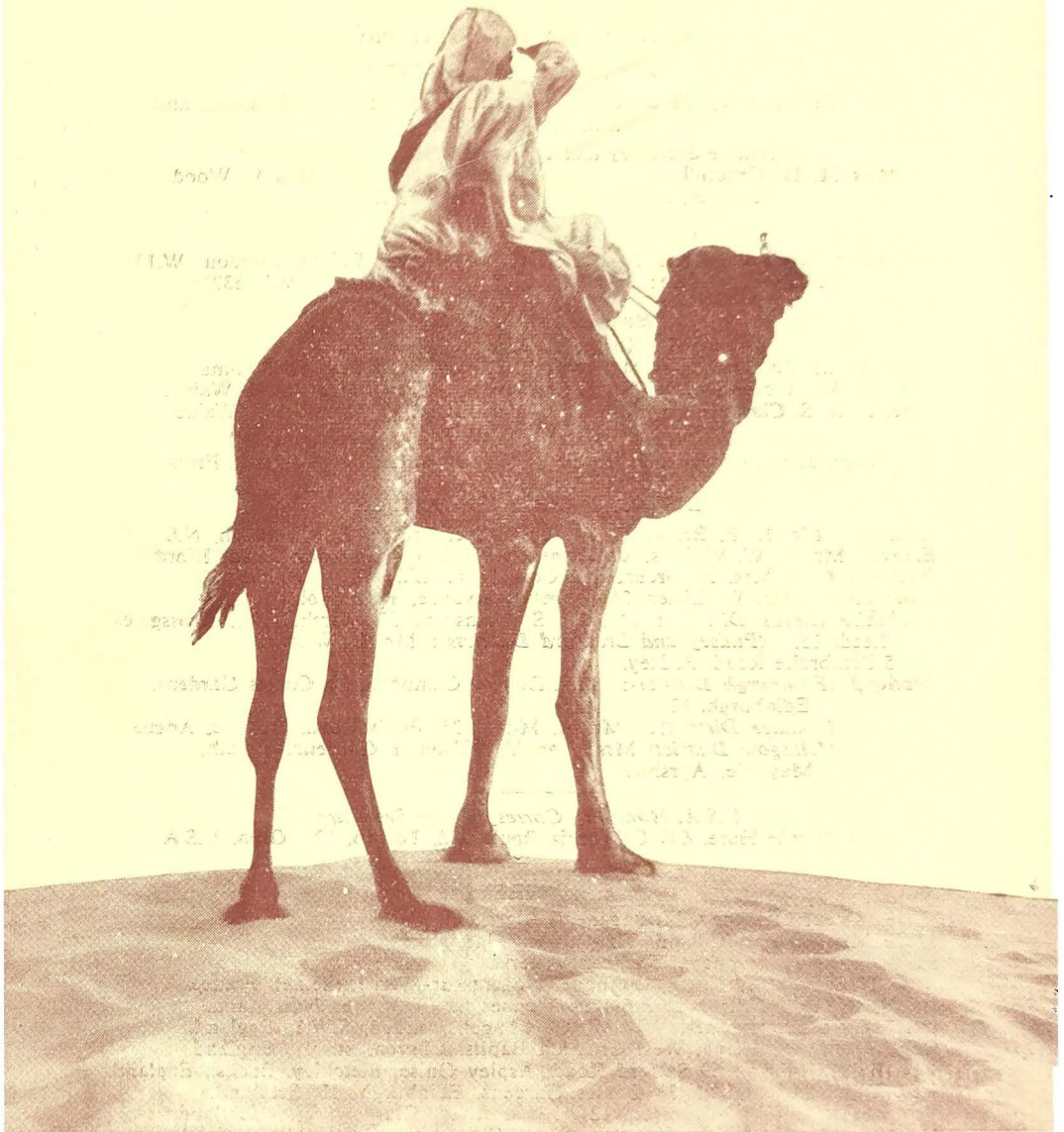


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Editorial

WE are pleased to announce that the Annual Meetings are fixed for *Wednesday, 22nd May next*, in the Tudor Room, Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S.W.1.

The Afternoon Meeting is at 3 o'clock, and the Evening one at 6.30 p.m., with a tea interval at 4.30 p.m. for which friends are invited to avail themselves of the cafes in the neighbourhood. A further announcement about this will be made at the Afternoon Meeting, and members of the A.M.B. will be pleased to direct or escort guests to suitable tea places.

Invitation cards giving fuller details of the Meetings, will follow at a later date.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Caxton Hall; meanwhile, please bear in mind the date, making it a matter of prayer.

There is time yet to send us your gifts for the Stall, but we do ask that these might be priced, and posted to us before May 10th, at Algiers House, 92 Gordon Road, Ealing, W.13.

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We rejoice that Miss Wood is better on the whole, though she is

still confined to the Nursing Home in Ealing. Pray that her recovery may be complete.

Peter G. Longley

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Algiers, 1st March, 1963

We have pleasure in announcing that missionaries are once again residing at Tlemcen, in the West of Algeria. By a happy arrangement. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing, of the North Africa Mission, are now occupying the Mission House there. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing have had many years of experience in missionary work in several towns in Algeria, and we welcome this opportunity of closer fellowship with them.

The re-opening of the work at Tlemcen, which has been made possible in this way, is one of the first steps in a renewed co-operation between the Algiers Mission Band and the North Africa Mission. We are looking to the Lord to give us clear directions as to what further steps to take. Close co-operation between those at work in the same Field cannot fail to be of great value. Our

readers are asked to support us all in prayer that we may take advantage of the many open doors in Algeria today.

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For the past three or four months several Missions have been engaged in the distribution of leaflets announcing Bible Correspondence Courses in both French and Arabic. The number of persons in Algeria who have enrolled for the first lesson is now more than five thousand. Only a relatively small proportion of these has so far made much progress, but your prayers for all those receiving the course will play a great part in this work. Most of the office work connected with these courses is being done in Algiers by members of the North Africa Mission.

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Miss Grautoff returned to Algeria in mid-February, and will be spending short periods in Algiers, Blida and Miliana for a few months.

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We have heard from Mademoiselle Chollet, who is now settled in Switzerland, and from Miss Gow, who is working part-time with the Y.W.C.A. of Scotland in Dundee.

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The annual summary of accounts printed on a later page will show just how the Mission's money was used during the twelve months ended 30th June 1962. We apologise to our readers for one or two statements included in the second Report (printed on page 8 of "A Thirsty Land" No. 141, November-December 1962) which may have been misleading. The sum of £992 was not entirely extra expenditure incurred in the running of the London Centre at Ealing, as might have been wrongly assumed, but the net increase in payments

made from A.M.B. funds in London during the year, as compared with the previous year. For the most part, this sum represented allowances paid to missionaries temporarily in Britain, who had been on the Field during the preceding year. Secondly, the statement that there were increased financial demands on the Field, was made due to a misunderstanding. In fact, as reported higher on the same page, Mission expenses on the Field were considerably less than during the previous year.

In a year when circumstances caused the interruption of work in several places, we praise God that He did not allow any part of it to be restricted due to lack of funds. His Way is perfect.

M. Lull

REPORT FROM TOLGA

The work at Tolga is going on steadily. The attendance of the smaller girls is fewer than in December, but 30 or 35 is enough! They do not seem too difficult in this month of fasting, which often causes so much trouble. Seven older girls are coming now, and they work well. One of them has made a shirt with long sleeves for her 7-year old brother, and is now making a pair of long trousers. The others are not so far advanced. There are three different levels among them, which somewhat complicates matters!

The work with the older girls is interesting. We have studied the subject of "Fasting" according to Isaiah 58 and the Gospels. Next we shall be studying "Prayer" in 5 or 6 lessons. Please pray for the eldest of our girls, who has heard a lot

and understands well. I have been able to visit some of my former pupils.

Pastor Grellet of Constantine visited us again last week. He has a lot of understanding and sympathy for missionary work — and so has his wife. I am so glad of that, for it is not often that I have the opportunity of such fellowship.

M. D. Grautoff

A SHORT VISIT TO ALGERIA 1963.

Algeria was a sad country when I left for England in June 1962. In fact, there were few places safe enough in which to stroll about and our hearts were weary of the plastic bombs at night and the assassinations by day — shops burnt out, and smashed up cars in the ditches on the wayside telling of hatred and malice on both sides.

Now, after six months, I find myself again in Algeria, driving from the aerodrome Maison Blanche, to stay at Blida.

What changes did I see or feel? First, the roads are quiet and safe, cars and buses running in regular routine to and fro. Wrecked cars are still noticeable on the roadside but that is sometimes through careless driving. Yet there is a noticeable difference. The green and white colours of the Algerian republic with its star and crescent, has replaced the French colours on all the public buildings. In some villages, broad painted bands of green, white and red appear on the avenues of trees as one drives down the main road. Then, as we drove through various small towns, I

noticed that the monuments had gone. They had been taken down by the military, to avoid desecration, leaving a blank or rubble.

The children in the schools are most patriotic, singing national songs in the Arabic language. Also, many streets have changed names and all is being done to forget the history of the past years in this beautiful country. European shops one knew so well are either closed or re-opened as Arab shops in different caché or style. Advertisements and notices are mostly in the two languages, and even some cars have their names and numbers in Arabic.

Elderly women wearing their haiks and nose veils are met with in most shops, and they expect prompt service, but we Europeans being foreigners, are expected to stand on one side till the national is served — discourtesy we must get used to and take with quiet amusement. One misses the merry little bootblackers with their wooden boxes and tins and brushes. These boys have been drafted into institutes where they are to be educated and taught some trade, and fed and clothed and housed, forbidden to bemean themselves any more by polishing the shoes of the Arab or European. I watch to see who will take their place!

New Mosques are being constructed, a huge one here in Blida was formerly a tobacco factory. And the Roman Catholic Cathedral has been taken back to be prepared as a Mosque in Algiers. *Because* the French have left the country, in many places the Protestant Churches will close if they have not already done so. The daily radio and the newspapers are full of talk of the

great things this young country is doing through the schools and social work, and if someone (formerly a nominal Christian) changes to Islam, there is an article in the papers making much of it. Meanwhile, other nations are sending workers into the country, i.e. Yugoslavia, Egypt and Poland, while others are also noticeable. What will it be in a few years time?

Let us pray for this land, first, that freedom of religion may continue, and that discourtesy and hatred may decrease; that the country may remember with gratitude the cultivation of their land, the making of their roads, the teaching of forestry and the development of mines and other industries. The many schools and hospitals built for them, and the organisation that has educated them for all the work that lies before them, so that the time may come when they will appreciate these 130 years of development, and be thankful.

D. B. Edge

A TE DEUM TAPESTRY

'Threads' of gold at Eastertide:

"And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away, for it was very great . . . **He is risen, He is not here.**" *Mark 16: 4, 6.*

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people." *Isa: 40: 1.*

for He hath said —

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." *John 11: 25, 26.*

"They are not dead, who in the Lord do rest,
Their journey done,
Their faith confessed,
Their glory now begun.

With us wait they, for His triumphant Day." *Anon.*

"Jesus Himself drew near and went with them." *Luke 24: 15.*

"They two went on." *2 Kings 2: 6.*

PRAYER CYCLE

" . . . I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth . . .
but with thee will I establish my covenant." *Gen. 6: 17, 18.*

Monday:	Algiers	Mr. & Mrs. P. G. Longley.
Tuesday :	Blida	Miss P.M. Russell & Mlle. J. Guibé.
	Miliana	Miss M. D. Grautoff
Wednesday :	Relizane	The Misses E. Clark & A. E. Powell.
Thursday :	Tlemcen	Mr. and Mrs. F. Ewing (North Africa Mission)
Friday :	Sétif	
Saturday :	Tolga	Madame Lull.
	Touggourt	
Sunday :	London Centre	Miss D. B. Edge and Missionaries, including Miss V. A. C. Wood, at Algiers House. Rev. & Mrs. R. J. Waine and family (temporarily in England).

*Please remember also, the members of the Executive Committee, Algiers,
and of the Home Council, London.*

ALGIERS MISSION BAND

Summary of Accounts for the year ended 30 June 1962

	£	£		£	£
BALANCES,, 1 July 1961		2,024	ALLOWANCES TO MISSIONARIES		
RECEIPTS			Missionaries on the Field	1,244	
Donations for General Purposes	1,410		Missionaries temporarily at Home	1,033	
Donations for Support of Missionaries	151		Retired Missionaries	446	
Donations for Special Purposes	333			-----	2,723
Sale of Literature	109		FIELD PAYMENTS		
Transfer from Legacies	2,244		Travelling and Furlough	215	
	-----	4,247	Rent	228	
			Transport Vehicles	134	
			Lighting, Heating & Water	185	
			Postage, Telephone and General	81	
			Colportage	9	
			Special and Personal	232	
				-----	1,084
			HOME PAYMENTS		
			Salaries and Nat. Insurance	725	
			Rates, Lighting & Heating	255	
			Repairs	80	
			Travelling & Deputation	127	
			Postage, Telephone and General	335	
			Publications	114	
				-----	1,636
			BALANCES, 30 June 1962		828
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		£6,271			£6,271
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The above is a condensed abstract to the nearest pound sterling of the combined Cash Accounts of the Algiers Mission Band kept in Algiers and London. Transactions in French Currency are included at the rate of 13.80 NF to the pound. Copies of the audited accounts may be seen on request.

PETER G. LONGLEY, Treasurer.