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MONTHLY MAGAZINE OF THE NORTH AFRICA MISSION

Message to Annual Meeting

I COUNT it a privilege to have this opportunity of greeting you as you are gathered in London for the Annual Meeting of the N.A.M.

“Here on the Field, we thank the Lord for His undertaking as we look back over the past year of testimony in North Africa. It is worthy of note that the Mission still has thirty-four workers in Morocco, the country which announced, two and a half years ago, its intention to silence the messengers of the Cross. We thank the Lord who has worked mightily on our behalf and according to His own glorious purposes. We are not unmindful of His tender mercies nor shall we fail specifically to acknowledge His faithfulness in meeting the needs, spiritual and material, of the total ministry.

“We thank you for your increasing understanding of the changing pattern of Christian witness in Muslim lands, where the approaches of “the new look missionary” are fast replacing conventional methods. We thank you for your faithful support, sustained prayer fellowship and continuing involvement in the work to which we are committed together.

“We ask the Lord to help us, in the midst of justifiable activity, to keep our eyes upon Himself, knowing that there is no substitute for spiritual power. It is released when knees are bent in prayer and through the foolishness of preaching. We ask the Lord that each Field worker will not only “proclaim the Truth” but minister the

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spirit to the emerging Church.

"We ask you to pray that, to match the present hour of opportunity, many others responding to God's call will come alongside to strengthen the testimony in North Africa. They will not be building a secure career but, by God's grace, contributing to the building of His Church. It is an investment for eternity. We ask you to pray that in seeking to foster the family character of the Mission we shall continue to emphasise that submission to Christ must result in submission to one another.

"May Jesus Christ be glorified in the coming year of service. The future is always as bright as His promises.

"Yours prayerfully and expectantly,

Bernard Collinson"

This will be the last issue of the magazine in its present format. It will be replaced by FRONTLINE in a new format in January.

We would record our sincere thanks to our present printers, Oscar Blackford Ltd., for their many years of kindly help and co-operation.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

We have to report that our brother, Rev. H. W. Stalley, after urgent hospitalisation and treatment in Aix en Provence had to return to this country and almost immediately underwent a gall-bladder operation. The latest news is that he is progressing fairly well and we shall all uphold both Mr. and Mrs. Stalley in prayer at this anxious time.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

May we again remind friends that should they wish to send personal monetary gifts to individual missionaries as Christmas presents, such gifts should reach the office before the end of November. Transmissions to the Field for December are calculated on the first day of the month.

THE HALFCROWN

We would like to remind those who hold collecting boxes that the halfcrown will finally pass out of circulation on 1st January 1970. It would therefore be wise to empty the box before this date and ensure that halfcrowns are not "lost" in this way.

MISS GRACE SHARPE

Miss Sharpe has now retired, and is full of praise for a charming retreat where she can settle to a quieter life at a slower pace. Her address will be: Datchet House, Flat 5, 4 London Road, Lexden, Colchester, Essex. We shall miss her in the office, but we know that she will be giving much time to prayer for us all.

GUIDED GIVING

We give thanks to God that it was possible to send full allowances for the month of September. We regret that only two-thirds allowances could be sent for October.

ANNUAL MEETING

OUR Annual Meeting always seems to take the character of a family party. So it was on Monday, 7th October, at the Whitefield Memorial Church. Old friends came to meet each other, all united by a common interest in North Africa and the work of the gospel there. We grow constantly more cosmopolitan, too. A surprising variety of Arabic dialects could be heard over the tea-cups and sandwiches.

Bouazza was there from South Morocco, drawn to the Lord through the Bible Correspondence Courses, baptized in Casablanca by Mr. Brown four years ago and now at work with Operation Mobilization. Talib and Afaf Barwani were there with their little family. He hails from Zanzibar, she from Lebanon. She was converted while at school in Lebanon, and he while in the R.A.F.

Mr. and Mrs. Barwani told of the way the Lord had led them and how, seeking His guidance for the service of their lives, all other doors closed "and this door only stood open". So they leave for the South of France in the N.A.M. fellowship at the end of this month.

Miss Dew gave her testimony to the faithfulness of God throughout 45 years of missionary service from which she has just retired. She commended to our prayers the believers whom

she has served—and mothered—in Rabat.

Mrs. Morriss spoke of "an open door and many adversaries" in Tunisia. She contrasted the open minds of Tunisians in these days with the closed minds of the past. Homes were open and Tunisians, though convinced Muslims, would listen with courtesy to the gospel.

Miss Muriel Butcher, returning to Algeria after sick leave, shared with us the lessons which the Lord has been teaching her; lessons of reliance upon a faithful God, and of quiet confidence that He hears and answers prayer.

Bouazza, with Mr. Brown as his interpreter, told of the Lord's dealings with him. How he had been converted, of persecution at home, of his military service, of imprisonment for Christ's sake, of his desire to carry the gospel back to his own people.

Rev. Godfrey C. Robinson brought a final message from Luke 10. In the man who went down to Jericho, he saw the exploited peoples of the world. In the past, rich and powerful folk, like the wayside robbers had been concerned simply with what they could get. Well-meaning theorists (Was the priest on his way to a committee meeting to improve the amenities of the Jericho road?) avoided the specific, concrete need that cried out to them. It was the privilege of the Christian, following his Lord, to meet the wounded man at the place of his need, to act, to give, and to commit himself to the rescue of souls for whom Christ died.

A.D.P.

National Christians

Mark

The last issue of "Forward" reported the recent persecution against Mark.

"**M**ARK'S father was in France in June when the family gave him so much trouble. Now he is back and we have his reaction to Mark's faith in Christ. Yesterday he told him that he has three days to return to Islam, or he will be thrown out of the family. Mark has been struck, his eye is swollen, and his lip cut. Yesterday his father took him to the local office of the ministry of religious affairs, where they tried to talk him out of faith in Christ.

"Mark's movements are now restricted by the family. We understand that he was at the point of giving in but something kept him from it. We hope the three Christians will be able to meet together at a secret meeting place."

Later news is that this persecution has subsided a little.

Bouazza

It was a great joy to have Bouazza at our Annual General Meeting when he gave a brief yet moving testimony.

Our brother was baptised in Casablanca in 1964 and since proved himself in every way, a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Even during his time with the armed forces of his country, he maintained a fearless testimony which resulted in a period in prison.

He has recently worked with Operation Mobilization in various countries and is burdened to reach his own people in North Africa with the gospel. This will inevitably be a costly ministry and we shall all be privileged to uphold him in much prayer.

Mohammed Shaffir

I have spent the past four summers in France. Each year I worked for three months preparing Gospel programmes for broadcasting in Moroccan Arabic and helping with the Bible Correspondence Course work. I prepared programmes which would last a full year—fifty-two programmes each summer. Thus I could return to continue my studies in the Lebanon Bible Institute in the autumn. In spite of all the difficulties in my way, the Lord helped me so that I finished my theological studies and gained my Diploma.

In September I came to work with the Radio School of the Bible in Marseilles, but it appears that I will not be able to do so for this reason. The Moroccan authorities know that I work for the R.S.B. and they refuse to renew my passport. This puts me in a difficult situation from every point of view, for from the beginning I wanted to work with North Africans in France. This had been my desire for a long time. The Moroccan Consul said that I was not permitted to do any Christian work at all. He would not renew my passport or help me in any way. So I am very perplexed.

The French authorities are also hard on me, and I cannot prolong my stay because they will not give me a permit either to work or to live in the country without a valid passport.

After a week, I returned to the Moroccan Consul and the Lord helped me so that he gave me a six month's extension on my passport. The first time I went he did not want to give me a single day, but now he gave me six months so that I could make other arrangements. He ought to have given me a new passport, but he only prolonged its validity for six months.

But I have not lost hope. I know that my Lord has been with me these past years, and He will strengthen and guide me as to what I should do now. Earthly powers may hinder and prevent me so that I cannot work for the Lord openly, but they cannot rule over my conscience or my faith. They can take from me my papers and earthly citizenship, but they can never take away my heavenly citizenship.

To sum up, if I wanted to I could work for the Lord here in Europe secretly, but I would prefer to work openly and legally. Therefore I must see what I can do. It may be necessary not only to go to another country, but perhaps to change my nationality if I want to serve the Lord. This would be a difficult thing, and not something I would choose to do, but I now have to face the problem. I want to work with a clear conscience. Then I could work among Arabs in Europe or engage in the work of broadcasting the Gospel.

Summer Camps

AUDREY MEE

YOU will be pleased to know that all went very well and the Lord wonderfully answered the prayers of so many whom we know were thinking of us. Just three days before we started, the needed helpers were supplied, two Algerian Christians and Helen Wilson from Morocco. Each gave splendid help.

In the Lord's goodness we were preserved from all ill and the weather was at its best for the sea bathes, etc. The girls, just thirty in number, seemed a very happy crowd and entered into all the activities.

Spiritually too they were very attentive, both in the morning Bible studies and in the evening when the message was given. It is hard as yet to know the results. One pleasing thing was that the three Algerian helpers were very enthusiastic to study the Bible with Mademoiselle Daniel each morning for an hour. They studied the epistle to the Ephesians and said that the time was always too short.

One, Nadia, was converted last year at the older girls' camp. She gave her testimony one evening to the girls saying how opposed she had been last year and how the Holy Spirit had convinced her of the truth in Jesus. The girls asked many questions and as a result one eleven year old from Algiers made a clear profession.

Since, I have had a letter from a fourteen year old, Medea, saying that she too had begun a new

life in the Lord Jesus. She had taken home the folder of Bible lessons on the Wordless Book and had explained them to her family who were interested. Another thirteen year old from Algiers also expressed her desire to become a Christian. She comes from a difficult home.

Of course there were a few snags, one being the shortage of water which entails several being up at 5 a.m. to catch the supply before it is turned off at 7 a.m., until the next day! Apparently, according to the local authorities, things will be better next year.

Some of us who are older showed signs of fatigue, and we need to pray that the Lord will provide younger people to help in this most valuable work.

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Pastoral Visit

GWEN THEAKSTON

IN MY last letter I told you of a visit to a small town to see a girl Bible Correspondence student, and a Christian woman and girl. A few weeks after, the Christian girl—Fama, who stood out against a Muslim marriage for years—was finally worn down by family pressure and became engaged to a man who had been wanting her for some years. She was almost engaged to him a year ago, and his family cried off at the last moment. At the time we felt it was a wonderful answer to prayer and deliverance for her, and it was difficult to understand why prayer had not been answered again in the same way. We felt we must get down again to see both her and Rabia. Also there were young fellows in that town taking the Bible Correspondence Courses.

One Saturday one of the doctors and I went down; I went to the women and he to the men, we met again the following evening to return home. I found Fama in very low spirits, regretting she had let herself become engaged, especially as a Christian man had since enquired about her. In this land an engagement, once the dowry is handed over, is more binding than the marriage, divorce being common and easy. The thing was done, and we could only pray—and ask the Lord to show what she should do from now.

The next day I went to see Rabia, and spent nearly all the

day with her. Her mother was ill, and I was able to help a little and she was very grateful and told me I would always be welcome. Rabia has 8 younger brothers and sisters who were constantly in and out, but between interruptions we were able to read, and she asked many questions. Her brothers brought out the Koran and started comparing what it said with what the Bible said. Rabia understands that the Bible teaches that Christ died for our sins, and that there is no other way of settling the account with God than by receiving the forgiveness He has bought for us. She understands equally that the Koran flatly denies this, and I think she realises what acceptance of that Gift would cost if she totally committed herself, and is rather appalled at the thought. I remember that same almost horrified gasp which Fatima—gave when she first realised that to follow Christ meant leaving Islam. Nevertheless Fatima, ill of heart disease in the hospital made the choice and followed Christ unflinchingly until He took her to Himself. As this realisation of the parting of the ways dawns on Rabia, pray that she may be drawn to Christ irresistibly.

When Dr. and I met again that afternoon I asked him if he would come with me to see Fama again before we left. We found her more at rest than the day before, and we gave her some Gospels to give her fiancé, and prayed that she might make her faith so clear to

him that he would either repudiate her or be won to her Saviour. Just at that moment he came to visit her—apparently the family allow him to do so. Dr. was able to make friends with him and we learnt that he knew of no girl in the town whose life was so blameless, and that was why he wanted her. At this point Fama took the plunge and told him if she were different it was because she believed this Book, and handing him

the Gospel asked him to read it. Then Dr. was able to follow this up. The man knew the Christian boy whom Dr. had just been visiting and respected and admired him, and had recognised in him the same quality of life as he had seen in Fama. In the end he came back to the car with us to receive a whole New Testament. The last we saw of him he was walking down the crowded street deep in his Book.

The following is an extract from a report made by Mr. David Bentley-Taylor following a visit under the auspices of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students to North Africa:

IN Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya, I addressed a total of one student meeting, in Algiers, in the Reading Room run by Ruth Stewart. There were twenty young people present, probably none of them professing to be a Christian. The subject was "A Faith for those who think". Their questions centred round the problem of reconciling belief in God with the existence of evil, with the inequalities evident in life, and with evolutionary theories. With their Muslim background, they were not hostile to this reconciliation, only anxious about how to achieve it.

While the masses remain steeped in Islam, the schools and universities are producing in ever-increasing numbers a new type of North African, irreligious at heart, plagued with the worldwide perplexities of modern man. In this great field the academic world is open, not only to Arabic but to French which is the medium of teaching and which is a much easier language to learn than many others. This is an open door to graduates who will learn French well and volunteer, for Christ's sake, for positions in the university world of these nations.

I was quite amazed, not only at the beauty of the University at Rabat and the extravagant splendour of the new campus arising on the hills outside Tunis, but also at the warm and kindly welcome I received from officials and heads of departments who were far from being Christians. At Constantine in Algeria the head of the Law Faculty urged me to spread abroad their plans for "une grande université" and their desperate need for help in establishing an adequate English Department. This thirst for English is everywhere.

Young Disciples

LEARY HOOD

I'D LIKE to introduce you to three Algerian friends. They are three young men, three Christian men. Each of them is, I believe, a true believer in Jesus Christ, although all three of them have really just begun to walk the pathway of life with Him. They are just beginners in the Faith, still immature in many ways, still finding their footing where the Gospel is concerned.

Ridha

Ridha is a young man with real leadership potential, a natural leader with a responsible position in a pump-making factory. He has been a Christian several years now but has not experienced the mass of teaching that a new Christian might expect in the West. Yet he has a heart for God and a desire to serve Him. But leadership in the Church of Christ is not determined by natural gifts alone, but by spiritual maturity and self-control. At present Ridha has great need of stability, of self-discipline in studying the Word of God, and maturity in the matter of complete obedience to the revealed will of God. Many have prayed for personal problems in his life which were hindering him from studying the Word with me. The Lord has answered prayer and he is now free to do that.

Right now he is undergoing a severe test having become engaged to a non-Christian girl. Yes, he knows it is wrong. You have to understand the pressure that there is on a young man to get married in Algerian culture, and the difficulties, not only in finding a Christian wife, but also in obtaining permission from her parents or kin to marry her. He needs to be prayed for, not judged. Will you pray earnestly and regularly for this small "stone" that he, like the Apostle Peter whom he resembles in many ways, may become a "rock" in the Church of the living God?

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Hamid

Hamid is a sincere Christian. He loves the Lord and, as he said to me the other evening, he wants to build a Church for Christ in the town to which he expects to be going in the future. Presently he works for the Bible Society in their bookstore on the main street of Algiers.

He was only baptised last winter but the time in which it took place indicates the temper of the lad, for at that very moment the Bible Society and several Algerian Christians were under investigation by the authorities and some had been threatened and warned to stay away from the Assembly. Yet Hamid testified boldly to his faith before a large crowd, then was baptised before them. He hasn't outstanding gifts of leadership although he is capable. He does have a single eye for the Saviour, and the Lord can turn the world up side down with one man wholly committed and obedient to Him. Will you pray that Hamid will grow rapidly in the Word he so dearly loves, so that he too may grow up into a mature man in Christ? Then perhaps the Lord will use him to build that Church in Touggourt.



Larbi

Larbi is "Mr. Cool". You know the kind I mean: smart dresser, good personality, winning smile and deliberate response. Yet these very assets can hinder him in totally committing himself to Christ. He has failed under pressure (but haven't we all?) for he was one who was scared away when the heat was put on by the authorities. However, you will remember that every single one of Jesus' disciples forsook Him and fled on the night He was taken, yet they had been with Jesus for three years, all the time under the instruction of the Master-Teacher Himself, not lesser men like us. They came back to "turn the world up side down", and Larbi also has come back. To do the same? That depends upon several things: God's plan, his obedience and our prayer and help.

Recently, he and the other two fellows mentioned, gave their testimony to a group of Bible Correspondence Course students we had invited to our home for a rally. In his testimony he admitted that he was not really "Engage" (involved) as he should be as a Christian and that he was somewhat of a spiritual weakling. He expressed the desire to become a strong witness for Christ and to take the next step in his path, that of baptism. There he was becoming what he was saying he wanted to be, for one act of obedience to the true Witness leads to confirmed strength in that area and further witnessing. Christ needs witnesses in Algeria, strong ones and many of them. Will you pray that Larbi will become one?

Three young men for Christ—not very many among the millions of Algeria, nor even the 1,200,000 population of the city of Algiers, but there are other young men like them scattered throughout Algeria. Are there twelve that God can use as He did Jesus' disciples to establish a strong Church to His glory in this land? Twelve weaklings will do, for the battle is the Lord's.

Welcome Back

PETER THORNE

EMBRACES and “on t’a languai, Peter”—and I am back again at Tlemcen, having spent two months in England and in France. How different from my first arrival a year ago. This time I have a good number of friends, Algerians, Palestinians, French and of course, I am now able to communicate intelligibly.

In my first two weeks back at Tlemcen I spent seventy hours in conversation and as well as making visits myself, received seventy-eight visits. This is surely something for which to thank God. Not all the time of course, is spent in preaching Christ, but there have been good opportunities where I have felt the message has been understood. He who has tried to win a Jehovah’s Witness to the Truth will have some idea of how difficult it is for a Muslim to come to an intelligent understanding of the Gospel.

My work now is largely among the young upper middle class section of society at Tlemcen (Tlemcen has many large rich families, and is noted for its wealth), and adult Arab teachers, mostly from the Middle East. The Leats, my fellow missionaries have gone on furlough until next March, and I hope to have two English teachers who will be in Tlemcen for the school year under the British Council, sharing the house with me.

Larbi, who previously had turned angrily away from me and

the Gospel, has renewed his friendship with me and does not now object to hearing the Gospel. Didi has read Genesis and expositional books during my absence and is always willing to discuss the Truth. Gerard is a young French Pentecostal, now associating with the Catholics (there is no Protestant Community at Tlemcen), who has a strong influence, but not for good, on some of the lads. He comes regularly. Several Palestinian teachers have requested and are reading the Gospel.

I would ask you please to remember me much in prayer, that many more profitable contacts may be made and that I might know wisdom and power in making known the Gospel, for which purpose I am here in Tlemcen.

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T. M. H. News

LILIAN GOODACRE

SINCE I returned to Morocco, there have been some startling and shattering events. Several more missionaries, none of them in the N.A.M., have been expelled from the country, and some others are preparing to leave, some with whom we have had very close contact. They will be greatly missed. Also the American School for Missionaries' Children has had to close. Some of these friends have moved over to Spain, where they hope to re-establish the school and carry on other work. Others are still seeking the Lord's will for their future. All these need much prayer support.

While these things haven't been altogether unexpected, they have been a great blow to us all, and the thought in everyone's mind is "Who will be the next to go?" We have been reminded of the words of the Lord Jesus in John 16, "They will put you out . . . and think they are offering service to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father, nor Me." How much we need to pray for those in authority who are trying so hard to put out the Light of the Gospel, not knowing what they are doing.

As far as the hospital is concerned, there are no further developments. We have applied for official recognition in accordance with Government requirements,

and we are still waiting for an answer. Judging by the numbers who crowd at the doors, it is obvious that the local people want the hospital. We simply trust the Lord to over-rule and work out His purpose for us. Meanwhile we carry on doing as much as we can with our limited staff. We have had to reduce the the numbers of out-patients, as we can only have one doctor. The doctor, agrees to see about 100 patients in a morning. But 100 have arrived before 5 a.m., and it is hard to have to turn the others away.

One day we had to say, "The doctor is sick and can't see anyone today. You must go to the Government hospital." They said, "This is our hospital, we won't go anywhere else." Some said, "Where is your humanity? My child is very ill; can't he just give us some medicine?" Likewise we are having to refuse midwifery cases, because we haven't enough midwives and other staff. It is hard to hear their pleadings and to say "No."

We all need much Heavenly wisdom and discernment and strength to carry on and make the most of the opportunities to make Christ known. So your fellowship in prayer is needed more than ever.

First Impressions of Tangier *from a "Short Termer"*

JENNY WEBB

MY AVERAGE day begins at about 6 a.m.; the patients' begins much earlier. To see the doctor in Out-patients they begin to arrive at 4 a.m. or even earlier. One morning I was woken at 5 a.m. by angry shouts outside my window as over a hundred people pushed and shouted, insisting that they were first. We are only able to see a certain number, now that we have only one doctor, hence the eagerness to be first. They do not mind waiting all day and night if they are assured of being attended to.

Most people expect to hear tales of snakes from those living in Africa. I admit that they are rare here in the town but we have our share of other creatures—lizards, huge flying beetles and ants. I think the writer of Proverbs 6 : 6 and 30 : 24-28 might have lived in Morocco! Although the ants nearly drive me mad I can see a lesson in them and am impressed by their hard work and determination. It takes a lot to daunt them.

There is such a lot I could write about life in Morocco for everything is so different. At home I am accustomed to the grateful patient who gives a box of chocolates for the nurses, but I was surprised when I was presented with a chicken cooked with layers of flaky pastry, a delicious Moroccan dish. I ate it Moroccan style, with the fingers.

But the gift we have to offer is the same the world over. Here in Morocco many find it hard to accept and those who do accept it have many hardships and persecutions to face. Please pray for courage for the Moroccan Christians especially now as Ramadan approaches. Many Christians find this a very difficult time especially if they are living in Muslim homes.

God's Word promises, "rivers in the desert." How we long for God's living water to be known in this desert land. Please keep praying.

INTERVIEW WITH

New Deputationist

MISS KLAU, I understand that you, a German Jewess, have recently joined the home staff of the North Africa Mission. Can you tell us a little of your background?

I came to England as a refugee from Nazi Germany at the beginning of the war. Both my parents died in concentration camps.

Was your religion important to you?

Yes, I was a practising Jewess and very self-righteous. But my religion was of no help to me during the terrifying experiences of those days, and all my confidence was destroyed. When I started nursing training I met committed Christians and came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Messiah through the Nurses' Christian Fellowship.

How do you, as a Jewess, come to be connected with a mission that works in Arab countries?

Strangely enough the Lord called me to work among Muslim, Arab people. I spent thirteen-and-a-half years as a missionary with the N.A.M. in Morocco, nursing in Tangier, then personally witnessing in Alcazar. I really loved the Moroccans and hated to leave my work.

Why did you leave Morocco?

Because of the Arab-Israeli war in 1967.

What have you been doing during the past two years?

I took a refresher course in nursing at a hospital in Edgware and have spent much of my time in visiting the Jewish people I contacted in the hospital, to tell them of Jesus Christ.

And now you are back in the N.A.M.?

Yes, I am representing the Mission here in Britain. My main objective is to interest churches and Christian groups in what the Lord is doing among the Muslims of North Africa. I hope also to present the importance of the existing relationship between Arab and Jew. I feel that this a strategic time to help Christians to understand their responsibilities toward both groups.

Do you feel that there is any way of overcoming the present animosity between these two races?

Yes, through Christ who is able to span the gulf that separates them. Recently over ten thousand copies of a booklet entitled "The Messiah of Israel", printed in Arabic and Hebrew, have been dis-

tributed in Israel. One of the chief distributors is an Arab Christian. Jewish and Arab Christians meet for fellowship.

An Arab can love a Jew only when he knows the Jewish Messiah and recognises his former enemy as a brother in Christ. A group of Arab Christians in Morocco sent a gift of money towards my work among Jews in this country.

Would you be happy to receive invitations to speak about these things?

Only too glad.

RETIREMENT OF MISS IRENE DEW

As an almost exact contemporary of Miss Dew—in the matter of age, and date of arrival on the North Africa mission field—it is a pleasure and privilege to write in the warmest appreciation of one whom a host of us have admired for many years, and for whose faithful service in Morocco—forty-five years of it!—we give our Heavenly Father thankful praise.

Nothing would vex Miss Dew more than a eulogium; yet, when one bears in mind that a eulogy is “a speaking well of”, we but follow in the steps of Paul when we say of our dear sister, “We give thanks to God always for you . . . remembering . . . your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

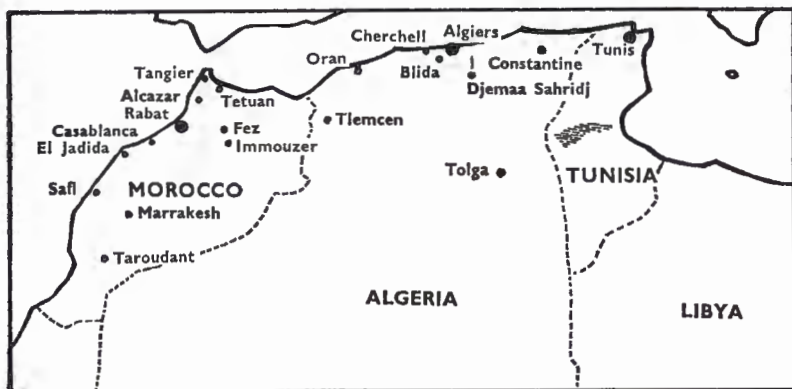
For very many years Miss Dew’s missionary work was carried on in an environment that would have daunted a less courageous spirit—a “matchbox” of an apartment in the Moorish town, noise in its most disturbing forms, and hostile threats from those who were the enemies of

her witness.

The girls who came to our sister’s classes were unforgettably instructed in the Word of God—and through that same Word a number were “made wise unto salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus”. And of this number there remain today in Morocco those who are of such spiritual stature, and so gifted and courageous in ministry, that they will be able to carry the Torch of Gospel Witness that Miss Dew so happily, and yet with wistful regret, passes on to them. Not only the girls and women of Rabat, but also those whom she greatly helped at the U.S.A. Sunday School, will grieve over our sister’s departure.

Like her dear mother, whose vigour has hardly perceptibly declined in recent years, Miss Dew will know no decline in zeal or zest as she resumes her witness for the Lord in an England that must have become strangely unfamiliar to her. We pray, and expect, that she will continue to be greatly blessed of GOD—and our loving thoughts and prayers will assure our continuing fellowship with her.

E.J.L.



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