

tures. His baptism took place on the 19th April, in the church of the Rev. J. T. Davidson, Islington. Mr. Meyer says:—"Mr. Davidson preached a most suitable and impressive sermon from Psalm lxxii., 19, 'Let the whole earth be filled with His glory,' by which the congregation were well prepared for the subsequent service. After the singing of a hymn, I addressed to the congregation some observations on Jeremiah xli., 27, 28, setting before them the claims of the Jews on our active sympathy and interest, and the prospects of Jewish missions; and after having given a short account of Mr. S—— and his conversion, put to him the usual questions. They were answered in so firm and unfaltering a voice as I have rarely heard—an evidence of the firmness of his conviction, and I then baptized him in the name of the Triune God, and blessed him with the Aaronitic benediction. From Psalm cxxvi. some suitable exhortations and consolations were addressed to the convert, and he himself and the cause of Israel were recommended to the warm sympathy of the congregation. With prayer by Mr. Davidson, the singing of hymn 182 ('Great God of Abram, hear our prayer'), and the benediction, the solemn service was brought to a close. The large congregation was most attentive and seemed deeply interested, as many, by shaking hands with the convert and addressing to him some kindly words, gave expression to their interest and sympathy, while the convert himself was full of joy, and could not find words to describe his happiness. He is still full of joy and love, and is walking worthy of the vocation wherewith he has been called.

If, however, I make our people partakers of my joy, in order that with me they may thank the Lord for His goodness, I may expect that they will sympathise and bear with me in my sorrows and disappointments also. Three persons who had been instructed for a considerable time, and promised well—indeed, in the case of one of them the day of baptism had been fixed—have yielded to the adverse influences and temptations brought to bear upon them; they have gone back, and walk no more with us, or rather with Jews. But although they no more walk with us, and we have altogether lost sight of them, they are not beyond the reach of our prayers, nor hidden from the eye of Jesus, nor beyond the reach of the influences of His Holy Spirit. Let us therefore not judge severely or uncharitably of them, but remembering that the obstacles in the way of inquiring Jews are enormous—much more so than Gentile Christians can be convinced of—let us pray for them all the more earnestly, that they may yet return, and be brought into the fold of Christ.

INDIA.—The mission in India is likely to take a fresh start on the return of Rev. Behari Lal Singh. He has been for about a year in England. Many friends specially interested in India are resolved to strengthen his hands and to enable him to employ colporteurs, assistants, &c., and there is the hope that a medical missionary may ere long go out.

CHINA.—Dr. Gould writes from Swatow under date April 24, 1874:—"I have a full hospital, and have commenced to give my three assistants regular lessons in anatomy, practice of medicine, and surgery, which they seem to enjoy. The anatomy instruction is confined to books, as we cannot get the human subject to demonstrate from as at home. I have been trying to teach the school girls singing, and they get on pretty well. I also superintend the building of the "College," so that I have little inclination left for friendly correspondence.

We are bereft of the help of our dear friends Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, who have gone to Amoy for rest, which they much needed. Another of