

now in Palestine, where a few years ago only 4,000 were enumerated.

Perhaps the most striking circumstance in the present aspect of the Jewish people is the state of doubt and uncertainty which prevails amongst themselves as to their religious faith. In former times the Jews felt no hesitation in rejecting the Messiah that his forefathers had crucified on Cavalry, and often sealed his utter unbelief with his blood. Martyrs there doubtless would be now, if the storm of wicked persecution should be raised again; but they would not be the unhesitating martyrs of former days. A very intelligent Jew said to a missionary of the London Society, "Oh! do not suppose that I am certain; I think I am right, but I am in doubt. You will never find a Jew who will certainly say he is right." Hence the currency of the fanatical practices and views of the Zaddekin; hence the thousands in Germany and France who have made a miserable exchange of Judaism for infidelity; and hence, we rejoice to add, the little band of converts to Christianity. Three or four thousand, it is said on good authority, have become converts within a few years—each year witnessing a larger addition of persons baptized than the year preceding; and these not from the lower and more degraded classes, who might be supposed not unwilling to make any exchange that would better their condition, but from the more respectable, refined, and educated families.

Of the efforts now making for the conversion of this interesting people, we cannot speak particularly for want of room.

### BURMAH.

#### PERSECUTION OF KAREN CHRISTIANS.

Such is the enmity of the carnal heart to the truth of God, that the professors of that truth, especially if

they give proof of their sincerity by living under its power, may expect persecution, in one form or another, wherever they shine most brightly. We are concerned to hear that the defenceless Karens, of whom we have given so many pleasing accounts, are exposed to the unrestrained exercise of Burman cruelty and extortion, away from the protection of just laws, and the sympathy of fellow-Christians. Mr. Abbott, in his journal, relates several particulars connected with these people and their present condition; but we have not room to insert them. The following is one of the most flagrant instances:—

May 15. "The chiefs from Maubee came to me again to-day, with sad countenances. They now understand the meaning of the woondouk, in treating them as he did on the 12th." (The woondouk is not only absolute monarch over a large tract of territory, but a bigotted Boodhist, and capable of the most cruel deeds.) "He told his wife that evening how he intended to torture the Karen Christians, viz.: thrust a small hollow stick down their throats filled with powder, apply the fire and blow them to atoms. It would be just like the man to do it; but his wife, more humane than himself, besought him not thus wantonly, and without the least cause, to torture these poor Karens. He was finally prevailed on to relinquish his determination, but said they must pay him 200 rupees for their release. I shall have no hesitancy in advising them to pay it; for they must, or suffer."

Their request—"Pray for us"—will surely meet with a response from every Christian heart.

### NOTICE.

It was intended to give our decision this month respecting the future publication of the Magazine. But as different plans are now under consideration with a view to its continuance, we must request the indulgence of the subscribers for a short time. It is needless to say more than that it will be continued, but with the probable interruption of one month.