

THE MISSION FIELD.

The following paragraph has just been received :
 Jerusalem.—A proof of the efficiency of the work is seen in the considerable number of baptisms last year, nineteen having been baptized direct from Judaism. With regard to the services in Christ church, Mr. Kelk reports : "We have made a change in the Sunday afternoon services. Instead of German prayers and sermon we now have Hebrew prayers and usually an Arabic address. This is a great success, as Arabic is better understood and more widely used by Jews than in former years, and they seem to prefer the prayers in Hebrew rather than in German. Mr. Jamal, too, thus speaks to them in his own language." The work in the House of Industry has been very successfully carried on. The house has been constantly full, and the work of influencing and instructing the young men has gone forward in a quiet way. Mr. Kelk says : "There seems to be a more contented spirit among the young men and greater diligence in the acquisition of their various trades. The quiet spirit of the Christian family seems to win its way among them and they are able to live together in peace and harmony. We have had good accounts from some of the former inmates, who are now working in other countries." The Boys' schools are quite full, and there is a constant stream of parents seeking admission for their boys. It is a great and good work, and I wish," says Mr. Kelk, "we could have accommodation for double the number of boys. Our school is well situated and we could easily increase the accommodation. We have a very promising set of boys, and I do believe that God's Spirit is working among them, and that they will many of them turn out bright and earnest Christians. Some of the boys have been passed on to the House of Industry as being well suited for learning trades." In the Girls' schools there have been larger numbers than ever before. "Most of the girls wish to become Christians, and for this they are being carefully trained, not only in knowledge, but in the practice of what they learn. There has been very careful work among them throughout the year, and we trust that many are really giving their hearts to the Lord." The Rev. J. Jamal assisted in the Sunday and daily Hebrew services, and gives instruction to Arabic-speaking enquirers and converts. He has also attended the Hospital Mission room and Waiting room, Girls' Day school, Women's Work room and Mission room, adjoining Bookshop. Another important part of this work consists of missionary visits to Jewish colonies and settlements. He says : "I confined my visits last year to colonies where Yemenite Jews reside, especially Siloam and the settlement on the Jaffa road, known as 'Shebet Tsedek,' to which I went frequently. The best time for visiting Yemenite Jews is on their Sabbath day, or on feast days, when they are all at home. I have had many opportunities of entering into conversation with them on religious matters even at their own synagogues." Miss E. G. Birks sends the following report : "Owing to opposition the attendance at the Day school was small during the first three months of the year, but after there was an average daily attendance of about forty. Mrs. Lydia Farah and her sister are both employed in the school. The elder children have just finished going through the Old Testament history, which has taken them about three years; they have been very much interested in the story of Jeremiah, Daniel and Zechariah, and have learnt by heart some of the principal Messianic prophecies in those prophets. The mothers' meetings have gone on much as usual this year. I think the attention of the women to the Bible lessons has been greater, and some will answer questions." Miss J. S. P. Paterson reports : "During the past year there have been many interesting cases, several being really anxious to learn; some I visit regularly in their homes. One young girl asked me eagerly each time I went to read to her and to teach her more. I have seen signs of the Holy Spirit's work in the hearts of the children in our Day school; God is blessing this

work. I have proved that they speak freely at home of what they are taught in school, and those who have learnt to read have been given New Testaments, and these they read in their homes. One mother told me several stories which her little girl had told her about our Lord. We feel the great importance of reaching the parents also, and endeavour to do so."

The Medical Mission Department, Jerusalem.—In reviewing last year's labours, Dr. D'Erf Wheeler is able to report continued progress and success, medically and spiritually. He says : "Not only have we a greater number of out-patients listening to the Gospel addresses, given in different languages, but we are especially struck by the attention and evident interest shown. Considering the increasing opposition to our work, it is surprising to note the regularity of their numbers. It is, however, with the in-patients that the missionaries have their greatest and best opportunities. In the wards the patients have full liberty to discuss all matters freely and without reserve. The Jew, when he is laid low by sickness, and in bed, seems more inclined to listen quietly to the missionary than when he is well and full of business and other matters. Every facility is rendered the patients for reading the Old and New Testaments, the Prayer Book, Old Paths, etc., and full advantage is taken of it by most of them. Thus, by every legitimate means in our power, we try to bring home to the Jews the claims of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

FREDERICK COURTNEY, D.D., BISHOP, HALIFAX.

Halifax.—The Jubilee celebrations at St. Luke's cathedral on Sunday, the 20th, proved quite an event in the history of the church. It is impossible to anticipate greater feelings of loyalty than those expressed with "heart and voice" by the large congregations which assembled. The rector's sermon in the morning, the grand hymns (Skeffington and Sons: dedicated by special permission to the Queen); the National Anthem, the Diamond Jubilee hymns by the Bishop of Wakefield, the Old Hundredth, all poured forth with grand effect. The special music was of the highest repute, and was drawn from the programmes performed at the Queen's coronation in 1838, at the jubilee service, Westminster Abbey, and at St. Paul's cathedral, 1887. Mr. Gatward's organ programme was drawn from the same services; a short recital was given after evensong. Before the National Anthem, morning and evening, the ancient Fanfare, played by the State trumpeters in Westminster Abbey on all royal ceremonial occasions, was played. Other celebrations included parade service at St. George's of the 66th P.L.F., the Foresters at St. Mark's, the Orangemen and other patriotic and benevolent societies at St. Paul's; Sunday school children from the city churches at the Garrison church, etc.

MONTREAL.

WILLIAM B. BOND, D.D., BISHOP, MONTREAL.

Dunham.—The closing exercises in connection with the Ladies' College passed off very successfully. Dr. Adams, of Lennoxville, preached to the pupils in the village church in the morning. Shortly after three o'clock in the afternoon Archdeacon Lindsay, of Waterloo, took the chair in the College hall, which was completely filled by the pupils and the friends of the college. The room had been handsomely decorated by the young ladies with hot-house plants and vases of wild flowers. A border of hawthorn branches loaded with their fragrant blossoms was arranged around the room. Back of the platform was draped an enormous British flag. With the Archdeacon on the platform were the Rev. Principal Adams, of Lennoxville; the Hon. Judge Lynch, Judge Foster, the Rev. Mr. Chambers,

Knowlton; Canon Davidson, Frelighsburg; Rural Dean Longhurst, Granby; Rural Dean Nye, Bedford; the Rev. James A. Elliott, Mr. James A. MacKinnon, Cowansville; Mr. E. N. Robinson.

Dr. Adams gave a short address, in the course of which he said that he hoped Lennoxville University would, before long, be able to accept lady students in its arts faculty, and provide a hall for them as McGill had provided in the Donalda department. Miss O'Loane, lady principal, read a very satisfactory report of the college progress, but regretted that there were still many very urgent needs. She said: "McGill has its hundreds of thousands, Lennoxville its tens of thousands, would that Dunham had but its thousands." The distribution of prizes to the pupils, some of whom are representatives of Montreal's best families, followed. The Hon. Judge Lynch gave a beautiful and eloquent address to the pupils, holding up to them as a pattern the life of her Majesty the Queen, whose aim from early childhood had been to be good. Judge Foster gave a short address. Mrs. Ashley Carus-Wilson, of Montreal, addressed the pupils at length, showing what should be the great ambitions of life and how they might be satisfied. The concert in the evening was a splendid one and served to show the progress in music made under the instruction of Mr. Cornish, of Montreal.

Hochelaga.—St. Mary's Church lecture hall was on Friday night the scene of a gay and happy assemblage of the members and friends of the congregation, the occasion being a reception tendered to the Rev. H. T. Jekill and his young Southern bride. Mrs. Jekill hails from Eutaw, Alabama, U.S., and was not allowed wholly to forget her native land, for amongst the beautiful decorations and great display of British flags was seen the Star Spangled Banner. Amongst the friends from outside the congregation were the Rev. Canon Dixon, Rev. J. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Moore, Mr. Percy Moore, Miss Ethel Moore, Capt. Whitley, Mr. Turtin and others. The Rev. Canon Dixon took the chair, and a brief but excellent programme was carried out. Words of welcome and congratulation were extended to the bride and groom by the chairman, the Rev. J. Thompson, Capt. Whitley and Mr. Turtin. Mr. Chippendale, the churchwarden, on behalf of his fellow-warden, Dr. E. D. Aylen, and the congregation, welcomed the bride amongst them. He then presented them with the following complimentary address on behalf of the congregation : To the Rev. H. Jekill, B.A.,

Rev. and Dear Sir,—It is a happy and pleasant circumstance that while the whole British Empire is celebrating a Thanksgiving Jubilee, we, the churchwardens and congregation of this church, have the opportunity of tendering to you a hearty and sincere welcome. The right hand of fellowship, love and good-will is cheerfully held out to you and the dear lady, your bride, whom you have at this happy period brought amongst us, and accompanying the hand is the heart, wishing you both God's blessing on your union. As our pastor and head of this church, may you find in your dear wife a ready and willing helper, an earnest Church worker, and one who by her cheerful love and sympathy may aid you in the discharge of the high duty appertaining to the services of Him whom you both acknowledge as Master. In your home life may your mutual love increase, may peace and plenty smile upon you, and may you live together in happy contentment, and may you find your home in sunshine or in cloudy weather truly a haven of rest. May your friends be many and true, and we earnestly pray you may enjoy the inestimable blessings of the chief of friends, whose love passeth all knowledge. May His precepts guide you through the new life upon which you have just entered, and with these desires for your future welfare and happiness, may we hope that as pastor, husband and friend an abundant measure of success will crown the joint labours of yourself and your dearly loved wife and helper. On behalf of the congregation : Edwin Chippendale, Ernest D. Aylen.

The ladies also presented them with a beautiful complete parlour set, consisting of seven pieces. Refreshments were served. God Save the Queen was