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A VEILED WOMAN OF MOROCCO.

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## *Tidings of Workers*      *Written July 9th.*

FOR the first time for a month correspondence—air-mailed—has reached us from the field. This batch of letters from Mr. Warren mirrors the state of upheaval into which North Africa was thrown by France's capitulation. Here are some items of news, gleaned from Mr. Warren and from other sources:

**Tunisia.**—British missionaries were advised by the British Consul to leave the

country. Several were already on furlough. Of those affected, Mr. and Mrs. Miles and Muriel (due for furlough) are temporarily at Cherchell (Algeria), as is Mr. Brown. Dr. and Mrs. Liley, with the Misses Petter and Gotelee, went to Bône (Algeria), and proceeded thence by cargo boat to Gibraltar. They were desirous of getting across to Morocco for alternative missionary work. The "Gib." police officials, however, promptly thrust them on board a waiting liner, bound for Britain! They have just



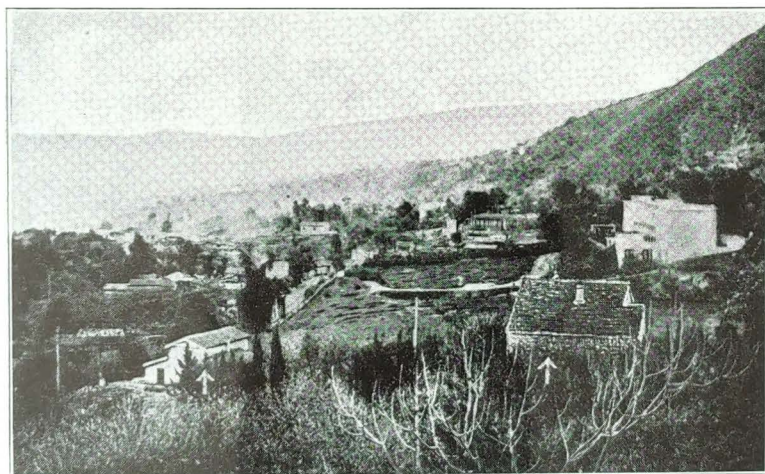
arrived here; and the doctor is immediately seeking war-time employment.

We have no news of Miss Brookes, of Gafsa. Miss Kraulis is quite happy at the home of a French colonist and his wife.

**Algeria, Morocco, and Paris.**—At present it appears that our Algeria and Morocco workers may be able to carry on more or less as usual. The sending out of financial supplies is proving exceedingly difficult, however.

We regret that thus far we have no news of Miss Elsie Tilney, who was working in Paris prior to its fall. Many are praying for her, and we are confident that the Lord will not only keep His child in perfect peace, but greatly bless her to the needy folk around her.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren, for the time being at Tangier, have no news whatever regarding their Paris home (the missionary *foyer*), save the knowledge that the friends temporarily holding the fort there were able to get away before the German entry.



Djemâa Sahridj.

(The meeting hall mentioned by Mr. Willson is indicated by an arrow on the left of the photograph; the arrow on the right marks the Mission House.)

## *Eastertide at Djemâa Sahridj— our oldest Station*

“ON Good Friday, as in other years, we held our special evening service. It was an “after supper” meeting, and as the natives do not take their last meal until it is quite dark, there was a little delay in starting. In the end, however, the hall was comfortably filled.

“Appropriate hymns were sung, and every part of the service was arranged to bring

before the mind our Lord’s atoning death on Calvary—a supremely important truth to impress upon the Moslem. Several natives took part, and in place of the last hymn a young believer sang, as a solo, a translation of ‘O Sacred Head, once wounded.’

### **A Joyous Sunday**

“SUNDAY’S effort was also very cheering. The hall had been prettily decorated with palm branches and flowers, and just above the pulpit in bold lettering were the words ‘CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD.’

“A special hymn-sheet had been prepared, bearing on the Easter Message. Boys chosen from the Sunday School were brought in to help with the singing, and with the service generally; and we must give them credit: they did well.

“Brother Bousaad of El-Klâa read the Scriptures, whilst a convert from Djemâa Sahridj, of many years’ standing, and who was here on a visit, took the central prayer.

### **What Hath God Wrought!**

“Towards the end of the service a young couple brought their baby to be presented to the Lord. This act of theirs gave us immense joy, as both the parents were born at Djemâa Sahridj, and the mother, at about this season five years ago, passed through the waters of baptism. Standing near the spot where she had confessed her allegiance to Christ, she dedicated her baby girl to the Lord.

“We feel sure that all who read these lines

will join their prayers with ours that this little child may become one of the ‘lambs’ of the ‘Good Shepherd.’

“The service ended, a number of us gathered around the Table of the Lord, to remember Him in the Breaking of Bread.

“The attendance in the evening surpassed even that of the morning, and throughout the whole gathering we felt, as we had felt earlier in the day, the presence of Him Whose coming ever brings blessing.”

—FROM MR. A. G. WILLSON, Djemâa Sahridj.





A Water-Carrier with his Goatskin  
(see paragraph below)

### *Who wants to do a Good Deed?*

It is a hot summer's morning in a North African town. The crowded, covered-in market street is a jostling mass of people and animals. The missionary, who is elbowing his way through the throng, suddenly pauses as he hears a cry that is new to him: "Who wants to do a good deed?"

The questioner is a stalwart water-carrier, who is resting his full, dripping water-skin on the low wall beside him. Stepping up to him, the missionary says "I do: how much do you want for that water?" "So much," says the man. The price is paid; but now a new cry rings out: "Who wants water, water for nothing!" "Who wants to drink water, water without money!" (Isaiah 55, 1.) Oh, what a joy it was to see the poor, thirsty wayfarers pressing eagerly forward, drinking their cup of cold water, and then hastening away!

The scene has never been forgotten; and the need is still there to-day. The North Africa Mission, and others, are trying to pay the price, in order that the "Water of Life" may be given freely to those who without it must die eternally.

Who will help?—"Who wants to do a good deed?"

FROM DR. T. G. CHURCHER.

### *The "Slavanka" Conference*

ONLY those who have the responsibility of organising a conference can have any idea of the many preliminary obstacles that have to be overcome. The prayerful and optimistic perseverance of Mr. W. Cecil Collinson in face of a series of difficulties was deservedly rewarded, for the Conference of the Fellowship of Faith for the Moslems, in which the N.A.M.'s Prayer Convention was merged, proved an outstanding success.

As an example of the Lord's last-moment deliverances, it may be of interest to relate that French soldiers from Dunkirk occupied the Conference Hall the very night before guests were due to arrive!

In all, fifteen speakers—every one of them either a missionary, or such as had intimate personal knowledge of work among Moslems—passed on messages of spiritual helpfulness, and guided our intercessions on behalf of specific need in the Moslem world.

The absence of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Logan, through the latter's ill-health, was greatly regretted.

### *France's Capitulation and North Africa*

FRIENDS will appreciate the fact that the prevailing uncertainties of the international situation make it impossible to forecast the probable trend of events in North Africa, and their effect upon missionary work there in the immediate future.

The *ultimate* issue, however, is another matter; and surely we may be confident that a victorious peace, not merely granted by our Sovereign God, but actually procured through His signal intervention, will unfetter once more those evangelizing agencies that the devil would fain paralyze at their nerve-centre—this Britain that the Lord has so wonderfully used as a channel of spiritual blessing to the entire globe.

### *Ishmael and Christ*

"How extraordinarily significant is the name! Ishmael—GOD HEARS: He heard Ishmael's mother in her distress; He heard his father's cry for his wild boy; He heard Ishmael's own cry in later years: and He hears every Arab, every Moslem, every Ishmael in the world to-day, who seeks His Christ. It was an Arabian Queen who came to hear the wisdom of Solomon: the Greater than Solomon has never turned an Ishmael away."

D.M.P.

## The Late Miss K. W. Johnston

THE Homecall of Miss "Katie" Johnston, of Cherchell, on May 28th, dissolved an earthly partnership that was peculiarly fragrant and happy, and leaves suddenly lonely our late sister's lifelong friend, Miss Ethel Turner, with whom she laboured in North Africa for some 47 years. We extend to dear Miss Turner, and to the relatives of Miss Johnston, our deepest sympathy.

Among the little cluster of younger missionaries who got to know Miss Johnston intimately during years spent at Cherchell, is Mrs. H. J. Morgan (*née* Rene Wholman), and she has kindly furnished the following appreciation :

"We give thanks to God always . . . remembering . . . your love and patience.—I Thess. 1, v. 3.

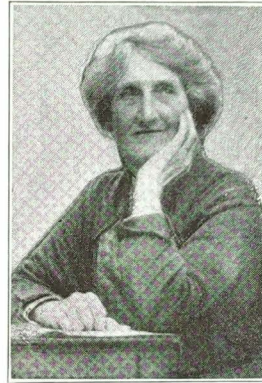
"Looking back over the seventeen years that I have known Miss Johnston, I feel that there were two outstanding qualities in her gentle character for which I shall always thank God : her *love*, and her *patience*.

"I had great need of such love when I went to Cherchell in 1923, for my first year on the mission field had brought many disappointments. I found Miss Johnston understanding, and always ready to sympathise and comfort.

"Then, when I began to study Arabic, what a patient teacher she was, and how kind ! It was a red-letter day when, after much toil, I had my first Bible talk in Arabic written out ; yet many of the sentences would

have been unintelligible had it not been for the skilful turning of the phrases by the patient teacher—effected with such tact that the pupil was almost led to think it was really her own work !

"To go visiting with Miss Johnston was always a tonic. The natives themselves appreciated deeply her



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love and patience. She had a wonderful gift, too, for pressing home a truth, and heads would nod as women said : 'Her words are with truth.'

"She excelled in her quiet talks with the more difficult characters ; and many an unruly Carpet School girl became subdued after a quiet talk and prayer with Miss Johnston. I do indeed thank God

upon every remembrance of her, and for the great privilege of spending ten years of my missionary life with her and Miss Turner, at Cherchell.

"Her labour has not been in vain. Her prayers for North Africa will be answered. It remains for us who still have the opportunity to lift high the torch and give to them that sit in darkness the knowledge of the Light of the World, Jesus our Lord."

## FINANCE

WE should like to draw the special attention of Subscribers to a means whereby their gifts can produce considerable additional benefit to the Mission, without extra cost to themselves.

If a Subscriber agrees to pay to the North Africa Mission a certain amount for not less than seven years (which undertaking terminates should death occur, and forms no charge on the estate), then the Mission can claim from the Inland Revenue a refund of the Tax already paid in respect of that amount.

With income-tax at 7s. 6d. in the £, the actual gift is increased as follows :

1	2	3
Annual subscription.	Income-tax recoverable.	Total amount obtained by the Mission.
£ 5	£ 3	£ 8
10	6	16
25	15	40
50	30	80
100	60	160

Those liable to surtax are entitled to deduct the amount in column 3 from the amount of their income liable to this tax.

The Secretary will be pleased to answer any inquiries regarding the above scheme.