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#### THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY AMONGST THE JEWS.

#### BY MEY A. BYN OLIFE.

EARNEST Bible toving Christians readily admit their great Indebtedness to the Jews for the Divine Oracles, for Patriarche, prophets, apostles, saints and maityrs, and above all, for the adorable Savlour, David's Son and Lord, "who is over all, God blesred for ever." But how few are aware or ready to acknowledge, that over and above a debt of gratitude, there is also a debt of reparation due to them, to wipe off a terrible catalogue of wrongs endured by the Jows at the hands of professed disciples of the foring compassionate Son of Go.I.1 To bring this love to the hearts and consciences of your readers was the main purpose of my first paper, touching the difficulties attendant on the erangelisation of the Jews. Let them ponder on that part of their obligations to the Jews.

The next point to consider is the alleged anialiness of results. Is that really so? Are there no reliable statisties to disprove besides the affirmations of good men, fully competent to express an opinion on the subject, and whose testimony is, therefore, worthy of credence and esspect? I think there are.

In a letter to the Christian Advocate, of New York, last October, I stated: "Competent statisticians compute that from 1,000 to 1,500 Jews are now annually being gathered into the different Christian Churches. Here are some statistics. In 1881 the Synod of the Russian Church reported 572 Jews baptized. The same year 122 were received by baptism into the Evangelical Church of Prussla; 19 into the Lutheran Church of Hamburg; about 100 into the Episcopal Church of the United States. A rapid glance through the reports of the London and British Societies for Jews, both situated in London, discovers 46 imptized through the labours of the first, and 50 by those of the latter, in the same year. This gives over 900 Jews baptized in one year; but it does not include the result of the labours of the Jewish missions of the Presbyterian and other Churches, nor those received Into the Roman Catholic Church, which in Vienna alone, In 1882, were 181; and many are received by baptism Into particular Churches of whom little is heard or known, for Jews of the higher classes do not like publicity-it affects their status in the social scale. As to the position in life of those who embrace Christianity, the following description is given of those baptized in Vienna in 1882, namely : 6 doctors, 3 professors, 3 lawyers, 16 students, 3 military officers, 3 civic officers, I solicitor, 4 fournalists, 12 merchants, 2 actors, 2 actresses, 1 musician, 1 painter, 2 governesses, 27 bookkeepers and clerks, 4 male labourers, 52 Jewesses of the same class, I railway officer, 2 servants, etc., showing that they belonged to all cate gories and grades of society. Not long since the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the two foremost Western Powers were Christian Protestant Jews, namely, Diseasli in England, and Fould in France. The present Solicitor-General of England, Sir F. Herschell (now Lord Chancellor) is the son of a dear departed friend of mine-Hebrew convert, the Rev. R. H. Herschell, of London: and there are other members of the present English Parliament who are Christian Jews, among them a son of the late Rev. Dr. Wolff, the well-known missionary and traveller. He is now England's Commissioner in Egypt.

Here are some more recent statistics. The number of Jews baptized into the Established Church of Prussia, in the eight old provinces of the country only, were :-1872, 55; 1873, 90; 1874, 67; 1875, 54; 1876, 50; 1877, 57; 1878, 74 ; 1879, 76 ; 1880, 120 ; 1881, 122 ; 1882, 136 ; 1883, 157. Total in 12 years, 2,058.

The Hamelits, an influential Jewish paper uttered the following lament: "What losses we sustain through the spread of European culture among our people, may be gathered from the statistics published in the Newsest by the heads of the Jewish community at Vienna. of Austrian Jews who have embraced Christianity. For the year 1884 only they amount to 263! Of these 13 are lawyers, 9 physicians, 2 dentist, 4 booksellers, 3 engineers, 6 university professors, lecturers and private teachers, 3 governesses, 11 students of the science college, 7 of various other colleges, 5 magistrates, 2 artist, 2 banker's wife, 17 manufacturers and influential members of the Bourse, 2 actress, 4 other stage players, 2 military officers, 23 clerks and bookkeepers, and 37 artisans and petty tradesmen -total 138. The social position of the rest has not yet been ascertained." This is the statement of the Jews themselves. See the Jewish Intelligence, of October, 1885, from which it also appears that the number of Jews baptized by that society's agents, etc., as recorded in its annual report of 1885, amounted to 88 adults and 23 children, besides 33 Falashas in Abyssinia.

Of the agents of the London Society, about 90 are believing Jews; those of the British Society, with one or two exceptions, are all Jews; and so are most of those of Presbyterian and other Churches and societies. The Hebrew-Christian Prayer Union, of London, has a membership of nearly 300 Jews, of whom over 120 are clergy, ministers, missionaries and theological students. Of these four classes there must be at least 500 throughout the Protestant world, including one bishop of the Church of England-Bishop Hellmuth, author of the "Biblical Thesaurus." But the union embraces only a fraction of living Hebrew believers.

In one of my printed lectures I have ventured to affirm that, if a census could be taken of all living Hebren Christians and their children in all Churches, it would

most probably exceed 100.000. "The Synod of the Low Countries in 1678, and the Moravians, in 1764, led the van of missions to the Jews on a small scale, but with most encouraging results. When the missionary spirit was aroused in England at the commencement of the present century, the duty of giving the gospel to the Jews was soon recognised; and the London Society for Jews, composed of Chatchmen and Dissenters, was formed in 1809. In 1815 this Society became exclusively Episcopalian. In 1842 the Evangelical Churches formed the British Society. The labours of these two societies have been owned of God and abundantly blessed." I am quoting from a lecture ready for the press. In it I tabulate the various agencies

having been called for the price has been re- at work actually among the Jews throughout the world,

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Ordained missionaries	14	4	40
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School teachers, etc.	14	23	116
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The result is that, apart from lingland and Palestine, here is barely one ordained missionary for every 200,000 Jews in the rest of the world, assuming that the total Jewish population does not exceed 7,000,000, whereas many competent statisticians compute the total at nearly 10,000,000. This is the state of matters now; but, of course, the number of labourers was much smaller in former years—the numbers in tact dwindled to a very few the further we go toward 1810. Now, comparing these facts further we go toward 1810. Now, comparing these facts with the results given above from my imperfect and limited data, it goes far to confirm the correctness of the statement made by my lamented correspondent of former years, Dr. Barth, of Calw, "that the success of the Jewish mission, considering the proportion (of means employed) was greater than that of any other." I am not sure that he had simply numbers in view-probably not, and justly so, for who would venture to compare a Jew won to Christ with a Kaffir, a Hottentot, a Hindoo, or a Chinese? True, all souls are alike preclous in the sight of God; and we should labour as earnestly for the conversion of the heathen as for that of the Jews or any others. But is THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOME MISSIONS there not another aspect to the question? Do we not, as there not another aspect to the question? Do we not, as matter of fact, rejoice more over the conversion of a Hebrew-a brother and kinsman of The Man Jesus Christ, and of Peter, and Paul, and John, than over that of a negro or a Fijian? Apart from the peculiar Interest attaching to the Tew as a Jew, there is the further satisfaction of winning an active enemy into an active friend and co-worker in the cause of Gospel truth. How many Neanders, Capadoses, DaCostas, Saphirs, Hengstenbergs, Cassels; Sterns, Herschells, Edersheims, Hellmuths, Giersburgs, Jahns, Krummachers, Tholucks, and a host of other defenders of the faith, has the heathen world given to the Church of God in modern times? Who will venture to affirm that the Church spent too much in the conversion of such a gem as a Saphir, or such an erudite sage as the author of the "Life and Times of Jesus the

I have spoken of converted Jews as co-workers; and is it not a remarkable and alguificant fact that the Jews, who are reported to love money more than all others, should, when converted to the Lord Jesus, prefer in such large proportions the service of Christ and His Church? It is not certainly the road to wealth. There are, for instance, plenty of clerks in the offices of my wealthy relations who are far better off than myself in this world's goods ; but not, certainly, happler than I am.

Do we not see in this singular fact a forecast of com-In the churches of the Dominion who are bemoaning lack of power and of spiritual results, I would say to them, "Take up the cause of Israel into your pulpit, and the scene will change. You will be listened to with attention, your congregation will take to the study of the Bible. Prayer will revive and showers of blessing will be seen to descend." Why so? Simply because the Lord has said it, "I will bless them that bless thee." "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem ; they shall prosper that tove thee."

Brethren, pray for the Jews of Rome and for the humble labourer among them, as well as for the Jews of all lands, that the time to favour Zion, yea, the set time, may speedily come.

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# Literary Hotices.

In addition to a new and cheaper edition of Chini-In addition to a new and cheaper edition of Chini-quiy's "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome," mentioned elsewhere, the Willard Tract Society, Toronto, have issued new and cheaper editions of books lately noticed in these columns, "The Trinity of Evil," cloth 50 cents, paper 30 cents; "Abundant Grace," paper 50 cents.

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Of the making of books, especially of school books, there seems to be no end. We glance up at a certain shelf and see the now old and discarded histories that saett and see the now old and discarded historie that were much lauded in their day, and that not so long ago. There they are—"Goldsmith," "White," "Collier," "Edith Thompson," "Booch Series" (highly extolled), "Roy's" Canadiaa, "Hodgin's," "Jeffers," "Haghes" (beyond compare), and others more than we have time to count, and wonder if this new creation of the official mint has come to stay. Time alone will tell. Actual use in the school room is the only test that can decide the merit the school room is the only test that can decide the merit of the book. Mr. Adam is a grailensan of culture and experience in book making, and Mr. Robertson has had much experience in the school room. Such a combination ought to produce a readable, useful, and somewhat permanent school book. It has a useful introduction, excellent hints to the teacher, copious references to authorities, first rate maps, and not a few good examination questions. It is well printed and attractively bound.

## Communications.

THE LATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. [ To the Eliter of the PRESBYTRRIAN REVIEW.]

518,—Your correspondent "Juno," In the REVIEW of Eth Inst, criticizes the action of the Assembly on the over-ture from the presbytery of Barrie anent Mr. Biyant's application, without full information as to the decision adopted. Itsides remitting the matter to a committee, the Assembly agreed to encourage Mr. Bryant, in the meantime, in his efforts to advance the work of Christ. One of the representatives of the Barrie Presbytery, on the decision being announced, thanked the Assembly for the manner in which the matter had been dealt with, and

Itad I been present when the overture about lotterles was disposed of, I might be able to show that in that case was disposed of, I might be able to show that in that case also the course taken was the most judicious; but I was in one of those committees, for the members of which I am confident "Juno" would have much more compassion if he had a more extended experience of an honour, such that he who enjoys it must work day and night, as many committeemen have to do during Assembly. But some one who was present can probably satisfy "Juno" on this matter also. Yours truly, W. T. MCMULLEN. WOODSTOCK, 9th fuly, 1886.

[ To the Editor of the Parsbyterian Review.]

SIR,—In your impression of June 25th I observed a brief editorial on the overtures from the Rock Lake and Brandon Presbyteries which were submitted to the As-sembly. In your remarks you express the hope that "the differences... may all have disappeared before another year, as the processes of the ecclesiastical laundry are never advantageously carried on in presence of the public."

Permit me, sir, to say in reply that these remarks seem to be based either on a misconception or a misrepresenta-tion of the whole facts of the case. These "differences" exist as a result of the extraordinary system of administer-ing Home Mission affairs in Manitoba and the North-West Territories; which system was created by the Gen-eral Assembly. Therefore, the Assembly only can modify, or abolish, the system and remove the "differences"

It should also be remembered that the overtures did not request the Assembly to clean—which is the commonly anderstood use of a "laundry," ecclesiastical or otherwise—but to cut the swaddling bands of ecclesiastical bondage with which it has bound the Presbyteries of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and to remove a central executive office which seems as inefficent as it is somecessary. Yours, etc., JAMES TODD.

BURNSIDE, MAN., June 3011, 1886.

#### WINNIPEG NEWS. (From our own Correspondent)

On Sabbath, June 27th, the sacrament of the Lord's Do we not see in this singular fact a forecast of coming events leading to the conversion of the world? Else
what is the meaning of Lev. viii. 23? I ask further, can
any constituted Church, or body of believers, be said to
be discharging its duty to the Master and the world, if it
falls to pray and labour for the Jews? More, is it not a
well ascertained fact that an active, prayerful interest in
the spiritual welfare of the Jews is invariably followed by
spiritual revival and growth? If there are any ministers
in the churches of the Dominion who are bemoaning church his not yet elected a session, but the following elders being present assisted the pastor in dispensing the ordinance:—Messrs. G. D. McVicar, Jas. Thomson, Jas. Russell. Angus Polson, Alex. Polson, and Mr. MacLeod. The audience seemed to enjoy the solemn service, and mone left until the close.

The attendance at the meetings is steadily increasing. That these services are not in vain in the Lord is to be seen in the above mentioned ten, who, through the preaching here, were brought openly to own Christ as their Lord and Master. A nest frame church, capable of seating 200, has been erected (at a cost of \$650 00), and paid for. It has also been seated and furnished. The Ladles' Aid have purchased a new \$350 Bell's chapel organ, and have already more than half the purchase oney provided for. And Thursday evening, the 15th inst., Knox church choir is to give them a sacred concert in aid of their organ fund, which will doubtless greatly help in meeting the balance. Miss Waugh, one of Winnipeg's most popular amateur musicians, is organist of the church, and is rendering most efficient service in improving the psalmody. The mission is steadily going forward, and promises ere long to be a church which will do good service to the cause of Christ in this city. It might be men-tioned here that it is contemplated soon to establish a similar mission in the south end of Winnipeg. And we hope the work thus begun will go on from year to year until every important point in Winnipeg and suburbs will have, as Toronto has, a visible evidence, in the shape of a congregation or mission, of the existence and vitalizing energy of our great Presbyterian Church in Canada, in church extension in this city. In the city and suburbs the Anglican Church has six large congregations; the Methodists have three important congregations, two missions, and a mission S.S.; the Baptists, though numerically so few, have an influential congregation and a flourishing mission S.S., besides their German S.S. Our Presbyter lan Church has Knox and St. Andrew's congregation presume the largest in the city) and the mission in the north end. With Manitoba College to aid six months in the year, and intelligent laymen who are ready and willing to help forward the work, we might and ought to do more. It is a pity to let talent lie latest which might be turned to good account. And we trust Presbyterians will heatisthemselves and organize Sabbath schools and preaching places in and around the city, which, with the development of the city, will become mules of further con-NEC TAMEN CONSUMERATUR. gragations.

BACKVILLE.-The presbytery met at Cardinal, July 6th. Mr. Kellock was elected moderator for the nex six months. A resolution was adopted instructing the clerk to remind certain members of their ordinatica vows touching attendance at Church courts. Mr. Ballenden, Iowa, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. A complaint from the session of Dunbar against the action of the presbytery in the matter of Mr. Joseph Young's appeal, was entrasted to a commission composed of Mesers. Kellock, Bayne and MacArthur, ministers, and Mosers Harkness and Montgomery, elders. The Home Mission Report was very encouraging. It set forth that regular supply had been secured for all stations ! that the attendance at almost all points was good and that con-siderable accessions to the membership of the Church were being recorded in the mission fields. Mr. C. II. Lowry, catechis, was introduced to the Court and was received as a student under the care of the presbytery. The treasurer's books were audited and Dr. Jaidine reelected treaturer. Subjects for exercises were ordered to be assigned by the committee in charge of such matters to the students within the bounds, and students were requested to deliver their discourses at the September meeting as an indispensable condition of obtaining certification to the colleges. The Report on Statistics was presented by the cierk and action thereon was deferred mail the next regular meeting.—G. D. BAYNE, Chris. Zaaks, &c.

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