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Salutation

"We go to Salute the Children of the King"—II. Kings 10:13

Dearly beloved Friends:—

We, the workers of this your Jewish mission greet you. We pray that the new year will bring to you many rich blessings in body, spirit and temporal affairs.

"MY TIMES ARE IN THY HAND." PSA. 31:15.

Another year has been added to the number of years of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have now entered upon a new year, and we would suggest the above clause of Psa. 31:15, as a suitable and profitable motto for the new year. "My times" means, the time of life, long or short, sweet or otherwise. It is also understood to refer to the current of events of life, good times or hard times. In short, under the words "my times" we understand that all the events that concern us are not in our own control nor can they be governed by our friends or foes, but they are all at God's disposal and in His hand alone. Considering and meditating upon that verse will help us to realize the fact that all things that concern us are in the councils of our loving Father who so loved us that He gave His only begotten Son for us. Then we will be in a position to exercise that strong faith, enjoined by the Holy Spirit, through Paul, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." 1 Cor. 16:13.

JEWS AND THE NEW YEAR

One whose faith is in such active exercise will not cherish any disturbance of mind and heart over the possible occurrences during the New Year. The prospect that this year we may enter the rest which "remaineth for the people of God", Heb. 4:9, brings to us a cheering hope. It is the highest degree of bliss and happiness to be with the Lord Jesus in glory "and to be with Christ which is far better." Phil. 1:23. But alas! it is not so with our Jewish brethren who as a people are still rejecting their own Messiah Jesus. They shudder at the thought of death. Upon the approach of their new year their minds are filled with uneasiness and their hearts with anxiety about the unknown future which the new year has in store for them. The apprehension caused by the dangerous possibility of being sentenced in heaven to die during the coming year causes a distressing sense of fear and solicitude. They call the New Year day "the fearful day."

Hence the many ceremonies, the long prayers and the old, sad, melodious chantings on that day. As there is no hope and trust in the living Saviour Jesus who is the Mediator and Redeemer, their ancient rabbis imposed upon them strange traditions thinking perhaps these would alleviate and quiet their fearfulness.

SYMPATHIZE WITH PAUL

Who cannot sympathize with and enter into the feelings of the apostle Paul in the sorrow and great heaviness in his heart over the blindness which happened in part unto his brethren, the Jews? Romans 9:3. When he considered the great bondage of ignorance and supersition to which they had been drawn and subjected he felt a continual pain in his soul and he exclaimed with a bleeding heart and in great agony of spirit, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren." Rom. 9:3. The Holy Spirit, through Paul, emphatically warned the Christians in Galatia against following or adopting the "weak and beggarly elements" namely, the various ceremonies of observing "days, and months, and times and years". Gal. 4:10. Those who

had been brought into acquaintance with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ could be persuaded by the Holy Spirit to realize that those external forms and rites could never have the power to cleanse the soul. However, when he turned to the Jews he found that because human precepts had been of so long standing among them they had a great fondness for them and therefore could hardly lay them aside. Read Rom. 14:4, 5, which the apostle addressed to the Jewish converts in Rome. Bearing upon his heart the Jewish people, whom God had chosen to be His witnesses, Isa. 43:10, but who had become enveloped in traditions and superstitions, Paul could not but be deeply affected.

SHIPWRECKED FAITH

In the act of allowing the uncertainty of their affairs to sadden their lives, a great lack of faith in God was made very conspicuous. God had long ago entrusted them with His divine revelation. He taught them to have trustful faith in God at every step. For some time they were ranged on God's side. Once they went "forward into the midst of the sea" which became dry land under their feet. Their faith in God was so strong as to cause the walls of Jericho to fall down. Then they firmly believed that their times were in the hand of God. But in Paul's time they trusted in human precepts, observing the new year by prescribed formalities, in order to avert any impending calamity. This situation made it evident that they had made shipwreck of their faith and therefore were more than all other men in need of conversion. As it is in the material world so it is also in the spiritual realm. When a man of affluence and wealth is suddenly overtaken by unexpected disaster and misfortune, people's sympathy is aroused for him more keenly than for the poor in general. Thus we find Paul, that spiritual giant, carrying the good tidings of salvation "to the Jew first."

In every town he enters we view this Samson of the New Testament visiting the Jewish synagogue first. This greatest of all earthly heroes was not discouraged by those Jews who refused the offer of salvation in one town, when he reached another city he again entered the synagogue first. The Holy Spirit not only led this miraculous slave of Christ to preach to the Jew first but also filled him with might and strength to face the most bitter and crushing persecutions from the blind enemies of the Gospel. Not only did the Holy Spirit goad on and urge the Apostle to personal action but He also guided him to write "to the Jew first" which would instruct all the succeeding generations even until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. "The Scriptures cannot be broken."

THE HEAVENLY CLOCK MOST PUNCTUAL

There is another thought on our New Year text. When we make a request to our Heavenly Father we desire His answer immediately. We sometimes lose patience and become discouraged if God's answer does not appear at the time we choose. But when we bear in mind that "our times are in His hand" we shall "wait upon the Lord and be of good courage." *Psa. 27:14.* There is a clock in heaven which is exceedingly punctual. When Mary was concerned for the wants of the friends of the marriage at Cana she applied herself to the Lord Jesus. "Mine hour is not yet come" was the reply of the One who came down from heaven. Evidently He had a fixed time when to perform His miracle, namely when the wine was entirely spent and there was an absolute need. Mary requested Him to help as soon as the wine began to fail. But the Lord Jesus looked at His heavenly clock which is never a moment too fast or too late. This principle of punctuality can be traced throughout the divine history, especially with regard to Christ. He came just when the fulness of the time had come. He offered Himself up exactly at the time the passover lamb was sacrificed. He lay in the grave precisely the time of Jonah's stay in the stomach of the great fish. He rose from the grave just at the time appointed by Himself. He will come again and "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, we shall all be changed." *1 Cor. 15:51, 52.* "My times are in thy hand". In due time, perhaps very soon, He will catch up His Church to be with Him to escape the great tribulation. He will then return and bring us back to rule with Him in His glorious Kingdom here on earth. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Sincerely yours,

LEOPOLD COHN.

EDITORIAL

First in Condemnation

It happened in a mid-western town several years ago. The writer was to preach at the evening service. The Pastor began his introduction of the speaker by reading a few verses from the second chapter of Romans. When he finished the 8th verse, he stopped for a short rhetorical pause, or possibly to get his breath; then, with a half turn of his head towards us, he proceeded to read the 9th verse, with solemn emphasis on each word,

"Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile."

Then he closed the Book, and announced the writer to speak!

We arose, and as affably as we could, we said, "Your pastor, in his haste to introduce us, must have forgotten to finish the beautiful Scripture lesson, for he stopped just one verse too soon. May we read to you the next verse also?"

And we read the 10th verse, also the 11th, and tried to give each word as powerful an emphasis as he had given to the 9th verse:

"But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God."

And that experience has stayed with us ever since. And many times have we pondered over its significance. For that pastor, as good and kindly a man of God as ever drew breath, unintentionally, and wholly unconsciously, revealed what is too generally true even in this day, of many thousands of God's people all over the land—that a mental attitude exists in the average Gentile Christian conscious-

ness which seems perfectly willing to give the Jew all the tribulation that is coming to him, but begrudges the same Jew any possible compensating consideration. Witness for instance, the ready ease with which so many of the present day expounders of Scripture assign to the Jews all the curses and punishments prophesied for Israel and Jerusalem, and with just as ready and compunctionless ease appropriate to themselves as Christians all the blessings prophesied in the Old Testament for the very same Israel and the very same Jerusalem! In other words, the principle that seems to be followed is that if you find a blessing promised in the Old Testament, to Israel, it must of necessity mean the Church; but if you find a curse in the Old Testament, promised to the same Israel, let's give it to the Jew, he is welcome to it!

But notice how eminently fair and just God is; in the verses we have quoted above, *Romans 2:9-11*, He gives us a complete and a satisfying exposition of the doctrine we have for so many years presented to our readers "To the Jew first". What He tells us in these verses is so crystal clear that we marvel how any right minded Christian can ever resent the divine program of "to the Jew first" as being unfair. God tells us here as plainly as language can be made to talk, that the Jew will be the first one to receive judgment and punishment at God's hand, and this punishment will be "indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish" an awful visitation to contemplate.

It is only after the Jewish nation has received this "double for all her sins" that the Gentiles shall come into their judgment.

So God is laying down in *Romans a*

principle of compensatory justice; if this poor Jewish nation is to be plunged *first* at the close of the present dispensation, into the unspeakable darkness of the time of Jacob's trouble, then by all the laws of fairness this same nation should be placed *first* in the present age of grace, an age when the Gospel is being promulgated the wide world over. And strangely enough, God backs up all of this arrangement by this astounding sentence, "for there is no respect of persons with God." How many times have our friends tried to refute the scriptural doctrine "to the Jew first" by quoting the very verse just given, "for there is no respect of persons with God". But you can well imagine their astonishment when we have immediately turned to that verse in Scripture and compelled such a friend to read the two preceding verses, that is, Romans 2:9 and 10; for they discovered at once that this declaration of God's impartiality, given at the very place where God declares the doctrine of "to the Jew first", must have a different meaning from what they thought it had. To any open and logical mind, the meaning is certainly clear enough. It means fundamentally that God is no respecter of persons; therefore it must follow logically that since God is no respecter of persons He could not possibly plan to give tribulation and anguish "to the Jew first" without also planning to give "glory, honor and peace" likewise "to the Jew first".

First in condemnation, first in grace; this is all that is meant by the present Gospel dispensation and program of God, "to the Jew first". If the Jew is going to suffer unspeakable tortures in the time of the great tribulation *first*, then let us have the kindness of heart and the decency of fair play to give now in the present age of

grace, the Gospel "to the Jew first". It is only a few months ago that a friend of ours took violent exception to this doctrine, and we proceeded at once to present to him the arguments that we are writing in these columns. "I never saw that before", he exclaimed, "and that settles the whole matter for me. Now I am completely satisfied. I always thought that it was purely a selfish conceit on the part of the Jewish Christian, but now I see that it is only God's fairness and justice."

And the writer hopes that many of our readers will go over these lines, readers perhaps who have until now not seen eye to eye with us on this point, but who from now on will be able to say with the friend alluded to, "I am now satisfied".

It is again a new year, and again a first month of a new year, and so again we open the doors of invitation to all of our friends and say to you, "Let's do for this year God's work in God's way, to the Jew first". And having done it God's way, we shall all be satisfied for we shall have done that which is pleasing in His sight.

And year after year have come letters like this: "Thank you for the light on the Jew first: I want to begin the new year with a gift to the Jew first." And if our files could talk, what a story of blessing they could reveal out of the hearts of thousands who took God at His Word!

Israel is fast rushing into her day of reckoning yonder in Armageddon, for God has a controversy to settle with Israel. So there is not much time left, and all the more important it becomes for the Church to give, while there is yet time, her testimony, "To the Jew first", for the night soon cometh, when no man works, a black night for Israel, but a glorious morning of sunrise for the Church.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Answered Prayer

By MISS A. E. BLOMQUIST

Again I wish to praise the Lord for answered prayer. Indeed "He is not slack concerning His promises." He has said "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do."

"Ask and ye shall receive that your joy may be full."

"Ye have not because ye ask not."

When this season first began our evening class was very small. In spite of visitation and letters of invitation there seemed to be very little response but "when I am weak He is strong." So one day, having done all we could, we sat down and went over the list of thirty-four names of girls who had come some time or other during the past year and made out a prayer list that we might pray daily for each individual girl. God has honored our prayers and marvelously answered them by sending in five girls who had shown marked indifference for over a year, another five who have become more regular in attendance and several new names have been added to our roll. Have we not proved Him and found that "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think?"

We have also prayed much for those who do believe, as it is so easy for those who live only on the spiritual food they receive once a week at the Mission, to stray away from Christ. Where there is no encouragement in the home it is hard for them to confess Him and live an open life for Him. The following recent testimonies show how He has answered prayer.

Sylvia, a girl who is very active and has also accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour, felt convicted about going to worldly amusements and

parties—but was afraid she would lose all her friends if she confessed Christ before them. I asked her to repeat Matt. 10:32, 33, which she had memorized in one of our classes, "Who-soever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven," but she did not surrender.

One Saturday evening not very long ago, I was definitely lead to pray that God would prevent her from going to a dance that she had been planning to attend. The following Sunday evening she came to the service and seemed very happy. She confided in me that God had given her victory the night before by taking away her desire to attend the dance. She said that she was all dressed to go but something, she knew not what, seemed to be holding her back. This girl will be a great power for the Lord if she surrenders all to Him. She is already reading aloud the New Testament on Sunday afternoons to some of her girl friends who are not allowed to come to the Mission, yet are interested to hear what the Bible says about Jesus. Pray that she may continue and that God will richly bless these readings and bring those girls into the glorious light of the Gospel for He has said, "My word—shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Esther, another believer, told how she had prayed before an unbelieving Gentile mother, in the name of Jesus, for her sick baby and God wonderfully restored him back to health.

This girl has brought in a number of her friends and is very zealous for the Lord. Her people do not believe

but they are not at all prejudiced. In fact, she brought her mother and father to the evening service last Friday and they seemed impressed by the message and promised to come again.

Our Scout Troop meetings have been very well attended this fall and the interest shown in the study of the Word of God has been a great joy to us as teachers.

Beatrice, a dear little believer came in one afternoon to notify us that she had moved away too far to attend our meetings regularly. She told how she had started a Bible study class in her home on Friday evenings with her girl friends who were interested to know all about Jesus. She was using a Bible we had given to her and was reading it aloud to them. She has invited me to come out and talk to them, some Friday evening, so God willing, after the holidays are over, I hope to bring them a Gospel message. Pray also for this group!

Mollie, another scout, is translating into Yiddish familiar verses from the Gospel of John. In order to do this she consults her father, mother and brother. Who knows but what this is God's way of bringing the message to her family. She brought her first three translated verses to me last Monday evening and said that she was getting to understand the verses better now that she knew them in two languages. You may think this a small thing, dear reader, but God is hearing our prayers and answering them in His own good way.

In closing may I ask you, quoting Paul, to "continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance to speak the mystery of Christ" that many more Jews might openly confess Him before men.

God Working With the Children

By MRS. OLIVE H. CHATTAWAY

We praise God for the way He is working among the dear children of the Plaza Branch.

In one of my classes, during the Bible Lesson, I was showing the girls a picture of our suffering Lord, being led away to be crucified, bearing His cross, with the angry multitude surrounding Him, and one dear Jewish girl impulsively leaned over, and with her little fist, struck at one of the men in the picture, who had a look of hatred in his face, thus instinctively endeavoring to protect her Lord, and show her devotion to Him. At another class, one of the girls asked me if she might come twice a week, instead of once, to our classes, for she said, "I want to learn more about Jesus." This dear girl listens eagerly to every word of the Bible Lesson, and knows the whole life of Christ, answering questions intelligently and from the heart, and with a beautiful spirit of true belief in the Saviour.

Another bright girl, who came only occasionally, and who learned our Easter songs, said to me, "Every morning when I awake, the first thing in my mind is our Easter song, 'Jesus from the grave arose', and I sing it the first thing every morning."

A few days later I discovered this same girl writing on our black-board, after class, these words, "I love Jesus." She wrote them down in a column, one line under another, a number of times, and at the end, signed her name.

One day, after class, a scholar was writing down the names of the girls present, on the board, and as she finished she turned to me and said, "I will write Jesus' name down too, for He was here with us." I said, "Yes, indeed He was." And she replied, "I

know it, because He's in my heart."

One day two Jewish girls, sisters, asked me if they might speak to me after class. They asked me many questions regarding Christ, and told me their aunt is a teacher of Hebrew, and that she told them not to believe in Jesus, as He is not the Jewish Messiah, but another will come some day, who will be.

Looking to the Lord for guidance, I explained to them how and why, according to prophecy Jesus is the one and only true Messiah, and while I talked with them explaining Isa. 53 and other Scripture passages, I could see that while the older sister was still antagonistic and unconvinced, the younger was listening eagerly and openly, and when I finished she said, "Well, before you explained this to me I believed my aunt and I did not believe in Jesus, but now I believe in Jesus that He is the true Messiah."

My heart rejoiced and I gave them each a gospel, which they promised to read, and now they and another sister, whom they brought also, never miss a class, and listen eagerly to the Bible lesson each time.

God grant that many more of these precious children, may with their hearts and also with their lips confess that they too believe in Jesus as their own true Messiah, for our Lord says "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

The Shepherd of Israel in Prison

Hardly a day passes without the mail bringing us some tangible and happy news of how the Lord is continuing to bless the testimony given each month through *The Shepherd of Israel*. It is hard for the mind to calculate the significance of the fact that 30,000 copies of this little paper find their way into 30,000 Jewish homes each month; Jewish homes in America,

in Great Britain, in all parts of continental Europe, in the Near East, Palestine, Egypt, in far off Australia, and finally in Asia. What the sum total of such a world-wide reach will bring by way of harvest, the Lord of the harvest alone knows. But upon this earth every now and then we are privileged to learn of an individual case here and an individual case there which comes to us only as the first drops of a great shower of blessing that must finally make its force known in that great day of accounting to come.

We have selected two letters which we want to show to you, as being typical of what must be going on in all parts of the world where *The Shepherd of Israel* is read and is properly used by consecrated workers. The first letter comes from California and is from a dear child of God who labors as volunteer worker, among the unfortunates in the prisons:—

"Thank you for the New Testaments and the booklets for Jews. They were received and passed on to the old Jew in jail. He became so deeply interested that he never missed coming to a service. However as soon as he received his Yiddish literature, he fell to reading it, almost oblivious to his surroundings. I believe his interest was genuine. He prized the little booklets so highly that he did not want to lose one. Another Jew was incarcerated the latter part of his term, and he showed a somewhat indifferent interest in the booklets and wanted to borrow some from the older man to read, but the older man was loath to let him have them.

One day he sat reading one of the booklets and exclaimed enthusiastically, 'This is really, this is really'. He read a bit longer, then burst out, 'These people smart men, they know more than Jews'. Again while reading, he looked up and exclaimed: 'This is worth a million dollars to me.' One service I gave a brief exhortation, and

it was laid on my heart to ask my jail audience of men how many believed in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that His Blood was necessary to get them to heaven. A number of hands went up quickly. I turned where the Jewish man sat behind the workers and smiled at him and asked, 'I wonder if my Jewish brother believes this?' A smile broke over his face and his hand shot into the air without a moment's hesitation. He seemed entirely convinced in his mind that Jesus Christ is the Jews' Messiah. However, how deep a work of grace was wrought in his heart I do not know. We had only one hour in a very noisy room and it was difficult to converse and pray with him freely. We did certainly pray for Him and I know God heard me. He finished his sentence in November and I have been ill since and have not seen him."

A second letter is from a highly esteemed Jewish Christian brother, a fellow worker in the cause of Israel. He too has been for a long time faithfully using *The Shepherd of Israel* in his missionary visits, and the Lord has blessed the ministry of the paper through his hands:—

"I take the liberty to write these lines; I am sure you will be interested to read them.

First of all I will express to you my own appreciation of your kindness in sending us *The Shepherd of Israel*. A number of Jews here have been stirred up to read the New Testament, by reading the articles this paper contains. One man, a mystical Jew, one of our inquirers who moved away to B.—pays carfare and comes to the Mission to read *The Shepherd of Israel*.

This Jewish brother I believe is an earnest inquirer, but is too much afraid of the Jews. Yet, from time to time he goes to the Jewish synagogue and questions them about the promises concerning the Messiah; several times he

was put out from the synagogue because the Rabbi could not answer his questions.

Mr. R— is his name; he told me he has written to Mr. Englander a letter, and expects an answer. I don't know the contents of the letter. But I can imagine, as he is great in numericals:

Thank you again dear Mr. Cohn. I wish I could donate a little to help publish this valuable paper. God knows missionaries these days are limited in their funds. Praise God! for He supplies our needs, Philip 4:19."

So let us read these letters and rejoice, and thank God that He has chosen to use our humble ministry so that many, many thousands of His covenant people shall be thus brought into the full light of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving at the Mission

Knowing that all the dear friends who contributed toward the Thanksgiving Dinner will be interested to know about it, we give a few interesting features as a matter of personal report by the workers of this Mission to the friends concerned.

We had an unusually good time at this Thanksgiving season. Owing to lack of space in our building, we decided to have two different meals served on two different evenings. So on the Monday evening before Thanksgiving we welcomed nearly 120 children, whose parents do not attend the Mission. The gathering comprised both boys and girls ranging between eight and seventeen years in age. After the dinner was served there was singing of Christian songs by the children. They had been taught choruses in the various classes under different workers and did well. Then a splendid object talk was given them by Mrs. Chattaway's father to which

they listened most attentively after which the happy crowd went home.

On Wednesday evening, the usual time appointed for the Thanksgiving dinner, we invited all the adults attending the Main Building and Plaza Branch, with their children, serving about 200 at this feast. The reason for giving the dinner on Wednesday evening instead of Thursday, when all others observe Thanksgiving, is because our Christian friends who come to help us in serving would not be able to be present on Thursday. With us for the occasion were a few Christian friends, three members of our Board and our friend Canon Chase, besides twenty-five of our workers and friends who served the meal. This year we had a more remarkable class of converts at the Thanksgiving dinner than ever. Soon after the dinner was finished these dear converts began to testify of Christ. There was no need of urging or reminding any one. One followed hard on the other with messages of praise. And sometimes two or three arose at the same time to speak a few words for the Lord Jesus Christ. We had testimonies from the youngest member of our church who is about 15 years of age to the oldest who is 75. We tried to gently hint that it was time to close, but it was of no avail. They insisted on Mr. Englander's singing one of his Jewish hymns repeatedly. The president of our Board of Directors, a keen business man and a true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, Mr. Philip A. Benson, was so impressed with the spirit of the converts that he told us that he had never seen such Christian enthusiasm in his life. We believe that the Holy Spirit is in every gathering of Christian people who pray and meditate upon the Word of God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ but at this meeting His manifest pres-

ence was forced upon all as they witnessed the life and light emanating from these dear brethren. All of us thought that it was well worth while having such a gathering at any cost. Hence the dear friends who have contributed of their means for this purpose have made an excellent investment, for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ was glorified in a most remarkable manner. Finally about 10:30 the gathering which assembled at 6:45 was dismissed.

Atlantic City

There is room only for a few lines to report on Atlantic City. The response to the new undertaking has been most generous, although this is written only two weeks after *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* for December was sent out. Aside from the gifts which have come specified directly for the Atlantic City work, many more gifts came as a result of the Atlantic City report, but the donors in these cases left to our discretion the fund to which their gifts should be credited. These moneys have been placed in our General Fund, and will be drawn upon for the Atlantic City needs. The indications are that more than enough will be received to take care of all the expenses.

The only disappointment is that we have been unable to dedicate the building and open it for Gospel work as quickly as we had thought possible. Alterations, repairs and decorations are taking more time than we anticipated and as we write this article the mechanics are all busy making the necessary changes.

Please remember the new undertaking in your prayers and let us hope that by the time our next issue is out we will be able to announce that the Atlantic City Mission is in full operation.

JEWISH NOTES

The hope of the Jews in Palestine for relief in the lack of employment is growing brighter. The vice-mayor of Jerusalem, Dr. David Yellin, upon a visit to New York about two weeks ago, intimated that the problem is practically solved. There has been such a great change made along the line of employment that the Zionist organization has made its plans to ask admission for more immigrants, because there is no further shortage of work.

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The following incident we quote from the Jewish Tribune:

"Down with the Jews", he shouted, as he marched along with the Anti-Semitic group of a Vienna university. "Down with the Jews."

Suddenly, he was taken sick. Removed to a hospital. Must undergo a blood transfusion.

A number of fellow students offered their blood, but only the blood of a Jewish student was found to have the exact qualities to match that of the Anti-Semitic patient. The Jewish student readily gave his blood. The Anti-Semite student has recovered. But he is a sadder and a wiser man. Firstly, he now has Semitic blood in his veins. Secondly, the operation revealed the fact that the blood of the Jewish student was more akin to his own than that of the non-Jews, thus disproving the hokum of superiorities of racial bloods. He is a sadder man and will not march in any more Anti-Semitic processions.

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A renaissance of old Judaism of the early centuries has developed to some extent in New York. A Yeshivah College at a cost of several million dollars has been erected in the city and dedicated in the presence of many thousands of Jews. This Yeshivah

College Building is the first one in the world since the early centuries of the Christian era. Formerly there were such colleges in Jerusalem where they studied Talmudic literature. After the destruction by Titus all hope for such institutions fled but finally the great Talmudist, Johanan B. Zakkai had himself carried to the Roman camp in a coffin during the siege of Jerusalem. On account of his previous prophesying of the then pending destruction, he obtained permission from General Vespasian to leave and settle in a town called Jabneh. He also prophesied imperial honors for General Vespasian, quoting the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Lebanon (that is the sanctuary) shall fall by a mighty one."—Isa. 10:34. There in Jabneh he established the Yeshivah College and a large number of young Jews sat at the feet of Johanan and imbibed his teaching. Jabneh then took the place of Jerusalem as the Jewish religious center. The deed of Johanan was copied by rabbis after him and so the education in the Talmud was continually kept growing for three of four centuries.

Yeshivah College in New York is an imitation of those ancient institutions with the difference that in this college the pupils will receive the regular secular education of American colleges as well. It remains to be seen whether Jewish students will flock there for there are few young Jews in New York who desire to enter an institution of this kind.

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The Roumanian Government has taken a new turn for the better with regard to the Jews. A new regime has been organized under the leadership of Dr. Juliu Maniu. It has been reported that recently a notice was sent out by the Minister of Education to all managers and rectors of universities that any student who participates in Anti-Jewish demonstrations which result in breaking the peace will lose the privilege which exempts him from military service, and be drafted into the army at once.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. Please explain Romans 12:1.

—EDMUND TOSTEVIN.

Answer. The Apostle Paul entreats the converts to honor the Lord Jesus Christ by presenting their bodies as a living sacrifice to Him. He is merciful and knows how to regard and consider their weak frames. He made the body and He maintains it. It is of His infinite compassion and mercies that our bodies are not consumed and that our souls are held in life. Above all the mercies we receive from God daily, the Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself for us and made us the sons of God. Is it not reasonable therefore that we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, not for sin, but for the purpose of serving Him and glorifying His Holy Name? "A living sacrifice" refers to Gal. 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." The idea is to live for Him who gave Himself for us.

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Question. Please explain Isa. 66:24. What does it mean?

—FRED WAGNER.

Answer. It means just what it says. Our Lord quoted this verse and did not change its literal meaning. He bases the torment of unrepentant sinners on this very verse. Mark 9:44.

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Question 1. How long is a "generation", as 14 generations are mentioned some three times in the Bible?

Question 2. Again, on what ground do preachers use the title "Reverend"? Are they Scriptural?

—H. W. HALL.

Answer 1. According to Gen. 15:16 the duration of a generation was one hundred years. We read there that God told Abraham, "In the fourth generation thy descendents shall come hither again." It has been figured out to have been a little over four hundred years from the time God spoke those words to the deliverance from Egypt. But a generation has never been uniform and settled. At the end of the four hundred years the duration of a generation was accounted only forty years. "And He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, . . . until all the generation

was consumed." Numbers 32:13. The Hebrew word for generation means a contemporaneous group of people living the same length of time. Ex. 1:6. At the time of Abraham the people lived longer than at the time when Israel wandered in the wilderness, hence the difference in the duration of a generation. Fourteen generations would mean, in a literal sense, the age of fourteen men succeeding one another from father to son. However it was not counted by the life of an individual, not even by the life of the king, for some live longer than others. Therefore it was reckoned by the life of the majority of that generation.

Answer 2. The word Reverend means venerable, deserving respect. The Scriptural command is, "and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." 1 Thess. 5:13.

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Question. We read in Kings James translation Job 19:26, "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." The phrase, "in my flesh" is translated in the American Standard "without my body" (flesh); the marginal reading of Kings James, "out of my flesh." What is the correct translation from the original?

—RACHEL McDONALD.

Answer. The one Hebrew word for "in my flesh" is so construed as to bear all these translations. The translation "in my flesh," is based on the literal interpretation of the Hebrew word *umib'sori*, which means, and from my flesh. The sense of it is that one can see God from the wonderful construction of the human body. Hence, "in my flesh shall I see God." However, that preposition "from" can also mean "out." Thus, when I'll be out of my flesh, or without the flesh, the spirit alone, etc.

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Question. Please translate the name Othniel in your CHOSEN PEOPLE.

—FRANK FALATEK.

Answer. Gesenin's Lexicon makes it mean "the lion of God." In Talmud Tmurah 16 b there is the following tradition about Othniel. Othniel was a great hero, for he took Kirjath Sepher as is related in Josh. 15:17. But the word "Kirjath-Sepher" literally, "the city of book," suggests that Othniel by his

deep thinking power and keen reasoning brought back from oblivion seven thousand doctrines which had been forgotten during the days of mourning consequent upon the death of Moses.

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Question 1. *Since we read in Eph. 2:5, 8, "For by grace are ye saved," etc. what is the meaning of Phil. 2:12?*

Question 2. *Please explain Matthew 5:25. I cannot see how it would be possible for a Christian always to agree with his adversary.*

—MRS. HUGH PATTERSON.

Answer 1. "Work out your salvation," of Phil. 2:12, means that salvation which brought a new heart, a new spirit, etc. must show itself on the outside. God saved us by His grace in order that we should be His workmanship. Verse 10. We have to be fruitful to the glory and honor of the blessed Messiah Jesus. Yet our own works must be done with fear because it is God who works in us and we are only His workmanship.

Answer 2. "Agree" means reconciliation. Those who have wronged us we must forgive. And those whom we have wronged we must make satisfaction to. If however there is no reconciliation made it must not be our fault. Here again, the salvation in our heart must be worked out. We must show and practice "the love of God shed abroad in our hearts." Romans 5.

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For Relief of the Poor.....	282.65
For Literature Fund (Bibles and Tracts).....	79.70
"The Chosen People" (Subscriptions).....	420.45
Dispensary Income Account.....	60.50
For Work Among the Children.....	11.20
For "The Shepherd of Israel".....	194.35
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For Jewish Christian Home.....	36.42
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At the present time, five Mission stations are being maintained by the

Board (see page 2) and in addition, a Home for Jewish Christians. The plan of work for all stations calls for the maintenance of Gospel meetings for adults and children; a medical department to assist poor Jews; a Poor Fund, to enable us to relieve the distress of deserving Jews and to give a practical demonstration of Christian love; a Literature Fund for the purchase of Hebrew Bibles and Testaments and to print tracts in Jewish. Mr. Cohn has written seven Jewish tracts which God has used to the conversion of many.

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