

Two or three years ago a liberal-minded and philanthropic Jew in Italy offered an immense sum of money to be devoted to the education of children in Russia, and recommended that Jews and Christians be educated together. His idea was that the race distinction should be ignored, and that the young of his people should be allowed to become absorbed in the national life wherever they might be, and that gradually the distinction between Jew and Gentile should disappear. It may be, that social absorption, intermarriage, the assimilating influence of the common school, the fading out of the Jewish pride and prejudice of race are to be factors in God's plan of recovery. Doubtless, they will have a part to act, but God's express will is that the Gospel shall be faithfully preached meanwhile, and that prayer be offered for His people.

Surely the Christian Church owes it to itself to present no higher consideration to promote the spiritual enlightenment of the Jews. We ourselves need this effort, if only to remind us continually how much we owe to the race that gave us the Saviour of mankind—if only to keep fresh in memory the great missionary whom the Jewish race gave as the Apostle to us Gentiles. Our indebtedness for the Chief of the apostles will never be paid. The Gentile world, with its Christian institutions, is a monument of the great fact that it is possible to overcome the most inveterate Jewish prejudice, and to win the stoutest Pharasaic heart to Christ. If Paul could be converted and could convert thousands of others of his own faith, the Christian Church has no right to despair. Jewish synagogues were the first cradles of the nascent church in all lands. They opened their doors to the apostles for the planting of the first germs of truth, and Jewish converts everywhere gave character and steadiness to the ignorant Gentile church.

But, how shall the Jews of our time be reached? The London Society, as the result of eighty years of experience, answers this question under the following heads:

- (1.) By striving to win their confidence by removing prejudice:
 - (a.) Never speak sneeringly or disparagingly of them; overcome the habit in ourselves and others.
 - (b.) Manifest sympathy with them as a nation and as individuals.
 - (c.) Win confidence by medical missions.
- (2.) By preaching the Gospel as the apostles preached it—proving from their own Scriptures that Christ is the promised Messiah.
- (3.) By encouraging a diligent, candid, and prayerful study of the whole Bible—the Old and the New Testament in their connection.
- (4.) By educating Jewish children. In a school supported by the Society, in Palestine Place, London, where 595 Jewish boys have been educated, the master, after 28 years of service, does not know of one pupil, who, after pursuing a full course, has relapsed into Judaism.
- (5.) By assisting poor Jewish youth to obtain positions and encouraging them in seeking a subsistence.
- (6.) By training promising young men as missionaries.

It should not be forgotten, as an encouragement, that the Jews are worshippers of our God, have a large portion of our Bible, are sharers of our civilization, speak our language, and are—or ought to be—our friends as well as neighbors, and are even before us, heirs of the covenant of promise!