

*A BIBLICAL COMMENTATOR'S
CENTENARY*

A centenary of great interest to Bible students will occur on Christmas Day. On December 25, 1831, Christian David Ginsberg, the renowned Hebrew scholar and Biblical commentator, was born at Warsaw, of orthodox Jewish parents. On reaching 15 years, however, he was baptized, and afterwards became connected with the Liverpool branch of the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews. He retired in 1863 to devote himself entirely to literary work. Previously, in 1857, he had published his "Critical and Historical Commentary on the Song of Songs," the value of which was recognized by the University of Glasgow, which conferred on him the degree of LL.D.; in 1861 he had rendered like service for the "Book of Ecclesiastes," and in 1862 he published "The Karaites, their History and Literature." He was a member of the Board of Revisers of the Old Testament, along with his friend, Dr. Moses Margoliouth, also a convert to Christianity from Judaism.