

toward Christianity during late years is a cause of wonder and gratitude. This change has been brought about mainly through the efforts of the British Society. The name of Christ is no longer blasphemed among them. They acknowledge Jesus to have been a great Reformer; but they stumble over his divinity. Hebrew is not now spoken among them. If they have a distinct language at all, it is a strange mixture of many different tongues.

In the city of London, where once the missionaries of the cross were shamefully maltreated, large and attentive Jewish congregations assemble to hear the gospel story of salvation.

In concluding his remarks, Mr. Matthews urged that when studying the Bible we should remember that, although it is the word of God, it came to us through the Jews; that as the curses pronounced against disobedience were literally fulfilled, so also will be the promises.

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November 1st. "Pastoral Visitation." The subject of to-day's con-

ference was introduced by the Rev. Robert Campbell, M. A., of St. Gabriel Church.

The speaker called attention to the fact that the early Apostles were enjoined not only to *feed* the flock of Christ, but also to have a general "oversight" of it. In our Presbyterian form of Church government, this function of the sacred office has always held a prominent place.

A thorough acquaintance with the pastoral epistles will be found almost indispensable to the young minister in his first charge. In visiting the people for the first time, it will be well to carry a note book, in which to jot down the names of the members of each household, as well as the apparent circumstances of each family. Besides the ordinary, a great many casual visits must be made. Be present in happiness and prosperity to congratulate; in sorrow and sadness to sympathise; in sickness to tell of the great Physician; and in death to speak of the life eternal. This perfect sympathy with the people is the secret of ministerial success.

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### MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the Students' Missionary Society for the session 1886-7, was held in Lecture Room No. 1, on Friday, Oct. 22nd.

Officers for the current year were elected, and the Society at once took steps to procure a suitable place for holding evangelistic meetings in the city during the session.

Action was also taken to extend a helping hand, in the shape of holding cottage prayer-meetings in the neighborhood of Hochelaga and Longue Pointe.

After hearing an interesting and encouraging report of work done, by Mr. J. Parker, the missionary to Ponsonby, the meeting was adjourned.