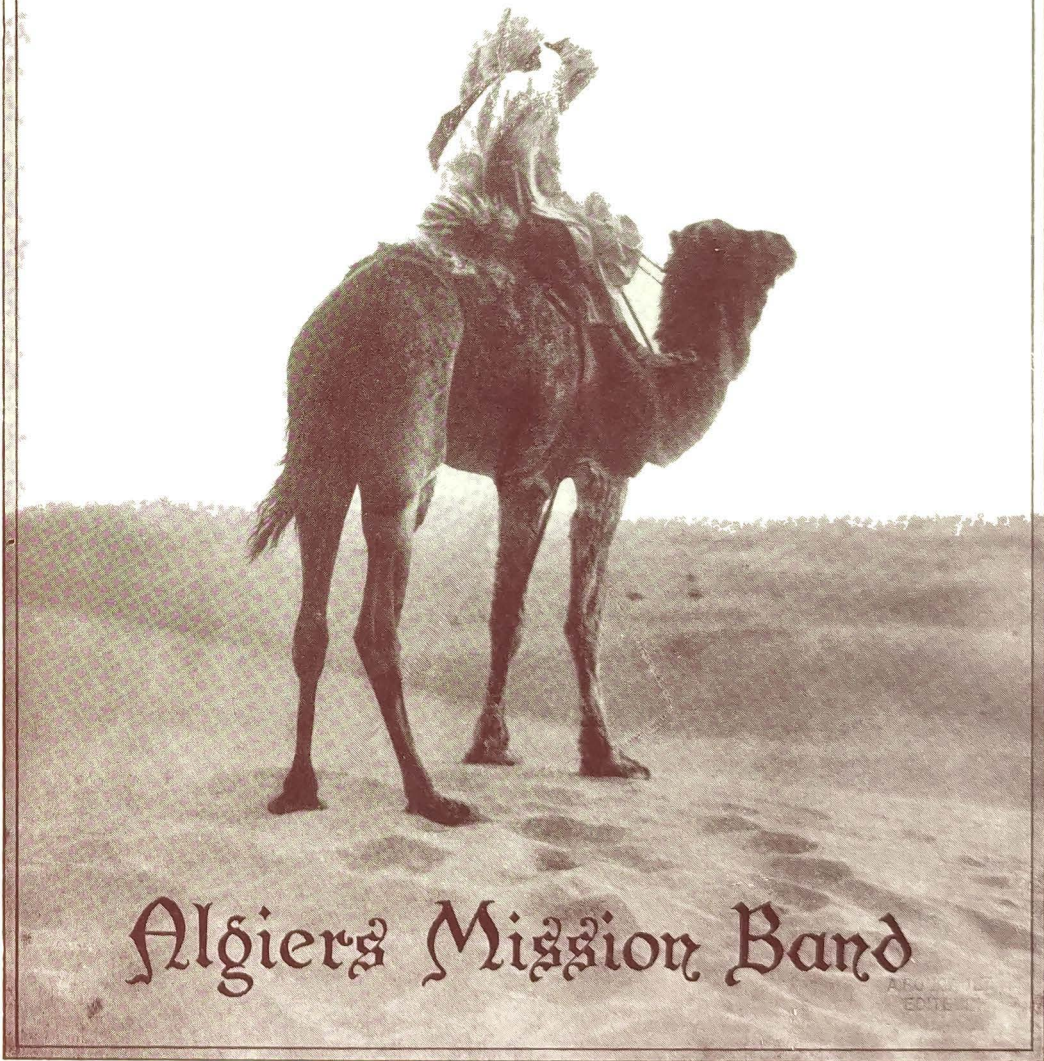


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A Christmas Message.

THE HIDING OF HIS POWER.

The story of the Incarnation reminds us of a strange phrase in the Book of Habakkuk, "There was a hiding of His power." Many of God's greatest blessings are hidden. His greatest blessing, the Saviour of the World, the Deliverer from sin, Satan, and death was hidden in the tiny fragile body of a newborn babe.

At Bethlehem there was truly the hiding of God's power : a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. No other biographer but the Holy Spirit would ever think of mentioning such a trifling thing as swaddling clothes. The phrase "a babe in a manger" is repeated three times. All that unanointed eyes see is foolishness. Men said the same thing concerning the end of His life. Christ Crucified was "foolishness," but even there God was hiding His power. As St. Paul says, "to us, Christ, the power of God." The weakness of God is stronger than men. There, laid in a manger, was the weakness of God. He emptied Himself. There, where we would least expect to find it, was the hiding of His power. Are we looking

for mighty things? signs, miracles, wonders? Maybe God is hiding something better for us in some most unexpected place. In someone or something as weak as a newborn babe, He may be hiding His power. We may be keeping sheep, doing our everyday, common task, and as He came to the shepherds He will come to us and lead us to His hidden treasure.

Is there anything more, hidden in this manger? I think there is hidden the wonder of His humility. Let us take the following words and go to that manger : "Heir of all things, upholding all things by the Word of His power." Heir of all things, but no room for Him in the inn ! Upholding all things by the word of His power ! Now watch Mary, who wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. The Creator of the ends of the earth who fainteth not, neither is weary, laid in a woman's arms. What a hiding of His power ! His willingness to become the lowest, that we might become the highest, "sons of God."

burden to Mr. Theobald, and he not only had the joy of starting one, but also of personally conducting its first seaside outing. His preaching abilities soon after became manifest and his services were sought beyond the cause where he began thus to serve. In due time his name appeared on the Bury St. Edmunds Methodist Circuit Plan as a "local preacher," and has there been retained since. In addition to his outstanding pulpit ability, his musical talents were greatly appreciated and Mr. and Mrs. Theobald served acceptably S.S. Anniversary and other special services in the district. He exulted in a full proclamation of the Gospel, and over the years since has frequently referred to a peak experience reached in some Easter Monday Meetings at Ixworth.

It was only a few days after settling at Barningham that the war broke out, and in 1916 he was called to "join up." After doing home service, he was discharged the following year. Probably his varied experiences at this time helped to equip him for the strenuous Kingdom service that was later to be his.

His call to Algeria came early in 1920. The circumstances connected therewith are of special interest to the writer. Mrs. Theobald was the first person to whom we had confided the news of our own acceptance by the A.M.B., and upon hearing it she said, "My husband will be down tomorrow night." The zeal with which he threw himself into helping us with our last things before leaving was typical of his ever-readiness to serve, even as his Master. Their own offer, acceptance, disposal of home and business, followed in due time; Christmas, 1921, saw them on the Field.

Miss Trotter's published *Journals* and *Stories of the Years*, hold particulars of his first years of preparation and service; and the quarterly issues of *A Thirsty Land* have since given many reports and articles from his own pen.

The writer has pleasant memories of colportage experiences with him. His was a perfect comradeship in shoulder-to-shoulder service, and one could not but be filled with admiration at his ever sure way of getting at the heart of the native. Then a series of Lantern Services in native cafés at Coléa was an example of the way he could hold large audiences spellbound by his proclamation of the Gospel in splendid Arabic, which was often preceded by song, accompanied on the harp he so loved. Story-telling was a perfected art with him, and it never failed to obtain a hearing for the Gospel in all sorts of places and under varying conditions. His rare gifts and many acquirements were also always at the disposal of fellow-missionaries—his research in many fields of knowledge was remarkable. Young people, both on the field and at home, were specially helped by his understanding ministries, and he showed great warmth of affection to little children.

On furloughs he served acceptably on platform and in pulpit. He was chosen to plead the cause of the Moslem world on the Keswick Missionary platform of 1928, and took part in the Felixstowe "Keswick" of 1931. A.M.B. and N.M.P. Annual and other meetings also received of his best.

He had the joy of knowing of souls won for his Lord both at home and on the Field. Other fruit for eternity may not be known until "the day shall declare it."

His latest years were unsparingly given to the translation of the New Testament into spoken Arabic, taking up the task from which Dr. Percy Smith was called away. Much of this is still in manuscript, but every worker among Moslems in Algeria is thankful for that which is already published. His, too, was the joint-authorship of an invaluable little book of hitherto unpublished hymns and choruses, which contains some gems from his own pen, typical of his virile faith, and true to the core of the

Gospel, as he himself ever was. Various stories written by him have been published by the Nile Mission Press. Those to whom his life has meant so much can help by prayer and gift the continued sowing of the seed he has left, and thereby increase its harvest.

The following minute was made by our Autumn Field Committee :

" The Committee was broken into by the Home Call of Mr. Theobald on Saturday morning, October 2nd. They wish herein to record their deep appreciation of his valuable co-operation these many years, not only as a member of the Committee, but also as minister and translator of the Word. Their heartfelt and prayerful sympathy goes out to Mrs. Theobald."

Tributes paid at the funeral the following day, and others received since from far and near, show how widespread is the sense of earth's loss by his removal from our midst.

Among God's " CALLED and CHOSEN and FAITHFUL " our brother had his place. His " call " was with " much assurance," and was ever attested by the ring of certainty in all he said and did. He was a " chosen vessel " to bear his Lord's Name to many who might otherwise never have heard. And those who knew him best knew how he strove always to be " faithful " ; while those whose privilege it was to be much with him in his last days can tell of a valiant fight through to the finish of his earthly course. It was fitting that to an officer of the Salvation Army he could, near the end, testify, " I have kept the faith ! "

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" This blessed word be mine,
Just as the port is gained,
Kept by the power of grace divine,
I have the faith maintained."

H. W. B.

Victory !

After a night of storm and rain the sun broke through in radiance on the morning of October 3rd, and as we gathered together in the Prayer Court at Dar Naama, it seemed indeed, that through the cloud of deep sorrow and loss that overshadowed us, we could see the sunshine of the unfailing love of God and the comfort of His blessed hope. There came also the sense of the perfecting of His purpose concerning the brother and fellow-labourer who had been called to Higher Service only the day before. To us it seemed that his work was not finished, that he was still so much needed here, but as an inner voice to our souls came the word, " What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter," and we can trust Him whose name is Love.

In this spirit we sang our opening hymn, " Crown Him with many crowns." " This ought to be a happy occasion," said Mr. Douglas, of the American Methodist Mission, a personal friend of Mr. Theobald, as he led the service, and referred to the triumph of the life which had just passed on. Mr. Buckenham continuing in the same spirit and speaking in the present tense said, " I know it *is*, not would have been, but *is* our brother's wish (for God is not the God of the dead but of the living, and all who go to sleep in Jesus LIVE unto Him) that his Lord alone should be glorified in this service. Then he read the matchless comforting words of such passages as I Corinthians 15, " But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first-fruits of them that slept." To-day we have to do some sowing, God's sowing, sowing in corruption to be raised in incorruption, sowing in weakness to be raised in power, sowing a natural body to be raised a spiritual body. In view of this surely we

can echo the Apostle's words, "O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory!" and their confirmation in I Thessalonians 4. 13 to 18. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. . . . Wherefore, comfort one another with these words."

Mr. Buckenham then referred to Mr. Theobald's ministry among us during the past three years at our Annual Rally, and went on to speak of his personal friendship with him over a period of twenty years, and especially of the intimate fellowship of these closing weeks of his life, which was surely a loving bit of God's planning for His child.

Following this, Adjutant Flandre, representing the Algiers branch of the Salvation Army, gave us a vivid picture of his recent touch with Mr. Theobald. He regretted that he had not had the privilege of knowing him longer, but he would always treasure an unforgettable meeting with him at his home only a few weeks ago. Naturally, Mr. Theobald had referred to his early experiences as a Salvation Army Bandmaster in England, and told how he had always followed with keen interest the Army's work. Speaking of a recent broadcast service to which he had listened he said, "At the close an appeal was made and in the moments of silence that followed we heard soft footsteps, then the voice of the Officer rang out, 'Another soul is at the foot of the Cross.' 'I was thrilled as I heard,' said Mr. Theobald, 'and oh, how I prayed for that soul.'" "It was that which struck me," the Adjutant went on to say, "his keenness for winning souls, so that even in his physical weakness he sought to preach the Gospel to the native men who were working on the new estate at his doors. Then as I rose to leave he said to me, 'But I have almost finished my course now.' I repeated to him the words of St. Paul, 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.' 'Yes,' he said,

gripping me by the hand and with a look of triumph shining in his eyes, 'yes, I have kept the faith.'"

Would that all who wonder whether missions to Moslems are worth while, could have heard the next testimony to the one who had given his life for their evangelisation. This testimony was given by a young Arab Christian colporteur who has always looked upon Mr. Theobald as his spiritual father and friend. In a voice broken with emotion he said, "I can't tell you all that is in my heart. . . . I first knew Mr. Theobald when I was a young lad away down in the desert station of Tozeur. I came to him there wanting to argue about religion, but he would never argue. He preached the Gospel, and it was from him I received the Book that brought me to Christ. There they called him Si Saduk, meaning 'Faithful One,' and he was indeed one who was faithful and true at all times. Everybody who knew him loved him. I remember the time afterwards, when he came to the Boys' Home at Constantine on a visit, and there he endeared himself to all the boys. Later he gave his whole life to the translating of the Scriptures that the Arabs might be brought into the Way of Christ." Later in the day, speaking to another missionary this young colporteur said, "There was nobody like him in his understanding of the Arab mind. He knew just how to deal with souls and how not to offend them."

Monsieur Nicoud referred specially to his early experience of colportage work in company with Mr. Theobald. He was a good companion, a gifted worker. Often at night they would sit round some camp fire perhaps in a far-away desert encampment, and there with the aid of his little auto-harp, they would sing and tell the Gospel story to those who had perhaps never heard it before. Of recent years, said M. Nicoud, although Mr. Theobald has not been able to go out on these long journeys, we have

felt that his prayers have followed us, and it has always been good to come back to share with him our experiences and to receive his counsel and encouragement. Although recently he has suffered, perhaps more than we can realise, he was always patient and never complained. His courage was wonderful.

The esteem and affection in which Mr. Theobald was held by the whole missionary body was manifested in the large number of fellow-workers present, representing all the Societies at work in the land. It was good also to see quite a number present who make no profession of faith, and whose hearts we believe were touched by the beauty and simplicity of the service and the note of hope and triumph expressed. May the Holy Spirit follow such with convicting power.

The service ended as Monsieur Lull led us in a prayer of re-consecration, asking that we might all be led on in like manner to seek souls for the Master, and with the singing of Mr. Theobald's favourite hymn, "The sands of time are sinking," we left the house.

A little later we laid his body to rest in the quiet English Cemetery, among the pine trees and in view of the mountains, all purple in the morning light. The English Chaplain, the Rev. H. W. Cummin, reverently conducted the service. A beautiful French translation of the hymn, "The sands of time are sinking," was sung at the beginning of the service, and at the close our hearts were lifted heavenwards in prayer and faith as we sang, "Jesus, Lover of my soul."

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"Hide me O my Saviour hide,
Till the storms of life are past,
Safe into the Haven guide,
O receive my soul at last."

J. C. STALLEY.

Editorial.

We are sure that our Christmas message will have added weight from the fact that the writer has now passed into the presence of his Lord.

Several have written for this number about Mr. Theobald's life and work, and these accounts will, we know, be read with great interest and sympathy.

We also publish the story of a recent itineration, during which the Scriptures, some of which were translated by God's servant who has passed on, were distributed far and wide. Our literature report and Mlle. Gayral's article both give cause for rejoicing also over the "precious seed" sown, as does the one from Setif.

We welcome Mme. Lull's story from Tolga where, as in other parts of Southern Algeria, there are conditions of famine and need. Our sympathy goes out to those who are suffering and to those seeking to help them.

Our balance sheets, both Field and Home, are included in this number, but perhaps the Field Treasurer's report will be found even more interesting and illuminating than the figures!

We are planning to make the next issue of *A Thirsty Land* a Jubilee number, and we hope to bring it out by March 8th, which will be the fiftieth anniversary of the landing of Miss Trotter and Miss Haworth in Algiers.

It is with very real regret that we learn that Miss Hansen's health prevents her from returning to Algeria. She was a great help to the work, and endeared herself to the Arab women and girls whom she so much loved and sought to win for Christ. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she seeks to regain health and strength in Denmark, where she has interested many in work among the Moslems in Algeria.

M. H. R.

Si Saduk

(MR. FAITHFUL).

We of Relizane saw in Si Saduk—as the natives called Mr. Theobald—his love for and adaptability to children, a trait of his character which was not so noticeable in stations where there were no children living in the house.

He loved children and they loved him, and how those of Relizane looked forward to those occasions when Si Saduk made that town his centre for the western itinerations!

What delightful evenings the little "Family" of native girls had when, after supper, they came in to sit in a row at his feet and listen to the wonderful stories he told them. Stories culled from native books or from the natives themselves. Stories vivid and amusing, used as scaffolding for the great story of Christ's redeeming love. How dramatic he was, and how spell-bound was the audience before him, emitting gasps of excitement, shrieks of laughter, or ejaculations of distress according to the emotional need of the moment!

It was this beloved Si Saduk who took the "Family," more than once, all the way from Relizane to Sidi Ferruch, packed into the car with the books that remained from his tournee. How nine people, their bedding and their personal belongings were stowed away in one car is a mystery!

It was Si Saduk whom God used to bring a wandering member of the "Family" back to the fold. As she left our house in hot anger she saw him sitting at the Book dépôt door. He spoke and reasoned with her as she poured out her tale of woe, and she said later "It was the love in his face that melted my heart, I had never seen such a look of love."

Some of us will never forget one of his most recent visits to Relizane, when the heavens of brass seemed melting, and three

Arab youths very definitely acknowledged Christ as Saviour. Alas, these three have wandered far since then, though one followed on for many years. In thinking of Si Saduk, we would also remember these three lads before our Father in Heaven, asking that His Holy Spirit may complete in them the work begun that day.

E. K. M. RIDLEY.

From "Abdul Fady."

What shall I say of A. E. Theobald?

"Greatheart is dead," say they. Nay, not dead! say I, for behold he liveth. His Master is alive for evermore and "Where He is there shall also His servant be."

A more all-round missionary would be hard to find for he was as great on one side as another; great as a literature lover, as a pastor of converts, as an itinerant book-seller, as a translator of God's Word.

A. T. UPSON,

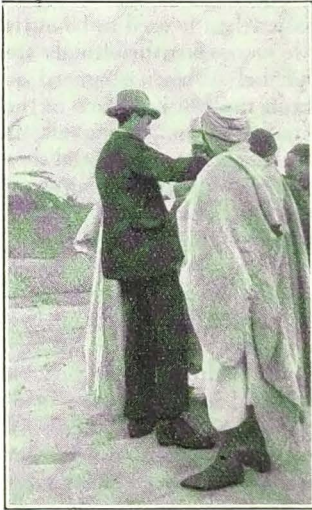
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From The Bible Society.

All who were present at the funeral service in Dar Naama on Sunday, October 3rd, which was followed by a committal service at the graveside in the quiet English corner of the cemetery in Algiers, were impressed by the touching tribute paid by Si M'barek Sulieman, the Bible Society's colporteur. We mention this as marking a very important work that Mr. Theobald was able to do and did lovingly and faithfully during the last three or four years of his life amongst us. Sickness had caused him to relinquish his active Evangelistic-colportage work amongst the Mohammedans of Algeria, a people he knew so thoroughly. Si M'barek standing alone as a colporteur amongst his own people needed counsel, prayerful sympathy and

guidance, particularly when persecuted for the Gospel's sake. Mr. Theobald gave this, and it is perhaps not too much to say that his encouragement has kept Si M'barek devoted to his work. His loss will be felt by our Arab brother whose weekly visits, when in Algiers, to Mr. Theobald's house had become a permanent institution.

Mr. Theobald was a convinced colporteur. He realised as few do the immense value from the missionary point of view of taking the Scriptures to the people. Many copies have been sold by him in far-off places accompanied no doubt with proper advice how to read them, for few knew the Algerian colloquial dialect as he did, a knowledge he had gained by extensive travel and close contact with the natives.



SI SADUK, THE COLPORTEUR.

The time came when God was to use this knowledge in a way Mr. Theobald did not dream of in the days of physical health.

The translation of the New Testament into Algerian Arabic had been begun by the

Rev. P. Smith. The Gospels had been published, also the Acts of the Apostles, and some of the Epistles had been translated in MSS. form but were not ready for publication. The choice of a successor to Mr. Smith, who passed on in 1932, fell upon Mr. Theobald who commenced his work early in 1933. The books of the New Testament on which no work had been done by Mr. Smith were: The Epistles to Timothy, Titus, the Colossians, Philippians and the Apocalypse. Mr. Smith had long worked upon Romans, two distinct MSS. from his hand being handed by his son to Mr. Theobald. The text published by the Bible Society recently can be said to be the joint work of Mr. Smith and Mr. Theobald, with due acknowledgement of the valuable work put in also by the members of the Translation Committee. At present we stand as follows: The Second of Corinthians is practically ready for publication, Galatians is in the hands of the Translation Committee, Ephesians is in preparation, and 1 Corinthians is written out. In addition to this accomplishment Mr. Theobald has prepared a special edition of St. Luke in the Algerian-Tunisian dialect, for to him fell the task of following Mr. Smith's idea of making a version that would be as useful in Tunisia as in Algeria. Romans has appeared in this form; a revised St. Luke is ready to be put through the Press. In preparing these versions great care must be taken to use only terms understood in both countries and having like meaning. In this we believe he has succeeded. In February of this year he wrote: "I am well ahead with material prepared to keep the Translation Committee occupied for some months yet."

Our brother has laid down his task unfinished. He loved it. Another will take it up where he has laid it down and Algeria and Tunisia will eventually have the complete New Testament in the language of the people which will, with the Holy

Spirit's guidance, be used to rebuild the North African Church.

We thank God for the life and work of Mr. Theobald, and the Bible Society acknowledges with gratitude his full and hearty co-operation in its work.

H. W. CUMMINS,

ALGIERS, Secretary of the Bible
11/11/1937. Society in North Africa.



Westward Ho !

It was indeed joyful to be able to start our year in October with a colportage journey. We do thank God for putting it into the hearts of our friends to send gifts that made this most important bit of work possible, and we praise our God for this answer to our prayers.

When Mr. and Mrs. Stalley arrived back at Relizane we were able to arrange some colportage. Two days later, Mr. Stalley and I started to visit nine markets in the province of Oran (Western Algeria); Mostaganem, St. Denis du Sig, Mercier Lacombe, Sidi bel Abbés, Nedromah, Lourmel, Ain el Arba, Peregaux and Prevost-Paradol. Perhaps these names mean little to you who read ! On the map they represent a journey of well over one thousand miles.

We rejoiced greatly because we were able to distribute at least eleven hundred leaflets, tracts, and portions of God's Word. We had many opportunities of reading the Gospel and having talks with men and lads. We were much encouraged by the number of gospels in spoken Arabic, sold.

At Mostaganem, a member of the Evangelical Church got leave from the authorities for us to sell our books in the streets of the town. In this same market we met a poor Moslem man who had completely lost

his faith in God because of his son's death. We had the privilege of talking to him of the love of God for sinners, and of speaking to him of the Saviour.

At St. Denis du Sig I again met a very fanatical man who had made things difficult during the visit of Pastor Stalley. Finding him in a café I said to him : " Do you know that he who has heard the Word of God and has refused it is responsible before God ? " The poor fellow answered : " Enough of this, be off somewhere else ! " In the way he said it, however, there was a feeling that he meant, " I *know* it—but go." Please pray for this soul.

At Mercier Lacombe we had very encouraging sales. Some marabouts and talebs asked us why we did not bring the books of Mohammed. But they asked it without bitterness or insult. It was very much easier than it used to be at this place where we were often insultingly treated.

At Sidi bel Abbés we opened our store of books in the Market Place in the centre of the native town, among all the stallholders. Men came to see, and the reading of the Parable of the lost sheep struck many of them. Our brother, Mr. Stalley had an opportunity of talking with them, and of giving the message of salvation.

We continued our journey to Tlemcen where we visited the Mission Station of Miss K. Butler. Next day we visited the market of Nedromah, a very fanatical Moslem town, and God gave us a sign of His blessing on our way there. We met two men who asked us to give them a lift in our car. We offered them some books and one of them said that he was a taleb from the Zaouia (College) of " Sidi Omar," some miles from the town where we were going. He was able to read from Miss Trotter's book, *The Sevenfold Secret*, with great ease. We offered him some booklets and he bought them. The other man, a rich farmer, read a little in the Gospel of St. Matthew. He very politely however,

handed back the book to us, when he got out of the car a short distance from the town for fear of compromising himself with the missionaries! He offered to pay us for his seat but we refused, telling him that we work for the Lord Jesus and not for money.

At Nedromah boys rushed upon the car with such force that we were only just able to hold them back and give them the books they wanted. The men were much less fanatical than last year when we were in the town. In the evening we returned to Tlemcen where we were invited to the house of the Head of the French schools for native boys. He is a true Christian and it is a joy to find such a man with a real love for the boys of this land. We also visited the Protestant Pastor, a child of God, who received us with open arms, and who understands the need for evangelising the Moslems.

We continued our journey in the Oran direction, stopping at an Arab café and in a village. At Oran we were joined by a missionary friend, Mr. Wigg, with whom we continued our journeyings.

We went on to Ain-el-Arba, a little centre which was new to us as was Lourmel to which we went next day.

Our Sunday was filled with various meetings, among which was one for English sailors from a British man-of-war that was in the port. There was another meeting at which I was able to tell some young Europeans belonging to the French Church what missionary work among Moslems really means.

At Oran a Christian friend had the car repaired for us by his workmen, and most kindly gave us what was needed for its running. We have met other friends also, in our colportage journeys, who have helped God's work in similar ways. There was, for example, my Swiss friend, who for two years did all necessary repairs to the car, taking no profit, for the sake of helping the colportage.

Our brother M. Munioz, colporteur of the N.M.P. who is almost blind, joined us for two days. It is most remarkable how he is able to carry on his work.

It only remains for me to ask our dear friends of the A.M.B. who read this to pray with us about the seed which has been sown, that God will light up by His Holy Spirit the hearts of those who read the Word of God and the tracts and books.

Let us also pray that God will make it possible for us to do the colportage work more regularly. Our thanks to all those who uphold us by prayer.

P. NICOURD.

(Translated.)

Literature Report

1936—37.

During the past year only one fresh item has been added to our list, though several more are on the eve of publication. This new booklet is in French, and is called "Following Christ." It consists of a series of texts dealing with the question of discipleship, and it is intended for enquirers and those recently converted.

Our next venture is to be "The Life of Moses," also in French, Bible words. It has been so arranged as to bring out the New Testament fulfilment of each type contained in the story. This should be ready for circulation by the autumn.

Owing to the generosity of friends in England, money has been supplied for us to publish a colloquial Arabic version of the "Word of the Cross." The preparation of this is far advanced, and we hope it will shortly be published.

In our last report, we spoke of our desire for a duplicating machine; but, instead of this, we have now invested in a type-writer, powerful enough to cut wax stencils. This will enable us to get booklets duplicated and bound in Algiers very much

more cheaply than before. There are several interesting little tracts that we hope to publish in this way: one of them is called "La Robe du Roi," and is based on Hans Andersen's story.

The statistics of literature distribution (including N.M.P. and B. & F.B.S. publications, etc.) by members of the A.M.B., are as follows:—

1. Books and Tracts (by sale and gift)	5,974
2. Gospels and Scripture Portions (by sale and gift)	2,422
Total	8,396

Although the total amount of literature distributed is somewhat less than last year, a larger proportion of the more expensive books have been sold.

P. M. RUSSELL,
(*Sec. Lit. Com.*).

LATER.—The three publications mentioned above are now through the Press, and a second duplicated tract, in addition. The colloquial Arabic Version of the "Word of the Cross"* was the last manuscript prepared by Mr. Theobald.

P. M. R.

* By permission of the "Overcomer Fellowship."

Seed Sowing in Mostaganem.

I paid a visit one day to a house where there are a number of tenants, and almost at once a most dreadful quarrel broke out, faces were torn and insults were hurled! The real beginning of the trouble seemed to be that a hen had escaped from its cage and had pecked off some sprigs of mint growing in a flower pot!!

I sat in the midst of the tumult and

wondered if I should leave, as it seemed impossible to do anything in such an atmosphere. However, I stayed, asking God to bring quietness and peace, and that He might have the victory and all be overruled for His glory.

Little by little the insulting remarks ceased, and all was calm again. One felt that hearts were very full, but there was quiet, and I asked if they would like to listen to God's Word. "Oh, that will do us good," they said. I read the Sermon on the Mount from St. Luke's Gospel. There was a hush as the women listened to those wonderful words which tell of the wickedness of the human heart, and of the love of God! Then they said, "Oh, if one could only do as it says, it would be Heaven upon earth." A young man who was in one of the rooms and who could not come out because of the women in the court, called me and said, "Oh read again what you were reading just now! Tell it over again to me. Please come more often that I may hear, and give me books so that I may understand better." His heart was really touched, and I praised God that I had stayed in spite of the tempestuous beginning. What an effect God's Word had on all these hearts!

I have returned a good many times to this same house and have always found quiet and a great desire to hear.

I wish that all those who read this could realise what a blessed effect the hearing of God's Word has on the hearts of these people. We should like to see immediate results, and God *can* give them. But generally it takes time for the seed to germinate, and to grow. Wind and storms and frost all hinder growth, but He Who gives the increase surrounds the seed with His love, and causes it to bring forth fruit for the harvest of Eternity.

For our part let us pray, let us be faithful in our prayer ministry. Prayer is a force of which we do not make sufficient use.



ARAB GIRL READERS.

Let us intercede for the labourers that their labour may be a blessing to all those souls who receive the good seed. Let us pray also that it may spring up in hearts and bring forth fruit a hundredfold for eternity.

A. GAYRAL (Translated).

Book Depot, Setif.

Praise instinctively wells up in our hearts as we take a look over the past few months which have witnessed the establishing of a little book-depôt in Setif. It would be impossible, of course, to give a detailed report of all the work done, and of the visitors who have been welcomed to the depot during the past months, and we must content ourselves by simply selecting three cases which are, we feel, representative of the majority of those who have come

into the shop to talk, to look at the pictures, inspect the books, and in many instances, to purchase some of the literature.

There are many thousands of Jews in Setif, and they have formed quite a percentage of the number of visitors to the shop. One day a Jew came into the depôt and we began talking about some pictures on the walls. Presently the Rabbi came in and joined in the conversation. We were standing before a picture which depicted the scene of the casting out of the Lord from Nazareth. The Jew asked about it, and after an explanation had been given the Rabbi said very bitterly: "Yes, the Jews cast out Jesus from Nazareth, and they were only doing their duty. They did well to cast Him out." A firm yet loving reply only increased the Rabbi's bitterness and he went away very angry. Do pray for the many Jews in the town. They are so needy and so far from God.

One day while engaged in colportage work in Setif, a Moslem sheikh came up to the little table where the books were displayed and began to talk. He said he knew the books and appeared to be interested. This contact was followed by visits to the depôt, and one day the sheikh produced a Gospel in Arabic which he had been reading. From his remarks one gathered that he had been reading thoughtfully and with an inquiring spirit. We were walking in the town one evening and this same sheikh accosted us in the street and began to tell us what he had been reading in the Gospel. He said he found that Jesus was the son of Mary, but He was born of the Holy Ghost and was, therefore, the Son of God. That He was ruler in this world and in that which is to come. Notice that the man did not say that he believed all this, but it shows that he has been reading carefully, and that the Holy Spirit had shown him the great truth of the deity of Christ. Pray that the Spirit will continue to work in this man's life and bring him to the Lord. This sheikh teaches in one of the Koranic schools and therefore has some influence in the circles in which he moves. Pray too, for the thousands of Moslems he represents in this great needy town.

Then contact has been given us with a young Arab, by the open door of the depôt. He was brought up in a missionary home in Constantine and he is now in employment in the post office here. He is a very nice young fellow and has come often to the depôt. T— has not yet said whether he is a Christian or not but he reads his New Testament regularly and seeks to point out to his friends the error of their ways and speaks to them of Christ. He has promised to bring along some of his friends to a meeting for young Arabs if such a gathering is started. Pray that it may be possible to launch out on such a venture. You will readily realise the possibilities in this young man, pray that God will lay hold on him and make him a real witness to Christ.

These are only three cases out of many met with through the depôt. This will show the great opportunities in having such an open door in Setif. Remember it and the work it represents. We look to the Lord for great blessing there during the coming winter.

JAS. THOMSON.

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The Language of Love.

On October 11th, my husband and I arrived at Tolga. From the motor bus to our house we had an escort of men and lads who carried our things and welcomed us with all sorts of good wishes.

Here we are now, in the Mission House to which Miss Trotter loved so much to come.

The day after we arrived, and in the midst of all the confusion of unpacking and sorting many cases and valises, young men came, wanting to read the New Testament and to sing hymns. On the Thursday crowds of boys came to the class and showed their joy at coming in a lively fashion!

One afternoon a neighbour sent to fetch me, as her youngest child, a baby boy six months old, was very ill. I followed my small guide. He was a little chap of six or seven years, with bright black eyes, and was one of the five brothers of the sick baby. The courtyard of their house is large and spacious. Three young palm trees are growing in it, there is a desert well and a promising little garden where red-pepper plants are beginning to grow.

The baby's mother came forward to greet me and wished me all sorts of blessings. As I was a newcomer she wanted to make me specially welcome.

I went into a room where the only light came from the door open into the court-

yard. On the ground I saw a pile of rags, and the woman lifted a tattered blue cover and there lay a poor baby very, very ill. His big eyes with their long, black lashes had a suffering expression which went to my heart. He had slipped partly off the mattress and his little emaciated legs were lying on the bare earth floor. High fever and dysentery had brought this beautiful baby near to death in a few days. There was nothing very much left to do, it seemed to be too late. In my heart I prayed to God to lessen the child's suffering, to heal him if it was His will, and to show me what I could do for him.

I took the baby's sister home with me as I wanted to teach her how to make rice water. As I cannot speak Arabic yet, I thought that to show her how to do it would be the best way of making her understand. This girl is the eldest of the family and though she is only eleven years old she has quite a womanly air.

Having made the rice water we went back again to the sick baby. His mother had carried his little bed out under a pomegranate tree. A puppy was trotting round and was licking the edge of the mattress. Very slowly the baby managed to take a few spoonfuls of the rice water. He seemed so thirsty, but soon his little head fell back again. I advised his mother to give him some every hour.

Next day one of the boys came to ask me for some more of the remedy. These people are so poor that they have not even a little rice, and I prepared some rice water for them every day. The poor baby improved a little, but one morning I heard that his funeral had just taken place.

This tragedy has its counterpart almost every day here, owing to ignorance and poverty.

May God Himself lighten the deep darkness of these poor Arabs !

M. LULL
(Translated).

Praise and Prayer Requests.

Praise.

For those who, having fought a good fight and having kept the faith, have entered into fuller life.

For the large number of Scriptures and tracts distributed during the recent itinerations in eastern and western Algeria.

For God's power manifested in those converts who broke the fast ; for the special opportunities Ramthân gave of reaching souls with the Good News of Christ.

That M. Millon was able this Autumn to visit many French Protestant Churches, and to tell of the spiritual needs of the Moslem students of Algeria.

That our financial requirements during the past year were fully met, and that for the present and future we have the promise " God shall supply all your need."

Prayer.

For God's guidance and enabling for the continuance of the translation work on which Mr. Theobald and the translation Committee were engaged.

For God's healing touch upon Miss Butler, and that the Good Shepherd's love and tender care may be round about the babes in Christ at Tlemcen who are left without human help at this time.

For guidance and blessing in itinerations which may be undertaken in the Spring, including (D.V.) one to the Beni M'zab.

For fresh contacts with Moslem students in Algiers, and that some of those who have left the University, to whom M. Millon sends his little monthly periodical, may be led to Christ and blessed in reading it.

For the converts, that they may grow in grace and go forward in the path of witness and service.

Annual Meeting,

1937.

It was on a warm September afternoon, almost Algerian in its sunshine, that we made our way to Caxton Hall for the Annual Meeting. We had the opportunity of meeting and greeting old friends, and though, to our joy, the number present was larger than usual, we still had a nice "all one family" feeling!

First came tea, and then we had a short time of praise and prayer led by the Rev. F. C. Brading, in which a number took part.

After this we spent a little while in looking at curios and objects of interest from North Africa. These were displayed at the side and end of the Hall, and were explained by various members of the Band.

Miss Sheach was showing things that had come from the desert. A charm to avert the evil eye (Tozeur), a huge wooden lock that had doubtless kept many a Mozabite woman securely shut in, little round leather-framed mirrors and cases for eye-black, beloved of desert belles, a terrible scorpion (in a bottle), soft fine sand and crystalline roses from the desert floor, were a few of the thrilling things that were shown.

Miss McIlroy was in charge of the exhibit from more northern Stations and we saw, among the many interesting objects, models of the fire-pot and cooking vessels used by Arab women, baskets woven from palm fibre, embroidered shoes, henna such as Algerian maidens use for tinting their hands and feet, coffee cups and coffee pot, and many coloured candles for offering at the shrines.

Miss Farmer showed native work, embroidery, lace, handkerchiefs, and beautifully woven wool rugs. There were also Arabic texts painted by boys, and dolls dressed native fashion by girls, etc., etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Stalley presided over a show of literature. Booklets and tracts were there (both A.M.B. and N.M.P.), such as are sold in the dépôts; English books and booklets written by Miss Trotter and others, were also on sale.

Lastly, the Home side was suggested by an A.M.B. money box, a magazine, and a prayer letter. Beside these, there were samples of things that we at Home can make to help those on the Field, among them a jersey made from a pair of old stockings, a little brightly-coloured shirt, a delightful doll, a scrap book made of brown paper and filled with well-chosen Bible pictures (to help those unable to read), postcards with a French text painted on them and backed with a pretty picture postcard, and so on.

Present in the Hall were two ladies who caused much interest; one was dressed as a woman of Algiers and one as a desert (M'zab) woman. A small boy and girl delightedly showed us what the Arab boys and girls in Algeria look like!

Beside all there was to see, Miss P. Russell (Sidcup Local Representative) delighted everyone with her beautiful singing, which helped us to realise Christ's presence in our midst.

At 6.30 p.m. Dr. C. K. Mowll took the chair and asked the missionaries of the A.M.B. to come up and sit on the platform.

Mr. Brading (President of Home Council), led us in prayer, Mr. Verner read a portion of Scripture, and the Secretary (Home) drew attention to a few points.

Miss Perkin (General Secretary) then spoke to us and specially mentioned the French speaking workers, whom we are so thankful to have in our Band. We were told a little about the work that some of them are doing, e.g. the Student work in Algiers (M. Millon), itineration with the Mission Car (M. Nicoud), and desert work (M. and Mme. Lull), and Mlle. Butticaz.

Miss McIlroy then told of a little waif rescued in Algiers long ago who is now the Christian mother of a family, and seeking to win others for Christ. We also heard of the sad famine conditions in Bou Saada, of some needy ones who had been helped and had responded to the love shown to them in Christ's name.

Mrs. Stalley stirred our hearts as she told of God's working in the lives of some Christian girls at Relizane, and we rejoiced as she spoke of the wonderful way in which deliverance had come when they were threatened with disaster of one kind and another. Mrs. Stalley asked for our prayers for these girls and for those whom they themselves long to win for Christ.

Miss Roche spoke of her visit to the Field this Spring, and of the sense of progress and of the moving of God's Spirit of which she had been conscious. We also heard from her about several girls and women whom she had met, and in whose hearts God had been evidently working.

Dr. Mowll, who had told us at the beginning of the Meeting of his prayerful interest, during many years, in the A.M.B., presided in a very genial and loving way which everyone much appreciated. He closed with a short address on the story of the great famine in Samaria (2 Kings 7), and speaking of the great needs of which we had been hearing, Dr. Mowll reminded us of God's full and wonderful provision in Christ. The urgency of the challenge came to us in the quiet of the closing moments, "it is a day of good tidings . . . now therefore come that we may go and tell." Pastor Stalley closed the meeting with prayer.

It was a very great pleasure to know that other missionary societies were represented at our Meeting, among them were: E.G.M. (Mr. and Mrs. Collinson), N.A.M. (Dr. Liley), C.M.S. (Miss E. Thorpe), N.M.P. (Mr. Oliver), M.M.J. (Dr. Goldstein), U.F.M. (Miss Yerboro).

Home Notes.

4, Waldens Road,
Horsell,

Dear A.M.B. Friends, Woking.

You will find an account of our Annual Meeting in this number. I have also to record a very good meeting which was arranged by our enthusiastic Local Representative at Bexhill, and meetings held at Ditton, Maidstone, the Bournemouth neighbourhood, and in Woking.

We had a blessed time at our Praise and Prayer Meeting held at Eccleston Hall in November; we only wished that more of our friends could have been there.

Please mark the date, March 8th (Tuesday) at once, as we much want our A.M.B. friends within reach of London to unite with us in a Praise Meeting to be held D.V. that day, our fiftieth anniversary. We shall be sending notices out later on, and shall also give particulars in our February prayer letter.

In connection with our accounts, we should like to express our most grateful thanks to Mr. Richard Madeley for his kindness in acting as our auditor during the illness of Mr. Neville Russell, who has been our honorary auditor for several years. We are also most thankful to Miss J. Allberry for so kindly helping with the book-keeping.

Renewal slips are to be found in this issue of *A Thirsty Land*. Some have already paid in advance for their magazines and these slips are only intended for the use of those who have not done so.

Please take note of the information given on page 20: "Financial" and "Special Offer."

With best wishes to you all for a happy Christmas and a New Year full of blessing.

I am,
Yours very sincerely,
MILLCENT H. ROCHE,
(Hon. Sec.).

God's Glory in Providence.

That God unfailingly provides for what He directs has been attested down the ages, and the present A. M. B. Treasury Report recalls many providences during the year ended June 30th, 1937.

The men of Hezekiah copied first this proverb, "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing." Truly, we have been led into new places of praise and adoration through providences concealed, and then revealed. When "brooks" which we have become accustomed to, have "dried up," we have been ready to ask, "how" or "by whom" will that which is needful for the life and work of His sent ones, *now* come in. Then words from of old have given rest: "In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen (or provided)"; "Jesus therefore said to Philip, Whence . . . ? and this He said to prove him, for He Himself knew what He would do"; "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?"

Our year-ago report held this testimony: "Year closed with every claim upon the Treasury met." Almost immediately afterwards our faith was to be again tested, and ourselves searched by this word, "Thou shalt consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee . . . that He might make thee know. . . ." Did we need new testings so that the better we might know *HIM*? Undoubtedly! So, in July (1936) there had come into the Treasury sufficient only for three-quarters usual workers' allowances, during August sufficient for half only after having completed July, in September nothing beyond what was needful for rents and other first charges on the funds, in October only enough to complete August and provide half the overdue September

allowances, in November again nothing for allowances, and in December sufficient only to complete September and give half October!

Then, in the early days of the present calendar-year, the testing gave place to ample provision; gift after gift came in, small and large, among the latter some of the largest yet received by us. By the end of January all the overdue allowances, the deficit on which had accumulated into a large sum, were fully met. And the needs of the remaining five months of our financial year have been month by month covered.

God's providence for the last two of these, and to carry us forward into our new year, came by way of the payment of the legacy of our dear Miss Isabelle May, who in her life-time had already done so much for us, and whose fellowship was always of such an understanding nature.

Thus, in retrospect we behold His glory—that glory concealed and then revealed, in the realm of His providence.

And what of prospect? At the moment of writing this report, for the first time in this year, payment of the current month's allowances has been delayed, but is now assured for the middle of the month. And we have this word, "HIS GLORY *shall* be seen upon thee!" May we never, through unbelief or disobedience, cause that glory to be withheld!

We anew praise God for the many whom He keeps in loving and vital fellowship with His work as committed to us in this field of ever-enlarging opportunity, and it is a continual strength to remember their prayerful support, of which the gifts coming in assure us.

H. W. BUCKENHAM
(Treasurer).

"All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all His love."

ALGIERS MISSION BAND.

Statement of Accounts for the Year ending June 30th, 1937.

RECEIPTS.		Francs	Francs
By Balance in Bank	...	20070.49	
" Cash in hand	...	35.80	
			20106.29
<i>General Fund:—</i>			
" *Donations	...	228555.16	
" Legacy (part)—The late Miss L. Isabelle May	...	38512.30	
" Société Anonyme "Dar Naama" (part sale Mascara Property)	...	5000.00	
" Bank Interest	...	289.85	
			272357.30
<i>Appropriated Funds:—</i>			
" †Donations	...	9522.85	
" Sale of Literature	...	504.80	
" Rent of Buildings and land at Dar Naama	...	8950.00	
" Home Office "Upkeep of Dar Naama" Account	...	17009.90	
			35987.55
		Francs 328451.14	
* Of this from Home Office	...	45983.95	
* " " Gifts from America	...	54820.60	
† " " from Home Office	...	1202.15	

Treasurer: H. W. BUCKENHAM,
Oulad Sultan, Blida, Algeria.

The foregoing shown in sterling on the basis of 105 francs to the £, this being the approximate average rate of exchange for sums received during the year.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance in Bank, July 1st, 1936	...	191	2	11½			
" Cash in Hand	...		6	9½	191	9	9½
<i>General Fund:—</i>							
" *Donations	...	2,176	14	3½			
" Legacy (part)—The late Miss L. Isabelle May	...	366	15	8½			
" Société Anonyme "Dar Naama" (part sale Mascara Property)	...	47	12	4½			
" Bank Interest	...	2	15	2½			
					2,593	17	7
<i>Appropriated Funds:—</i>							
" †Donations	...	90	13	10½			
" Sale of Literature	...	4	16	1½			
" Rent of buildings and land at Dar Naama	...	85	4	9½			
" Home Office "Upkeep of Dar Naama" Account	...	161	19	11½			
					342	14	9½
					£3,128	2	1½
* Of this from Home Office	...	437	18	10			
* " " Gifts from America	...	522	2	0			
† " " from Home Office	...	11	8	11			

Treasurer: H. W. BUCKENHAM,
Oulad Sultan, Blida, Algeria.

PAYMENTS.		Francs	Francs
<i>General Fund:—</i>			
To Missionaries' Allowances	...	230450.15	
" Rents, Taxes, and Repairs	...	28379.05	
" Travelling	...	5293.25	
" Postage and Stationery	...	974.35	
" Various Mission Expenses	...	4047.17	
			289143.97
<i>Appropriated Funds:—</i>			
" Production of Literature for Arabs	...	448.00	
" Colportage	...	3065.05	
" Refugee Work	...	2890.00	
" Upkeep of Dar Naama	...	29423.10	
" Stations (Special Gifts)	...	1495.85	
			37262.00
" Balance in Bank, June 30th, 1937	...	22000.57	
" Cash in Hand	...	44.60	
			22045.17
		Francs 328451.14	
		Francs	Francs
Balance of General Fund	...		9356.82
<i>Balances of Appropriated Funds:—</i>			
" Production of Literature	...	3123.90	
" Colportage	...	2093.80	
" Refugee Work	...	4597.15	
" Upkeep of Dar Naama	...	2873.70	
			12688.55
		Francs 22045.17	

Examined and found correct.
Algiers. 9th Sept., 1937. HENRY R. TURNER.

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>General Fund:—</i>							
To Missionaries' Allowances	...	2,194	15	3½			
" Rents, Taxes and Repairs	...	270	5	6½			
" Travelling	...	50	8	2½			
" Postage and Stationery	...	9	5	7			
" Various Mission Expenses	...	38	10	10½			
					2,563	5	6½
<i>Appropriated Funds:—</i>							
" Production of Literature for Arabs	...	4	5	4			
" Colportage	...	29	3	10			
" Refugee Work	...	26	19	0½			
" Upkeep of Dar Naama	...	280	4	4½			
" Stations (Special Gifts)	...	14	4	11			
					354	17	6½
" Balance in Bank, June 30th, 1937	...	209	10	7			
" Cash in Hand, June 30th, 1937	...		8	6			
					209	19	1
					£3,128	2	1½
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance of General Fund	...				89	2	2½
<i>Balances of Appropriated Funds:—</i>							
" Production of Literature	...	39	15	0½			
" Colportage	...	19	18	9½			
" Refugee Work	...	43	15	7½			
" Upkeep of Dar Naama	...	27	7	4½			
					120	16	10½
					£209	19	1

HOME OFFICE ACCOUNTS.

Year ended, 30th June, 1937.

RECEIPTS.		£		s.		d.		PAYMENTS.		£		s.		d.			
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To	Balance in hand, 1/7/36				14	12	1	By	Magazine and Book Account ...	95	0	6					
"	General Fund:—								Less Receipts	56	2	5					
	Donations, etc.	555	8	3				"	Stationery, Postage, etc.				39	18	1		
	Executors of the late Miss							"	Honorarium (Secretarial help) ...				35	4	7		
	I. May	817	18	0				"	Deputation Expenses				19	15	0		
					1,373	6	3	"	Remitted to Field:—				20	13	3		
"	Appropriated Gifts					12	9	0	General Account	797	5	7					
"	Upkeep of Dar Naama Account:—							Appropriated	10	19	0						
	Dividends and Interest	123	7	0				Upkeep of Dar Naama	166	15	5						
	Royalties received	30	11	0								965	0	0			
					153	18	0	"	Cash in hand and at Bank ...	550	14	5					
									Less unrepresented Cheques ...	77	0	0					
												473	14	5			
													£1,554	5	4		
															£1,554	5	4

INVESTMENTS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE BAND.

£	s.	d.	
200	0	0	Anglo-Argentine Tramways 4% Deb. Stock.
20	0	0	Industrial and General Trust Stock.
360	0	0	Investment Trust Corporation Deferred Stock.
958	9	1	3½% War Stock.
1,050	0	0	5% Conversion Loan.

I have examined the foregoing accounts with the books and vouchers, and have found them to be correct. I have also verified the Investments.

R. R. MADELEY.

29th July, 1937.

Financial.

The following statement is taken from our Basis. We would draw special attention to it as we believe that there may be some who do not fully understand our financial position.

(From A.M.B. Basis.)

Clause V. Finance.

For many years the needs of the Mission were met partly by members on the Field, but now we are more and more cast on God for supplies for the maintenance of the existing work and its ever increasing extension. For these supplies we come to Him in prayer, never asking personal gifts, but circulating among His people information as to the work. Accounts of all monies received are kept and audited, and their summary is given in the Winter number of our magazine.

Important.**SPECIAL OFFER.****"Between the Desert and the Sea."**

By I. L. Trotter.

For 3/6.

(Postage 6d.)

This book contains a large number of Miss Trotter's beautiful North African sketches, in colour.

It is offered at above special price as we want Miss Trotter's work and writing to be still more widely known.

The book would make a wonderful Christmas present. Please order from the Office at once.

Basis.

The A.M.B. is interdenominational and desires to have fellowship with all who form the One Body of Christ. The Band holds and teaches:—

- (1) Absolute Faith in the Deity of each Person of the Trinity.
- (2) Absolute confidence in the full inspiration of the Old and New Testaments.
- (3) Absolute belief in the Cross of Christ as the one means of access to God, and the redemptive power for the whole world.

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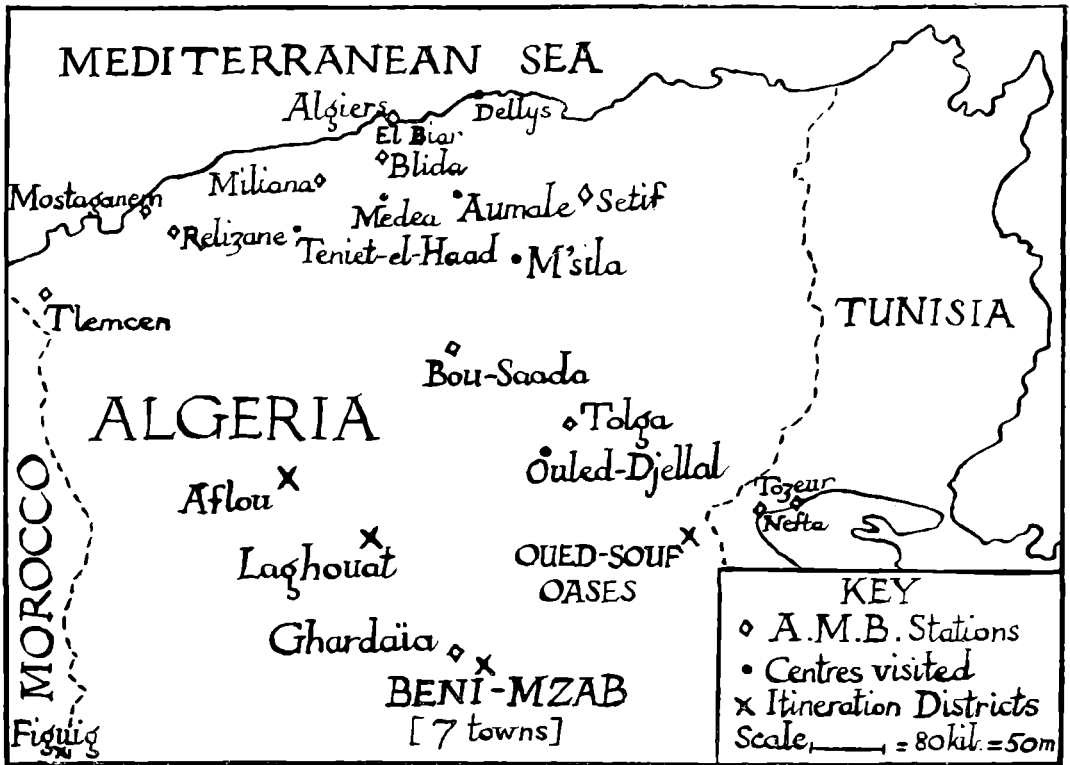
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