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As there is no single copy of "North Africa" for October 1904 (containing Report for 1903-4) to bind in with this volume, a typed copy has been prepared giving the most important facts and information, together with the Annual Cash Statement.

For other contents of that number refer to Mr. Glenn's private volume 1900-4 inclusive.

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NOTES ON THE GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT.

(See pages 48 and 49.)

From May 1st, 1903, to April 30th, 1904.

It is nearly five months since the period under review closed, and since then the Mission's financial position has considerably changed; of this we write lower down.

Our business now is to call attention to the receipts and expenditure of the past year.

The receipts were £8,975 7s 11d., or about £12 less than the previous year. As, however, the profit on exchange has not been reckoned this year, but everything calculated as in English money, the receipts are really larger than last year.

If the £349 6s 5d. profit on exchange were deducted from last year, or added to this, this year would show £337 larger receipts than last, and £365 more than in the year ending April 30th, 1902. The receipts of the year therefore taken by themselves were encouraging. But the year began with an adverse balance of about £790, so that the receipts were not all available for the ordinary purpose of the Mission, but had in some measure to go towards reducing the overdraft which on April 30th, 1904, stood at £566, or less by about £234 than the year before.

Considering the condition of things generally, the revenue of last year was encouraging, and was within a few hundred pounds of what might be considered sufficient for the wants of the year.

The ordinary expenditure amounted to £8,701 18s 6d., or £273 less than the receipts; this would have left a balance in hand but for the fact that a bank loan of £500, obtained the previous year, was paid off. In order to pay it off the balance was obtained from designated funds, not needed for the time being.

The expenditure in the year ending April 30th, 1903, was £9,376 19s 5d., so that there is an apparent decrease of expense this year of £675, but this is accounted for to the extent of about £350

by the exchange being disregarded, as in the receipts, and everything reckoned as in English money. The real decrease in expenses was about 325.

As, however, the loan from the bank was repaid during the year, and not renewed, this saving in expense was all used up, and the balance in hand was also reduced to less than it was last year.

The cash statement itself is probably sufficiently clear in regard to the details of the receipts and expenditure to make further explanation unnecessary.

The year, as will be seen, closed with an overdraft on the designated funds not immediately required, of 566. Since, however, the year has ended receipts have come in very slowly, so that at the present time the Mission is again in very sore need of financial help. At this time last year we mentioned that at that time over £2,000 was needed to maintain the work efficiently, and that there was urgent need of £700 within the next fortnight; during the next fortnight the £700 was received in answer to prayer.

This year again we need over £2,000, and we are in even more urgent need of £1,000 than we were of £700 last year as we do not wish to go to the Bank for a renewal of the loan, if it can possibly be avoided.

It is true the Mission stands possessed of a certain amount of property in Morocco and Algeria, which might be valued at £4,000 or £5,000. It is also true that legacies to the amount of some £3,500 have been left to it, but these will not be available for the Mission for the present, and possibly for some years to come, as though the testators have died, other parties have a life interest in them.

The way in which God has helped us from time to time encourages us to expect that he will again touch the hearts of His servants at this time of very pressing need.

To The Friends of the North Africa Mission.

1, Palmeira Avenue,
Southend-on-Sea,
September 22nd, 1904.

Dear Fellow Helpers,

It is more than three months since my last letter. Since North Africa has been published quarterly this has become a necessity. Perhaps with the beginning of the New Year we may be able to return to our monthly issue. Some of our friends have thought that the quarterly issue would be a saving of labour and expense, and to a certain extent this is true; but in these busy times, while on the other hand some scarcely find time, to look at the papers that are sent them, others are apt to have their minds so occupied that they forget the work unless frequently reminded of it.

Soon after we announced that the issue was to be quarterly, in February last, several large gifts were received, but since then the funds have come in in smaller amounts than usual; whether this is on account of the non-publishing of North Africa as a monthly or not, it is hardly possible to say, but one cannot help thinking that this may have had something to do with it.

There are numerous things that I might write about at this time, but there are two alone to which I think I must confine myself. First the changes resulting from many of the Council having felt themselves obliged to retire from the work; and secondly, the present pressing financial needs of the Mission.

The reasons for which the various members of the Council have found it necessary to retire, and the arrangements which have been made for the future management of the Mission are stated elsewhere, and need not be repeated here. But these changes have been made so suddenly that it has not yet been possible to get together an advisory Council. In the meantime, I feel a very heavy responsibility rests upon my shoulders.

The retiring members of the Council, I am sure, will be ready as friends to sympathise and advise in any special emergency, even though no longer able to act as members of a Council. I think my feelings might be described in the words of the apostle in 2 Cor. iv., 8: "Perplexed, but not in despair". I feel sure, dear friends, that I may count upon your real, prayerful sympathy at this time, when, in addition to the retirement of so many old friends, we are faced by such a serious financial position.

On the one hand we have the loss of Councillors, and on the other we know that in the field many of the beloved workers have been sorely tried by long continued shortness of supplies. Of course God may, and does help in unexpected ways, and we shall probably hear that He has done so at this time; still, we are persuaded that in many cases the trial has been, and is, very heavy.

Here am I between these two positions with practically no funds at present available for the supply of pressing needs. These amount to at least £2,000. This is how matters look from an ordinary standpoint, but we should be altogether unworthy of our position if we overlooked the fact of our Heavenly Father's love and care.

It is at times like this that we have to ask ourselves afresh whether He has called us to the work, and whether we have been, and are, with a single eye seeking His glory. As I look back over the last twenty-three or twenty-four years and notice God's providential dealings, I cannot but feel that God has been leading me, and that this is the work which He has given me to do. We know that our hearts are deceitful, still, so far as one is able to discover, one has had no other aim than the glory of God and the salvation of men. May we not therefore count on God appearing for us, raising up helpers at home, touching the hearts of friends to give, sustaining the workers in the field in the hour of need, and using them as His instruments to do the work. We remember the words of our Lord, with His Commission, "Lo, I am with you all the days, even to the end of the age." Then we look at circumstances our hearts are inclined to fail, but when we look off to God we take courage. We shall be glad if all our friends will specially join us in prayer at this time of perplexity, and we shall be glad if they will join with us in making the eight days, from October 16th to October 23rd, a time of special supplication.

The spiritual needs of the people of North Africa are as great as ever, and in some respects the doors are more widely open than ever before. Already God has given us the first fruits of coming harvest; in every country of North Africa we have already had a few souls brought to Christ, and in several we have converts who are giving up their lives to make known the Gospel among their fellows. Only God could have brought about such results as this in Mohammedan lands. The Lord has also given converts amongst the Spaniards, French, Italians and Jews.

The first thing we seem to need is to strengthen all the existing work, then, as God supplies men and means, to go forward.

Many regions of the fields we occupy are still untouched; the Great Sahara with its Tuaregs, remains unreached. Northern Arabia, where once we laboured for a time, is unoccupied by us though not abandoned in heart.

We have been requested to take up work at Khartoum, and in Somaliland. The work amongst the Europeans in North Africa is, on the whole, terribly neglected, though there are bright spots here and there. With all these needs before us, and with our Lord's command to preach the Gospel to every creature, how can we think of standing still much less of going back? And yet on the other hand, how can we go forward unless men and means are provided? Prayer to God is our great resource. God alone can incline His people to give up their lives to this work, and God alone can incline His people to liberally devote their substance to sustain the work. The shortest way to many men's hearts is by the throne of God; still, we would not neglect to make known the work and its needs to our fellow believers. We consider that this is part of the work to which God has called us. I would gladly arrange to come myself to tell of the needs of the work, or arrange for others to do so if friends can arrange meetings for us. It is not easy for us to arrange meetings at a distance; we find it easier to take the meetings than it is to arrange them, though we are glad, if able, to help in the arrangement also.

Again commending to your prayers the missionaries in the field and those who are seeking to help them at home,

Edward H. Glenny.

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MODIFICATIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NORTH AFRICA MISSION.

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We are sure that our friends will hear with deep regret that several members of the Council find themselves unable to continue to discharge their responsibilities as managers of the North Africa Mission.

Pastor J. Stephens, M.A. who joined the Council more than 21 years ago feels it necessary to restrict his work and responsibilities. Since having influenza about 2½ years ago he has never fully regained his health and vigour, though he took a lengthened furlough last year. During the summer he has had a recurrence of head weariness that has led him to recognize that the time has come for his laying down such work and exercise of mind as are involved in being a member of the Council. Mr. Stephens's counsel has been very valuable, and his resignation and its cause are matters of the deepest regret to all those who have worked with him.

Mr. Bridgford joined the Council at the same time as Mr. Stephens, but now that he resides at the Isle of Wight, he finds attendance at the Council extremely difficult, and therefore with much regret retires from the Council. Mr. Rutherford has only been a member of the Council about four years; he is moving to Glasgow, and so with sorrow informs us that he will be unable to be present at the meetings. Thus we suffer the loss of these two valued brethren on account of their now residing at so great a distance from London.

Dr. Soltau has been a member of the Council for about eight years, but he now finds that the secretaryship of the Medical Mission Association involves so much work that he finds with regret that he has not time and strength to fulfil the duties of a member of the Council of the North Africa Mission. We shall greatly miss his help.

Mr. Chapman has been on the Council for about two years, though he has always warned us that he feared he would not be able to continue his services. He now finds that the claims of his business and the condition of his health make it necessary for him to be relieved of this work. Mr. Chapman has been specially appreciated on the ground of his help in financial questions.

On account of this very serious reduction in the membership of the Council, it has been thought well to request the Chairman to undertake the duty of directing the work, and that a Council of Advice should be formed to assist him. Under these circumstances Dr. Eccles and Dr. Terry retired from the existing Council, and were asked to join the Council of Advice which is at once to be formed.

The prayers of our readers are earnestly requested that the Mission may be brought safely through these important and unexpected changes.

Edward. H. Glenny.

General Cash Account From

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TO BALANCES in Hand, May 1st, 1903.

	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
At Home.									
Designated Purposes	858	7	7						
Office Cash	5	2	6						
	<u>873</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>						
Less Gen: Overdraw	290	3	8						
Abroad.				583	6	5			
At Various Stations				<u>200</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>			
							784	1	8

To Receipts.

For Gen: Purposes.

Donations	4,955	19	1						
Pub: Inclu: Sales of "N.A."	73	19	10						
Sundry Receipts	<u>48</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>						
Total Genl Pur: as per N.A.				5,077	19	9			

For Designated Purposes

Specially Sup: Miss:

Donations	1,789	0	6						
Medical Missions	76	11	3						
Donations	537	8	8						
Sundry Receipts	3	8	11						
Patients Pay: at Sousse	137	3	9						
Interest	12	12	8						

Various Des: Objects & personal:

Donations	1,189	16	8						
Sundry Receipts inclu: School Fees &c.	<u>151</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>						

Total Des: Pur: as per N.A. 3,827 8 2

Total Receipts for all purposes 8,975 7 11

Men: £500 bequeathed for the maintainance of a bed in the Tangier Hospital is invested in mortgage.

£9,759 8 7

May 1st/03 to April 1904.

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DIRECT EXPENDITURE, GENERAL AND DESIGNATED, FOR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK.

Personal Allowances Rent Etc.	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
By Miss: Personal Allow: Gen & Des:	3,899	5	3						
" Miss: Rent, Repairs & House Exp:	593	11	8						
" Helpers engaged in Missy: work.	601	17	1	5,094	14	0			
By Collateral Expenses.									
" Rent, Repairs, Etc For Mission Pur	294	0	10						
" Relief & Food	93	6	9						
" Teachers of Languages & Books	205	15	10						
" Trav: Freight & Passages	403	9	7						
" Matereals for Schools.	251	6	7						
" Industrial & Other Mission Work.	164	15	9						
" Sundries, Postages & Stationary .. .	84	6	2	1,271	11	6			
WORKING EXPENSES OF MEDICAL MISSIONS.									
" Rent, Repairs, & Furniture.	217	11	10						
" English Nurse & Wages of Servants	111	11	2						
" Drugs & Instruments	350	11	8						
" Food, Fire & Lighting.	146	0	2						
" Various Expenses, Trav:&c.	140	14	0						

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TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURE FOR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK 7,312 14 4

HOME EXPENDITURE.

PUBLICATIONS.

By Printing and Binding "N.A"	327	2	3						
" Post & Car: of "N.A."	70	2	8						
" Share of Office Salaries	80	0	0						
" Other Publications	8	7	6						
" Sundries	6	3	6						

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES.

By Travelling, Share of Office Salaries,				491	15	11			
Printing, Hire of Halls & Sundries. . . .				165	13	8			
Office									
By Rent, Taxes, Farn: Insur: & Lighting	205	14	9						
" Salaries & Wages	450	2	6						
" Postages, Tele: Stationary, &c	146	13	6						
" Travelling, Interest on Loan.	49	3	10						

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1,389 4 2

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 8,701 18 6

Repayable of Loan from Bank 500 0 0

9,201 18 6

BALANCES IN HAND, APRIL 30th, 1904.

At Home, Designated Purposes	822	14	1						
" " Cash at Office	1	12	7						
	824	6	8						
" " Less Genl Pur: Overdrawn....	566	19	7						
Abroad at Various Stations	257	7	1						
	300	4	0	557	11	1			
				<u>49,759</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>			