

## THE CONSOLATION OF ISRAEL.

Our colporteur found some years ago in the town of——, a very interesting and respectable Jew, above three-score and ten years old, who listened and received the word of the truth as it is in Jesus; the blessed Spirit revealing to his quickened soul the efficacy of the blood, righteousness, and intercession of Christ, the surety of His people. Some time ago the colporteur came again to this place, and was told that the old man had died, after having been ill for some time, and the Jew, the son of that old man, shut the door rather rudely in his face. A few doors off lived a pious Christian family. He heard from the mother of the family that he had nursed the old believing Jew the whole time of his sickness. "He," she related, "spoke always of Christ as the only hope of sinners. 'Can I hope,' he asked me, 'to be saved, to go to heaven, and be with Jesus, with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?' I consoled him according as the Lord assisted me, and he took such a delight in all I said to him about Jesus. At last he begged his son to send for a minister to baptize him; but his son, like all the rest in the house, being a very bigoted Jew, refused to do so, and said the old man was delirious; but he was not so; his illness was decay through old age, he being seventy-five years old. His last words were, 'Lord Jesus, I commit my spirit into Thine hands!' What I have heard I cannot and I dare not deny. Old B——died by the grace of God in the full assurance of faith in our Redeemer."—*Rev. Mr. Pauli, Amsterdam.*

## A TRACT IN A SHOE.

A shoemaker who had received a tract, without reading it, used it for the lining of the sole of a shoe. To all appearance the labour of the tract distributor was in vain. But it was not so. The shoe was worn, and after a time was sent to another shoemaker to be soled anew. The latter, one Sabbath morning, sat down to his work. Tearing off the worn-out sole, he found the tract, and his attention was immediately arrested by the title—"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The words were like an arrow from the quiver of the Almighty. The shoe was laid aside, and the man hastened to the house of God. He was awakened, and led to the cross of Christ, and herein found peace.

There is an Eastern proverb which says:—"Thoughts are daughters of earth; but deeds are sons of heaven."