

There is great ignorance concerning the scriptures, even of Moses and the Prophets, which they are commonly supposed to study amongst the Jews, many of them knowing only the traditions of the Talmud, a book or books full of the grossest superstitions most dishonouring to the God they profess to worship, therefore the need of Bibles, Testaments and the book of Common Prayer for free distribution is most urgent. Our dear old Prayer Book should be attractive to them, containing as it does their Psalms and the liturgical service with which they are familiar. An immense work is being carried on in England, on the continent and in Asia and Africa, by the London Society, the oldest Societies of Missions to the Jews, established in 1809; it has been all those years and still is steadily employed in a large and liberal spirit in carrying the gospel of Christ to the Jew first according to our Lord's command, and its work has been singularly blessed. A fact stated by a clergyman at the conference of the Anglican communion held a few months ago in London, is full of encouragement to Mission workers, he says "A friend has gathered from careful examination of public documents the knowledge that at least a quarter of a million of the House of Israel to-day are members of the Christian Church." That means that at least one in forty or one in thirty of the Jewish nation at the present time accept the faith of Jesus Christ. We do not see bright centres of Native Churches amongst the Jews as amongst the heathen in dark and dreary lands, but they are in our midst, in our Christian Churches, mixing with them, sometimes absorbed by them, and therefore not so easily traced as converts from other sources. In this wonderful age when we see the prophecies being fulfilled daily, especially those concerning God's ancient people, it behoves us Christians of Canada to bestir ourselves and combine in the spirit of our Saviour to take the knowledge of Christ to His brethren according to the flesh, especially those dwelling in our own land.

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REPORT OF ALGOMA'S W. A. BRANCHES.

We have so long been in the habit of looking at the Diocese of Algoma in the attitude of a recipient of favours from other Dioceses. But now we turn to it as realizing the greater blessedness of giving than receiving, and to the Woman's Auxiliary has been the privilege of arousing the interests and directing the energies of many who sit in solitary places, and yet desire earnestly to be able in some way to aid in Christ's work—the coming of His Kingdom. In Algoma Diocese there are eleven W. A. Branches, three of this number have not reported. The earliest date of the organization of a Branch is 1887 when the St. Luke's Branch, Sault Ste Marie, was formed and it now