

other blacks of the things extended to all at the mission station. The Colonial Secretary has received from the Hon J. Douglas, Government resident, at Thursday Island, an opinion on the value of the mission station to Aborigines at Batavia River, Cape York Peninsula, from Inspector Fitzgerald, who has visited the station on a recent occasion. Inspector Fitzgerald writes as follows: 'I have much pleasure in stating that from personal observation of the management at Mission Station, Batavia River, it appeared to me to be a perfect success—the result of common sense, courage and good temper applied to natives. It was quite a new experience to me when compared with other stations. I consider that the maintenance of the station reflects great credit on those identified with its existence, and deserves the support of every humane man in North Queensland. I also feel convinced that under such management the work of civilization will be extended without the assistance of police. I should think it reasonable to station another missionary with Mr. Hey to assist him in his plucky and solitary life. The work accomplished exceeds anything I have seen in my experience among natives, extending over more than 30 years.'

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## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

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### MISSION WORK AMONG THE JEWS.

#### The Mission Hospital, Jerusalem.

We find in the *Jewish Missionary Intelligence* the following account of the new Mission Hospital, at Jerusalem, supported by the London Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews:

This institution is now rapidly approaching completion, and we confidently hope that in a few months its beneficent influences may be felt far and wide, to the furtherance of the promotion of Christianity amongst the Jews in the Holy Land. This is the sole reason why the Society has for so many years strenuously laboured to support and to develop a Medical Mission Department.

The Society is a *Missionary* Society and not merely a philanthropical Society, and certainly not a medical Society.

The Jerusalem Medical Mission was established as far back as the year 1824. Sixteen years later the present Hospital was hired, in which there were for a time twelve beds; four years later another twelve were added; and the number is now twenty-six. But after forty-five years it has been