

case; it is that of a Jewish boy, who was cast off by the Jews when he was about eight or nine years of age. At first this boy supported himself by begging, but when he was grown a little bigger, no one would give him alms, and he then took to thieving, and soon became an accomplished thief. It was then (he was now about twelve or thirteen years of age) that the missionaries became acquainted with him. Hearing that no one else would take any care of him, we resolved to do so. We had not courage to take him into the school, lest he should spoil the other children. We therefore placed him in a house kept by some German people, decided Christians, who had been sent by a small Society at Basle to preach the Gospel, partly by showing how a man ought, by labouring with his hands, to adorn the Gospel of Christ. He remained with them about a fortnight, stole something, and at last escaped; and so tired were they of him, so devoid of all hope of his amendment, that they would not receive him any more. All other resources having failed, after commending the case to God, I resolved upon receiving this boy into our school, in the name of Him who received sinners.

It was with trembling that this step was taken; but I now say, with joy and thankfulness to God, that during the past year he has been the most orderly boy in the school: so that when, previous to my leaving Jerusalem, I enquired about him of the master, and also of the steward, who has charge of the feeding of the poor orphans, I was told that during the last year they had not been obliged to administer any punishment to him. Some of the English travellers who passed through Jerusalem about Easter, were struck with the mild and gentle physiognomy of this boy, and felt sufficiently interested in him to ask whose son he was.

I will state another fact relating to a girl who began to attend the girl's school two or three years ago, when she was about seven years of age. Her father was a poor Jew, who lived partly on the alms which he received, in common with the other poor Jews, from the rabbis. When he first sent his daughter to the school, the rabbis threatened to discontinue his alms, unless he removed her. He determined to lose the alms rather than withdraw his child. Although he had no trade, he asked for no help for about two years. At length his health completely failed, and when I at last heard of his position, and endeavoured to relieve him, it proved to be too late. His health went on declining; and it soon became evident to every one that he could not live much longer. For