

until a year ago, when the number of boys was fifty-one, and the number of girls about the same: Since that time, in consequence of the efforts both of the nominal Christian hierarchy, and of the otherwise well-conducted Jews who have visited Jerusalem, it has slightly decreased, but I trust that the eye of the Lord will be upon those schools, and will bless the children therein.

In the following year I opened a school at Nablous. From the very commencement the Greek hierarchy sent forth a terrible excommunication against the people who should send their children to that school; but, nevertheless, in the midst of much opposition it went on increasing, and it had continued to increase up to the time when I visited it about two months ago, so that I then found sixty-five children in it;—Mohammedans, Protestants, Greeks, Samaritans, and Jews.

About the same time, another school was begun at Nazareth, which I also visited about two months since. When within half-a-mile of the place, I was much surprised to see a number of people who had come out to meet me. Among them I observed thirty-one children standing near a well, and on approaching them they began to sing an Arabic hymn to one of those beautiful German tunes which are so universally known.

At Jaffa, there is a school for boys and one for girls; and there is also a school at Bethlehem. The number of children in the several schools, amounts to about three hundred, including sixty children of unconverted Jews, and about fifty children of Mohammedans, whilst the rest are nominal Christians, either Protestants, Greeks, or Latins. All the children are taught the pure Word of God, including its historical, doctrinal, and practical portions; and some of the schools have been led and directed by masters who so love the Word of God, and so delight in teaching it, that I should not be afraid to compare them with the teachers of any of the primary schools in this country. How far the Word of God has affected the hearts of the children, it is not for me to say, but I know that the seed of that Word has been sown in them, and I trust that in due season it will not fail to produce good fruit. God grant that it may be a hundred-fold!—*Bishop Gobut.*

RICH IN CHRIST.

Give what thou canst, without thee, we are poor;
And with thee rich, take what thou wilt away.—*Cowper.*