

*Syrian Jews.*

The Jews in Palestine.

In Palestine, (the land that God gave them,) the Jews have been long oppressed by the Turks who are still the governors of that country. At present, however, the Sultan is much more kind, not only to them, but also to the Christians. This is partly on account of the influence of the British ambassador who lives in Constantinople and who takes the part of all that are oppressed; but it is also because the disposition of the Sultan is inclined to this mild policy.

The time is not far distant now, when the Jews will return and get possession of their own land; but that will be only when they "look upon him whom they have pierced, and mourn" over their apostasy. Missionaries are preaching to them in Jerusalem itself, and not without success; many have already been converted to Christianity, and a still

greater number are earnestly inquiring about it. The Jews themselves are alarmed at its progress, as it is spreading secretly among their families from house to house. Means are used to stop it, but without effect. Secret tribunals are formed, whose business it is to search after those who read Christian books, or visit the missionaries.

A young Jew, who was lately converted, was desirous of attending Christian worship in the missionaries chapel. This, however, he was not permitted to do, and the Rabbis thinking that the Pasha, who is a Mahomedan, would take their part, appealed to him. They said, "This young man is a Jew. If he were to become a Mahomedan, we could not prevent him; but he should not be allowed to become a Christian.—The Pasha told them that he was not