

THE MISSION AT ALEXANDRIA.

(Extract letter from Rev. J. W. Yule, who, with his wife and niece, have recently arrived in this quarter, and opened a station there.)

You will be glad to hear that our ever-gracious God has brought us in safety to the place of our destination. We arrived here on the evening of the 12th instant, after a pleasant voyage of fourteen days. The captain, officers, and passengers, were all very kind and agreeable, which tended to our comfort. On the two Sabbaths we were at sea I held service in the saloon, all the passengers who were not sea sick, and the sailors not on duty, being present.

At Gibraltar we received some native passengers, among whom was a Jewish Rabbi, on his way to Jerusalem in order that he might die there. During our voyage I endeavoured once or twice to get into conversation with him, and once or twice he read some portions of the Psalter with me. As long as I said nothing about Jesus being the Christ he was willing to listen to me, but the moment I touched in conversation on this great truth, he shut his teeth, and gave a serpent-biss which indicated his bitter hatred of that name.

On landing, I was fortunate in meeting with Dr. Philip, though only for a little, as he was on the point of embarking for Malta. He had drawn out a long letter of counsel for me, which will be useful in the course of time. . . . There is a Jewish girls' school here, which Dr. Philip had under his care, and the expenses of which were borne by the Ladies' Association in Paisley. You will perhaps understand the present state of the school, if I copy what Dr. Philip has written respecting it. "They (*i. e.*, the ladies in Paisley) sent out a lady from home as a teacher, and the school was daily increasing under her, but she lost her health and was obliged to return home, and there were no funds to send out a successor to her. The ladies here promised to support a teacher for the sewing department, and pay other small incidental expenses, which promise they have hitherto promptly fulfilled, and there are several amongst them who take a deep interest in the Institution. In the time of the former teacher there were about eighty girls in attendance, and of that number about seventy were Jewesses." Such is the account Dr. Philip gives of the school. At present the number of the scholars is not great, but the field appears to be a promising one; at the same time we must keep in mind that to cultivate it properly will cause considerable expense.