

who is now labouring with special reference to the spiritual good of the seed of Abraham:—

Mr. S——g, the Jewish missionary, who last year gave away at the Bible stand, Kensington, 2000 New Testaments in Hebrew, or portions thereof, to Jews who had come from many countries to visit the International Exhibition has followed up that most interesting work by a tour on the Continent. He had taken down the addresses of many who had thankfully received the Scriptures from him, and by the help of some private friends he has traced out results in seven different countries in Europe. His first visit was to the capital of France. There he found to his great joy and thankfulness, that in many Jewish families the books received in London occupied a prominent position in their Hebrew libraries, and that “not only did the owners of it study the New Testament themselves, but in many instances talked about with their associates and friends, and ably defended it against the attacks of rationalistic Jews.”

“Thus” Mr. S——g writes me, “at the house of one Mr. L., were a number of Jews, who are wont to collect together to converse on various topics, and when I repaired thither to see what impression the New Testament had made on him, Mr. L. welcomed me at once in a most cordial manner. He introduced me by name and profession to the company, which consisted chiefly of young Hebrews. Not willing to take part in a conversation which was not in accordance with my design, I asked the company whether they would give me as a stranger, the privilege of leading the conversation. ‘Certainly, certainly,’ was the unanimous reply; and offering me a chair in the middle of the room, they formed themselves into a circle, and there was a perfect silence. I then took out my Bible, and began to show them, from Moses and the prophets, that Jesus was the Messiah. Wishing to point out to them how those predictions were all fulfilled, but not having a New Testament with me, Mr. L. immediately brought his book of Psalms and the Testament, and handed them to me. In each I found marks and references with notes, proving how diligently he had been studying them; and strange to say that the first passage which I was about to refer to, I found had been specially marked by himself. It was the text which was written over the Bible-stand, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thine house.’ From this passage I urged the importance of simple faith in the Messiah as the sacrifice for sin. One of the company attempted to excite the rest to quarrel with me. But Mr. L. in a calm and most winning manner declared that the New Testa-

ment contained important truth, and that if they had given to it the same attention which he had done, they would have been able to appreciate what I had said. Then said the others, ‘We have heard Mr. L. speak of Christ and the New Testament so often, that we wondered how he had got all this knowledge, but now we see that he has a book which tells him all about it. *Will you let us have books like it, sir?*’ I replied ‘With pleasure.’ On the following day I furnished them with New Testaments and portions thereof, and we may hope that the good Lord will open their hearts to receive that truth which can make them wise unto salvation.

Systematic Collections.

The *Spirit of Missions*, of the Protestant Episcopal Church gives in its January number the following plans for raising funds for missionary operations. In the hope of greatly increasing the contributions to, and interest in the work, the Foreign Committee of the board of Missions have instituted a system of weekly collections by volunteer collectors, after the plan which has been successfully tried by the Church Missionary Society in England, and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The following is a summary of the plan:

1. Each subscriber is to give the sum or five cents per week; but if any subscriber prefers to give for ten weeks (fifty cents), or one year (\$2,60), in advance, such subscribers will, of course be permitted to do so.
 2. The subscribers are to be composed of persons who have not been accustomed to give anything to the cause of Foreign Missions; or those who are willing to increase the amount they have previously given by the sum named.
 3. The subscriptions are to be collected by persons who volunteer to act as “Gatherers;” and the visit of the “Gatherer” for the subscription is to be weekly, or otherwise, as the subscriber prefers.
 4. Each “Gatherer” is to endeavor to obtain ten such subscribers; thus bringing into the missionary treasury \$26 a year.
- In each Parish where the system is adopted there is to be a person called a “Receiver,” who will once in ten weeks, receive from the “Gatherers” the sum which they have collected, and forward them to the treasurer of the District: or until such an one is appointed, to the General Treasurer of the Foreign Committee.

6. To maintain the system with efficiency, it will be necessary for the “Receiver” to hold a meeting with the “Gatherers” at least once in every ten weeks, to receive the contributions, impart missionary information and engage in prayer and praise