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A MOORISH STRONGHOLD.

*This fortress, planted amidst the mountain fastnesses of Southern Morocco, well symbolises the grim might of Mohammedanism—the evil system that for thirteen centuries has held countless millions of souls in thralldom. In the autumn of 1920 Harold Underwood, one of our most brilliant recruits, was addressing a farewell gathering in Glasgow. "I am going out to Tunisia," he said, "to chip a few fragments from the granite fortress of Islam, as GOD shall enable me." After making unprecedented progress in Arabic, Harold died in the Spring of 1923. His young colleague, Arthur Goadby, was drowned a few months later. Today, there are five Mission Stations in Tunisia closed down for lack of workers. Never was the need for young men greater— young men of the right type, called of GOD, and ready to "endure hardness" in this greatest of all conflicts. Please join us in prayer that many keen young ex-Service men may be led of GOD to respond to the challenge.*

## Our "May" Meetings

THE Spring Meetings, held at the Livingstone Hall on May 23rd, brought together a large company of friends of the N.A.M., and gave us the privilege of seeing and hearing a number of faithful workers who, after long absence during one of the most critical phases of the Mission's history, have at last come home for much-needed rest.

At 3 o'clock we gathered for a preliminary session of prayer, and at the Afternoon Gathering which, in the regrettable absence through illness of Mr. E. T. Morriss, was presided over by Mr. O. L. Carnegie, Miss M. M. Glen of Tangier and Miss C. A. Bowering of Casablanca gave graphic accounts of the work that has been carried on in these important centres during the war years. Then Mr. R. Stanley Miles, under the three headings "Retrospection—Deputation—Expectation," pungently summarised his experiences upon the Field, his not less interesting adventures in Deputation Work, and the hopeful prospect, under GOD'S blessing, of future service in Tunis.

During the tea interval Missionaries and other friends, who had not met for years, repaired to neighbouring teashops, and exchanged news.

The Evening Gathering, under the kindly and efficient Chairmanship of the Rev. E. J. Poole-Connor, was also characterised by a gracious sense of the Lord's presence, and once again the messages, both varied and gripping, came with power to a large company of listeners.

Miss Grace Sharpe of Rabat, Nurse Nellie Bowker of Tangier, and Miss F. M. Marston of Taza—the latter with a record of fifty years of faithful Missionary service—deepened our sense of the mighty need and stern challenge of the Moslem Field. The fourth Missionary speaker was Mrs. Stanley Miles, who, in telling words, stressed the gravity of Tunisia's need of Missionary reinforcements, the Gospel testimony in that country having largely ceased through the successive closing down of Kairouan, Sfax, Sousse, Gabès and Gafsa.

We were privileged to have with us as the closing Speaker the Rev. Guy H. King, to whom has been entrusted the high privilege—and great responsibility—of giving the Bible Readings at the Keswick Convention this year. Full notes of his heartening message, "A Gold Chain," will be found on pages 3 and 6 of this issue of the "NEWS LETTER."

### Homecall of Mr. S. S. McCurry

WITH the passing of Mr. Samuel S. McCurry, who "fell asleep" on Saturday, June 22nd, at the age of ninety-one, the North Africa Mission has lost an old and valued friend.

It was as far back as January, 1884 that our beloved brother, then a young man of thirty,

founded the Dublin Auxiliary of the N.A.M., which, in later years (when Mr. McCurry came to reside in London), was merged into the Wimbledon Auxiliary, and embraced a still larger circle of praying friends. It was not until he was approaching his ninetieth birthday that Mr. McCurry, through failing health, relinquished his position as Honorary Secretary; and friends will like to be reminded that during that period of well-nigh sixty years over £10,000 reached the Mission through this gracious channel of supply.

When, during a sunny interlude between showers, we laid our brother's body to rest in the lovely Putney Vale Cemetery, we had an opportunity of expressing to a little company of relatives and friends our deep gratitude to GOD for all that Mr. McCurry's eloquent advocacy and devoted labours had meant to a long succession of Missionaries.

### A Wedding in Tripoli

FROM Mrs. J. A. Liley of Tripoli come the following lines:—"The other night when we were returning from the soldiers' Fellowship Bible Study we watched a Moslem wedding pass by. It attracted our attention as being the first we had seen here of a modern kind. Leading the procession was the 'music,' a carriage-full of women singing and playing upon tambourines. Then came the bridal coach in the shape of a saloon motor-car, the hood of which was most carefully curtained by a large white silk covering. Immediately following were no less than a dozen horse carriages bringing along the female friends and relatives with the bride to the house of the bridegroom. Twenty-five years ago at Tangier we often saw a wedding procession passing within sight of Hope House, but then the poor little bride was shaken about in a small conical-shaped box mounted on a donkey or mule, and her retinue followed on their feet.

"Thus Islam modernises her mode of transport, but remains unchanged in its unhappy marriage laws and ceremonies!"

### Blessing in Morocco

THE following heartening news of blessing in Southern Morocco reaches us from Dr. Farnham St. John:—"I have just returned from a very thrilling week down in South Morocco at a native Conference near Marrakesh, organised by Mr. Fisk. It was the first one since before the war, and so numbers were not large, but those who did come were enthusiastic. About forty were there, and Mr. Fallaize from Salé was the main speaker. It was a great pleasure to hear him. He always reminds me of my father in his speaking, and, of course, his Arabic is superb. The village where the meetings

# A GOLD CHAIN\*

**H**AVE you noticed how few men wear watch-chains these days?

I want to bring to you a "Gold Chain" for you to wear. Whether you are one of those who have been on the Mission Field and will presently be returning, or whether you be one of the workers at home, or one of the friends of the Mission who has just come in to share in this fellowship—with all of us who are believers—we should not leave behind in a drawer, but always constantly wear this Chain.

I am just going to display it to you first of all, and then ask your attention in the various links.

Hebrews 13, 5-6: "He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear . . . man." What a lovely text! And what a wonderful Golden Chain! If you and I could get that Chain not merely round our necks or our vests, but round our hearts, what a tremendous difference it would make to our life and service.

Let us look at this Golden Chain in its several links. The first one is HIS PROMISE. "He hath said." There is an old saying that the strength of a chain is only the strength of its weakest link. I do not know which is the weakest link in this wonderful Chain, but I know which is the strongest. It is this first one, "He hath said." There is nothing stronger in this wide world, nothing stronger in the land beyond, than the word and promise of Almighty God. You cannot break it. It stands up to all the stress and strain of every circumstance of life. HIS PROMISE—"He hath said"—and you and I need really to get to that point where we do believe what God says.

A man once went to Mr. Evan Hopkins of Keswick. He was in a rather unsatisfactory state of Christian experience, and he wanted to get right, and wondered what could be done. Mr. Evan Hopkins, like a wise physician of the soul, enquired into his symptoms, and then prescribed this medicine for him. He said, "Go home, and get down on your knees, take your open Bible with you, and there have half-an-hour's believing." A strange suggestion. One could understand it if he had said, 'Have half-an-hour's praying.' But that is the trouble with a good many of us. We do not really believe. If we would get into the habit of kneeling before this precious Book of God, putting our finger upon the promise of God, and telling the Lord, "Yes, I believe that," it would make such a difference to us, for this link in the chain is of enormous help and of unbreaking strength.

Do you remember how David Livingstone was found kneeling dead at his bedside, and how there was open upon his little bed his well-worn copy of the Bible? It was open at the 28th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, and, opposite the 20th verse, "Lo, I am with you

always," in the margin of which David Livingstone had written, "The word of a Gentleman." You see, God never breaks His Word. Whatever you and I find here, is real truth. Let us learn to rest on it. Whatever the circumstances, whatever the difficulties, whatever the problems, "He hath said." Very well, let us begin there. That is the first link.

Now what is it that He has said here? What is joined on to this first link? I should call it HIS PRESENCE. "He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." We may sometimes—we may always—be sure of the fact, but we may not always be conscious of the feeling. There are times when you and I feel that we are alone; we forget that God is with us. And that makes all the difference in the world. Those of you who are Greek scholars will know that the translation is an immensely strong Greek negative. In our English language, if we repeat negatives and say, 'You will not not,' we mean that you will. But in the Greek, the accumulation of negatives just piles up the strength of it, and the accumulation of negatives in this little passage is most extraordinary. "He hath said, I will never, never, never, under any circumstances, leave you." Now that is what He hath said. Whether we realise it or not, He is there, always with us.

I once put the question to a great gathering of children. I was speaking about that little bit in the verse, "I will never leave thee," and I said, "Is there anyone here who can tell me what 'never' means?" And presently a boy shot up his hand and said, "Please, sir, never." That is just exactly what it does mean. What He means is, "I will never leave thee." Or, as the little Irish boy put it in the Sunday School class, when the teacher was dealing with the same truth and trying to get it home—presently this little chap's eyes brightened up, as only Irish eyes can, and he said, "I see, teacher, I see what it means, that when there's only one of us there's always two of us." Very Irish, but very true.

You, on the Mission Field, you went out alone; you had to work alone, but when there was only one of you, there was always two of you! Perhaps some of you are living in an almost heathen home that knows nothing of the things of God, and you say it is so hard, because you are all alone. No, you are not! When there is only one of you, there's always two of you. "He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

What a lovely golden link it is! First, the link of HIS PROMISE—"He hath said." Then the second link of HIS PRESENCE—"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Now the third link. I am going to call it HIS PURPOSE. "So that we may boldly say." The Lord does not just speak for the sake of speaking.

\*Notes of an Address by the Rev. Guy H. King, given at the Spring Meetings of the N.A.M. on Thursday evening, May 23rd, 1946.

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## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PA

	<b>RECEIPTS.</b>		DESIGNATED		TOTAL.	
	GENERAL FUND.		FUND.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<b>FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.</b>						
Donations ... ..	7,637	15 8				
Legacies ... ..	681	3 2				
Publications ... ..	22	18 11				
Dividends on Investments ... ..	7	14 11				
Refund re Interned Missionaries (per contra) ... ..	500	0 0				
Post Office Savings Bank (withdrawal) ...	500	0 0				
					<b>9,349</b>	<b>12 8</b>
<b>FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES.</b>						
<b>SPECIALLY SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES—</b>						
Donations ... ..			1,140	2 0		
<b>MEDICAL MISSIONS—</b>						
Donations ... ..			172	15 6		
Patients' Contributions ... ..			856	11 0		
Dividend on Investment and Tax refunded for Bed in the Tulloch Memorial Hospital ... ..			27	1 2		
Dividend on Investment and Tax refunded for Women's Hospital ... ..			126	0 0		
<b>VARIOUS DESIGNATED OBJECTS—</b>						
Donations ... ..			187	15 11		
Interest ... ..			25	0 0		
Post Office Savings Bank (withdrawal) ...			1,000	0 0		
<b>GLENNY MEMORIAL FUND—</b>						
Dividend on Investments and Tax refunded ... ..			152	10 1	<b>3,687</b>	<b>15 8</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b> ... ..	<b>9,349</b>	<b>12 8</b>	<b>3,687</b>	<b>15 8</b>	<b>13,037</b>	<b>8 4</b>
<b>BALANCES at Bankers, etc., as at 31st December, 1944</b>						
For Designated Purposes ... ..			1,963	6 7		
For General Purposes ... ..	3,034	8 1			<b>4,997</b>	<b>14 8</b>
	<b>£12,384</b>	<b>0 9</b>	<b>£5,651</b>	<b>2 3</b>	<b>£18,035</b>	<b>3 0</b>

We have examined the above Statement of Receipts and Payments of the North Africa Mission for the Missionaries as are available, and certify that, in our opinion, it correctly summarises the Cash Tra

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31st May, 1946.

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for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK.	GENERAL FUND.		DESIGNATED FUND.		TOTAL.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<b>MAINTENANCE, RENT, ETC.—</b>						
Missionaries' Maintenance ... ..	7,783	2 2	2,314	7 7		
Missionaries' Rent and House Expenses ...	370	7 2				
European Helpers engaged in direct Missionary Work ... ..	121	0 0				
Rent and Station Expenses (Meeting Rooms, etc.) ... ..	185	3 8				
Travelling, Furloughs and Freight ...	511	9 11				
					<b>11,285</b>	<b>10 6</b>
<b>COLLATERAL EXPENSES—</b>						
Work, General and Sundry Expenses ...	236	10 8	82	13 7		
Orphan Work, Relief, Bible Depots, Colportage and School ... ..	10	0 0	22	0 0		
Travelling, Passports, etc. ... ..			86	17 8		
Students' Training Fees ... ..			21	17 4		
Rent, Rates and Repairs ... ..			108	6 0		
					<b>568</b>	<b>5 3</b>
<b>MEDICAL MISSIONS—</b>						
Rent, Taxes, Repairs, Fuel and Lighting			141	8 9		
Drugs, Instruments, and Food Relief ...			596	1 1		
Wages, Freight, Customs, Travelling, etc.			1,240	15 7		
					<b>1,978</b>	<b>5 5</b>
<b>TOTAL DIRECT PAYMENTS FOR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK</b> ... ..	<b>9,217</b>	<b>13 7</b>	<b>4,614</b>	<b>7 7</b>	<b>13,832</b>	<b>1 2</b>
<b>HOME PAYMENTS.</b>						
<b>PUBLICATIONS—</b>						
Printing, Postage and Carriage "NEWS LETTER" ... ..	216	16 8				
Other Printing, Postages and Publication Expenses ... ..	22	14 2			<b>239</b>	<b>10 10</b>
<b>MEETINGS—</b>						
Salaries, Travelling, Postage and Printing	98	1 7			<b>98</b>	<b>1 7</b>
<b>OFFICE—</b>						
Rates, Repairs, Fuel, Lighting, Cleaning and Insurance ... ..	164	17 8				
Salaries, Wages and State Insurance ...	1,022	7 2				
Postages, Printing, Telephone, Bank Charges, etc. ... ..	109	9 7				
Travelling, Legal and Sundries ... ..	253	4 2			<b>1,549</b>	<b>18 7</b>
Repayment of Amounts Set Aside for Interned Missionaries ... ..			500	0 0	<b>500</b>	<b>0 0</b>
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS—</b>						
Interest (Net) on Private Loan ... ..	10	0 0			<b>10</b>	<b>0 0</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b> ... ..	<b>11,115</b>	<b>4 7</b>	<b>5,114</b>	<b>7 7</b>	<b>16,229</b>	<b>12 2</b>
<b>BALANCES at Bankers and In Hand on the Field, 31st December, 1945</b>						
For Designated Purposes ... ..			536	14 8		
For General Purposes ... ..	1,268	16 2			<b>1,805</b>	<b>10 10</b>
	<b>£12,384</b>	<b>0 9</b>	<b>£5,651</b>	<b>2 3</b>	<b>£18,035</b>	<b>3 0</b>

ended 31st December, 1945, with the Books and Vouchers at Head Office and the Statements received from the Mission for the year.

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Chartered Accountant.

He always has a reason for saying anything He does say. He never does anything without cause. There is always a reason. Some of us who have been in trouble sometimes wonder what God's purpose is, and we worry about it, and cannot understand. No, but there is a purpose, and one of the lovely things of the hereafter will be that as we look back upon our life here, we shall be able gradually to see what God's purpose was; how His plan has been worked out. We have seen nothing along the mountain road, but then we have reached the top and looked back, and we have seen how the road has wound, and we have seen also the end of the road traversed. So when we get up yonder, and look back, we shall have some lovely surprises. We do not understand why we had to have that suffering and that loss, but we shall understand then. "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." He always has a purpose. What is His purpose in this particular thing we are thinking of to-night? "He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say."

There is always something to be said by God's people. The New Testament has no conception of a silent Christian. The New Testament idea of a Christian is one who uses his lips in all sorts of ways, and God does so much for us in order that we may say something. It is not always easy to say, not always easy to speak, but you recall, don't you, what an amazing provision the Lord has made that you may be enabled to speak. You remember how that in the 2nd chapter of the Acts those waiting disciples who had such knowledge of their Lord, such enthusiasm in His cause, but were yet told by Him to wait—how that at last they were let go. They had been like dogs straining at a leash. Then they had the power to speak. It says they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Tell me, have you begun your service for the Lord yet? If you were filled with the Holy Ghost, you, too, would begin. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began." That is the trouble with some Christians—they have not begun; they have not the courage. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began." "Ah, but," you say, "one must be so tactful, so careful"—"They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began." "Yes," you say, "but my particular trouble is that I am so reserved, so shy, so nervous, I do not know what to say." "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began."

I am quite sure you may relate this to your own experience. And here it is you see why the Lord, by His Spirit, is always with us, so that we may boldly say something. Not boastfully, but that we may boldly say. Oh, what courage some of us need! What courage these Missionaries of ours need on the Field, and if you have any facility for reading between the lines, you will have observed what courage these representatives must have had. It is all very well for us here in this annual Meeting, but you go out there on the Field with them, and see what courage they need! How it will strengthen them to recall over and over again the Lord's presence. "He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say."

Here is the next link, HIS POWER. "The Lord is my Helper." It is a grand thing if you can say that. Perhaps you have no other help, but "The Lord is my

Helper." What a tremendous thing! I want to say this to you. Do you know—of course you know it theoretically—but have you really entered into this truth, that the very moment you became a believer all the attributes of God were on your side? Here you are, a real believer. Well, all the attributes of God are on your side. His Omniscience—He knows all about you, your problem and your need and your personality and your weakness. He knows what to do in your difficulty. His Omniscience is on your side. His Omnipresence. That is the theme of our whole address to-night. There is never a moment when He is not with you. He is there, whether you are worthy of it or not. His Omnipotence is on your side. All the power of God Himself to keep you and help you on the road. What a thought! His Omni-existence—the God Who has always been what He is, the God of the whole world.

The Omniscient God, the Omnipresent God, the Omni-existent God, the Omnipotent God. All the attributes of God are now on your side. No wonder you can say, "The Lord is my Helper."

Very well then, let us look at the last link. HIS PROTECTION. "He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, I will not fear . . . man." There is really no need to fear him, is there? But He knows we are human. He is all this to us, however, that we may not fear man. His wonderful protection is with us. There was once a small boy who went to his school. He had a big brother there who was a prefect. This shy little fellow—being in his first term—was often bullied by one boy who was always making the life of this little chap a misery. The poor little man had a terrible time of it. Of course, his big brother would soon have put a stop to it had he known, but the little chap could not speak. One day the little boy was caught by the bully at one end of the playground, who began his nefarious work, when all of a sudden he saw his big brother in the distance. And the big brother looked across, and saw what was going on, and the little fellow rushed towards him and ran behind his big brother, and facing the oncoming bully, through his brother's arms upon his hips, he cried out, "Now come on." There is a bully abroad, but dare I reverently say it, There is a Brother. And it is our wisdom, when we realise the power of the bully, not to try to fight Him ourselves, but to get behind the Brother, and behind Him we shall not fear man.

O wonderful Presence of God! Always with us, whether we realise it or not. Remember J. G. Paton's message. He had to go from a certain place to another, and his enemies, when they heard he was going, determined to hide in a wood that was on the way and shoot him and have done with him once and for all. They got ready their poisoned arrows, and hid behind the trees. Paton was fully aware of their plot, but he was a wearer of this blessed Chain. He passed by that wood where they were hiding—all these enemies—and as he approached they began to get ready and took aim, but he passed by and not an arrow was fired. Nothing happened. He did not know then what he learned afterwards, that as they poised their arrows ready, they saw that there was Someone else with him—One Who was so wonderful that they dared not shoot. Paton did not see Him, but he wore the Chain, and he knew He was there. He was there walking with him, and he knew His protection.

Will you wear the Chain in future?

were held was just under the Atlas Mountain range. There was thick snow on the mountains, but the plain was very hot, and a mass of orange and tangerine blossom. I wish you could all have been at the baptism service. It was an unforgettable scene, held in the middle of an orchard on a brilliant sunny day in the surroundings that I've just described. Five were baptised, four girls and a young fellow from a Berber village in the foothills. He returned to his village alone after the Conference, well knowing the consequences of the step he had taken. Pray for him. He knows the power of prayer, and told me that he was depending on us to uphold him. The visible church in this land is very small, but the Lord has His own in ones and twos all over the country, and all are dear to Him. Pray, too, for Mr. Fisk and Mr. Fallaize; they are doing a great work, and the opposition must be severe."

## *News from the Field*

### **Rabat, Morocco.**

FROM **Miss Dew** came the following note, received on April 10th:—"Last Friday the girl, 'Happiness,' was very thoughtful after the class, so as there was opportunity I had a talk with her. She certainly understands the way of salvation, but she has not yet made the great decision. I wonder what the class of tomorrow will bring forth? We never press decisions, or ask anyone outright if they are believing—it is too dangerous; they might say 'Yes' to please us—we wait until they come of their own free will and tell us, though there is often the opportunity for the personal touch as with the girlie last week."

A week or two later came this cheering message from **Miss Grace Sharpe**, who had already left Rabat for furlough:—"News has come through of the conversion of 'Happiness.' She was the last for whom we had asked the Lord before leaving for furlough. Unto His great Name be the glory."

### **Fez, Morocco.**

**Miss Higbid** writes:—"We praise God for His goodness to us on the journey and our entry into Fez; and for the kindness of our Spanish and other friends. We had a happy little gathering here about ten days ago, when a few friends came in from the Ville Nouvelle; but distance prevents our meeting together regularly, as they cannot walk the three miles each way, especially during the heat. Will you pray that some means of transport may soon be available as in pre-war days, and that a place of meeting in the French town may be provided? We are thankful for contacts amongst native women; and for daily blessings too many to be enumerated!"

### **Settat, Morocco.**

BEFORE **Miss Buxton** left Morocco for furlough, she sent the following note:—

"We had a good crowd of children yesterday to the class, and it was so warm that after the Bible lesson we spread the matting in the court. We felt it was healthier for us and for them. Last Friday we noticed that a girl who has only been twice to the class was repeating the Scripture and singing the hymns like the other girls. Her companions, sitting each side of her, were looking at her, and listening to her, and smiling. After we had finished we found that the girl attends the French School here for natives, and expressed the wish to come to us on Friday afternoon along with the other friends. They took it upon themselves to teach her, and were very proud that she could join with them in the singing and repetition. We were pleased, too, because it meant that others in the house, or houses, where they gathered heard it, too. GOD grant the precious Seed sown may bear fruit to His glory."

## *From Our Oldest Station*

THE work at our oldest station, Djemâa Sahridj, continues to enjoy the blessing of GOD, as the following report from **Mr. A. Willson** makes abundantly clear:—"Sunday, May 19th, was a big day for El Klâa (an out-station not far from Djemâa Sahridj). A brother missionary came over to the dedication of the new Gospel Hall. This was the third time such a Service had been held in that village. Shall we say it is getting quite a habit, or is it a mark of progress? In that we cannot judge.

"The first Meeting House consisted of a wicker hut. That served us well for a couple of years, but the second winter an unusually heavy fall of snow caused a part of the roof to collapse. Soon after that a stone, lean-to building was dedicated to the service of GOD. About thirty people could be accommodated in that little Bethel, and some very happy times were spent there. Becoming, however, too 'strait' for us, our brother prepared the more spacious building that was publicly given to the Lord a few weeks ago. It is, in our opinion, a finely-situated place of testimony, opening out, as it does, on to the main road to important villages. It may not be unique, but certainly it is a rare thing to find, on the main street of an entirely native village, a house with the sign 'Salle Evangélique' (Gospel Hall) painted on the window.

"On the day of the opening we began with a short Service on the road, and then the presiding brother, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, turned the key and opened the door, thus dedicating the place to the service of GOD.

“ It may be remembered how fierce was the opposition we encountered about fifteen years ago, when we first sought to raise in that village the standard of Jesus, and how the French Administrator, hearing of the disturbances and fearing bloodshed, requested us to lie low. We did so, but opened up a channel of prayer, which soon prevailed. Hardly a month had passed, and without any effort on our part, the Amin (head man of the village) called on us to express his regret, and promised not only to withdraw his opposition, but to help us all he could.

“ Despite manifold difficulties and fatiguing journeys (sometimes undertaken under a hot sun, at other times completed in the dark), the grace of GOD has enabled us to carry on with hardly a break. Men and women, boys and girls, have been taught—by word, picture and song—the wonderful story of Jesus.

“ WE are but tools in the Master’s hands, and poor ones at that ; but He who has chosen the weak things of the world will, without doubt, one day honour our testimony and cause an ingathering of precious souls.”

### *New Beginnings at Cherchell*

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearce write :—  
“ We are touching over 100 children weekly. This is a real answer to prayer as we have nothing material to offer them and have not even promised a treat, though we hope to give them one at Christmas. Incidentally, if any of you would like a share in the Lord’s work here, a home-made doll or toy would give great pleasure to some child ! In the large classes, it is difficult to get a personal touch, and we are hoping to take the bigger boys separately on Thursday afternoons.

“ We have two women’s meetings, one on Sunday mornings for the women who are really interested, and one on Wednesday afternoons. We wish that you could have looked in on a recent Wednesday afternoon. Just a few women were gathered to hear the story of the Crucifixion. As Miss Collins was speaking, the power of the Lord was so real that we felt it hard to hide our emotion as we realised afresh what it cost our Lord to die for us and for these dear women. They listened so intently, and one felt that they really had a sight of the Saviour.

“ Will you pray especially for Zohrah ? She helps in the children’s work whenever she can and gives the lessons sometimes. As we have fellowship with her we long for more like her—for a native church in Cherchell, able to give the message to their own people. This is our vision for the future—the rich fruit for which we crave. If this is to be accomplished not only must souls be saved but they must be taught to read so as to be entirely dependent upon

GOD and His Word. We see this to be one of the greatest hindrances to do GOD’S work here, the illiteracy of the people. Very, very few can read or write their own language. To teach it may mean opposition, so we need your prayers for wisdom.

“ Then there is Horea—she also is a believer, we feel sure. She stood up to the Jewish Rabbi in his home recently, and told him that she believed that Jesus Christ had come and died and was coming again. Little wonder that he grew angry and asked her where she had heard such lies !

“ Two native men who have made a profession of faith in Christ in years gone by met with us at one French service, and seemed eager to come during the week for instruction, but although we have often met them in the street and invited them to come, they have not been again. We feel that fear is keeping them away. Please pray for them.”

### *World-Wide Missionary Convention*

BANGOR (CO. DOWN) held its first “World-wide Missionary Convention” before the war, when the Editor was privileged to represent North Africa, and to exhibit the Missionary Films. Since then the blessing of GOD has been evidenced in abundant measure year by year. At the 1945 Convention the total gifts received for the Lord’s work abroad exceeded £1,000.

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. Herbert J. Mateer, earnestly seeks your fellowship in prayer that the Tenth Annual Convention (to be held from the 21st—29th September) may be signalised by outstanding blessing, and that many young people may be called of GOD to dedicate to Him their lives for full-time Missionary service.

### *For Your Diary*

PERHAPS friends would like to note that in view of the fact that our three new nursing recruits, the Misses E. Souter, L. Goodacre and M. Collins, are hoping to leave for Tangier in mid-September, our **Farewell Meetings** are being held, GOD willing, at an unusually early date—**September 12th**. Once again we are privileged to have the use of the Livingstone Hall, and the Meetings will be at 3 (for Prayer), 3.30 and 6 p.m.

It is expected that among those taking part will be several Missionaries who were unable to reach this country in time for the May Meetings—among them the Misses Buxton and Reed of Settat and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur of Azazga. We are happy to announce that the Rev. G. R. Harding Wood, M.A.—the writer of those splendid “Daily Bread” Scripture Union Notes—has kindly consented to bring us the Closing Message.