

CONVERTS FROM JUDAISM—CAPADOSE AND DA COSTA.

No conversion upon the continent has attracted greater attention, or called forth a deeper interest in its subject, than that of Dr. Capadose, a physician of Amsterdam; who, along with his intimate friend, Isaac Da Costa, likewise a converted Jew, and a lawyer by profession, has been distinguished of late years by his zealous and indefatigable efforts in the defence of the faith once delivered to the saints.

M. Capadose was, like his friend Da Costa, an Israelite of Portuguese extraction; descended from the refugees who sought shelter in Holland from the tyranny of their own sovereign. His parents were in respectable circumstances, and his uncle was one of the first physicians in Amsterdam.

M. Capadose now completed his medical studies, took his degree and returned to Amsterdam; where his uncle adopted him as his assistant and successor, having no children of his own. He was thus introduced to a large circle of the most wealthy and influential citizens, whom his uncle attended as a physician.

Capadose, at this time, was filled with indignation, and concluded that the professor had laid a plan to seduce his friend from the Jewish faith. He expressed his suspicions to Da Costa, and immediately took leave of him.

But Dr. Capadose and his friend were both from this time impelled, by the guidance of a hand which they then saw not, to study the scriptures closely and diligently. The former now, for the first time, paid some attention to the New Testament; and, on perusing the gospel according to St. Matthew, was struck with the circumstance that, from the very commencement, the evangelist appeared anxious, not to subvert the authority of the law and the prophets, but to show that they were the foundation upon which the Christian religion was built.

* From "The History of the Jews, from the taking of Jerusalem by Titus, to the present time." Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd, Tweeddale Court, 1840.

junction; and therefore they spent a portion of every day in a private apartment in the house of Dr. Capadose's father; where, undisturbed and unsuspected by the family, they pursued the word of God with deep and daily increasing interest. They read no other book at the same time, except a treatise on the evidences by professor Heydeck, entitled, "A defence of the Christian faith."

During this very interesting period of serious and earnest investigation, M. Capadose, on one occasion, went into his uncle's library and turned over a number of books, in hopes of finding some one which might be of service in leading him to an acquaintance with Christianity. As was to be anticipated, he searched for a considerable time in vain; but at last came to a huge folio containing the works of Justin Martyr.

One evening Dr. Capadose was reading the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, when suddenly the light flashed on his mind, and he clearly perceived that Jesus Christ was the promised Messiah. He had often perused that portion of God's word before, but now he read it with spiritual discernment, for the Holy Ghost enabled him to penetrate its meaning.

M. Capadose was now placed in very trying circumstances, from the bigoted attachment of his family to Judaism. He dreaded to make the discovery of his conversion to those nearest and dearest to him, because he knew that their enmity to the gospel was fixed and rooted.

Dr. Capadose, after his return to Amsterdam, felt very painfully the difficulty of his situation. The repulse which he had met with from his mother, convinced him that the disclosure of his opinions would bitterly grieve and wound the hearts of his family.

Dr. Capadose, after his return to Amsterdam, felt very painfully the difficulty of his situation. The repulse which he had met with from his mother, convinced him that the disclosure of his opinions would bitterly grieve and wound the hearts of his family.

Dr. Capadose, after his return to Amsterdam, felt very painfully the difficulty of his situation. The repulse which he had met with from his mother, convinced him that the disclosure of his opinions would bitterly grieve and wound the hearts of his family.

him. Grief, at what she considered the apostasy of her son, had thrown his mother into a dangerous illness; and this was a fresh source of affliction to M. Capadose's affectionate heart. His friend Da Costa had likewise embraced the faith of the gospel; but the death of his parents some time previously freed him from any such domestic trials as those to which Dr. Capadose was exposed.

Shortly after the two friends, with the wife of Da Costa, who shared his convictions, left their native city, and repaired to Leyden, with which they had so many pleasing recollections associated. Their purpose in visiting that town was to be there admitted into the Christian church by baptism, as M. Capadose felt some scruples of delicacy about openly professing his conversion in the city where his father and uncle resided.

A few days after his baptism, Dr. Capadose received a letter from his uncle, informing him, that after what had passed he could not again allow him to dwell under his roof; but adding, that he by no means wished to debar him from coming to visit him, if he would abstain from mentioning the subject of religion in his conversation.

He entertained strong hopes that this beloved relative would be brought to a saving knowledge of the true faith; but these expectations seemed to be cruelly disappointed, when the object of them was seized with a fever which threatened to prove speedily fatal.

Dr. Capadose subsequently married, and had several children. He suffered very much from asthma, and was obliged to repair to Switzerland in the autumn of 1836, for the recovery of his health. There he staid some weeks under the roof of M. Petavel, a minister of the Swiss church, and professor of Belles Lettres at Neuchâtel.

Dr. Capadose subsequently married, and had several children. He suffered very much from asthma, and was obliged to repair to Switzerland in the autumn of 1836, for the recovery of his health. There he staid some weeks under the roof of M. Petavel, a minister of the Swiss church, and professor of Belles Lettres at Neuchâtel.

Dr. Capadose subsequently married, and had several children. He suffered very much from asthma, and was obliged to repair to Switzerland in the autumn of 1836, for the recovery of his health. There he staid some weeks under the roof of M. Petavel, a minister of the Swiss church, and professor of Belles Lettres at Neuchâtel.

Dr. Capadose subsequently married, and had several children. He suffered very much from asthma, and was obliged to repair to Switzerland in the autumn of 1836, for the recovery of his health. There he staid some weeks under the roof of M. Petavel, a minister of the Swiss church, and professor of Belles Lettres at Neuchâtel.

Dr. Capadose subsequently married, and had several children. He suffered very much from asthma, and was obliged to repair to Switzerland in the autumn of 1836, for the recovery of his health. There he staid some weeks under the roof of M. Petavel, a minister of the Swiss church, and professor of Belles Lettres at Neuchâtel.

fore, with his mother and brother, who shared his convictions, resolved to repair to Holland, where Judaism was tolerated, and its professors were in possession of wealth and estimation. Accordingly he went to Amsterdam; but there he did not find the peace and pleasure which he had flattered himself would be the consequences of his altered views. He soon discovered that ancient and modern Judaism differed widely from one another; and perceived with surprise and sorrow, that a vast variety of traditions had usurped the reverence which he thought due to the law of Moses alone.

Advertisements.

HEBERMAN AND GERMAN. MR. J. M. HIRSCHFELDER. LATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG.

WILL give Private Instructions in the above languages. Applications made to Messrs. J. & J. Mead's Music Salon, and at Messrs. H. B. Rossell's, Booksellers, King Street, will meet with punctual attention.

HOME DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOL. THIS Institution will be re-opened, after the summer recess, on Monday, the 13th of September next. Arrangements have been made to receive an additional number of boys, as in-door pupils.

DENTAL SURGERY. A. V. BROWN, M.D., SURGEON, DENTIST, begs to announce that he has opened an Office in King Street, one door east of the Commercial Bank, where he has fitted up apartments for those Ladies and Gentlemen who may require his professional services.

DR. PRINROSE, (Late of Newmarket.) OPPOSITE LADY CAMPBELL'S, DUKE STREET. TORONTO, 7th August, 1841.

TORONTO AXE FACTORY, HOSPITAL STREET. THE Subscriber tenders his grateful acknowledgments to his friends and the public for past favours, and would respectfully inform them that in addition to his former Works, he has purchased the above Establishment, formerly owned by the late HARVEY SHEPARD, and recently by CHAMPTON, BROTHERS & Co., where he is now manufacturing CAST STEEL AXES of a superior quality.

J. E. PELL, FROM LONDON, ENGLAND, CARVER, GILDER, LOOKING GLASS & PICTURE FRAME MAKER. Corner of Yonge and Temperance Streets, Toronto.

FASHIONABLE TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT, 128, KING STREET, TORONTO, And King Street, KINGSTON, (opposite Dryce & Co's.) REDUCED PRICES!!

G. & T. BELTON respectfully informs their friends, that they are receiving, DIRECT FROM ENGLAND, a choice selection of West of England Broad Cloths, Cassimeres, Diamond Beaver Cloths, Mixtures, &c.

THOMAS J. PRESTON, WOOLLEN DRAPER AND TAILOR, No. 2, WELLINGTON BUILDINGS, KING-STREET, TORONTO.

BRITISH SADDLERY WAREHOUSE, WELLINGTON BUILDINGS, TORONTO, AND STORE STREET, KINGSTON.

ALEXANDER DIXON respectfully informs the Military and Army of Canada, that he is always supplied with a superior assortment of Saddlery, Harness, Whips, &c. &c. imported direct from the best houses in Great Britain, and which constitutes a FIRST-RATE ENGLISH ESTABLISHMENT.

OWEN, MILLER & MILLS, Coach Builders, King Street, Toronto, and Store Street, Kingston. All Carriages built to order warranted twelve months. Old Carriages taken in exchange.

THE SUBSCRIBERS ARE receiving and now offer for SALE, the undermentioned Articles, which they beg leave to recommend to the notice of Merchants and Families.

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE received direct from London seventeen packages, containing the undermentioned articles, which will be found fresh and of the finest quality.

Forten, China, and Glassware Establishment, No. 10, New City Buildings, NEARLY OPPOSITE THE ENGLISH CHURCH, KING STREET.

THE SUBSCRIBERS are now receiving, at the above premises, all the most extensive and choice assortment of every description of Ware in their line, among which are handsome China, Tea, Breakfast, Dinner and Dessert Sets; Japan and fine Printed European Sets of cut glass, fine Cut and Common Glassware, and a large supply of Ware suitable for Country Stores. Persons wishing to purchase will find it their interest to call.

NEW STATIONERY WAREHOUSE, No. 137, King Street, THIRD FLOOR EAST OF YONGE STREET.

THE Subscriber respectfully acquaints his friends and the public that he is now receiving from the Home Markets an extensive and well-selected stock of STATIONERY, &c. and that early in June he will open the above premises. His stock has been purchased on the most advantageous terms, and is thus enabled to sell at very reasonable prices.

SCHOOL BOOKS. IN THE PRESS, and speedily will be published, (by J. B. Hamilton,) A System of Practical Arithmetic, to which is added a set of Book-keeping, by single entry, and a practical dissertation on Mental Arithmetic, Federal Receipts, Bills of Exchange, Inland and Foreign; Explanations of Commercial terms, &c. adapted to the circumstances of the country and the present state of commerce.

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS. JUST received from England and for sale at following prices by H. & W. Rossell, King Street, Toronto, and Brock Street, Kingston.

THEOLOGICAL WORKS. The Book of Common Prayer with Notes by Bp. Mant (4to) The Book of Common Prayer with Notes by Bp. Brownell

THE ENGLISHMAN'S LIBRARY. Ken's Practice of Divine Love - 0 3 0 Chamberlain's Help to Knowledge - 0 3 0 Anderson on the Lord's Prayer - 0 3 0

BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY. No. 1, PRINCE STREET, BANK, LONDON. CAPITAL, ONE MILLION, STERLING. (Empowered by Act of Parliament.)

THE PHOENIX FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON. APPLICATIONS for Insurance by this Company are requested to be made to the undersigned, who is also authorized to receive premiums for the renewal of policies.

THE Church IS published for the MANAGING COMMITTEE, by H. & W. ROW, 31, CHEAPSIDE, LONDON, every Saturday. TERMS - Fifteen Shillings, Currency; or Thirteen Shillings and Six-pence, Sterling, per annum.