

## Mission Field.

### BISHOP BLYTH.

In a letter lately received from Jerusalem Bishop Blyth earnestly pleads for direct aid that he may not be wholly dependent on London Committees, but be able to move independently and take advantage of openings as they occur. He says that frequently the opening comes so quickly that he has only time to reply by return of post 'Yes' or 'No.' This he finds of constant occurrence in Jewish work, more especially now that so many Jews are flocking into Palestine. It was the prompt payment of the Rev. N. Odeh's stipend that was the direct reason of the Bishop being able to open the Cairo Mission, and already new work is being developed there.

So strongly does the Canadian Committee feel the force of the Bishop's appeal for aid to be at his own disposal in prosecuting his mission work among the Jews, that they agreed at their annual meeting on the 7th March last, that, after paying Mr. Odeh's stipend, all offerings made for Bishop Blyth's work shall be sent to him direct for the "Jerusalem Bishopric Mission Fund."

This is the course pursued by the S. P. C. K., and by the P. M. J. Fund, and it seems the right course. It is a recognition of the Bishop's right of control in the work to which the Church has called him. It assumes that a Bishop residing in Jerusalem knows and understands the exigencies of his work better than a Committee sitting in London. It takes for granted that the Lord committed the superintending and governing power over the Church to the Bishops, and that after all said and done the responsibility rests upon them.

To most Churchmen in Canada these are first-principles, but in many quarters they are very slow in gaining recognition, and need to be asserted again and again.

To most of the readers of the Guardian, it will be a satisfaction to be assured that all subscriptions and donations sent to Rev. J. D. Cayley, M. A. Toronto, and all Offerories sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese will be sent direct for Bishop Blyth's work, less the necessary expenses for printing and mailing the annual report and appeal, which amount to 2½ cents in the dollar. The total receipts for last year were \$1509.52; the total expenses \$38.04.

Care should be taken, when remitting offerories, to designate them for Bishop Blyth.

For lack of care in this respect, money intended for Bishop Blyth has miscarried.

### Jerusalem and the East Mission Fund.

For the support of work in the personal charge of Bishop Blyth.

"Beginning at Jerusalem."—S. Luke xxiv, 47.

In the standing orders of our Lord to His Church as to missionary work there are noticeably two distinct objects, the Jews and Gentiles. They are not equal in magnitude, for it is impossible to contrast the 10,000,000 of the Jewish race with the vast myriads of the Gentile world. Yet the obedience which is due from every baptized Christian in respect of missionary work is only half complete if, whilst paying attention to the claim of the Gentile, we ignore that of the Jew. This claim is now rising into prominence. And if the Church has been so greatly enriched in spiritual life and temporal enlargement since she began to give her attention to the demands of missionary duty to the heathen, what may she not expect when her obedience is a whole obedience, including both Jews and Gentiles? Surely the signs of the times favour her activity in this matter.

The Bishop's Fund supports or aids most important Jewish missions, and several chaplaincies in the Bishop's hands, which, though primarily for English work, are yet closely connected with openings for Jewish work, or for the reunion of the Churches. It is also intended to deal with questions connected with Jewish Christianity in these lands. Grants are made from his Fund by the Bishop to work in the hands of the two Societies engaged in Palestine. A society may occupy a single field, but it is impossible for the Bishop, in whose hands all work centres, to confine his aid to any one branch.

The purely Jewish work consists of—(1) A curacy attached to the Beyrout chaplaincy, established 1887; (2) A similar curacy now in formation at Alexandria; (3) A full mission at Cairo, opened in March 1880; (4) One at Haifa, in Palestine, opened in November 1880; (5) A mission home for Jewish female work at Jerusalem, opened in 1888.

(1) The curacy at Beyrout is at present vacant, but it will be filled shortly. Beyrout is a port of arrival for Jews, and has a large Jewish population. The curacy has been already very useful, but it has not been on a sufficient scale, and when re-opened will be placed on a footing more adequate to the increasing importance of the place. This curacy has been aided with a grant of \$25 a year from the Parochial Mission to Jews Fund, which will be doubled when a new missionary is appointed. Those connected with the work of this mission use the services in the chapel of the chaplain at Beyrout.

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