

I ask special prayer for the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Let it be the prayer of faith. For surely whether the Jews are to return to their own land or not, one thing is certain, that for them is reserved a glorious future.

By the awful maledictions under which they still lie, by the memory of their past persecutions and wrongs, by the primacy of their claims ("to the Jew first") to have the gospel proclaimed in their ears, by the obligations under which they have placed us Gentile Christians, in handing down and conserving the unadulterated Scriptures of the Old Testament, and, above all, by the grand fact that the "Child born" and the "Son given," the "Emmanuel, God with us"—He who agonized in the garden, He who hung upon the tree for us, was a Jew; yea, that He who now wears a glorified body at the right hand of God, is specially the brother of the lost sheep of the house of Israel, I ask all the Christian readers of the *Messenger*, never to despise, never to despair of, never to forget that ancient people, or cease to cry, "O THAT THE SALVATION OF ISRAEL WERE COME OUT OF ZION!"—*British Messenger*.

### REVIVAL IN THE SOUTH SEAS.

The tide of the revival has reached the South Sea Islands. In a communication addressed to the *Missionary Chronicle*, the Rev. George Gill says:

The Rev. W. Wyatt Gill, my friend and colleague in Mangaia, says: "Our work here is going on very well. True, indeed, we have not all sunshine, nor is it all shade. Our grounds for encouragement are very great indeed. A few days hence I hope to admit twenty-four to the church at Ivirua and One-roa. At Barotonga a great revival has taken place; upwards of eight hundred have joined the classes."

In confirmation of this statement, I will translate a portion of a letter I have just received from *Russe* and *Tindmana*, the native chief and teacher at Arrorangi. They say, "This is a season of great joy on Rarotonga. Multitudes of men and women, and young persons have been led to abandon their former evil practices, and their backsliding, and have with all their heart believed upon Christ, and have been admitted into the fellowship of the church. You will rejoice, and perhaps also you will fear; you will rejoice truly with fear and trembling on this thing which has recently grown up amongst us; because they who have thus come to the church have been notoriously wicked in their past lives. It was in the month of August last that this thing grew, and gave us such joy. I have not time to tell you more; the ship is going away soon, but I write to tell you that it is well with us and the church of God here. *Isaia* has been very ill for six months, but he is better now. Blessings and peace rest ever with you."

*Russe*, the native teacher writes, "More than seven hundred have turned from evil

and believed. You will rejoice to know that Makea, the son of Timomana, has been admitted a repentant and humble disciple of Christ. In *Nagatangia* 200, in *Avarua* 220, and in *Arrorangi* more than 90 are now seeking for peace and prosperity here. *Isaia* has been ill, and has not been able to attend to his duties as formerly, but he has recovered now. I write to you now, that you tell the society to hasten, and send us help—we are waiting for more help. We are anxiously waiting and hoping that more missionaries may soon be sent out for us."

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