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Our subject for prayer this month reads:—"For the speedy conversion of the Jews, missionary work in Palestine and among Mohammedans." The reference to God's own words, Jer. 24: 6, 7., is most encouraging for the future of the Jews as a Christian nation. George Eliot has such a delightful passage in one of her works relating to the Jews, and the feelings with which they ought to inspire the student of sacred history, that we cannot forbear giving it to you, however familiar it may be. We quote from Daniel Deronda:—

"As for me, no Jew—not even the poorest shambling clothes dealer in Harrison St., hit startles me effectually out of this work-a-day world!

When I look upon the face of a Jew I seem to feel a little wind fresh from off the sea of Tiberias; I seem to receive a message which has come under the whole sea of time from the further shores of it. This wandering person, who without a home in any nation, has yet a literature which is at home in every nation, carries me in one direction to my mysterious brethren, the cave men and the Lake-dwellers; in the other direction to the Masterful Carpenter of Bethlehem, climax of our race!

Until you can bring me a statesman more comprehensive in view and more diligent in detail than Moses, until you can bring me poets more spiritual than David and he who wrote Job, until you can bring me a lover more pure, or a mystic more rapt than John, until you can bring me a man more dear and friendly and helpful and strong and human and Christly than Jesus—do not speak to me slightly of the Jew."

By special request we have printed this month our Branch paper, "A Higher Ideal of Life Membership," in the hope that some of our dear young

friends may be induced to enter upon this life-service in the Bands, and that those who have already done so may have a keener sense of their responsibility in regard to it, than ever before.

Any subscriber missing the paper will please communicate with the Editor.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

### To Auxiliary Corresponding-Secretaries.

We wish to draw the attention of our Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries, to the fact that we are mailing to each one of them this month's issue of our little paper. We do this with the earnest request that she will circulate it among members of her Auxiliary, so that every mother will see the advantage of subscribing for it for her little ones!

### The Key.

(Recitation for a girl, holding a key in her hand.)  
Leaving His home and fatherland,  
The Christ came down to men  
To open a door, with His gentle hand,  
Into Paradise again.

Wearing the people's common dress  
And using their simple speech,  
For the poorest soul in heathenness  
He sought and longed to reach.

He found the worn and weary earth  
Sore vexed with grief and pain;  
He left behind Him joy and mirth  
When He went home again.

The wedding feast He made more glad,  
Though a man of sorrows He;  
And He sought the downcast souls and sad,  
And set the captives free.

Sickness and death he did not fear,  
No sinner would he shun;  
And souls grew white when they drew near  
The holy, Blameless One.

And a key He found for the golden gate  
Of Paradise above;  
A key that turns, though the soul come late—  
The golden key of love.

'Tis growing late, O, take the key,  
For loud the nations knock;

'Tis yours to set the captives free;  
Let love the door unlock. —Selected.

A little Moslem girl who had seized upon one difference between Mohammedanism and Christianity said: I like your Jesus because He loved little girls. Our Mohammed did not love little girls.