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of existence, and he cannot be absorbed into other nations; so that he is and always will be the great incontrovertible fact that infidels can never do away with.

There is a much greater interest taken in the Jewish race in these days than in any that have preceded them. An evidence of this lies in the fact that one can scarcely take up a magazine or paper without finding an article on the subject, or some reference to them, their customs, or to their land. Only a few years ago Jews were never mentioned except in terms of utter contempt, even by so-called Christians. That feeling is, I trust, passing away, as is also their prejudice against us; although the bitter persecution they have suffered for centuries is a thing not easily forgotten. They can be won by kindness, and every kind word spoken and every kind deed done for them by Christians helps to do away with that prejudice, and makes it easier for those so employed to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the homes of these benighted people. The medical missions in the east, in Jerusalem, and everywhere where they are established, are invaluable in that respect—they follow the divine way of working—healing the body first, and then caring for the soul; and these missions are exceptionally blessed. Although the rabbis have had hospitals built and have strictly forbidden Jews to go to Christian hospitals, they prefer ours to their own, and frequent them in great numbers.

A new medical mission has just been opened in Damascus. It is called the Eustan Maxwell Mission, and is the result of the death of a young student who was intending to devote his life to that work when he had completed his education, but who was suddenly called home, being killed in a railway accident. His sorrowing mother has written the story of his

life—a beautiful life devoted to God, and is most touchingly told. The proceeds of this little book, which is in its third edition, are to be used in opening this medical mission in the place in which he had intended spending his life in the Master's service.

The position of Jewish women in the East, and in countries where the Ishmael is the law and guide, is a most degraded one. My space is too small to give you many particulars, but a few facts will suffice to show the low estimate in which women are held. They are not considered the equal of men in any

respect—they need not learn to read, write, or even to pray. It is necessary to have ten men present to form a congregation in a synagogue; but if there were a hundred women present, they would not count, and they must wait until the requisite number of men are present. Every man and boy every morning, if not oftener, thanks God that he is not either a woman or an idiot. A wife can be divorced for the slightest offence—any trivial failing is sufficient cause. A Hebrew Christian, a native of Russia, told me that a Jew could divorce his wife if she did not put salt enough in his porridge. Shall not we Christian women whom “a Jew according to the flesh” has made free help to enlighten our sisters who are still in heathen darkness as far as the true light is concerned?

A wonderful change has passed and is still passing in the condition of this scattered people. The Lord had said concerning Israel that “in the latter days He would break the yoke of the Gentiles from off his neck, and burst his bonds.” It is a fact which cannot be denied that for more than a century these words have been receiving a literal fulfilment. Jewish influence has increased in every connection, and it is a familiar story that they control the money market of the world.

On the continent of Europe they have acquired immense influence in the press. In one place alone, Dr. Kellogg tells us that out of twenty-three liberal and progressive papers of the Berlin daily press there are only two which are not, in one way or another, under Jewish control. In the last election in England there were more Jews returned to Parliament than ever before in the history of that country. An eminent writer in *The Century* says: “The rapid rise of the Jewish element is a fact which may be easily observed all over Europe. If