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## Salutation

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

Dearly beloved friends:—

God's hand be with you, to lead, protect and strengthen you by the presence of His power, and continue to honor you with the privilege of "dwelling with the King for His work." 1 Chron. 4:22.

### IN THE SACRED RECORD

In that chapter in 1 Chron. in the midst of the abstruse genealogies, the careful student of God's Word finds an instructive example. The names of those humble potters are recorded in the sacred book for an honorable memorial because they dwelt with the King for his own work. The true Church of Christ is called the temple of God, the habitation of the Holy Spirit. "Ye are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:22. We are not only the builded temple but also the builders thereof. The Lord Jesus Christ being both the foundation and cornerstone, we His followers, by bringing souls into His fold, are enlarging the building and increasing its growth. In this sense we are co-workers with God and with one another and are thus dwelling with the great King, the Lord Jesus Christ for His work. Now, if the names of those potters were written in the Book, how much more the names of all those who help build the Temple of God? Our dwelling with Him for His work is an earnest of dwelling with Him to eternity, for our names will be found written in the sacred record of His book of remembrance.

### FOR OUR ENCOURAGEMENT

God commanded Israel, saying: "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness." Deut. 8:2. As all those things were written for our examples and admonition, we learn from them the wisdom of reflecting upon the past providences of God in our behalf, and reviewing the work He has enabled us to do in His cause. All this has a tendency to encourage us to go forward and onward, expecting to see still greater and mightier things from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

### THE AUDITED ACCOUNT

We are glad to give on another page the audited financial account for 1922. The statements therein bespeak the willingness of the dear friends of this Mission to give of their means freely in order to have their share in this important work of carrying the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Jews of this great city as well as all over the country. We frequently deplore the fact that so little is being done for the many Jews of this city. This is not only because of their large number but because all the Jews in the world look up to the American Jews and all the Jews of America are directed by the conduct and suggestions of the Jews of New York; these conditions have been created by the late war. We are therefore thankful to our Heavenly Father for this financial statement which shows that our dear friends realize the great value of endeavoring to reach the Jews of Greater New York with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## THE MEETINGS

We praise God for His remarkable blessing upon our direct work of preaching the gospel by holding meetings in both the Main Building and the Plaza Branch as per the schedules given on the inside front cover of "The Chosen People." It has always been difficult to get a Jewish audience, but we have been blessed of God with many Jews continually attending our gospel meetings. There has been no exception along this line during the past year. Very often the workers of this Mission themselves wonder what keeps these Jewish brethren coming every time we open the doors, for their nationalistic feeling has grown increasingly owing to the Zionist activities. Not only have they attended the meetings and listened respectfully and reverently to the simple story of the Cross, but many of them have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. A goodly number of such cases we have reported through "The Chosen People."

## THE DISPENSARY

Our dispensary has also enjoyed God's blessing during the last year, the total attendance numbering 6,500. The medical work at the Plaza Branch is still so young that only small numbers are attending, yet this is satisfactory for a beginning. While waiting their turn to see the physician the patients are given literature to read, and in this way a good many of them become acquainted with the nature of the work of the Mission and with some of the workers. Such acquaintance brings them into closer friendship and then eventually by attending the meetings they learn of their own blessed Messiah and see the great Light, the Lord Jesus Christ. One such convert in his testimony of a few weeks ago related how his wife once came to the dispensary to see the physician for the body and the result was that they found the Great Physician for the soul, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## OUR LITTLE CHURCH

As we have from time to time reported to you of the Hebrew Christian Church consisting of the converts of this Mission, we are glad to tell you that they have been kept steadfast, true, faithful and loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a great pleasure to meet them, to talk with them and to know them. A good many of them we are sometimes tempted to compare with the apostles, for they are fearless, bold and ready to give a reason for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at any time and anywhere in the presence of their still unbelieving Jewish brethren, heeding not their hatred and persecution. An excellent work has also been done among the mothers and children. Now that we have several additional workers that work as well as the visiting has been extended and enlarged.

## THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL

With thankfulness to our Heavenly Father we are glad to report to you the wonderful way in which God has blessed that little paper "The Shepherd of Israel" during the past year. We learn from correspondence and from personal touch that the paper is being longed-for by the Jews, who read it with great avidity. We could not possibly quote half of the letters which Jews as well as Christians write us, praising and thanking God for this publication, "The Shepherd of Israel," which they give to their Jewish friends who have been wonderfully influenced by the reading, so that some of them began to attend church and confessed belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. In many cases the copy that the Jew received from his Christian friend was in turn passed on by him to another Jew because he appreciated it so much that he was confident that the other Jew would do likewise. That the Jews wish the paper to reach them regularly has been apparent from their notices of removal, asking us to change their addresses on our list. It would be interesting, we are sure, for you to read the correspondence that we are carrying on with Jewish men of learning, lawyers and physicians. Their arguments against Christ would be amusing if the question were not so serious. Because they do not know their own Bible we have to illuminate them by writing very long letters in reply. We will give a few extracts from Jewish letters so that the readers may have an idea how God's blessing is resting upon the ministry of this little paper. Here is one from a Jewish brother who was converted through reading "The Shepherd of Israel."

I want to thank you for sending me The Shepherd of Israel. I also enjoyed reading the pamphlet entitled "What is His Son's Name?"

You will find enclosed a check for \$1.00 to cover my subscription for another year and also to send a copy to someone else, as was formerly done for me.

Here is another one:

I take great pleasure in saying that I feel quite proud to be remembered by you with the "Roeh-Israel" (Shepherd of Israel) that comes to me as a most delightful monthly visitor and be assured same has my highest appreciation.

With compliments of the season, I am wishing you and all you dearly love a Merry Christmas and most happy and prosperous New Year, etc.

In a few cases we have had an extraordinary experience with Jewish readers of "The Shepherd of Israel," namely, they sent us contributions, not only to pay for the paper but also for the gospel work. The work of "The Shepherd of Israel" has been rousing up nearly all its readers either for better or for worse. It woke up some of them to seek and find the truth and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal life. Others have been stirred up to wrath and anger. They have therefore appealed to the Jewish editors to put a ban on the reading of "The Shepherd of Israel." In doing so they thought evil against us but God meant it unto good. Gen. 50:20.

## JEWISH DAILIES HELPING US INDIRECTLY

Recently one of the prominent Jewish daily papers, had an article as follows: "Jewish people ought to beware of that Jewish paper called 'The Shepherd of Israel.' The editor of that paper writes in such a way as to attract the Jews by articles of much interest to them. For instance, he wrote an article about our much-lamented Rabbi Schapiro who was executed in Platzk, Poland, under the accusation that he was a Bolshevich. Some Jews there endeavored to get a new trial in order to prove the innocence of the Rabbi. Thus he writes approving such endeavors in order to remove the blot from the Jewish people, as if he were their best friend. But alas at the close of the article he appeals to the Jews that they should have a revision of the trial of Jesus Christ and remove the blot that rests upon the best Jew that the Jewish nation ever had in their midst." Then the Jewish daily concluded: "Now, do you see who that editor of 'The Shepherd of Israel' is and what he is after? He wants to apostatize our Jewish brethren. Beware of him and do not read that paper." Thus the Lord has used their wrath to continue the spread of the news of the Lord Jesus Christ among many more thousands of Jews.

## HE HATES THE WILLIAMSBURG MISSION TO THE JEWS

Another Jewish editor wrote an extensive editorial commenting upon "The Shepherd of Israel." He first gave an account of all the agencies and departments of the Williamsburgh Mission to the Jews. He said further that there has not yet been a mission to the Jews that had such active instrumentalities as the Williamsburgh Mission. "Through their instrument called 'The Shepherd of Israel' they do the greatest mischief. Recently they printed an article in the above-mentioned paper in which the editor points out the reason for Jewish persecution. He writes, quoting a Talmudic maxim which says that Jerusalem was destroyed for no other reason than hatred without cause. As Jerusalem was destroyed because of hatred without cause so now are many Jewish cities, Jewish homes and Jewish families being destroyed all over the world only because the Jews hate Jesus Christ. All the Jewish destructions, the slaughters in the Ukraine, the pogroms in Poland and in Hungary, etc., etc., that 'Shepherd of Israel' attributes to the Jewish hatred of Christ."

Along these lines that Jewish editor goes on, quoting passages from "The Shepherd of Israel," and denouncing the editor and the entire Williamsburgh Mission to the Jews. He finally concludes, "We Jews do not hate anybody, but we do hate the Williamsburgh Mission to the Jews." This also is a work for good. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is being proclaimed in the columns of that Jewish paper even though in hatred. See Phil. 1:15-19.

Let us therefore count God's blessings upon the work of our hands and take courage and expect greater and richer blessings in the coming year.

Yours in His service,

LEOPOLD COHN.

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

By Philip Glander

January the 7th, after the Lord's Supper which we always have on the first Sunday of the month, six of us Hebrew Christians went home on the same trolley car, which was almost full of Jewish passengers. Three of us entered by the front entrance and three by the rear. We at the rear of the car went through toward the front giving out copies of "The Shepherd of Israel" to every passenger, until we reached the other three brethren in the front.

Before I had a chance to turn around, a man of about 40 years, pale as the wall, shivering very much, hurried to us with raised fist, yelling: "Why do you give out such stuff to Jews to read?" I smilingly answered, "Why, this is Jewish print, no one else can read it." "But don't you know," he exclaimed again, "that this is misleading? Look (he pointed around with his finger) every one is reading it and who knows how many may believe in it, too!" Then I said, "I wish all would believe it, as this is the only way out of Jacob's trouble."

Here another Jew came to his aid and attacked our aim bitterly, so that the whole car was on fire. In vain did the conductor call to our attention that the car was not a church. Everyone in the car listened attentively to the subject of Christ. In vain the two opposers commanded the readers to throw away the misleading papers, and when one of them tried to pull the paper away from one passenger, Satan was defeated, for not only did the person refuse to give over the paper, but gave him a hot argument and asked him why he should tell him what he should read.

When I saw that the argument was

getting serious I went between them, quoting: "Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?" Mal. 2:10. "What," one said, "you mean to say that this covenant of Christ is of our fathers? Don't you know that at the Inquisition in Spain our fathers went through all sorts of tortures because they refused to accept Christ?" When he finished speaking, I quoted to him the words of Christ in John 5:46, "For had ye believed Moses ye would have believed me for he wrote of me" turning immediately to Deut. 18:15, 19, where Moses wrote of him. "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me, unto him ye shall hearken \* \* \* but whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name I will require it from him," showing them how God requires it from the nation as a whole, for nothing else but for not hearkening unto Christ.

This surely was a hard nut for many of them but like manna to others, and when a Jewish lad sitting nearby told him with a Jewish accent, "Aha, Aha, did you need all that?" he answered him, "What did I lose by it? I only now know something that I did not know before," and he took a "Shepherd of Israel" from me anew, put it in his pocket and rushed off the car.

Glory to God, that all in that car heard something they probably never heard before. I was also happy to learn that one of the passengers was a silent believer whom I never knew before. Would to God that the truth given may awaken weary hearts to see the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## A Message from Miss Bigelow

*(About a year ago, Miss Grace M. Bigelow, who from the early days of this Mission had been one of its most loyal friends and workers, was taken seriously ill and went to a Sanitarium in the Adirondacks to recuperate. These facts were mentioned in "The Chosen People" and our friends, with others, were asked to pray definitely for Miss Bigelow's restoration. We now rejoice to tell you that the Lord has answered prayer and the doctors report her recovery is remarkable and she is able to go back to business. The following message from Miss Bigelow herself will tell how the Lord used her during her stay at the Sanitarium.)*

How can I tell all that is in my heart of praise and gratitude to God for answering the prayers of the friends of the Williamsburgh Mission to the Jews. When I arrived at the Sanitarium just one year ago, the doctors and nurses said, "We will not have her with us long." But the Lord had a work for me to do and when he healed my body and began to renew my strength, He opened the way for me to start a Sunday School for the children in the Sanitarium and shortly after that to hold Bible Class meetings every Tuesday evening. Oh, how the Lord blessed those meetings which often were attended by Protestants, Catholics and Jews. Jesus said, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me!" and I know my one aim was to stand back of the Cross and tell the story of Christ and Him crucified. None can be offended when we simply teach the Word. Several of the Protestant girls were leaning toward Christian Science and New Thought; others had drifted far away from Christ, but,

praise God, through the meetings they were brought back into the fold.

One very dear girl who had read a great deal on New Thought, acknowledged that she was really self righteous and had never realized her need of the Saviour but thank God she is truly saved and is now the leader of the Class which is growing all the time.

The Supervisor of the Sanitarium is an interesting Jewish woman who had entirely lost faith in God's word through coming in contact with an atheist. Her mother was a Gentile and her father a converted Jew so she had been brought up in the Christian faith, but every spark of it had been crushed out through reading books which this atheist gave her. Oh, how I prayed for this Jewess and how she resisted and refused to see the light; but a few days before I went home Miss Sussdorff came up to see me and the very first one to speak with her was this Jewess and, praise God, Miss Sussdorff opened her eyes to the truth and she gave her heart to Christ and is now trying to help others and bring them to Christ. Other Jewish girls were also interested and we are still praying for them and ask your prayers for the class and all the patients.

*(Since writing the above, Miss Bigelow has felt called of the Lord to return to the Sanitarium and continue her Christian work there. She has been offered a position as nurse and this will give her great opportunity to talk with the patients and tell them of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray that she may be mightily used for the salvation of souls.)*

JEWISH NOTES

After the Jews were expelled from England in 1290, there were none there until 1655. The next Jewish settlers were those that had been expelled from Spain. They called themselves "Sephardic" Jews because they came from Spain. Because they endured much suffering for the sake of their religion they were very proud. They considered themselves the nobility of Jewry and therefore regarded all other Jews as below their dignity. They did not mingle with the lower classes but with their social equals they associated freely without regard to creed. They refused to engage in chaffering occupations or usury. They were received at the courts of Sultans, Kings and Princes. They refused to intermarry with low-class Jews and preferred to intermarry with Gentiles if they were only their equals in social standing. Thus they took their place in English Society and gradually were swallowed up or amalgamated by many of the English noble families. It is said that the entire nobility of Great Britain is impregnated with Jewish blood.

One of those Sephardic families was named Lopez. From this Lopez family descended Sir Manasseh Lopez who was born in Jamaica about the middle of the 18th century. He and his father, Mordecai became Christians in 1802. Sir Manasseh Lopez became a member of Parliament and was later created a baronet. One of this family was Sir Massey Lopez who sat in the House of Commons for some years. Another member of this family was Henry Charles Lopez who became Lord Justice of Appeal and was raised to the peerage as Lord Ludlow because he was descended through his mother from the Ludlow family to which the Regicide Ludlow belonged. Recently there died

in England a man known as Lord Ludlow. Perhaps only a few knew that he was of Jewish descent but he was the son of this Lord Ludlow and was the second Baron and with him the Barony expires because he left to successor.

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In a recent speech made by the noted jurist Samuel Untermeyer he refuted most convincingly a statement made by a high official of the Ku Klux Klan. The statement he quoted was to the effect that the Jew produces nothing anywhere on the face of the earth. He does not till the soil, he does not create or manufacture anything for common use. Mr. Untermeyer then cites the records of the war that there were from 200,000 to 250,000 Jews in the service, which is from 4 to 5% of the total forces of the United States, contributing thus one-third more than their share to the armed strength of the United States.

He further said that there are already in the United States 12,000 Jewish families engaged in farming, representing a population of over 60,000 distributed among the states of the Union. They cultivate more than one million acres of land.

The statistics of Jewish immigration reveal that from the period of 1899 to 1910 about 600,000 Jewish immigrants entered the country and their occupations were classified as follow:—70% were reported as skilled and productive workers and 11.8% as unskilled laborers. This makes about 82% of the Jewish immigrants productive workers.

Then he showed reliable information which was secured from the various union organizations with which the vast majority of Jewish workers are connected, to the effect that practically the entire population of the United States is supplied with clothing by the Jews.

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A very interesting correspondence between the Jews of Newport, R. I., and George Washington was found recorded in the Newport Herald of September 9th, 1790. We give here only an excerpt from George Washington's letter in answer to that of the Jews:

"It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my administration and fervent wishes for my felicity; may the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants, while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the Father of All Mercies scatter light and no darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy."

(Signed) GEORGE WASHINGTON.

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The Palestinian colony called Tel-Aviv has made the most remarkable progress of all other Jewish colonies in the promised land. That town was founded in 1908 by a group of 60 Jewish families which erected 60 dwelling houses. Its development was much interrupted by the war but since 1917 it became alive again and now has a population of 12,000 and is a town possessing all the improvements of a modern European city. It has been announced that this township has issued bonds for 75,000 pounds. These bonds are offered at \$460 per hundred pounds and interest, yielding to the investor 6½%. This is the first Jewish bond issued in history.

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A wholesale extermination of Austrian Jews has been threatened in widely-distributed letters. It is reported that this movement is being helped by district officials. Those letters contain a demand that the Jews leave the country voluntarily. In case of the Jews not complying

with this demand penalties of all manner of violent deaths are threatened. There has also been discovered recently in Vienna a black list of 1,548 Jews picked for extermination. The list is headed by the Rothschild family of Vienna. This has been found in the possession of a secret reactionary anti-semitic organization. This organization also extends to other European countries.

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In Berlin, circulars containing accusations against Jews have been distributed widely. In those circulars the population is being incited to violence against the Jews. The leader and director of all this is Adolph Hitler who is the head of the Bavarian national Socialists. He is called the Bavarian Mussolini.

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According to the latest censuses and available, reliable estimates there are 3,425,000 Jews in all of North America; 108,000 in South America. There are 9,250,000 in Central Europe, comprising West Russia, White Russia, Latvia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Poland, Roumania, Hungary, Czecho-Slovakia and Austria. To the west and south of central Europe there live 1,500,000 Jews. North of central Europe, 145,000. South of Europe, across the Mediterranean, 270,000 Jews live among the Mohammedan, Arabic-speaking countries of North Africa. In East Africa there are 50,000 Falashes (black Jews) in Abyssinia. While in South Africa there are nearly 50,000. In Palestine there are 85,000 Jews. In Syria, Mesopotamia and Arabia there are 140,000 Jews. In Asia Minor, Central Asia, Siberia there are 325,000. In Japan, China and India about 25,000 Jews are scattered among a population of 715,000,000. In Australia there are 17,000, thus making a total of 15,000,000 Jews in the world.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. Please explain Paul's words "else what shall they do who are baptized for the dead."

—MR. GEORGE A. LARSON.

Answer. This question has already been answered through "The Chosen People" several times. Some of the Christians of the first century imitated the Jewish custom of trying to benefit the dead by a certain prayer. The Talmud (Sanhed. 104a) teaches that a son can justify his dead parents' souls by repeating a prayer. The custom has been prevalent among the Jews over all the world to repeat a short prayer called Kadish, for a year, for the souls of dead parents. This prayer they think brings the soul to heaven. Again it is related in 2nd Hasmon. 12 that Judas Maccabee offered sacrifice for the dead in order to have their sins forgiven. On this basis the early converts practiced baptism for the souls of their relatives who postponed the right of baptism to the last moment. They prayed and believed that God would accept the proxy. Now, Paul, in reasoning with them concerning the resurrection sets forth the absurdity of their inconsistency in being baptized for the dead and not believing in their future resurrection. If those who died are not to live again then their relative's act of love by being baptized for them has no value at all.

Others think that the meaning of this expression is as follows:—it was a time of persecution of the Christians. It was at the hazard and risk of life that the preachers and their converts confessed the Lord Jesus Christ publicly by baptism. They were in continual danger of death on account of such a Christian confession. The apostle then argues, if there were no hope beyond this life, why were those converts then baptized? Did they simply want to throw away life, in other words be baptized for the dead, that is, to die? But if there is a resurrection then their carrying out of the Lord's command to be baptized is not merely to throw away life by being killed on that account, but it is to gain life eternal, even in the resurrection.

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Question 1. Will you please explain the following Bible passages and give the meaning of the original Hebrew text—Acts 2:17—"Daughters shall prophesy."

Question 2. Acts 2:18 "Handmaidens and they shall prophesy."

Question 3. What is the meaning of "prophesy" in the original Hebrew text as here used?

Question 4. What is the meaning of 1 Corinthians 14:34-35?

Question 5. Will you please explain woman's place and work in the church for this age from the Bible standpoint or as taught in the Bible.

—THE MISSES CALKINS.

Answers 1 and 2. The translation of "daughters and handmaidens" from the original is correct.

Answer 3. To declare God's will, rebuke and warn against the judgments of God, in case of disobedience. It also includes the power to predict future events by which the prophet may be duly accredited as being sent of God. Deut., chapters 13 to 18.

Answer 4. In 1 Cor. 11:5-13 the woman is allowed to pray and prophesy at a public meeting. However, the passages in question refer altogether to a different practice which is entirely unbecoming to women. It was customary among the Jews to ask questions of the preacher relating to what he delivered. In accordance with that custom, our Lord, at twelve years old, sat with the doctors, asking them questions. But it is unsuitable to the modesty of womanhood, that women should debate with men in the public exercises in the church.

Answer 5. According to 1 Tim., 2:12, Paul does not suffer a woman to teach or to usurp authority over man. This does not exclude women from teaching altogether, for we find that Aquila and Priscilla expounded unto Apollos the way of God more perfectly, Acts 18:26, and again Timothy was taught by his mother and grandmother, 2 Tim., 3:15. But Paul's injunction against woman's teaching refers to public teaching while those did it privately. According to the Christian's rule to abide in the Word of God spoken by the prophets and apostles it is advisable to follow Paul's instruction. However, in this age, when comparatively few men are able and willing to engage in Church work, the Holy Spirit is leading many women to take up needed work in the Church. We may rest assured that Paul would have no objection to exceptional cases where there is the need and in which the Holy Spirit guides.

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Question 1. How did we get our Bible?

Question 2. Have we real proof it is the Word of God?

Question 3. We have been told the manuscript of the Ancients was very humble and obscure in trying to portray facts, or in explaining and expressing itself. Has it then been added to from time to time, to give us the sublime language and elegant book we possess to-day? Of course I know there were many great and learned men in the time of Christ but in the earlier centuries is what I wish to know about, what was the original really like. And are we or anyone perfectly sure this Book is the Bible and the revealed word of God to man.

—MRS. J. DAUGHERTY.

Answer 1. Moses who was commanded to write the Pentateuch, Ex. 34:27, Deut., 27:3, 31:19, delivered it to the elders and leaders of Israel for teaching it to the people. The later revelations of God through the sacred historical and prophetic books (the Old Testament in its present form) were canonized by the Assembly of the members of the great synagogue, at the beginning of the second Temple. They received it all from the last prophets, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi, to whom it was transmitted by their prophetic predecessors. Ezra and Nehemiah and other prophets, as Daniel and his associates, were among the members of the Great Synagogue. Nehemiah, chaps. 8-10. The author of the apocryphal book Ecclesiastics (Sirach) a contemporary of Simon the Just, also a surviving member of the Great Synagogue, beginning at the third century B. C., knew the O. T. in its present form. See Chapter 44-49. As to the New Testament the earliest catalogue of all its books is given by Origen, who lived within a hundred years of the death of the apostle John. Judging by his long residence in Palestine and full knowledge of all the transactions and writings of the Church, until his own time, it appears that the canon was early agreed upon and that it was everywhere the same.

Answer 2. 1st, large numbers of the wisest, and best, and the most learned men, in many countries, and during many generations, have agreed to receive the Bible as the Word of God.

2nd. The Bible contains indisputable records of histories, in which the most wonderful miracles are related.

3d. The Bible speaks of the righteousness and perfection of God, the

wickedness of men and condemnation of sin; corrupt men could never have written a book which condemns them in its every part, and good men would never have stated a falsehood.

4th. The Bible was written by many different penmen, living through a period of many hundred years, and under different circumstances, and yet all of them, with perfect harmony, give the same view of the Divine character of God, of human nature, of sin, and of the promised Saviour.

5th. The prophecies concerning many nations, cities and prominent individuals, among them kings and princes, have been exactly and minutely fulfilled.

6th. Hundreds of wonderful predictions concerning the Lord Jesus Christ have been astonishingly and literally fulfilled in Him.

7th. The Jews are the strongest proof that the Bible is absolutely the Word of God, for it contains a program of the life of that scattered and peeled and persecuted nation and of their desolate city Jerusalem, which has been literally carried out unto this day. Thus the Jews are the infallible thermometer of the Bible as the Word of God, and only one who is stricken with blindness cannot see the indications on that thermometer.

8th. The Bible is the Word of God because the Lord Jesus Christ put His seal upon the Old Testament by quoting from nearly every one of its books and claimed it as a confirmation of and witness to His Messiahship.

Answer 3. Most of this question has already been answered in the preceding paragraph; only the query about adding to the Bible is now left unanswered. No. Nothing has been added to the Word of God. The ancient scribes whose work was to copy from the Holy Scripture for transmission or preservation were the most careful of all men in the world. Just to give some idea as to their attitude in this matter, we quote from the Talmud the following:

Rabbi Ishmael said to Rabbi Meir, while the latter was occupied with the professional work of a scribe, "Be on thy guard, concerning thy sacred task, for if thou omittest or addest one single letter to the Torah (Bible) thou destroyest the whole world". Er. 12 B.

## MONTHLY CONFERENCE

It is with thanks to God for His good hand upon us, that we write of the inauguration of a Monthly Bible Conference at the Headquarters Building of the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews on the last Tuesday of each month. The initial meeting was held on Tuesday, January 30th, and in point of numbers and interest was most encouraging.

Two sessions were held, one in the afternoon at 4 o'clock and another in the evening at 7.30, both of which were presided over by Frank H. Marston, President of the Mission who announced that the purpose of these meetings was to make known the work of the Mission, for Bible exposition and as a testimony against Higher Criticism. The principal speaker of the afternoon was Rev. Elias Zimmerman and in the evening Rev. Leopold Cohn.

One of the interesting features of the occasion was a choir of sweet-faced Jewish girls from the Mission classes who sang several hymns to the real delight of the audience. In the evening a number of converts were present and many gave brief, inspiring testimonies to their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His saving power.

It was a great pleasure to welcome to these meetings friends from all parts of the city and some from out of town, who in the evening filled the hall to capacity, expressing their great interest in the Mission and the Conference. Between sessions a simple

supper was enjoyed by all who thus had opportunity for fellowship and to inspect our building.

Our intent is to continue these meetings on the last Tuesday of each month until May and we invite our friends to arrange to be with us and share the good things of the Lord.

## ARTICLES RECEIVED

Package of caps and dresses from M. White; coat from Mrs. L. A. Blanding; Mr. Skilton, 1 coat; box of nuts from Mr. J. S. MacRae; 2 pair of new shoes from F. C. Voight; box of shoes and clothing from Mr. F. M. Beulah; 4 pkg's. of clothing from F. W. Stebbins; coat, fur and underwear from Mrs. H. G. Ford; 2 coats from Miss A. Lessner; sweater and pieces of fur from G. W. Finley; pkg. of clothing, Mrs. O. F. Lindsay; bundle of clothing from J. Kalis; coat and dress from Ida Kempes; bundle of clothing, anonymous; bundle of clothing Mrs. G. Earle; 2 overcoats, Dr. J. C. Medd; box of warm underwear and shoes from W. S. Rose; box of shoes, coats and underwear from M. J. Morrison; pkg. of clothing from F. S. Barnes; box of clothing from Mrs. T. V. Combs; pkg. of papers from Mrs. A. N. Smith; box of clothing from the W. C. T. U. of Eastport; barrel of clothing and blankets and quilts, value \$63.25 from Mt. Zion Baptist Missionary circle; box of new baby clothing from Mt. Zion Philathea Class; 154 new garments from the Flatbush Branch of the Needlework Guild.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM  
DECEMBER 1st TO DECEMBER 31st, 1922

## Covering receipts Numbers 68,131 to 69,025 Inclusive

For General Fund .....	\$4,204.16
For Relief to the Poor .....	335.41
For Literature Fund (Bibles and Tracts) .....	84.80
"The Chosen People" (Subscriptions) .....	366.03
Dispensary. Income Account .....	94.41
For Work Among Children .....	108.00
For "Shepherd of Israel" .....	80.25
For Plaza Branch Account .....	103.00

Total for all Purposes ..... \$5,376.06

## THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

*Published Monthly*, except during the Summer, by LEOPOLD COHN, in connection with the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Post Office address, Station A, Box 10, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Subscription Price*, fifty cents yearly. Failure to receive the paper should be promptly reported. *Remittances* should be sent by the safest means at your disposal, *cash should be registered*.

## General Information

The Williamsburg Mission to the Jews is a missionary society incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, to promulgate the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ among the Jews. It was founded in 1894, by Leopold Cohn, in obedience to the call of God and in full dependence upon Him for its support. Although the activities have steadily increased until at present our needs are about \$60,000 annually, the Lord has never failed us. The Mission has no guaranteed support from any human source; nor does it resort to worldly methods for raising funds. It exists as a testimony to the supernatural intervening power of the God of Israel Who has moved upon the hearts of His children to give.

The work is carried on locally and nationally. Locally, two stations are now maintained in Brooklyn, (see page 2). Meetings are held for adults, and for children. A Medical Department is maintained to assist poor Jews. The Poor Fund enables us to relieve the distress of deserving Jews and to give a practical demonstration of Christian love. The Literature Fund is used for purchase of Hebrew Bibles and Testaments and to print tracts in Jewish. Mr. Cohn has written seven Jewish tracts which have been used of God to the conversion of many. A complete schedule of the local activities will be found on page 2.

Nationally, our efforts are directed to the evangelization of the Jews throughout the United States. This is being accomplished by means of our field secretaries who come into personal contact with Jews in their travels, by means of thousands of letters, tracts and Gospels mailed by us to

selected lists of Jewish names in practically every city and town of the United States, and by our Yiddish-English monthly paper, *The Shepherd of Israel*, which now has a large circulation among the Jews in all parts of the United States.

We earnestly covet your prayers and your sympathy, and we invite you to cast in your lot with us, taking fellowship in this corner of the Master's vineyard; we pledge you the faithful administration of what funds you place at our disposal.

**Bequests and Annuities.** Form of Bequest:—"I give and bequeath to the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the sum of \$----- to be used for the purpose of said corporation, as defined in its charter." Our Annuity Plan enables you to pay your bequest now and receive an income thereon for life. Write us for rates and full information.

**The Jews in Your Town.** Through our Publishing Salvation Department, you can reach the Jews in your city. Simply send us their names, and with each name send 50c. We will then place them on the mailing list of our monthly Yiddish-English paper, "The Shepherd of Israel." The 50c. will pay for one year's subscription. When a Jew shows a spirit of inquiry, we will inform you.

**Gifts of Clothing, etc.** Should be sent by express, and marked plainly, 27 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**Extension Work.** To help our friends interest others in this Mission, our Extension workers will gladly respond to invitations to speak at public or private meetings concerning the Jews, and the work of the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews. We have also prepared programs for missionary meetings. These programs are furnished at cost, which is \$1.00 a copy, sufficient literature being also included for free distribution at the meeting; usually, the offering of the meeting is sent us for use in the work here.

**Contributions** are acknowledged promptly by numbered receipt. Donors' names are not published. Gifts may be specified for any department of the work, and will be used only as the giver may designate.

"A Modern Missionary to An Ancient People" is the title of the 64 page autobiography of Leopold Cohn, founder of the Mission. Price, 30c. a copy, illustrated.

## FULL VALUE

A Judge in a New England city was recently in a meeting where an appeal was made for an offering for the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews. He immediately asked for permission to say a few words. "For a number of years now", he began, "I have been a supporter of this Williamsburg Mission. I have followed their every step and I have watched with amazement their rapid progress. They are evidently spending twenty-four hours a day giving all of their time and strength and shrewdest thought for the purpose of enabling them to get for your dollar and mine one hundred cents of real missionary value. They will never come to you with a new proposition until they have subjected it to the severest experiments first, and then if they bring it to you, you can well afford to back them with every dollar you've got." We mention this incident at this time, because this issue contains our Annual Financial Report, showing total income of over seventy-six thousand dollars. We feel that a few words will not be amiss as reporting to you, our friends, concerning our stewardship.

The total income is the largest in our history, for which we give thanks to God. It is a wonderful testimony to His care for us that this little Williamsburg Mission to the Jews has had all its needs more fully supplied than ever before, and indeed has had its measure, "good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over." And all we have is an old-fashioned God and an old-fashioned Bible and an old-fashioned faith in a supernatural Israel-keeping God!

We hope you will give the Financial Report more than a cursory glance. It merits your close study, for in it you will discover how your money was

used, and you will learn also, to your great satisfaction, that we were enabled to effect such economies throughout the items of expenses as to show a thoroughly satisfactory list of balances for the new year. And with such a situation we can feel free to undertake new fields of work. Indeed, our Board has already made appropriation for a part of these balances, one such item being for the starting, on a small scale, of the much longed-for Home for Children.

One example of our efforts at affecting economies in operation can be noticed in the Disbursements item covering publication expenses of The Shepherd of Israel. You will remember that our original estimate for this new department was \$10,000 a year, and a few friends under-wrote the first year's budget on this basis. But, by gradually whittling down here and there we were able to bring our total cost for 1922 to less than half of its original estimate! And we ourselves do not know where \$4,800 could have accomplished so much actual missionary work as has been done thru this one channel alone during 1922.

The new year starts auspiciously; our friends are rallying about us with unabated vigor and enthusiasm. If you will continue doing this, and will keep on providing us with ever larger and larger resources, who knows what wonderful opportunities He will give us in 1923 and who knows how far we may extend the battle line? Many new needs are pressing, and we have larger and more aggressive plans ahead,—involving still greater outlays of money and energy and prayer. Why shall we not all pray unitedly for a current income for 1923 for \$100,000 that will enable us to go forward in many new directions.

## Twenty-eighth Audited Statement, Williamsburg Mission to the Jews

(Receipts that have been acknowledged from month to month and Disbursements for the twelve months, beginning January 1, 1922 and ending December 31st, 1922)

RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>General Fund:</b>
Balance, January 1st, 1922.....\$14,066.28	Salaries: Leopold Cohn, Philip Englander, Miss Esther Cohn, Miss A. E. Sussdorff, Miss Mary G. Davidson, Dr. H. Zeckhausen, Joseph Hoffman Cohn.....\$12,659.88
Income from all sources..... 45,759.32	Extension Department: Rev. E. Zimmerman, Rev. F. B. Solin, Mrs. J. O. Buswell; also Field Conference Expenses..... 7,690.21
<b>Literature Fund:</b>	Reserves, Depreciations, etc. .... 15,000.00
Balance, January 1st, 1922..... 592.83	Salaries: Stenographers, other office help, musicians..... 4,181.50
Income from all sources..... 679.75	Maintenance of Mission Building: Janitor, gas, coal, electricity, telephone, postage, stationery, repairs, and all items not properly chargeable to other funds..... 6,931.25
<b>Poor Fund:</b>	\$46,462.84
Balance, January 1, 1922..... 573.80	<b>Literature Fund:</b> ..... 53.35
Income from all sources..... 2,126.18	<b>Relief to the Poor:</b>
<b>Children's Fund:</b>	Payments of rents, board, food, purchase of clothing and cash gifts 1,661.63
Income from all sources..... 344.43	<b>Work Among the Children:</b>
<b>"The Chosen People" Fund:</b>	Sewing Supplies, Socials, Outings, etc. .... 271.86
Balance, January 1, 1922..... 771.61	<b>"The Chosen People":</b>
Income from all sources..... 3,675.48	Printing, Advertising and Mailing- 3,261.60
<b>Dispensary Fund:</b>	<b>Dispensary Fund:</b>
Balance, January 1, 1922..... 48.15	Physicians, Drugs, Supplies, etc.... 1,575.95
Income from all sources..... 1,484.04	<b>Plaza Branch Fund:</b>
<b>Plaza Branch Fund:</b>	Maintenance of Plaza Branch, including partial salaries, James Nutchey, Mr. M. E. Duff, and Miss Elsie K. Wells..... 2,255.59
Income from all sources..... 1,308.08	<b>"The Shepherd of Israel" Fund:</b>
<b>"The Shepherd of Israel" Fund:</b>	Expenses Printing and Mailing Yiddish-English paper <i>The Shepherd of Israel</i> ..... 4,873.44
Balance, January 1, 1922..... 2,189.22	Total Disbursements.....\$60,416.26
Income from all sources..... 3,037.36	<b>Balances Forward for 1923:</b>
Total Receipts for the Year.....\$76,656.53	General Fund as per Adjustment sheet.....\$12,371.49
	Poor Fund..... 1,038.35
	Literature Fund..... 1,219.23
	THE CHOSEN PEOPLE..... 1,185.49
	Children's Fund..... 72.57
	"The Shepherd of Israel"..... 353.14
	16,240.27
	Total .....\$76,656.53

We hereby certify that we have examined the books and securities of the WILLIAMSBURG MISSION TO THE JEWS, as to Cash Receipts and Disbursements, for the twelve (12) months ended December 31st, 1922, and our report with reference thereto is annexed herewith. We further certify that the Cash Balance appearing thereon is correct and agrees with the Pass Book which we have examined. We further certify that the vouchers for the expenditures were audited by us and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. ARCHER AND ASSOCIATES,

Per W. G. ARCHER, Certified Public Accountant