

at the head of East Loch, Tarbert—that being a central point for the people to assemble at from all directions, both by sea and land. On the week-days I held meetings in the most destitute districts, as far as the state of my health permitted. I regret, however, that it was not in my power, during my stay in the country, to accomplish all the work I had chalked out for myself, my health having more than once given way, owing, I have reason to believe, to the frequent drenching to which I was exposed in that very rainy climate.

Of all the destitute districts I visited, the island of Scalpay is by far the most destitute, both as respects temporal and spiritual means. There you have a population of 240 souls, including about 100 under fifteen years of age, who cannot read a single word. Here, surely, there is very urgent need for planting a school. I have been meditating an application to a few zealous ladies to collect say £5 each for two or three years, to pay the salary of a Gaelic teacher, that these people might at least be enabled to read the Scriptures in their vernacular tongue. Could you not give me a helping hand in arranging a small project of this kind? In Scalpay, and in other localities also, I baptized in some instances four children—if children some of them could be called—in one family. From circumstances which I need not here detail, their parents had it not in their power to apply for the ordinance to any of the brethren who had preceded me in itinerating missions.—In all cases of application for Scalpay ordinances, I considered it the safest course to take the opinion of the elders in their respective districts. And here I give willing testimony to the efficiency and faithfulness of the elders in that district of country, as I do also to the valuable, and laborious, and acceptable services of Mr. Davidson, the probationer, who has laboured in Harris during the last two years.

JEWISH MISSION.

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ANOTHER JEWISH FAMILY ADDED TO THE CHURCH.

The Lord has been pleased again to add another family to the confessors of His truth from the house of Israel—Isider B—— and his wife, both about thirty years of age. The former was the teacher of a Jewish seminary in a considerable town in the interior of Hungary. Through one of our colporteurs, he became possessed of a New Testament about four years ago. He read it earnestly for some months in secret; and, without contact with any Christian instructor, his religious views underwent a considerable change. He was freed from most of the superstitions of his

paternal creed, and could not help introducing his newly-acquired opinions in his daily religious instructions in the school. The children related at home what they had heard from their teacher; a party was soon formed among the Jews to bring about his removal, and shortly after he was taken up and examined before the rabbi, and finally ejected from his situation. He then came to Pesth, in 1848, and obtained an appointment as tutor in the family of a respectable Jewish citizen residing in the same house with my own family. Isider has studied medicine and is just obtaining his diploma—another of our colporteurs was an old fellow-student. The acquaintance was renewed, and our truly Christian young friend was unwearied in his efforts to win this family to the Lord. He read the Scriptures, and prayed with them. At last they summoned courage to attend the German services, and received Christian instruction in private. The wife was first convinced of her guilt and need of pardon through the blood of Christ. In the course of last summer the Lord taught her obedience to His own precept (Matt. vi. 6): "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet; and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." Her husband used to say he often found his wife in tears when he went home—the Bible was in her hand, and she liked retirement. Never was a more attentive hearer of the truths of the gospel. One day she said to me, in deep concern and with the tears in her eyes, "Oh, if I could only believe!—but faith seems to me so difficult, so wonderful a gift; once as I was praying I seemed for an instant to receive it, and then it fled from me.—Oh, pray much for my husband! he is reading and searching, but I wish he were further advanced." A short time after this she could say, "I have found peace and rest in the finished work of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." She seemed for a time raised above all earthly cares and trials. Time, the world and its pursuits, seemed to dwindle into insignificance before the great realities of eternity; and the prospect of living for Christ, during the remainder of her life, became her supreme desire. She continued to pray much and earnestly for her husband. About two months ago he too became seriously concerned about the salvation of his soul. The throne of grace was now his daily resort; formal prayers were set aside, and heartfelt spiritual wants took their place.—The truths of Christ's gospel were now deeply impressed on his heart, and he was enabled boldly to contend for the faith of Jesus among the students of the university, and in the family where he was instructor.

The effect was, as usual, strong opposition on the part of the Jews, amounting to persecution. He received about £60 per annum as tutor; but, as soon as his deter-