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THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

THE JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSION.

Our Church is on the eve of taking a very important step; she is about to send forth to Turkey, the first Missionary to Jews, ever sent from Canada. She is about to place her hand to the Foreign Mission plough, never we trust to look back, but ever to press on and go forward. Doing Her Master work faithfully at home and aiding to spread a knowledge of the faith to them also who are in darkness in foreign lands. By order of the Synod, a Collection was appointed to be taken up in all our churches for this important effort. We trust that it has been well and faithfully done. We publish in this number the Report of the Committee, which was adopted by the Synod, and ask for it, a careful perusal. The Missionary is now in accordance with its recommendation engaged in visiting the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The Committee have not funds enough to defray the expenses of the outfit for the Missionary, and the cost of the passages of himself and family to their destination. Let the members of our church then now show by their liberal gifts to this cause, that they are in earnest in its support, and so place the Committee beyond anxiety with regard to the financial position of their scheme. Let our people give this Mission their sympathy, their offerings and their prayers. We subjoin the circular issued by the Committee and addressed by them

to every member in order that it might be read from our pulpits. We trust that the response to it will be warm, cordial and general.

N.B.—This statement is addressed to you, in order that it may be "read from the pulpit," in conformity with the Act of Synod, for regulating Public Collections, to which you are respectfully referred.

STATEMENT—JEWISH MISSION.

By the direction of the Synod, a Collection is appointed to be taken up in all the Congregations within the bounds, on behalf of the Jewish Mission, on the first Sabbath of July.

The Committee earnestly trust, that the appeal will be liberally and promptly responded to. Let each consider the obligation to contribute to the spread of the everlasting Gospel, and give as God hath prospered him.

The Jewish Mission has strong claims upon us. The Messiah was of the seed of David. His apostles were children of Abraham. But the chosen people rejected the Messiah, and are now suffering the bitter penalty of their transgressions. The Jews are now a standing proof of the truth of the Bible. But though wandering in strange lands they will yet be gathered in. Surely, then, we who sit in the light of the Gospel, should do what we can to bring some of God's ancient people, to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

The Synod have authorized the Presbytery of Kingston to take the Rev. E. M. Epstein on trials of his ordination. It is intended, that he shall then leave with his family, to establish a Mission at Monaster, a city in European Turkey, in the vicinity of Salonica, the Thessalonica mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles. He will there prosecute his Mission as an ambassador of the gospel of Christ, and by the exercise of the healing art as a physician, endeavour to find access to many who could not other-

wise be approached by a missionary. He will exercise his calling, on ground endeared to the Christian, as the scene of the labors of the great Apostle of the Gentiles.

The Committee require funds to defray the expenses of the passages of Mr. Epstein and his family to the missionary station; to provide them, as is customary, with the needful outfit; to surgical instruments and medicines for the use of the Mission, and to maintain the missionary on his field of labor. It rests with the Church to provide the funds. The Church has deliberately entered upon this work, and we may not withdraw our hand from the plough or look back.

Christians,—members of our Church, give liberally to this Mission, of your substance; shew by your offerings, that having found "the pearl of great price" yourselves, you desire to communicate its blessings to others; show by your Christian activity that you are doing what you can to obey the command of the Lord Jesus, "Occupy till I come;" and besides your gifts, which are cast into the Treasury, be instant in prayer to the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and Jacob, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He would bless and prosper this feeble effort to promote His glory.

Kingston, 20th June, 1859.

J. B. MOWAT,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

SYNODICAL MISSIONARY MEETING.

(Reported for the Presbyterian.)

A missionary and devotional meeting was held in the City of Ottawa, under the auspices of the Synod, on Monday evening, the 30th of May last. It was by far the largest and most spirited meeting yet held for this purpose under the auspices of the Synod. We have secured a careful report of the proceedings. The chair was