasis was put on "THE CHRISTIAN'S DAILY WALK" during the school week of February 4-9 as student speakers explained the essentials of godliness to the school family.

In the regular chapel periods and in combined worship every evening our attention was drawn to vital subjects. Gabriel Gabriel laid the foundation of our thoughts on "Faith and Hope". Ahed Samaan continued to build on this foundation by pointing out the necessity of "Repentance" in the daily life of a Christian. Farouk Haddad well illustrated the need of following up repentance with "Confession" before he can actually be "Forgiven".

Tuesday evening Habib Banna em-

phasized the need of the "New Birth". The many texts that were used in opening up this truth were the more impressive as a "voice" (that of Samia Abu Ali) spoke the words of the Holy Scriptures over loud speakers at the appropriate times. Bakhit Abdul Malek sounded a cheerful note when he said that anyone can be perfectly just in the sight of God—as though he had never sinned—if he chooses to. "Justification" can and will take place for

anyone who decides to faithfully follow in "the Christian's daily walk".

Samman Faltas, reviewing the past steps already pointed out in the preceding meetings carried us forward to "Sanctification", graphically depicting for us on the chapel backdrop the steps constituting "Peter's ladder" of 2 Pet. 1:5-7. The necessity of "Obedience" was emphasized on Thursday evening by Hanna Gad Makar. Jesus was upheld as our great Exemplar, who Himself "learned . . . obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:8, 9).

"The Christian's daily walk" will
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« Lightbearer Cards » Ready

WAYNE E. OLSON, *Secretary*

Middle East Division Ministerial Association

The young people did it again! Yes, Sir, if you want something done in a hurry, call on the young people and they'll do it. Let me explain.

Last fall the Middle East Division committee voted to translate into Arabic and print 1,000 sets of the "Friendship Series" Bible study cards. There are 25 lessons in each set. Each lesson contains from 8 to 12 questions printed on separate cards with the Bible references that answer the questions. Also there is a pink card for the instructor with all the questions for the lesson printed on the one card. These Bible studies are designed to provide a convenient

means whereby laymen can give an organized Bible study with a minimum amount of preparation.

In order to reduce the cost of these lessons, we invited the young people of Middle East College, the juniors, the children in the Mouseitbeh School, the workers in the Beirut Cultural Center and a few others to donate their spare time to assemble the 300,000 cards and place them in small envelopes and then in the boxes.

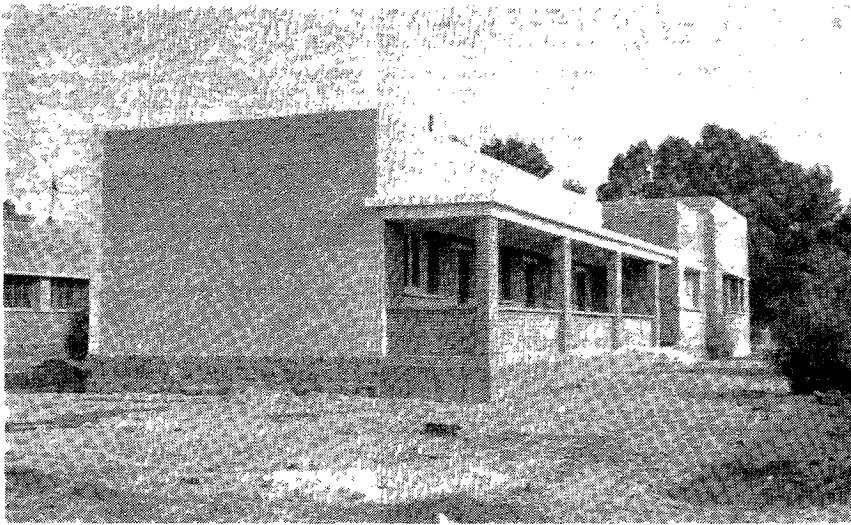
For several weeks the students of Middle East College spent their Sabbath afternoons in the library assembling the lessons. I wish you could have seen their happy smiles and heard their joyful songs as with nimble fingers they filled the 25,000 envelopes with Bible studies. The estimated value of donated labor amounted to over LL. 1,000.00. Also, the division subsidized the printing of these lessons so they can be sold to the church members for only one Lebanese Lira per set.

Sabbath morning, February 10, the completed white boxes containing the lessons entitled "Lightbearer Cards" were stacked on the platform of the College Park church. Elder W. E. Murray from the General Conference offered a dedicatory prayer asking God's blessing to be with the Bible studies as they were sent out to the field for the start of a great lay movement.

As we thank those who worked so faithfully and cheerfully to prepare the lessons, we also pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the laymen as they use this new instrument for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Middle East.



MEC Students Assembling the Bible Study Cards



NILE UNION ACADEMY

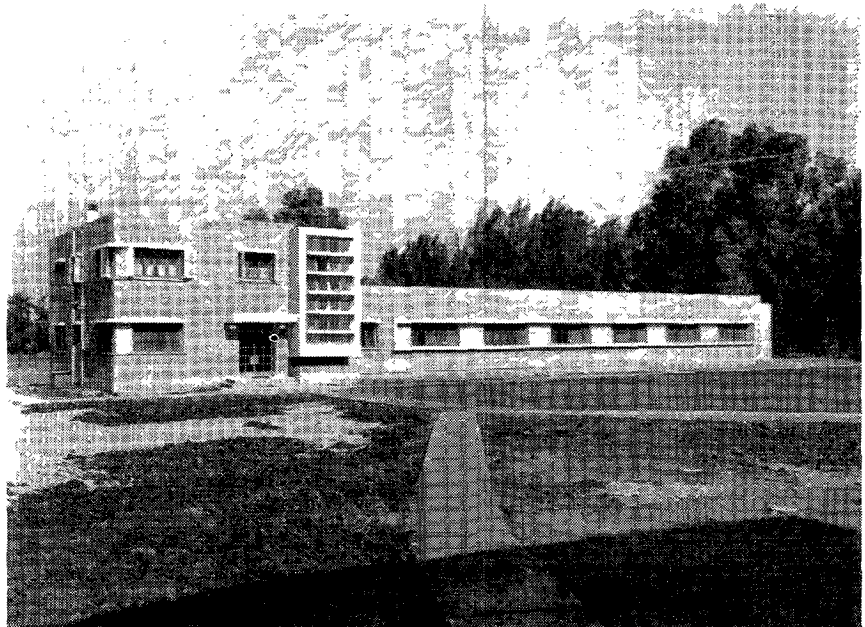


New wing added to the
administration building
providing more class
rooms



Student body of Nile
Union Academy for
school year 1961-62

The Residence Hall for
the young men and
dean's apartment



FROM HERE AND THERE

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

* Pastor W. E. Murray recently passed through the Middle East and studied with the division leaders the question of reopening medical work in the city of Baghdad.

* Twins were born to Pastor and Mrs. A. A. Haddad on February 28. These girls have been given the names of Ilham and Hiam.

* Brother and Sister Garbis Bedelian named their new daughter Rita when she was born on January 27.

* Pastors R. A. Wilcox and V. A. Fenn, in company with Dr. William Wagner and Pastor A. G. Zytkoskee are making an extensive trip which includes Libya and Sudan, and they are also visiting Ethiopia in the interest of medical information that may be helpful in the Nile Nnion. Elders Fenn and Wilcox also planned to include several points in the Arabian Gulf in their itinerary.

* In the early days of this division, which was organized January 1, 1951, Pastor and Mrs. A. A. Esteb visited this field and the home missionary department activities were promoted. Then in the fall of 1953 Pastor C. E. Guenther itinerated throughout the division for the same purpose. Again in 1957 Pastor J. E. Edwards spent five or six weeks itinerating in the Middle East. And now Pastor E. W. Pedersen, of the same department, has been visiting throughout the entire field from January 5 to February 24. He was accompanied by Pastor R. H. Hartwell of the division home missionary department, and in each field by the local home missionary secretary. Pastor Pedersen's human interest stories captivated the children and inspired the older ones. His direct appeals were readily accepted by laymen everywhere. His Danish origin and his years of mission service in Kenya and Uganda added richness and color to his messages.

* Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Hartwell left on furlough March 14 and are to return November first. All secretarial matters will be cared for by Pastor V. A. Fenn during his absence.

* During the absence of Pastor R. H. Hartwell on furlough Pastor R. C. Darnell will edit the MIDDLE EAST MESSENGER.

* Delegates to the 1962 General Conference session include: Pastors R. A. Wilcox, R. H. Hartwell, V. A. Fenn, G. A. Keough, and A. A. Haddad of the division office; and Behnam Arshat, Miss Ybraxe Gomig, Maurice Katrib, Naim Mashni, Vigan Marcarian, and

Miss Ruby Williams of the East Mediterranean Union; and C. V. Brauer, Hilal Dose, and W. R. Leshner of the Nile Union.

* Recently an item of interest has come to light. In one church in this division two faithful Adventist sisters live a simple life. One of them is totally blind and the other one, who leads her around, has one leg amputated and must always use crutches. Their income is very very limited, but they are happy in their faith as well as in their service for the church. Together they went to hundreds of homes and distributed invitations to special evangelistic meetings held in their church. They greatly enjoy doing anything they can for the cause of God. How much more should those who have two eyes and two legs make certain that they are doing their best for the Master.

* Pastor and Mrs. Salim Noujaim have a new cause for rejoicing. God not only enabled them to return to the Middle East on February 13, but their son Samir and his wife Aida had their second son born March 1, and, his name is Nabil Samir Noujaim. Brother Noujaim has been asked to connect with the division office to assist with various legal matters.

* Pastor and Mrs. R. A. Wilcox announced with much satisfaction that they are now grandparents. Their son Robert and his wife Carol had a daughter born in California January 28, 1962. Her name is Pamela Sue Wilcox. Pastor and Mrs. Wilcox look forward to seeing her this summer if all goes well.



Elder E. W. Pederson, secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, and Elder R. H. Hartwell, division Home Missionary Secretary, with friends met while visiting Turkey early in January.



*Elder E. W. Pederson
Recent visitor from Washington*

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR SACRIFICE

In 1962 an exception is being made. No Mid-Summer offering will be taken. But at the General Conference session in San Francisco, July 26 to August 4, a very special "Million Dollar Offering" will be taken for "World Evangelism." The Middle East Division has been asked to raise about \$1,500.00 of this million dollars. In order to have this collected early enough to be included when the big offering is taken at the session, the division committee has voted to request every church and company throughout the field to take a special offering on May 12 at the 11:00 o'clock worship hour. Liberality and sacrifice are to be promoted in every place so that we may have as good a gift for God as possible. He still loves the cheerful giver. Let us pray and save so we can all do our best for the One who has done everything for us.

—Editor.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BIBLE EMPHASIS YEAR

* 1962 has been designated as "Bible Emphasis Year" by the General Conference Sabbath School Department. In carrying out the spirit of this thought the following objectives are recommended:

1. Bringing the Bible to Sabbath school and church.
2. The use of the Bible by the Sabbath school teacher in teaching in order to encourage the class members to use their Bibles.
3. Daily lesson study.
4. Memorizing the memory verses of the Sabbath school lesson.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

* Pastor F. E. Robinson has started to assist Pastor Chafic Srouf in the Beirut Arabic Center, and has been asked to assume his responsibilities as director after July first.

CYPRUS

* Just before Pastor and Mrs. Christakos left Cyprus to return to America Pastors E. W. Pedersen of the General Conference, and R. H. Hartwell of the Middle East Division, spent four days in Nicosia and Famagusta. The week end was devoted to promoting home missionary activities.

IRAN

* On the night of February 22 all the Iran workers gathered in the library of the Iran Training School to exchange ingathering experiences, and to enjoy a "Victory Supper" together. The 1961 goal of 100,000 rials was exceeded by 15 per cent.

* Brother and Sister John Hasso raised about one fifth of the ingathering goal for the Iran Mission in 1961.

* Pastor Lyndon De Witt reported sometime ago the baptism of his language teacher, and now a friend of the teacher has also been baptised. It is a joy to talk with these men who have found the truth, and are walking in it.

* Brother Hovik Sarrafian has recently completed an evangelistic effort in Tabriz. The Gasparians and Miss Hranoush Avekian, together with the lay members did their part inviting and welcoming the people who attended.

* Following the home missionary institute conducted by Pastors E. W. Pedersen and R. H. Hartwell on February 23 and 24, Pastor W. E. Olson led in a ministerial institute for those engaged in the ministry and in Bible teaching.

* The Julfa church members were happy to have Pastor E. W. Pedersen of the General Conference, and R. H. Hartwell of the division, conduct meetings in their church on the nights of February 20 and 21.

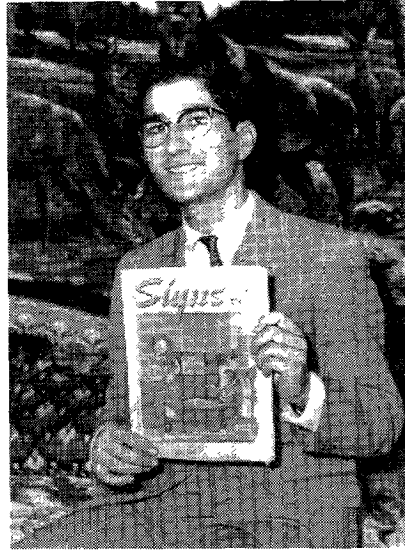
* March 4 is the opening date of the Tehran Physiotherapy Clinic. The technician in charge is Brother Ivan C. Peacock, and he is assisted by Miss Shemiram Ameer, a former graduate of the Dar Es Salaam Hospital School of Nursing in Baghdad.

IRAQ

* Brother Rafic Esber has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Iraq in addition to his duties as assistant pastor of the Central Baghdad church.

* Pastor Said Tooma began an evangelistic effort in Baghdad March 2.

Introduced to Seventh-day Adventists by the "Signs of the Times" this Greek Cypriot is now a ministerial student at Middle East College

**REMEMBERING THANKS**

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died to save us from eternal death. In return for the great love wherewith Christ has loved you, you are to bring to Him your thank offering. You are to make a gratitude offering of yourself, your time, your talents, your means—all are to flow to the world in a tide of love for the saving of the lost.—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 50

May I call your attention to statements found in Vol. 4, pp. 467 and 468 which read as follows:

"According to the amount bestowed will be the amount required. The larger the capital entrusted, the more valuable is the gift which God requires to be returned to Him. If a Christian has ten or twenty thousand dollars, God's claims are imperative upon him, not only to give his proportion according to the tithing system, but to present his sin offerings and thank offerings to God. The Levitical dispensation was distinguished in a remarkable manner by the sanctification of property. When we speak of the tithe as the standard of the Jewish contributions to religious purposes, we do not speak understandingly. The Lord kept His claims paramount, and in almost every article they were reminded of the Giver by being required to make returns to Him. They were required to pay a ransom for their firstborn son, for the first fruits of their flocks, and for the first gathering of the harvest. They were required to leave the corners of their harvest fields for the destitute. What ever dropped from their hands in reaping was left for the poor, and once in every seven years their lands were allowed to produce spontaneously for the needy. Then there were the sacrificial

offerings, the trespass offerings, the sin offerings, and the remission of all debts every seventh year. There were also numerous expenses for hospitalities and gifts to the poor, and there were assessments upon their property.

"At stated periods, in order to preserve the integrity of the law, the people were interviewed as to whether they had faithfully performed their vows or not. A conscientious few made returns to God of about one third of all their income for the benefit of religious interests and for the poor. These exactions were not from a particular class of the people, but from all, the requirement being proportioned according to the amount possessed. Besides all these systematic and regular donations there were special objects calling for freewill offerings, such as the tabernacle built in the wilderness and the temple erected at Jerusalem. These drafts were made by God upon the people for their own good, as well as to sustain His service.

"There must be an awakening among us as a people upon this matter. There are but few men who feel conscience-stricken if they neglect their duty in beneficence. But few feel remorse of soul because they are daily robbing God."

As we review the foregoing statements it is very evident that most of us have not given our thank offerings as freely as we should have in the past. May we be impressed with the important lessons which God has left on record for us, and may we give liberally of our thank offerings in order that we may receive the continued blessings of heaven. Remember that the funds thus given, when the regular Sabbath School Birthday and Thank Offerings are taken in your Sabbath Schools from time to time are in addition to our regular Sabbath School contributions. They are a gift of thanksgiving for the goodness of God.

PRAYER WEEK

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lead him to the "eternal Home, prepared by Jesus. The realities of "The Christian's Home" were impressed on our minds by George Issa.

Zaki Saliba, in charge of the music for the week, led us in themes appropriate for the theme of the week. Several other students made contributions in the form of solos, duets, quartets, etc. which were greatly appreciated.

This week passes as another landmark in the history of Middle East College. The effects were uplifting during the week, but will tell for eternity only as the school family, individually and collectively, prays for and works with one another to make these steps an active part of daily life.

FROM HERE AND THERE

(Continued)

IRAQ

* Pastor Salim Majeed is also conducting an effort in Kirkuk on the same date as the one in Baghdad.

* Since there is no Adventist church in Basrah public evangelistic meetings are not conducted there. However, Pastor Najeeb Azar is doing fine personal work, and plans are being made to purchase a beautiful property for both church and school in that port city on the gulf.

* Brother David Eshoo, who graduates this coming spring in theology from Spicer Memorial College in India, has accepted a call to return to Iraq as an evangelist among the Assyrian people. He plans to leave India March 25, and will assist Pastor Salim Majeed in Kirkuk for three months in the effort there.

* The Baghdad church has ordered 1,500 of the special issue of the HOPE magazine for distribution as suggested by the division. Plans are made to provide a year's subscription to as many as request it.

JORDAN

* On February 25 Barbara Christine was born. Pastor and Mrs. R. R. Ausner are the proud parents. Now there is another member added to the Jerusalem Sabbath School.

* The home missionary institute conducted in the Amman church, during the visits of Pastors Petersen and Hartwell early in February, was the stage for planning a strong advance movement on the part of the lay members.

LEBANON

* The Lebanon field was pleased from January 14 to 21 to welcome Pastor E. W. Pedersen of the General Conference, and Pastor R. H. Hartwell of the division. They visited all the churches and Pastor Pedersen spoke on each occasion. A Sabbath afternoon rally was held in the Beirut Center, and Sunday was devoted to an all day home Missionary institute attended by all the Lebanon Section.

* January 29 and 30 were two full days in which a ministerial institute was held in the Lebanon Section office building under the direction of Pastor W. E. Olson, the division Ministerial Association secretary. Pastor Olson and the East Mediterranean Union officers brought the ministerial workers much inspiration. The closing meeting was a very touching revival for all present.

* Lebanon has placed as its 1962 goal



Georgette George Skaff and Noel Ibrahim Estephan married August 27, 1961

1,000 HOPE subscriptions. Some 4,200 copies of the February special edition have been ordered to be used according to the recommended plan of the division. It is hoped that this will help to reach the goal of 1,000 subscriptions.

* Both the Museitbe School building, and the Armenian School building in Beirut, were repaired and painted. This puts them in good condition and makes them more attractive.

* Pastor Towfic Issa has started his work in Tripoli with a spirit of consecration and enthusiasm. He is already holding a number of Bible studies, and hopes to establish a church in Tripoli before long.

* Currently plans for the Beirut Armenian Center, including church and school and pastor's apartment, are being worked out by the new architect and will be ready for use in the very near future. It is expected that work will start as soon as the plans are approved.

* The Lebanon secretary-treasurer, Brother Salim Hasbani, and his wife were very pleased to welcome their first-born, a baby girl whom they named Connie Ann. January 23 will always be an important day in her life because it is her birthday.

* The Lebanon Section is now looking for a camp site to purchase. Enough funds have been provided for this project making Lebanon the first section in the Middle East to own a permanent camp site.

* This year has been an exceptional one for part time canvassing in the Lebanon Section where Brother Elias Estephan is helping college students to canvass on Sundays and other holidays. The enthusiasm is very apparent, and the work has been going on quite successfully.

* The 1961 year end reports show that the increase of tithe over 1960 was LL. 5,595.00, and the increase in offerings was LL. 1,712.00. It is hoped

that in 1962 the gain will be much greater even than this.

* Since Brother Nurhan Ouzounian has been invited to connect with Middle East College, Mrs. Mary Bitar has been appointed principal of the Beirut Armenian School.

SYRIA

* Pastor Maurice Katrib and family have arrived from Egypt, and he is taking over his new duties as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Syria. Their home will be in Damascus.

TURKEY

* On January 12, 1962 Valerie Ann Miller was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Miller. They are now the parents of what may be called a girls' trio.

* Recent visitors to Turkey included Elder E. W. Pedersen and Elder R. H. Hartwell. They spent nearly a week in Istanbul. Elders R. A. Wilcox and V. A. Fenn held annual meetings with the section committee. The members and workers enjoyed these visits.

* During the month of February three Branch Sabbath schools were organized in and around Istanbul. The attendance of each ranges from five to twelve. There is a growing interest. Plans call for the organizing of three more Branch Sabbath schools in the near future.

* Temperance director L. C. Miller has recently shown the film "One in 20,000" and another, "The Split Second," to the Odemis Agricultural School. Many in the audience tore up their cigarettes as they viewed these films. In Izmir, at the request of the chief of police, these films were shown to the traffic police. Three newspapers gave favorable publicity. In Istanbul Mr. Miller is continually showing these films to schools and factories with good results.

* Brother Manuk Benzatyan, Pastor of the Istanbul church, has received

another year's deferment from military service because of health reasons.

* Elder and Mrs. Mondics and their boys spent six days in February visiting with believers in Ankara.

NILE UNION

* A social evening in honor of Pastor C. V. Brauer and family was held in the Nile Union auditorium February 11, just before they left for furlough. A large gathering of the workers and members from Cairo, Heliopolis, and the Nile Union Academy attended to bid farewell, and to wish the Brauers a safe journey and an enjoyable time in their homeland, and also to wish them a speedy return.

* February 23 the Farag family rejoiced to see Mrs. Latifa Farag Jabbour back in their midst for a visit. They were especially happy to see Marigold, her one month old daughter, with her. This is Brother Farag Assad's eleventh grandchild. Latifa went to visit her father before he leaves for the United States to visit his sons.

* The Nile Union Academy at Gabel El Asfar is anxiously anticipating the spiritual and instructional admonitions they will receive during the spring Week of Prayer to be conducted by the Nile Union evangelist, Pastor Wadie Farag, March 9 to 17.

* A special farewell message was given at the Nile Union Academy by Pastor C. V. Brauer on January 27. The message made an encouraging appeal as an invitation was given to follow the Master.

* The Nile Union Academy was privileged on February 2 to have a General Conference guest speaker, Pastor E. W. Pedersen, and later in the day Pastor R. H. Hartwell from the division. They both gave inspiring experiences, and presented wonderful methods on "How to win souls." Pastor Fikry Michael, the Egypt Section home missionary secretary, translated for the services.

* February 19 a government committee of five members, namely: Shafic Ghali, Habib Ghali, Zaki Assad, Shehata Guindi, and Lotfi Abadeer, was chosen to help administer the academy. Brethren Shafic Ghali and Habib Ghali will lead out alternately in this committee.

* Brother Samy Bishai, a graduate of Middle East College, joined the academy staff as a teacher of social science.

* The seminar group at the academy is doing a wonderful work. Two branch Sabbath schools are sponsored by the seminar members. There are also three cottage meetings held in both Gabel El Asfar and in Seryagus.

* Twice each month both faculty and students go out to collect VOP names, and to give out tracts. We thank the Lord for the success they have had,

and for the interest some have in our message.

* A baptismal class composed of six members was organized after the Week of Prayer held at the school by Brother Angely Gayed.

* As a result of the co-operation and help of the teachers and Bishara El Taweel, one of the academy students, nine pounds were collected for Harvest Ingathering.

* Brother Adel Moussa now a senior at Middle East College has been called to serve in the Nile Union office as cashier and accountant.

EGYPT SECTION

* For nearly two weeks Pastor Fikry Michael, the Egypt Section home missionary secretary, accompanied Pastor E. W. Pedersen of the General Conference, and Pastor R. H. Hartwell of the division, on an extended itinerary of the churches and companies in Egypt. Both young and old appreciated the practical instruction.

* The first Sabbath in February the Heliopolis church greatly rejoiced to welcome Brother Wilmot back in their midst after a nine month absence. He audited the Nile Union and Egypt Section, as well as the Book and Periodical House accounts, but his stay was short.

* Brethren Shafic Ghali and Hanna Malaka were ordained in February as elders of the Heliopolis church. We wish them God's richest blessing and guidance in their duties for the year 1962.

* Owing to the departure and absence of some of the Egypt Section committee members it was necessary to make the

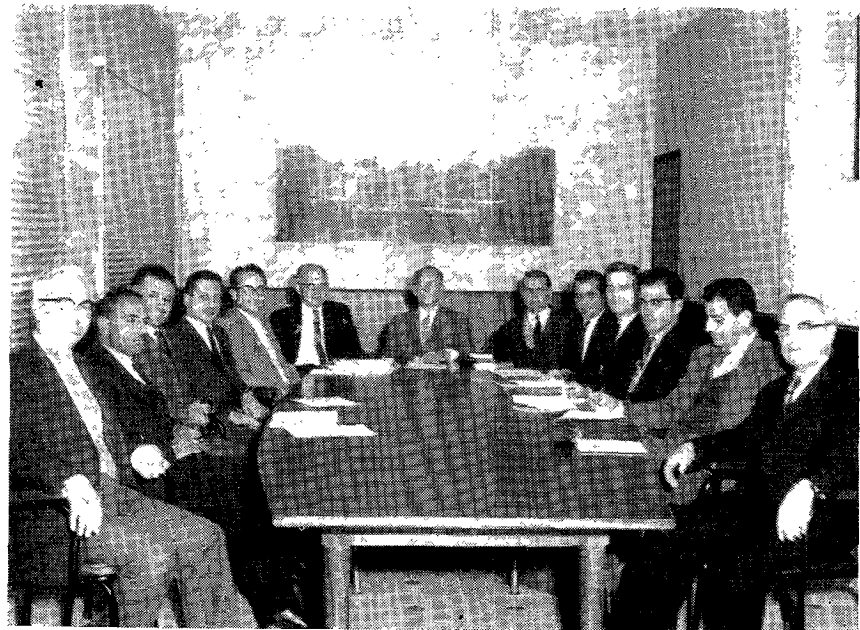
following changes. Pastor William Gayed was added to the executive committee in the place of Pastor Shalhani. Pastor Fikry Michael was chosen as home missionary secretary, Pastor Fakhry Naguib as Sabbath school secretary, and Pastor Faris Basta Bishai as MV secretary.

* A call has been extended to two senior students attending Middle East College to join the Egypt Section after graduation this spring. Bakhit Abdelmalak has been invited for ministerial work, and Samaan Faltas to work in the business office of the Egypt Section and the Cairo Center.

* A call has also been sent to Moktar Nashed to serve as business manager for the Mataria Mercy Home, and to help open new industries there

BENHAZI HOSPITAL

* Four graduate nurses have arrived in Benhazi to take up duties there. Miss Gladys Hurd and Miss Rae Anna Brown are nearing the time of their departure for the United States. Two of these nurses come from the Philippines, and have their B. S. degrees in nursing. Their names are: Miss Rebecca Gucilar and Miss Nenita Sumalnap. Arriving sometime after them were Miss Evangeline Voth and Miss Ruth Tobiassen. Miss Voth is the director of nurses, and Miss Tobiassen in charge of the surgery. Both Miss Voth and Miss Tobiassen have spent several years in the Dar El Salaam Hospital in Baghdad, Iraq. But more recently they have been serving in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium and Hospital in California. The coming of these four efficient



East Mediterranean Union Committee in the new committee room

nurses has brought new inspiration and efficiency to the Benghazi Hospital family and institution.

* Pastors R. A. Wilcox and V. A. Fenn have visited the hospital recently. Further study is being given to the plans for improving the facilities and enlarging the hospital.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

* Brother and Sister Antoinette Jabbour and Brother and Sister Habib Bishara live in the cozy little apartments of the duplex on the Middle East College campus. Strangely enough each family had its first baby in January 1962. Both babies are girls. Marigold Jabbour was born on January 11, and Rima Bishara was born on January 15. The College Park Sabbath School welcomes them both into the cradle roll department.

* Elder W. E. Murray, General Vice-President of the General Conference, spoke in a united church service at the College Park church on February 10. He emphasized that in these days of low moral standards, and wickedness in many places, it was important that members of the church maintain their purity of life in Christ. His message was appropriate in a school environment where an effort is made to hold the highest standards of character.

* A well is being drilled at Middle East College in the ravine south of the girl's dormitory. The contractor has promised three hundred cubic meters of water per day. All who are acquainted with the history of the water problems of the college will rejoice when this project is completed.

* Little by little the College is getting over the pains of transition from the administration under President E. L. Gammon to the administration under the presidency of G. Arthur Keough. President Keough reports that he appreciates the solid work done by his predecessors and the warm friendship and co-operation of the present staff. There are evidences of God's continued protection and blessings over the major educational institution for the training of Adventist youth in the Middle East.

* On February 19 Nourhan Ouzounian joined the staff of Middle East College to teach in the science department and to help in any way consonant with his talents. His coming has meant that some classes taught by student teachers are now being taught by a competent teacher.

* The Middle East is famous for its high level of courtesy and hospitality. Nevertheless it was felt appropriate to have a courtesy week in the college as in previous years. The guest speakers for the occasion were R. E. Anderson of the Middle East Press and Miss Ruby Williams of the Beirut Cultural Center.

* The Home Economics class has a

new piece of equipment, a Singer sewing machine. A telescope that will help students in astronomy is on order and is expected at any time. New typewriters have been added to the typing class equipment. Middle East College continues to show that it is interested in giving the best training with the best equipment.

* Ibrahim Hanna reports that the dairy and poultry and farm are beginning to break even and make a profit. Henry Melki, the business manager, adds that the bakery under Herbert Faiman and the maintenance under L. Nolin, are also showing evidences of progress. In fact the business manager has a pleased smile when he looks over the accounts of the laundry and the dormitories. We thank God for faithful stewardship and His continued blessings.

* Professor Anis el Maqdessy of the Arabic Department of the American University of Beirut was a guest of the Arabic Club of Middle East College and spoke in chapel.

* Miss Lucy Leontides of Cyprus who has had her musical training in London arrived at Middle East College on February 1. She gave her first music recital on Saturday evening February 3. While studying at the college she is planning to take over the duties of Mrs. Hartwell who is leaving for furlough on March 14.

* The faculty enjoyed an evening of shared supper and entertainment at the home of the president on the evening of February 19. The faculty plans to have a social occasion once a month when the burdens of responsibility can be laid aside for a few moments of relaxation.

* The administration of Middle East

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College asks an interest in the prayers of parents and friends. It is not only a solemn responsibility to guide the youth, but the forces of evil are ever present to hinder any good that may be accomplished. Particularly at this time we may be sure that the evil one will seek to prevent young people from accepting the challenge of devoting their lives to the preaching of the message that God has for this time and age.

* Elder Oster reports that he has a group preparing for baptism which is scheduled to take place on March 24.

CHURCH CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS

April	7	Home Visitation and Voice of Prophecy Day
May	5	Dorcas and Welfare Evangelism
May	19	Spirit of Prophecy Day
June	2	Home Missionary Day
June	9-16	Call to Health Campaign
June	30	Thirteenth Sabbath
July	7	Medical Evangelism
August	4	Pioneer Evangelism (Unentered Territories)
August	11	Christian Education
August	18	Tithe Promotion Day

SPECIAL OFFERING

April	7	Church Missionary
May	5	Church Missionary
May	12	Million Dollar Offering for World Evangelism
June	2	Church Missionary
June	16	Call to Health Subscriptions.
July	7	Church Missionary
July	14	Disaster and Famine Relief.
August	4	Church Missionary
August	11	Local Training School (Secondary)

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