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George Khoury Ordained in Beirut

George Khoury, president of the Lebanon section, was ordained to the gospel ministry at ceremonies conducted in the Musaitbeh church, Beirut, Sabbath afternoon, November 23.

Elder R. S. Watts, vice-president of the General Conference, and Elder A. F. Tarr, a General Conference associate secretary, participated in the service. Elder Watts gave the ordination address and Elder Tarr the charge.

Two division department secretaries joined in other parts of the ceremony. Elder A. A. Haddad, MV Department leader, led in the ordination prayer and W. E. Olson, Ministerial Association secretary, extended the welcome into the ministry. Twenty-three ministers were present on the platform.

Elder Khoury is a 1963 graduate from Andrews University with a specialty in New Testament studies. He graduated from Middle East College in 1957. He is joined in his work by his wife, Denise Samaan. They have two children, Nabeha, 4, and Victoria, 3.

Arabic Temperance Films Being Produced

The initial step toward producing temperance films in Arabic was completed December 19, when the division temperance secretary, Elder A. A. Haddad, signed the production contract with Misr Studios in Cairo.

"Within a very few weeks," Elder Haddad said, the first film, "Verdict at 1:32," will be released. "One in Twenty Thousand," "Time Pulls the Trigger," and "Susan's Dragon," are expected to follow.



Elder E. E. Cossentine

Elder Cossentine Visits Division

Pastor E. E. Cossentine, secretary of the General Conference education department visited the Middle East Division, December 24 to January 7, 1964, in the interest of the educational work.

Pastor Cossentine has served the church for nearly forty years, having accepted a call to mission service in 1924, when he went to New Zealand as principal of New Zealand Missionary College, Longburn, New Zealand. Following this he served as president of four Adventist colleges in succession—Advondale College in Australia, Southern California Junior College, La Sierra College in California, and Union College in Nebraska.

During his stay in the Middle East Division, Pastor Cossentine visited schools in Iran, Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon. Several days were spent at the Middle East College during which he visited classes, inspected the school

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Syrian Government Delegation Greet Church Leader

A large delegation of prominent military and civil personalities representing his excellency Major General Amin Hafez, president of the Syrian revolutionary council and prime minister of the republic, offered Christmas greetings, December 25, 1963 at the residence of the head of the church in Syria, Elder Maurice Katrib. This was the first such visit in the history of the church there.

In response to the questions by the chief of the delegation, Colonel Badawi, concerning the principles and activities of the church, Pastor Katrib reviewed the condition of the work past and present in Syria. He pointed out that the church is recognized by most Arab countries and that it is active in humanitarian service, but that one church is closed in Syria, although the members are considered among the best of Syrian citizens. After answering the questions fully, Elder Katrib requested the officials to allow the Seventh-day Adventists in Syria to participate in serving the needs of society through their welfare, spiritual, medical, and educational work. The officials expressed understanding of the needs and ideals described.

Commenting on the visit, Elder Katrib said, "The Syrian members are all pleased today because their prayers are being answered. The church in Syria thanks his excellency Major General Hafez for the honor that he has shown the small Christian denominations by sending military and civil officials to visit. We ask God to grant Syria glory and peace."

MRS. OLSON RELATES HISTORY OF LITERATURE WORK IN TURKEY

First in a series of articles

By Mrs. W. E. Olson

Theodore Anthony, a shoemaker from Turkey, migrated to the United States where he accepted the Adventist message at a California camp meeting in 1888. Returning to his home in San Jose, he sold his shoeshop to the first customer. In January 1889 he returned to his native Turkey, a self-supporting missionary. Anthony's arrival in Turkey marked the beginning of the first permanent Seventh-day Adventist work in the Middle East.

Mr. Anthony, thrilled with his literature and his message, started aggressive work among the Christian people of Constantinople. The Quaker Mission society, almost immediately, had him imprisoned. After depleting his resources fighting his case and several weeks imprisonment, Anthony was released. He rented a room from a former acquaintance, Mr. Baharian, and took up cobbling to support himself. Z. G. Baharian, son of the house owner, home on summer holidays from his school in Aintab, Turkey, was among the first converts. He was convicted after reading the books *Daniel and Revelation* and *History of the Sabbath*, and was baptized in 1890 by H. P. Holser, president of the Central European mission. Zadour Baharian went to our school in Basel, Switzerland, studied for two years, and returned in 1892 as a worker to Turkey.

Upon Baharian's return in 1892 to Constantinople, he and Anthony immediately submitted translated material

72,270 Overflow Offering for Damascus Church Center

The thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering for the third Quarter, 1963, amounting to \$72,270.50, is the best third-quarter offering in the history of our work. This offering is to be used to construct a church center in Damascus.

Recent word from Elder Maurice Katrib, president of the Syria section, is that leading officials of the Syrian government have promised support for registering the land and securing the building permit.

to a printer for publication. A permit was finally secured by the printer, and the two workers mailed out much literature. Soon false accusations about the literature sent the two workers to prison for four days. When the Turkish government officials saw the printer's permit, the men were released.

The literature scattered seeds of truth everywhere in Asia Minor, and the brethren soon had more calls for further religious instruction than they could fulfill. In 1893 Anthony and Baharian held evangelistic meetings in the cities of Ovajik, Bardizag, Aleppo, and Alexandretta (Iskandurun) where the literature had aroused the most intense interests. Church groups were formed and the work in Asia Minor advanced rapidly under the able and fearless leadership of Zadour Baharian. Sabbath School lessons, tracts, and books converted and held together the church groups that quickly developed in many cities of Turkey. In 1909 a book depository was established in Constantinople, and from that year until Turkey entered the war in 1914, colporteurs, though often imprisoned and beaten, ranged the country placing thousands of pages of literature in the homes. During the Armenian massacres of 1914-15, all but two of our colporteurs were martyred, Nicolos Trifonides and Dicran Derhousigian.

To be continued



Miss Dorothy Walter, pictured above, joined the Benghazi Hospital nursing staff in October. She comes to our division with a background of eight and one half years of mission service in Central and East Africa. More recently she was on the staff of the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital. The picture was taken in South Africa.

Yesilay Congress Applauds Adventist Temperance Ideas

Elder Anees Haddad, division temperance department secretary, won repeated applause from delegates at the Yesilay International Congress on Alcoholism December 8, in Istanbul, during a speech reporting the work of the International Temperance Association. He was introduced by Mr. Gokey, the minister of health in Turkey and founder of Yesilay, the Turkish national temperance organization.

Present at the international congress were representatives from the European countries for meetings lasting five days. Flags were flown at the municipality hall, where the final grand congress was held, representing Turkey, Germany, Greece, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, and the United States.

The delegates responded warmly to greetings from the International Temperance Association and Professor Scharffenberg. Elder Haddad explaining the ITA emphasis on education told the congress that reformation was essential and that "the heart of any reformation is the reformation of the heart." Delegates liked especially the spiritual emphasis and filled the hall with a thunderous ovation in response to quotations from the Quran and the Old and New Testaments to support the anti-alcohol position.

Pastors L. C. Miller and Manuk Benzatyan represented the Turkish branch of the ITA at the congress.

Book Club for Ministers

Ministers in the Middle East Division will be able during 1964 to purchase three valuable books at half price.

The three books are *Breakthrough*, a book by Elder Howard B. Weeks showing how to plan the public relations of a church, *Toward Understanding Islam* by Abdul A'la Maududi, a famous Pakistani Muslim who writes both for Christians and uninformed Muslims, and *Preachers of Righteousness*, a new book this year written especially for ministers by Elder Anderson.

The books have been selected by the Ministerial Association for the 1964 book club and approved by the division for sale to workers at half price. The other half is being subsidized by the worker's employing organization.

1963 BOOK AND PERIODICAL SALES NEARLY DOUBLE 1962 REPORT

An outstanding nine days of sales at the close of the year by Nathan Dawood, a student at Middle East College, pushed the 1963 literature delivery sales record to \$29,815.22, a 92% gain over 1962.

Working into the late hours of the night during the Christmas holidays in Kuwait, Nathan delivered 334 books and took orders for 14 magazine subscriptions. His sales amounted to £ 241.150 (\$675.22).

The director of the health and welfare department gave Nathan a recommendation on his department letterhead for the health and children's books. Although the customs officials did not permit entry of *Patriarchs and Propheis* into the country, four of them purchased a copy each of the volume.

Expressing gratitude to God for the year's record increase in sales, D. L. Chappell, division publishing department secretary, commended the literature evangelists and their leaders for faithful service.

The total literature sales for the year by Sections is as follows in U. S. dollars: Syria, 1,731.56; Egypt, 6,985.60; Iran, 3,129.88; Iraq (including Kuwait), 2,157.60; Jordan, 3,807.45; Lebanon, 9, 050.53; and Syria, 2,952.60.

Magazine subscriptions, accounting for 13½% of the sales, reached a new high of \$4,038.92 for the year. In 1962 magazine sales had been \$763.16 and in 1961, \$1,530.11.

In promoting magazine distribution, Elder Harry Robinson and Zaki Saliba, Jordan section president and book and

Readers Laud Magazines

Response to the Arabic magazines, *Call to Health* and *Hope*, continues strong, according to a report from the desk of the editor, Elder William McGhee.

A reader of *Call to Health* reports that he hasn't smoked for 42 days and a non-Christian reader of *Hope*, delighted with articles about the second coming of Jesus says the "best thing about Seventh-day Adventists is their name, 'Adventists.' "

Twenty readers signed and returned the temperance pledge printed in *Call to Health*. Response to the health course advertisement continues good.

periodical house manager respectively, sold subscriptions to schools for the *Call to Health*. Shahada Halabi, Lebanon section publishing secretary, has been selling three-year subscriptions for the same journal to doctors for their waiting rooms.

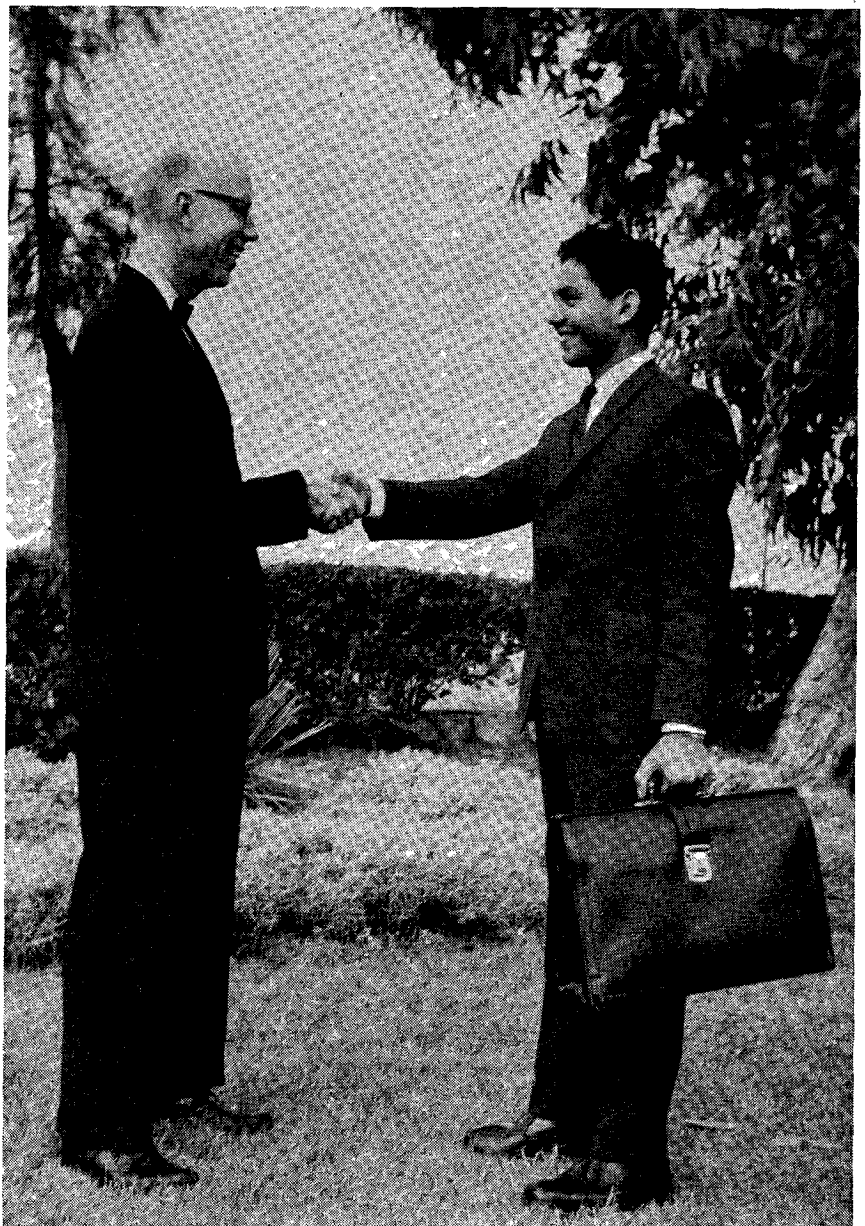
Nathan Ratib and Youssif Samuel, two regular colporteurs in Egypt, made a trip to the Aswan Dam area in December and sold \$497 worth of Adventist literature, \$138 of it being subscriptions for our journals.

R. E. Anderson, manager of the Mid-

dle East Press, reports that his staff is on schedule with the printing of the Arabic volume, *The Desire of Ages*, which is due in the field by July. Also he has received the Farsee manuscript for the large health volume being planned for sale in Iran next summer.

Already some of the students at Middle East College are submitting their applications to canvass in various parts of the division during the next vacation period.

"The prospects for 1964 look good, and we are facing the future with new hope," commented publishing leader Chappell as he announced his department's slogan for the new year: "\$50,000 or more in '64."



D. L. Chappell, division publishing department leader, congratulates Nathan Dawood of Middle East College for outstanding work.

HERE AND THERE

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Elder Salim Noujaim left Beirut quietly for the United States where he plans to undergo medical treatment. The prayers and best wishes of the whole church in the Middle East go with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris, of Harris Pine Mills in the United States, were guests of Elder and Mrs. Wilcox, on behalf of the division, during parts of December and January. Elder Wilcox met Brother Harris in Iran and arranged for his visit to the major points of interest in the Middle East area. Brother Harris spoke at many of the churches telling of his experience in stewardship and God's blessing. His valuable counsel as he met informally with leaders of the institutions and various phases of the work has been especially appreciated.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

A series of four quarterlies covering the Bible stories in one year has been published in Armenian by the Middle East Press. Picture rolls using the same lessons can also be secured. This makes available for the first time Armenian Sabbath School lessons for the children. It is expected that the quarterlies will facilitate the holding of Branch Sabbath Schools.

Another set of quarterlies has been published in Arabic for use in the Pastor's Bible class. In twenty-six lessons, they cover the basic Bible doctrines. The quarterlies are useful also for baptismal classes, adult branch Sabbath Schools, sermon or Bible study outlines, and correspondence school follow-up.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Miss June Soper returned to Middle East College, November 15, to head the music department. A few days later the department received a new Bluethner grand piano as a gift from the division. It is reported to be better than any of the previous pianos used by the department and has been placed in the college auditorium.

Brother Jad Katrib, principal of the Middle East College secondary school, has accepted the invitation of the board of trustees to study at Andrews university during the 1964-65 school year. He will do graduate work in education.

Arise, O Youth

Arise, O youth, for Christ is calling you
To give His message to these Bible lands.
'Tis not the time to dream of careless ease,
Or full pursuit of personal aim. The time
Is ripe for Jesus soon to come, and men
Must know the Hour of Judgment: now is here.
How can they know unless you do your part
In witnessing a Saviour's love for you?
You say you know not how? The college doors
Are open wide! Our M.E.C. is here
To serve the youth in preparation.
So come to learn the Truth, and learn to tell,
In winsome way, your Lord is coming soon.
In close packed hall your message you can preach;
Perchance in school, your witness you can bear;
With printed page you scatter gladsome news;
A preacher, teacher, colporteur, a nurse,
A doctor, consecrated business man—
All avenues of service open wide
Before your eager feet, if you will come
And place your talent at the Master's feet.
There can be no mistake; success is yours.
He's promised to be with you to the end.

—G. Arthur Keough

The annual Ingathering field day, December 5, raising LL 2,400 by student solicitation alone, is considered to be a new record for this type of solicitation. The church pastor and home missionary leader, Elders Olson and McGhee, were joined by the home missionary secretaries of the division and section, Elder Brauer and Brother Shahada Halabi, in directing the field day activities. Elder Russell presided at an auction to close the day.

The division radio studio on an attractive corner of the campus near the men's residence hall has been made available to the college music department for the teaching of music. A Zimmerman baby grand piano has been put in the studio for the use of the department.

After a long period of inactivity, the men's club has been revived under the old name, Men of Might. Nicola Issa, Kevork Terzibashian, Tevan Melikian, and Gabriel Gabriel have been named officers.

Arbor Day, December 8, began a tree-planting campaign which has added 25 new flame trees (one for each year in the history of the college) to the campus. Two evergreen trees were planted December 22, by Brother Clyde Harris, on the corner opposite the radio studio.

JORDAN

One school in Jordan has ordered a club of 75 subscriptions to *Call to Health*; another ordered 65. In several schools the students have banded together to order magazines.

About 400 persons attended the showing of the temperance film, "One in Twenty Thousand," in Ramallah, October 13, at the girls' school. Temperance puzzles and applications for the health lessons were distributed. Elder H. E. Robinson and Mousa Azar represented the Jordan temperance society.

TURKEY

The first commissioning service in Turkey for membership in the "120 of our day," was held in the Istanbul church, Sabbath afternoon, December 14. Five were commissioned including one layman. Twenty-four members received Training Light Bearer certificates after completing the classwork under Manouk Benzatyan, Turkey section home missionary secretary.

CORRECTION

We regret to have mistakenly captioned a picture on page eight of the November-December MESSENGER. The picture was from Fayoum not Assiut.

Do You Have a Name?

My curiosity got the best of me as I passed through a hotel lobby in a large city and saw among the people many wearing badges on their coats. Coming nearer, I saw in large type on each badge a name, quite obviously the name of the wearer. In smaller type was the name of his city and the convention. I entertained myself for some minutes putting family names together with the faces and trying to guess the national or racial origins. Almost instinctively, in human relations, after we see a person, we want to know his name, and from there we begin to get acquainted.

This linking of name and face has an interesting reaction in spiritual things. I can think of a young man who is a model of consistent moral behaviour as long as he is with people who know that he has been baptized a Seventh-day Adventist. But when he is with strangers who know nothing of his religion, his conduct is different. This young man shapes his face to his name. A good name is a challenge to its possessor. It is human nature to try to live up to one's reputation.

Not only people have names, faces, and reputations. Churches, institutions, organizations have to be known and judged. What kind of face does your church have? What kind of reputation? And pardon me if I sound ignorant, but what is its name? Actually, I know. It is a Seventh-day Adventist church. Those who worship there expect Jesus to come soon and they keep the seventh day of the week. But who else knows its name other than me and you and those who pray there each week? Who knows that this is a Seventh-day Adventist church, hospital, school, office? Like the delegates at the convention, the church needs a badge with the name in large type,—more specifically, an attractive sign in front.

This is an appeal to link up our name with our face. It is bound to spread and enhance our reputation.

Call for Old MESSENGER'S

The Middle East Division has no file of the MESSENGER, from January, 1945, when it was first begun by the old Middle East Union, until December, 1951. This was the official paper and is needed for reference when reviewing the conduct of the work during that period. Please contact the editor if you have a copy of any issue which you can make available.

A Little Loving

If you put a little loving into all the work you do,
And a little bit of gladness, and a little bit of you,
And a little bit of sweetness, and a little bit of song,
Not a day will seem too toilsome; not a day will seem too long.
And your work will be attractive, and the world will stop to look,
And the world will see a sweetness, like the tinkling of a brook,
In the finished job, and then the world will turn to look at you.

—*Southern Asia Tidings*

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ADVENTIST WORLD

TEMPERANCE FILM PRAISED

The national safety council in the United States has recommended to every television station in the country "Becky," a traffic safety film, produced by the editors of *Listen*, for viewing during the Christmas holidays, when over 500 Americans were predicted to die in traffic accidents. A letter from the safety council to Michael A. Jones, assistant editor of *Listen*, praised the film as an "impressive, effective presentation" of a difficult subject. *Listen* is a Seventh-day Adventist magazine.

NIGERIANS MARCH

Ten thousand delegates to the East Nigerian lay congress of the Seventh-day Adventist church marched through the streets of Aba, East Nigeria, singing gospel hymns. Three brass bands from nearby Adventist schools accompanied the procession. A thousand-voice Adventist choir provided music at the week-end meetings when 15,000 lay workers gathered in the city's sports stadium. Three hundred select delegates to the four-day school of lay evangelism pledged 3,000 persons won to Christ in 1964.

LITERATURE SALES UP

Sales of literature in the United States and Canada has nearly doubled in the last 10 years. The publishing department statistical report shows a total of more than \$10 million received for Adventist books and periodicals in 1962 in North America.

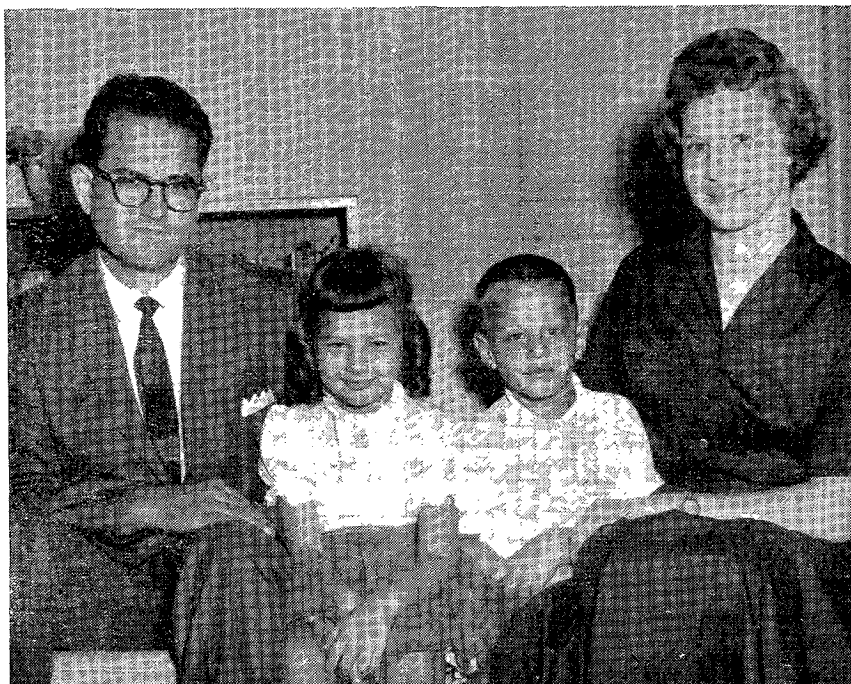
COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

Opening enrollment figures for the 14 Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities in North America show an increase of 6.52 percent. A total of 10,926 students registered at the denomination's schools of higher education. The Adventist church sponsors the largest Protestant parochial educational system in the world. Its elementary schools number 4,422 with an enrollment of approximately 230,000.

FLOATING SCHOOL

A school floating on the waters of Lake Titicaca has been accredited by the government of Peru. This unusual school brings education for the first

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The new principal of the Benghazi elementary school, Aaron Dennis, with his wife and two children, Mary Elizabeth, 6, and David Lee, 5. Brother Dennis, a graduate of Madison college, headed the Chattanooga church school for the last three years. His wife, a nurse, took her training at Paradise Valley.

1963 Ingathering Campaign Continues

Reports of progress in the 1963 Ingathering campaign begun the end of November continue to be heard from various parts of the field.

In Cyprus Brother and Sister A. N. Barlas, of Famogusta, received CP 100,000 going from home to home to solicit funds and to preach the message. Their work was stopped when the trouble erupted on Cyprus.

Eighteen carloads of students solicited in the Ras Beirut area, the annual Middle East College Field Day, December 5, setting a new record for student solicitation in one day, LL 2,400.

The workers and members of the Lebanon section led by George Khoury, president, and Shahada Halabi, home missionary secretary, want to make this Ingathering campaign the most successful in Lebanon's history. The Bishmazine and Aramoun schools had successful field days. Salaam Abu Jawdi working alone in North Lebanon reached his goal. The Beirut churches are striving to reach their goals. Fifty percent of the funds will be retained by the local sections for their own projects.

Cossentine Visit

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plant and met with the college board. His counsel was particularly valuable in formulating long-range plans for strengthening Middle East College.

Speaking appointments in the division included Sabbath sermons in the Tehran and College Park churches, and lectures before groups of teachers stressing the need of meeting the objectives of the church in every phase of the school program.

—W. R. Lesher

Journalism Second to Preaching in Evangelism

Religious journalism is next in importance to the preached word in propagation of the gospel, Dr. Ralph Stoody declared at the dedication of a new All-Church Press publishing plant in Fort Worth. The Methodist "Dean of American church public relations" was principal speaker at the event, which also marked the 50th anniversary of the concern. The church press produces 325 weekly congregational newspapers for a variety of denominations. Dr. Stoody called parish newspapers "the best possible investment any church can make." These papers reach even those who do not regularly attend church, he pointed out, and serve as reminders that there is a church.

Adventist World

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time to a tribe of Indians who live on floating reed islands on the lake. Known as "Los Uros," or "the fishermen," this primitive tribe derives its sustenance from reeds which grow in abundance in the lake. Forty-two students go to school every day in their reed canoes. A native-built floating island nearby provides space for recess games. The school itself, one of 66 operated by the Adventist church in southern Peru, is a steel-covered frame building resting on 56 floating oil barrels.

HONG KONG FLEET

An Adventist fleet with an unusual flagship serves the more than 150,000 people who live on the waters of the harbor of Hong Kong. The fleet consists of a motorized junk, a 20-foot launch, a sailing sampan, and a box-like "flagship" designated for a floating clinic and evangelistic center. The "fleet" is directed by Wilbur K. Nelson, a professor at the South China Union college. It is manned by students from the college, who assist in the distribution of medical supplies and relief materials where needed. The doctors Clarence and Isabel Ing, who operate a clinic in Hong Kong itself, devote several hours each week to giving medical aid to the sea dwellers who come to the floating clinic as it moves among the junk cities of Hong Kong. Named the "Roberts Sea-Light," the flagship measures approximately 35 feet long by 15 feet wide. The clinic with examining, treatment rooms, and laboratory occupies the lower deck of the vessel. The upper deck is used for seeing minor medical cases, but it also provides seating for gospel services. The "flagship" was recently dedicated, with church officials and "fleet crew" participating in ceremonies.

GRADUATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in the school of graduate studies at Andrews University has reached a total of 131 students, according to Dr. Emil Lefler, Dean of the school of graduate studies. "This year's enrollment shows a gain over last year and indicates that there is a growing interest in the school," said Lefler. "The students, coming from 23 states, 19 foreign countries and 43 different undergraduate schools, all help in the building of an atmosphere for university study," he indicated.



Brother Clyde Harris discusses plans for industrial development with Lloyd Nolin of Middle East College and Elder Wilcox, the division president.



Bethlehem square on Christmas day. The tree overlooking the square was decorated again this year by the church in Jordan.



Sister Fern Studdard, who recited the memory verses for the whole year at the Istanbul Sabbath School, and Sister Sibni Kaymaz, who repeated them for three quarters. Various members repeat the verse of the week each week, using eight languages.

Elder Scully to Visit

The director of youth activities in the General Conference temperance department, Elder J. V. Scully, is to visit the Middle East during April and May this year, according to Elder A. A. Haddad, the division temperance secretary.

Large meetings are being planned in the universities, colleges, clubs, and civic centers of the area to attract young people to lectures and films on temperance. It is expected that some of the Arabic films and pamphlets will be ready for use at that time. Local temperance department secretaries are readying plans for the visit.

Church Calendar

SPECIAL DAYS

February	1	Bible Evangelism Crusade
February	15	Christian Home and Family Altar Day
Feb.	15-22	Christian Home Week
February	22	Temperance Commitment Day
March	7	Literature Promotion
March	14	Sabbath School Rally Day
March	21	Missionary Volunteer Day
March	21-28	MV Week of Prayer
March	28	13th Sabbath

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

February	1	Church Missionary
February	8	Middle East College
March	7	Church Missionary
March	14	Spring Mission Offering
March	28	South American Division

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