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"WITHOUT A SHEPHERD"

When we received from Dr. Liley this attractive and appealing photograph, we found these words written on the back: "A happy group at the doorway of Tripoli Mission House, with Dr. and Mrs. Liley and Leading Aircraftman Chase, R.A.F."

"Who will come to start classes for these boys and others now untouched?"

Dr. Liley's hands are already over-full.

Will you pray that a shepherd—and, perhaps, a shepherdess!—may be raised up to care for these neglected sheep?

Changes at the Tulloch Memorial Hospital

IN our last NEWS LETTER we were writing of "Changes in our Paris Personnel": in this issue the focus of interest is Tangier, where we are witnessing a transitional period in the history of the Tulloch Memorial Hospital.

After thirteen years of industrious service at Tangier, Dr. G. W. Fraser Anderson has left the North Africa Mission, and, in collaboration with four of his nursing colleagues—Miss N. W. Bowker, Miss F. Gladwyn, Miss M. Collins and Miss L. Goodacre—has opened a new clinic in Tangier.

His surgical, organising and administrative ability deservedly won for Dr. Anderson a considerable reputation, and earned for the Hospital consular commendation as "the finest bit of British propaganda in Morocco."

Whilst we regret the loss to the Mission Hospital of these gifted and experienced workers, it is our earnest hope and expectation that all will be overruled to the glory of GOD and the maximum blessing of the cause of Christ in Tangier. Should Dr. Anderson be led to concentrate upon the Europeans and the wealthier Moors—who have a high appreciation of his skill—it will leave the Hospital more free than ever to minister to the bodily and spiritual needs of "the common people" among the Moors, for whom the medical work was originally inaugurated by Dr. T. G. Churcher in 1886.

The new Medical Superintendent at the Tulloch Memorial Hospital is **Dr. Farnham St. John**—son of Mr. Harold St. John of Malvern, whose Bible ministry is prized both within and without the Assemblies of the "Open Brethren." Dr. St. John first went out to Tangier towards the end of 1945, and won a warm place in the affection and esteem of the missionary community whilst acting as "locum" for Dr. Anderson during the latter's period of extended furlough. Although still a young man, Dr. St. John is by no means so youthful as the photograph on the adjacent page (taken during his 'Varsity days) would suggest! He has considerable linguistic ability, and, in addition to improving his French and Spanish, has made excellent progress in Arabic during his sojourn in Tangier.

In his professional duties Dr. St. John will be assisted by **Miss Dorcas Henman** and two new nurses—both of whom, we are happy to record, were sent to us in direct answer to

prayer. They were not our discovery: they were the LORD's timely and gracious provision, for which we praise Him.

The first to approach us was **Miss Bessie Gould**, whose godly Father (an Army Scripture Reader, now "with the LORD") the Editor knew and loved in his R.A.M.C. days during the first World War. We have every confidence that Miss Gould will prove to be "a chip of the old block." Our sister is a member of St. James's Evangelical Free Church, Worthing; and it is a great satisfaction to know that her Pastor, the **Rev. Harold W. Fife**, is with her at Tangier—as is another of our Council members, **Mr. Ernest W. Cordle** (also of Worthing)—at the moment that these Notes are being compiled (November 22nd, 1947). Our brethren hope to spend the better part of a month visiting N.A.M. Stations in Morocco; and we are sure that, not only will they bring cheer wherever they go, but they will bring to future Council Meetings an insight and a sympathy that can only be derived from a first-hand knowledge of a missionary's daily life and difficulties.

The second of our new Nurses is **Miss Doris Brown**. She is the sister of our Tunis missionary, the Rev. R. I. Brown, who, as our readers will remember, was arrested during the enemy occupation of Tunis, spent over two years in concentration camps, and showed his mettle by successfully tackling his "inter-B.A." examination whilst still a prisoner of war. Like her new colleague Miss Gould, Miss Brown has gained the S.R.N. and S.C.M. Diplomas.

We covet our readers' prayers for these new recruits, and especially for Dr. St. John and Miss Henman. Their task, particularly during the early months, will not be easy; but "GOD is able to make all grace abound unto them; that they, having always all sufficiency in all things, may abound unto every good work!"

Will you please remember in prayer, too, the Hospital's **urgent need of a new Dispenser**. Perhaps if you know of a likely person you will kindly get into touch with us?

Three Friends called to their Rest

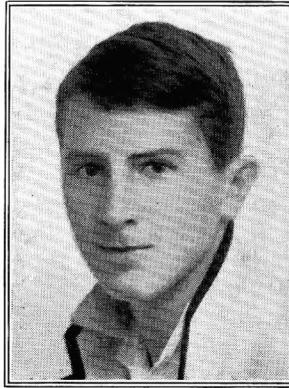
On November 11th—"Remembrance Day"—the Lord called to Himself our sister **Miss Daisy Ward**, and thus, in His mercy, brought to an end a long period of ill-health.

Miss Ward, who was a "Mount Hermon" graduate, had already rendered four years of

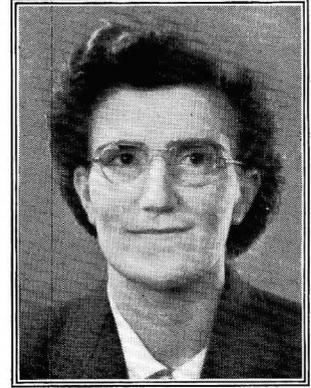
SOME MEMBERS OF THE TULLOCH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL STAFF



MISS BESSIE GOULD
(New Nurse)



DR. FARNHAM ST. JOHN
(The only available photograph,
taken during student days)



MISS DORIS BROWN
(New Nurse)

devoted service in the Mission House of the Misses Cox and Smith at Djemâa Sahridj ere, in 1929, she joined the ranks of the N.A.M. Her missionary years were spent in winsome testimony among the Kabyles; but her health was already failing when she bade farewell to her fellow-workers in Algeria in December, 1943.

During her last days on earth, at her sister's home in Lowestoft, Miss Ward was regularly visited by an old N.A.M. missionary, Mr. Leslie Robinson, who wrote of her serene and quiet trust, and of her desire to be with her Lord. She was still in middle life—aged 55—and many to whom her gentle spirit endeared her will greatly miss her.

The North Africa Mission has lost a life-long friend through the Homecall, in her 94th year, of **Mrs. J. W. Gordon-Oswald**. She survived her husband—who was our Honorary Treasurer from 1908 to 1937—by ten years.

During her husband's life-time Mrs. Gordon-Oswald travelled extensively in North Africa, and her affectionate concern for the missionaries as well as her generous benefactions to their work are gratefully remembered. Mrs. Gordon-Oswald spent the closing years of her life at Beaulieu, Inverness-shire.

A third link has been severed in the Homecall of **Dr. F. J. Scrimgeour, O.B.E., M.D.**, whose name is particularly associated with the building of the E.M.M.S. Hospital at Nazareth, but who is better known to friends of the N.A.M. as the Medical Officer under whom the Tulloch Memorial Hospital was re-opened in 1933,

and as a result of whose planning, the accommodation, as well as the scope of its work, was considerably increased. He was joined in 1934 by Dr. G. W. F. Anderson, who later succeeded him as Medical Superintendent.

To those who mourn the loss of these three servants of GOD we would express our loving and prayerful sympathy.

Jubilee Rejoicings at Bethesda, Tunis

Last Sunday we celebrated the twentieth anniversary of Bethesda, and the FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of this work among Europeans in Tunis by a baptismal service, at which ten converts followed their Lord in the waters of baptism, and expressed their desire to walk with Him henceforth in newness of life. I do not think there is any joy quite comparable to that of seeing those for whom one has worked and prayed coming out and taking their stand on the Lord's side.

. . . Ten more added to the Church—taking their stand with their crucified and risen Lord; buried with Him in baptism, to rise with Him to walk in newness of life!

It needed a little organisation to arrange for so many. Mr. Brown partitioned off the large classroom into five cubicles, to serve as dressing rooms. Husbands and wives went together, and it was lovely to see them stand together beside the baptistry to answer the questions put, and then descend one after the other into the water.

The women had white overalls, and the men white cotton suits. They made an impressive sight, sitting in the front two rows of the Church.

We gathered for the service at 9 a.m. The Hall was nicely filled, several campers were there, besides our own members, and some from the C.M.J. Mission. The service was partly in French and partly in Italian, as there were those present who cannot understand one or other of these languages; so we had hymns alternately in French and Italian. Mr. Brown spoke in French before the baptism, and Jim Falzon gave a message in Italian afterwards. There was a very deep sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

After the baptism, the candidates dressed and quickly returned to the Hall, where they were given the right hand of fellowship and received into the Church; and then we all partook of the Lord's Supper together. There were present for this Feast of Remembrance English, American, French, Italian, Maltese, Jews and one Arab Christian! What an answer to the problems of "U.N.O."! What a demonstration of that lovely verse in Ephesians: "He hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition"! "Peace through the Blood of His Cross"! That is the only lasting peace for this poor, war-torn world!

—Miss K. M. E. Gotelee, Tunis.

News in Brief

We are most thankful to be able to report that our sister **Miss E. E. J. Bradbury**, of Tetuan, who came home recently to undergo a severe operation, is making splendid progress towards recovery.

News that reaches us from **Madame Charles Cook** (at Grenoble) is far more disquieting. It will be borne in mind that our friend has already undergone the prolonged strain of her husband's serious illness. Now it is her elder boy whose condition gives rise to anxiety. Although looking thoroughly fit after an exhilarating holiday in Switzerland, a routine medical examination, which included an X-ray, revealed a tumour on the lung necessitating an immediate operation. Surgical investigation disclosed an even more serious condition than had been anticipated. We await (November 22nd) further news.

We are sure you will remember this much-tried wife and mother very specially in your prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren are now comfortably installed at Highbury (22, Crescent Mansions, Highbury, London, N.5), but are daily awaiting the arrival of certain essential articles of furniture and office equipment from Paris.

We are so sorry that **Mr. and Mrs. Procter** should be embarking upon their new career in the French metropolis at a time when France is torn with party strife, crippled by strikes, and faced with yet another Governmental crisis. "A tranquil and quiet life in all godliness . . . is good and acceptable in the sight of GOD" (1 Tim. 2, 2-3 : R.V.); but godlessness abroad and at home is hastening that "distress of nations" that cannot but have hurtful repercussions upon missionary work in many lands.

Miss Lily Souter has now joined **Miss M. E. Chipperfield** at Alcazar, in the Spanish Zone of Morocco. It is our earnest prayer that these friends may be greatly blessed to each other in the fellowship of the Gospel. Already the Lord has been granting signal tokens of His blessing upon the witness in that centre.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Willson have returned to Djemâa and resumed their missionary labours there. Our brother writes, somewhat humorously: "The spiritual work is promising both here and at the Outstations. We had a lovely time at El Klâa yesterday, but it meant returning home in the dark.

"As we were waiting for the doors of the Gospel Hall to open, a crowd of boys gathered; so we started singing, with the concertina to accompany us. All went well until Neddy the donkey joined in, and, in spite of our efforts, refused to leave off braying all the time we sang. Fortunately, Bousaad soon turned up, so a more decorous service was resumed indoors!"

Our veteran Danish missionary **Miss Degenkolw** of Oued Amizour, Algeria, writes: ". . . My Kabyle name is Ifassen Baraka. Translated, it means "Blessed Hands." You see, in my midwifery work I have welcomed more boys than girls; and because the women and children I nurse nearly always get well, I tell them it is because I pray for them in the Name of Jesus! . . . Saturday is the day I set aside for the Jews. There are ten families here. In one I have received six children into the world; in another four, and so on: and all listen well when I speak to them of the Son of GOD Who came to save such as themselves."

Further extracts from our sister's most interesting letter appear in our Prayer Notes.