

community the time, place, and circumstances which witnessed the birth of the Christian Church. He who is ignorant of this fact understands not the Alphabet of Christianity.

Jerusalem, then, being the first grand centre of the truth, and the place toward which we point all seekers for life and liberty, it is not remarkable that we too should be deeply interested in every thing connected with its glory and its shame. More especially as our first foreign missionary effort has made this renowned city its centre and head quarters. When the voice of prayer is lifted for success to attend the dissemination of the truth in lands of darkness and of death, the mind is at once on Mount Zion, anxiously longing that the richest of Heaven's blessings may be showered upon the devoted family of our dear brother Barclay and his faithful co-laborers; the Lord's congregation now in Jerusalem.

My only hope of the general dissemination of the Gospel, in its purity, throughout the world, is based upon the expectation that the sons of Abraham may yet be made the instruments of its proclamation. "If the casting away of them be the riches of the world, what will the receiving of them be but life from the dead?"

A great and an effectual door is invitingly being opened in the East for the true Missionary of the cross who holds prominently before him the Living Oracles as the only light which God in his mercy has thrown out from Heaven to guide his erring children home. Blessed is that disciple who does what is in his power to call into the gospel field God's ancient people, that thus Jews and Gentiles may harmoniously co-operate in the work of faith, the labor of love, and the patience of hope in the kingdom and patience of our glorified King Jesus.

Quite recently I have been much edified and interested by various accounts of the great influence—moral, commercial and political now possessed by the sons of Judah. Among other accounts the following *extract from a discourse by Rev. J. A. Leiss, A. M., delivered in the first Lutheran Church of Cumberland, Maryland.* we trust will be acceptable, interesting and profitable to our readers. We copy from the "Jewish Chronicle":—

"Jewish literature, whilst it is mainly the oldest, is certainly the richest and most valuable that has come down to us from former generations. We some times talk exultingly of the sublime genius of Solon and Lyeurgus—of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle—of Homer, Virgil, and a hundred more whose names are household words. But before most of them were born, the Jews possessed a system of legislation, which is now the guide of all nations the most civilized and free