

—Prayer at the dedication of the Evangelical Church in Bethlehem. This church is under the especial patronage of the Empress Augusta Victoria :

"Lord, our God, we thank Thee that Thou hast given us to build this house, wherein Thy holy Word shall be proclaimed and Thy name be praised. We most heartily entreat Thee, let the work of Thy holy baptism be powerfully wrought at this baptismal font. Let Thy saving Word resound from this pulpit. Cover this altar with the beneficent gifts of Thy table. Maintain Thy Word and Sacrament in uncorrupted purity within this place. Enlighten and sanctify through the same all the people whom, now or in time to come, Thou mayest gather for Thyself, to become a temple of the Holy Ghost. Remember in Thy compassion the congregation for which this house is built. Build it into a spiritual house, into a dwelling of Thy Holy Spirit. Send evermore faithful pastors and teachers to this place. Stir up the hearts of the congregation, that they may ever follow joyfully into Thy sanctuary the summons of these bells. Graciously accept the prayers which here ascend to Thee. Hallow the marriages which are blessed here. Forgive all the penitents who make confession here their sins, and through these holy services bring them into such a frame and temper that at last, when their pilgrimage draws to an end, they may depart hence in joyful comfort, may enter into their Father's house on high—a house not made with hands, therein, with all angels and elect souls, to offer adoring worship, saying, 'Glory be unto God in the highest! Amen.' "

—"Though the Jews are returning by thousands to Palestine, yet there is a point which, to human apprehension, seems an impossibility : the Jews are not accustomed to cultivate the soil. They have hardly been allowed to hold an inch of ground for eighteen centuries. How can they become husbandmen? The

best answer to this question is found in the twenty or twenty-five Jewish colonies now existing in Palestine. There are cities, villages, hamlets, farms which were not in being ten years ago, and which to-day belong wholly to Jews. If they are not yet good husbandmen, they are in the way to become so.

"The most of these colonies are wonderfully prosperous. The Jews bring thousands of acres under cultivation. They have planted the vine and trees of every kind. A friend of the Rev. Mr. Schol, who visited these colonies, was utterly astonished at that which he saw. The whole country seemed like a beautiful garden. The plains were covered with harvests and the vines cultivated to perfection. When we remember that, in place of these rich crops, nothing was to be seen ten years ago but an arid desert, we see what a transformation has already been effected, and all that may yet come to pass in the time ordained of God.

"The Jews are everywhere immensely rich. [Is this true of the bulk of them?] They are spoiling the Egyptians—that is to say, the Russians ; they gather the wealth of Germany, of Austria, of England, of America, and of elsewhere. Now they are called to become the great missionaries of the world. Then all that which they have gathered will flow into the coffers of the Lord. See how the work of the Lord languishes in our days, simply for want of money and men. Now, when the Jews spoil the Egyptians, we are to consider that the work of God cannot suffer thereby. Only see : last year there were spent in England \$450,000,000 in drink, \$80,000,000 in tobacco, something like \$400,000,000 in objects of luxury, such as jewels—that is to say, \$400,000,000 foolishly squandered. Thus, about \$1,130,000,000 have been spent in the most Christian of countries in vain or absurd things. And how much has been given in the same time for foreign missions? About \$5,000,000! Let the Jews gather wealth! The times draw near when, having become believers,