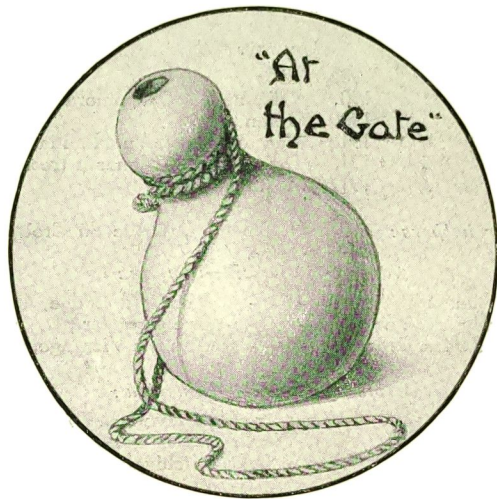


# Algiers Mission Band



Story of 1921-22.

# ALGIERS MISSION BAND.

## STATIONS, 1921-22.

	<i>Algiers.</i>	<i>Country.</i>	<i>Sub-Stations.</i>
1893	2 Rue du Croissant	1908 Blida	
1903	Dar Naama	1909 Relizane	Zemmora and Tiaret, 1921.
1909	Beit Naama	1909 Miliana	
1921	Belcourt	1912 Mascara	Bou Hanifia, 1911.
		1913 Tozeur	Monastir (rest-house), 1917.
		1917 Mostaganem	

*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.

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## WORKERS ON THE FIELD. Winter, 1921-22.

(In order of arrival)

1888	I. Lilius Trotter	1916	Kathleen Butler
1890	F. Helen Freeman	1919	Mons. le Pasteur J. P. Cook
1906	Sascha E. Perkin	„	Madame Cook
„	Alexandrine Gayral	„	Mons. Pierre Nicoud
1907	Mabel D. Grautoff	„	Augusta Butticaz
„	E. R. May Ridley	1920	Mr. Buckenham
1909	Fanny K. Currie	„	Mrs. Buckenham
„	Millicent Roche	„	Violet Wood
„	Alma Krebs	1921	M. L. McNery (short service)
„	M. Mary Watling	„	M. H. Drysdale „ „
„	Alice McIlroy	„	M. Ryff „ „
1911	Ida Nash	„	Mr. Theobald
1912	Mr. J. H. Smeeton	„	Mrs. Theobald
„	Senor C. Soler	1922	Madame Pierre Nicoud
1914	Augusta M. Farmer		

Dar Naama, El Biar, Algiers,

July, 1922.

I heard last spring of a praying man who had a map of the world—his sphere of labour—on his wall, surmounted by those two words—

“I THIRST.”

That man knew his Lord's Heart.

If there is one part of the map that tells of that unslaked thirst of Jesus, it is the far stretching lands of Islam. And there is an old Testament story that tells in figure of the only way within our reach whereby that thirst may be met.

“And David was then in the hold, and the Philistines were then in Bethlehem. And David longed and said, ‘O that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate.’ And the three brake through the host of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and brought it to David.”

That is the ideal of the present quest for souls in Moslem Lands.

For the draft that could quench the Captain's thirst lay within the enemy's lines, in the very place where his power concentrated, for "the gate" was always the point of most determined resistance when holding a city. And the fight to reach it, reckless of the impossibility of the attempt, was only surpassed by the tension of the struggle back, with its risk for the treasure that the soldiers bore.

The story has its counterpart now. On the Moslem field there is nothing yet to shew, in the outward triumph of Christ's cause. As on that day long ago, all the visible might is on the side of the adversary. In that very fact lies a unique chance of giving our uncrowned King the same service as was rendered by those three. It is the hour when we may have the joy of breaking through the crux of the opposition of hell, at "the gate of His enemies," and bringing Him back the living water of souls won out of the midst of that battle.

Great organisations we have none : it is no golden chalice, so to speak, that contains the draught, only the soldier's gourd : little matter if it holds these first precious drops of saved souls, wherewith to quench His thirst.

And so we give the résumé of one more year of the struggle : in some stations

still grappling with the foe that stands between them and the prize, in others the more strenuous fight over the guarding of the first souls won.

We will go as usual from West to East.

The Oran province has still its three stations of **Mascara**, **Relizane**, and **Mostaganem**. This year, though Mascara has lain low since the end of January, through the long illness of one of its helpers, Mostaganem has had a marked stirring of eagerness among the ever increasing number of households open for visiting. And Relizane has had the joy of seeing the start of its two little new substations, **Tiaret** and **Zemmora**. These bring a largely increased radius within reach and a fresh touch, through the caravan route from Tiaret, with the lands of the south that are so dear to all our hearts.

**Miliana** has had the joy of its firsts two baptisms : a blind Hadj, whom God has followed for years, and who has now been won wholly in allegiance to Christ, and a lad who was sent up for land work at Dar Naama, with a very simple faith in Him. The girl-souls who have been brought in there, have not the same liberty to declare themselves, and two of them have been having a hard time.

**Biida's** advance has been notably in the increase of women attending the meetings, many of them mothers brought along by their children in the first in-

stance, to see the work that the little ones were doing. In the Ramadhan lantern meetings the attendance passed all record, and an enlargement of class room is imperative ; children have had to be turned away this spring for lack of space to hold them, though they sit packed on the floor like a gay flower bed.

The first step ahead in **Algiers** was the opening of a new outpost at **Belcourt**, a suburb doubly hard to win, for it is peopled by well-to-do Arabs, living under the influence of a strong Marabout ; and it is only patient love that gets the doors open. In the town work, both in **Rue du Croissant** and at **Beit Naama**, the chief growing point has been among lads in their early teens. Special week-day classes have been held among these through the winter and spring, by the help of our new men helpers, who have taken the possibilities for Christ in these boy lives deeply to heart. We believe the toil over them in past years is nearing its harvest.

The little Sunday morning service, precious to us as the nucleus of the native church of the future, lives and grows slowly, and the work among the blind shows hope of a new bit of fruitage, for the first man under teaching, who has been for years an unsatisfactory "adherent," has had this summer his first touch of Divine grace.

**Dar Naama's** business has concentrated over the ups and downs of the various little native homes that have been springing up under its shadow. We have promoted the Tozeur brothers on probation, to the measure of help that they can give with the Algiers boys and the new-comer language students, together with Bible teaching, in view of full service later on. Another man from Tozeur joined them in the autumn and has settled down amongst us, taking as bride a Christian girl from Miliana. He was baptised in the early winter with the Miliana Hadj. His training is a problem, though he has many gifts which should make him of great use when God's Spirit gains full sway.

**Tozeur** itself has shewn once more the same brooding of the Spirit for which we have thanked God through the past. A fresh group of student lads has been under teaching, and over more than one of them we have good hope. The houses, too, have begun to open, and all is full of promise for the start next autumn, with the Mission premises ready at last and the staff reinforced.

For two new workers, Mr. and Mrs. Theobald, joined us at Christmas, and joyfully look forward to the winter there, with its prospects of giving all help that is possible alongside language study.

Mons. Pierre Nicoud has given us a fresh reinforcement in his bride, whom



he brought to her home here in April, and three short service helpers have supplied many a need.<sup>19</sup> We hope for two of them back this autumn.

Our cry still remains before God for more Arabic-speaking men for the interior, and specially for one who could give the converts the training and leadership required in fitting them for their share in the contest; and be able ultimately to take the oversight of the work as a whole. This last matter seems among our most pressing needs, as far as outward things go.

Financially we have been learning our lessons, though we are not yet much past the A.B.C. stage in the school of faith. The beginning of 1922 found us at the lowest ebb that we had ever experienced, in a place where we were shut up to God's intervention on our behalf. In answer to our cry it came. And He has shewn us repeatedly since then, how wonderful are His resources.

Through Dr. Zwemer's welcome visit in the spring, and other help from America, we have had good furthering in the production of literature, and our powers of reaching thus the unreached, take on a wide expansion.

So here is the year's story of the gourd that may fetch the water if your prayers help us to break through.

It may be that in the coming year the fight will be “at the gate” as never before, for the forces of evil set themselves just now as if they knew that the last conflict were at hand. So pray for us more earnestly than ever. Pray for us that our own spiritual life may not falter or fail, or stop short of the goal. Pray for us that we may hold together, those of us who have gone on this “fool’s errand,” as the world may well call it—and that as with the heart of one, we may defend each other and the dear souls committed to us, fighting over their heads as it were step by step all the way.

Pray above all, that in the din of the strife we may never lose the echo of the cry “that thirsted for the souls of men,” and that the love of the Crucified may spur us through, till we can bring them safely to the place where “He shall . . . be satisfied.”



LOCATION OF WORKERS. Winter, 1921-22.

*Dar Naama, El Biar, Algiers—*

I. L. Trotter  
S. Perkin  
Mons. and Mme. Pierre Nicoud  
M. L. McInery (short service)

*2 Rue du Croissant, Algiers—*

A. McIlroy  
Mr. Smeeton  
A. Buttiaz  
Mr. and Mrs. Buckenham  
Mr. and Mrs. Theobald

*Beit Naama, Algiers—*

A. M. Farmer

*Saint Eugene, Algiers—*

Mons. and Mme. Cook

*Belcourt, Algiers—*

M. Watling

*Blida—*

F. K. Currie  
M. Roche

*Miliana—*

M. D. Grautoff  
I. Nash  
M. H. Drysdale (short service)

*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  
M. Ryff (short service)

## ALGIERS MISSION BAND.

### Statement of Accounts for the Year ending June 30th, 1922.

<i>Payments.</i>		<i>Receipts.</i>	
To Missionary Allowances	23415.30	By Balance in Banks	... 18030.50
„ Rents, Taxes, Repairs	2236.50	„ Cash in Hand	... 410.85
„ Travelling ...	1949.45		18441.35
„ Various Mission Expenses ...	2600.79	<b>General Fund :</b>	
„ Native Workers ...	3406.50	„ Donations ...	... 30360.00
<b>Appropriated Gifts :</b>		<b>Appropriated Gifts :</b>	
„ Itineration ...	191.00	„ Donations ...	... 14387.55
„ Publication of Tracts	770.30	„ Sales of Literature ...	88.60
„ Men's Allowances ...	12405.00		44836.15
„ Van Colportage ...	20.75		Francs 63277.50
	46995.59		£1265 11s. 0d.
„ Balance in Banks ...	15793.31	Balance of General Fund	12087.36
„ Balance in Cash ...	488.60	„ in Appropriated	4194.55
	16281.91		16281.91 Francs.
	Francs 63277.50		£325 12s. 9¼d.
	£1265 11s. 0d.		
Nominal rate of exchange 25 Frs. = £1.			
Actual present rate about 50 Frs. = £1.			

This Balance Sheet represents a certain proportion only 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,  
23rd. October, 1922. Henry R. Turner.