

converted Jews. Mendelssohn, Heine, Lord Beaconsfield, Gambetta were Israelites by descent. Scattered all over the globe are over 8,000,000 Hebrews, 50,000 of whom live in New York City. Of these few millions already 100,000 are converted to Christianity, though not more than 250 missionaries are engaged in the vast undertaking. For their use the New Testament has been recently translated into beautiful idiomatic Hebrew by Dr. Delitzsch, which has given a great impetus to the study of the Word. Within the last five years Jewish missions have grown with unexpected and unparalleled rapidity. Here, however, as everywhere else, the harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few. Fields open everywhere with brilliant promise; opportunities such as the church never before witnessed; but men and women consecrated to the Lord's service are not offered in sufficient number, and much less the requisite capital, to respond to calls which daily become more and more emphatic. We ought to awake to the fact that the final consummation of saving grace to the whole Gentile world hangs on the evangelization of the Jews. We may still say to God's Israel as Peter did, "Repent ye, therefore, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

THE FUTURE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.

Dr. H. P. Mendes, the famous rabbi, in the *Jewish Chronicle* magnifies the coming restoration of the Jews to their own land as a prophetic certainty. He sets forth the desirableness of the land as a possession, its ancient fertility and its capacity for sustaining a large population. He then refers to the boundaries of the true promised land as much broader than Palestine, being 500 miles long and 1,100 broad. See Joshua i:4.

Then he proceeds to show the importance of such a possession, and in substance says:

First, look at its geographical position as a trade center. Imagine Canada and the United States with 826,000,000, the given population of Asia. Imagine South America with 307,400,000, the given population of Europe. Add the millions of Africa, estimated at 206,000,000. Imagine next Central America with the milder climate of Palestine, and the supply and demand between North and South America, with all these millions of people with wants to be supplied, passing through, as must be when North and South America are connected by rail! Would not Central America offer brilliant promises for business purposes?

Just so Palestine. Railroad communication with Africa, Asia and Europe must pass through this "promised land." The Euphrates Valley road, connecting the European system of railways with India and the further East, will also roll trade into the confines of our land. History will only repeat itself. For in the days of Solomon, as Dean Milman points out, the five great caravan and trading lines of the ancient world converged in Palestine, and hence the national prosperity was so great that "silver was in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars as the sycamore trees that are in the vale, for abundance."

A common idea is that the Restoration means that all Hebrews must go back to Palestine. Dr. Mendes thinks all will not return, but some will stay and engage in prosperous business among gentile nations. "And their seed shall be among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people; all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed." Isa. lxi: 9. Or again, "I will take you one of a city and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion," Jer. iii: 14. However, as soon as business possibilities are visible, the Hebrews will be ready enough to re-