

somehow perform, but as a privilege kindly conferred upon us. Dr. Epstein, with our motion and authority, has gone forth to reach the glad tidings of salvation to his unfortunate fellow-countrymen, to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He has gone forth, willing to spend and to be spent in the cause of the Redeemer, and it becomes every friend of that sacred cause to lend his aid in sustaining him in his efforts. Many of our readers have already had an opportunity of hearing Dr. Epstein, and two or three of our churches we believe made collections for him during his visit; but they ought to recollect that the initiation of a new mission is attended with some preliminary expense in the form of outfit, passage money and other matters, independent of the yearly salary which ought to be provided for either by subscriptions or collections from each of our churches. If we might venture to express an opinion, we should think the former the preferable plan. A cause so high and holy requires no recommendation—it forms one of the most prominent and generously supported schemes in every section of the Christian Church. Let the Church of Scotland in these Lower Colonies be up and doing—and doing promptly—let not the hearts of good men be discouraged by our apathy. Let us consider the obligations we as Christians, are under to this very people and endeavor to repay some of the debt. They have been a stiff-necked and rebellious people—but they have also been God's chosen people. The field is before us, and every one can do a little—oh! let us not stop or faint by the way.

If any of our readers wish to contribute any sum large or small, to this noble undertaking, we will gladly take charge of it, acknowledge receipt of it in the pages of the *Record*, and transmit it at once to the Treasurer, Mr. Morris of Montreal; or if they prefer it, they may send it direct to Mr. M. who will receive it thankfully and apply it faithfully. We beg to direct attention to the following letter:—

THE JEWISH MISSION.

MONTREAL, April 6, 1860.

To the Editor of the "*Monthly Record*."

SIR,—As Treasurer of the Mission to the Jews, which has been undertaken by the branches of our Church in British North America, I feel some anxiety to hear that the Mission is likely to receive in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward's Island, a cordial and liberal support.

We have deliberately sent a missionary physician, with his family to preach "Christ and him crucified," to Jew and Greek, in that Thessalonica, where the great apostle of the Gentiles walked and preached. He has arrived at his destination, and amid a strange mingling of nationalities, and a Babel of tongues, is commencing the preparation for his work. The languages spoken in Salonica

are the Jewish, Spanish, Modern Greek, Turkish, French, Italian, and Bulgarian. There is a Jewish population of 35,000. Monaster, Berea, and Larissa, are in the same quarter of European Turkey. At the former there are 3000 Jews; at the latter, 2000. The missionary is meanwhile devoting himself to the acquisition of the languages, in order that he may enter upon his work.

As the financial year of the mission is coming to a close, I trust that we may be encouraged in the work, by the receipt of liberal congregational collections from your Provinces. The financial position of the mission is such as to cause the Committee some anxiety, as after the defrayal of the expenses of the outfit and passage of the missionary, we are not in funds to pay the necessary salary for the year. May I solicit for this good work your countenance and recommendation, and while asking pecuniary contributions, let me ask also the prayers of your people for the mission, the missionary and his family. May the God of Jacob sustain and support him in his labors and trials, and may the word find its way, as of old, into the hearts of many faithful "Bereans."

I am your obedient servant.

ALEXANDER MORRIS.

Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The first Annual Report of the Church of Scotland Missionary Association, in Nova Scotia for 1859, is now before us.

We are always glad to see such publications as the above. They afford a pleasing evidence that the members of the church are interested in its prosperity. It is very neatly got up, is well arranged, and contains a good deal of matter at once important and interesting, besides a satisfactory account of the operations of the Society.

The field of the "Missionary Society" has hitherto been confined to the bounds of the Presbytery of Halifax, and its principal object, a most laudable one, to maintain one or two missionaries, to supply the spiritual wants of our brethren in the scattered stations throughout that district. It may be said that it enjoys at present the services of two missionaries; for we believe that seldom or never does a Sabbath pass, on which that veteran soldier of the Cross, the Rev. Mr. Martin, does not minister in some of the preaching localities belonging to that Presbytery, with all his old vigor and earnestness. The members of our church in Halifax are naturally anxious to meet as far as they can the expenses incident to this mission, and in their appeal to the public, they publish some truths which it is well that our people should read and seriously ponder. We state the bare facts, as we have not space to enlarge.