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Miss V. WOOD (part time).

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(part time).

1929. Miss. P. M. RUSSELL ..

1919. Mlle. BUTTICAZ ..



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**“ Jesus Christ,
the same
yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.”**

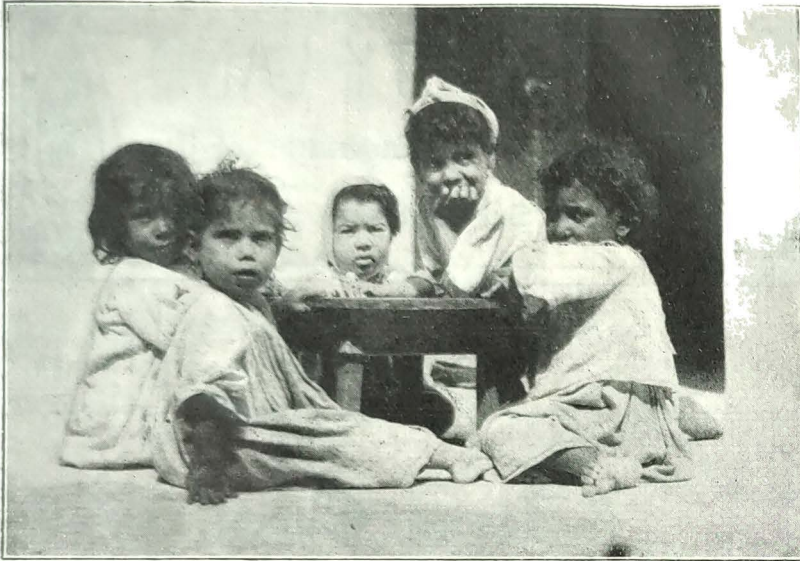
“ Yesterday ” seems long ago ! but the story of yesterday, given in this magazine—our fiftieth number—tells of the faithfulness of our Lord to His Word, to His promises and to His servants.

“ To-day ” is here, shadowed by uncertainties, changes and trial. Some of our missionaries on furlough have, at the time of our going to press, no knowledge as to the date of their return, and those on the Field are facing a new situation. Yet, He who was with us yesterday is the same to-day ; “ He abideth faithful ” and in the midst of fresh testing He asks us not to be “ offended ” in what His love allows.

To-morrow, on the earthward side, is dim and cloudy. But He who said, “ Occupy till I come,” will care for His work and His workers. It may be that in these dark days many will come into Christ’s Kingdom from Moslem lands. We pray for this and for our fellow believers in Algeria whether Arabs or Europeans, and we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, “ The same . . . for ever.”

M. H. R.

“ ‘Tis Jesus the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe Home.
We’ll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that’s to come.”



BLIDA CHILDREN OF YESTERDAY.

Reports for 1938—1939.

Algiers

(Boulevard Bru.)

Miss I. K. NASH.

Another year with all its lights and shades has drawn to a close.

This first year among the Boulevard Bru children has been a very happy one. They now look on their large airy class room, and on us, as their very own; great is their joy when some public holiday enables them to attend an extra class under our roof.

Needless to say it has been somewhat of a struggle this year to discipline the children. Natives are always so turbulent and have no idea of obedience. To expel a delinquent

for a fortnight is the greatest punishment one can inflict, and it usually has a most sobering effect. There are very few who resent this treatment for most of them understand perfectly well that they have deserved it.

The children have learnt a lot of hymns by heart and also large portions of Scripture, and can answer quite intelligently when questioned on these. May the Holy Spirit quicken all the seed sown!

On June 15th, we broke up with a prize distribution, which was a very happy occasion. That morning I had been feeling rather troubled about the bareness of the room, when quite unexpectedly a kind French friend sent in, not bunches, but just bundles of flowers of all sorts! With

thankful and rejoicing hearts we set to work to turn the room into a garden.

The programme opened with an instructive "Movie" demonstrating kindness to animals, a very necessary lesson, for Arabs are so often thoughtlessly cruel to our dumb friends. This was followed by a hymn and Bible Talk. Lastly came the prizes: material for attendance, books for good conduct, and handkerchiefs as consolation prizes.

Since that memorable day little visitors have called to say Goodbye before setting off to their different holiday camps in the mountains or down by the sea.

The city children have not been forgotten. At Christmas many of them came here to a fete with their mothers, and last Tuesday some of them came up to El Biar where we had a most happy, and we believe profitable gathering under the shady trees and in the orange court at Dar Naama. One of these girls is now married. It was very sweet to see her little daughter, together with her small cousin, singing a hymn her mother was taught by us years ago, and which she has evidently passed on.

Our women's meetings have been most encouraging, both as regards numbers and the deep interest taken in the teaching: I might add that some have responded. On this account, one of the most hopeful has been sent right away out of our neighbourhood together with her children who used to come to us regularly. Occasionally, in spite of the distance, some of the Alger women would turn up at these meetings.

We would ask prayer especially for a man and his wife living in the Casbah who were very near the Kingdom until they became entangled in debt. The cares of this life are now choking the Word to a large extent.

On the other hand we have to tell of a young divorced woman who used to be very fanatical. She has been through deep waters, having lost her only son, a promising

little fellow who died of meningitis at the age of six. This was about a year ago, and the husband promptly divorced his little wife. Her troubles have made her gentle and sweet and very open to the Gospel.

On visiting former class children married and shut up, one has seen signs of the germinating of the seed sown years ago.

We hope to return to Boghar during the summer in order to follow up the many fresh contacts we have made there.

With regard to the "Door of Hope" a negative answer having been received from the Salvation Army concerning the taking over of the Rescue work we have been sorrowfully obliged to give up the Refuge. As however we do not believe God means this work to be dropped entirely, we receive girls under our own roof from time to time. Among others two native girls have been safely restored to their families. Praise be unto God for all He has enabled us to accomplish this year!

I. K. NASH.

Algiers (Rue Danton).

Among the Students.

M. and Mme MILLON.

How we long to bring all these fine young people to Christ!

Certainly they have their faults, the faults of youth fascinated by the spirit of the age. Their failings are those of newcomers to civilisation, who are a little carried away by what they have already achieved, but who have some feeling of bitterness and disgust, because, honours, position and riches do not flow in upon them as they had hoped.

These young people make advances, and then draw back, they open their hearts to us and then suddenly close them again. One realises that there is a very great struggle going on in their minds. It is not

only a conflict between the glittering civilisation of Europe and that of Islam which is ancient and dusty. There is also the fact of Jesus, which presents new problems to them almost without their realising it. The Spirit of God is working in their hearts.

The official courses of study, so deadening from the point of view of the spirit, trouble them; for one thing they regret the preponderance of French over their own language, which is that of the Koran. They regret also that their famous and learned men are of no account to us. Their glories do not appeal to us, and they themselves have outgrown them.

But is it really all this that grieves these young Moslems?

There is a still deeper hurt in their hearts, from which faith has departed. They, the sons of "believers" the élite of their people, called to raise and carry forward the standard of Islam, themselves no longer believe—they dare not!

One young student said to me "I lost faith during my second course of lectures," and he added, "I envy those who believe."

Regrets at losing faith in Islam may seem a small matter. Why however did this young Moslem come and tell of his unhappiness, to a Christian missionary? Did he think that we had the remedy for his wound? Does not this circumstance show the working of God's Spirit?

A young Israelite, zealous as a "Saul," confided to me his ambitions for his people ("Israel" confiding in "Christianity!"). He laid bare the thoughts of his heart to me and these were far removed from the fanaticism of Israel. I said "You are no longer an Israelite, why aren't you a Christian?"

He replied, "It is the deity of Jesus which prevents me;" and he added, "If I am neither Israelite nor Christian, what am I?"

"Be," I said, "at least like the holy man, Job—while waiting for something better."

This young Israelite has organised a

Bible Study group in his town, for his comrades, and has asked my advice and a list of books to buy. I tried to guide him towards the true spiritual meaning of the Scriptures. May God open their eyes to see that Moses and the prophets spoke of Jesus!

These are two instances among many. They prove that these young people, sitting in the shadow of death, are trying to stand upright. They need a hand, that of the missionary, to help them. They must have strength which the Spirit of God alone can give them. How much we need to pray that our Message may be "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

We speak, and we stretch out a hand to help them. We have succeeded in getting into contact with about sixty students, professors, teachers, lawyers, all of them natives. This does not include the Europeans whom God brings in our way and who are just as much in need as the others.

This number rejoices us, but it is so small compared with the great host of Islam, that our hearts fail us!

May the prayers of those who are interested in Moslem youth be the means of multiplying our feeble effort.

(Translated.)

G. M.

Blida.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. BUCKENHAM.
M. and Mme POQUET.

"The LORD GOD which gathereth . . . saith, Yet will I gather others to HIM, to His gathered ones" (Is. 56. 8, R.V. Marg).

Throughout the activities of another year we have been held in watchful expectation of further fulfilment of God's unchanged purpose in Christ as expressed in the above and similar scriptures.

IN THE CLASSES. There have been some five or six of the 130 girls of regular attendance, upon whom our attention has been specially fixed. Their high attainment in

memorising Scripture, and their general behaviour, have given us hope for a vital work of the Spirit within their hearts. So near and dear has been the Invisible Presence of Christ in the classes, that we think many besides must have felt His embrace, even as it is written. "He shall gather the lambs with His arm."

For the more difficult task of dealing with boys God sent help in Monsieur Poquet, who with Madame Poquet, was appointed to Blida to commence his probation. For the boys it has been a year of sifting, with the result that those who want to hear and understand have had a fuller chance to do so. Though of them we cannot speak with the same assurance of hope, we have noted some whose consciences have been reached through the "Message piercing its way till it penetrates soul and spirit;" with Arab boys this must be the Spirit's first work.

THE FRIDAY WOMEN'S MEETING. Specially in connection with this meeting was the above promise given. The nucleus of His already "gathered ones" has been constant fuel for faith and has led to a watching for "others" who too will yet testify, "He drew me, and I followed on, charmed to confess the Voice Divine." There have been intense moments of the Spirit's working when it seemed that a "break" must come on a scale not yet witnessed. Meanwhile the promise holds, "Ye shall be gathered one by one." The meeting continues one of unique opportunity for evangelism; there is usually an attendance of about 40, and once during the season there were 60 women. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

THE SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP. To this more intimate gathering, where Matt. 18. 20 is specially realised, two others have been admitted during the year. They are from those who, from infancy, have through the classes been instructed in "The Holy Scriptures which are able to make wise

unto salvation." After a waiting period and much prayer we felt that it was the Lord who was adding them, and assurance came with the word, "The Lord added those that were *being* saved." There are now ten who habitually come, and another who comes as often as she can. We rest in 2 Tim. 2. 19; and in this clear word from the Lord to our spirit, "I give unto them eternal life—" "With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought." Closely connected with this meeting is one in French, to which the Maoudj family and members of another Kabyle family come, as also some French friends. Through frequent overlapping of these gatherings there is an enlargement of fellowship for all, to mutual strengthening of faith.

There are "shut-aways" whose circumstances prevent them coming to know these privileges. These can only be reached through "*visiting*." God's hand has been upon the three afternoons a week devoted to this and general visiting, so that the joy of finding some long-sought, made precious the word, "Behold, I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out." Three visits have, during the year, been paid to Coléa, our former station, where are some with God's word abiding in their hearts.

By means of the *Book Depot* too, God's free, full, and sovereign grace in Christ has been made known. The casual contacts made during the year are in His keeping. We have been led to relinquish the premises held for the past four years, feeling that a change to another quarter of the town would be good. M. Poquet made interesting contacts with those who have succeeded us as tenants. They, like the proprietors, are "sons of Israel," and were deeply impressed with the Christian message of peace through the blood of the cross, and assurance of personal salvation. The words we have omitted from the text heading of this report, therefore here have place.

"The LORD GOD gathereth *the outcasts of Israel.*"

There is a world of suffering and sad humanity all about us and beyond. Its one hope is also held in the same text, "I will gather to HIM;" for, "UNTO HIM SHALL THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLES BE."

We would close this report with two points for prayer. (1) That we may be guided to the right premises for the next Book Depot; (2) That in having to keep the Girls' Industrial Classes down to manageable numbers, we may not unwittingly exclude any who through them might be gathered into HIS FOLD.

"The gates of hell cannot prevail;
Thy church on earth can never fail;
O join these to Thy secret ones!
And gather all Thy living stones."

H. W. B.

Bou Saada.

MISS A. MCLROY. MLL. A. BUTTICAZ.

"*Blessings new He is still Bestowing.*"

Our return to Bou Saada last Autumn was a great joy to us both, we so longed to see again those in whose hearts we believe God's Holy Spirit is at work. Alas! once more we were obliged to tackle the work of helping famine sufferers! With the cooler weather came the nomads of the desert who had great difficulty in finding shelter. Some called on us—cold, hungry, discouraged, and yet with a soul-hunger so real that physical needs were at times forgotten. "What does it matter whether we live or die?" said one, "but we would like to hear the truth about God."

One morning no fewer than forty-eight women seated themselves in our Classroom. After a little while several left, but returned quite quickly saying, "Please explain *this* picture to us before we go."

It was that of Jesus feeding the five thousand—"And tell us, please, about the Lord Jesus Himself."

Perfect quietness reigned as they listened, then one woman remarked to another, "You said you were in a hurry to go!" The reply was "These words are so satisfying one would fain wait till the eventide."

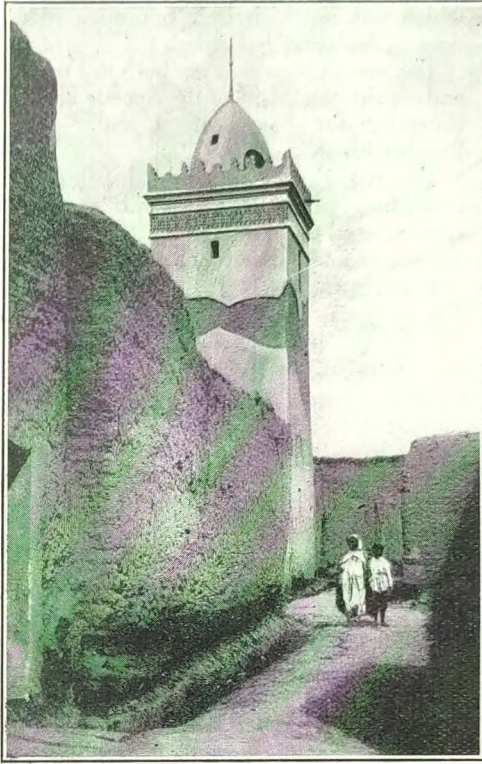
Six small boys from desert towns were most keen to have a class of their own. Our "Sparrows" we called them, as they really came for a piece of bread! Full of fun too and courage and they learnt a good deal in the time, about our Lord's life and death and resurrection.

Boys from the Koranic Schools came from time to time and most of them read all the verses of Scripture on the cards we gave them, in Class, and filled in the designs with coloured pencils. For these boys we would like most earnest prayer. Alas! more and more classes for boys to learn the Koran are opening through the towns and country!

Long rows of small girls sit knitting bright-coloured mufflers for themselves, four mornings each week. Among these were three small sisters whom we called "The Little Grandmothers," they were so good and gentle and serious and always kind to the others. Then came the news "Father has come for us," and they were off with him to the interior—taking in their luggage an Arabic Gospel for their father. May it bring salvation to his soul!

The "medical" work has been very strenuous, so many desiring visits and care. We do praise God for all who were helped and for the joy it was to give them the Message of Salvation too.

One dear baby girl in a village fell into the midst of a wood fire and her six year old sister managed to pull her out. After trying *their* remedies for a month they brought her along to us, alas! too late! The morning before she died she tried to put her little charred arms around A.B.'s neck. Her bigger sister recovered and we have now many friends in their village. May Christ "See of the travail of His soul," in these dear people, "and be satisfied."



BOYS FROM KORANIC SCHOOLS.

A.B. again helped for a month at Ghardaia while A. McI. spent that month mainly at Headquarters, working amongst the people of Algiers.

It was very nice to meet several of the women who came to our Beit Naama Meetings long ago. They were visiting Fatima when we called, so we had a little meeting with them there and then.

Two visits to help in the work at Blida gave good cheer in seeing souls that have turned their faces Christwards! "The Harvest is great and the labourers few."

A. McI. A. B.

P.S. On our way to Algiers in the Spring we spent several days at M'sila, finding as

usual, a very real welcome where the women and children had, already, loved to hear the Message. Those who pray for that town understand why the doors to houses and hearts are so open!

Bordj bou Araidj came next in its welcome and good listening. "There is yet much land to be possessed," for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

A.McI.

Dar Naama, El Biar. Headquarters.

Miss S. PERKIN.

Miss M. RIDLEY.

M. and Mme NICOD.

Miss K. LAYTE.

The Sunday morning Arab service is thoroughly enjoyed by the small group who attend, none of whom will be absent if they can help it.

They are all taking great interest in learning passages of Scripture and hymns to repeat at the Meeting.

Miss Ridley has recently started giving Arabic reading lessons after the service, and there are some who are very keen to learn. Si Mubarek is unofficially our pastor, and he never fails to come when he is not away on tournée for the Bible Society.

The Weekly Inter-Mission Prayer Meeting has always been well attended, whatever the weather. It has been led in turn by missionaries to Moslems, Spaniards or French, as well as by French Pastors, Anglican clergy, Salvation Army Officers and workers of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

While prayer is focussed on all the manifold needs of North Africa the Prayer Meeting is not parochial, and other regions are remembered.

The past months bring back pleasant memories of friends who have visited Dar Naama.

In October the Rev. Francis Brading, Chairman of the Home Council came to

conduct the Rally and to visit the Stations. It was a great pleasure to have him with us again, and he thoroughly enjoyed visiting old friends and remembered places.

In March Mr. and Mrs. Osborne of the S.I.M. suddenly arrived from Northern Nigeria by the Transaharian Motor Transport. They at once added themselves to our list of friends and we were sorry when the time came for them to continue their journey homewards.

When Miss Ridley came back from her furlough in England, we had the pleasure of welcoming her sister who came for a fortnight, and speedily made herself one of the family at Dar Naama.

Hardly had Miss Ridley left than Mr. and Mrs. Tullar and their four children were at the door, the eldest aged 11½ years and the youngest 8 months. They had travelled from Lagos in their car in 19 days. The only person any the worse for the journey was baby Dean, but he soon recovered.

We had an unforgettable time of fellowship with the Tullar family, and were thrilled and inspired by the story of their pioneer activities in Nigeria, and cheered by their understanding interest in all they saw and heard of the work among the Moslems of North Africa.

S. P.

Literature Report.

A.M.B.—1938-1939.

In the Autumn of 1938, samples of tracts were sent by request, to Madras. These were to form part of the exhibit of Literature for Moslems in the International Missionary Conference, held at Tambaram in December.

During the year two reprints have been made. The first in Arabic, is the "Dream of Ali Khan" (adapted from the story by A.L.O.E.). The other is a second edition of the "Life of Abraham" in French,

which was much desired, appealing as it does to Arab and Jew alike.

The new publications are both in French and consist of a "Life of the Apostle Paul" (intended for boy readers) and "The Prophet Elijah."

The statistics of literature distribution, (including N.M.P. and B. & F.B.S. publications, etc.) by members of the A.M.B. are approximately as follows :

1. Books and tracts (by sale and gift)	11,805
2. Bibles and Scripture portions (by sale and gift) ..	3,078
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Total	14,883

In addition to this, 405 tracts and 709 Scriptures have been sold to outside missionaries ; together totalling 1,114.

Our latest publication is a collection of Desert Parables, from the writings of Miss Trotter, arranged by Miss Constance Padwick. These have been translated into French by Monsieur Millon, of Algiers City, the indefatigable member of our Committee, who sees the tracts through the press.

Ideas for the future output range from Genesis to Revelation, but, at the present time, there is not sufficient money in hand.

P. M. RUSSELL,
Sec. Lit. Com.

Miliana.

Miss M. D. GRAUTOFF. Miss P. M. RUSSELL.

"The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit."

These words are a comfort as we pass on the Gospel message through the years and watch for the working of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the Moslem men, women and children.

There have been cheering times in the children's classes. Miss Russell's crowd of little girls have shown pride in the hymns and texts they can sing or recite, and in certain C.S.S.M. Choruses adapted for Arabs and sung in colloquial Arabic.

Many of our little ones go to the French schools and are beginning to read and write in French and this accomplishment we mean to turn to account for the glory of God. Already the older girls can read fluently the French wall-sheets prepared for them though the meaning of the words has to be carefully explained in Arabic.

There have been exceptionally good attendances at the 8 o'clock morning prayers for women, alongside the regular registered numbers who are almost sermon tasters now, for they have been through the Life Story of our Lord several times. There are usually a few strange faces, some puzzled to find themselves in a room full of women with their little ones, gathered to hear the Christian message.

One such turned to the assembly and said, "Why do you women go to this house, do you not know it is gehenna (hell)?" Others passed on her remark to me with a laugh, they thought her rather a "poor thing!"

These last weeks a new interest has arisen affecting especially the boys' classes and our tiny inner circle of inquirers. Y. (our former house girl) and her husband H. have come to live in Miliiana. H., whenever free from work, comes to help at the boys' class; he has a good voice and is very fond of singing hymns in French and Arabic. This has been a revelation to our Moslem boys who considered singing rather beneath them. ("Let the girls do that!") So now I have the joy of watching 20 to 30 lads aged from 6 to 14 years singing hymns and choruses in the two languages or proudly standing up to read a few verses before the others, from the French Bible while their native teacher pleads with them, "Come to

the Lord Jesus, I am one of you, I have found help in Him."

On Sundays, with just a curtain between, the men and women, a handful of the inner circle, meet in worship. Three of these are baptised, and the few others I believe are sincere secret believers. May these little gatherings be laid on hearts at home for prayer! There is bound to be persecution from outside when an open stand is taken but what we fear more are the subtle temptations, and lest these beginners, after confessing their faith, dishonour their Lord by their daily lives.

It is amusing that whereas we felt 20 minutes to half-an-hour, was long enough for boys to concentrate, H. gives them at times one hour and a half of singing and teaching! To the European mind the talks appear at times disconnected but the boys and men monitors who attend are evidently held by it. It is a message from one of themselves.

M.D.G.

Nefta and Tozeur.

Miss V. WOOD.

"Lord, we Thy sowers at the set of sun,
Come back to Thee to tell of sowing done.
And while the seed lies hidden in the
ground,
O God of Hope, let hope in us abound."
(A. C.)

Praise be to the God of Hope, who does indeed inspire us to look forward expectantly where there is as yet so little visible indication of the future harvest. Looking back on a season passed at Nefta, with weekly visits to Tozeur, one recalls many signs of a soil hard and barren and un-receptive. This is especially true of the boys and lads growing up to manhood. The number is still small of those to whom the written or spoken Word is acceptable—to whom one can give a simple story tract or portion of Scripture with hope that it will

be read and not torn up. But there is a slight increase.

Little girls are more easily attracted by hymns and Bible stories ; and in their almost daily visits have stored in their memory something they will not forget. Everywhere the women are welcoming to their homes ; and in many houses the word of the love of Jesus finds a welcome too ; and any little act of neighbourliness or kindness to a child is recognised as part and parcel of what they are learning to know as His religion of Love.

Though the men are less directly touched, there is an increasingly respectful and friendly attitude. The wall of partition which seemed to separate Moslems and Christians, so that the former could see nothing but evil in the life and religion of the latter, though still standing, has cracks in it.

"Thy seed it springeth up we know not how ;

It is enough that Thou, O Lord, dost know.

To Thee the glory when it doth appear,
Blade, ear, and then the full corn in the ear."
(A. C.)

Here are a few blades. In a house in Tozeur, two women were receiving a Christmas visit (one could not have dared to call them Christians) and looked on it as a natural thing "For are not we too His daughters ?"

A boy, who for years has loved the Word of the Gospel, after two parting requests for a letter and for prayer—added a last word "Don't forget what I asked—not about the letter, but the prayer."

A woman in very troubled circumstances found relief in trying to compose a hymn in praise of the Saviour who comes to her in her distress and guides and comforts her.

A family where a blind mother and her daughter-in-law and young son daily sing hymns together. The women listen while the boy reads from God's word and say

"We are trusting in Him—He will not leave us alone."

Two women sitting weaving together. One said, "When you came in M. had just been asking me to tell her a story about the Lord Jesus," and added, "She asked me because she knows I love Him very much."

"And now abideth . . . hope." V. W.

Praise and Prayer Requests.

Praise.

That "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

That our work lies in a friendly country allied to us.

That our magazine has reached its fiftieth issue and that God's blessing has been upon it.

Prayer.

That as a Band and as individuals we may understand what the Will of the Lord is, and that in His strength we may fulfil it.

For all native Christians during this time or turmoil, that the Peace of God may garrison their hearts, and that they may witness to Christ's love and care.

For the good seed sown during the past year.

For all our workers travelling by land or sea — That they may be kept in safety and peace, and that all need may be supplied.

For M. Nicoud in Switzerland and M. Poquet in Algeria, called up for service.

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"When nothing whereon to lean remains,
When strongholds crumble to dust,
When nothing is sure but that God still reigns,
That, that is the time to trust."

Relizane.

Two visits have been paid this year to Relizane. One was reported by Mrs. Stalley in our spring number. The other was a visit which Miss Ridley made in June.

There was much cause for rejoicing; numbers came to visit Miss Ridley and there were constant small gatherings for prayer and praise and Bible teaching. Testimonies showed that though many had been through severe testings these had led them into deeper faith and trust in their Lord.

(E.D.)

Setif. (Rue Belgique)

Miss A. M. FARMER. Miss I. SHEACH.

Last year we had girls' classes four times a week. At the beginning of this season we decided to try to get into closer contact with a few of the girls who live near the house. We invited five of them to come four afternoons a week and work together.

We presented each one with a doll; nothing gives greater pleasure to an Arab child. It was a joy to watch their love for them, they were frequently caressed during the hour. Each child was free to dress her doll as she wished, and at the end of the season each one had quite a trousseau. They began by making ordinary Arab dresses, and afterwards knitted costumes and hats and did quite a lot of fancy work.

Our real aim was to give these few children personal Bible instruction. It was well worth while! It was wonderful to see how their hearts opened up to the love of Jesus. We took the lesson we were to give to the regular class the following day. They were soon able to answer our questions intelligently, and this started competition among the other children who became interested, instead of being bored as before. The afternoon hour, was always very much appreciated by the little ones. We hope to continue this class next season.

The Friday afternoon Women's Meeting has kept up well. We have on an average twenty women and sometimes as many as thirteen children. If the children are at all tiresome their mothers are asked by the other women to keep them quiet, as they are anxious to follow the lesson. The general remark is "That they have never heard such wonderful teaching in their lives." They know that ours "is a heretics' Koran, but the teaching is good!" As they drink their coffee, the lesson is discussed among themselves.

The weather has been intensely cold this season, and has hindered us a good deal in visiting. A few weeks ago we were visiting in a village. A woman called to her friend to come away, and not stand listening to such infidels! Her friend replied, "I have been listening for some time, and if they are infidels they have a wonderful religion and are servants of God, though perhaps not of the same religion as ourselves. I intend to listen." Turning to me she wanted to know why I was standing silent and wasting my time. I pointed out that my friend was speaking and I was waiting for her, but she saw no reason to wait.

We believe that God's Spirit is working in the hearts of these people and shall value your prayers for them.

A. M. F.

P.S. We have just arrived in Dellys for a month's itineration. (See page 16.)

Setif (Rue 3^{eme} Tirailleurs)

"Bless the Lord oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

The feelings in our hearts, as we come to the close of another season's work, are very aptly expressed by the above words found in Psa. 103. God has been to us "the faithful God which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him." To Him be all the glory! The extended programme of

deputation work which we did last summer in England did not allow us to return to Setif until rather later in the season, but we felt the time given to deputation work was well worth while, and we sincerely thank all those who helped us in our arrangements, and who showed us so much kindness.

The first visitor to the mission house on our return was Tahar, the young native Christian, now serving in the French army. How delighted we were to see him again! It was a very great joy to hear how he had been proving the all-sufficiency of God's grace to enable him to serve Christ in difficult circumstances. From time to time he brought up some of his comrades from the barracks to visit us and in this way we feel that our ministry was widened. The Lord gave this young man favour with his officers, and they have been impressed by the consistency of his life as a Christian and by his conscientious work. In the month of February last year Tahar was sent off with his company and we have not had the joy of seeing him since.

While there has been nothing of any outstanding interest in the classes yet we are sure that a deep and lasting work has been going on all the time and we are confident that the testimony given and the presentation of the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit will be used of God to the salvation of the children. The Lord has set His seal to a new venture in the class work. From the girls' class we selected a group of the older children and took them apart from the others. They have been gathering twice each week and we have been conscious of the Lord's presence and blessing as we have sought to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ to the group of girls in a quietness and in a spiritual atmosphere not always possible in the bigger classes. All the children had a very happy day before the classes closed for the season. They received the work they had done during the past months and we had lantern services for them.

They were a very excited company indeed.

Another new venture in the work which has already been brought to your notice through the pages of the magazine has been the village work. It has been most interesting and encouraging. There are always some men and boys ready to listen to the Gospel story and we pray that the living seed scattered here and there in the hamlets around Setif will yield an abundant harvest.

When we returned to our station from furlough it was possible to hold some meetings for the men, but we found them to be still very fanatical, and once again we had to discontinue the services. But we are looking to the Lord for guidance and are sure that He will lead in this matter.

It was a great joy to join M. Lull and M. Nicoud in two colportage tournées they had planned, in the south, in February and March. The Lord was with us and greatly encouraged us in the work. And now we are writing from Algiers where we are engaged in the work of visiting some of the markets near the city. The reception accorded us on these markets has been exceptionally good.

The Holy Spirit is undoubtedly working in many parts of this needy land. It must be that thousands of men and boys are in possession of the printed Word. We are confident that it is all leading up to a climax—the glorifying of the name of our Saviour, so long despised and rejected in North Africa, and the salvation of multitudes. We know that many of you have been praying for us consistently day by day during the year just closing. We are deeply grateful and we depend upon you to continue in prayer for future days.

J. and S. T.

Since above was written, God has given a baby daughter—Sheila—to Mr. and Mrs. Thomson. We rejoice with them and ask for God's blessing upon her. M. H. R.

Tlemcen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. STALLEY.

The old blind lady sat on the garden path and wept. "Who will be kind to me when you are gone? Who will write my letters for me? Who will give me a cup of coffee when I am tired after my walk down from the mountain? Better than a mother or a sister you have been to me!"

"What shall we do on Sunday afternoons," say the girls. "Three months will go quickly when you are with your people, but it will be a long time to us!"

"I am just bringing along one or two of my pals," says a bright young fellow at the door, "to introduce them to you. When you come back I will bring them *all*, and we can read and learn together."

"I shall pray that God will bring you back safely," says Yamina, "for my other missionary friend said good-bye and never came back again. Oh, may God grant that you will come back!"

It is comforting to think, as we regretfully close the doors of the mission house for the summer months, that there are those "whose hearts God has touched," who will be looking and longing for our return, and as we leave we breathe a prayer that the Holy Spirit Himself may abide with them and guard the work of God already begun in their hearts.

Looking back over the year, certain things stand out. The most encouraging "growing point" on the women's side has been the group of young women, just three or four, who have been able to come regularly for morning prayers and thus to profit by more intensive teaching. During the past year we have gone through St. John's Gospel, and the Acts of the Apostles. Then later our hearts were thrilled and humbled afresh as together we studied the matchless teaching of our Lord in the first chapters of Matthew. In the prayers that followed

one realised that there was a growth in knowledge and desire on the part of the girls, over which our hearts rejoiced.

The women's meetings on Sunday afternoons were times when again and again one realised that God spoke through His Word, and in visiting in the homes further opportunity was given for a clear declaration of the Message of Life. Some of the women who come to the Sunday afternoon meetings, attend the Moslem "sisterhood" meetings during the week, many of them true seekers after "God's best" as they know it. To these we want to say, "Yet I show unto you a more excellent way." To the teaching of the Gospel their hearts open gladly—to a certain point. Only the Spirit of God Himself can reveal to them that there is "No other Name . . . whereby we must be saved."

Where the children are concerned work has been much more difficult and in both boys' and girls' classes there has been very definite opposition, so that attendances have been small and irregular and it has been difficult to give any consecutive teaching. Many attractive and loveable little girls have come to class with great joy for a few weeks, then we have heard that they have been forbidden to come again, and in the streets they hardly dare to acknowledge us. We should be glad of very definite prayer over this matter.

Just after the New Year God began to lead young men to our door, and of the twenty-five or more who had come by the end of the session, only two or three had formerly been in touch with Miss Butler. It was through these that others began to come, and we felt that we were beginning to build on a foundation that she had laid with great faithfulness in previous years. She had longed and prayed for the work of the Kingdom amongst these young men and lads, and saw by faith what is yet to be, God willing. Will you join your prayers with hers and ours, that these young men

may be "born again." They come, like Nicodemus of old, at night, in two's, three's or four's always ready to read the Word and to hear what it has to say to them. They also greatly enjoy singing hymns both in French and Arabic.

Our crowning joy during the last week of the session was a series of lantern services for them on the Life of Christ (William Hole's pictures). Numbers varied from eight to twelve, but one felt that the Lord Himself drew very near as He was uplifted before them, and that their hearts were being drawn out to Him.

May He perfect that which He has begun in them and in us.

H. and J. C. S.

Tolga.

M. and Mme LULL.

An important happening in the desert during the year was the unusually heavy rainfall. After four consecutive years of drought during which people and cattle suffered famine, the flood-gates of heaven were opened and the abundant rains brought fertility to the parched land.

During the winter and spring the desert was clothed with verdure and with flowers, which gave it a festive air. The harvest of cereals was excellent, and the flocks and herds prospered. The Arabs said that God's blessing was upon the year. For ourselves this transformation, which we saw for the first time during nine years was, in the first place a literal fulfilment of Isaiah 35. 1 and 2.

In the second place it was a picture of what God can do for souls in the dry and thirsty land of Islam.

The work begun last year by Mme Lull among the women and girls has grown. More than two thousand women and children have been cared for. These were mainly nomads, and they were present at the Gospel

Meetings which were held twice a week before medical attention was given. Most of them heard the Gospel for the first time, and in spite of their ignorance, these women were able to understand the Word of God because it fits their spiritual need.

They spontaneously expressed their feelings during the Meetings in such phrases as "You are true believers God has given you mercy." A serious epidemic of typhus which caused many deaths stopped the work for two months.

The little girls came to Classes for Bible Teaching in greater numbers and more regularly than the year before, though many were prevented from attending by their parents. The older ones learnt to knit. Those who were prevented from coming made knitting needles out of the palm thorns to try and imitate their little friends!

We had proof of God's blessing on the work among men and youths. In spite of strong opposition, numbers came to the evening Meetings. We had about 120 Meetings, with a total of 1,200 hearers. We again read and considered together the four Gospels, and portions of the Acts and the Epistles. Many nomads attended, and we had also new hearers from neighbouring villages. Our audiences were not very well behaved, in particular the nomads and the newcomers. Some Meetings had to be broken off and some were rather disturbed, but as a rule we were able to read and expound God's Word, in quietness and to close with prayer. We felt, many times, the Spirit of God at work in our midst. Encouraging testimonies were given to us from time to time, such as "We believe all that you have said to us," or "There are many in the village who have Jesus Christ in their hearts, but fear to say so."

We had during the day-time also, many visitors who came for spiritual talks.

Alone, with us, these men showed their true selves, and it was sometimes possible to discover what they thought about the

missionaries, the Gospel, and also their own religion.

"We understand the aim of your work among us," said the son of a Taleb, who seems near to salvation. These talks often reveal great spiritual longings in these souls, which Islam with its outward observances cannot satisfy.

The boys were troublesome in their Classes, but this branch of the work is extremely important. We have discovered with joy that those in whom God's Spirit seems specially to be working, are young men who in past years, came as boys to Sunday and Thursday School.

Visiting in the nearby oases has been encouraging; tracts and gospels have been well received. Whenever boys have not gathered round in numbers it has been possible to read and consider the Word of God with groups of men.

This year's work has again made us realise that we are still in the period of sowing. But some definite results seen are evidence of the harvest of souls that God will give in its time.

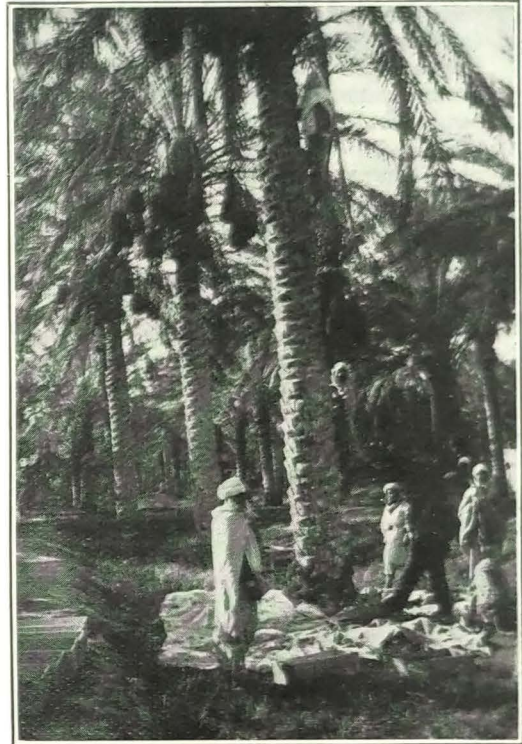
Dear friends of the *Thirsty Land*, ask God to send upon these souls the latter rain, which ripens the fruit.

S. and M. L.
(Translated)

"More Fruit."

A marvellous work lies waiting for you. You can go out and away in spirit, north, south, east and west through God's world, and lay hold of place after place by intercession.

You can stand in the stubborn Moslem crowd in the market place, where the colporteur is trying to keep a hearing. You can stand in the chattering household where the woman missionary is feeling that she is getting so little hold. You can stand alongside the boy convert who is beginning to wonder if he can go through with the cost



HARVESTING THE DATES AT TOLGA.

of being a Christian. You can stand in a score of such places day by day where the fight is hard, and *bring down victory*. Take up any periodical of mission work at home or abroad: let your heart go free under the hand of the Holy Ghost: give it up to Him to share Christ's burdens; and it will take eternity to reveal the "much fruit" that will spring into being.

I must tell you one instance of what God can do with a life.

There was a wood-cutter in the backwoods, a quiet man who lived alone. Men knew he was near God and spent much time in prayer. After his death a journal was found in which notes ran thus, recurring over a number of years. "For some time

past I have had a burden of prayer for——” (naming a country). Again, “This week I have begun to feel drawn to pray for——” (naming a mission station), and so on. It came to the friend who was glancing through the diary, to note down consecutively the places prayed for. Then it struck him; there—and there—and there—in these very places had been a work of God’s Spirit. He wrote to the Missionary Societies labouring in those lands, asking the dates of these revivals. Gradually this second list also was collected and arranged. The sequence of the two lists tallied exactly.

If God taught you to pray like this, would it not bring “more fruit?”

I. L. T.

Dellys (Itineration).

Miss A. M. FARMER. Miss I. SHEACH.

Once again we have had the great joy of visiting Dellys. We spent from June 26th to July 24th among our old flock. We were very much cheered from beginning to end of our month’s work. Everywhere the people welcomed us, and only on three occasions, out of one hundred and eleven visits, were we turned away from a house.

Several of the men we met insisted that we promised to visit their houses, which, of course we were only too pleased to do, knowing we would have a double welcome when sent by the husband. It was very encouraging to us as they are all quite aware of what we teach.

Several visits were outstanding in interest. One of these was to a young woman who was always keen to hear the Gospel in the old days. She used to put all the children outside as she said they kept her from understanding, owing to their noise. She has had four boys all of whom died and now she has a little girl a year old of whom she is taking great care.

A happy visit was to a garden house where a brother and sister live. The sister always listens with great interest and we have good hopes of her. The brother used to slip along within earshot when we were speaking or singing, but this time he came quite close to us and there was no mistaking his living interest in the Way of Salvation.

Our old scholars gave us great welcome in houses and by the wayside and the usual question was, “When are you beginning classes?”

When we met our special house girls in their homes, we remarked on the difference between them and the others, the influence of the teaching seemed to have remained.

Several of the old women who used to be fanatical, now seemed keen to listen. One case was of a woman, who would never allow us to speak to her three daughters-in-law who lived with her. Since we left she has become blind. It was pathetic to see her, so broken from her proud self and listening more attentively than even her household did. Who knows but that in her heart she was secretly accepting the Saviour when all else had failed her?

We had Gospels and Tracts to give to those who would accept them and they were eagerly taken by men and boys who could read. One old man said, when he was told it was a Gospel, “I know it, it is good, I will take one.” So we left behind thirty-five Gospels, one Bible, and quite a number of Scripture portions and tracts. We believe these silent messengers can do more than our feeble words, so we pray for a rich harvest from them.

We hope to be able to pay another visit next year if God will. We ask your prayers for Dellys that many of these souls may come right out into the glorious light and liberty of the Gospel of Christ.

We wish also to thank those who made this bit of work possible through their gifts.

I. S.

Saharan Pictures, May 1939.

Palms village and fort, backed by a mountainous sand dune, a rich golden brown in colour by reason of the slight rain that had damped it earlier and the sunlight now tardily breaking its way through the clouds made a picture that might have fallen from the "Tales of Arabian Nights." We had hardly opened the car when it seemed that we were surrounded by the whole male population of the place, and in a short while we had sold about a hundred books, and everybody who could read seemed to have bought something. On the whole they showed a very friendly spirit, and it was a joy to have such an opportunity. Almost the same reception awaited us at the next place along the route. Not nearly so picturesque, and the people much more illiterate, but quite friendly, and allowing us to read and speak to them freely. The message we did not fail to give in any one of the 21 towns and villages of this tour was "Christ is coming back again!" It nearly always commands immediate attention, and leads on to the need of cleansing from sin, and many have thus been interested to buy the Gospels for themselves to see what they have to say about it. In this place it was so, and the little square in the middle of the village the scene of an interesting meeting.

Well from here we must turn northward again to visit the towns and villages that lay between us and Tlemcen, and as from place to place we journeyed one felt of a truth that much prayer had been made for us. We both felt that it was the most wonderful tournee we had been privileged to make, full of opportunities for witnessing, and with exceptionally good sales. How many times we referred back to the text that was given us the day before we set out, "A prosperous journey by the will of God."

The first stage northward from Bechar covered 70 miles of hard desert, and with 25 miles still to go, we saw something stretched across the trail. It was a man, apparently asleep with a stone for his pillow. He didn't move as we passed and so we pulled up beyond him. There lay a poor Arab, by no means young, motionless. To our repeated enquiry he eventually murmured "I am just waiting for death!" Asked if he was ill he replied, "I am sick with hunger," and lifted his finger and pointed to his mouth and tongue, parched and dry as a piece of leather. Water and food were quickly produced and we soon had him sitting up. He would have gulped the whole canful of the precious fluid at once if we had let him. In the end we got him into the car and he was able to feed himself with the bread we gave him. We learned that he had been on the march for three days without food or drink, and that morning, unable to go any further, he had lain down, as he thought, to die. What blessings he called down on our heads when he got his voice back. We knew that one or two others had passed that way before us during the day. Had these travellers in comfort been in too much of a hurry to give a second thought to the mute appeal of a dying man by the road side? One may be fairly certain that when this Moslem found that he could go no further he had said to himself, "Mektoub," "it is written," and raising his right index finger had murmured the "shahada" and resigned himself with characteristic fatalism to await the end. Do we not see here a picture of Islam? To the eyes of the worldling its masses are quite content and at rest where they are, with their lot, with their religion. Leave them alone! Heaven looking down sees the parched tongue and the stillness of death, and Heaven's citizens see there their duty, the Bread and Water of Life to be brought near, and the hand stretched out to help.

Another picture stands out specially in our memories. It was the last village visited, not very far from Tlemcen. It was evening time and the approach to the village was through wild mountain scenery, through a rocky gorge which suddenly opened out into a narrow valley with cliff-like sides. In the centre of this stronghold of mountains the village lay hidden, its mud-walled houses surrounding the central mosque. We drove over the rough track right into the large square and it being evening time there were plenty of men about. A number of older men who looked like talebs, did not want to look at our books, and this made others timid about buying. But there were some particularly interesting young men with whom one of us had the chance to speak and read quietly in the dark entrance of a covered-in street. This led to one or two of them buying the Word for themselves. The transaction would be done quickly and the book quickly tucked away under the burnous. One wondered to look at these young fellows curiously regarding their visitor as he spoke to them. Many were not like Arabs at all, with light almost fresh complexions, brown hair and bluish eyes, and intelligent expression. Perhaps it was specially for them that we had been sent to that out of the way place. As darkness gathered we had to pack up and go. M. Nicoud suddenly realised that the bright nickle plated stopper to the petrol tank had been stolen while he was busily occupied at the back of the car. A Caid came on the scene and soon a court martial of the boys was in progress. No result, though the Caid did his best!

May be that that scene and our part in the acting of it, made ready some hearts to read the Word they had bought.

Thus our tournée ended, and the gracious word, "A prosperous journey by the will of God," we felt had been graciously fulfilled. We had sold 478 copies of the Scriptures in Arabic, French and Hebrew.

This included six complete Bibles. Then there were 256 other evangelical books and booklets sold, two Bibles placed in Mosques, 105 Bible portions given free, and 132 selected tracts placed as judiciously as possible. In all, twenty-one towns, villages, or oases had been visited with the Word. Let us praise and pray!

H. W. STALLEY.

Home Notes.

Douera,
Glenwood Road,
West Moors,
Dorset.

Dear Friends,

It was with much regret that we sent out notices cancelling the Annual Meeting, but under existing circumstances it seemed inevitable. Heavenly Wisdom is necessary in small things and greater ones in the changed circumstances, and we need your prayers, both for those who are on the field and for the office and for any workers at home.

We do thank all of you who have written this year from many parts of the world, for your loving interest and for your prayer help. Among the many who have given us a helping hand, to all of whom we are deeply grateful, we would particularly thank—Mr. Neville Russell for auditing our accounts, Dr. Grace Chambers and Dr. T. T. Thompson for their medical help, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwards for the loving hospitality they have shown to many of our workers.

As usual the summer has brought opportunities to missionaries home on furlough for telling of the work—among others, to Miss Wood at Eastbourne and to Mr. and Mrs. Stalley in Scotland, London, Bourne-mouth and East Anglia. Miss McIlroy, has had openings in Ireland and Miss Russell in London. Several Conventions

and Conferences were attended by members of the A.M.B. who were asked to speak about the work in Algeria.

Some old friends have "passed on" this year, but thank God some new friends for the work are being found.

"Together," was a favourite word with our old friend Mr. Smeeton and now, if ever, we at home need to be "workers together" with those on the Field, and "with God."

May His peace and blessing be with you all.

Yours very sincerely,

MILLCENT H. ROCHE.

Ramadhan.

FROM THE MOSLEM POINT OF VIEW.

The month of Ramadhan with its fasting by day and its feasting by night, is one of the five pillars of the Moslem religion. During its course occurs the "Night of Power" in which the Koran came down from Heaven. On this night, the exact date of which was only revealed to Mohammed and some of the "Companions," the whole animal and vegetable kingdom bow in adoration before Allah and the waters of the sea become sweet in a moment of time. Throughout the month the gates of Paradise are open, the gates of hell are shut, the devils are chained by the leg, and only those who observe this fast will be permitted to enter the gate of Heaven called Raiyan. Those who observe it faithfully will be pardoned all their past venial sins.

Ramadhan must be observed by all Moslems, except travellers on a journey of more than three days, and sick people; both these classes are to fast an equal number of days so soon as they are able. Very young children are of course exempt; older children are gradually accustomed to the observance beginning with half a day's

fast every third day, then every second day, then every day, then a whole day's fast at ever shortening intervals until at last, to their great pride and suffering, they are allowed to keep the fast as their parents do.

The rules to be observed during this month are set forth in the second Surah (chapter) of the Koran: "O believers, a Fast is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may fear God for certain days. But he among you who shall be sick or on a journey, shall fast that same number of other days; and as for those who are able to keep it and yet break it, the expiation of this shall be the maintenance of a poor man. And he who of his own accord performeth a good work, shall derive good from it: and good shall it be for you to fast—if ye knew it. As to the month Ramadhan in which the Koran was sent down to be man's guidance, and an explanation of that guidance, and of that illumination, as soon as any one of you observeth the moon, let him set about the fast, but he who is sick or upon a journey shall fast a like number of other days." With regard to the night time, the chapter continues, "Eat and drink until ye can discern a white thread from a black thread by the daybreak; then fast strictly till night."

When the month of Ramadhan falls in the summer, the sufferings of the people are really great and in the desert men have been known to go out of their minds from the torture of the great thirst. At such times it is very pitiful to see the water-carriers with perhaps over-flowing pitchers on their heads, their parched lips firmly set that no drop of the forbidden solace may enter their mouths. Indeed an offering to an unknown God!

F. H. F.

A reprint of this article by Miss Freeman will be of special interest, as the Fast begins on October 15th.

We usually publish our Home and Field Balance Sheets side by side in the Winter issue of *A Thirsty Land*. But as the Home Balance Sheet is ready it seems well to publish it now and to print the other later on (D.V.).

M. H. R.

ALGIERS MISSION BAND HOME OFFICE ACCOUNTS

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th June, 1939

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
To <i>Balance</i> : Cash in hand and at Bank, 1st July, 1938 ...		20 10 5	By <i>Magazine and Book Account</i> ...
„ <i>General Fund</i> :			90 11 7
Subscriptions and Donations	1,055 19 8		72 12 10
Royalties Received ...	14 3 10		17 18 9
Annual Meeting ...	10 8 10		40 8 5
	1,080 12 4		„ <i>Honorarium</i> (Office Assistance)
„ <i>Appropriated Gifts</i>		53 19 6	13 10 0
„ <i>Upkeep of Dar Naama</i> :			4 10 0
Dividends and Interest	122 10 7		9 0 0
Income Tax recovered	13 3 4		„ <i>Deputation Expenses</i> ...
Royalties Received ...	25 15 5		3 11 4
	161 9 4		„ <i>Part of Royalties Received</i> :
			Grant to Literature Committee (Near East Christian Council) ...
			3 11 0
			„ <i>Remitted to Field</i> :
			General Fund ...
			995 10 2
			Appropriated Gifts
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INVESTMENTS HELD ON BEHALF OF THE BAND.

£	s.	d.	
200	0	0	Anglo-Argentine Tramways 4% Debenture Stock.
20	0	0	Industrial and General Trust Stock.
360	0	0	Investment Trust Corporation Deferred Stock.
95s	9	1	War Loan 3½% Stock 1952.
1,050	0	0	Conversion 5% Stock 1944-64.

I have examined the foregoing Account with the books and vouchers, and have found them to be correct. I have also verified the Investments.

C. NEVILLE RUSSELL.
(Incorporated Accountant.)

14th July, 1939.

11, Poultry,
E.C.2.

Basis.

The A.M.B. is interdenominational and desires to have fellowship with all who form the One Body of Christ. The Band holds and teaches :—

- (1) Absolute Faith in the Deity of each Person of the Trinity.
- (2) Absolute confidence in the full inspiration of the Old and New Testaments.
- (3) Absolute belief in the Cross of Christ as the one means of access to God, and the redemptive power for the whole world.

COMMISSION.—The aim of the A.M.B. is the Evangelisation of the Arabic and French-speaking Moslems of Algeria and Tunisia with special emphasis on the needs of the practically untouched regions of the interior.

ENGLAND.

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