Algiers Mission Band.



## ALGIERS MISSION BAND．

Stations in 1916．

Date of opening．Algiers 1888．Headquarters． 1900．Blida． 1909．Bar 1909．Relizane． 1911 Dar el Fedjr．1912．Masoera．

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    is B.G.L. Haworth.
    1890 F. Helen Freeman.
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    " Alexandrine Gayral.
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    May Fidley.
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        # Miliscertu Roche.
        " Alma Krebs.
        * Mary Watling.
l91l Clare Mennell.
Ida Nash.
Mary Ereeman.
J. H. Smeeton.
Melise Sme0ton.
Laura Carr.
S. Soler.
Grace Russell
Mme. Arnaud.)pro tom
A. M. Farmer.
Short Service Hostel.
Aima Krebs (1909) in charge. Ethel Greenway. Ida Lepper. Frances Brittlo。
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Miliana, April 2nd 1916.
Tho spring round of tho stations is ending with a few diuys hore. It is a joy to feel the groat freoing of the atmosphere in the class for elder girls - a response that any day might break out into a visible work of God's grace: and the years of toil and prayer that have been spent over the senior one, Zehour, have blossomed already, for one cannot doubt that she belongs to Christ and not to Islam, and her work as monitross among the others is becoming really useful, specially as, (perhaps from a strain of negro blood,) she has the rare gift of an ear for music, and is able to raise the tunes when other people's voices are tired. The fear is that her time of service will be but short, for she is on the verge of consumption, is not already over the brink.

Algiers, April 5th 1916.
Another soul has gone from earth's twilight into the daybreak of eternity while I have been away. She has not often come into this Journal, for her inner life has not been as stormy as many of the others. There are some who will remember her, notwithstanding, Fifi, the mother of little Zahia, so long one of our house-children. Fifi was the spocial chargo of May Ridley, and since her post has changed to Relizane, Ida Nash has cared for her: Her Spanish blood on
hor mother: s side gave her all along a something that is wanting in the average native woman, and there have been flashes of real courage in the way she rose to having a weekly moeting in her room, and quietly went her own way in aloofness from fast and feast, despite the counter influences of a harsh south country husband. The end came so suddenly, with only two or three days illness, that there was hardly a chanceffor last words - but we know that all was well.

Yet another, Liohammed the silk weaver, with a wholly different story, has we hope, gone into the sheltering Hands of the Great High Priest, who has passed into the heavens, where the smoking flax may yet bo fanned into a flame. He clearly found Christ in our first years out here, and after his baptism went through a hard time. As the time went on he slipped back into his former slavery to drink, which told on his already weak brain. Fany and touching were his fits of repontance, and he would sit and read his gospel for hours together, but we could not rocognize him as one of the tiny band of those who were trying to walk in the light. We found no trace of him on our return after the war broke out, and thought ho might have enlistod; now we hear he died while wo vere away. As Sascha Porkin says, "His soul was asleөp, and only his body awako - he has come to his own now."

April 8th 1916.
Algiers conditions are difficult again. Omar has been in iz meney tarigle, whioh always upsets his soul, and Boualem has becn keeping away - all are, one feels, more or lese "choked with cares" over the problems of making both ends meet in this wartime. They are really very good in not flinging themselvos on us for help - but they need prayer that they should rise on the waves instead of being smothered by them.

I think it is probably something more beyond the outward difficulties of the present stress that makes the way hard; and that the awful oppression that wo ourselves have to fight off, is the echo of the clash of the spiritual combat that underlies the visible upheaval.

I have heard that in the early days of August 1914, a British aviator flew over the enemy's lines. He came back almost collapsed. They thought it was the strain of the new. perils surrounding his aircraft, but it was not that - it was the sight of the power against which, all unreckoned, we were measuring ourselvos. It may be we should be stunned too, if we saw the spiritual forces against which we are up, and should marvel at the peace and light that break through them to us.

April 12th 1916.
A reaction has como over the spirit of the blind lad,

Aissa, since his docision that he would cast in his lot with Christ, a fit of irretrievable gloom that is prone to settlo down on these boys who through infirmity are unequal to the battle of life: we have noticed it before with Mustapha. "Satan and I are sitting alone together" is Aisea's graphic description of the state of the case! He neөds long patience with his varying moods, and he gets it, in unwearying measure from Mr. Smeeton and Sascha Perkin.

April 24th 1916.
Holy Week and Easter have just come and gone. We had a cheer in the sight of the band of natives that came to the Service on Good Friday afternoon - nearly 30 and those mostly fullgrown, at any rate of an understanding age. The house children at Rue du Croiseant have been keon in their enthusiasm over Easter. "Has Jesus begun to get alive yet?" asked little E.J. Anes late on Easter Eve: and they were full of the thought of singing Easter hymns as soon as they should wake. Thoy came round to our bedroom doors at an early hour for this, dressed in their feast-ciothes, and with hands all hennastained. Dear little terra cotta hands, I think they were looked at lovingly from heaven, and "accepted according to what they have:" of light, moussa was arrayed to his intense ioy in his first pair of "seroual' (baggy trousers of

Lillbleached calico) to which he had contributed 3 halfpence himeele.

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\text { May 6ッh } 1916 .
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Tilis se日me a year of garnering tather tham of sowing or reajing. Hanifa, Hamdan's wife, has just battled through the last waves of this troublesome world, a troublesome world indeed to her, with her failing health and his ungovernable temper. She leaves behind a fourth son, a tiny being with that strangely peaceful look that of ten marks babies who have not come to stay. Hamdan has carried him off to his sister's, with his next brother, our dear little Rashid, who is sore smitton over his mother's going. It will be well if she has them both to bring up in Paradise; we cannot doubt that she is with Christ thero.

It was good to hear incidentally from Laura Carr, whose windows in the slumpost are opposite thoirs, that Boualem sat out in the street while the talebs were reading their last office, only going in for a fow minutes for the final goodbye, and not following the procession up the street. It was evidently his silent protost against the Moslem burial rites, for this sistor was dear to him.

We hear rumours that Si Mokhtar, the father of Chrira of liostaganem, has, unknown to her, betrothed her to an Arab, who is a connection of the family. - The whole was hurried
through while he was on leave from the front. She seeme to have be日 vassive this time. It is an anxious crisis for her. However i. Freeman feels that it had to come, being a land where we might look far and wide for a Christian husband in any position in which her father would consent to place her. There are signs of grace working in the heart of her sibter Miriam. "I want to go on - right on to the water" (meaning baptism), she said the other day. We think this speake well for Chrira's roality, for hers has beon no easy path gince she took that step. We long for the days when Mostaganem can be opened and they can be shepherded.

May 8th 1916.
A weird Kabyle girl stands out among to lay's linke with the unseon. It came about through a quest for a good Arabic scribo, for text cards have been asked for from Egypt, and though we can work out the decorative part, no one but a native can gife the subtle lines and curves of the writing as they Siuuld be. So Alma Krebs and I went to hunt up a scribe $\because$ good reputo in a cemetery above the town. This child found $1: \%$ waiting for him under a fig troe, and began talking with Gastily sangfroid of all the graveyard happenings. Did she belong there? we asked. "No," she answered, "I live in the town, but I come here every day, a sort of voico oalls me, and tells

ro that if I do not come j．t will be thus＂，and she drew her hand


 of ta．．．whits irip thet were growing in the shade，and alma showed her tioj smewy blossums，and toild her how they oamo out of the darls esrth，and thet，the deed bodies that filled her poor little mind wíth gruesome horrors osuld be ohanged by Ged inte beautiful
 make all things new．Tho great intelligont eyes se日med to arink it ajl in like dra＂gite of life，and whon we showed hor the way baok to Dar $\theta$ Fedjr：and toli her she might o＠me againg ehe miaged Alma：$s$ hands with colight。

Kay loth。
One of our joys this spring is Sascha＇s littie Moussa， Miriam＇s six year $\operatorname{BIa}$ brother．Ho is gupposed to Iive with his
 in attraction，and he spends most of his days and many of his nights here．Hs is quite bewitshing，his talent for drawing makes us great，frienćs．He ia not admitter to my aanctum an the reof， but＂o mother Lili $i^{*}$ sounis of゙ton from the outside．and e bromn hand is thruet through tho orosebers of the window with a painted proảuctica，or to get a sew incigg from mo or Franoms Brittle， and the hank thet oitwre the new one ia gresper and kiseed．＂Help
me to paint well today, I dien tt paint well yeaterlay," comes often In his preyers. These prayers began sudienly two gs three weekb ago; til. then he had only listengi to hie sisteris. Miriam was praying thet they might havo $\varepsilon$ beby brother who ahoujd not be erm viged by Sg.tan. Thai secmed to $\beta t r i k e$ a chora in his small heart, and he orcke $2 u t$ " 0 God, yes. sens us a brothar who shall not be adyised by Satan, I am adviseil by Satan veiy often, I am very wioked; sond us no who shall be goodn:

Sascha Perlin ausgtioned jim after and found that the main prickinge cf his beart were anont the oareloss sweoping of the crypt, and he gave a very sarnext 3.s日ent to the thought of being Christ: a boy", The mext merning the orypt and all ite cantentes were head $\hat{\text { wer hesis in the attempt to be thorough. }}$

Alma Krete bra had $\dot{\theta}$ happy ${ }^{\text {finn }}{ }^{2}$ in these Jast daye. She was taken frcm the hoine in the subur bs wherc ahe was viatiting, to 3 new one near by, a jovely Iittlo home, with refined Ewoet mannered women and girje. The master omme in, a negro in omplexion but not In ftaturno In course of toilk he provol to have trevolled. and ta have haj in long past deye an Engingh maeter in Egipto ${ }^{\circ}$ When was

 Whioh Ged hed oegun to aravt him, and he took booke osgeriny and prese日d her to ocme aga,jn, "You hate coine wel. to pring me these."

We have been worling herd a.t getting out traots for women and
grls, one for esoh only, and that with dint on unocunded patience on the part of our one Ghort, Eorviaer for ocd jobe. Frences Brittle; for Ge very limited reading powers here mede us comins oureelves to an edition on the 'Plox' and we were muoh like tho hero of Ebop'a Febles

 the oume transliteralied. or in Fronch.

Matije Watling writes..
I showed the Frensh "resabmine" traote to some wee scholars joaterday they salute you and all concorned very gratefuliy for getting them

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Another 'Shorit Servicers of a war time ordea, Miss Lepper, attached to tho Enitish Syrian Misgion, hes been giving valuable help In coaching three o $\mathfrak{I}$ our junior members in the rudiments of literary Arabic, and ness $E$ tiny olasa of Saishe's nouse children for the ' 3 : in their Areajic garb。
 grouping themgaives ch the roof ginc pursuing thein wool apinning etc. as though quite at home: the ba"oy orother winc was not to be advised "y Setan has errised to add to the number. His grandmother after the :ashton of the montains. has painted híe face with cil and charoosl; fortunetely moussa onky likens him to selais. the chief glder of the



Church and therefore very respectable.
Jay 15 th .
more and more text cards are evolving for Egypt-in groups of virses and consecutive passages, reminding us of our early days of distributing such in the street here, only reproduced then after the rougheat of fashions in our ignorance.
"Sweet holy change turne our old things to new".
June lat。
Ascension Day. 8 or 10 at each side of the screen at this morning's me日ting- Sascha's troup in their geyeet, with spotless haike. Mousea arrayed by biind Aisae in a brotherly fashion wa?kec. in, hand in hand, to-gether. lir. Smeeton in and cut, to oring in his other blind folk, settling them on their cushione, and finding incm thoir places in their Erasile hymn booke. Such a dey of smell thirge at would seem to English eyeen but those who havs livec nearly hasif a İfe time in wosler lande learn to see e be 2 mig in smalil thinge. We ere more used e.t present to mícroscopes then torescopes.

Twree of Chilahan:a inmaites heve had to loave canju fon cise cuse or mother: May REdiey hes come to give a heloing hand in their plaa til the oummer brealk up, and je trying the now experimont of a dally kindergarten for Cradier Rollers and othore. We ane watchting to ees whether this wilt prove a pemmenent matter fn place of the girgaf and kntting classes, for as in Biida and Miliana, we find that the gima who are allowed out, are crowdeng to the newly opened Government
schoole: in which these things are taught along with the elements of French edueation, so far as can be compressed into the short years before they are veiled and shut up. Our numbers dwindle instead of grow, ard as a lys school for girls is next door, $1 t$ is unise to try to rum crint: So we jooin to see the heavenly eojurion as to the next way o: reaning them for Christ.

Blida, June 7 th.
Blida has a happy solution in their Sunday and Thursday classes, only just this week the children are swept off to the one task of carrying pitchers, for a huge storm (13 inches rainfall in 24 hours!) has destroyed the town water works, and houses and lives also up among the hills, where great landslips have taken place. Those wino remember the story of our well, will. like its last story. For two or threa years it has been disused as a town pipe has been brought near, it wes with misgiving that we tried it yesterday, for it might well have rin dry or grown muddy; to oun joy it came up pure and sweet and plentiful as of old. Such a. picture of the Lord who is ever to us the Fountain of living waters, even when we forget Him for the man wrought supply.

Algiers, June l2th.
Rahme has gome to sjeep in Jesus. Belaid came this monning to tell us so. lúr. Smeeton was inere yesterday aftermoon, and she said more than once "I am going to Jeэus today" but they twok no notice, thinking she was wandering a bit. But true きt we.s, she passed eway in
her sheep withou', giving a sign; another of the number that we believe have passed into the shelter of the desired Haven, during the vinter. One shrinks from counting up the spoils that Ohrist wins from the enemy while his counter cssaults are iurking all around, but, when they get to the other side we can give the shout of victory fearlessly:

Two children of the beit wama classes have alnco, we believe, landed safely Home this spring. One was a child.-bride named Houria. Poor little soul, on the day of her marriage she discoverod that she was a second wife, with all that that means of hougehoud misery. Sine soon grew hopelesely ill, and was taken away to a marabout thet she might die in a holy place, She went off patheticajuy unaping her doll Through the dark valjey, the light of the love of Hes us shome on her, The same light, after a slow dawn, broke into radiance at the last, over the deathbed of a consumptive boy for whom Alise McIlroy hed also watched and prayed for long. So this year has been a year of garnering rather than of sowing or reaping.

June 15th.
Down at Eou Hanifia for a fortnight's rest and writing- eo ideal-. Visits before have heen too short for letting oneself go to its atmosphere.

The harvest is just in, and thanlk God a good one. Prayer frevaila th keeping off the danger of drought and locusts: these lavier stayed only two or three hours one afternoon, and were swept away by a strong wind, as in the days of old.


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The land is a vision of beauty in the ochre of the stubble fields and the south country mauve of the distances: and the river bed is a very Garden of the Lord with its clusters of oleander in full flower, from tho raintest blush white to deep carmine buis, and every inter-ve- de shace ff rase solour nestling in treir sword-lije fammes.

Letter i:l the eternal light, than the earthly harvest time, is that the first grains froin the heavenly storehouse are being steadily droped now into the furrows. Then wondue (wife of F.H.F.'s oversiex, now at Ealonica) cores for the fortnightly payday, she brings with her me.l'elicer fron inascara, and they have a bona-fide evangel. istic meetire for all the farm hands, followed ky one for the womenkind: and fille.Gayral is just beqinning a deily class for the children June leth.
Sascha Perlin writes of a sudden decision of firiam's grandmother to return to the mountains, and take her back with poucsa. Liriam was dismayed. Sascha sends the resumé. of a long tall with her. Ler choice was clear betweon Christ and Islan, and she sails her par rents would let her follow on, but that her tribe would be all against her. "They would say you cannot stay amongst us, and the marabouts would scream wgainst me, any one would not follov the council of the Djeraa nay be killed." "For what sort of things would a man be killed" wised Sascha. "Fnr not tasting in Ramadan" said the child. "Would they prevent you firom coming here again if they found you were a true Ciristian?" "They would not let me come back. Hy brother El Omri used
to teat me if he heard me sing a hymn, but I didn't mind, I hid behind my Iather. ay motier does not vant me to fast, she says I am not old enough but other people would force ne- I wish I could always be here in riamadan."
"It is dosperately hard to send this little lamb among wolves," Sascha goes on "I wonder if God won't give her to us, like fiss "Carmichael's 'Star'... This famadan is like a scorching, withering "sirocco: I have never felt anthing quite like it. There is a feeling "that no one can stand against it... I had a long talk with the blind "boy. He is very nervous and upset, the men of 'Abdelkader's café got "hold of him one day, and would not let hiin go, and the young men, our "nevt door neisibours go for him, and he is watched to se what he "will do ne t onth. I wish we could get him away sorewhere- the hoy "has it on his conscience and it would be a backward step if he fasted "rie feels utterly alone, for he has a conviction that none of the Christiana are f'aithful in their own cirole."

> Algiers, Jul立 end.

The ramadan cannon sounded its challenge yesterday, and more than ever this year, the mental atmosphere around seems oharged with electricity, , have settled to have a daily prayer meeting at 8. $\mathrm{K}_{0} \mathrm{a}$.m. inviting any of the natives whose faces are towards the light to join us when they can. I felt the groung noeded clearing first with belaid, for one of fissa's troubles has been a rumour that he still goes to the negro feasts- wada' they call them. I am glad we had it out.

The fessts are hejd in $\Leftrightarrow$ housrs.- a of them bolonging to his tribe- he does go- trying to protest against excesees. "I try- if there were $\mathcal{Z}$ $\overline{o r} \overline{3}$ of us they might insten- I am only one, and I go out before the
 kniw the "cuido not aclons to then?" "I cannot weak free from them" he answer "inless I break fre日 a'together and give up the shop. I sell hardly anything except to the negroes, and in fact I do hot sell to them. I bairter what I want agisnet what they want, if I deserted their feasts ailogether they wauld desert me." We taiked the matter out. I believe that God's call has been on his soul for long to "leave all and follow:" anc. that lie will shew the way when Iiss full time has come.

July 3rd.
There have beea ling nourg of fícht over Bitind Assa, whe has been very unseintily- Endeed rery cantankerous, though between whiles there has been a sortening and steadying. It is an though the forces of hell hai landed on hill in his woakness ard were turning oin him $\because$ every $\infty$ uñer-intluence. I.t is strange how the moslem nesghbcurs sot on even a poor hel.pess waif like him if they think he may be loot to them- he if taunted on the one gide, and coci:ed on the other- the lufti's boye ne, t door are offoring now to get him taken in at the cidi Abderrahnan mosque, where he would be fed ard clothed and taught.

I'wo or three times he has seemed on the point of going off- in... between he stis moodisly. The bect solution as a refuge seens to be Dar

īanira, where BnG.L.H. offers to take him in. ie would be out of contact there with the moslem atmonphere.

July 5th.
Victory has come tor him, thank God. He kas gone off peacefully to ime. Cook-Jalabert's for two nights, to be transferred thence to Dar liagma when we close up for the summer down here at the end of the week.

Tiis "snap" gives him and Abelkader side by side- no longer side by side in the inmer sense, for the former cleaves hard at present to the old path- "God divided the light from the darkness" is the second stage of his new creation.

Dar IJama July 25th.
Our daily prayermeetinge continue at Dar el Fedjr, with an ocoasional reinforcement by Belaid, $\operatorname{il}$ el lazid, Beit ilaama Fatima or "Little Fatima." Alas no Bollalem senior.

Bolalerf junior has broken free this year- not in a particular saintly fashior, for, as usual there is a defiant attitude towards his fatier, However it is the bo,'s yearly protedt against Islam, and as surij to be received with thanksgiving, and his mother is glad over it; Fe has gone oft to take refuge with Chrira (his mother's sister) in the country, winch is well, for it is specially difficult jugt now for any to break the fast openly in tile town.

Any victory just now seems scored by these boys and girls in thet teens, hisea has settled down worderfully up here, and our house-child Aisshe has elected to come wi anc break the fast rather than go home
and kecp it. she is strugiling now with home-sickness, and only dimly coiforted by the thought thit. Jesuis stayed from His Fone 35 years for her. She has been joined by little Yamina of Beit Naama, another of亡inse voung girls in whose hearts grace is working. Her mother was anKiuus $v o g e t$ her away from her step-father who mas inclined to insist on her fasting, The home-call has been strong on her too. "ity hoart rocked like a boat at first" she said the other day- when $I$ thought of ny mother with one of my little brothers on each arm; my heart ran out to her, but I hear now that all is well there, and my heart has come bacli" to me." vho knows that these very "weak things . . chosen" this year lay be one of Godis new heginnings.
lhis ronth has seen another soul moored in the haven- (the Bth we have known this year, ) the girl zehour of wiliana. The lung trouble develosed rapidl. and consciousness lasted to the end. "Oh Jesus keep me" ghe breathed as the shadows closed in on her, and at last there came the usual sign of upwaid pointing finger, hut with the name of ${ }^{1 i} J e e u s{ }^{\prime \prime}$ on her lijs. The native authorities have allowed Mabel to puit on her grave the illuminated toxt "ilessed is he whose transgression is forgiven whose sif: is covered."

Sipt. lith.
Iast-time and feast-time were fought through by tile jumemile "confessorg" and then they went to their homes, and Aissa to ir. smeeton's charge at Sidi lerruch, and B.G.L. H . and I have come away till the end of the montil to $\varepsilon$ jrimitive fishing village near Ain Taya,
 old gold and settings ol oxodised silver，millein heods with the same silver stems and twigs，crowned by a dise of coffee－hrown seeds．at every step the mantises fly out of the deac．grase，cud we they fly you see the splashei of vivid ereen that come in autumn under their dust－ coloured wings，ready for blending．with the fresh blader that will spring wi．th the f＇irst rains．－Dear littile prophets of hope－for the thunder clouds are only massing still．crossed．with white horizortal bars：they have not broken yet．

Our blide outpostere are at the Bilıda end of the Algiers bay， living tile＂simple life＂in a cabanon on the beach，with sundri piaits from their house children．＂It was so：ia using i，o see and hear lihadouja＂ inillicent，Roche writes－＂she has never se日n the sea before：her remark ＂wes that sea is the largest I have ever se日丑．．．ミ亡 never goes to sleep－ ＂she called the waves trains，the rush and the winite foam reminding ：＇her of smoke．Littile Zourlia is so piucky in batiting．She took k＇s hand and stumped outupto her neck inperfert confidence．She is a brave
 Sascha Perlrin：a hotiday ie日ke are being soent et，Eou Hanefian．
 ＂and were lar\＆ely fed；the piece de reaistance bsing a kic roasted on ＂a gtake．The children ate everything with the greatest enthusiasm．I ＂sajd I should borrow some of them ne：：t time I go jtinerating．Compar ＂ions that would eat heartily and with unfeigned enjoyment would be a

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"I thought we should never get a chance of talk, hut we got it at "last and a very good hearin". e sat on fror lo till s. 'lomorrow we drepanning to go to a large house that inm. ioque discovered- the 'sicika (i, ownor) was at the meeting-, a fine man- he thankfully "took a gosiel, for there are readers in his house. mme.ioque says "there are such charming well-dressed women there, and girls of about "la not yet married. On 1 odnesday we went for a walk over Miss Fre日"man's mountains, about a little bit of land that the Arabs are all "tumbling over each other to rent. We had an intelligent group of women in a tent: one said she had only once seen a juropean man, and Hthat was just over viss Freeman's boundary."

So fares our little worls in these quiet weeks, and away and beyond such mighty happenings! wiong them the Neo Turanian movement seoms fraught with import. Surely the Breaker has gone out before us. That a party in Turkey (the land where half a generation ago no convert could stay but at the risk of his life) should declare Islam contrary to tho genius of the nation and to its wewl-being, bears a touch of the miraculous, even though there is no 3ign of the Divine action in it bejo ond the "shaking:" which has been one of God's uighty works from or' old.

And while we wait on and on for the spiritual shaking to oome, the trend of the war tells many a thing coneernding the meaning of tighting the good fight of faitn. On looking back over the two years
that have closed, two crucial conflicts etand out: the victory of the narne in the first year, wrestod out of the greep of defeat- the endurance of Verdun in the last year, doggerly holding out against the foe that crept nearer and nearer, herming all in by an iron circlet ever contractinge smanda: there is a glory in tirede things beyond the glory of brilliant assault.

The one tining that matters foras that it should be, in the lieht of eternity "the good fight" - whatever its outsome down here. A paragraph in one of tho papers some time ego gave unknowingly a lovely crystallizing of the heavenly ideal. It told of a sword a metre long of finegt workanship given bu France to the lring of the Belgiana, On the blade was angrived a "uotation from iilohepin. "Straight, stainless and unafraid, I have for soul thy soul 0 king". And our hearts echo, as we go back at the end of this month to the fight, "So make us, Lord to Thee."
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