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"Then said Jesus . . . as my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you."

JOHN XX. 21.

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The French Railway Station, Tunis.

From a Post Card.

# With Fear and Trembling.

By George Goodman.

"Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling."—PSALM ii. 11.

THE child of God serves and rejoices. He has holy joy in his happy service.

But this is not inconsistent with a fear often mentioned in Scripture, and a trembling that marks his sense of personal weakness and insufficiency. For our life and service are in a hostile land; our enemies are many and mighty

and we are beset with dangers and snares.

No one who knows from experience what it is to serve the Lord, talks lightly of the difficulties and dangers involved. An old sailor, we are told, never laughs at the storm. He knows the power of wind and waves, and has been at wit's end corner. So the man out to save souls remembers that in attempting to rescue others from the enemy he is at perilous work. "Others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire" (dangerous work!). "Hating even the garment spotted by the flesh" (defiling work!). A worker in China assisting in casting out a demon by prayer, records how the evil spirit followed him home and was hardly shaken off.

"Restore such a one in a spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Gal. vi. I); for even with a brother who has fallen there is risk. It is true our salt may lose its savour, and the devil leave us alone as ineffective; but if we are fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, our work will often provoke the enemy. Godly fear has no servility in it. It is the reverence of a child, not the cringing of a slave. Nor is there the least cowardice in it.

A call once came to man the lifeboat. One place remained to fill, and volunteers were called for. A man came forward, and trembled as they bound on his cork jacket. "You're afraid," said an onlooker. "You're trembling." Yes," was the reply, "and if you were half as much afraid, you would not go." God loves service of this kind, for it speaks of faith overcoming the weakness of the flesh. It is weakness made strong. "To this man will I look, saith the Lord—who trembleth at My word."

There are three matters set before us in the New Testament coupled with the words "fear and trembling." They are most suggestive.

(1) "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. ii. 12).

We are called unto holiness, and are bidden to perfect it in the fear of the Lord. It is no easy work this. How much fear it has cost us, lest by some unholy word or temper or deed, we should dishonour our Lord. Often we have trembled at the thought of failure when our "feet were almost gone," and we seemed on the edge of a precipice, or near the rocks that would make shipwreck of our faith. Does not this daily working out of that which God by His Spirit works in us call for fear and trembling? Especially it does when it leads down the Valley of Humiliation. When the Pilgrim went down into it, though the ladies Prudence, Piety and Charity accompanied him to help him, nevertheless "he caught a slip or two." There is not space to enlarge; but note how the appeal (Phil. ii. 12) follows on the account of our Lord emptying Himself and becoming "obedient unto death." "Wherefore . . ." So in Eph. v. 21 it is said, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of the Lord."

(2) He remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received Him" (2 Cor. vii. 15).

It is not easy to obey, to deny self and his wishes and do the will of God from the heart every time. This causes us to fear. Noah was "moved with fear" when he built the ark. Abraham got up early to go and offer Isaac, perhaps fearing delay in obedience, and was commended in the words, "Now I know that thou fearest God" (Gen. xxii. 12); and even our blessed Lord, when He learned obedience by the things which He suffered, was heard "in that He feared" (Heb. v. 5).

"I made haste," said the Psalmist. "I delayed not to keep Thy commandment." So while—

"Love in loving finds employ In obedience all its joy."

Yet it is coupled with the holy dread of disobedience, and the trembling lest faith should fail in prompt response to the Lord's will.

(3) "I (Paul) was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling" (I Cor. ii. 3).

Here is encouragement, for even the Great Apostle of the Gentiles could not serve without the same experience. Here also is warning, for if he, "in nothing behind the very chiefest apostles" (2 Cor. xii. II), was yet sensible that he was "nothing," and wrought with much trembling, how much more should we!

"As we see the day approaching,
And Thy coming drawing near,
We rejoice in Thee with trembling
While we serve Thee, Lord, with fear."

# "In Journeyings Oft."

By Harvey Farmer.

EBENEZER " is the word which eloquently expresses the experiences of Mr. Levett and myself as we recall the numberless tokens of God's loving-kindness since we left Britain's shores. The alterations of our plans en route, owing to strikes and other untoward events, only served to emphasise the fact that He was leading with unerring hand.

We had expected to make Tunis our first port of call; but the boat thither, being unduly delayed, we left Marseilles for Algiers, and felt it was peculiarly fitting that the first to welcome us to North Africa was our oldest worker, Mons. E. Cuendet, who, with his beloved wife, made us feel very much at home.

Business matters at the station took Mr. Levett to Cherchell, while a hurried journey to Tunis was necessary for me. The train arrived at 2.30 in the morning, but Mr. A. V. Liley with his son, Dr. James Liley, was at the station to give hearty greetings to the belated traveller, while Mrs. Liley, with loving forethought, had prepared creature comforts, which were gratefully appreciated.

What a busy day is Sunday at Tunis! Indeed it is an outstanding feature of the workers of the Mission that they do not spare themselves in the work to which God has called them. One of the several meetings held in Mr. Liley's house is a Sunday Class for Italian children, and it was moving to hear their hearty singing. How they sang the refrain—

"The thorns, they were placed on His beautiful brow

To pardon a rebel like me"

After a short word from myself, there followed the hymn, "I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me"; and it is cheering to know that God's blessing is resting upon this and other efforts to lead the young to the Saviour.

It was not possible to get along to the Arab meeting taken by Mr. Liley, as it had been arranged for me to speak at the Italian Gospel Hall, where many trophies of redeeming grace are to be found, and where Miss Petter is bravely holding the fort.

The first station to be properly visited by Mr. Levett and myself (accompanied by Miss Stock from Tunis) was Djemâa Sahridj. This was as it should be, seeing that the pioneers of our Mission

were located there. Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, Ali Ou Ncer, and Belkassem (the two native Christian helpers) were at Mekla to receive us, while the Misses Cox and Smith came along to meet us on our way to their hospitable home. It was delightful that our first engagement was to have part in the weekly prayer meeting which the workers hold among themselves, and at which, besides the others mentioned, we had the pleasure of again meeting the new missionaries, Misses Elliot and Fison, who were very happy in their God-appointed sphere.

It is impossible to convey all that one felt in going from meeting to meeting, seeking to be the Lord's messenger in the Lord's message, as He enabled. Here, for instance, is a gathering of women, held in a Kabyle house, at which the Gospel is preached: and at the close a young woman, pale-faced and thin, looked up with a bright smile, saying, "My heart is full of joy and content because you have come to see us and speak God's Word to us," and adding her testimony that she belonged to the Lord Jesus. It meant much to her that He was her Saviour and Friend, seeing that she had been deserted by her husband, and had an emaciated infant with an abnormal appetite at her breast, while the time was near at hand when another would need her maternal care. "HE IS ABLE to make all grace abound" in every such case.

The return journey to Algiers was taken via Fort National, in order to see something more of the country. It was oppressively saddening to look over extensive tracts of mountainous country -much of it most beautiful, for well-nigh every prospect pleases-and to see large numbers of Kabyle villages waiting to be evangelised. There is comparatively little fanatical opposition to the Gospel message in the greater part of Kabylia; and the urgent need is for more men to reinforce existing stations, from whence should be sent forth converts who are equipped by the Holy Spirit to tell out the unsearchable riches of Christ throughout the countryside. The time is ripe for an aggressive forward movement, for which men and means are essential. Please pray earnestly that the present opportunity of reaching these people may be bought up and made the most of for God and His glory. Should we not keep the Judgment Seat more vividly in view:

and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said. Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to render to each man according as his work is

The next visit was to Cherchell, where there has been so much to cheer the hearts of God's servants. At this station also, Mr. Levett and I were able to join in the Workers' Weekly Prayer Meeting. The morning meeting on Sunday was an inspiration. To see a little group of converts with the missionaries joining in worship, and later gathering round the Lord's Table, was very beautiful.

The Misses Read, Turner, Johnston, Kenworthy and Goozee, together with Mons. and Madame Nicolle, were so pleased to have us at their centre of spiritual activities. Indeed it is most touching to realise how cordially the workers appreciate a visit: and if some of our friends who were able to take their holidays abroad were to visit some of the Mission stations, they would find themselves richly repaid. Their own souls would be as watered gardens, as they sought to cheer and refresh the hearts of those to whom God sent them.

It was a real joy to have some share in the Monthly Prayer Meeting for all the European and American workers in Algiers: and also to speak at a special meeting of English-speaking workers at Dar Naama, which was graciously arranged by Madame Cuendet and Miss Trotter, and at which Mr. Levett presided.

From Algiers we had quite an eventful journey into Morocco, travelling via Oran, Oudjda and Taza. In the latter region especially there is still much unrest. Immediately before our arrival the insurrectionists from the hills had murdered lawabiding inhabitants, besides burning down one bridge and partially wrecking another. The whole of that vast district has been utterly

neglected by us who have been put in trust with the Gospel.

Fez was the scene of David Cooper's martyrdom, the last of the N.A.M. soldiers of the Cross to meet his Captain face to face at the hands of sin-deluded fanatics. The Misses Mellett and Denison have been working there most indefatigably these many years. The dispensary work gives them an unique opportunity of reaching large numbers of natives, many of good class family—especially women and girls—to whom they pass on the precious Gospel story, as they do also in the houses of the people where they are continually visiting, and where they are assured of a warm welcome. There is a magnificent scope for work here among the many thousands of students and other men.!

Our stay in Casablanca was lengthened out, owing to difficulty in securing a boat to Tangier, and when we did get off it had to be on Christmas Day. It is impossible to exaggerate the need of this rapidly-growing cosmopolitan seaport, with its shameless and abounding sin. It is one of Satan's strategic strongholds. All honour to the women who press on in the conflict: but must we not look to God for male reinforcements? The Misses Jennings, Banks and Eason, with Miss Nicolet, are helping together in the campaign, and seeking to make as widely known as possible God's terms of peace.

Signor Arnone is a very devoted labourer, who is being used of God among the Italian-speaking people. The little hall is well filled, but is soon to be pulled down to make room for town-planning improvements, which involves securing fresh and larger premises for this department of work. The prayers of our friends for this and every other need will be deeply valued.

The limitation of space forbids more than a promise of a further instalment in the next issue.

# Two Months Spent at Cherchell.

By Miss Edith L. Goozee.

Cherchell is a pretty little seaside town, with a small, picturesque harbour, about six hours' train journey from Algiers. The "train," so-called, travels along the side of the roads through villages scattered about among the hills and mountains, at about the rate of our English tramcar!

We read, in the Homeland, of the

number of towns and villages without a single Herald of the Cross, and feel moved as we try to realise the awful need of labourers. But it is impossible to describe one's feelings when actually passing through some of these, or when walking down the streets of this town, and seeing—thronging the pathways and crowding the cafés—numbers of these poor Moslems,

without Christ and without hope! The new worker experiences an appalling sense of helplessness for, granted a knowledge of Arabic, open-air preaching least of all by a woman—is strictly prohibited!

The next sad fact with which we are brought face to face is that our glorious Gospel when presented is often refused; the chief reason being the fear of man. Many are willing to say they will follow Christ, and renounce Mohammed; but when it comes to breaking the Fast, giving the personal word of testimony before others; or in the case of a man giving up wearing a fez, the badge of the Moslem faith—the power of the devil behind public opinion proves too strong!

It is good to be able to turn from these sad cases and see those who have appropriated for themselves the Salvation purchased for them on Calvary. We realise with great joy that, whatever our nationality, the children of God are all members one of another. We see, beginning to develop in these redeemed ones, the same love of and hunger for God's Word, and

the same yearning over the souls of others which mark the growth, gradual though it be, of the babe in Christ at home.

What an "open door" for the Gospel is afforded here by the Carpet Industry. by which girls during the most critical vears of their lives are brought under daily hearing of the Gospel! Neither do they only hear, but they commit to memory much of God's Word and many hymns in their own language; and these. it is proved, they do not easily forget. Workers who have been labouring faithfully for years experience the joy of seeing in one and another a gradual change in behaviour—a thoughtful, attentive look coming over the face—later there comes a private confession of faith in the Lord Jesus, a trembling prayer put up audibly for the first time, a severance from Islam by breaking the Fast, a desire to be baptised, and, lastly, a partaking of the Lord's Supper in company with His children. These different stages may all be seen among the women and girls who gather for the Bible lesson at 8.30 every morning in the Carpet School.

(To be continued.)

## Amar and his French Friend.

By Mr. T. J. Warren.

A Frenchman was recently baptised in Algiers, on the eve of his departure for France with the young Kabyle who was the means of his conversion. The story of these young men would doubtless be of interest.

Whilst still a boy at school, Bezzaz Amar attended the missionary Sunday School at Djemâa Sahridj, and before leaving made a profession of conversion. Soon after this he entered the service of Mr. and Mrs. Ross, and whilst with them the impression made on his soul was deepened. He was a bright lad, and so, after Mr. Ross' death, it was decided to retain the lad as house boy for us. Though he was difficult at times, we very much appreciated having a lad who was already trained. My wife encouraged him to read, and he developed such a taste for reading as helped him considerably in

his Christian life by giving him an occupation for leisure moments, which saved him from the many temptations which beset the idle. The Bible was the Book he read most. He joined the Scripture Union, but found the daily portion all too short. In three months he had gone through the readings for the whole year. On one occasion, when my wife wanted him, she found him in the stable reading the Bible to a group of young men. Later on, he took up the "Once a Year" Bible reading plan, and went right through with it. He was distinguished by a love for cleanliness and order, and his room, in the later years of his service with us. was a striking proof of his thoroughness in these respects.

Owing to my illness in 1913, we came home to England, and Amar went into service in Algiers; but he did not stay there very long, as he was keen to visit Europe. He went to Paris, and there found work in a cycle tyre factory, where he developed a love for machinery, which has now called him back to France once more to work in an engineering business. During his first visit to Paris, he kept as clear as possible of his Kabyle compatriots, and in so doing showed his wisdom, for the majority of the Kabyles in Paris are not very desirable companions for a Christian young man.

Soon after our return to Kabylia in 1914, he returned also, as his father had met with an accident which incapacitated him from work for a long time. Thus Amar came home to contribute to the support of his family. He formed at that time a friendship with another older Kabyle convert, which further developed his character. He was baptised, and began to help in the Sunday School, and later, in the young men's evangelistic classes. He showed considerable gift in speaking, as, having a clear apprehension and good memory, he learnt quickly, and passed on to others that which he had learned himself.

Then came the war, and Amar had to go. He was recommended for a cadet corps, successfully passed his examinations, and became a sergeant. He had opportunities for further promotion if he would make the Army his career, but he was too great a lover of freedom to remain in the Army longer than was absolutely necessary.

His love of order and cleanliness stood him in good stead in his military life, and marked him off from the average native soldier. His quiet life and consistent testimony to his Christian faith attracted the attention of a French N.C.O., for, from the first, Amar made it quite clear that he was not a Mohammedan, and protested strongly against being treated as such.

The Frenchman, who was fairly well-todo, opened his house to him in Algiers. and received him as one of the family. Soon, however, the mother died, and the Frenchman was left alone, having previously lost his wife during the war. He had been brought up as a Catholic, but professed no faith. Though he was by no means an atheist, he was indifferent to a religion whose formality made no appeal to him, and whose greed shocked The faith of his Kabyle friend interested him, and I undertook to be his instructor. Things came to a head when illness and trouble drove him to us for sympathy and help. I presented the Gospel to him as clearly as I knew how, and he accepted it on the spot. He went directly to my wife and said, "I am a changed man. God has had mercy on me and saved me." And he was a changed man from that moment. He missed no opportunity whilst he was with us of bringing a Bible to me to ask for further instruction, and on his return to Algiers went regularly to Mr. Speare to continue his study of the truth. He intended to be baptised on our return to Algeria, but owing to our prolonged absence, he was baptised by Mr. Speare before leaving with his Kabyle friend Amar for France.

We had hoped to have kept the latter at Djemâa, but as this has not been possible, we seek prayer on behalf of both, that they may be the means of blessing to others in France.

## To the Friends of the North Africa Mission.

"St. David's," Manor Park,
London, E.C. 12.,
10th February, 1920.

DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS,-

Since my last letter, dated December 6th, we have been through a time of

mercy and yet of trial. Before the year closed we were saddened by the news of the serious illness of **Miss F. R. Brown**, who for over thirty years has worked amongst the Spaniards of Tangier. She seemed to have taken a chill, which at first did not appear very serious, but

various complications ensued, and notwithstanding every care on the part of Dr. Liley and her fellow-workers, she passed Home to her reward on December 30th. Some few particulars will be found on another page.

Since then we have had further trial in the illness of other Missionaries. Miss **Craggs**, a very valuable Missionary, and a great help in teaching Arabic to new workers, has had a very serious attack of cerebral influenza, and for a time her life was despaired of. Through God's mercy she seems now to be on the way to recovery, but it will be a long time before she is thoroughly strong again. Before she had recovered. Mr. Fallaize and Mrs. Roberts were stricken down with typhoid fever, and our latest news is that while Mr. Fallaize's case is hopeful, Mrs. Roberts' is very grave. We are in constant prayer for them. Last year we lost three Missionaries: Mr. Webb in February. Miss Breeze in November, and Miss Brown in December; so that while we are getting out new workers, we have lost these three older ones with their knowledge and experience.

The close of the year was a very anxious time from a financial point of view. However, on the very last day a very gracious memorial gift was received, which enabled us to clear up the year with comfort, and included a liberal gift towards the support of a new Medical Missionary, enough to cover several years' support so soon as such an one can be found. We would specially ask prayer that a suitable doctor may be found—one who is not only capable of healing people's bodies, but who can also lead them to the Healer of the soul.

In the early part of 1919 we asked prayer for forty new workers. Nineteen have been enrolled, the last of these, Miss Elsie Tilney, having been accepted by the Council since our last issue and designated for Bône. Two of the nineteen, however, as mentioned elsewhere, have been obliged, through failure of health, to postpone for the present. This leaves seventeen to be accounted for. Ten have gone out to the field, three more are hoping to go shortly, while four others are getting further training. We are, therefore, in

need of twenty-three more to make up the number, and we trust these will in due time be sent.

Two of our sisters are compelled to remain at home on account of poor health, and two are remaining at home for the present to care for their children, while their husbands go back to the field. We have also several others who are kept at home, either by their ill-health, or by the ill-health of relatives—for whose care they feel themselves responsible.

The accounts for last year are not fully made up yet, but we are thankful to say that the income for the year was just over £11,000, the largest that the Mission has ever received.

We mentioned in our last that Mr. **Farmer**, and **Mr**. **Levett** of our Council. were on a visit to the field. The latter has now returned to England, and had a very stormy experience in crossing the Bay of Biscay. Mr. Farmer has already been to Tangier, Casablanca, Tetuan, Laraish, Fez, Cherchell, Algiers, Bougie, Djemâa Sahridj, Mekla, and Tunis, and according to our latest communication he was just going on to Bône and Tebessa, and then again to Tunis, &c. This journey has been one of much helpfulness to the Missionaries, and, of course, Mr. Farmer himself has gained most useful knowledge and experience with regard to the work, its encouragements and difficulties, which will help him to set forth the needs of the field even with greater forcefulness than before. He is giving a few particulars in this issue, but we must wait for more details till he gets back. It is nearly six years since my last journey to the field, after which I broke down with this muscular infirmity, which still more or less incapacitates me for much of my work.

We are glad to report that a very suitable Mission House has been secured in Casablanca, though the rent is very high; rents there having risen even more than they have at home. The town is rapidly increasing in population, and although a good deal of building is going on, it is almost impossible to find a house, or even a room, and it is doubtful whether we should have found one at all but for

the help and kindness of Mr. Lamb, a British merchant.

Illness in Tangier has naturally disarranged the work there a good deal. **Dr. Liley,** after visiting his father in Tunis, reached Tangier on December 22nd with the hope of before long opening the Hospital; but first of all the illness of fellow-workers, and then other causes have retarded this, and progress will have to be, step by step. He is anxious to have certain repairs done at the Hospital, and he also needs blankets and calico, as well as medical dressings. Some of these have been promised, but more will be required. We are thankful that a new nurse, Miss Tyler, is going out with Miss Waddell, another new worker, during this month.

Mrs. Simpson, who has been home on furlough, has hurried back rather quickly at the last to help to nurse her sister. Miss Craggs. She left us last Saturday, and to save time has gone overland via Paris and Madrid. It is intended that she should take up the Women's Medical work in Tangier, formerly carried on by Dr. Breeze. Miss Marston is anxious to visit some other Stations, and to open up new work somewhere, if possible. Miss Goozee, having become engaged to Dr. Liley, is being moved from Cherchell, so as to learn Moroccan Arabic. Probably she and Miss Edmunds will go to Tetuan, where Miss Knight will help them with their language study. Miss Ward, whose kind help in holding the fort there has been very highly appreciated, is still staying on for the present.

The Carpet Industry at Cherchell is going forward, though still hampered by the difficulty of obtaining wool. Though the prices have been considerably raised, there are more orders for rugs than can be executed. There have been interesting cases of professed conversion amongst the Carpet School girls and women, but at the same time there have been disappointments.

Miss Fison and Miss Elliot are doing well at Djemáa Sahridj, and now Mr. & Mrs. Warren are back there. Mr. Warren is hoping to develop his wood carving industry for the natives, and thus bring them constantly under Christian

instruction One kind friend has sent fio for calico for Mrs. Shorev's and Miss Degenkolw's work at Bougic. Miss Granger has returned to Bône in company with Miss Farley, who was formerly in Egypt. Miss Lackersteen is helping Miss A. Cox at Tebessa. They are hoping to get some domestic help to set them more free for the spiritual work is verv encouraging. Petter's work in Tunis amongst the Italians is reviving after her furlough, and she is now helped by Signor Avanzo and his wife from Italy. Mr. Liley has been cheered by an interesting case of conversion of a Moslem student at the University there. Mr. Reid has got back to Tripoli, where for the present he is working alone. Miss Hodges has been doing a certain amount of work amongst British soldiers in Alexandria, and Sitt Asma, notwithstanding all the troubles, is keeping on the Moslem School for girls. Out of twenty-five of these, twenty-three are Moslems. Egypt is still in a very disturbed state.

During Mr. Fairman's absence from Shebin-el-Kom, the servant left in charge, who had been in his employ for many years, has unfortunately proved unfaithful, and has stolen and sold the greater part of his furniture, and a large number of the valuable Arabic books which Mr. Fairman had collected during his twentytwo years' service. This is a very grievous loss. The man has been arrested, and is in prison with some others who assisted him, but this will not bring back the lost property. Mr. Fairman has been wanting to return for a long while, but difficulties were in the way. He is hoping to go out by a Japanese steamer next Saturday.

Space prevents me from giving further details. There is much to thank God for and a good deal to pray about. At the end of last year I was not feeling very well, as in addition to my chronic infirmity, I had some other ailments. However, since the New Year began, my health has been better, and, if anything, my muscular infirmity is a little less trying than it was.

Commending the work afresh to your sympathy and your prayers,

Yours heartily in Christ,

EDWARD H. GLENNY.

P.S.—Feb. 19th. I am glad to be able to add that the latest news of the invalids at Tangier is encouraging. Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Fallaize are both progressing favourably, although they have been very seriously ill. Miss Craggs is convalescent and now able to get out a little. Mrs. Simpson arrived at Tangier on the 12th inst.

### The Late Miss F. R. Brown.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Miss Brown, who for more than thirty years has worked in connection with the North Africa Mission amongst the Spaniards of Tangier. She had not been in very robust health for years, and apparently got a chill during the month of December. Then complications arose, and notwithstanding every medical and nursing care by Dr. Liley and her fellow lady Missionaries, she reached the close of her earthly journey on December 30th. She seemed to have a presentiment during her illness that she would not recover, and longed to be with Christ, so that, when at one time it looked as though she might recover, she expressed disappointment. She will be greatly missed by the Spaniards amongst whom she worked and whom she visited with great diligence. Mr. Moore feels her loss very greatly, as she specially looked after the women's and girls' part of the Spanish work.

Miss Brown was born in March, 1852, and so was in her sixty-eighth year. Her parents were earnest Christians, attending a Baptist Chapel in Burton-on-Trent, and she had the advantage of a very godly pastor, Mr. Solomon Allsop. From her earliest days she was interested in the things of God, but definitely decided for Christ at the age of fifteen, when she was baptised and received into the Church. She immediately became a Sunday School When twenty-one she left home to care for a friend who was ill, and remained with her for six years. She was the means of this friend's conversion, and also of the conversion of her husband. After her death, Miss Brown returned to her home, and in addition to domestic duties, which devolved upon her, became a diligent worker in connection with the Sunday School, Young Women's Christian Association, and the Town Mission, and was the means of leading a number to Christ.

She soon desired to give herself wholly to the Lord's work, but the wav did not at once clear. However, on meeting Mr. Float, who was then our Assistant-Secretary, she was led to offer to the North Africa Mission in 1889, when she was thirty-seven years of age. At this age she was older than most of those who go out to the foreign field. It was thought, however, that while it might be too much for her to attempt to learn Arabic, she might possibly manage Spanish. She was, therefore, sent out to labour under Mr. Patrick, who then had charge of our Spanish Mission in Tangier; and now for thirty years she has plodded on with earnestness and diligence, helping to win others for Christ, and to guide and counsel those who were already His. She assisted in the work amongst the girls in the day school and in the Sunday School, both under Mr. Patrick, Mr. Bolton, and Mr. Moore, and was very much loved and respected. She was most self-denying and kind-hearted, spending and being spent for the people amongst whom she laboured.

Who will now take her place? Perhaps there is some reader of our paper who, while she might not feel prepared to go out to learn Arabic, might be willing to attempt Spanish. If so, we should be very glad to hear from her.

Let us pray for Miss Brown's Spanish friends, and for her relatives at home, as well as for her fellow-labourers, all of whom will greatly miss her. For her, all is well, for she is with Christ, which is very far better, but the multitude of Spaniards need someone to fill the gap.

E. H. G.

## For the Children.

By Miss E. Whitton.

Up in the hills of Tebessa there are many beautiful mountain flowers to be found in the early spring, such as the narcissus, Star of Bethlehem, and a very stately white flower—the most beautiful of all to look at, which, after it has been held in one's hand for a few minutes, gives out a most offensive odour. Now this reminds us of some children who, when one comes into close touch with them, prove not so sweet as they look.

A little lad comes before me now whose name is Taber. What a sunny face he has! At an age when many of you boys and girls would be at play, or at school all day, this little lad was taken into our employ as a house boy. His mother being a Christian, we thought it would help her to have the boy earning, and it is true of him that when he was good he was very. very good; and when he was naughty, he was You can supply the missing word. Taber learned while with us a great deal about the Lord Jesus, and on one occasion, at a meeting for converts, before everyone he stood up and said he had "eternal life," and we hoped that he had really given himself to the Lord lesus. For a time he seemed very bright, on one occasion saving he would like to go about with the Saida when he grew up, and preach the Gospel to other people.

You would often hear him singing away while at work such hymns as you love, but in his own funny native tongue, and his own music and time generally!

This poor little lad was sorely tempted, often going off home for days to work for an Arab teacher. Then he would return to us very repentant.

Sad to tell, one day we heard him chanting portions from the Koran (the bible of the Moslem), in place of the hymns he used to love so much. He looked up and said, "To-morrow I leave you. The Middib (Arab teacher) has offered me a much bigger wage. So I am going to work for him." Thus this little lad went away to be under the influence of those who deny the Divinity of the Lord Jesus, to follow the religion of Mohammed the prophet, which is utterly false and all based on good works, telling nothing of the "blood of Jesus, which cleanseth from all sin."

I want to ask you dear children who love the Lord Jesus to join us in praying very much for poor little Taber; and later on I shall hope to be able to tell you that your prayers have been answered.

# Home and Foreign Notes.

#### A PRAYER MEETING

is held on the first Thursday in every 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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#### DEPARTURES.

Mr. C. C. Gabriel and Mr. H. G. Hacker left on December 24th for Tangier.

Mr. & Mrs. Warren left for Djemâa Sahridj on January 3rd.

Miss M. Farley and Miss H. Granger left for Bone (Algeria) on January 8th.

Mr. W. Reid left for Tripoli on January 13th.
Mrs. Simpson left for Tangier on February

Mr. W. T. Fairman left for Shebin-el-Kom on February 14th.

Miss A. E. Tyler and Miss G. Waddell left for Tangier on February 21st.

#### **⋄** THANKS.

Hearty thanks to our old friend, Mr. J. Calow, of Lingdale, Yorkshire, for his kind

gift of drugs to the value of £11 158. 2d., for Mrs. Simpson's use in Tangier.



#### DESPATCH OF PARCELS.

Will friends sending parcels to the Field bear in mind that it is desirable, if possible, to make use of the Parcel Post. When weight forbids this, will they kindly communicate with our Agents, Messrs. P. F. Vardon & Co., 22, Bride Lane, London, E.C., who will forward the necessary shipping instructions.



We regret that, in consequence of the indefinite wording of the MS. from which we quoted, we stated in our last issue that another Christian Kabyle marriage had taken place at Djemâa Sahridj. We now find that the wedding was at Algiers, and that the bride had been under the care of Miss Emily Smith, formerly of the N.A.M., but now of the American Methodist Episcopal Church Mission.

Miss Helen Smith and Miss Caroline Stuck, who had been accepted to go out to Cherchell as honorary workers, have, to our great regret, been very reluctantly compelled to give up doing so. Miss Smith's health has failed, and her friend, Miss Stuck, cannot leave her. It is hoped that after a while they may be able to go out, but at present Miss Smith's health will not justify her going to the Mission field. This is a great disappointment to them and to us, but we bow to God's providential overruling. We commend these two sisters to your prayers.

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Mr. Shorey writes from Bougie: "There has been another boat in the harbour, come to take away a load of iron ore. I went on board and had a talk with some of the men, and found one or two Christians amongst them; but the firemen were a terrible crew, out for drink whenever they could get ashore. I am getting along fairly well with work amongst men and boys. There is still a lot of banging at the door of our hall, and plenty of stone-throwing; but I trust this will die down, for we have passed through more difficult times in Algiers in past days. I have visited one or two native villages some eleven kilometres from Bougie, speaking to some seventy to eighty men on the road."

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From Kalrouan, Mr. Short writes on January 20th: "This evening I have had a full gathering in the meeting-room. Over twenty in different groups. One man, a sergeant, with another soldier, introduced himself as one of our class of boys, thirteen or fourteen years ago. I had forgotten him. He has evidently become a man of some unusual intelligence, as he can read and speak French fairly well, and had gained his rank within two years. Three Gospels were bought, and I gave away a few tracts, French and Arabic. Nearly all were young men or lads, and no distinctly Moslem question arose. Oh, for a sense of sin that would make men seek a sure, present and complete pardon, and a present deliverance from sin's power! God is present with us, but we long for a mightier manifestation of His power."



Mrs. Pinner writes from Sfax on January 24th: "We have just returned from the country. We are trying to get in touch with the people outside the country parts, so we go out for a long walk, taking tracts with us; but, as we are not allowed to give them away to anyone in the street, we drop a few as we go along, hoping they will fall into the hands of someone who can read. We go to some little shops along the road and ask the price of eggs and sometimes a woman coming along the road has a few to dispose of. This gives us an opportunity for conversation. To-day, after walking some distance, we sat down by the roadside, near a lad who was selling drinks made from the juice of the palm tree, and began talking to him about it, going on to take the opportunity of telling him of the Gospel. A little further on we called at a little stores where some eggs were exposed for sale, and after discussing the price of the eggs with the man, Mrs. Webb had a long talk with him.

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28 [March,-April, 1920.

# 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.

- For all the triumphs of the Gospel in North Africa during the past thirty-eight years.
- For Moslem Work at Tangier—Medical, School, Meetings for Men and Boys, Itinerating. &c.

Prayer for all the workers in this station who have been recently greatly tried by the death of two of their number and the serious illness of three more.

3 For Spanish Mission at Tangier—Sunday and Week-day Services, School, Scripture Distribution. &c.

Prayer that a suitable worker might be found to take up the work so faithfully carried on for many years by the late Miss Brown among the Spanish women and children of Tangier.

- For Casablanca—Moslem Work and Italian Mission, Distribution of Scriptures, Itinerating, &c.
- 5. For Fez-Dispensary, Classes, Visiting, &c.
- For Laraish, with its one witness for Christ among the women and children.
- For Tetuan—School for Spanish children, Visiting, &c.
- For Algiers—Visiting homes and cafés, Classes and Meetings, Itinerating, &c.
- For Bône—Classes, Visiting among women and children, &c.
- For Bougie—Classes, Visits to neighbouring tribes. &c.
- For Cherchell—Carpet School, Classes for lads, women, girls, and infants; Visiting, Itinerating Work, &c.

Prayer for Abdia, who has again been married to a Moslem, and has left the neighbourhood: that she may be hept in the fear of the Lord in the midst of her trying circumstances.

- For Djemåa Sahridj—Home and School for girls, Sunday Schools and Classes, Visiting, Itinerating, &c.
- 13. For Mekla-Itinerating, &c.
- For Tebessa—Bible Depôt, Classes and Visiting, &c.
- For Moslem Work at Tunis—Bible Depôt, Meetings for men, Itinerating Work, &c.
- 16. For Italian work at Tunis—Sunday and Week-day Services, Classes, and Y.W.C.A Work, Distribution of Scriptures, &c.

- 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 for the wayside sowing in and around Sfax. (See page 27.)

- 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, and for Christian girls married to Moslems.
- 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.

Prayer that these home-workers may be encouraged, and that others may be raised up in new districts.

- 26. For deepening heart concern among more of the Lord's people on behalf of those still in darkness.
- 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.

Praise for the Lord's great goodness in sending in on December 31st a generous gift, which was more than sufficient to clear all the outstanding expenses of the year. (See page 23.)

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.

> Prayer for the new workers in the Field: that they may be helped in their language study and qualified as soon as may be for Active Service.

- 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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Miss F. Marston	Nov., 1895		Dec., 1914	minimum .
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Miss M. M. GLEN (Associate) Miss Ada Buxton	April, 1919	Kabyle Work—		Mr. A. V. Liley July, 1885
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Mr. C. C. Gabriel.				Miss G. E. Petter Oct., 1913
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Miss K. Aldridge	Dec. 1891	Miss A. Cox	Oct., 1892	Alexandria.
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Miss S. M. DENISON				

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