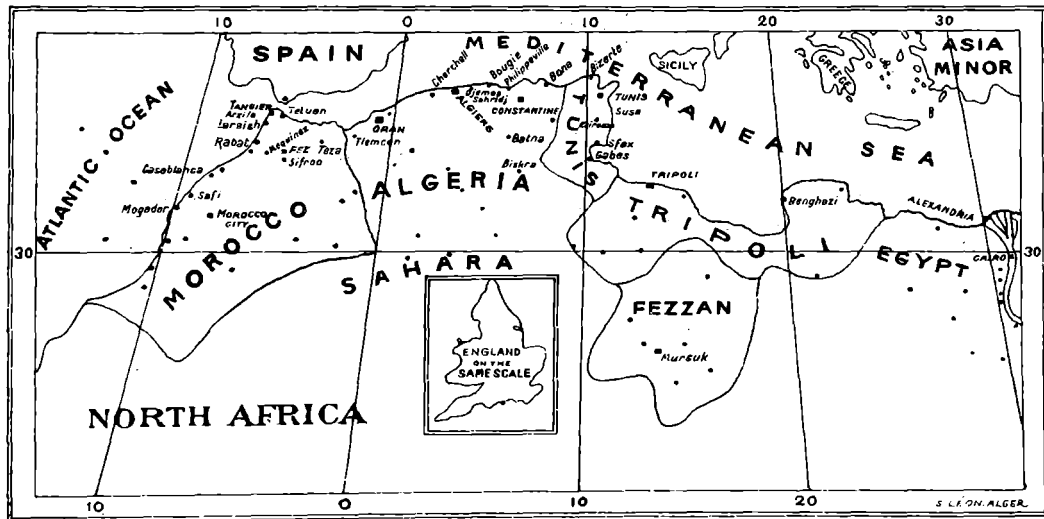


Message from Algiers
to the Members of the
World's Seventh Sunday-
School Convention,
1913

NORTH AFRICA consists of . . .

MOROCCO, ALGERIA, TUNIS, TRIPOLI, EGYPT, AND THE SAHARA,
AND HAS A MOHAMMEDAN POPULATION OF ABOUT 25,000,000





Kabyle Sunday-School, Djemâa Sahridj.



Arab Girls' Industrial Class, Algiers.

To the Members of the World's Seventh Sunday-School Convention 1913

INVITATION

The Missionaries represented by the signatures below unite in cordially inviting the friends coming by the Austro-American Line steamships sailing from New York May 3rd, May 14th and May 24th, and by the S. S. « CANOPIC » sailing from Boston June 12th, 1913, to visit the mission work being done by them among Moslems in Algiers.

The visitors will be met on the boat and conducted to a Moorish House in the Arab Town whence, after a brief illustrated statement concerning the field in general, the centers of work will be visited.

This will take the party fairly over the Native City.

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North Africa Mission.

L. Lias Trotter

Algiers Mission Band.

Edwin F. Freese

Superintendent, Mission the of
Methodist Episcopal Church
in North Africa.

Greetings.

Dear Friends,

Algiers, April, 1913.

Six years ago we were waiting for our first sight of you, those of us who were here, with mingled interest and fear, for we heard you were coming to see the mission work of the land. We knew we had little to show you but our needs, and that you might go on with your hearts chilled rather than inspired for the cause.

Many of you know the story of those two days of the *Romanic* and the *Neckar* at Algiers and will remember how the sight of those needs roused the chivalry of the hearts of those on board, and set help flowing that is flowing still.

So it is with the sense of being fellow workers with many of you that we greet and welcome you this time.

To those who come on the *Canopic* it will be their *only*, and to those who make tours to the Near East it will be their *first* direct personal touch with missions to the Moslems.

We want you, before you come, to realize what that means. It means something very different from the well manned, organized and developed missions in lands where there have been two or three generations of labor, and where the supreme moral and spiritual blight of Mohamedanism has not had to be met.

A PARABLE

Look at the accompanying picture of our North African desert. Sand and Sun, Sun and Sand, scorched and bleached and lifeless. Our Moslem soil is just like that. But look at the other picture. It represents the same sun and the same sand, **plus** water ; and instead of a desert a paradise has sprung up, deep blue-green fronds of the palm, an undergrowth of fig and apricot and pomegranate ; the heat glow that meant death before, means now life, and life more abundant.



"Sun and Sand": The Sahara.

North Africa : Strategic Importance and Opportunity

A Vast Region. Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Tripoli stretch from the Atlantic to Egypt over two thousand miles, with a coast line of about three thousand miles, and extend into the vast Sahara southwards.

The population is approximately 17,000,000. Under European government that will rapidly be increased.

End of a Continent in Transition. Within a century these states were the Mohammedan pirate Barbary States, holding thousands of Christian slaves. To-day they are ALL under European governments. *A million Europeans*, approximately, now live in this region, dominating it, increasingly influencing it. It is the end of a great continent in transition, in bewildering change. Witness the great modern cities of Algiers, Tunis, Oran and Constantine ; the scores of smaller European towns, and the European farmers and colonists in all the fertile valleys.

Via the Sarah into the Soudan and Beyond. France proposes rapidly to consolidate her vast new North West Africa Empire, comprising an area equal to that of the United States including Alaska, by throwing lines of rail across the Sahara into the Soudan, and beyond. Already hundreds of miles of line have been laid into the desert. The mysterious Soudan with its difficult climate, its teeming populations, its black paganism so rapidly yielding to Islam, appears destined to be opened up from *North Africa across the Great Desert*.

The Chief Menace of Mohammedanism is the rapid conversion of Africa to that faith by missionaries from the « brotherhoods » having their home in this North Africa, working in a climate to which they are innured, along inner lines, in connection with trade, and requiring but little moral change in their converts from paganism.

On the other hand, the Soudan, with its deadly climate, its lack of means of communication, and its unsettled and hostile governments, has been almost impossible to touch by missionary effort.



Boys' Training Home and Staff: Constantine.



First Conference of Kabyle Christians.

But deprived of military and political power, and under the changed conditions, the Moslem faith appears doomed here to disintegration. Unless however other mighty religious forces come promptly into play, that disintegration will lead the masses into that infidelity where it has already brought so many of the educated Mahomedans of Algeria and Tunisia.

But the way is open at last, or opening, after thirteen centuries of Moslem rule, for evangelical Christendom to throw an adequate missionary force into all this vast region from Morocco to the Red Sea, for a persistent, continuous attack on Islam, and gradually across the Sahara into the Soudan, following the opening channels of communication.

Islam put on the defensive in this way in North Africa would quickly relax and finally arrest its aggressive campaign in the Soudan and further south, and thus Africa be saved from its threatened absorption by Mohammedanism.

Here is therefore the Strategic Position, we firmly believe, *and now the appointed time* for the determined effort for the overthrow of Islam for which Christendom has been waiting since the dawn of the modern missionary era. It appears that if ever the clock of Providence struck with unmistakable tones, it has now struck in North Africa.

Victory can be won : It is certain ! Results already won with but meager forces and equipment demonstrate this. Of course there will have to be much siege work, costly storming of defensive works. But as the world's progress now leaps forward with marvellously increasing speed, so also sweeps onward the work of God. Citadels of false religions until today thought impregnable, have tottered under the artillery of modern missionary determination, have fallen before the victorious assaults of God's hosts. May not the amazing victories of the Balkan Allies, their capture by assault of great fortified places thought impregnable, be but the indication that the siege work before us **NEED NOT**, if evangelical Christendom but awakens to its opportunity and throws in a sufficient force adequately equipped for the task, take so long after all as has been feared ?

Stations Occupied and Lines of Work Being Done

North Africa Mission : Stations : Tangier, Casablanca, Tetuan, Laraish, Arzila, Fez, Algiers, Cherchell, Djemâa Sahridj, Tebessa, Kairouan, Tunis, Tripoli. **Work :** Evangelistic, Sunday-School, Medical, Industrial, Translation, Training of Native Helpers, Evangelistic Classes.

Algiers Mission Band : Stations : Algiers, Blida, Miliana, Relizane, Mascara. **Work :** Evangelistic, Industrial, Literary, Village, Itinerating.

Methodist Episcopal Church : Stations : Algiers, Oran, Fort National, Constantine, Tunis. **Work :** Evangelistic, Sunday-School, Village, Homes for Boys and Girls, Training of Native Agents, Literary, Industrial, Medical, Evangelistic Classes, Visiting.

Southern Morocco Mission : Stations : Mazagan, Safi, Marrakesh, Mogador. **Work :** Evangelistic and Medical.

Central Morocco Mission : Stations : Casablanca, Rabat. **Work :** Evangelistic and Medical.

Gospel Missionary Union : Stations : Mequinez, Sifru. **Work :** Evangelistic.

Brethren's Missions : Stations : Arzila, Algiers, Dra-el-Mizan, Tabarouth, Tazmalt. **Work :** Evangelistic, Shelter, Medical, Village Itinerating, Evangelistic Classes, Tract Distribution.

French Missions : Stations : El Maten, Bougie, Blida. **Work :** Evangelistic and Industrial.

NORTH AFRICA

NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES IN MOSLEM WORK
BY MISSIONS AND COUNTRIES, GIVING APPROXIMATE MOSLEM POPULATIONS

NAMES OF MISSIONS	MOROCCO 8,000,000	ALGERIA 5,000,000	TUNISIA 2,000,000	TRIPOLI 1,000,000	TOTALS 16,000,000
North Africa Mission.....	26	17	13	4	60
Algiers Mission Band.....	.....	24	.....	.....	24
Methodist Episcopal Church.....	.....	20	6	.....	26
Southern Morocco Mission.....	18	.....	.....	.....	18
Central Morocco Mission.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4
Gospel Missionary Union (Kansas)..	7	.....	.....	.....	7
Brethren's Missions.....	2	13	.....	.....	15
French Missions.....	.....	11	.....	.....	11
Bible Society and Independent.....	11	12	3	.....	26
Totals.....	68	97	22	4	191

So far as reported, there are the following Native Workers : North Africa Mission, 4 ; Algiers Mission Band, 1 ; Methodist Episcopal Mission, 6.



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