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From January 1st to 31st, 1919.



The Temple of Minerva, Tebessa. From a Post Card.

"Go in this thy might . . have not I sent thee."

By George Goodman.

"The Lord looked on him and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites : have not I sent thee?" — Judges vi. 14.

THE servant of the Lord is called to service that is often difficult if not impossible to the natural man.

It is not to be wondered at that he shrinks from it. He is conscious of his own unworthiness. If he were holy, an example of the believers, strong in the Lord and mighty in the Scriptures, as he knows he should be, he might respond to the call, but he feels the plague of his own heart. Moreover, he is conscious of his inability. He knows he cannot do the service demanded, and hesitates to think that the power will be given to such a one as he is.

It is from such motives as these that we find Moses, when called to go down into Egypt and bring out the people of God, crying: "Who am I that I should go?" "I am not eloquent, they will not believe me;" and Gideon excusing himself, "O my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? I am the least in my father's house." Isaiah, too, when called by a vision of the Lord upon His throne, though he had in the chapter before pronounced six woes on other sinners, now cries, "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips"; and Jeremiah exclaims, "Ah, Lord God! behold I cannot speak, for I am a child." It is a hard lesson for the natural man to learn that he is not only unworthy and unable, but is totally rejected from the Lord's service; that He will have nothing that is of the flesh or of the old creation. If service is to be rendered, it must be that which is by the Spirit and in the Spirit.

Men may be eloquent naturally, but the Apostle would none of it (I. Cor. ii. 4); they may be wise in all the learning of the world, but God counts it foolishness, choosing the foolish and weak things, the things which are despised, that no flesh should glory in His presence. He will have His servants equipped with other weapons than these. For the world's wisdom he substitutes the wisdom that cometh down from above (James iii. 17); for eloquence He desires "the demonstration of the Spirit and of power"; for natural strength He gives the strength that is made perfect in weakness, the power of Christ resting on us. Indeed the secret of true service lies in the words, "If any man will serve and follow Me, let him deny self"—not the self-denial that the world speaks of and applauds, but the repudiation of all that is of self, to the glory of self, and is the outcome of self-effort, as contrasted with that which is done " in the Lord " and " by the Spirit."

Who is sufficient? we ask; but it must not be asked in a tone that excuses us in going on in our own strength and wisdom, that treats this great truth as mere transcendentalism. It must be asked only to reply in faith, "Our sufficiency is of God."

Now God has ever given His workers strong encouragement, thus :---

I. His Commission. "I have sent thee." Am I sure of this, nothing will be too hard to attempt, no difficulty too great to hinder. The Irishman who was asked what he would do if God bade him jump through a brick wall replied, "I should jump hard at it; the Lord would see me through." This is right. Let one be sure of the commission, "I have sent thee," and I am strong to obey.

II. His assurance. "Certainly I will be with thee." The Lord silenced all His servants' confessions of weakness and insufficiency with these words: To Moses, "Certainly I will be with thee." To Joshua, "I will be with thee, I will not fail nor forsake thee." To Gideon, "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour." To Jeremiah, "I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." To Paul, "Be of good cheer, Paul, thou must bear witness at Rome," to which Paul added his testimony, "Nevertheless the Lord stood by me." Who would fear to go into the fiery furnace with Shadrach and his companions, if he were sure of these two things—"I have sent thee" and "I am with thee"? Surely to walk in the furnace with one like unto the Son of God were a high honour.

III. *His enabling.* "This, thy might." Our might is in remembrance of these things; the commission, "I have sent thee"; the assurance, "I am with thee;" our confidence—so that we are not afraid; our resource—because

the supply of all need is at hand. So we can say, "I will go in the strength of the Lord God," for "Hath He not said, 'I will never leave thee'?"

To the Friends of the North Africa Mission.

" St. David's,"

Aldersbrook Road, Manor Park, E. 12. 20th February, 1919.

DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS,

Miss Eason, who has been doing such interesting work at Casablanca amongst both natives and Italians, was compelled to return home towards the end of last year in order to undergo an operation. This took place in the Homœopathic Hospital, and I am thankful to say she made a good recovery, and is regaining strength, so that she is looking forward after a furlough to return to her much-loved work. Signor Arnone, the Italian brother who acts as pastor-evangelist to the little Italian Church in Casablanca, has been suffering from influenza, and so also have his wife and daughters. We would specially ask prayer for them, and for the work.

The doctor has strongly advised Miss Case to return to England as soon as possible on account of her health, and she is hoping to start from Tunis on the 22nd February accompanied by Miss Petter, who also needs to come home for change and rest. The latter hopes while at home to stir up financial interest, so that the work amongst the Italians may be pushed forward. One of the Italian converts will do his best to keep the work going, assisted by some of those who have now returned from the war, and Mrs. Liley has kindly consented to help during the absence of Miss Case and Miss Petter. It was feared that we should be turned out of the Mission Hall, our landlord requiring higher rent; but this has fortunately been obviated by a regulation similar to the one at home, that rents must not be raised during the war, or for some time after. The Italian work is deeply interesting and very encouraging, and we trust that if Miss Case cannot return Miss Petter may find an efficient helper to go back with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuirman, of Shebin-el-Kom, are hoping to come to England about May. Mrs. Fairman sadly needs a prolonged rest, but Mr. Fairman will probably return shortly. Our brother is a very able preacher in Arabic, and is greatly appreciated. He has three native evangelists assisting him, and a Bible-woman, and though for the time being the school has been closed, we trust by-and-by it may be reopened. Mr. Fairman takes frequent Missions on behalf of the American Presbyterians, who are glad of his assistance, and he gets quite large congregations, varying from 200 to 1,700.

Miss Farley is due to come home on furlough, and has the doctor's certificate that she should do so without delay. She is hoping to start as soon as possible. This will leave Miss Hodges alone, except for the native school teacher, who is a bright convert from Mohammedanism. Mr. and Mrs. Dickins, formerly of our Mission, but now working independently, have also come home, as Mrs. Dickins is suffering from neuritis. We trust the rest in England will soon restore her. The strain on workers in the mission field during these years of war has been considerable, and but few of them have been able to take furloughs. Some I fear will hardly be able to come home even now, the expense of travelling is so great-in some cases three or four times as much as it was years ago. Still, it will be necessary for some to return to save them from breaking down, even though the expense is great. What a mercy it is to remember that the Lord knows our weaknesses, and He is not a hard Master ! He does not forget His weary servants, but we believe will in one way or another provide all that is needed, both funds to bring them home, and refreshment that shall fit them to return if it be His will.

It is too soon yet to say exactly how last year closed financially, as we are still waiting for some of the accounts from the field. However, it looks as though the receipts for 1918 were $\pounds 500$ less than those for 1917, but we are thankful to say there were several Legacies left during the year, some of which had not been paid. If these had come in, the income for last year would have been quite as good as, or better than, the year before. Since the 1st January funds have come in fairly well, but at the same time expenses are increasing. It is a great mercy to notice how the beloved workers in the field do all they can to manage in these difficult times, not complaining, but rather sympathising with us at home in the difficulties we have to face. It makes us the more desirous to help them more abundantly, both in respect of their personal support and the excellent work in which they are engaged.

In the Circular which we have issued, asking for prayer for more workers, we also point out that there will be the need, if these workers are supplied, of an increased income of about $\pm 5,000$ a year, or ± 100 a week. We have a rich Father, and He can touch the hearts of His servants to assist us. For more than thirtyseven years the work has proceeded, and though we have often been tried, we have never been forsaken.

We have referred elsewhere to the commencement of a Fund for disabled or worn-out missionaries. It may be some friends would like to assist in providing for those who can no longer go out to the battle. As years go on the number is likely to increase. There are several workers now between sixty and seventy years of age, and while some of them hope to finish their course in North Africa, others may have to return to the Homeland, and may not have friends to welcome and look after them. To support such from the general funds of the Mission would be an added strain, and we trust, therefore, that the small fund which has been started may grow and develop as time goes on.

Mr. Nicolle is now on an interesting itinerating tour to an oasis in Southern Algeria. He is accompanied by Mr. Rolland, who was for some years an assistant to our missionaries amongst Kabyles at Djemåa Sahridj, and has taken with him a good supply of Scriptures. Mr. Sydney Arthur, of Mekla, the French village close by Djemåa, is still busily occupied in itinerating work, and has had some interesting experiences. Mr. Shorey also has visited the villages around him. We are more than ever anxious to get the Word of God circulated; sold if possible, or given freely where this may be wiser. We have heard of interesting cases of those who, through reading a Scripture portion, have been led to study the Word of God more deeply : and some we trust have been really converted.

The Medical work brings many thousands under the sound of the Word who otherwise might not hear it, but it becomes increasingly expensive on account of the high price of drugs. Miss Breeze, of Tangier, would be very thankful to have a more suitable place in which to conduct the Women's Medical work.

With the new workers going to Cherchell, we shall also want larger premiscs there. A very suitable place has been offered to us, which would accommodate six workers and leave room to take in some native children. The purchase price is £2,000, but the people would be willing to sell it to us for $f_{1,800}$. We should be very glad if God supplied the means for the purchase of this place. The vendors do not wish to let it, and it is the only place we can see that is suitable in Cherchell. The work of the Carpet School, though very difficult on account of the war, is full of encouragement, and there is a nice little group of converted girls and women who have been gathered there. We trust that now the war is over it may be presently possible to resume the carpet work at full speed. Of late it has only been possible to go very quietly. We have not been permitted to import any carpets into this country for some time, and all our home stock has been sold. We heard of a carpet the other day which we sold for £12 several years ago, for which a carpet dealer has offered to pay £40-to sell again. This looks as though our Rugs and Carpets were appreciated. This Industry, though carried on independently of the Mission, brings round us a goodly number of women and girls who are brought under daily instructions in the Scriptures. A number of these have been converted.

Mr. Farmer is very diligently taking meetings in various parts, and endeavouring to stir up fresh interest in the Lord's work in North Africa. Our brother seems to be very much appreciated, and many of those who have heard him are anxious to have another visit. Although his hands are fairly full, yet if there are others who wish to arrange meetings for him, he will be pleased to hear from them.

I am thankful to be kept a little stronger than I was, though still but weak, and am glad to be able to dictate letters and see friends. I should be thankful if it were God's will to be restored to normal health, but if not, all is well. for the Lord makes no mistakes in 11 is dealings with us.

Counting on your continued prayerful sympathy,

Yours heartily in Christ,

EDWARD H. GLENNY.

The following was written by a worker of the Algiers' Mission Band, who, while on a visit to Miss A. Cox, of Tebessa, last summer, joined her in a three weeks' evangelistic tour among the villages which could be reached from that centre. About 300 copies of Scripture portions and many tracts were distributed.

"And He sent them two and two before His face into every city and place whither He Himself would come." With this inspiring thought we set forth on our itinerating, not exactly like the disciples of old as to the outward conditions. Instead of walking from village to village we spent hours in the shaky *diligences*, clinging on to the hard, springless seats, sometimes starting or arriving late in the night, tired, but always wonderfully preserved. We safely reached our destination, a tiny shop in a native quarter, furnished with a mat and a few benches.

Our books and tracts, arranged in the most attractive way, called in the passersby to look at, read, and finally buy one or several copies. Later on, in the course of our walks through the town, we saw these being read out in shops or at street corners to listening groups.

For hours, both morning and afternoon, the everlasting Gospel would be preached to group after group; sometimes interrupted by arguments and discussions with some leader in religious questions, on the vital points of difference between the Christian and Moslem doctrine; sometimes in intense, listening silence.

Or there would be the calls at certain shops, where Miss Cox knew the people from a former visit to the place. The reading men would gather together to have their many questions or subtle attacks on the Word of God answered by "the wisdom that is from above."

Some souls stand out among the groups as in a special way being ready or moved by the hand of God. One of them was an old Jew, of the house of David, who with touching earnestness searched the Scriptures, believing that Jesus is the Messiah, and now being helped to see his need of Him as his Redeemer. Market days in each place proved a capital opportunity for getting our literature distributed. Having obtained permission from the local authorities, we spent hours in the market-places, streets and shops, with bags laden with books and tracts, and beyond our greatest expectations our books were carried off to reach souls in far-away, outlying places, where the Word of God has never gone before.

Pray that through this visit, souls may be born again by the Word of God which liveth and abideth for ever—this Word by which the Gospel was preached unto them.

A. L. E. KREBS.

Presentation to Mr. Edward H. Glenny.

"WE FAINT NOT."

What a thrilling story is unfolded by the heroic missionary in his second letter to the Church of God at Corinth as he tells, among other things, of his experiences as he went forth into various parts of "all the world," as God's chosen vessel to bear His Name before Gentiles and others! True it is that he had been shown how great things he must suffer for the sake of that Name; but what a soul-stirring record it is !

The world rulers of this darkness and their infuriated instruments were ever seeking with

sinister ingenuity his overthrow and death. Indeed they seemed to make him the victim of their most venomous onslaughts : and he bore in his body eloquent testimony of the perils and persecutions he had triumphantly endured. His mental sufferings were not less severe, his mind being ever poignantly sensitive to the least defection on the part of converts, with its consequent dishonour to his Lord.

None of these things moved him from his Divinely-appointed warfare and work; and after thirty years of afflictive discipline and protracted suffering he could—with Eternity's values before him—reckon it as something in which he could take pleasure, and could praisefully speak of "a light affliction which is but for a moment."

With these things fresh before him when writing the fourth chapter of the second Corinthian letter, he twice uses the phrase-"We faint not," i.e., "We do not lose heart." Why should he? Had he not been the object of God's gracious mercy ? Was not his life hid with Christ in God ? Was not his heart overmastered by Christ's love ? And was there not the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory awaiting him? Yes, these were the abiding realities of the apostle's experience. While only too conscious that the outward man was perishing, he was yet more blessedly conscious that the inward man was being renewed day by day; and in the joy of the Holy Ghost he was strong for all things in Christ.

How far is the mind that was in Christ Jesus so strikingly revealed in the Apostle, exemplified in our lives? Must not confession be made by many of us that we have rather approximated to the defection of John Mark by losing heart when aggressive discipleship called for the heroic manifestation of cheerful and sustained endurance of hardness for the sake of Him who, steadfastly set His Face to go to Jerusalem, bearing in His body our sins to the tree? If it be that we have thus marred our testimony, and in the loss of the glow of our first love have grown faint hearted, thank God, there is no room for despair. His gracious Spirit is able to revive us again and equip us anew so that, like John Mark, we may vet become profitable in service.

The above is rather a long introduction to a brief report of an interesting event which followed the monthly meeting for prayer, which was held at St. David's, Manor Park, on Friday, December 17th; but they embody some of the thoughts which the writer expressed on that occasion. They were really called forth by a testimonial which originated with the missionaries on the field, and which is printed below by the unanimous desire of the Council.

In referring to the terms of the testimonial, which was drawn up and engrossed by the workers in North Africa, the writer felt sure he was voicing the feelings of all concerned when he expressed the wish that reference had also been made to Mrs. Glenny's self-abnegating fellowship in service for the good of the Mission.

Mrs. Churcher, as the senior lady worker present, in a few graciously appreciative sentences, asked Mr. Glenny's acceptance of the framed testimonial and accompanying gift, which amounted to $\pounds 87$. Mr. Glenny having expressed heartiest thanks, Dr. Churcher and others joined in praise and prayer, and a very helpful gathering was brought to a close.

COPY OF TESTIMONIAL.

In view of the present unprecedented opportunities for work among Moslems in North Africa, we, the undersigned members and friends of the North Africa Mission, wish to put on record our deep appreciation of the far-sighted optimism and unfailing faith which enabled Edward H. Glenny, our beloved friend and Honorary Secretary, to commence work on this apparently unpromising field, more than thirty-five years ago.

We praise God for the great part which he has had in opening up this land to the Gospel, and rejoice with him in the realization of so many of his most cherished hopes.

As a token of our affectionate esteem, we beg that he will accept the accompanying gift, and pray that, if the Lord tarry, he may yet see a more abundant harvest of souls from dark North Africa.

The above bears 142 names, which comprise all the missionaries, members of the Council, and staff at the Office, in addition to many who were formerly in the Mission or on the Council. Below we print a letter from Mr. Glenny.

HARVEY FARMER.

St. David's,

Manor Park, London, E.

25th January, 1919.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ,

and Fellow-workers for North Africa,---

Please accept my very warm and hearty thanks for the Testimonial you have so kindly sent me in regard to what I have sought to do in the interests of the Gospel in North Africa. Your Testimonial was quite unexpected, but greatly appreciated.

It has been a great joy and privilege to be allowed to serve God in this manner, and to help you as fellow-labourers. You refer to unprecedented opportunities for work amongst the Moslems of North Africa. I earnestly desire that we may make the best of them, and that the work of the past may form a foundation for a wider and fuller work in the future, which, under God's blessing, may bring glory to God's name, and salvation to many of those who sit in darkness.

Thank you also for the generous gift which has accompanied the Testimonial, and which some of those who took the lead in initiating this Testimonial suggested might be used for the purchase of something which would be a comfort for myself, and a pleasure to the givers to know that I was enjoying. At first I had thought that something of this sort might be done, but on more mature and prayerful consideration it seems to my wife and myself that the best use we can make of it will be to let it form a sort of nest egg for a Fund for the benefit of Missionaries, who, through age or illhealth, may be compelled to retire from the work. We are, therefore, proposing to use it in this way, and trust that other friends of North Africa may add their contributions, and that in course of time a Fund may be raised for the benefit of those who have spent their strength and health in seeking to evangelise North Africa.

I feel I cannot worthily express my appreciation of your kindness and love, but I trust you will understand how thankful I am to God for this token of your affectionate regard, and I pray that in the future the work may be continued in a spirit of mutual confidence and love.

> Yours affectionately in Christ, EDWARD H. GLENNY.

WORK IN TRIPOLI.

After a rather trying summer we were thankful to be able to begin our winter's work in good health. We did so, however, with less than our usual pleasure because we were very conscious of lacking some very necessary medicines, and still more painfully conscious of the fact that others would not last longer than a few weeks. We began with a small attendance, but soon had as many as we can conveniently deal with, and in spite of our lack of certain medicines, the attendance has kept up right on.

At least half of our patients are men and boys, many of them are dressing cases; for these we have till now been able to obtain the necessary bandages and medicaments-at war prices, of course. We have had a larger proportion of boys than usual. Also Jews have been much more in evidence than ever before, while the number of Jewesses has been smaller than earlier in the year. We enjoy having a larger proportion of Jews for a change, as we feel that they understand the meaning of spiritual phraseology better than the Moslems. The story of Jacob and Israel always excites their interest, and they understand when the difference between them is impressed upon them, though they do not appreciate being told they are not Israelites, but "Jacobites," until they repent and believe as Jacob did. The doctrine of the Atonement is also much better understood by the Jews than by the Moslems. The Jewesses continually use the word with the meaning of vicarious suffering, and when this is used of the work of Christ in giving Himself for us, there are always signs that the point has made an impression.

We feel all the while the burden of the terrible destitution round about us. It makes one's heart ache to see old acquaintances pinched with hunger and in rags. Many come to us for medicine when what they need is more food. We help as far as possible, but we touch the merest fringe of the suffering of our acquaintances.

Our little Sunday afternoon ragged boys' class is indeed a picture of destitution and neglect. Some of the lads have only one garment, and that an old, very greasv European jacket. The kind friends in England from whom we received through Mrs. Webb a number of flannelette vests last February would feel repaid if they could see the need of these boys and their gratitude for the vests. They are slowly learning the Lord's Prayer and texts, and we tell them of the love of God in our Lord Jesus Christ. We have also been able to provide vests for a number of women and girls, who were even more grateful than the boys, because less accustomed to such destitution.

Tripoli.

W. Reid.

Extracts from a Circular Letter

By Miss S. H. Jennings.

My fellow-worker and I live in twin three-roomed cottages on a vast plain, some two miles outside the town. Rents being so high, we find it impossible to obtain a more suitable house for mission work in or nearer to the town. Thus our work is hampered, as we cannot have regular medical mission work or classes, though Miss Nicolet has had a little class three times a week for a few Arab children living in the village of huts just three minutes' walk from our cottages.

Lately I have been able to visit on Sunday mornings in a very large suburb of this town, about two and a half miles from us, where thousands of Arabs and Moors live. There is no difficulty in getting listeners to the Gospel message, as I give it, to little groups of men in the streets, outside their shops or in cafés, and I always find some willing to take Scripture portions, or even to buy them. Occasionally a bigoted Moslem will strongly oppose, and, witnessing to Mohammed as the greatest Prophet, will return the Gospel, refusing to read it.

Miss Eason, Miss Nicolet and I have had a good time among the tents of the Arab visitors from Central and South Morocco, who came up in hundreds to a large native fair in the grand new gardens near to us. God gave His printed Word acceptance with many. I alone sold fifty-five portions. In all over 100 portions were bought. Some will be carried eight or ten days' journeys to districts we missionaries have never visited. How we need to follow up their distribution by carnest prayer ! I visit other Moorish suburbs of this town, and there are always a few who gladly purchase Gospels. Twice I have been into the grounds of the Hospital for French Convalescent Soldiers and offered Gospels and tracts which have been gratefully accepted.

For a week I had as morning servant an Arab girl who attended Miss Nicolet's class, and she did well. She was somewhat suddenly stricken with fever, and died in a few days. But the dear child gave evidence to Miss Nicolet that she was trusting in Jesus, even when scarcely able to talk.

I have been so gladdened by the return from France (where there are thousands of Moslems on service) of an Arab, who, hearing the Truth from Miss Nicolet some months ago, before he left for Marseilles, confessed his faith in Christ. Much have we prayed for him these past months. Now he returns, still bright and happy, for which we do praise God.

There is any amount of scope for work among these groups of Arab tents pitched all over this extensive plain, if only we had unlimited time and strength; also unnumbered openings for wayside ministry and house to house service. Do pray, dear friends, that more helpers may be sent out, and that the few on the field may be kept in full physical and spiritual health in the little time, maybe, till our Lord's Return; that we may all be found by Him zealous and steadfast in the faith and in His service.

Casablanca, Morocco.

New Workers.

We have sent out a circular to our friends asking their prayers that God would raise up forty new workers, twenty to fill the gaps and twenty more to extend the work; and though this may seem a considerable number, yet when we look at the very great needs of North Africa we feel that forty are all too few to meet the pressing requirements. We are thankful to record the fact that six new workers have been accepted. We mentioned the fact of Miss Buxton's acceptance in the September issue of NORTH AFRICA, and Mrs. Pinner's in January. Miss Buxton has now passed her first preliminary examination in Arabic, and is continuing this and other studies till the way is clear for her to go out. Another new candidate is Miss Edmunds. She hails from Wales, but has spent a little time in the United States. She and her two sisters were converted in Cardiff during a Mission held some years ago by Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander. Miss Edmunds has had the benefit of helpful Bible Study in connection with the Hampstead Y.W.C.A., and some training under Miss Grapes at the Training Institute in Kensington (formerly at Chelsea).

It is hoped that Miss Buxton and Miss Edmunds may be able to go out to Tangier early in April with Miss Ward, an independent worker, who is returning, after a rest necessitated by the state of her health, to " hold the fort " while some on the field take their furlough. It is, however, very difficult to arrange about passages, outfits, and passports, as boats are scarce, and passages are high, and it is sometimes rather uncertain as to whether a passage can be secured. Passages are quite double what they used to be, and even for the short journey to Tangier it does not seem possible to cover the expense at less than £15 each, without any question of outfit and furniture. We are thankful to say that some help has come in, but there is still need for more.

Another new worker is Miss Goozee. She was converted when only about thirteen. Her parents were both of Huguenot extraction. For years it has been upon her heart to give herself to missionary work. She has spent about three years under Miss Grapes, both learning and helping in the Institution. It is proposed that she should go out to Algeria this spring, and join Miss Kenworthy at Cherchell. At present we are waiting to find a companion to go with her, as we can hardly send her out alone the first time of going forth. She has some knowledge of French, and so would soon be able to make a beginning, even while studying Arabic, in which she is already having some lessons.

Two other new workers are Miss H. Smith and Miss C. Stuck, who hope to go out together in the autumn. Both of them are experienced workers in the Homeland, and have been blessed to souls. Being now more or less set free from home-ties, their desire is to help in the foreign field, and as they have a fair knowledge of French it has been thought well for them to go to Algeria, where French would be useful. Although they are rather older than most of those we send out to the field, we have gladly welcomed them to our staff on account of the fact that they have already had considerable experience in Christian work, and are hoping to be able to support themselves.

We specially commend to our readers these six new workers. May God send us many more. We are specially in need of men. We want a doctor for Tangier, and another one for Tripoli, and we should be glad to have two or three more for other stations, where the work is at present being carried on by very able and experienced workers not medically qualified. The dearth of men is a matter calling for special prayer. Still, the fact that these six sisters have offered and have been accepted is an encouragement to pray on for the forty we have asked for.

We are glad to say also that Miss Banks, who has been at home for some time nursing the soldiers, hopes to go back to Casablanca in April. Several other workers have been kept at home for some time by family ties, or by other circumstances. Please pray that some of these also may be set free to return to their work.

E. H. G.

For the Children.

BY MRS. H. E. WEBB.

Would you like to go visiting with me this morning? It is a curious thing that at Sfax most of the Arab families live out of town, owning a small house in a little garden, where they grow the vegetables they need, and especially the olive trees that supply them with the oil, which takes the place that butter has with us. If you were near the upper gate of the city towards sunset, you would be surprised at the procession of people leaving the city, some on foot, but many riding on donkeys or mules, the richer ones sitting on beautiful woven rugs thrown over their saddles. The poorer class, negroes, Bedouin, &c., congregate in a little village, to reach which we cut right through the town, past shops and cafés, the law courts and mosques, and out at the upper gate, whence several roads diverge. Between two of these we find the village. But before reaching the village you will notice a large cemented space with little domes, with openings at the sides; these are cisterns for storing the rain-water, as for more than half the year, no rain falls here.

Our first visit will be to a negress who used to work for some of our missionaries and attended a sewing class. She says she believes in the Lord Jesus, and she likes singing the hymns, but she has a great eye to business, and whether I visit her, or she calls on me, she usually has a request for a garment, for tea or for sugar.

On the opposite side of her little alley live the mother and sister of a little Bedouin, who was early married and died, but not before she had given evidence of having received the Lord Jesus as her Saviour. Here the request is for medicine, several suffering from sore eyes. We no longer have a Medical Mission here since Dr. Churcher left, as the authorities require a French medical diploma; however, we do what we can in a friendly, unofficial way to relieve the suffering and needy.

Next we call on an old Tripoli acquaintance who feels very lonely, and is glad of a friendly visit, especially as we bring her news of her relations still in Tripoli. We remind her of the Friend Who "loveth at all times" and who "sticketh closer than a brother."

Some days, classes take up our time; you would be surprised at the various ages of the scholars. Grown men and women will come in and take their places on the benches with the children. A lame man has attended several times lately, and as he could read, my husband gave him a Gospel, that he might learn more about the Truth. Pray for him and for the negress we have visited, that they may truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

Sfax, Tunisia.

Home and Foreign Notes.

A PRAYER MEETING

is held on the first Thursday of each month at 18, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 3 o'clock. A hearty welcome is given to all friends of the Mission who are able to attend.

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It is hoped that the May-June issue will be in circulation by the beginning of May; but friends in various parts of the workl will no doubt be glad to be reminded that the **first ten days of May** will again be observed (D.V.) as a season of special **thanksgiving** and **intercession** on behalf of the work of the Lord in North Africa. In addition to daily private remembrance, it may be possible to arrange gatherings for united prayer.

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DEPUTATION WORK.

The Assistant Secretary has had the privilege of giving sixty-one addresses at the following centres: I, Tulse Hill; 2, Westminster; 3, Tadworth; 4, Rugby; 5, Sudbrook; 6, Shoreditch; 7, Eastbourne; 8, Lewisham; 9, Manor Park; 10, Notting Hill; 11, Marylebone; 12, Heathfield; 13, Bayswater; 14, West Croydon; 15, Ilford; 16, King's Cross; 17, Kingswood; 18, Clerkenwell; 19, Islington; 20, Barking; 21, Bristol; 22, Old Ford.

It is with great sorrow that we have to record the death of Mr. Herbert E. Webb, of Sfax, Southern Tunisia, who departed to be with Christ on the evening of February 10th, after a brief illnessinfluenza, followed by bronchitis and other complications. Mr. Webb leaves a widow, formerly Miss F. M. Harrald, of Tripoli, to whom he was married less than a year ago, and five children by his former wife, who was called Home in the summer of 1915. We would specially ask the prayers of our readers for Mrs. Webb and the orphaned family. In our next issue we hope to give some account of our beloved brother and of his work.

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Spanish Work.

Every year Mr. Moore spends the Christmas season in colportage work in and around **Tangier.** He writes: "On Christmas Day I must have sold in all 150 books. I continued until January 6th, and the result of my little effort was 415 books sold. This was an increase on ast year, and that in a town where the Word of God is freely given by the missionaries, where the Colporteur is constantly out in the street selling, where there is a Bible Depot, and where this same Christmas effort of mine has been going on for some four years. Of course, the bulk of the sales were among Spaniards, and consisted of Gospels and Acts, though a good proportion of Bibles was sold among them. As to the French, I sold several Bibles; they prefer the complete Bible to the New Testament. I sold two Russian Bibles and a few Italian ones."

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Miss Knight writes from Tetuan : "The boy, A -----, has now been with me for nearly three years, and is growing into a big lad. He is learning carpentering, but in the evenings he is learning English, as he is desirous of visiting England. His last astounding remark was that he should like to die in England. In amazement I asked, why? And then I found he thought he would get a big funeral, such as General Jordana had here just lately. He is a very good boy, and is never tired of reading the Bible to himself, or having it read to him. He belongs to the Ghomara tribe. I don't think any Christians have ever been there except as prisoners. His mother was once touched in heart while staying in our house, but is now such a bigoted Moslem that she tore up a book with pictures in that A had taken home, and would not even look at a photograph of her only son. How I long that he should be taken captive by the Lord Jesus and sent as a witness to his own tribe! God can do even that."

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ALGERIA.

On January 13th Miss K. Smith writes from Djemåa Sahridj: "In November we went to Algiers for a week, being greatly in need of a little rest. There, to our great joy, we found our former convert, Said Iflis, now for some years in the American Mission, made a Pastor, and we actually heard him take the service and preach in their church before French, English and natives. It was wonderful and delightful. Said ou Bouadaon, also one of our former converts, is doing splendid work in the same Mission. He preached in our little church lately, and it was good to hear him." Mrs. Arthur writes from Mekla on January 18th: "I have been twice lately to Moknea with my husband. The first time, at our request, the guardian of the house took me to see his wife and children. About fifteen women and children gathered at the door, and gradually came in. After the salutations and the answering of many questions, I was able to speak of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They listened, but some of them witnessed to Mohammed. They asked me to come again.

"I have kept on the two classes of women and children which I had charge of before my marriage—one held at Djemåa Sahridj on Wednesday morning and the other at Mesloub on Thursday afternoon. The attention is good, and some of the women and children learn very nicely. I should appreciate special prayer for these two meetings. How one would rejoice if some of these would openly confess faith in the saving power of our Redeemer !"

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Miss Whitton writes from Tebessa: "I have at the present time quite a nice class of Arab girls—about twenty. Several are the children of our converts. At first the children find the discipline rather hard, but by degrees they become obedient and look quite happy, and are very eager to learn their verses of Scripture. I am kept very busy also trying to visit the homes of the children. By this means I often find new doors opened for the gospel. Sometimes in visiting one can do little but give a hand in time of sickness, or advice to a mother with a young child, but I am sure even this is a help to the work for the people get to know and have confidence in us."

TUNISIA.

Mr. Liley has recently heard from a friend in Scotland of a man who was converted through reading a New Testament given to him on a steamer in the port of **Tunis** twelve years ago. This man, though not a Christian, had been in the habit of carrying a Bible with him on his voyages, but on this occasion he had left it at home, and was longing for one, when Mr. Liley came on board and offered to him the last New Testament he had left. The man began to read it, and the next day the light of God shone into his soul. What an encouragement such a case as this to those who in the face of difficulties persevere in the scattering of the precious seed!

Daily Subjects for Praise and Prayer.

The list of Workers on the back of this Magazine should be consulted in connection with the Stations mentioned.

- 1. For all the triumphs of the Gospel in North Africa during the past thirty-seven years.
- For Moslem Work at Tangier—Medical, School, Meetings for Men and Boys, Itinerating, &c.
- 3 For Spanish Mission at Tangier-Sunday and Week-day Services, School, Scripture Distribution, &c.
- For Casablanca—Moslem Work and Italian Mission, Distribution of Scriptures, Itinerating, &c.
- 5. For Fez-Dispensary, Classes, Visiting, &c.
- 6. For Laraish, with its one witness for Christ among the women and children.
- 7. For Tetuan-School for Spanish children, Visiting, &c.

Prayer for a lad who has been with Miss Knight for some years, and seems to take an interest in reading the Bible : that he may be taken captive by the Lord Jesus and sent as a worker to his own tribe (see page 23)

- 8. For Algiers-Visiting homes and cafés, Classes and Meetings, &c.
- For Boghni—Classes, Visits to neighbouring tribes, &c.
- For Bône—Classes, Visiting among women and children, &c.
- II. For Cherchell—Carpet School, Classes for lads, women, girls, and infants; Visiting, Itinerating Work, &c.
- For Djemåa Sahridj—Home and School for girls, Sunday Schools and Classes, Visiting, Itinerating, &c.
- 13. For Mekla—Itinerating, &c. Prayer for Mrs. Arthur's two classes for women and children : that some of those who gather week by week for instruction may openly confess the saving power of the Lord Jesus (see page 23).
- 14. For Tebessa--Bible Depôt, Classes and Visiting, &c.
- 15. For Moslem Work at Tunis—Bible Depôt, Meetings for men, Itinerating Work, &c.

- For Italian work at Tunis—Sunday and Week-day Services, Classes, and Y.W.C.A Work, Distribution of Scriptures, &c.
- 17. For Bizerta—Bible Depôt, Visiting, Classes, Meetings for Soldiers, &c.
- For Kairouan—Bible Depôt, Classes, Visiting, &c.
- For Sfax—Classes for Arabs and for European children, Visiting, &c.

Prayer that the Lord would guide concerning the carrying on of the work in this town, and would graciously comfort and support the widow and children of our dear brother, Mr. Webb, who has been called to his Heavenly Home.

- 20. For Tripoli-Dispensary, Visiting, &c.
- 21. For Alexandria-School for girls, Visiting. &c.
- 22. For Shebin-el-Kom—Sunday Schools for boys and girls, Visiting, Itinerating, &c.
- 23. For Converts, Native Helpers and Enquirers.
- 24. For the Council, the Staff at Headquarters and Deputation Work.
- 25. For the Secretaries and Members of our Auxiliaries, Prayer and Workers' Union, Study Circles, and other efforts to enlarge number of prayer helpers.
- 26. For deepening heart concern among more of the Lord's people on behalf of those still in darkness.
- 27. For increasing blessing on our Magazine, its Contributors, and its Readers.
- 28. For the supply of all the need, spiritual and temporal, of work and workers.
- 29. For more labourers to go forth, and more native helpers to be raised up, and for opening up of New Centres to the Gospel. Praise for the six sisters who are preparing to leave for the mission field shortly.
- 30. For Workers on furlough, &c., and the children of missionaries.
- 31. For all endeavours by other Missions to glorify God throughout North Africa.

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I give and bequeath unto the Treasurer for the time being of "The North Africa Mission," for the purposes of the Mission, the sum of pounds sterling, free from duty, to be paid within six calendar months after my decease, and I direct that receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge for the said Legacy.

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- Date of	Cherchell, Date of	Arrwal.
Tangler, Arrival.	Arribut.	Miss L. COLVILLE April, 1886
Mrs. Roberts	Miss L. READ April, 1886	Miss H. GRANGER Oct., 1886
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M.B. (Lond.) Dec., 1894	Mons. P. NICOLLE Dec., 1914 Madame NICOLLE Dec., 1914	Mr. A. V. LILEY July, 1885
Miss F. MARSTON Nov., 1895	Madame NICOLLE Dec., 1914 Miss EDITH L. GOOZEE (Designated)	Mrs. LILEY July, 1913
Miss Alice Chapman Oct., 1911	Mine Hanne Council	Italian Work-
Mr. A. FALLAIZE Nov., 1915	MISS HELEN SMITH "," MISS CAROLINE STUCK ","	Miss A. M. CASE Oct., 1890
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Miss M. M. GLEN (Associate) Jan., 1913	Algiers.	-
Miss ADA BUXTON (Designated)	Kabyle Work- Mons. E. CUENDET	Bizeria.
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Spanish Work—	Boghni.	With Scandinavian Helpers.
Mr. A. J. MOORE, B.A April, 1909	Kabyle Work-	Kairouan.
Miss F. R. Brown Oct., 1889	Mr. A. SHOREY Nov., 1902	Mr. E. Short Feb., 1899
	Mrs. SHOREY Oct., 1904	Mrs. SHORT Oct., 1899
Casablanca.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	B.4
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Miss C. S. JENNINGS Mar., 1887	Kabyle Work—	Mrs. WEBB Oct., 1895
Miss M. Eason Dec., 1910	Miss J. Cox May, 1887	Mrs. PINNER (Designated)
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Miss A. G. HUBBARD Oct., 1891	Mrs. WARREN Feb., 1911	Mrs. REID
Miss M. Кысит Oct., 1899	Mile, E. DEGENKOLW Oct., 1913	
Miss: Vecchio (Schoolmistress).	Mekla.	EGYPT.
	Mr. S. ARTHUR Dec., 1913	
Laraish.	Mrs. ARTHUR Oct., 1913	Alexandria.
Miss K. Aldridge Dec., 1891	Tebessa.	Miss R. Hodges Feb., 188
SILS N. ALDRIDOK 11 1993, 1001	Miss A. Cox Oct., 1892	Miss M. FARLEY Nov., 191
P	Miss E. WHITTON Oct., 1913	Shebin-el-Kom.
Fez.	Assisted by-	Mr. W. T. FAIRMAN Nov., 189
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Miss S. M. DENISON Nov., 1893	Madame Bouin.	MUB. PAIRMAN PED., 105

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