

eulogy on the same healthy locality came to my memory. Here, if anywhere, I believe a healthy and flourishing settlement might be established, and the probability of disease and fever must be reduced to a minimum on a slope, say 2000 feet above the lower Shire, and on which the cool air of the lake plays; there is, besides, an absence of marsh and tangled vegetation. A little colony here would command a flourishing ivory trade, and it would hold the outlet from the Cape, being situated so close to the spot where the Shire makes its exit from its waters. Safe harbours abound. I verily believe that success would attend an attempt made to bring about better things for this people, "scattered and peeled" as they are.

"It only requires a master-mind to drop down amongst them; and a handful of Englishmen would, in a few months, find themselves surrounded by a large population, to whom it would be quite possible to show how plainly unity is strength, and how suicidal is the slave trade, and the incessant petty warfare resulting from it."

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Jewish Missions.

THE history of God's ancient people, the Jews, as recorded on the sacred page and by the pen of the historian, is certainly very wonderful. When we contemplate their chequered life, their varied wilderness wanderings, and the terrible persecutions through which they have passed, it is surprising that a vestige of them now remains upon the earth. "It is a wonderful fact," says a certain writer, "a marvel of history, and a wonder of the world, that the ties which unite the Jewish Nation seems to be indissoluble. Whilst other nations have risen and fallen, the Jewish Nation endures like a monument of gold, undestroyed by the waves of time." In every part of the habitable globe the Jew is found, and all should be deeply interested in that people through whom the Scriptures came to us. Every lover of missions should know something of God's chosen people, and of what is

being done toward their evangelization in these modern days.

At an early period in the 18th century, an effort was put forth to organize missionary labour among the Jews. But little success was achieved for a lengthened period, though the work was not given up, but zealously prosecuted by a few earnest individuals. To the Church of Scotland, in these modern days, belongs the honour of having been the first Protestant Church in Christendom to engage, as a Church, in Jewish Missions. In 1838, the subject was brought before the General Assembly, and a deputation was sent out, of which the sainted McCheyne was a member, to inquire into the state of the Jews in Europe and Palestine. The deputation visited varied cities along the Mediterranean sea and in the Holy Land, and reported favourably of the Jews in these quarters. Mission stations were immediately established, and the work is still prosecuted with commendable zeal. The Irish Presbyterian Church entered the field in 1842, and chose Damascus as its scene of action. In the same year the Rhenish Westphalian Society commenced operations, followed in 1843 by the British Society. All of these agencies are now actively engaged in Jewish evangelization, and their labours have been crowned with success. Other societies have also entered the field, and much fruit is being gathered,—souls being added to the Lord. Though the work is yet in its infancy, still, through the various agencies employed, no less than 20,000 converted and baptized Jews are now enrolled among the membership of Christian churches. There are also many, who are now restrained through fear from making a profession of religion, who will doubtless ere long declare themselves on the side of Christianity. One fact, however, is recorded, which evidently shows that missionary labour among the Jews has been a success, and that is, that more than 300 of those converted to Christ hold influential positions as ministers, theological professors and teachers in the Christian Church. The success which has been achieved in the past certainly gives great ground of encouragement for the future. As a people, they are scattered throughout various parts of the earth,