

Alexandria. After a few hours, an accident occurred to the machinery, and for nine days he and his companions were floating at the mercy of the wind and waves. At length he was safely brought into Beirut again, and though he had suffered much from sea sickness, he was greatly improved in general health, and is now on his way again to Damascus and his labors.—*Phil. Instructor.*

ALEPPO.

PROPOSED MISSION TO THE ARABS.

In the *Record* for January we gave an account of the Arabs residing in the Great Desert near Aleppo; stated that Mr. Skene, the British Consul, who has been chosen by them as their Emir or Chief, and who has prevailed upon a number to settle down at a place called Hafe, and begin to cultivate the soil, had proposed to our missionary, the Rev. R. Grant Brown, to commence missionary operations among them, and that the Committee on Foreign Missions had granted him authority to do so. As the proposal of a mission to the Arabs, under circumstances so peculiar, is deeply interesting, we deem it right to state that the trial has not yet been made, on account of the necessary official absence of the Consul. Hence, Mr. Brown writes, 7th January: "It is with a deep solemn joy that I receive the commission of the committee to seek to open a fountain of life to the wandering Jews of the Desert. I thank God that they have so promptly and heartily responded to enter on this work, and receive the assurance, that the prayers now ascending for the Arabs to our Father God, will in his own, that is, earliest time, be answered. But I repeat with trembling because you call on this great and untried work. Mr. Brown is at present absent from Aleppo: as soon as he can go to Dirhaz, I intend to accompany him, and to report all see." And in a letter, dated 12th February, he says that the Consul is still absent on a journey, with Mr. Skene, the secretary of Legation, or, in other words, the Vice-Ambassador at Constantinople, and adds, "I am sure that the prompt attention of the committee will encourage him much, and that he will be delighted with the enthusiastic interest taken in the poor Jews."

A letter from Miss Whately, the daughter of Archbishop Whately of Dublin, given in *Evangelical Christendom* for March, would seem to indicate that this movement with respect to the Arabs, may be regarded as the result of prayer. Miss Whately had seen an extract from Mr. Brown's letter, given in the January number of that periodical, and she thus writes:—

Palace, Dublin.

"I see in your last number, in a paper headed 'Opening among the Arabs of the Desert': 'Thousands of petitions ascend daily for Israel, but none pray, 'Oh that Ishmael might live before thee.' I beg to state that this is, thank God, an error of the writer. For more than six months, a tiny band, united in heart, though far asunder, pray every Saturday evening for the Bedouin Arabs. I had the privilege of starting this union, and therefore mention it."

The mission which was thus preceded by prayer originated in Ireland, is also, we are glad to say, accompanied by the prayers of the Lord's people in England, as the following minute of the London Committee of Council of the Evangelical Alliance shows:—"16th December. Sir Culling Eardley laid before the committee a letter from the Rev. R. G. Brown missionary to the Jews at Aleppo, concerning a remarkable movement among the Arabs under the influence of Mr. Skene, H. B. M.'s Consul at Aleppo; also a letter on the same subject from the Rev. Dr. Somerville, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, with which Mr. Brown is connected, which having been read, it was,—

"Resolved, That the subject of the missionary efforts, among the Arabs referred to in these letters, has the warm interest and sympathy of this committee; and that they cordially recommend the efforts now being made for these remarkable descendants of Ishmael to the prayer's of God's people at home and abroad; and that the substance of these letters, together with this resolution, be published in *Evangelical Christendom*.—*U. P. Record.*

MOVEMENT AMONG THE JEWS IN ALEPPO.

In several of his letters, Mr. Brown mentioned that an interest was being awakened in the minds of some of the