

ter such loss? So I was determined in my mind not to become a Christian. After a few days, I recollected the words which Christ taught his disciples: "He that loveth father or mother, or brother or sister, more than me, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Another passage that is: "He that taketh his cross, and followeth not after me, he is unworthy to be called my disciple." And also by reading the Word of God, I found there was no other Saviour but Christ, and through him only every sinner may obtain salvation and the forgiveness of sins. So I began as formerly to desire to become a Christian. On one Sabbath evening, my heart was pierced and melted as lead by hearing a sermon in the house of God. The sermon was on 1 Kings xviii. 21, "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." Ever since that, I am fully resolved to become a true disciple of Jesus-Christ.

My dear missionaries, I like to inform you something about my baptism. As Christ commanded to his disciples—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned," so you are come to this country to preach the gospel, and I was one of the fruits of your preaching; and I have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart. Therefore, baptize me. Do not let any hindrance be in your hearts by thinking that I am taking baptism without benefit. If I deceive you, I cannot deceive my heavenly Father: he will manifest every secret thing before the judgment-seat of Christ at the last day. Now I pray to my heavenly Father. O my Lord! thou hast brought these ministers of thy gospel from a far country to preach thy gospel for the poor Hindus who are the slaves of Satan. Therefore, Lord! set the Hindus free from the bondage of Satan. May they embrace the Christian religion! Let thy holy Word be established over all the world; and bless me, and hear my imperfect prayer, for Christ's sake. Amen.

## MISSION TO THE JEWS.

### HUNGARY.

It is at rare intervals only that we can expect to hear of the progress of the good work in the interesting but unhappy country of Hungary. The missionary and the colporteur are there the objects of the surveillance of the police, while the postal regulations are such that it would be dangerous for them to communicate all they know, and in us to publish all we receive. It is matter of profound thankfulness, however, that the work progresses, notwithstanding all that the Government and the Jesuits have done to destroy it. First, our missionaries were

banished; but when they were sent away they left behind them zealous and qualified native agents, who continue, in the midst of much opposition and persecution, to make known the gospel to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Next came the organised attack of the gendarmes of Pesth, already announced in our columns, on the Word of God. The removal of the Bibles and all our correspondence was effected not only in Mr Saphir's, but in all the families of the colporteurs. For the last several months, the Government has been in possession of the colporteur correspondence, the notes of the evangelistic tours, conversations with ministers, priests, and people; and the whole matter has passed from Pesth to Vienna, where the results as yet unknown to the little Church. On this subject we have received through Mr Wingate of London, an interesting letter to Mr Jamber. Mr Jamber, next to Mr Saphir, is one of the most active and spiritually minded of the converts from Judaism in Hungary. The following extracts are portions of his letter to Mr Wingate:—

"I should have written you much sooner but have been prevented from fear of the police, who will not allow any one to be in connexion with a missionary or a missionary society. . . . I am happy to tell you I am succeeding, with the Lord's blessing, in spreading his holy name and doctrine among Israel according to the flesh. Many thanks to the Lord, who inspires me, a wretched sinner with zeal and love to his cause. Almost daily he permits me to hold intercourse with the Jews, and to speak to them of the way of salvation. At the fairs especially (which are held quarterly in Pesth, and where Jews from all parts assemble), I have long conversation on the subject of Christianity. Jews often invite me to their houses, and I do not believe there is a country in the world where the Jews are so prepared and disposed to hear of salvation through Jesus Christ, as in Hungary. In spite of all the persecutions and sufferings to which we are exposed, I prefer labouring in Pesth to going elsewhere. I am still deprived by the police of Bibles, theological works, my papers and letters, my correspondence with you (Rev. Mr Wingate) and Mr Smith, for some years back. Nothing is yet decided by the Government. I thank the Lord, however, who gives me the greatest composure of mind. Were it otherwise, I should see cause of humiliation for my weakness of faith and confidence in God. "It is given us on the behalf of Christ, not only to benevolence, but to suffer for his sake."

### The Missionary before the Prefect

When before the Police for some hours I was kept composed—first, because I knew I was innocent; and, secondly, because I was enabled to trust in the Lord's promise I spoke, therefore, very plainly to the com-