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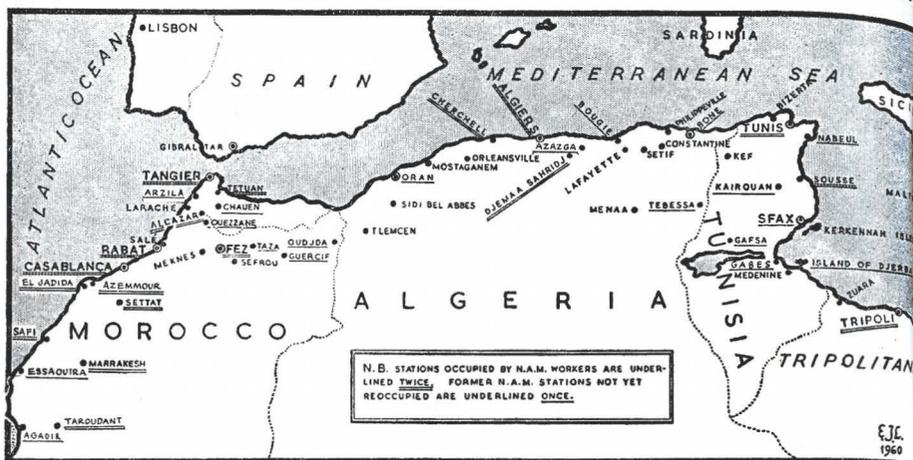


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A Day in Dar Scott

By PATRICIA M. ST. JOHN

THE day starts early, as the student nurses have to be on duty by 6.45 and the house is astir just after 6 a.m. There are five who go off to hospital looking very professional in their blue and white uniforms, and all but two are at different stages. F. . . will shortly be leaving us to be married to a Christian boy. She is studying her Arabic Bible hard these last three months, and grasping much of the truth of the New Testament. M. . . , from Algeria, (healed of T.B.) is now a highly responsible nurse and is hoping to go to Geneva in October 1961 to gain her Midwifery Diploma in French. She is a strong influence for good in the home, and we shall miss these two staunch, upright Christian girls tremendously.

Fatima R., from Khemisset and Fatima S., (the latter wonderfully healed and physically restored after three years T.B.) are finishing their simplified S.R.N. course in English. Their futures are quite undecided as there seems little scope for uncertified, non-French-speaking nurses in Morocco. We do ask you to pray that these two may be kept close enough to the Lord to hear His Voice and to know His Way and that we may be guided in our planning for them.

Lastly, 15-year-old Zohor bounces out of the house, often pinning up her apron as she runs. She became interested at Camp. She is a typical teenager but has been through school, and we hope

she may be the first to avail herself of a possible scheme whereby our girls may be allowed to finish their training at the French hospital and take the second-class Nursing Diploma. In any case she has started her lectures in French and is doing well.

At 6.50 Khadija El Kassari arrives in the kitchen for her breakfast before leaving for the Arabic school at 7.15. She is twelve years old, the daughter of Absalom Il Kassari, the Christian teacher who died of leucaemia last Spring. Throughout his sickness, he seemed to have one great burden on his heart—that his eldest daughter should come to us and be brought up a Christian. Her mother has agreed and Khadija has settled in well. She, too, through Camps and Sunday School, seems responsive to spiritual things, and I pray that the few moments of reading and prayer we have together over her breakfast will arm her for the hours ahead in that Moslem atmosphere.

About 7.15 Turea, aged 8, appears in her nightdress to see what the rest of the world is doing. She is not a student nurse but attends Mrs. Bocking's school. Her older sister, Zohra Boulaish, was brightly converted in hospital about seven years ago while being treated for a T.B. spine. She went home to her village, and as the result of her testimony her brother came to the Lord. After two years at Khemisset she returned to work as a part-time student nurse. Her great longing was to

bring her five-year-old sister to a Christian school, and so, three years ago Turea walked in one night unannounced, very small and shy, and started in the kindergarten.

A few months later when Zohra died suddenly under anaesthetic, Turea went home and we thought we should never see her again. But God worked a miracle. Turea came back alone and has been here ever since. She is another with an inheritance of prayer behind her, and both these children, bequeathed to us by those who have gone on to be with the Lord, are a specially precious legacy.

Now the kitchen is filling up and work begins. Breakfast is prepared, and the classroom cleaned, for we now, at last, have our own French school, with four pupils and a teacher all to themselves;—Mlle. Ruth Werner, a Swiss missionary home from the Congo, who has come out to us for six months to get next year's student nurses proficient in French. It is a wonderful opportunity for the three schoolgirls from Casablanca and for F. . . from Alcazar, and we do thank God for this answer to prayer. These four girls have spent their childhood in the Mission Schools, and the three have had a year with Mrs. Bocking, so they are well grounded in Christian teaching, and we believe that all four belong to the Lord.

By 8.45 the eleven girls have scattered to school and hospital, but there is a joyful noise coming from upstairs, where Saudia from Xauen is singing hymns into the scrubbing bucket. Saudia used to be a little street waif, who

attended my school five to six years ago, and she arrived last month, with all her possessions, hoping to stay for good, as she was in real trouble. I hope we can help her, as her history is one of utter neglect, and it is encouraging to find that the verses and hymns she learned as a child are still perfectly fresh in her memory.

At 9 o'clock Zohra has her breakfast and I have a second cup of coffee while we talk over the affairs of the day. Zohra is our daily helper and she and her adopted son of six share a two-roomed hut with her old senile mother, and another family of six which includes an epileptic boy. Life is not easy, but four years ago she came to know the Lord, and her quiet steady witness and willingness is a blessing to us all.

After 1 o'clock dinner some return to school and hospital and others have time off or Bible lessons in small groups. Nine of them, including Zohra in the kitchen, are doing the Khemisset Correspondence Course. The hospital girls are eager to learn French as well as English, and we have lately acquired an electric gramophone (a present from Lady Scott) and the French linguaphone language course (a present from Tabeeb); and we have many a pleasant tea-time listening to these records over our knitting. Another new institution since the coming of Miss Werner is sewing from 4—5 with the school girls, and for all and sundry who wish to join in.

After five the kitchen tends to become a sort of social centre where cooking the supper, ironing and knitting, mingle, on the whole, pleasantly. Supper is

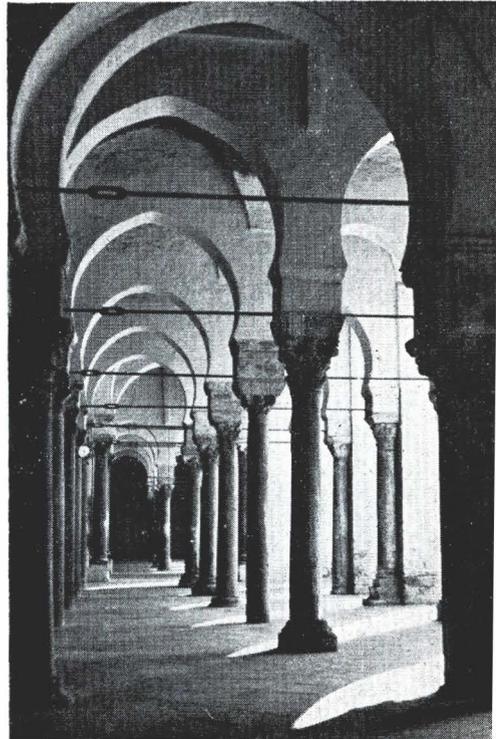
usually an ultra noisy meal, the noise rising to a crescendo over the washing up, but at 8 o'clock we gather for singing and united Bible Study. We have been studying Exodus lately and the book has certainly been an encouragement to those who have led the studies. For perhaps no other book in the Bible reveals more clearly the Lord's gentle patience with those who murmur and disobey and fall, and repent, and fall again.

Any who have worked with Moroccan teenagers will realise that Dar Scott is a perpetual battlefield and community life sometimes seems to bring out the worst. Some who have only recently come to know the Lord have the bad habits and evil ways of many years' standing to conquer, and it is only too easy for us and for them to get utterly discouraged by the moods and quarrels and ups and downs of these adolescent years. Pray that the Holy Spirit will teach them above all things that all spiritual progress must rest upon the foundation of truth and sincerity. And pray for us who teach them and train them that we may be enabled to take a long view. Many of the difficulties belong to their age and they will grow out of them; some who passed through stormy years are now doing well. M. . . has completed her midwifery training in Geneva and is now at Bible School preparing to return to the hospital at Tangier. Kh. . . is standing firm and getting good reports from the Mildmay Mission Hospital in London. F. Arcila has learned much through her sorrowful marriage and divorce and Rozalla

carries on a quiet steady witness in her home. Others who have left are far away from the Lord and seem to have gained nothing by their time with us.

"Love believeth all things" has been a help to me lately with regard to the girls. We see much that is wrong and much in which we cannot trust, but we know Him in Whom we have believed. Love believes that all things are possible and that there is nothing that Christ cannot do with the most unpromising material—looks away from the material, and believes in the Hand into which it has been committed. So please join us in prayer for the girls in Dar Scott, past and present, and for those who train them.

IN THE GREAT MOSQUE,
KAIROUAN, TUNISIA



Please, can I go to Camp again?

By JOYCE MORGAN.

WHAT fun can a twelve-year-old girl with mumps have at Camp? Poor Zohra woke up on the second day with a face like a balloon! The only thing to do was to put her in quarantine in the dispensary. The other girls visited her from the window and Tabeeba (the Nurse) provided her with books and pictures to colour, and faithfully reported to her all that was going on in the world outside. Now and again someone would stop to tell her the Bible story of the day, but in that she never seemed too interested. In fact she was not so sorry about missing the daily Bible studies as about not participating in all the other activities — swimming, games, handcrafts, the “Fair” and the “banquet”.

But in spite of this outward indifference, something was going on in Zohra's thinking. God was working. The Word heard at Camp, plus continued contact with it in the Mission School which she attends during the year, produced fruit. This was not evident for quite a long time and she continued to be one of the most difficult girls in the school. But in February of this year a Camp Reunion was held in Zohra's city and it was at the end of a very happy afternoon together with other ex-campers that she stayed behind when the others had gone and seemed anxious for an excuse to speak to one of the missionaries. Suddenly she pulled out her pocket a piece of paper on which she had written a sort

of confession of her faith. In it she said that she loved and believed in the Lord Jesus and that He was her Saviour. Since that day there has been a definite change in Zohra's life and behaviour. How we rejoice that another lost lamb has been found by the Good Shepherd!

Zohra wants to go back to Camp again this summer. Will you pray that this may be possible and that she may grow in her love for the Saviour while there? And please pray too for many others—both girls and boys—who have heard the Word of God so often yet continue on in indifference and, unlike her, refuse to accept the Lord Jesus.

Camps give a wonderful opportunity of getting to know the boys and girls better and of helping them to understand their need of the Saviour. But camps are costly to run, and there is the question of transport, which is another big expense item. Would you not like to have a part in giving some boy or girl this opportunity in a Camp this summer?

MOROCCAN CAMP DATES :

Khemisset —

Boys: July 1-11.

Senior Girls: July 12-24.

Junior Girls: July 25-Aug. 5.

El Jadida —

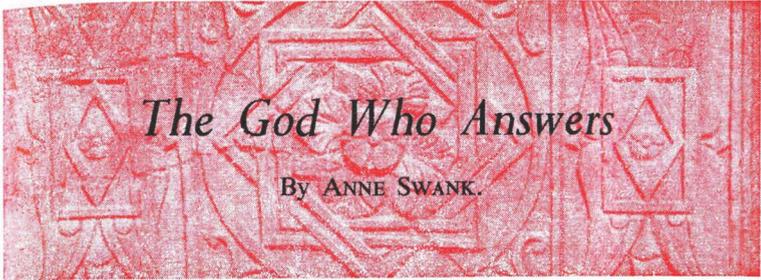
Girls: Aug. 14-Sept. 4.

ALGERIAN CAMP DATES :

Big Boys: July 3-17.

Girls: July 20-Aug. 10.

Little Boys: Aug. 14-28.



The God Who Answers

By ANNE SWANK.

“ I HAVE been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” Ps. 37, 25.

Lalla met missionaries in her home town when she was very young. A very badly infected finger endangered her whole arm, but she refused to see a nurse. However, a missionary was brought to her home, and this servant of God treated her, and finally took her to a doctor. The finger had to be removed, but God spared to her the arm, knowing how much she was to need both arms in the future. Lalla says, “The very first time I heard the Gospel I believed it. I just knew that it was true.”

Before the age of twelve she was married to a much older man, but was so unhappy that she ran away. Her parents made her return. The husband was not a Christian but he seems to have made no objection to her being one so long as his friends did not know it. During the fast of Ramadan he threatened to divorce her and to take away her children if she fasted. She broke the fast in secret for this reason. I wonder what she would have done if more had been really praying for her?

It is certain that someone was and God did not forsake her.

They made their home then in what is now the garage of the Girls' School in Casablanca. One of her five children was born in this room, which she had made as comfortable as possible. Two years ago her husband died and she returned to her family. Many problems arose from this arrangement and it was not possible for her to stay on with them.

One day in her need she paid a visit to one of her missionary friends. “Whatever can I do?” she asked: “No-one will give a room to a widow with five children! They will say I cannot pay the rent.” “I cannot give you a room”, replied her friend, “but we have a God who answers prayer. We will ask Him.” So they prayed, and the God who cares for the widow and the fatherless heard her prayer. She literally walked the streets in search of a room, but she found one!

Then came the problem—how to pay the rent? Her brother-in-law offered to pay it and they lived on the money she was able to earn by doing housework several days a week. One day she came again to her missionary

friend, desperately frightened. "My brother-in-law says he can no longer give me the money for the rent! Could you possibly give me some more work?" This was not possible, but once again they took the burden to the Lord in prayer as they had done before and Lalla went away in peace, believing God would answer.

In just a few days a wonderful answer came. A Christian family were needing help. She had to walk several miles to get to their home, but they were able to employ her for the rest of the week. She is still marvelling at this provision from the Lord just in her time of greatest need.

Not long afterwards she became very concerned because her oldest boy was not in school, but instead he was just roaming the streets. Again they prayed. How wonderful that we have a God who is concerned with the smallest details of our lives. Next Sunday she came to the morning service full of joy. "What do you think! Hamid saw a row of children outside a school being registered. He got into line and waited with them, got registered and was accepted!"

Do you realise how big a miracle this is? Today the schools are so crowded that many children cannot get a place at all—but Hamid got in! Still, the problems were multiplying, for books were needed, expensive ones (for her), and clothes and school fees.

Once again Lalla became very concerned and went to her friend. Again very simply they placed her need before our Heavenly Father. "And whatever you ask for in prayer, having faith and

really believing, you will receive." Just a few minutes after that prayer had been voiced, my house-mate walked up to Lalla to ask for some weekly help with language study and with household chores. The money she receives for this is just enough for Hamid's school expenses. The Lord had answered that prayer before it was ever uttered!

God longs to reveal Himself to us in a personal way. Lalla knows this, perhaps not perfectly, but she sees Him working and recognizes and praises Him in things that may not seem very important to us. A few weeks ago she so much wanted to wash her jellaba (a coat-like garment that Moroccan women wear in the street). This was a real problem because it was very dirty and it would not dry overnight. It was the only one she had and she needed it every day to go to her work.

As she prayed the thought came that she might go to a neighbour and borrow one while she washed her own. She hesitated to do this, but at last in desperation she went. She sat and chatted as long as possible, but somehow couldn't bring herself to ask the favour. Just as she rose to go her friend said, "O Lalla, your jellaba is so dirty. Won't you let me wash it for you and you can borrow mine while it dries!" How precious that was. Here was a spontaneous offer, not only of a jellaba to wear, but for her own to be washed for her! Not long after this she received a most unexpected gift of a perfectly new jellaba to replace the old one, as well as some much-needed shoes and some clothes

for her children. Surely it is no vain thing to trust in the Lord.

One might expect that Lalla would find many an excuse to stay at home on Sunday mornings after working all the week, but in obedience to the Lord's command she regularly attends the morning service, walking a long distance and bringing her children with her. At first her oldest boy would not come with her but preferred to play about the streets. Then he came to a Christmas party at the school and somehow his heart was touched and he has come with his mother ever since. He also comes to the Sunday afternoon boys' class. Wouldn't

Lalla be thrilled if he accepted Christ as his own Saviour?

This is a true story and Lalla's problems are very real ones and they are not over yet. One of the families for whom she works will soon be leaving for France and her small income will be sadly diminished. Pray that again she may know God's undertaking for her in her time of need. Once, as a young woman, she dreamed she saw the Lord Jesus and that He was leading her along the way. She held on to His staff as He led and upheld her. She has never forgotten that dream and knows that He will be with her to the end.

On the Trail in Tunisia

By WENDELL EVANS.

I WISH you could share with me the experience of selling Scriptures in one of our country markets! Leaving Sousse in the early morning darkness, we watch the spreading rays of the rising sun painting the clouds a glorious pink, which deepens into a bright red as the light dawns over the earth; and our hearts are filled with worship of the great Creator.

Then comes that feeling of uncertainty and apprehension as we arrive at the market and begin to set up our table near the outdoor stalls with their vendors squatting by and offering for sale everything you can imagine, from live chickens and sheep to tooth-paste and toilet soap. Then as we begin to put out our books

there is the encouragement of seeing the crowd quickly gather, sometimes three or four deep all round the table and the joy as the first book is bought, this often opening a floodgate of hundreds of sales.

OASIS OF GABES, TUNISIA



Then the thrill of preaching the Word as we sell and knowing that it is the Word which is able to make men "wise unto salvation". After a couple of hours or so of selling we find that quite often a sudden wave of tiredness sweeps over us, as the crowd slowly thins out, giving us a breathing space. Later, as we journey back home, we go over the incidents of the day and realise that once again God has been before us and has prepared hearts to listen and to buy the Word of Life.

You would have enjoyed with us these experiences in the numerous markets we have visited during the past months. In only one market did we meet opposition that hindered sales. In a few places we did not have permission to sell at all, but in other places we were so nearly sold out that we had to leave for lack of books!

In almost all of the markets in which we have been allowed to sell, the people have warmly invited us to come back again as soon as possible. In years past the colporteur was more likely to be forced to leave because of the anger roused against him, than to be invited to come back. It seems that the Lord may now be keeping hearts and minds open so that further contact can be made and

JEWISH HOSTEL,
ISLAND OF DJERBA, TUNISIA

the light of salvation more widely made known.

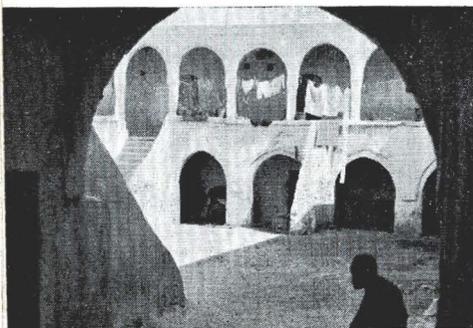
Pray particularly about these markets which we will be visiting for the second time. We do not know what sort of a reception awaits us. We believe, however, that as prayer is concentrated on this market ministry, we will meet with hearts still open and eager to hear more.

One small incident which took place in the old section of Sousse served to show me how completely dependent we are on God each time we go out with the books. As we were talking and selling, a young fellow noticed how brisk our business was and decided to try to do some for himself! He bought a number of books and proceeded to try to re-sell them.

After a few hours he was back in the Bible Shop, begging us to take the books back. On seeing what they were people had refused to buy from him. What made the difference? The only clear answer I can give is that we have the Holy Spirit working with us and He prepares the way.

Pray for an increasing manifestation of the Spirit of God. The Lord continues to bless and encourage in the quiet ministry with student friends, too—in our apartment, in coffee shops and elsewhere. We have some very good discussions with a group of students and hope to be able to have more such gatherings.

Concerning the Bible Shop, we would be glad of prayer for guidance as to a new location, as too few people now pass by here. Pray that the Lord will lead us to just the right spot for a new shop.



Across the Field in Praise and Prayer

THE Word of God as a Light" is the theme of our witness at the Inter-Mission Stand at the Casablanca Industrial Fair which continues until May 14th. Let us pray that the Spirit of God may continue to use His Living Word to enlighten the minds of the thousands who have passed by and seen the searching words of Scripture so clearly displayed, and to those who have carried away portions to their homes in all parts of the country.

It seems that in these days God is sending forth HIS WORD increasingly, and although immediate results may not be evident, yet just as surely as the light of the morning dispels the darkness of the night, so must the entrance of this Heavenly Light dispel the darkness of ignorance and prejudice from the hearts of men. "The man who is spiritually occupied with the Word of God", wrote Geoffrey Bull when, during three years' imprisonment, his spirit was sustained only by meditating on that Word (his Bible having been taken from him) "is a man who has his feet on earth but whose mind is instructed by the very wisdom of Heaven. He is surrounded by corrupt fragmentary opinion and yet is hearing daily the counsels of the Father at the Throne of His power. The din and noise of the world's traffic hurry past him, but amidst it all he finds green pastures, still waters and the quietude of God. On every side is shifting sand, but the Rock beneath him stands impregnable."

So we would ask your prayers in a very definite way for every portion of the Word of God sold and given at the Fairs in Marrakesh and Casablanca, Tunis and Sousse, through the book-stores and by means of the Correspondence Courses now going out in Morocco. Through these Courses in Arabic, 143 cities and towns have been touched and some 20,000 chapters of God's Word have been studied. Responses continue to be gratifying, but naturally there is opposition. From one place a student recently wrote: "I have been very happy with these lessons because I did not know all these things about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Yes, Christ the Son of God is the Saviour of the world and my Saviour, because he has entered my heart and He only is the Son of God."

We are under no illusions when we read a declaration of faith like this. It brings us in spirit to our knees. For whenever a soul takes a step in real faith, acknowledging Christ to be the Son of God and his Saviour, it would seem that all the hosts of darkness rise up to quench the newly kindled spark of life and to stifle the eager voice.

Many break the Fast for convenience' sake, or for lack of any real faith in the tenets of their own religion—and nothing happens! But let a man attempt to break it as a Christian and all the forces of hell rise up against him. Fear enters in and often the feeble light goes out.

So the servant of God finds himself again and again standing looking at the ruins of some carefully built up piece of work in which he had put great hope . . . yet when everything else has gone, GOD'S WORD remains. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away". And we are put in trust with this Word and as His ambassadors must make it known.

So do not cease to pray for us, that we may declare the whole counsel of God, and for those who receive it joyfully, that to them may be given the grace to endure when comes the fiery trial which is sure to follow.

There have been quite a few changes in **Tangier** since the last magazine was sent out, and we praise God first of all for a very definite answer to our prayers with regard to the needs of Hope House. God laid the burden of this on the heart of **Miss Lily Lazenby** of the R.B.M.U., whose previous experience on the Congo Mission Field and knowledge of the French language have fitted her so well to step into Miss Bowring's place when the latter goes on furlough shortly.

Then from the same Field came **Miss Anna Best**, a qualified and experienced missionary nurse, to help in the Student Nurses' Training Centre. That these two should fit in so well into the work God has given them to do is surely a seal upon His sending of them to us, and we thank Him for them both.

Then in February we welcomed **Dr. and Mrs. John Green** of Doncaster into the Mission family and at once they seemed "at

home". Remember them as they prepare themselves by language study for further useful service.

Other changes are taking place in **Tangier**. New Government regulations are coming into force which will in a measure restrict our hospital work. There will be a lessening of the Government grants which we received for poor patients and these patients will no longer be allowed to choose which hospital they will enter. This has meant a necessary reduction in our Moroccan staff and we would ask you to pray that God's Hand may be over those who have had to leave us.

Continue to pray that the Word of GOD, which goes out daily in wards and out-patients' department, may break through indifference and ignorance to bring life and light to many a soul. Pray for a young girl who has been in the hospital for a long time and who confessed to one of the Moroccan nurses that she too believed the Word she had been hearing for so long. Pray that she may truly commit her life to the Saviour.

In April one of the Student nurses was married to a young Christian from Fez and the wedding day was a very joyous occasion. Pray for God's blessing on this new home where His Name will be honoured.

There have been changes, too, in **Tetuan**. In February Miss Bradbury had to fly home at short notice to be with her Mother, who was seriously ill, leaving Miss Low alone in the work at the Riadh. Often God moves in unexpected ways to fulfil His purposes, so let us pray that

His will may be wonderfully worked out for each one of His children at this time. Pray that everything that is needed for the opening of the proposed Book-store in Tetuan may be forthcoming at the right time.

Praise God for His enabling for Si Boushta in the work of the Farm during Mr. Leat's absence on furlough. Now that the latter is back, ask that God will guide in all planning for the future of that work and that those who could best profit by a term at the Farm may be led to it. Continue to pray for the development of the Printing School and for suitable apprentices for that work too. Praise God that S——, the first apprentice, has now been able to start business for himself and, best of all, that he has developed spiritually and is an influence for good wherever he goes.

From **Alcazar** Miss Chipperfield and Miss Klau write: "We ask especially for prayer for ourselves in dealings with our girls—about thirty of them. They hear the Gospel over and over again and yet we see no moving of the Spirit, and our hearts are troubled. Won't you plead with us for those whom we so closely contact?"

Fellowship with one or two Christian women week by week brings joy to their hearts and it is good to know that the girl who is in training in Dar Scott is going on well and making a helpful contribution to the life of that Centre.

The Christian woman in **Fez** for whom special prayer was asked

is wonderfully better. Pray on for the renewing touch of the Holy Spirit upon every member of the Christian community there, and for God's continued help in the Book-store witness. Many interesting contacts with students and others have been made.

Link with these requests the daily witness of the Book-store in **Rabat** and those contacts made by Laura and Ralph Burns and Miss Dew in home and class. Pray too that the Holy Spirit may be manifest in quickening power in the gathering of Christians Sunday by Sunday, and that outsiders may be drawn in to hear the Gospel.

Remember Mr. and Mrs. Don Harris in the special work they are doing in **Immouzer**, thanking God for the many answers to prayer in practical things in the preparation of the Station and Studio. Thank God for the good health of the children through the winter months.

In February last there was a very encouraging **Camp Reunion** in **Casablanca** when about thirty girls spent a happy afternoon singing the hymns and choruses

TANGIER MARKET



they had learned at Camp and listening to a challenging message brought to them by Miss Dew of Rabat. It was good to see how well they remembered the Scriptures they had learned, and what a thrill for them to see the coloured slides of last Summer's camps, bringing back so many happy memories.

Pray that nothing may hinder the arrangements for similar camps this Summer. Ask that all needed funds may be forthcoming for the running of the camps, and for preparation for all who shall take part.

Please pray specially that in every Christian home in this great city of **Casablanca**, the Light may shine stedfastly to the glory of the Lord, and that those who profess His Name may make real progress in the Christian life. Pray that God will bless our occasional contacts with a young man who really seems desirous of knowing the Truth. His name means Servant of the Truth. Pray for spiritual enlightenment for him and that he may seek until he finds.

Thank God that it was possible for some from **Marrakesh, Settat, El Jadida, and Azemmour** to attend the Moroccan Christian Conference at Khemisset in March. Pray that the spiritual quickening gained through meeting with other Christians may enable each individual to live a victorious, happy Christian life in the midst of the more difficult circumstances of their own home surroundings. Praise for all the encouragement brought to these Southern stations through the visit of Mr. Peter Donald (S.M.M.)

and for all that his ministry and that of Dr. Steele has meant to each of us.

At the time of writing the whole of Southern Morocco is suffering intensely through lack of rain. In **Taroudant** and **Agadir** it has not rained (with the exception of one night) for a whole year. The whole landscape is a uniform dusty grey, and flocks and herds are dying for want of water. Only where there are springs, or any kind of a river, is there any greenness or vegetation.

What a parable of the spiritual needs of the region! "Everything shall live whither the river cometh . . ." but the "river" needs a channel through which to flow. "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst", said the Lord Jesus; but so many are not even conscious of their thirst. Some indeed appear to be quite satisfied with the waters of their own religion, but in truth it is "as when a thirsty man dreameth, and behold he drinketh, but he awaketh and behold he is faint"—for dream waters can never satisfy man's soul.

Shall we not together take a fresh hold upon the promise God gave to us as a Mission some years ago: "Behold I will do a New Thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and RIVERS IN THE DESERT." . . . "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground." Pray for an awakening and a sense of spiritual thirst which shall cause men to seek after the Living Water.

Walter and Jean Jackson ask prayer for the boys and girls who come to their classes in **Taroudant**, for the students who come regularly each week and for the many contacts through medical work.

Joe Trindle writes that "there are about 15,000 people now living in **Agadir** (some 30,000 are said to have died in the earthquake a year ago). Pray that Christ will draw some of the survivors to Himself and that they may see Christ in us.

With regard to the proposed new Mission House in **Marrakesh**, a very suitable house has been found and we had hopes of being able to purchase it at an early date. However, at the time of writing the tenants who were living in the upstairs floor were refusing to vacate the premises and this was holding things up. Let us pray that if this is the place of God's choice then **nothing** may hinder the business going through.

Bernard Cookman has been greatly encouraged by the number of teen-age boys who have come to meet with him during recent visits to the old Mission House. In **El Jadida**, too, numbers of men and boys have been coming. Pray that the interest may be sustained.

Ask too for God's guidance with regard to summer camps in this station. After the Inter-Mission camps in Khemisset it is hoped to hold another camp in El Jadida in which some of our younger workers can qualify to become official camp monitors and leaders. This is a Govern-

ment requirement with which we are seeking to comply.

ALGERIA

Back in **Algiers** after furlough Ruth Stewart writes of the "immediate realisation of being at home, which is a reassuring reminder that I am in the place God has chosen." She goes on: "We who are here are grateful for God's Hand of protection upon us and are increasingly aware that it is a privilege to be a representative of Jesus Christ in Algeria at such a time as this."

Pray that God will bless the contacts Ruth was able to have with students from all parts of the Arab world while following an intensive Arabic Course at the University of London. Pray now for the development of the student

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work in Algiers, for the regular Bible studies for them and for the evangelistic Squashes that are held from time to time.

The Mission House at rue Brazza is to be a Camp centre again this Summer, so pray for God's enabling for Irving and Betty Hoffman, Kay Castle, Ruth McDaniel, Dick Heldenbrand and others as they pray and prepare for their full Camp programme.

Continue to pray for the return of Clarence and Mary Adams to take up the Bookstore work. Several suitable sites have been located but we need to have more personnel before taking any further step.

Praise for a new Children's Class on Thursdays and pray for the salvation of the one who has opened her home for this.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing thank God that in **Cherchell** a number of teen-age girls have returned to their classes after a very long absence. Pray that they may realise their need of salvation. In **Djemaa Sahridj** the widow of a Kabyle Christian has been seriously ill and Bernard Collinson writes that during her illness she had displayed a desire to be assured of her salvation. Previously she had never publicly confessed Christ. "Now she seems keen to hear God's Word and desires us to pray—not only for her—but with her! We praise God for this evidence of stirring life and pray that she will fully trust the Saviour's finished work."

TUNISIA

"We sometimes sing 'When the roll is called up yonder, I'll

be there . . . ' but how many will be there from Sousse, and from all North Africa?" asks Mr. Stanley Miles. Standing with him near the Sousse Catacombs Dr. Francis Steele remarked, "There are more than thirty thousand Christians buried underground here, but how many are there above?"

Mr. Miles feels that the former spirit of assurance as to the truth of Islam's teaching has changed to a manifest hunger on the part of many to know God's revealed way of salvation. "In and out of Sousse we show daily by the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ, but we feel that it will be when the present few National Christians really become missionaries to their own people that the Church will be established. We must concentrate prayer upon them, that He who has begun a good work in them will perform and perfect it."

Messrs. Miles and Evans have now visited all the large country markets in the Sousse area and have gone on to the Kairouan region. Pray for the WORD now spread as Living Seed over so large an area. One fine old bearded shepherd put his hands on Mr. Miles's shoulders and said: "Ask God for rain, for you know Him better than we do. My flocks are dying for want of pasture." He could not afford to pay for a Bible, but took a copy away to read under a nearby tree. Later he brought it back and bought Genesis and Luke's Gospel. "Often," continues Mr. Miles, "the people beg us to come and live amongst them."

On the women's side Mrs. Miles finds that the Lord has opened more homes than she can visit, by request, and that hearts are opening as well. Pray for her class of girls and for the Franco-Arab Protestant girl who loves to come and help with the sewing. Pray that God will guide concerning the witness at the SOUSSE FAIR which begins in the middle of May.

The Regional Spring Conference in **Tunis** was a time of very definite blessing. The question of Camps in this region is a matter of real concern for our workers there. Unless a suitable site is found soon it may not be possible to organise Summer Camps this year. Please make this a definite matter for prayer. Continue also to pray for the Rickards' return to Tunis, so that the work centred in the Book-store may be reinforced.

In **Sfax** Ron and Ella Lilley have found a more suitable house and have been able to start some classes for girls. Praise for the interest shown by some young people in their late teens. Pray for the progress of the Book-store project.

Mr. Stalley was able to visit Dr. and Mrs. McCarthy in **Tripoli** in March and to see something of the work they are doing in the two medical clinics. Let us uphold them faithfully in prayer in a situation which is not easy, asking that God may use their daily life and witness before the people to His glory and to the furtherance of His Kingdom.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Timely Help from Congo Missionaries

Miss Lily Lazenby, R.B.M.U., for Hope House.

Home from Congo after twenty-two years' service with the Regions Beyond Missionary Union, Miss Lily Lazenby heard God's call to come to our help with regard to the urgent need for a Hostess in Hope House when Miss C. A. Bowring goes on furlough this summer. Commended to us as "a most worthy servant of the Lord" and with a wealth of practical experience behind her, as well as a good knowledge of the French language, we feel that her coming is indeed of God. Do commend her to your prayers as she takes over from Miss Bowring the important task of running Hope House.

Miss Anna Best, R.N., from C.B.F.M.S., for Dar Scott Student Nurses' Training Centre.

March 15th saw another definite answer to prayer in the coming of Miss Anna Best, R.N., of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society (U.S.A.), to help with our Student Nurses' Training Programme. Miss Best comes to us with almost ten years' experience in hospital work in Congo and with the advantage of

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pray for her as she seeks to get a useful knowledge of Arabic and in getting adjusted to a work which must be very different to the one she has known. The work in Tangier is so much smaller than her previous sphere of service, but before her arrival Miss Best wrote: "I am convinced, after almost ten years in a 'big concern', that our most effective work for Christ is not with large numbers of people, but rather it is the close contact with a few that pays rich spiritual dividends." speaking French fluently. Let us

MR. & MRS. ERNEST LONG

Early in November, 1960, Mr. Ernest Long (Home Secretary for the U.K. Council) and Mrs. Long left this country for the United States. At the invitation of the North American Council of the N.A.M. they had been invited to engage in a series of deputation meetings extending into March, 1961.

From this ministry in the U.S.A. and Vancouver, British Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. Long have now returned. They desire with grateful hearts to thank most warmly the many friends who have remembered them so faithfully in prayer during months of continuous travel in fulfilment of a wonderfully varied programme.

The gracious hospitality enjoyed in many Christian homes, the visits to Christian communities, Churches and Bible Schools of many types, and fellowship with the kindly N.A.M. Trustees at their Council table have combined to furnish a richly rewarding insight that will be of abiding helpfulness.

Like Dr. Francis Steele's recent visit to Britain, this sojourn in America cannot fail to promote a still happier and more sympathetic understanding amongst those who are fellow-labourers in North Africa's evangelisation.

OUR COVER PICTURE

STREET IN OLD FEZ, MOROCCO.

GUIDED GIVING

To meet the very simple personal needs of each missionary, a minimum allowance of £16.10s.0d. a month is required, exclusive of "overheads".

The payment of a legacy made possible the sending of full allowances for March and April.

THE N.A.M. PRAYER CALENDAR

DAILY PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES AND OTHERS

1. **Tangier:** Rev. L. J. BOCKING & Mrs. BOCKING (1928), Mr. C. A. HARVEY (Field Treasurer) & Mrs. HARVEY, Miss G. FOX (1956).
2. **Tangier: Tulloch Memorial Hospital:** Dr. F. A. R. ST. JOHN (1945) & Mrs. ST. JOHN (1950), Dr. & Mrs. J. CARLILE (1955), Dr. & Mrs. W. CAMPBELL (1956) (on furlough), Dr. & Mrs. J. GREEN (1961). *Nurses:* Misses K. B. CARTER (1950) (in England), K. M. DYKES (1952) (on furlough), W. LLOYD (1949), G. W. THEAKSTON (1945), J. WILBERFORCE (1948), E. SMETANA (1954), M. SMETANA (1954), D. EVANS (1957), I. LARSON (1958), G. HAVELL (1958).
3. **Tangier (contd.):** Miss C. BOWRING (1930), Miss L. LAZENBY (1961),* Miss D. RICHARDSON (1945), Miss E. PRIDEAUX (1948). *Nurses' Training School:* Miss P. M. ST. JOHN (1949), Miss A. BEST (1961).*
4. **Tangier: Schools:** Mrs. L. J. BOCKING (1928). **Beni Makada:** Misses W. DRURY (1929) & N. ANDREW (1945). Spanish believers.
5. **Tetuan:** Misses E. BRADBURY (1929) & E. LOW (1931), Mr. & Mrs. S. R. SMURTHWAITE (1952), Mr. B. LEAT (1952) (on furlough). Spanish believers.
6. **Alcazar:** Misses M. E. CHIPPERFIELD (1945), S. KLAU (1954).
7. **Fez:** Mr. & Mrs. J. THOMPSON (S.M.M.), Misses G. LINCOLN (1935), E. SOUTER (1946), R. BARKEY (1960). **Rabat:** Miss I. DEW (1924), Mr. & Mrs. T. WILSON (1952) (on furlough), Rev. R. & Mrs. BURNS (1957).
8. **Casablanca: Field Headquarters:** Rev. H. W. STALLEY (Field Director) & Mrs. STALLEY, Miss W. DAVEY (1957), Miss B. ANDERSEN (1951) (temporarily). **Spanish, French and Italian Work:** Mr. J. PADILLA (1929) (retired). **Moorish Work:** Misses G. SHARPE (1938) & M. HAUENSTEIN (1953), Mr. B. HOLLINSHEAD (1956), Mrs. B. HOLLINSHEAD (1948) (on furlough), Misses J. MORGAN (1954), M. BUTCHER (1957), Mr. & Mrs. B. COOKMAN (1955) (S.M.M.).
9. **Settat:** Miss G. CARTY (1939) (in England). **Azemmour:** Miss D. M. HENMAN (1935), **Safi:** Mr. & Mrs. H. J. H. MORGAN (Associate Members —at present helping with G.M.U.).
10. **Marrakesh:** Misses F. LOGAN (1949) (S.M.M.), E. JACOBSEN (1953) (S.M.M.), H. WILSON (1957), & D. PARILLO (1958).
11. **El Jadida (S.M.M.):** Mr. & Mrs. J. A. HARRIS (1953).
12. **Taroudant: (S.M.M.):** Mr. & Mrs. W. JACKSON (1953). **Agadir: (pro tem)** Mr. & Mrs. (Dr.) J. TRINDLE (1954). **Immouzer du Kandari:** Mr. & Mrs. D. R. HARRIS (S.M.M., 1953).
13. **Algiers:** Miss R. STEWART (1954), Miss K. CASTLE (1954), Rev. & Mrs. I. HOFFMAN (1957), Mr. & Mrs. C. ADAMS (1955) (on furlough).
14. **Cherchell:** Mr. F. EWING (1932) & Mrs. EWING (1931).
15. **Djemaa Sahridj:** Rev. & Mrs. B. COLLINSON (1950).

*Formerly in Congo: loaned to N.A.M.

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16. **Tunis:** Rev. R. I. BROWN (Deputy Field Director) & Mrs. BROWN (in England), Mrs. C. W. MORRISS (1927), Mr. & Mrs. W. GASTON (1954).
 17. **Language Students. Tunis:** Misses M. BALLARD, K. MORRIS (1958), Mr. S. SCHLORFF (1959), Mr. & Mrs. W. BELL, Mr. & Mrs. G. SMITH, Miss L. MONUS (all 1960).
 18. **Language Students: Algiers:** Mr. R. L. HELDENBRAND (1958), Miss R. MCDANIEL (1958). **Rabat:** Miss B. NORTON (1959). **Casablanca:** Mr. R. KLAUS, Mr. & Mrs. R. RAWLS, Misses A. SWANK, L. HUGLI (all 1959), E. GAMBER (1960), E. HALL (1961), F. HAUNER (1961).
 19. **Sousse:** Mr. R. S. MILES (1921) & Mrs. MILES (1926), Miss A. CLACK (1924) (in U.S.A.), Mr. W. EVANS (1958).
 20. **Sfax:** Rev. & Mrs. R. LILLEY (1957), Miss M. HIESTAND (1958), Miss V. BRADSHAW (1954). **Gafsa:** Mrs. A. STRAUTINS (1938), Miss D. BROWN (1957).
 21. Dr. and Mrs. P. MCCARTHY (1955), Mr. N. PEARCE (1940) & Mrs. PEARCE (1945) (temporarily in England).
 22. **Deputation Work in Britain:** Mr. & Mrs. E. J. LONG, Rev. A. COFFEY, Mrs. E. L. LILEY and (part time) Miss E. H. FRASER. **In U.S.A.:** Dr. F. STEELE.
 23. **All believers in N. Africa, Secret Believers, Backsliders and Enquirers.**
 24. **Translation Work; Distribution of Scriptures; Publication of Evangelical Literature; Bible Shops; Colportage.**
 25. **Children of Missionaries, and Children of Converts in North Africa.**
 26. **Members of North American Council and U.S.A. Headquarters Staff.**
 27. **U.K. Council Members and Headquarters Staff.**
 28. **Local Secretaries and Prayer Groups.**
 29. **Retired Workers. In England:** Miss A. BUXTON (1919), Mrs. E. FISHER (1922), Miss E. HARMAN (1921), Miss E. HIGBID (1921), Miss V. HOUGHTON, Mrs. J. W. KENT (1948), Mr. P. PADILLA (1926), Mrs. P. PADILLA (1922), Miss G. E. PETTER (1913), Miss K. REED (1922), Mrs. E. A. SIMPSON (1898), Mrs. T. J. P. WARREN (1911), Mrs. F. M. WEBB (1899), Mr. & Mrs. A. G. WILLSON (1922). **S.M.M.:** Mr. J. HALDANE (1912), Mrs. J. HALDANE (1913), Misses I. ROSS (1926), C. POLLOCK (1936). **In U.S.A.:** Miss E. BROOKES (1932). **In France:** Mrs. S. ARTHUR (1923). **In Algiers:** Mrs. A. ROSS (1902). **In Denmark:** Miss E. M. S. DEGENKOLW (1913). **In Switzerland:** Miss I. COULERU (1923) (S.M.M.).
 30. **Dispensary Work; Classes; Visiting; Work among Europeans; All Testimony among God's Ancient People.**
 31. **Special Remembrance of Financial Needs.**