

HYMN.

"I thank the goodness and the grace,
That on my birth have smiled,
And made me in these favored days,
A happy Christian child.

I was not born as thousands are,
Where God was never known,
And taught to pray a useless prayer
To blocks of wood or stone."

Field Study for August.

CONVERSION OF THE JEWS, MISSIONARY WORK IN PALESTINE AND AMONG MOHAMMEDANS.

I wonder how many of us ever consider what we owe to the Jews, and then on the other hand how little we do for them. As a people they were chosen of God and of them Christ was born. Although they refused Him as their Messiah, and were willing for His blood to be upon their heads and those of their children, yet we must not forget that very many of them forsook the old paths and endured persecution. As a nation their history is wonderful. To-day, they are scattered far and wide among the nations of the earth and, generally speaking, they are viewed with scorn.

What, then, as Christian nations are we doing for them? In 1809, in England, the London society for promoting Christianity among the Jews was formed. Up to that time there had been efforts made to bring this people to a true knowledge of Christ, but no society had been formed for this particular purpose. In Germany there has always been a great interest in the conversion of the Jews. Now there are forty-nine Protestant societies for this purpose. Besides these the British and Foreign Bible Society and American Tract Society have rendered valuable assistance in various ways. It is said that during the first three quarters of this century, 100,000 Jews have been converted to Christianity. Frequently the Jew has been expelled from the country in which he has settled. They are generally considered as not under the laws of the land, and the people of the land wish to be rid of them. Injustice, and little or no mercy, is what they have received from the hands of the governments. Truly we want the Master's spirit in the making and keeping of our laws.

In Palestine, the former home of the Jews, there is a mingling of many races, and almost as many religions. The inhabitants number 2,000,000, of these 30,000 are Jews, and there are only 6,300 Protestants. The forces which oppose Christianity

are mighty, and Mohammedanism is perhaps the mightiest. Jerusalem is said to be the worst city in the world.

There are said to be 200 million Mohammedans in the world, and there are more of them in the British Empire than in any other nation. There are many truths in this system which are similar to those of Christianity, and no doubt that is one reason why it is such a dangerous and mighty foe. The Bible has been translated into the language of the Koran, the sacred book of the Mohammedans, and this will be a powerful factor in favor of Christianity. Many and faithful prayers are needed for the workers who have to labor in the face of these mighty and opposing forces, and are we not responsible for a certain measure of success? Oh! then, let us pray earnestly.

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Questions for August.

- What do we owe to the Jews?
- Did all refuse to accept Christ?
- Have they a history?
- How are they now?
- Are Christian nations doing anything for them?
- What has England done for them?
- What other country is interested in their conversion?
- How many Protestant societies are there now for this purpose?
- What other societies help?
- How many Jews have been converted in Christianity this century?
- How have Jews frequently been treated in countries where they have settled; and why?
- How have they been treated by governments?
- What is necessary in the making and keeping of Laws?
- What can you tell of Palestine?
- How many inhabitants? How many Jews? How many Protestants?
- Is there any opposition to Christianity there?
- What kind of a city is Jerusalem now?
- How many Mohammedans in the world and where are most of them found?
- What makes Mohammedanism such a mighty, dangerous foe to Christianity?
- What is going to help Christ's cause now?
- What are needed for the workers in such a field?
- Have we anything to do with the success of it?
- What must we do?

Surely this is not the time to disbelieve in Foreign Missions; he who despairs of the power of the Gospel to convert the world to-day, despairs of the noontide just when the sunrise is breaking out of the twilight on the earth.—*Phillips Brooks*

"Your religion and ours, I find are alike in many things," said a young Hindoo to a missionary, "but there is one thing which Christianity has and ours has not." "What is that?" the missionary asked. His reply was striking: "A Saviour."