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REVIEW OF THE WORK 1922
"WORKING TOGETHER WITH HIM."

Our Master, in Thy field so wide,
Thou bidst us work with Thee,
And Thou art daily by their side
Who serve Thee faithfully;
Thou hast a place and work for all
Who seek to serve, both great and small.

How many serve through weary years
In fields where thorns prevail!
They strive and toil with bitter tears,
And each day seem to fail.
But who shall judge? we see each weed,
But Thou, the living hidden seed.

Our failure oft in Thy wise hand
Is our most true success;
Thy ways we do not understand,
Yet Thou dost know and bless
Each one who strives to do his part
In Thy great field with hand and heart.

And so we pray Thee, Master, still
Teach us Thy work to do,
And not our own vain selfish will;
Our love each day renew,
That we may work Thy work on earth
With fervent love and simple faith.

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

Southern Morocco Mission.

In sending out our annual résumé of the work in Southern Morocco we desire to assure our home-helpers of our grateful appreciation of their continued support and prayerful remembrance. We are particularly thankful that during the recent trying years our friends have so loyally aided the Mission—in many cases at no small sacrifice—that every need has been fully met. We praise God that on the hearts of so many of His people He has laid the burden of the needs of that benighted nation.

It is a matter that calls for thankfulness that during the long period of thirty-four years the Lord has enabled His servants to continue their testimony in one of the hardest fields of the world. Great and far-reaching changes have marked the intervening years. During the first decades the country was wholly under the influence of Islamic government. Justice between man and man was unknown, slavery flourished unchecked, anarchy, treachery, and cruelty prevailed on every hand. Gross darkness covered the land. The blessings and comforts of civilisation were utterly unknown. There were no proper roads—the European road ended at Gibraltar, the trail began at Tangier. The only paths were those made by the feet of animals. They were single, tortuous tracks, over which camels, horses, and donkeys moved in single file.

At night the towns were unillumined, except by the fitful light of lanterns which were carried by belated travellers. The
French, who have now control of affairs, have introduced many long overdue reforms. Good roads have been made, and motor cars run regularly between the main cities and towns. Electric light has taken the place of the lantern; wireless telegraphy is in operation, and the telephone is installed in business houses. Unfortunately these are not the only accompaniments of civilisation. Low casinos abound, and the natives in many cases are learning from Europeans the taste of drink. Picture-houses and theatres have been opened with hurtful results. The Lord’s Day is given over to pleasure seeking—football and other forms of sport being prevalent on that day. These undesirable elements hinder the influence of the missionaries and tend to harden the opposition of the Moslems against Christianity. But for better or for worse Morocco has awakened from her sleep of centuries, and is quickly learning European ways and thought. At such a time how greatly she needs the guidance and salvation that only Christ can give. Europe has sent her many gifts, the Christian Church must send her the greatest gift of all—the love of God as revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Medical Missionary Work.

There are various avenues by which the missionary may approach the Moslem with the Gospel. Experience has proved that
there is no better way than that of medical missionary work. The woes and sorrows of Moslem lands are a call to the missionary to follow the example of his Master who

Miss Agnes Hosie.
Spring, 1922.

healed the sick as well as preached the good news of the Kingdom of God. Think of the needless suffering there is in towns where there is no doctor and no nurse to help with the kindly ministry of healing.

To bring the Gospel to bear effectively on the lives of the people in Morocco is the constant and earnest desire of the workers.

They are convinced there is only one Saviour who can break the chains of sin which bind the deluded devotees of Mohammed—even Jesus Christ our Lord. To tell the story of the wondrous love of God everywhere and to everyone—Jew, Moslem, and European—is the supreme purpose and joy of the workers. The methods of their approach to the people vary but the purpose never changes. It is to exalt Jesus Christ as the alone Saviour for all mankind. To reach the reluctant and suspicious Moslem no method has been found more fruitful than that of dispensary work. There is no gainsaying this unselfish and Christ-like service. There must be virtue, they say, in a religion which prompts men and women to engage in this high service. What patience is needed by the workers! Foul and loathsome wounds which have never been cleansed are dressed, to the amazement of the onlookers. "Never
tell me again,” they will say, “that the Christians are idolaters; the Christians know God, and are doing the work of God; it is we who are the idolaters.” It is an unforgettable experience for these sufferers to be thus gently treated and helped.

The dispensary affords the missionary unique opportunity for commending the Gospel message. The men and women whose sufferings have been alleviated are disposed to listen to the words of those who have been their helpers. By “word and deed” the missionaries are commending the Gospel; they are healing the sick, and saying to them, “The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.” No one can estimate the influence that streams to all parts of Morocco from these places of healing and testimony.

It is incalculable, and has proved of the first importance in breaking down the barriers which separated them from contact with the missionaries. “The Lord shall count when He writeth up the people that this man was born there.”

Work Among Children.

It was a very encouraging thing when, after long waiting, it was found possible to gather the children and teach them the wonderful words of life. Since this important and far-reaching work was begun a new generation has grown up, and there are men and women who, when children, were
taught by the missionaries. This has created a new bond of sympathy and interest; they have learned from the missionaries by their teaching and example the meaning of the Gospel, and in some measure have understood the message. One or two examples of how the Gospel has proved effective in bringing little ones to the Saviour may be given.

A girl, during a time of famine, was helped by the missionaries, and daily she heard the Gospel message. The day came that a word spoken in season was the means used by God in bringing her to Himself. She who was once a follower of the false prophet is now a servant of the Lord Jesus, and a worker, witnessing among her own people of Christ’s power to save.

Asking another of the girls what led her to decide to follow Jesus she replied that one day when humming a verse of a hymn she paused and said to herself, “But I am not happy.” That led her to make the great decision.

Another is one of the trophies won for Christ out of Moslem darkness. When a home was required to shield her she was welcomed at one of our stations. She has found her place in teaching a class of Moorish girls and is being made the means of blessing to many.

It is a great joy to the workers to have the opportunity of teaching the children the words of life. For all those who are
daily under the influence and teaching of the missionaries we are greatly thankful, and we pray that many of them may be led to put their trust in the Lord Jesus as their own Saviour.

Miss Irene Couleru,
Missionary Designate.

Work Among Women.

The degradation of Moslem womanhood is proverbial. In the seclusion of the harems they spend their days without the sympathy and love which encircle women in Christian lands. They are denied their rightful place in the home, ignored, despised, and, in many cases, treated with harshness and cruelty. "Only a woman," is a common phrase on the lips of Moslems to indicate their inferiority.

The needs of these Mooresses should appeal strongly to the sympathy of women in our favoured Christian lands. If they are to be rescued from this condition of degradation and shame it can only be by the earnest and prayerful efforts of our missionary sisters. As a result of patient continuance in helpful service on behalf of these secluded women, the missionaries now find open doors and welcome in almost every home. Their visits are eagerly anticipated, and it is a great joy to our sisters to be privileged to bear the message of the Gospel to these neglected women. And they do not forget. One of our workers writes: "While visiting recently I got into a new house. After the usual
salutations I was invited to sit down and the way opened for a talk, and then I sang a hymn in Arabic. One of the women asked if I could sing 'Jesus loves me.' 'Yes; do you know it?' 'Yes.' And she started with the chorus and sang the second verse quite correctly. I asked where she learned the words. Thirty-four years ago a missionary had taught her these words and she had not forgotten. For all that time she had not been in contact with any of the workers. It was an encouragement to me to give the Word of God to the young folks in our care, believing that it will not return void."

The Bible.

In putting the Scriptures into the hands of readers and inquirers the missionaries are doing effective service for the evangelisation of the people. It is a matter that calls for praise that so many of the people have now the Scriptures in their hands and find profit in reading them. Mohammedans who have been converted to the Christian faith urge the missionaries to distribute the Bible, being confident that its perusal will lead to conviction and conversion.

It is a great satisfaction to the missionaries when companies of Moslems gather together for the study of the Bible under their guidance. A new realisation and revelation of the things of God and the soul come to them as they ponder the sayings
of Scripture. One who had been a seeker for years exclaimed when he heard for the first time the words of the sermon on the mount: "Read that again; these are the words I have been waiting for.

The Bible is read to the people in the dispensaries, in the streets and villages, and in Moslem homes. Mr Muir who devotes himself to the evangelising of the Jews in Morocco, reasons with them from their Scriptures, showing that Jesus is Christ, their long-looked for Messiah. A new departure has been made at Mazagan, where a bookshop has been opened. It is of great importance that there should be opportunity for thoughtful readers to acquaint themselves with good books and papers, and specially with the Bible. Those who gather in the book-room will be brought into close contact with the workers, who will value the opportunity of leading them to spiritual discourse.

New Workers.

In view of the enlarging opportunities for service in Morocco the Council, after earnest consideration, decided to accept a number of new workers. In the early days of the year Miss Agnes Hosie and Miss Jenny Brown were sent out, and Miss I. B. Bell, Miss Mary S. Eadie, and Mr. W. J. Willis have recently sailed for the field. Miss Irene Couluter, Geneva, has also been accepted, and will go out in the autumn of next year.

This has meant a very considerable extra outlay for allowances, furnishings, outfit, and for passages. We feel sure that the Lord who has called out these young servants, and given them grace to respond, will provide, according to His promise, for their every need.

How We Can Help.

The Master said, "For their sakes I sanctify Myself." He is still sanctifying Himself, that is surrendering Himself, dedicating Himself, devoting Himself to fulfil and to finish His Father's will, and to accomplish the salvation of all whom the Father had given Him. For their
sakes, for the sake of the lost in dark Morocco, will we surrender ourselves to accomplish His will? He wills their salvation. How shall they know His will concerning them without a preacher? "For their sakes I sanctify Myself." We must add sanctification to intercession. To pray intelligently for them is to be led to surrender for their sake. To this service He is calling us; to pray more and more for the missionaries that they may be strengthened to persevere, that they may preach the Gospel with much assurance and in the Holy Ghost. To pray for the natives so that expectancy may be aroused within their hearts, and that they may receive the Word as the very truth of God. To give our time, our talents, our gifts for this high service as the Lord may show us. To ask in His presence, in view of the urgent needs of the people in Morocco and of the lessening days of opportunity, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" If we hear His call we shall do more than ever before for His sake and theirs.

In order to maintain the workers and to extend the work larger and more numerous gifts are required. Could we not tell others about the work in Morocco and so increase the number of our helpers? There are many doubtless who would be led to take an interest in the evangelising of this people were the needs put before them. We are to be God's remembrancers upon the earth.

"Love so amazing, so divine.
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

We are now approaching the close of our financial year and we shall gratefully welcome any gifts our friends may be disposed to send. Who shall recognise in this brief recital the call of God to assist in widening these areas and in preparing for the harvest which, in accordance with the pledge of our Divine Master shall come "in due season?"
**MISSIONARY STAFF, 1922.**

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| Miss MACNAB           | 1898              |

Native Helpers—RAHMA, SILCAH, and TAMMA.