

who were migrating there in large numbers. He had returned because his health could not stand the strain. Had they anybody else? Was anyone intending to go out? His Lordship appealed to the people to make it a matter of prayer. He referred to the recent mission meetings, headed by Canon Stuart, which stirred the people so much, and taught us the real power of prayer. He thought the Church should pray that people should give themselves up to the work that was nearest to the heart of God—to preach the Gospel to all people and to make disciples of every nation.

His Lordship made an earnest appeal to the women to help in this work. He could think of many men who had offered themselves for the Ministry. It was a very solemn thing, and yet he knew of one or two men who were kept back by their mothers and sisters. He wanted the women to work hard to persuade men not to give up that work, but to make it their one great ambition of this life to make Jesus Christ known to those who had never heard his name.

In conclusion he reminded those present of the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, about the opportunities now before the Church, which in ten years might cease to be open unless we were in earnest about the matter.

Miss Wilson, who has returned owing to ill-health, from fourteen years' work in Nigeria, gave an interesting account of the work that the missionary has to do in that part of Africa. Now, she urged, was the opportunity for preaching the gospel there as in many towns the natives had reached the point that they were desirous of having teachers sent out to their aid.

Rev. J. R. Burgin, of Hausaland, who was dressed in the native Hausa costume, also addressed the meeting, and spoke of the past efforts to evangelise that country, and of the work done by the party, under Bishop Tugwell, with which he entered it in 1899.

The meeting closed by the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

Missions to Jews in the Bible Lands.

APPEAL FROM THE BISHOP
(C. F. BLYTH) IN JERUSALEM.

I beg very earnestly to bring two special considerations to your notice in this my annual letter,—(1) the representative character of our Bishopric in the Bible Lands, and (2) the great opportunities open to you and your people of fulfilling our Lord's Will in these Holy Fields.

1. There is one Mother-City of the Faith, Jerusalem; and as the Apostles had their common home here without interference with the rights of the first Bishop of Jerusalem (Acts xii. 17; xv. 13), so are the Bishops representative of the branches of the Church founded by the Apostles also at home here without interference with the rights of the Patriarch of Jerusalem to-day. All these Bishops are of one opinion in asserting that here, where our Lord prayed for and willed the unity of His Church (St. John xvii. 21-23), is the place where it should find fulfilment; and I have seen how wonderfully the grace of unity is come into prominence of late years. The revival of the East, with all that that includes in things spiritual and temporal, gives increasing lustre to this Will of Christ at which we aim.

I therefore ask you, as your representative Bishop here, to suggest to your congregation how helpful may be their prayers for the removal of difficulties and for a wider intelligence of our Blessed Lord's Will for unity on the part of all who believe in Him.

2. Without interference with the rights of the several branches of the Church in these lands, there is practically no limit to the prospect open to us for legitimate influence and missionary work in which our efforts are welcome to the Bishops seated here. Wider and wider the door is opening for helpful influence in education, and especially for medical missions in which we may more closely follow in the steps of our Lord, "yesterday, to-day, and for ever," the first missionary of His own gospel in this land. In this way we work for the good of all—Christian, Jew, and Moslem. But during the

twenty-three years it has been my privilege to represent you here, I have seen great changes come; and I cannot but ponder seriously on their results, in the hope that I may order our plans of work in such way that under the guiding Hand of God they may be met to stand for the furtherance of His Will in the changes yet to come and imminent in His overruling wisdom. I have seen the ever-increasing return of the Jews and I am watching now with a growing conviction of God's working here, the preparation of large areas for coming settlements of population within the wide limits of Israel's ancient and divinely appointed inheritance. And so I feel constrained to forecast and order our Mission so that we may prepare the way for the revival of the "Church of the Hebrews." A returning Jewish population, and a political and not unfriendly activity of Islam, are facts we have to face; and the efforts of united Christendom are called for to meet them. Within this Bishopric are the shrines most sacred to Christian, Jew, and Moslem. Here centres the work for Christian unity. Here Christianity meets men of two faiths, whose reconciliation must be for the glory of God, both worshipping the same God, and one inheriting a Divine Law fulfilled in Christianity.

May I put the appeal to you personally — What can you do with the help of your people to aid us in the ever-tightening strain which Christ's work brings upon us in the charge in which I and my staff represent you? Again I ask for your prayers and aims on Good Friday, or any day more convenient to you. But can you make your alms larger?

During the last few months, in the diocese of New Guinea, Bishop Sharp has administered the rite of confirmation to 316 natives. One of the candidates was a cripple, and another a leper. The Bishop has visited nearly all the mission stations since his arrival in the diocese. The Rev. Copland King has just completed translating the Gospel of St. Luke into the native language of the northern part of the diocese. The work of the mission nurses, Miss Combley and Miss Nowland, has been of very great service on the new goldfields at Lakekamu. The field is now almost free from sickness, and the Government has expressed great appreciation of the noble work performed by the two ladies.