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"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."—Psalm 137, 4-5.

ORDINATION OF A MISSIONARY TO THE JEWS.

The Rev. George M. Mackie, B. D., was, on April 22d, in the Assembly Hall, ordained a minister in the Jewish Mission of the Church of Scotland at Beyrout. There was a large attendance at the service. The Rev. John Alison, Newington, preached, taking his text from Romans ix. 5—"Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came." He dwelt first on the fact that proselytism is not foreign or accidental to Christianity, but is of its essence; and therefore that any Church which is self-contained, careful only of its creed and ritual, shows itself wanting in the spirit of Christ. He pointed out that the Church's duty in this respect pertains not to any official order, or to any limited number in the Church, but to the whole Church; and that true faith in Jesus Christ will necessarily manifest itself in practical interest in all Mission work.

He then spoke specially of the claims of the Jews, and the line which the Christian missionary should follow in dealing with them, showing that Christianity is the very spirit of true Judaism—the faith by which we are justified, being, as St

Paul shows, the very faith of Abraham confirmed and developed by Jesus Christ. Missions to Jews were regarded by some as so hopeless as to warrant the Church in desisting from them. He pointed, in reply, to the fact that they had been successful; that the first converts and missionaries of Christianity were Jews; that in more recent times large numbers of them had embraced the Christian faith; and added that any difficulty which might seem too great for man would yield to the power of the Spirit of God, if invoked in true faith. We must not, however, set up tests of our own to prove the success or failure of such a mission. God has His own time and way of fulfilling His purpose. We must not be too anxious for quick and obvious returns. Let us sow in faith, and have long patience, until the seed receive the early and the latter rain.

The Rev. Mr. Smith addressed the missionary and the congregation. We give the following extracts from his addresses:—

ADDRESS TO REV. MR. MACKIE.

Having congratulated Mr. Mackie on entering on so worthy a mission, in a place so desirable as Beyrout, Mr. Smith said:—