Southern Morocco Mission

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A Review of the Work 1921
"ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS."

Listen to the voice of singing
Borne upon the eastern breeze;
Listen to the chorus ringing
"Christ is King," "Say, who are these?"
Souls from many a distant strand
Travelling to Emmanuel's Land.

China from the sleep of ages
Wakes to hear the glad new song;
Ancient writings of her sages
Casts aside to join the throng.
From the far lands now they come
Pressing to their heav'nly home.

India in her dreamland hoary
Counts her caste and idols dead;
Many there have heard the story,
And they seek Him, Spirit led.
Counting all on earth as dross,
Now they glory in His Cross.

Afric's sons have made submission
To the King who broke their chain;
From the dark lands of oppression
Many seek His Home to gain.
Slaves and free, one Name they bear,
One blest Hope with gladness share.

Soon from every tribe and nation
They shall gather in His Land;
Praise the Lord of our Salvation,
Sinless, perfect, with Him stand.
Let us help them, while we may,
Onward to the Land of Day.

Mogador. Mary Ritchie.
They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before Him.”

Southern Morocco Mission.

Thirty-three years ago, in 1888, our first missionary, Mr Cuthbert Nairn, left our shores to carry the news of redeeming love to the people of Southern Morocco. During all these years he and his fellow-workers have been upborne by the faithful prayers and continued fellowship of many home helpers, who have counted it a privilege to be sharers with them in the great work of evangelising the peoples of that needy land. It seems almost incredible that until the year 1888 no organised effort was made to evangelise the millions of people in Southern Morocco. The reason for this long continued neglect is difficult to understand. It was not that Morocco is geographically remote, for it lies in full view of travellers to the Near and Far East. Neither was it owing to difficulty of access, for it faces Gibraltar, and is within four days’ sail of London. The missionaries who have gone out from time to time have never been in any uncertainty as to the nature of the task they were called to undertake. They knew that to attack Islam in one of its strongholds would involve a long and stern conflict, and only the assurance that the call was from God inspired them to go forward. They believed it was an honour to be called to serve in one of the hardest fields, and very faithfully have the workers persevered in their high calling. As we recall the years of service that have intervened, we feel there are many causes
for thankfulness. In the homeland it has been an inspiration to have had the continued, loyal support of so many friends interested in the work. We mention with gratitude the fact that on the field the age-long barriers of Moslem exclusiveness and suspicion are breaking down, and everywhere a friendly spirit is manifest among the people. But while we are thankful for the effective work accomplished in our four stations—Marraksh, Mogador, Mazagan, and Saffi—we are deeply impressed with the need for extending the work into the unevangelised and unvisited regions of Southern Morocco. In view of the calls that continue to reach us the Council have felt it laid upon them to send out, as soon as possible, new workers to enter these hitherto unvisited districts with the message of the Gospel. After prayerful consideration two new workers, Miss Jenny Brown and Miss Agnes Hosie, have been accepted, and will leave on an early date for Morocco. Others are offering themselves for the work, and we are hopeful that the way will open for them also to go forth.

The various departments of the work may be briefly summarised as follows:

1. Work Among the Children. For many years a fruitful and far-reaching work has been carried on among girls, and recently work among boys has been originated. Many who have now come to years of womanhood received Christian instruction in the Mission Schools in their early years. They know what Christianity really is, for they have been taught the truth as it is in Jesus, and they have seen it exemplified in the lives of the missionaries. They will not forget. Their homes are open at all times to the workers who regularly visit and teach these old scholars and their friends. They love to hear again the Words of Life and to join in singing the hymns they were taught in school. No part of the work is of greater importance than the efforts of the missionaries to influence the young life of Morocco for Christ. That it is now
Miss Agnes S. Hosie, Missionary-Designate.

possible to reach these little ones, without hindrance from officials and others, is a matter for much thankfulness, and shows that the confidence of the people has been gained in large measure. Three young Moorish women, who were trained by the missionaries, are now on the staff and are rendering excellent service day by day among the girls in the schools. There are encouraging indications of blessing as a result of their earnest testimony and teaching. One writes: "In the school work we feel we have much cause for praise. The girls get a Gospel message in text form each day, with explanation, and I know your heart would rejoice to see their interest in the message of love and the response of their young hearts. We feel sometimes like exclaiming, 'What hath God wrought!' as we look at these Moslem girls sitting with hands clasped and eyes closed in reverent tones praying in the Name of Jesus and asking cleansing in His blood, which alone atones for sin.
We are glad to find, time after time in visiting, that the children go home and tell their mothers what they hear about Jesus, sing their Gospel choruses, and themselves pray in Jesus’ Name.”

2. The Sick. It became early apparent that a great field with endless opportunities for manifesting the spirit of Christ lay to hand through the ministry of healing. The neglected and suffering sick were to be seen on every side, while in the homes, unvisited by doctor or nurse, were hundreds of sufferers. A beginning was made, and to the dispensaries there came in crowds the halt, the maimed, the blind—the great company of the uncared-for sick. Patients suffering from wounds which had never been dressed are helped and healed. These foul sores are patiently treated by the missionaries, to the amazement of the patient and the onlookers. By these methods of care and kindness the missionaries are not only healing bodies, but in very truth are touching the souls of the people. No wonder one hears them say to their friends, “Never tell me again that the Christians are idolaters, they know God and are doing the works of God. See what they have done for me in the Name of Seebna Aesa—the Lord Jesus.” The numbers attending the dispensaries will be better understood when we mention that last year over 50,000 cases received treatment. This work, under the blessing of God, has been most fruitful, not only in the healing of bodily ailments, but in the preparation of the mind and heart for the reception of the Gospel message.

3. Mission Dispensary Out of this dispensary work have grown the classes for converts and inquirers, which are such an encouragement to the workers and so full of hope for the future. To the dispensary patients the Gospel is faithfully preached. Surely no more impressive place for a Gospel service can be imagined than the Mission Dispensary. All around are suffering men and women—many self-made sufferers by their own sins—others, victims
of others' ill. As Moses proclaimed salvation to the stricken Israelites, so the missionary calls upon the patients to look and live. Who can measure the influence of a work like this, carried on so perseveringly day by day and week by week? "The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there."

4. The Night Shelter Mr. James Haldane, who carries on the work in the shelter speaks hopefully of the effective door opened for service through this agency. Night after night over sixty homeless men frequent the room for refreshment and lodging. It is a great convenience and comfort to many unfortunate folk to have, especially in the winter months, a refuge from the cold and wet. On the missionary is conferred a great privilege in having such a large

"Mary," a Moroccan Girl.
opportunity for showing hospitality and kindness in the Name of Jesus, and also for commending by word the Gospel of His grace. At the present time there is only one shelter in Southern Morocco, but it is hoped before long to have others established in various centres. The shelter manifestly is meeting a real need, and at the same time provides welcome opportunity for Gospel testimony.

5. Visitation Work. The homes of Morocco, as in every Moslem land, are zealously guarded, the women folk being practically prisoners in the harems. This is specially so in the better class houses, the women of these households being allowed out only on special occasions, and then closely guarded. Their poorer sisters may hear the Gospel in the dispensaries and in the meetings for women, but they can only hear through the visitation work carried on so perseveringly by the lady workers. This evangelisation of the women by conversation in their homes is carried on to the full limit of the time and strength of the missionaries. It is an exacting service, but our sisters rejoice in it as it is the only means of bringing the light of the Gospel into the darkened minds of these secluded women. The homes are nearly all open to the workers, who are warmly welcomed by these harem dwellers. When the workers themselves are heartily welcomed it is disappointing oft-times to find there is no welcome for their message, but on other occasions there are those who listen eagerly and evince interest in the Word of God. A worker writes: “Very often we take our Bible picture-books with us when visiting in the homes of the people. The women are so fond of them, and as we turn them over we tell the Bible story, and draw the lesson from it that suits their lives. Other times we take our hymn-books, and first read over a hymn, explain its meaning, and then sing it over several times to them. Many of the women are learning to sing the hymns, and we pray that the Spirit of God will awaken in their
hearts a longing for the purity of soul and heart we teach them."

6. Work Among Jews. The children of Israel are to be found in all the towns of Morocco, as well as in the villages in the Atlas valleys. In the Millahs, where they are compelled to live, they and their forefathers have suffered endless pillage and persecution at the hands of the Moors. The command to preach the Gospel to every creature embraces these persecuted Israelites, and one of our missionaries, Mr. David Muir felt called to devote himself for their evangelisation. For many years he has faithfully continued his ministry among them. Although he cannot tell of many openly acknowledging the Saviour he has had the joy and privilege of fulfilling the Master's command, and he has been cheered by finding some who gave heed to the Word and searched the Scriptures to find if these things were so.

Miss Jenny W. Brown, Missionary-Designate.
THE BIBLE IN MOROCCO

Mr. Nairn writes:

"The scattering of the written message is also cause for much rejoicing. We keep Gospels in both Arabic and Shilha on our table, and whenever a suitable case passes through our hands we give a copy. In this way silent messengers are sent far and near. We love to think of them in places which we cannot reach. The story of what a single copy has done in other lands has often been told, and we believe that a similar story will be told from Morocco some day. One very well educated man from beyond the Atlas has been familiar with the Gospel for many years. At one time he seemed to be on the point of entering in, but the fear of man prevented him. Recently he was here for a few days, and before leaving again for his distant home he begged me to give him a complete copy of the Bible. It seems he is in the habit of talking over Scriptural matters with Jews in Soos, and he wished to be able to prove certain points from the Old Testament. We love to picture in our minds the scene in far-away Soos when the Moslem and the Jew discuss such matters with God's precious Book in their hand. We pray daily that this man may be truly born into God's family."

Through these various agencies, and in other ways, the Gospel is being brought to bear upon the life of Morocco. "They went forth and preached everywhere." So in Morocco to-day—in the dispensaries, market places, villages, homes, everywhere, they cease not to preach the Word.

During recent years many changes have been introduced into Moroccan life and affairs. The French, who are now in authority, have made good roads, have laid down railways, and have arranged spacious gardens and recreation grounds. They have opened schools and dispensaries in the large centres. Telephonic communication is established between the various towns, and wireless telegraphy is in opera-
tion. Sanitary work is being advanced in the streets and homes, and in other directions reforms, long overdue, are being forwarded. Unfortunately civilisation brings in its train many undesirable things, the advent of which are greatly deplored by the missionaries. It has been said that "Events are the Lord's evangelists," and doubtless through these movements of liberty and reform greater opportunities will be found for the preaching of the Word.

There are thousands of people in Morocco who now have an intelligent understanding of the fundamentals of our faith, and whose only need is the enlightenment of the Spirit to bring them into the full light of the Gospel. We at home can render by prayer, effective help towards this great deliverance.

THANKS.

The Council are deeply thankful for the support so loyally given by our helpers during another year. It has been a great encouragement to receive, month by month, the gifts of those whose hearts the Lord has touched. In the name of all our workers, and we feel sure with the unvoiced assent of thousands in Morocco who have received temporal and spiritual help at the hands of the missionaries, we sincerely thank our home helpers.

The Council feel sure that this service on behalf of the work in Morocco will be continued, and they trust in an increasing measure.

We plead for intercessors who will bear upon their hearts the needs of Morocco. May there come to all, who in the providence of God have become acquainted with the work of the Mission, a fresh comprehension of these needs and a fresh consecration of ourselves for their fulfilment.

We trust that every one who reads this review of the work will seek to have fellowship with us by prayer and gift, so that the cause of Christ may be extended in that dark and needy land.
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