

## Work for God at Home and Abroad.

### JEWISH BAPTISMS.

**A**N interesting service was held at S. Paul's, Haggerston, London, E., on S. Paul's Day, commencing at 5 P.M. Although this was an inconvenient hour for many, the congregation was by no means small, and throughout there was observable a feeling of solemn joy. The form of service was that of the Hebrew Guild of Intercession; the Warden of the Guild, the Rev. M. Rosenthal, officiating. The Vicar of S. Paul's, the Rev. S. J. Stone, and the clergy of the church were present. The service commenced with collects and prayers, and the hymn, 'Hark the sound of holy voices.' Then a procession was formed, during which ten candidates grouped themselves round the baptismal font. The oldest is forty-five years of age, the youngest nineteen, and all orthodox Rabbinical Jews, with the exception of one, who is a Karaite. They belong to various classes and callings, and have made considerable sacrifices for conscience sake. Indeed, they have lost their all. It was remarked that their faces were radiant, and the answers to the solemn questions of the Church's Baptismal Service were given by each in a manner which showed that heart and soul were alive to that moment's mighty issue for eternity. They appeared like men who were joyously putting on the whole armour of God. The Warden of the Guild then returned to the altar, and offered earnest prayers for the newly-initiated Hebrew Christian brethren. The hymn, 'When I survey the wondrous Cross,' having been sung, the Warden closed this most interesting service by pronouncing the Aaronic Benediction.

In the middle of the church a large number of Jews had congregated to witness these baptisms. Their dark, scowling countenances and angry looks formed a striking contrast to the peaceful, beaming expression resting on the faces of those newly admitted into Christ's fold. These men had intended assailing Mr. Rosenthal as he quitted S. Paul's Church, but a body of police on the spot were ready to protect him from any violence. May the God of Jacob hear our prayers for them, and may His Blessed Spirit touch their hearts and lead them also to the Baptismal font, as He has led

so many others, to confess the Saviour who died for them, and to become members of His Body, while He fills them with that peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

We must not fail to remind those interested in this great work that Mr. Rosenthal requires means to carry it on. Indeed, there is urgent need at this present moment. Anyone wishing to communicate with him may address, The Rev. Michael Rosenthal, 82 Navarino Road, Dalston, London, E. E. H. T.

### THE CHURCH EXTENSION ASSOCIATION.

#### JOTTINGS FROM OUR JOURNAL

'WORK for God'—that is the head which our monthly journal comes.

It is a positive fact that each Christian on earth has been given a real and separate work to perform for God.

We may wisely and profitably reflect on our own insignificance as individuals in this great world of which we each form so small an atom. A philosopher of old once said that if a man wanted to realise what was the real need of him he should dip his finger in a bucket of water, and, withdrawing it, look for the hole. But, however small a place we may fill, if we are doing our work faithfully and earnestly we can no more be taken from it and our absence not be felt, than a soldier can fall in the ranks and his cause not be the weaker by one gun and one brave spirit. For is it not written in the Book that we are 'labourers together with God?' Each, therefore, has some real and definite work to accomplish. No one can relieve us of our individual obligations, nor discharge our special duties; we cannot leave them undone without sin and its inevitable retribution, for we shall be judged as certainly for what we leave undone as for what we do.

'I have no money and no time to give,' you say. But does not the history of thousands prove that heart and will are generally our only requisites for the accomplishment of most enterprises, and that it is mutual burden-bearing, such as all can join in, which is to help the world out of its miseries and meannesses; to comfort, relieve, and restore the needy and erring?

Take the question of no time. What if you