

Judaism means something or nothing. Its forms have changed and are changing. Its essence is changeless and perpetual. Its customs, like its prayers, have grown with its history. Its traditions have kept pace with its wanderings. But back of rite and ceremony, one purpose and inspiration lights up its path—the diffusion of the monotheistic belief and the spreading of justice, love and mercy. That alone is Judaism: all else is incident and accident.—JEWISH MESSENGER.

The closing words in the second volume of "JOHN G. PATON," missionary to the New Hebrides are well worthy of our deepest attention.

"When pleading the cause of the Heathen and the claims of Jesus on His followers, I have often been taunted with being 'a man of one idea.' Sometimes I have thought that this came from the lips of those who had not even one idea!—unless it were how to kill time or to save their own skin. But seriously speaking, is it not better to have one good idea and to live for that and to succeed in it, than to scatter one's life away on many things and leave a mark on none?—And, besides, you cannot live for one idea supremely without thereby helping forward many other collateral causes. My life has been dominated by one sacred purpose; but in pursuing it the Lord has enabled me to be Evangelist as well as Missionary, and whilst seeking for needed money to seek for and save and bless many souls, has enabled me to defend the Holy Sabbath in many lands, as the God-given and precious birthright of the toiling millions, to be bartered away for no price or bribe that man can offer,—has enabled me to maintain the right of every child in Christian lands, or in Heathen, to be taught to read the blessed Bible and to understand it, as the Divine foundation of all Social Order and the sole guarantee of individual freedom as well as of national greatness."

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In spite of the many changes that have taken place in the personell of the staff of Teachers, we are happy in being able to state that this staff is complete. Besides this we have added two new classes to the main school, the scholars for these graduating from the Infant class. It is

encouraging to notice that the number of men teaching in the S. School, is greater than ever

Mr. S. Stewart, has replaced Mr. Meek, as Assistant Secy.

Mr. King, has a new class.

Mr. Bailie, has taken W. Harberts, class.

Miss Pringle has taken another.

Mr. Curry has taken the balance of Mr. Evans, Class and also Miss Harris' class.

Mr. B. Moilkhous, has replaced Mr. T. Bronsdon, who was formerly Assit. but now librarian in place of Mr. Chas. Hewitt.

Mrs. Hall and Miss Hall, have also been added to our Teaching Staff replacing Mr. Stewart and Miss Trotter. To have such recuperative power, so as to be able to sustain such losses and successfully fill so many vacancies without any appreciable injury or hinderance to the work, is a strong testimony to the life of a church.

As we cannot control events that to observers are apparent we must say that in January, we shall need three teachers to fill three vacancies which will then occur.

We commend also to the earnest prayers of the Congregation our need of a Superintendent, and also an Asst. Supt. that God may send us "MEN AFTER HIS OWN HEART."

INFANT CLASS.

Since Miss Burch resigned the Infant Class to take a tentative position as Teacher in the main S. School. The class work was carried on, until lately by Miss Luella Smith, with such assistance as she could procure.

At her request and that of her assistants, it was thought best to reorganize the work. This has been done and the class divided into four sections, each section being in charge of a Secretary. During the past month we were fortunate in being able to secure the assistance of Mrs. Woodruff who has lately come from Woodstock. Those at present engaged in this work, are Mrs. Cotton, Miss Smith, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Woodruff.

We have had several visitors lately who have expressed themselves as pleased with the Sunday School, its order, equipment and good singing.

Rev. Rural Dean Pollard, of Ottawa, gave us a few kindly words of advice.

PERSONAL.

The Right Rev., the Bishop of Mac-Kenzie River Diocese, has been pleased to appoint Rev. Rural Dean Jones, M.A., our Rector, as his "Commissary" for the Diocese of Toronto.

The choice is a good one, and we hope the members of the congregation will show their interest in a practical manner towards this Diocese, the largest in the world, and which has a special claim on the Canadian Church, seeing that it lies at our northern shore.

The Bishop expects to be in Toronto, 17th January.

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES.

There are held at present two classes for the preparation of Confirmation candidates, one every Thursday evening at eight o'clock especially for adults; and one every Friday at half-past four, for younger persons.

The Confirmation Class forms a precious opportunity for influencing the young at a critical period, and it is a sacred duty of parents and sponsors to see that, so far as in them lies, it may be turned to good account. In the case of adults it is important that they should set a good example to the young, and those who have joined the Church in after life will find these classes an excellent opportunity for becoming better acquainted with her doctrine and ritual.

The candidates are requested to bring with them to the classes a Bible with marginal references, a Prayer Book, a note book and pencil. The Confirmation itself will take place not long after Easter.

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BAPTISMS.

Dec. 6—Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of W. S. Battin and Isabella Fearon Clarke, his wife.

Dec. 6—Brien de Courcy, son of Gerald de Courcy O'Grady and Geraldine Carter, his wife.

Dec. 6—Norma Kathleen, daughter of John Dechert and Eliza Jane Duck, his wife.

Dec. 6—James Ernest, son of Edward Chapman and Annie McNie, his wife.

MARRIAGE.

Dec. 2nd—Thomas Henry Pickford, of Washington, D.C., to Mary Ann daughter of the late James Sparrow.