

MISSION FIELD.

ANGLICAN CHURCH MISSION
TO THE JEWS.

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Dear Mr. Editor,—I am indebted to you for two letters, May the 16th and the 30th. Thank you for both and also for the copy of your letter, therein enclosed, and for the magazine you so kindly sent me. I must tell you something about our work here. I have inquired for the photos you mentioned and could get none of any streets in Cairo except of the Mosqui street. Our house, however, is close to the post office, Abdul Aziz street, running parallel with Mahamid Ali street. The German Jews live quite at the beginning of the Mosqui street in two or three by streets, the Arab and Spanish and Karite Jews near Hotel du Nile, also in the Mosqui in a street called the Jewish street (Haret el Jahood), and in Sikke el Geida, a continuance of the Mosqui street. I have forwarded a photograph of this latter street and hope it will reach you. The houses in this quarter are all very similar in style. If you can recall a large garden, called Garden of Ali Sherif Pasha, in Abdul Aziz street, our house is exactly opposite to it. I perfectly agree with what you say in your letter about the giving of relief to Jewish converts. It does not make permanent the foundations of a Church.

The nearest estimate I can make as to the number of Jews in Cairo is about 15,000. I believe this to be the lowest. I find almost all the Jews here speak Arabic more or less well. Two thirds of them are called Arab Jews, amongst whom are a small number of Spanish Jews, who, although they have kept up their hereditary language since their expulsion from Spain and their settling here have acquired such a good knowledge of the colloquial Arabic as to identify them with Arab Jews with whom they have intermarried and formed one congregation, under one chief Rabbi. The number of the Spanish Jews is very small, a few hundreds only. It is worth mentioning that amongst the Arab Jews is to be found the largest known congregation of the Karites, who, as far as I can gather, number only 30,000 in the world. You are no doubt aware that they are regarded as unorthodox by all other Jews, because they reject the Talmud. I hear this congregation numbers from 1,500 to 2,000 souls.

The other third of the Jews in Cairo are of European origin, Polish who speak German as their mother tongue, and Greeks, natives of the island of Corfu, Italians, French, Russians, &c.; but amongst this latter the Polish Jews predominate in number. This being the case I am able, through the medium of Arabic and German, to reach almost all of them. The following table may be an approximate classification

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1. We have daily Morning Prayer in English and Arabic. The attendance on Sundays varies from six to thirteen. Some Jews come, but the greater number are Syrians who have settled in Cairo, and who have either joined the Church of England or been brought up in it. On Sundays we have, besides the usual morning and evening services, an early celebration of the Holy Communion. On Thursday and all Feast days we have early celebrations of Holy Communion also. Last Sunday we had nine communicants.

2. We have an enquirers' room on the ground floor, which will be also useful to Miss Allen, who just arrived last Saturday. As soon as she has her drugs she will start a dispensary.

For the last month and more I have had a regular inquirer, who asked for no relief, coming three times a week for instructions preparatory to his baptism. He wants to be baptised soon, before leaving for Europe. Lately he has been very ill, and the doctor said he must leave Cairo at once. He has a liver complaint which may prove fatal. I believe he is in earnest, and if he continues so, and does not show signs of worldly motives, I hope to baptize him at All Saints' Church during this month.

Dean Butler has been very friendly to us and very interested

in our work, and has, kindly consented to let me have baptisms in his church. I believe the service in a regular church will be much more impressive for the candidates.

Two other inquirers are to begin to come for regular instruction tomorrow. I have seen them about this to-day, and they have promised to come to the daily Morning Service as often as they can.

House to house visitation takes the greatest part of my time at present. It is difficult to gain the confidence of the Jews sufficiently for them to allow you to enter their houses and read or speak to them.

[To be continued.]

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