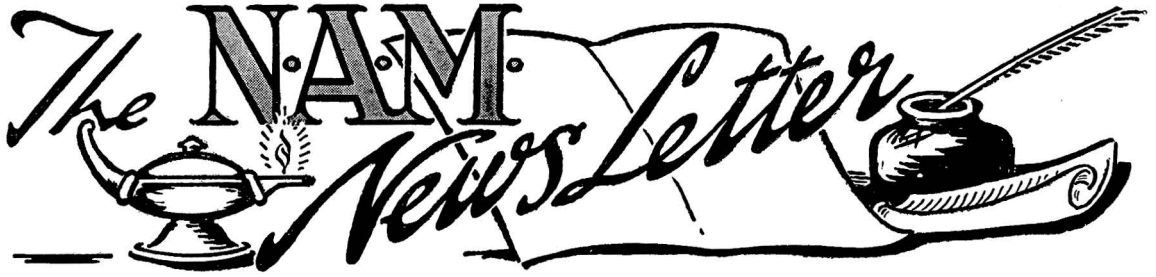


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FATHER AND SON.

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We supply the caption "Father and Son" rather than the more obvious "Snake-charmers of Tunisia" in order to draw attention to two interesting features which the snapshot illustrates. The first is that, among Moslems, trades and professions run in families. If a man is a blacksmith, then it is pretty certain that his father and grandfather were blacksmiths before him. Similarly, the boy who blows the bellows, and the apprentice who swings the sledge-hammer will prove to be the blacksmith's sons. The trade of carpenter is especially esteemed, since tradition has it that Mohammed was himself a craftsman in wood. There is a proverb current in Kairouan to the effect that "the son of a carpenter is already half a carpenter"; that is, the manual dexterity is inherited. Even the snakes that we find so repugnant may be held in affection by the snake-charmer's son who has known them as daily companions for as long as he can remember. On the other hand, a breaking-down of an age-long conservatism is seen in the abandonment of the turban (by the son), and the adoption of the European jacket, tattered though it be !

More New Workers

THIS is the kind of opening paragraph that never fails to rejoice our hearts, for it is gladdening evidence that the Lord Who has so wonderfully supplied our financial needs during the War years is now furnishing the workers through whom the witness will be maintained in the coming days.

As a general rule, we deem it wiser to wait until accepted missionary candidates are actually on the Field before introducing them, by photograph and news-paragraph, to our readers; but on the present occasion there are obvious reasons for departing from our custom.

Here, then, are our three new missionaries:—

First of all comes **Mrs. Norman Pearce**, née Margaret Amy Russell. Born into a Christian home in 1921, she was brought to a saving trust in the Lord Jesus at a tender age. At the Bromley County School (where she obtained the Oxford School Certificate), Margaret was instrumental in the conversion of several of her school friends. At the age of thirteen she was baptised, and received into fellowship at Brook Lane Hall, Downham, Kent.



MR. & MRS. PEARCE

After a brief business career our sister entered Redcliffe Training College, and was accepted by the Council of the N.A.M. in 1942. Her marriage to Mr. Norman Pearce of Cherchell took place in January, 1943.

Application for passages to North Africa for Mr. and Mrs. Pearce have already been made, and it is hoped that ere long their presence and help on the Field may prove a blessing to their fellow-workers.

Next comes **Nurse Margaret Elsie Chipperfield**, who has already been engaged for several years in evangelistic work among the women and girls of Morocco. In June last she offered her services to the North Africa Mission, and was accepted by the Council to help at the Tulloch Memorial Hospital, Tangier.

Like her friend Miss Theakston (who, with Miss Hutchinson and Dr. Farnham St. John, arrived in Tangier in January), Miss Chipperfield holds the S.R.N. qualifications; and the recent welcome additions to the Hospital Staff now makes it possible for other nurses to make plans to come home for furlough long overdue.

Miss Chipperfield, by the way, was formerly a member of the Baptist Church, Dorking, Surrey.

Our third "recruit" is, in reality, an "old soldier," for **Miss Doris Richardson** went out to Algeria well-nigh twenty years ago, and was engaged in

missionary work there, and in Morocco, during two periods, viz., 1926-1936 and 1938-1941. The first break was occasioned by our sister's ill-health, whilst the home-coming in 1941 was due to the blindness of her father, who has since been taken to be with the Lord.



MISS DORIS RICHARDSON

During her later years on the Field, Miss Richardson was a worker in the Raymund Lull Home at Tangier, and Mr. Elson writes with appreciation of Miss Richardson's services.

It is expected that our sister, who was recently accepted by the Council of the North Africa Mission, will be able to join Miss Grace Lincoln, whose friend she became during the years spent in Tangier.



NURSE MARGARET ELSIE CHIPPERFIELD

The late Mrs. F. J. Scroggie

AMONGST the many and varied activities of the late Mrs. F. J. Scroggie was a brief period of valuable service for North Africa at the Headquarters of this Mission, at Highbury Crescent, in 1908-9. The writer of this paragraph has clear recollections of "Miss Amy Pike" coming to help with the Ladies' Committee, and in the Deputation department. She was instrumental in the founding of several Auxiliaries in different

parts of the country, but her particular accomplishment was the inauguration of a Monthly Missionary Correspondence Course, for which she published a series of twelve monthly pamphlets, bearing on The Origin of the Mission, The Berber Races of North Africa, their Religion, Social Customs, etc., etc.

Mrs. Scroggie's retirement from the Mission, prompted by various reasons, was felt to be a real loss to the work.

Our deep sympathy is extended to her husband, who in his younger days resided with his father, the late Rev. J. J. Scroggie, at Barking, closely associated with Mr. E. H. Glennly, the founder of the Mission.

I. E. B.

News from Tunis

GRAPHIC letters from Mrs. J. A. Liley and Miss K. M. E. Gotelee, who had an excellent journey back to Tunis, gave their outstanding impressions, and reveal some of the changes that the war years have brought to the everyday life of the Tunisian.

Transport facilities have inevitably deteriorated. Of this fact, Mrs. Liley and Mr. F. Ewing (also returning to Tunis) had early warning, in that they had to wait *four days* at Algiers for seats on the Tunis train.

Luggage has to be closely watched, for thieves, working with shrewd cunning, extracted articles from Mrs. Liley's suitcase and carefully re-locked and re-recorded it after the theft! Miss Gotelee also lost sundry items from her suitcase. That bugbear of foreign travel, the Customs examination, on this occasion gave no trouble whatever.

Mrs. Liley found **Si Beddai** weak and frail physically, "but he keeps about, faithful and cheerful."

Miss Gotelee says: "It was just wonderful for **Miss Jones** and myself to be able to come straight on to Tunis without waiting even a night at Algiers. And then it was thrilling to arrive at the gate of Bethesda and ring the bell. What a welcome we got! I was glad to find **Miss Petter** well, though very tired . . .

"The food situation here is difficult, and very different from well-fed England, but there are plenty of vegetables and oranges . . . The greatest lack is of starchy foods and sugar. We are told that there will be no sugar ration next month. This month we have only had a half-ration—about six ounces. Bread is rationed, but we get sufficient. If we want flour, we have to give up a bread ration and take flour instead. There is neither macaroni, semolina, rice, dried peas, beans nor lentils; neither are there any potatoes: in a word, nothing to make up what we call bulk food. Then there is no milk, butter or cheese—except goat's milk cheeses, which we are afraid to eat, since Mediterranean fever comes from goat's milk. However, all the missionaries have been wonderfully helped in various ways; all are in good health, and none looks thin! . . .

"Shopping is a trial with the queues—the people waste so much time in screaming and gesticulating and arguing with the shopkeepers.

" . . . In the Sunday School the children have grown out of knowledge . . . They have been kept together by those who carried on during our absence. The **Falsons** are continuing to help in the school, but the Aunts, who have been faithful for so many years, are feeling their age and need more rest . . ."

These details will enable us to pray more intelligently for our friends as they adjust themselves to changed conditions, and accept with cheerful resignation a standard of living so greatly inferior to that which, in the Lord's goodness, we still enjoy in this favoured Homeland.

The Scriptures "in Great Demand"

THE effects of war upon a country are, in all their ramifications, unpredictable. That there are consequences which, in certain areas, "have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the Gospel," is graphically illustrated in the following letter received a short time ago from Mr. Arthur of Azazza, Algeria. He writes:—

"We in Azazza, a district whose sole source of income is derived from forestry, have been favoured during the war. For more than four years large gangs of men have been cutting timber, with the result that money is extremely plentiful. Having no confidence in banks, men go from market to market seeking investment for their money—sheep, goats, bullocks, mules, etc.

"These same animals pass from hand to hand, each momentary possessor taking a profit, with the result that prices are going up all the time, though there is no increase in the real riches of the district. Therefore, when a colporteur, able to supply beautiful copies of the Scriptures at a very reasonable price, wanders into their markets, he finds a great demand for his best and biggest books, a very great difference from the days when the sale of one New Testament in Arabic was a big event!"

When missionary work in many countries is largely paralyzed today because of the war, it is gratifying to know that in Algeria the Word of God is not only being accepted, but eagerly purchased in as large quantities as can be furnished. Here is "fuel for prayer," indeed—and for praise!

A Friend of Missionaries

OUR attention has been drawn to the fact of the retirement of Miss R. Cooper, M.B.E., from her work at the British Consulate, Fez, Morocco; and we would like to express our appreciation, as a Mission, of all that her many years of life and service in Morocco have meant to our missionaries in that land.

Miss Cooper's first contact with Morocco was through the late Miss C. S. Jennings of the N.A.M., who was a distant relative of hers. As a girl, Miss Cooper spent some months with her at Larache, and during that time she learnt to love the country and the people, so that when, a few years later, she was invited to a post at the British Consulate in Fez, she gladly accepted.

Miss Cooper has given the best years of her life in the service of her country in Morocco, and for her faithful and efficient work the King recently honoured her with the M.B.E. decoration.

The esteem and affection in which she is held by natives and Europeans alike bear witness to her devoted interest in their well-being. She is, and has been, a true succourer of many, and she will be greatly missed by all whose lives were touched by her.

We wish Miss Cooper God-speed in her life of service for others in this country, and trust she will be greatly blessed and made a blessing in her little home in the New Forest.

(From an anonymous contributor.)

Homecall of Mrs. E. H. Glennly

News reaches us, as we go to press, of the Homecall, on March 15th, of Mrs. E. H. Glennly, widow of the founder of the North Africa Mission. Fuller details will appear (D.V.) in our next issue.

News from Tangier

In a graphic letter sent to the Pastor and members of her home church (Bethesda, Sunderland), **Miss M. Hutchinson** tells of many journeying mercies granted to her and her fellow-voyagers, **Dr. Farnham St. John** and **Miss Theakston**, on their way out to Tangier.

Each Sunday evening it was possible to hold a Gospel Service for fellow-passengers, and many among them were deeply impressed, particularly after an incident in which the delivering hand of God was wonderfully revealed.

At Gibraltar timely help and gracious hospitality were much appreciated; and during the six days spent there (whilst waiting for the Tangier boat) opportunities were afforded for taking a share in the splendid work that is being done to meet the spiritual needs of our men stationed at "The Rock."

A most cordial welcome awaited our friends when they at last reached Hope House, and at the earliest moment a "conducted tour" gave an impression of the various N.A.M. activities in Tangier.

A week later Miss Hutchinson had already "settled down" to her "duties in hospital." Mr. Bocking is giving her daily lessons in Arabic, and she is endeavouring to try out her new words upon the patients in the mornings. She concludes: "The difficulties are many, but through Him, and counting upon your prayer fellowship, we can face them, that His great Name may be glorified in North Africa."

So let us "pray our friends through" these early months when, we may be sure, the Devil will employ all his wiles in order to discourage and dishearten!

From a long and most interesting circular letter received from **Nurse Dorcas Henman** of Tangier, we extract the two following paragraphs:—

"The Hospital year ended in September, and the year's statistics show a considerable increase of patients. Out-patient attendances were 15,104, showing an increase of 1,874 on the previous year. Out-patient dressings showed an increase of 1,300, and over 10,000 were done in the year. Operations performed in the theatre numbered 229, which is 42 more than last year . . .

"There is one other subject for which I would ask your prayer-help, and that is for plans being made, and to be made in the near future, for workers to return and new recruits to come out to fill the gaps left by those who have passed on, or, by reason of age, must soon retire. There will never be too many workers in this needy field, but we do crave that only those of His Own choice and those who truly know their God may be guided to us. Especially will you pray for those who will be coming to the Hospital, that, by the Lord's Presence with them and in them, this place may truly be a beacon of Light in Tangier?"

Finally, there is this faithful word from our friend **Mr. P. Padilla**, of whose work among the Spanish population of Tangier we always read with the greatest interest:—

"Our meetings have gone on without interruption, and the messages have been well received. Contact has been kept up with those who have attended, and were members during the past few years, as with those who have for one or another reason left off coming to the meetings. Correspondence has been kept up with those who have gone to Spain and other parts. The Sunday School was restarted in October after the summer period. Not many come, owing to the influence of the Roman Catholic Church these days. All those who do come are children of believers or those very interested. All the children attend French, not Spanish, schools, and are in this way free from both influence and threats of friars and nuns.

"The congregation has shown a very helpful spirit in mutual help among themselves. They also contributed largely towards the expenses of the usual children's treat at Christmas. Speaking for myself, the Lord has kept me in good health up till now, though at times one feels very tired and in need of both rest and change. Once again with the prophet Samuel we can say Eben-ezer!"

Most earnestly would we commend our brother and his splendid work to the prayerful interest of our readers.

News in Brief

NEWS has reached Mr. Warren about **Miss Tilney**, who has written to friends in Paris to say that she is well occupied, and is looking forward to being once more engaged in the Lord's work.

Mr. Willson has restarted meetings at Mekla for the French, after a lapse of 17 years. The older people still remember the hymns. Bousaad has had to convert his old mill into a preaching hall, as the other had grown too small. Special prayer is requested for this evangelist.

Miss Brookes writes from America to say that good food and change of air have enabled her to regain lost weight, which was needed. She, like **Miss Grant**, has a number of deputation engagements.

Miss Drury appeared before the Council at their last meeting and gave interesting details of her work among Moorish women and children in Tangier. She had reached this country on January 31st by air, via Seville and Madrid.

Deputation Work of Mr. R. Stanley Miles

DURING the past months Mr. R. Stanley Miles has addressed, with great acceptance, gatherings at such widely-scattered centres as Belfast, Bangor (the World-wide Missionary Convention), Bristol, Clevedon, Bath, Calne, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Brighton, Hove, Portslade, Teddington and Tankerton.

Mr. Miles's itinerary includes, D.V., the following places:—

Plumstead, S.E., The People's Hall (Mar. 10-11); Trinity Road Baptist Chapel (Mar. 12); W. Enfield, Shirley Hall (Mar. 13); Kentish Town Mission (Mar. 16); Bolton, Hollin Hey Mission (Mar. 17-18); Atherton Mission Hall (Mar. 22); Ashton-under-Lyne, Central Hall (Mar. 24-25); Old Cross Mission (Mar. 26); Glasgow, Rodger Memorial Inst., Rutherglen (Apl. 1); Motherwell, Hallelujah Hall (Apl. 2); Glasgow, Rodger Memorial Inst. Women's Meeting (Apl. 3); Glasgow, St. George's Cross Tabernacle (Apl. 5); Motherwell, Hallelujah Hall (Apl. 8-9).

We are sure that our brother will greatly appreciate your prayerful remembrance as he seeks to make more widely known the needs of the Lord's work in North Africa.

The Annual Meetings

THE Annual Meetings of the North Africa Mission will be held, God willing, at Livingstone Hall, Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1 (near St. James's Park Station), on Thursday, May 31st, at 3.30 and 6 p.m.—preceded by a Prayer Gathering at 3 p.m. The special speakers expected are the Rev. R. S. Eddlestone, M.A., and the Rev. John Pritchard.

Missionaries, whose names we hope to publish in the next issue of the *News Letter*, will also take part at both Meetings.