

humbler classes of society and subsist principally on the charitable contributions which are sent to them from many lands. Even their synagogues have an impoverished, disconsolate, appearance. One of the most affecting sights I ever witnessed was the scene at the Jews Wailing Place, where they meet at least once a week, beside some of the remaining great stones of the ancient Temple wall, to bewail the calamities that have come upon them. One of their number, conversing with me about their future prospects as the covenant-people, said pathetically, "would you wish me to say that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah when I do not believe that he is?"

The Episcopalians have a liberally supported Mission to the Jews of Jerusalem. I heard an artistic discourse by Bishop Blyth, in his beautiful church on Mount Zion. It was a rare homily doubtless, equally applicable to Jew and Gentile. I also attended the services of the "Evangelical Mission to Israel," and found a goodly number of converts, and a few inquirers and visitors present. And now our mutual friend Ben-Oliel, whom I was delighted to meet in his hospitable home in Jaffa, has taken up his abode in Jerusalem, assuredly gathering that the Lord has called him to preach the Gospel to the Jews of the Holy City. It does seem like beginning the evangelization of the world over again to send missionaries to the very city where the Church in its New Testament form was first organized. But that is just what God in his Providence now seems to be telling us to do, as a church. We will await with interest the decision of our next General Assembly, in regard to the contemplated Mission to the Jews of Jerusalem, or some other place in Palestine.

"You remember the man who advertised a cement which would mend everything from a cracked teacup to the break of day? Well, we have found that cement. It is simply mutual freedom and respect, mutual confidence in each other's rightness of purpose, and the assurance in all of us that every one, no matter how he differs from us, is interested with us in the furtherance of the kingdom of God. That cement will hold the Board together, through discussion and after discussion, until the Lord has no longer any need of it.—R. S. Stows.

Missionary Cabinet.

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THE short, brilliant and beneficent career of Professor Elmslie illustrates Bailey's lines:—

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial;
We should count time by heart throbs. He
most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

Elmslie was born at Inch, in the north of Scotland, in 1848. He died in London near the close of 1889, forty-one years old. He was a "son of the manse," his father, a Free Church minister, surviving him. His college course at Aberdeen was brilliant. After graduation he acted as Assistant Professor of Natural Philosophy, and a career in this direction was easily open to him. But he made up his mind to study for the ministry, and he attended the New College, Edinburgh, where he won both the Cunningham Scholarship and the Travelling Fellowship. This latter enabled him to prosecute special studies at German universities and at the University of Paris. For some time he assisted Professor A. B. Davidson in his Hebrew classes in the New College. When about twenty-five years of age he accepted an invitation to assist Dr. Dykes in Regent Square church, London. He gradually won his way to a position of rare influence and popularity in London. He had peculiar power with the young in Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes and missions. He taught the teachers and led the leaders. He was called, in 1877, to a new congregation at Willesden, near London, where his work was highly appreciated by all classes. He was invited to be the successor of one of the most eminent Congregationalist ministers at Brixton. He was also called by the great congregation of Westminster Chapel, one of the largest and most influential in London, but both these calls he declined.

In 1883 he accepted the chair of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis in the College

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