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## Our Monthly Reunion.

### PRAYER TOPIC.

“That they all may be one; as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be in us; that the world may believe that thou has sent me.”

For the conversion of the Jews; success of Wesleyan and McAll Missions in France; that we may not lose interest in our work during the summer vacation.

THERE has seemed to exist a general belief that work among the Jews is more difficult and discouraging than any other missionary work. Perhaps, however, the best methods of teaching them have not yet been found, and perhaps we have not given to this work the same earnest, believing effort. Perhaps also such Jews as have made their homes in Christian countries have not always experienced the care and kindness, or witnessed the truest examples of Christian living, and thus the religion promulgated in the name

of the lowly Nazarene has not been attractive to them. The Jewish population to-day is supposed to be between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000. In the time of their highest prosperity—during the reigns of Solomon and David—they hardly exceeded 5,000,000. Missions among them are noticed as early as 1676, when the synods of Delft, Leyden and Dortrecht considered methods for work among them.

The name of Johann Callenburg comes down to us as one of the founders of Protestant Missions and a devoted worker among the Jews. It is said that he established at his own expense printing offices, where missionary literature was printed in Hebrew for circulation.

Dr. Dalman, of Leipzig, an authority on this subject, says that forty-seven Protestant Missionary Societies employ 377 laborers at 135 stations, and have an annual income of \$500,000. The London Society for the propagation of Christianity among the Jews, is the oldest. The original home of the Jews is of course in Asia, where there are said to be about 500,000, and about as many more in Africa. Their chief modern home is found in Eastern and Central Europe. The number of Jews in Palestine in 1888 reached 70,000. Dr. Pierson says the “latter rains” have been restored to the land after centuries of comparative drought. It is claimed that this is in the line of fulfilment of prophecy. The persecution of the Jews in Russia has likely had much to do with the influx into Palestine. The inauguration of a railroad from Joppa to Jerusalem is an event of much promise for the future. Students of prophecy cannot but be interested in the changes occurring in this historic land.

DR. MCALL, as our readers are aware, has been compelled to retire from active participation in the successful and glorious mission which bears his name. It is a tribute to the wisdom of Dr. McAll, to his breadth of vision, and his consecrated common sense, that he has so successfully carried on an evangelistic work, which has secured so much co-operation without denominationalism. The divisions of Protestantism are the stumbling-block in the way of thinking Romanists.

The McAll Mission was visited by Dr. A. T. Pierson, and after careful and repeated investigation, speaking in the Mission Halls, and lodging in the homes, he pronounces it the “*model of modern missions.*” This wonderful work began with “an accidental visit,” or more properly speaking, by a Providential direction in 1871. After nineteen years the results are thus given: “One hundred and thirty *salles* in Paris and in the provinces, with 19,000 sittings, and all carried on with an expense of about as many pounds sterling. These *salles* are rallying points for Christian workers, and radiating points for Christian effort. They mean *nuclei* around which gather all the best accompaniments of evangelism Bible classes, mothers’ meetings, children’s schools inquiry meetings, and of late Christian churches are growing out of them with sacraments and a living growing membership.” Shall we not pray, “O, multiply the sower’s seed?”