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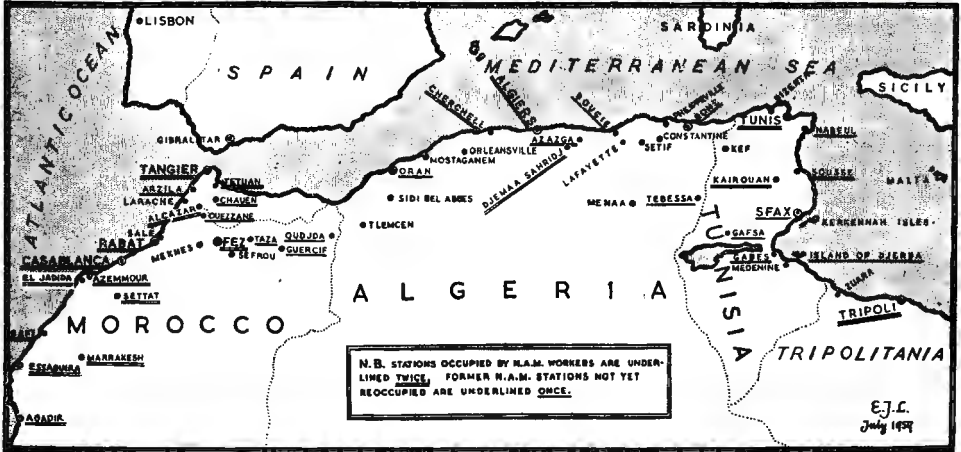


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Getting to Know One Another

By the REV. DAVID W. ORROCK, M.A.

Member of the General Council of the Southern Morocco Mission.

THIS article is by way of introduction . . . to introduce the magazine "North Africa" to supporters of the Southern Morocco Mission, and to introduce the Southern Morocco Mission to readers of "North Africa." With this issue, "North Africa" becomes the official magazine of the Southern Morocco Mission, and we shall see no more the familiar quarterly with its striking picture of "The Land of the Setting Sun." Thus we come to another stage in the movement towards the complete integration of our two societies—a movement which we all hope to see completed by early 1961.

In these days of take-over bids, when so many old-established and highly respected business houses are being swallowed up and losing their identity, there might well be a temptation for some hasty observer to think that this is what is happening in our case. Nothing could be further from the truth. The union of the North Africa Mission and the Southern Morocco Mission is no take-over bid. It is not even a marriage of convenience. It is in the truest sense a marriage made in heaven. Both the International Council of the N.A.M. and the General Council of the S.M.M. have declared their conviction that in all that has taken place the leading of the Holy Spirit has been abundantly evident. In thus bringing our Missions together at this time, the Lord is clearly matching His forces with the hour.

Two things are absolutely certain. The first is that the need to proclaim the gospel in North Africa has never been more urgent than it is today. North Africa stands today at the crossroads. This is a day of destiny for its peoples. How vitally important it is therefore that we be able to speak with united voices as we proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The second thing completely certain is that the work has never called for greater courage and wisdom and zeal than is required of our missionaries today. They require and they deserve from us only the best, and it is our conviction that the best can only be if our two missions are united. Already every letter from the field tells of the important and substantial benefits that are being felt.

One point we would like to emphasise and make perfectly clear is that the work which the Southern Morocco Mission has done over the years is still being carried on and will continue under the new arrangements. Our responsibility for that work is not at an end, nor is it in any way lessened. On the contrary, our responsibility in this respect is greater than ever.

To all who have so faithfully supported the work of the Southern Morocco Mission we would say: "As you love the Lord and His work, and long for His appearing, continue to support this work of His with your prayers

and with your substance." And to all our new-found friends and fellow-labourers in the North Africa Mission our message is:

"Greetings in the Lord. He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."

Hope House : An Urgent Need

HAVE you ever heard of Hope House? A thousand voices reply, "Yes, indeed, we have sent many a letter to that address!" Grateful voices from the past say, "Yes, it was only by sending letters to friends in Hope House, Tangier, to be forwarded on from there, that we could get in touch with our home folks during the war years." And a thousand other voices will say, "Not only have we heard of Hope House, but we have stayed there and remember with joy and gratitude the loving hospitality and the warm fellowship of that home."

Situated in a pleasant suburb of Tangier, overlooking the Straits of Gibraltar, Hope House has been to many a "window" through which they have had their first glimpse of the Mission Field; to others a "door" through which they have entered into the sphere of service to which God had called them; to others a resting-place in the midst of a long journey to or from a mission-station, and to some a place of refuge in time of physical or spiritual strain — a place where health and hope have been renewed once more.

Apart from all those who come and go, the nursing staff of the Mission Hospital make it their home and enjoy much happy fellowship with the visitors who come from every corner of the

globe. Hope House is also an ideal centre for conference gatherings, and from time to time it overflows with those who have come together for such special meetings. The newly - built Church, on the same Compound, gathers a large group of worshippers for the English service each Sunday morning; whilst the lounge in Hope House welcomes an Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings, and in the evening the Family Fellowship Hour brings together both Moroccan and missionary into close bonds of Christian fellowship.

This is but a "snapshot" of what goes on in this centre, but enough, perhaps, to give an idea of the importance of this home in the plan of God for the whole Mission Field of North Africa; and this is why we wish to make known to our friends at home our present **urgent need** for someone to take over the responsibility of Hope House, seeing in it a call of God for special service.

Miss Norah Andrew, who has so ably filled the post of Hostess there for the past fourteen years, now feels that for health reasons she cannot continue this work and would wish to be relieved of it as soon as possible.

Some years ago the Rev. and Mrs. Horace Gamman were in charge of Hope House for a period and it is felt that it would be ideal

if again a **married couple** were called of God to undertake this work. On the practical side there would be housekeeping, catering, planning for conferences, meeting travellers and helping them on their way, as well as a spiritual ministry which could be invaluable to the life of the community. Good health and adaptability are essential, and the knowledge of

French or Spanish a tremendous asset.

Who is sufficient for these things? God has His man — or woman — or both! If you yourself do not fit into the pattern, would you join us in very definite prayer that the ones of His choice may be sent—and SOON!

J.C.S.

Strategic Witness

By MARGE BALLARD

THE Cité Universitaire in Paris welcomes annually thousands of students from diverse corners of the globe — free thinking, enterprising individuals. In September last meetings were held on this campus having a seriousness of purpose which could well reveal to many of them the futility of their secular aims, and the mockery of their agnosticism. Seventy-five people gathered under the auspices of the International Fellowship of Evangelical students with the common purpose of establishing a witness to Jesus Christ in the sphere of university life across the world.

From Korea, Japan, the Philippines, India, Holland, Germany, Canada and many other countries, delegates converged to learn from one another with a oneness in Christ that dissolved language and cultural barriers. It was clearly evident that Christ is building His Church all over the world, calling out students to proclaim Christ to their fellow-classmates. Many of these students represented movements which were already part of the

International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, others became officially linked with I.F.E.S. during this convention. Still others represented independent evangelical movements of their countries.

I attended this Convention during my vacation, representing Tunisia, in the interest of future student work. As I heard reports of what has been developed since World War II and saw slides of the modern universities built since that time, I was more keenly aware than ever before that ours is a changing era. All over the world, universities and colleges are springing up with mushroom-like growth and attendance is in-

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creasing rapidly. Countries which have recently gained independence are crying out for trained specialists and progressive countries are going to all lengths to educate the masses. The university world is today's strategic segment.

Africa today is a continent in a state of constant flux. In Tropical Africa there are approximately twelve colleges, but according to information received at the convention, figures may change yearly. And God is at work on these growing campuses and there has recently been formed an evangelical union in Tropical Africa which will unite the Christian students in the various countries of this continent.

I met as a member of the African Sub-Committee. Though it was decided that the North African area differs too widely in culture and language ever to become part of this union, there were some specific recommendations made concerning North Africa from this Committee. A deep concern was evidenced for the conversion of Moslem stu-

dents and the establishment of a lasting witness across the Arab world. There was interest shown in aiding the North Africa Mission with literature efforts suitable for university students, as one of the men had had correspondence with Mr. Beacham concerning a magazine in Arabic.

A need was likewise expressed for those called by God to reach Moslem students with the Gospel in North Africa, either under a Mission, or through a secular post. Perhaps the day is not too far distant when a nucleus of Christian Arab students will meet to pray for the conversion of their friends, having a desire to introduce other students to Jesus as Lord and Saviour as they study the Bible with them.

It is difficult to predict the nature and pattern of such a student witness, but it is certain that as God is at work across the entire globe, revealing the Word who is all Truth to searching students, so He desires to reveal Himself to the growing and strategic student world of North Africa.

Public Attractions

By Dr. JULIAN CARLILE

THE well-known sign "Public Attraction Shortly Coming" reminds us that in this old North Africa city of Tripoli, once the chief port for the grain ships of the later Roman Empire, with its dirty streets and its fading monuments to an imperialism now well and truly dead, a small but significant change has taken place — one

which might well have been heralded by such a placard.

For in the old and somewhat battered Clinic, known to at least three generations of Moslems as "Hoshe Misterreed" (Mr. Reed's house), an extension which has been in building for a long time has finally opened. A small, dis-

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