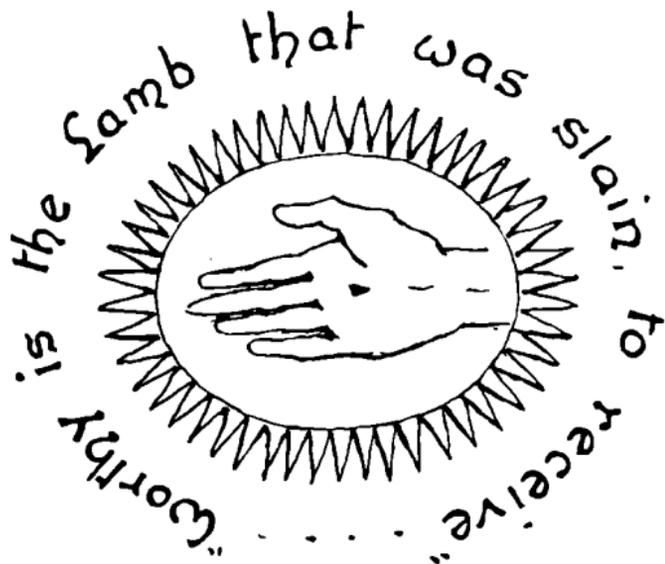


# Algiers Mission Band



Story of 1920-21.

# ALGIERS MISSION BAND.

## STATIONS, 1920-21.

	<i>Algiers.</i>	<i>Country.</i>	<i>Sub-Stations.</i>
1893	2 Rue du Croissant	1908 Blida	
1908	Dar Naama	1909 Relizane	and Mostaganem, 1917.
1909	Beit Naama	1909 Miliana	
		1912 Mascara	and Bou Hanifia, 1911.
		1913 Tozeur	and Monastir (rest-house), 1917.

*Sec. for Prayer helpers:* Mr. J. H. Smeeton, 2 Rue du Croissant, Algiers.

### *Advisory Council—London:*

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Trotter	-	-	Broomfield Lodge, Chelmsford.
Sir H. and Lady Proctor	-	-	Ware Hill, Great Amwell, Herts.
Rev. S. W. and Mrs. Howe	-	-	St. Luke's Vicarage, C.E., Finchley

### *Advisory Council—America:*

Mr. Fred. A. Wells	-	2306 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.
Mr. J. W. Kinnear	-	1112 North Negley Avenue, Pittsburgh, Penn.
Mr. Paul C. Warren	-	Three Oaks, Michagan.

### *Algerian Women's Mission Band—America:*

*Sec.:* Mrs. J. A. Walker, S.S. Ass., 2300 Dexter Street, Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.

## WORKERS ON THE FIELD. Winter, 1920-21.

(In order of arrival.)

1888	I. Lilius Trotter	1912	Mr. J. H. Smeeton
1890	F. Helen Freeman	„	Senor C. Soler
1906	Sascha E. Perkin	1914	Augusta M. Farmer
„	Alexandrine Gayral	*1915	Frances Brittle
1907	Mabel D. Grautoff	1916	Kathleen Butler
„	E. R. May Ridley	1919	Mons. le Pasteur J. P. Cook
1909	Fanny K. Currie	„	Madame Cook
„	Millicent Roche	„	Mons. Pierre Nicoud
„	Alma Krebs	„	Augusta Butticaz
„	M. Mary Watling	* „	Mary Taylor
„	Alice McIlroy	1920	Mr. Buckenham
1911	Ida Nash	„	Mrs. Buckenham
		„	Violet Wood

\* Short Service.

Dar Naama, El Biar, Algiers,

October, 1921.

**A**N old almsplate used to go round at the Communion Service in Cromer Church . . . may be it goes round still. It was a little worn plate, devoid of ornament, but it carried a silent plea so strong that the impulse always came to empty into it the contents of one's purse. For, faintly graven on a medallion in the centre, there shewed a pierced hand.

In no traced-out image, but in deepest spirit-truth, that hand of Jesus is stretched out to receive for His Moslem World—for it is His by right, not the property of the usurper. He created and redeemed that seventh part of earth's population which spurns His Godhead and His Cross. He is waiting to see what we can give Him for these lands where Islam holds sway.

What we out here can do is infinitesimally little, as these pages tell. But we stand at a place where, with a tide of prayer-help behind us, sending out recruits and means to support them, and above all Holy Ghost power to endue them, enough might be carried through to place in those hands of Christ the opportunity that He has never yet had among this people. "All that man can give God is opportunity."

Will you read these pages, not as a poor record of things done, but as a list of chances for doing, lying yet before us if Christ gets from us the poured-out giving of which "He is worthy."

We will go from West to East.

**Mascara** has had a hard pull, with poverty and epidemics all around. Not very much has visibly happened beyond the fighting through, and shedding the atmosphere of light and love abroad—that is, not much in the place itself, but standing as it does now, as the headquarters for the Oran province from an A.M.B. point of view, it is on the onward path, for its branches are spreading.

**Relizane** was the earliest opened of the Oran stations, and the one which from its first year began to yield fruit. This spring has been marked by shewing on its stem, so to speak, twin buds of sub-stations—one at Tiaret, a large centre on the mountain ridge, 3 hours off by rail, where the land slopes down again to the desert, and the desert caravans link it with the beyond. The other new little post is at Zemmora, a village among the foothills on the way up, whence other villages are accessible on all sides. The two who hold Relizane went home for their summer furlough, only longing already to be back for the following of their visions.

At **Mostaganem**, our other station of the Oran province, calls for extension are urgent. Its one worker is still single-handed, and waiting vainly

for any better accommodation than a single room in a house where natives are not made welcome. In these last months she has found a marked softening, especially among those of the well-to-do class.

**Miliana's** year has been a long wrestle with a tide of dearth and epidemic from being the site of a concentration camp for the starving districts in the surrounding mountains, and away south where the harvest had also failed through drought.

Amid all the strain of this relief work came the joy of being able to witness to Christ in word as well as deed, even in the mosque precincts where the refugees were sheltered: and one after another of the stranded orphans was nursed back to life and handed to the Homes of the American Mission. Alongside was another gladness in seeing the ripening of God's work in the blind Hadj, and its first upspringing in several girl hearts newly reached—girls from the more educated families, who are just growing into womanhood. They are linked up in Miliana chiefly through teaching them to read in their own tongue.

**Blida** says "our opportunities have been great as ever, and the doors are "wide open both in town and villages. On Thursdays and Sundays we were "so glad to make our afternoon class for older girls into a class for newcomers. "It was a joy to see the interest shown by a large number of girls who had never "heard the story of Christ's love before. We were able to get to villages which

“ had not been visited for some years, and in these and in others we had a good hearing for our message, and tracts were eagerly received where there were those who were able to read.”

**Algiers** began its history after the close of the last report, by the arrival among us of Miss de Mayer. She brought a breath of fresh longing for the revealing of Christ to the furthest away and the darkest. The Millars found in meeting her a fresh seal that God was calling them to the “ beyond,” and they left us in the autumn for pioneer work in the east. And then she proved a true comrade in arms for iteration in our Algerian south land, before going off again on her quest towards yet needier countries.

Meanwhile another bit of the south land had arrived here—the elder brother of the young fellow who came up from Tozeur in the early summer of last year. This newcomer took his stand alongside for Christ, and the brothers were baptized together in the winter ; and with them we welcomed into the ranks of the Church militant the blind lad who has been under our care for the last six years. The Tozeur pair married in the early summer two convert girls from Cherchelle, and settled in one of the courts at the back of Dar-Naama, working on the land below.

We have had cheer in seeing the steady growth both in numbers and in spirit in the little Sunday morning service for men and women, and in the monthly communion service, in which the baptized converts have joined us. We praise God for this.

In other directions the work in Algiers has been understaffed through the long illness of the Beit Naama helper. Mrs. Walker threw herself into the breach, and gained the hearts of all the children with her drills and playhours, helping the classes there and at Rue du Croissant to hold bravely on their way. She has taken back with her to America a tide of love and gratitude from us all, that shews no signs of ebbing out. A "Short Service" worker from the C.M.S. gave us good help through many bits of pressure.

**Tozeur** was reinforced by a new worker, Violet Wood, who joins our permanent Staff this autumn.

We have had, at long last, the fulfilling of hopes and longings that have gathered ever since 1911 around the afore-time fondonk that we have rented there. Never a whit nearer purchase and possession did it seem till a few weeks after the last Report was sent out, with its urgent call to prayer on the subject. Then, suddenly, the refractory Jewish landlord yielded it with all its possibilities for making an ideal Mission-house. Our friend Mr. Leadbetter, of Sfax, steered the matter to its conclusion with infinite pains, and before Christmas it was safely made over.

Our spring campaign there was carried on through difficulties that, anywhere but at Tozeur, would have meant a dead block; for carpenters, masons, and their attendant strings of donkeys, made the place a Babel. But it was Tozeur, and so, notwithstanding the turmoil, the days were few when we did

not get hours together of reading with lads and men, from which fresh fruitage is coming already through the dynamic seed of God's word. And the chance for women and girls will follow now that the new part of the house gives them a separate entrance.

We thankfully left in charge a young missionary friend, Mr. Olley, who wanted a place in which to bury himself for language study : so the witness for Christ has gone on there through the summer.

There are other side issues that have made their way under difficulties. All publication of literature has been at a prohibitive rate, and would have been at a standstill but for two good gifts from America, which have enabled us to bring out various editions of Bible portions in the decorative setting that is dear to the Arab heart.

The Van went out joyfully on its way in the autumn, and had a good time in French villages. Its "raison d'être" however is the native villages, and that is still awaiting for its achievement, the hour when we shall have men-workers with their Arabic free. The prayers of the last two years over this question are still stored before God, and are bringing one after another within touch. We believe that these next months will land us fresh brother-helpers. For them and for the men converts, the intense need now is an Arabic-speaking leader. May we not look for this gift without delay? Leaders for His Church stand out, by St. Paul's interpretation, among the "gifts for men" promised from the Throne where Christ has gone.

“ Gifts for men, yea, for the rebellious also ”—so Islam has its claim on them in His Heart of pity. The gift of light to them that sit in darkness awaits them—and the gift of the Spirit for the faltering disciples—and then this gift of leaders to train them and inspire them. But in his wonderful purpose it is as we put our all into His hands, that He blesses and breaks and gives as in that evening by the sea among the hungry crowd.

May we let all go to Him as utterly as did the lad with his poor store that day. “ All ” may mean the last ounce of strength—the last reduction of our balance—the last available hour for prayer ; but that is the kind of giving that we shall long to have laid in those hands of His when we see them on the other shore. It will be too late then for earthly possibilities ; it is not too late now, glory be to His Name ! And we know not what bit of inadequate offering He may use still, as He did then, as the fulcrum for His power.

“ Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive ”—to receive all that He asks for His Moslem World.



LOCATION OF WORKERS. Winter, 1920-21.

*Dar Naama, El Biar, Algiers—*

I. L. Trotter  
S. Perkin  
M. Watling  
Mons. Pierre Nicoud  
Mr. and Mrs. Buckenham  
Mrs. T. A. Walker, of A.W.M.B.  
*pro tem*

*2 Rue du Croissant, Algiers—*

A. McIlroy  
Mr. Smeeton  
F. Brittle (short service)

*Beit Naama, Algiers—*

A. M. Farmer (on sick leave)

*Saint Eugene, Algiers—*

Mons and Mme. Cook

*Blida—*

F. K. Currie  
M. Roche  
M. Tayler (short service)

*Miliana—*

M. D. Grautoff  
I. Nash  
A. Butticaz

*Relizane—*

M. Ridley  
K. Butler

*Mascara—*

F. H. Freeman  
Senor and Sen. Soler  
F. Hammon (Mission Helper)

*Mostaganem—*

A. Gayral

*Tozeur—*

A. Krebs  
V. Wood

## ALGIERS MISSION BAND.

### Statement of Accounts for the Year ending June 30th, 1921.

<i>Payments.</i>	<i>Receipts.</i>
To Missionary Allowances 26124.75	By Balance in Banks ... 15993.90
„ Rents, Taxes, Repairs 1209.15	„ Cash in Hand ... 27.00
„ Travelling ... 2364.75	————— 16020.90
„ Station Expenses (Various) ... 1228.70	<b>General Fund :</b>
<b>Appropriated Gifts :</b>	„ Donations ... 21780.95
„ Itineration ... 718.00	„ Products of Native Work 160.25
„ Publication of Tracts, etc. ... 3603.05	<b>W.A.M.B., America :</b>
„ Men's Allowances ... 7562.50	„ Donations ... 14061.00
„ Van and Colportage ... 804.50	<b>Appropriated Gifts :</b>
————— 43615.40	„ Donations ... 9187.20
„ Balance in Banks ... 18030.50	„ Sales of Literature ... 846.45
„ Balance in Cash ... 410.85	————— 46035.85
————— 18441.35	Francs 62056.75
Francs 62056.75	£1241 2s. 8½d.
£1241 2s. 8½d.	Balance of General Fund 15335.90
Nominal rate of Exchange 25 Frs. = £	„ Appropriated 3105.45
Actual present rate about 50 Frs. = £	————— 18441.35 Francs.
	£368 16s. 8d.

This Balance Sheet represents about one quarter of the expenditure of the Mission, the Honorary Members of the Staff being responsible for the rest.

Treasurer : Miss F. K. Currie,  
Dar Naama, El Biar, Algiers.

Examined and found correct, Algiers,  
13th October, 1921.—Henry R. Turner.