

the friends to whom the arrangements will be committed can do to lessen your solicitude, and to provide what may be needful for the efficient carrying on of your respective congregational work in your absence, will gladly be done by them.

"Engaged, as you will be, in such blessed work for the Master, you and we may rest assured that the great Head of the Church will not permit your self-denying service to go unrewarded, but that while we are enjoying your ministrations here, and the fire is being kindled throughout our land, as we pray it may, your beloved people will receive a double portion of the blessing, and you, and we, and they will rejoice together."

At a meeting held on Monday, July 23d, in 5 St. Andrew's Square, after prayerful consultation, the Central Committee adopted the following resolution, which was communicated to the Rev. Dr. Pierson and the Rev. Dr. Gordon:

"Impressed with the conviction that the blessing attending the United Missionary Meetings recently held in Edinburgh is a manifest indication that the Lord is owning the abundant labors of their beloved brethren, Drs. Pierson and Gordon, in promoting a deep and widespread interest in the cause of the world's evangelization, and believing that the great Head of the Church is calling them to engage in more extended service to the churches throughout our land, the Committee hereby solemnly invite them to prolong their visit to Scotland, and to accept as many of the pressing requests, which are flowing in for their services, as they possibly can before they return to America.

"The Committee further request Drs. Pierson and Gordon kindly to inform them how they can, financially and otherwise, lessen their anxiety regarding their congregational work in America during their absence."

The following extract from a letter addressed to the Convener of the Central Committee will show the spirit in which Drs. Pierson and Gordon have entertained our request, and the plan upon which they have determined at the outset, at least, to carry it out:

"We have left home with great interests intrusted to our leadership, not only in our own congregations, but in the community at large, and the denomination to which we belong, and to prevent any such interests from serious damage, we had both planned to be at home again by the time when our autumn work would begin. Dr. Gordon had taken passage for August 9th, and I for September 1st. To delay return longer would necessitate very great inconvenience to us, to our families left without a head, and to all our church work and Christian work at large. Should it be plain to us that such a course was demanded of us by God, that would decide the matter at once.

"We thank God for our courteous reception in Scotland, and are quite ready to make visits to a few of the centers of Church life and work, to arouse a more intelligent interest, if we may; but so far we see no reason why those visits should not be made at once, and in rapid succession.

"This may not be the most favorable time in your judgment, but all things being considered, it seems to us the most favorable for the promotion of the interests in view, without imperiling others, equally sacred to us, elsewhere. Moreover, He who has the times and seasons in His hands, has timed our visit, and we think He would not send us here when He saw it was not, on the whole, the best. . . . We go step by step, but cannot plan for a long way ahead. We are not free, but are under a sacred bond of obligation as pastors and workers at home. If, as we go forth in God's name, He makes clear that there is a special call to wider work in this land, we shall no doubt hear that call, but we cannot anticipate such an exigency.

"Our brethren must make all plans for us with reference to immediate service, and let the future be cared for as it is unfolded in God's Providence.

"Yours, with many prayers for the coming of the Kingdom,

"(Signed)

"ARTHUR T. PIERSON.

"A. J. GORDON."

THE INSTITUTA JUDAICA.

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AMONG the notable features that stamp the present as the greatest missionary century since the days of the Apostles is also the revival at the German universities of the famous *Institutum Judaicum* of Halle. At nine of these high schools in the land of Luther, at several in the Scandinavian countries and in Switzerland these associations, of Israel-loving students have been organized. The total membership is now between three hundred and four hundred; a general organization has been effected, which holds delegate meetings annually, somewhat after the manner of the Inter-Seminary Mission Alliance in America. Two pub-