

may bring comfort and consolation to a sorrowing heart ; or you may be the means of saving a soul, the soul, it may be, of a Peter, a Moody, or a Spurgeon.

"The great difficulty of personal dealing is the method to be adopted. No single, definite rule can be given ; but in general, study those incidents in the life of Christ in which he came in contact with individuals, and observe his methods. Be natural : be wise : study the circumstances and character of the person you are about to approach. Avoid making it appear as a mere professional duty. Endeavor to introduce religious topics into ordinary conversation. Be in sympathy with Christ, full of love to Him, and love to souls for His sake."

At the close of the address several questions were asked which elicited much information on special subjects.

October 25th. "Jewish Missions." The conference to-day was honored with an address by the Rev. Aaron Matthews, a converted Jew, who is at present visiting this country, in the interests of the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews.

Mr. Matthews, whose whole soul is aglow with love to God and his brethren, explained his anxiety for Israel's conversion by saying, that in the conversion of his people was wrapt up the great blessing of the world's acceptance of Jesus Christ.

In all ages God has used the Jew, and is still using him, to bless mankind. He will continue to use him in fulfilling His grandest design.

Christians reverence the Jew of the past ; but they scorn the Jew of the present. This ought not so to be.

The speaker then touched on some of the difficulties that are to be met with in Jewish Missions. When we remember, he said, that all power to regenerate comes from God, the salvation of a Jew is as easy as that of a Gentile. But God employs men to deal with men, and with their objections and difficulties. Notwithstanding contrary opinion, missions to the Jews have been attended with as great success as similar efforts in any other direction. It is very difficult to give up a faith in which we have been brought up, throw aside ancestral religion, and begin a new life. Moreover, Jewish children are early taught to look upon Christianity as idolatry ; and the customs of the Greek and Roman Catholic churches tend to confirm this parental teaching. Ever since the terrible punishment of the Babylonish captivity, inflicted on account of their own idolatry, the Jews cannot tolerate anything that savours of idol-worship. Besides this, they hate Christ and Christianity, because of the persecution they have had to undergo at the hands of professed Christians. Even after their faith in the ancestral religion has been shaken, they conscientiously hesitate to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah through fear of dishonoring God. In addition to all this, the persecution to which they are subjected by their own people after their conversion exercises a powerfully deterrent effect.

The changed attitude of the Jews