

needed for them, there has sometimes been an attendance of from one to two hundred Jews; and during all the three years, there has been no such service without some being present. The effect on the hostile Jews has been to "move them to jealousy," so that "the rabbis now preach regularly on Saturday, have classes for young men, and infant schools, and in every respect adopt and imitate the forms of Christianity, rejecting and despising its power." With the assistance of the Dutch ladies, more than thirty tracts have been written and published, on Prayer, on Objections to Christian Missions to Jews, on the Lives of Converted Jews, but chiefly on remarkable scriptural characters and events and of these, nearly forty thousand copies have been distributed. The *Herald*, a paper published weekly by the Mission, has created considerable interest, both amongst Jews and Christians, and has occasionally been written in by Jews themselves. Its leading articles last year were taken from the five books of Moses; and being now reprinted as fifty-two short lectures on the Pentateuch, will enable the Dutch Jews to read every Saturday a Hebrew-Christian exposition of the passage to be read in their synagogues. There has also been the commencement of a Christian school, which may be expected gradually to increase.—Such has been the work of Mr. Schwartz; and the standing he has attained in this country has been attested both by the deputation sent last autumn by the Commission of Assembly, and still more emphatically by the remarkable cause of that deputation in the munificent gift by a Dutch lady, of a church, class-rooms, and partial endowment for a missionary and collegiate institution at Amsterdam. This singular providence has led to Mr. Smith being stationed at Amsterdam, to labour both as a missionary to the Jews, and along with Mr. Schwartz and Dr. Da Costa, in the instruction of evangelists and missionaries. Of this great undertaking it is premature to speak, further than that, if owned by the Lord, it will afford immense advantage, both in sending the gospel to the many thousands of Jews in Holland and Belgium, and in carrying the Dutch Christians along with us in seeking their conversion. Meanwhile, it is by more than an ordinary providence that, through our mission to Israel, we have thus been introduced as a church to the Christians of Holland, and we pray that their hope may be realised, when they have hailed it as a "remarkable day when what was living in the Church of Holland was united to a living Church in Scotland".

3. *Breslau* has been hopefully entered on as a missionary field by Mr. Edward, and he has commenced his public Sabbath labours, with a good congregation, and a considerable number of Jews, shewing, at least, that these are ready to attend, if there is a

nothing to draw or interest them, and encouraging us to spare no pains in sending that gospel which they are not unwilling to hear. Whether it may please the Lord to breathe on these dry bones of the house of Israel, remains to be proved; but, meanwhile, the manner in which a congregation of Gentile Christians have granted to our mission the use of their church, is at once encouraging and intensely interesting.—There is here added another to the various instances in which the mission to the Jews has brought us into Christian intercourse with the ancient Protestant Churches of the Continent—an intercourse most attractive and profitable at all times, but singularly so in the present crisis of Protestantism in Europe. With the express and cordial consent of their consistory, the kirk-session of the Hof Kirche in *Breslau* have granted to Mr. Edward the use of their church in the following remarkable letter, the kindness of which is modestly veiled and greatly enhanced by being clothed in the garb of a debt of gratitude, due to our fathers from theirs, but forgot by us till they generously recall it when we ask their aid in the conversion of Israel. The first two signatures are those of the ministers, the others of the elders of the church:—**REVEREND SIR,**—In reply to your esteemed application of the 10th current, we have to say that it gives us peculiar pleasure to put our church at your disposal for the diets of worship on Sundays which you have in view. Our fathers were only enabled to build this church by their brethren in the faith, far and near, taking compassion upon their need, and the most bountiful of the love offerings then presented came from Scotland. May the same faithful God and Lord, who then directed the building of this house, and manifestly shed his blessing upon it, bless that also which is now about to be undertaken and accomplished in this house on the part of Scotland, for the building up of his kingdom upon earth.—*Breslau*, 22d January 1853. (Signed) The Kirk Session of the Hof Kirche. Falk, Gillet," &c. &c.

4. In *Pesth*, while the expulsion of the missionaries has broken up the public preaching of the Word, the seed sown has taken root, and the little church of ransomed Israelites remains "like a lily among thorns." "Letters of last month," writes the Rev. Mr. Wingate, "bear testimony to the afflictions of unhappy Hungary. It is now a reign of terror there, and even in those who have fled for refuge to the hope set before them in the gospel, and who are safe under the shadow of the Almighty's wings, there is much distress of mind. It is impossible for others to realise their position, nor dare they communicate their sentiments. Things get daily worse—and their only consolation is in looking to the Lord, and seeking in patience to possess their souls. They still continue to meet together