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SOMETIMES we feel that Missions to the Jews show small results, and very often our gifts seem to be measured by that feeling. It is good news to know that in recent years 1 Hebrew out of every 156 of their population has been converted to Christianity, and also, of that number, three times as many enter the Christian ministry as do from any other class of converts to our faith.

Liquor laws and prohibition measures are effective, though their opponents are loath to admit it. In the State of Georgia alone, the effect has been, in one place, to close the courts for a week and a day in the midst of the busy season, because there were no cases to try. In another part of the State they are putting "For Rent" signs on the county jails, because there are no criminals to be punished.

The Y.M.C.A. does not neglect its opportunities, either in peace or war. In Mexico City there has recently been held a convention of merchants for the purpose of "moralizing" business. The Y.M.C.A. made use of its opportunity by holding a reception for these men, and revealed to them, as far as possible, the magnitude of the work they are doing. The result is that many of these leaders in troubled Mexico have declared their intention of going home to start Y.M.C.A. work in their own towns—good news for all who hope to soon see Mexico come to itself.

"A religion of service."—At a meeting of the missionaries of Chile, it was agreed that only such a religion would be in any sense acceptable to the Chileans. Is there any other kind which can be allowed the name?

European universities are naturally almost emptied of men students. The students of France are said to have suffered more than those of any other country. Belgium's universities, which were very cosmopolitan in their student body, have been closed entirely. The Student Christian Movement, which has such large work in peace times in universities, has transferred its activities to work among the men in the trenches, and to attempts to help the refugee women students, Russian Poles from the Balkan States, and so on. They are succeeding in bringing wonderful comfort to the many distressed ones.

This year of 1918 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of religious toleration in Spain. Missionaries at work there are planning to hold some anniversary gathering worthy of the occasion in Madrid during October of this year.