

manent Agent of our Society, and never has she had a more earnest and devoted man in her service. Indeed it would be hard for any Society to find an agent combining in such degree enthusiasm and energy with system and wisdom. The good service he did the Society for four years, we need not describe; our friends all through the Province know it well. But earnest calls from his church and yearnings to be more at home with his family, of whom he was passionately fond, led him in 1879 to resign the office, although he was far from being tired of the work. It was with very great regret that the Board of Directors found themselves obliged to accept his resignation. As we have said before, he did not cease to be the earnest and active friend of the Society. He always said he was at the command of the Directors so far as his pastoral duties would allow, and this was no mere empty profession as he proved. From 1879 to 1882, he was pastor of the Centenary Church in Hamilton, since which he has been in charge of the church in Ingersoll.

Mr. Ross leaves a widow and four children, who will, we are sure, have the sincere and prayerful sympathy of all the friends of the Society in their sore bereavement.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG THE JEWS IN PERSIA.

Some of our readers may remember a very interesting account we published in the *Recorder* for April, 1881, of the conversion of Hezekiel Hyim, an influential Jew in Hamadan, through the reading of the Word of God, and of the persecution suffered by him and those who joined him in the faith of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews sent the Rev. J. Lotka to try and comfort this party of Jews who had so bitterly suffered for confessing Christ. It has been the wish of the Committee to investigate further into the condition of the Jews in Persia with a view to discovering, if possible, additional traces of the Society's former work in that country. Mr. Lotka has hitherto remained principally at Hamadan, where it was his first duty to support by his presence and advice the poor sufferers under his charge. By the recent arrival of the Rev. L. H. Brühl in that town, Mr. Lotka has been enabled to carry out the wish of the Committee and we give the two following extracts from his account of his tour as they shew the wisdom of scattering far and wide copies of the written word.

"Proceeding to Khomain, I found no Jews actually resident, but some fifteen individuals staying there the greatest part of the year on business. These manifested much more interest in spiritual things than their brethren at Sultanabad. They called on me soon after my arrival, and those who could remained a long time, listening to the preaching of the Word. One, a hakim (physician) told me *he remembered the visit of our missionaries to this town when he was a boy: that his father had much intercourse with, and received from them a New Testament and some other of our publications, which were much read, but afterwards lost during the famine.* I have reason to believe that the seed sown by our missionaries in this desolate place many years ago has not been lost, and I ascribe the peculiar interest with which these sons of Abraham listened to the Gospel, to their preparatory reading of the New Testament and tracts which my brother missionaries had left with that old Israelite, who in a manner seemed to have been of the type of Simeon. One Jew had recently purchased a Persian Bible, Old and New Testaments, from the Colporteurs of the Bible Society, who are labouring