

claims wider and more liberal recognition for the fund on the part of the members of the Church of England. Referring to the work amongst the Jews the report says that it is full of interest even apart from its spiritual aspect. "There is something really mysterious about the Jews; their miraculous vitality from a historical point of view, their intellectual superiority, their indomitable perseverance and their racial identity are points which offer vast fields of study to the student of history, metaphysics and ethnology. But when we turn to the religious side of the question, which of course infinitely transcends every other in importance, the interest assumes an intensity far higher and holier. This is not the place to dwell upon this part of the subject, suffice it to say, that in our humble opinion, he who does not realize his duty towards the Jews, neither understands the spirit of the Bible nor especially "the significance of St. Paul's epistle to the Romans."

This Society, as we understand is entirely in sympathy with Bishop Blyth's work in Jerusalem: and has as its general Secretary in Canada the Rev. J. D. Cayley, M. A. Rector of St. George's Church, Toronto.

THE S. P. C. K.

 THE following letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York appeared in the London (Eng.) Guardian of 5th. January, with reference to the bicentenary of the S.P.C.K.

"We desire to bring to the notice of Church people the needs and claims of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. It was founded on March 8th, 1698, and it will therefore be 200 years old on March 8th, 1898. Its work for the Church has been in times past, and is at the present moment of great value. It was the *first* Society to care for the religious education of the poor; the *first* to send missionaries to India, the *first* to circulate wholesome literature both at home and abroad, the *first* to undertake the translation of the Bible and Prayer-book into foreign languages. The Society for the propagation of the Gospel, in 1701 and the National Society in 1811, were both off-shoots from this society when the work became too large for the one committee to manage.

"Its work at present in making grants of its books to poor parishes and Church schools is of extreme importance. Its training colleges for school mistresses at Tottenham and for lay-workers in Stepney are most satisfactorily conducted. It largely assists the building of Sunday Schools and Mission-rooms in England and Wales. It has helped liberally towards the permanent endowments of fifty-four colonial

and missionary sees. The money which it gives towards church buildings in the colonies helps to provide our settlers with places of worship. Its care for emigrants on the high seas, the help it gives to medical missions, its efforts to train up a native clergy, are all worthy of liberal support. But at present its income is altogether insufficient for its growing work.

"We cordially recommend the society to the liberality of Church-people, and we trust that its Bicentenary may bring to it additional friends and supporters. Subscriptions and donations may be sent to the secretaries, S.P.C.K. House, Northumberland Avenue, London.

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At the general meeting of the S. P. C. K. on the 4th of January in London, England, the Archbishop of Cape Town was present and expressed his gratitude and heart felt thanks for all the society had done his Diocese. His Grace pointed out that there were a great variety of ways in which its help had extended, but had time only to particularize four of them, viz: Church building, Medical Missions, Endowment of Bishops and Clergy and its help to emigrants. As to the first, there were many places in his diocese where churches were indispensable, and where they could not have been built without the society's assistance. A Medical Mission in Capetown had been commenced with the society's assistance, and in connection with it promising mission work among Mohommedans, of whom there were a large number, had been started. In South Africa their plan had been to send a Bishop first to organize, and in every instance in which a new diocese had been formed the society had liberally helped. An endowment fund for the poor Mission clergy in his diocese had also been bountifully assisted. The work done on ship-board by clergy appointed by the society among people proceeding to South Africa was very valuable and so were also the port chaplain's duties at Capetown, for whose maintenance the society had made a grant for three years.

At this meeting notice was given of a grant of £1,000 towards the new cathedral at Capetown and a grant of £750 towards the Pretoria Bishopric Endowment Fund. Amongst other grants actually voted at that meeting was one of £10 for a church in the parish of Frankford in the Diocese of Ontario, and two grants of £36 and £22 each for passages of two clergy to the Dioceses of Saskatchewan and Calgary. Grants were also recommended by the Book Committee amounting to no less a sum than £320 6s.

The S. P. C. K. has lately again manifested its continued interest in the Church in Canada by agreeing to maintain a travelling agent for