

Jerusalem. Dr. Gobat held the position of Bishop of Jerusalem for a period of thirty-three years and died in 1879. There were some who viewed his long episcopate with unfriendly eyes, and others who pronounced it worse than a failure. The *Times* spoke of the Jerusalem Bishopric as "a matter of general convenience to secure for the helpless English tourist some spot in Jerusalem, where he may feel himself at home and ask for guidance or protection without paying for it dearly." In 1853 the feeling ran so high that the four archbishops of the then United Church of England and Ireland joined in a formal condemnation of certain "irregular and unauthorized" attacks upon Bishop Gobat and his work. But on the whole it would seem that the presence of Bishop



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Gobat in Jerusalem was beneficial in many ways to Christianity in Palestine. There were many at least who so regarded it, and maintained that he made his influence felt in an unostentatious way throughout the length and breadth of the country, and that those who knew him and his work best were also those who thought the most of both him and it. "To the

world, and still more to the Church," says the *Jewish Intelligence* of May, 1883, "Jerusalem is, of course, a centre of absorbing interest. Religion and sentiment, history and romance, all combine to give it a position in men's minds absolutely unique. It was natural, therefore, that a somewhat exaggerated estimate should be formed of what an Anglican Bishop at Jerusalem might achieve.

It must be admitted that circumstances have not justified the estimate thus formed by friends and foes. But this is a very different thing from failure. The Bishop of Jerusalem has not figured as a great Anglican or Protestant Metropolitan sending forth armies of missionaries destined to convert the East to the true faith and to found dozens of new sees in dependence on the mother

Bishopric of Jerusalem. Illusions of this sort, however natural, were scarcely reasonable. The Bishop of Jerusalem has, in effect, been a missionary bishop and his work has been to superintend and develop Christian missions in Palestine and the adjacent countries. Compared with other similar fields of labor, we repeat that it is inaccurate to represent the Jerusalem Bishop