

MISSION FIELD.

LONDON SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS.

GLEANINGS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT.

ROTTERDAM.—Mr. Bloch reports that he had many encouraging meetings with Jews during the month of June, both at Rotterdam and at Vlaardingen, Schiedam and Maasland, to which places he made Missionary visits. Harlingen, Franeker, Leeuwarden and Bolsward were also visited by the Colporteur.

STRASBURG.—Mr. J. Pick visited several places in Alsace-Lorraine during June, and reports the Baptism of two Jewish ladies.

MOGADOR.—Mr. Zerbib says in his report for May, "I visited a good many shops during the Feast of Pentecost, and had many opportunities of speaking to my brethren of the love of Him who redeemed them by His precious blood. There was very little controversy during these conversations, and I am always glad when I can speak simply of the love of Christ; but unhappily the children of Jacob generally like 'doting about questions and strifes of words' (1 Tim. vi. 4.) A Jew said to me, 'I like to read the New Testament, because it is a book that knows all about human afflictions, and how to console them. When I am in trouble, and have no bread for my children, I open this book, and read the first chapter I come to, and I am sure to be comforted, and forget my misery.'"

The Rev. J. B. Ginsburg, while in England, received the following letter from a Jewess of Mogador: "I take the liberty of writing, having heard of your happy arrival in England. I hope you will make a good return journey, and that I may yet enjoy your instruction, for which I am very grateful. I am convinced that Jesus is my Saviour, that He is the way, the truth and the life. I believe that without faith I cannot be saved. I beg, sir, that you will not forget me in your prayers, that the Lord may increase my faith. We do not know our weakness till we are proved. Happy they who have resisted temptation and who can say with Job (xlii. 15), 'Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.' I pray God to make me as the salt of the earth, and a light in the world, for the love of Christ our great High Priest."

Mr. Arias reports the Jews as being very ready to listen to him in the Ghetto, and expresses the hope that, by showing them that Christianity is no other than the religion taught by Moses and the prophets, to overcome their prejudices against it. Some, who at first would not come near him, are now more disposed to listen to the Gospel truths. Mr. Arias has been well received in visits to the market. Some Jews were very much interested, and asked questions. Our tracts, too,

were well received by Jews, who promised to read them, telling Mr. Arias he might question them on the contents when next he met them. The evening school has been given up for the summer season. During this half the number of attendances has been 100 children and twenty-four adults.

KRISHNAGAR.—The C. M. S. Church Council has been holding its annual meeting at Krishnagar, the Metropolitan presiding. The Council has begun well. It has evidently many difficult questions to deal with: others will arise as time goes on. But if they be approached in the same spirit of prayer and faith and earnestness, as evidently characterized the proceedings which have been reported by the *Banga Bandhu*, good must arise. Evil will grow with the good in this as in every organization. Our confidence is in the fact that this is a Christian organization, the outcome of the life of the Christian Church. It is one of the developments of the life of Christ regenerating Bengal. At the beginning of this century individuals were baptized; as the century advanced Churches were formed and multiplied; new groups of Churches are collecting. By the Lord's blessing the end of this century will see the Christian Church in Bengal a joy among the Churches of the Earth. Life is in her, growth has commenced, and expansion on a Pentecostal scale is at hand; let us seek that in these assemblies the Power of the Lord may be felt.—*Indian Christian Herald*.

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