

" Omitting reference to some less prominent stations occupied by Missionaries of our Church, we refer with much pleasure to the Jewish Mission, lately placed under the care of the United Presbyterian Church. The Scottish Society for the conversion of Israel made offer of transferring the superintendence of their Society, in 1857, to the United Presbyterian Synod; and the Synod in consequence resolved to complete the necessary arrangements, pursuing as far as possible, the spirit of catholicity in this movement, so as to retain the contributions of Christian brethren of other denominations. This Mission was formally assumed by our Church in July, 1858. We have little therefore to state concerning it, as its operations in connection with the United Presbyterian Church, are only commencing. Correspondence, however, is already opened with the agents at the different stations which were embraced by the Scottish Society. These are four in number. 1. Alexandria in Egypt, where the Rev. Dr. Philips has been stationed. His health having failed, the Board granted his request to remove to a more bracing northern climate, but it is not yet decided to what place he shall be appointed; and as there are Missionaries from other Churches in the City of Alexandria, and comparatively few Jews in that region, the Board does not think it advisable to supply at present the place of Dr. Philips.* 2. Algiers in Northern Africa, where the Rev. Benjamin Weiss has laboured with great energy for six years. He is now desirous to have a colleague associated with him, proper Mission premises in a central locality, a book store, and subordinate agents to assist in carrying on the work. These requests were felt to be reasonable, and after full enquiry, and especially after ascertaining that there are 6,000 Jews in Algiers, and 60,000 in the provinces, it was agreed to strengthen this Mission, and to employ there such a staff of agents as may, by the blessing of God, produce an adequate impression on the minds of the Jews. 3. Hamburg in Germany. Here there are two agents, Messrs. Elvin and Salkinson, who have had considerable success in their labours.† And 4. Aleppo in Syria. As the Rev. R. G. Brown was without a station, it was agreed, with his own consent, to send him to Aleppo, where there are said to be six or seven thousand Jews. He has accordingly been missioned thither, but as yet no report is returned as to his likelihood of success in his important work.

There is a charm in a Jewish Mission. It has its difficulties, for the Jews in general are actuated by strong and bitter prejudices

* The Rev. Dr. Philips, on his own suggestion, is now located at Leipzig in Saxony. It appears there are great fairs held in that place, at which multitudes of Jews, from all parts of the continent, attend. The Doctor thought that this would give him good opportunity of proclaiming the Gospel to them. But it is found to be otherwise, as the Jews on these occasions are so much engrossed with business that they will attend to nothing else. On his way to that place and in it, however, he has met with several hopeful cases of conversion among the ancient people of God.

† The last named gentleman, a Russian Jew, was ordained to the holy Ministry, in November, 1858, by the Presbytery of Glaszow and has returned to Hamburg to labour for the salvation of his Jewish brethren. He is the first Jewish Missionary sent forth by our Church.