

In some instances gave his own views on such subjects as the fall of man, effectual calling, the imputed righteousness of Christ, faith in Him as a saving grace, &c.; he repeated also the Creed, and declared it to be his faith. Thus, not being ignorant, but having evidently taken firm hold of the truth, and it of him, we felt that he and his will stand fast in the faith, and, rooted and grounded in love to Christ, will not easily fall away. This line of the course we have pursued will convince you that we are careful not to baptise until they have attained a knowledge of the Word of God, and have given evidence of that change of heart which is promised to the house of Israel in answer to prayer. The husband will not give us the same anxiety as to support which several others of our converts and inquirers do, for he can get a maintenance for himself and family by house-painting. His name is Joseph Baruch; but, out of compliment to himself, he wished at his baptism to be called William. His wife is Maria, a young Victor Emmanuel, and the little one—a sweet, pretty child—we called Leah, in honour of Miss Tawse, whose efforts for the Mission have all along been so helpful.

There are some other inquirers who are eager for baptism, and, so far as we judge, well prepared for it; but there are complications in their temporal affairs which might bring them and us into trouble, which we hope, by a prudent delay, to avoid. In the meantime, we have good reason to thank God and take courage.

Our church was very full of people of all nationalities on the occasion of the baptism. There were many Jews. To preserve the peace, we got a *cavass* from the British consulate, whose very presence is always a good guarantee for order, but no active interference of his was required, for the Jews behaved with all propriety. This deportment indicated a pleasant change in their thoughts and feelings, as not long ago many of them would have been disposed to be contentious, and to break through all restraint on seeing one of their compatriots publicly avowing his faith in Jesus as their Messiah, and entering by baptism into the Christian Church. After the baptis-

mal service, which I conducted in Italian the native language of the recipients, Mr. Spath made a very earnest and telling appeal in Judæo-Spanish to the Jews present. He spoke with such effect, that one of the inquirers told me he could scarcely restrain himself from coming forward and asking baptism there and then. The Rev. Mr. Epstein, of the London Jewish Society, concluded with a fervent prayer in the same language. Mr. Epstein very cordially co-operates with us on all occasions, thus proving that it is good and pleasant for those that are brethren of Christ to dwell together in unity.

"After so much success, and hoping to have more, we must not be high-minded, but fear; for though the bonds of Rabbinism—a grievous yoke—may be loosening, they are still so very strong that we are not unprepared for a reaction against us. Mr. Spath's audiences on the Saturdays are still well attended, and have not been much thinned on account of the baptisms that have taken place. Two weeks ago a spy from the synagogue looked in, and his very visage had the effect of scaring some away. The majority, however, kept their place, some of them saying, 'Let him spy.'

"We had a very refreshing visit from the Rev. Mr. Wallace, the Presbyterian clergyman of Ramelton, near Derry. He was nearly a fortnight in harbour, in a ship in which he was having a trip for the sake of his health; and we saw him almost every day. He preached twice for me, and on both occasions our church was quite full. He took an intense interest in all our work, examined the schools, and was much pleased with all he saw going on. We should be glad to have more visitors of the same genial spirit."

BAPTISM OF TWO YOUNG MEN.

"16th June 1880.

"I again write to inform you that we baptised the two young men whom I mentioned in my last, as by knowledge and spirituality ready for the initiatory rite, but as under difficulties which made us hesitate, and cautioned delay. After the baptisms of the others they became quite dejected; and as they declared themselves prepared to brave all difficul-