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of the prophet, she would not have been disquieted at all. No evil spirit can change God's laws in nature to bring one up from the dead without God's will. Satan can have no power over a glorified spirit. But God might see fit that Samuel should come from the dead at this time.

Answer 2. We are commanded to "be subject to the higher powers". Rom. 13. In order to comply with the laws of the government any religious group of people must incorporate under a constitution and by-laws.

Answer 3. The Scripture is entirely silent as to any appointment to this supposed office, or any rules about it. However, it is reasonable to believe that "Phebe" Romans 16:1 was a deaconess, "A servant of the Church" which is in Greek "deakonos".

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Question. Is the Church required to tithe, or was that only asked of the Jews?

—MRS. C. W. KEPNER.

Answer. All the laws were given to the Jews only. However, "they are written for our admonition", 1 Cor. 10:11. The paying of tithes means honoring God. Prov. 3:9. Long before the law

was given, Abraham, the father of the faithful, paid tithes to Melchizedek, as the lesser unto the greater. This Melchizedek was "made like unto the Son of God", Heb. 7:3, that is, the Lord Jesus Christ, before He took flesh upon Himself, appeared unto Abraham in the person of Melchizedek. It is therefore peculiarly becoming a Christian, a spiritual son of Abraham, to follow the father's example, by bringing to the "righteous King of Peace" "tithes of all". Gen. 14:20.

However, in the light of 1 Cor. 6:19, "And ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price", the question is not as to how much shall the Christian give in honor of his Saviour, but rather how little can he use for his own self?

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Salutation

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

My dearly beloved friends:—

"Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all". 2 Thess. 3:16.

THE LAST ISSUE OF THIS SEASON

Following our old custom of suspending THE CHOSEN PEOPLE during the summer months, the May number is the last issue of this season. Thus ends the twenty seventh year of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. The next issue, God willing, will reach your homes early in October. We are confident that the Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance the needs of this, your Jewish mission, during the absence of the paper which generally serves as a reminder. Our past experience has taught us to have confidence in your faithful co-operation with the Lord Jesus Christ and with us, your missionaries, in this work of spreading the Gospel of the Son of God among the Jews. While the paper will not be published during the summer, the work will be carried on as usual, the regular gospel meetings, dispensary work, visitations and distribution of literature.

THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL

We have already reported to you thru these columns how that the Lord was pleased to put His seal of approval upon this special department of the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews. This Yiddish-English paper, *The Shepherd of Israel*, has been used recently in the hands of God to the conversion of a number of Jews. A few weeks ago a Jew came from Cleveland and told us that he came to love and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour thru the reading of *The Shepherd of Israel*. One of our converts carried a number of copies of this paper to that city and handed one copy to this brother. He had heard previously of Christianity in a general way but when he read this paper he became intensely interested and craved for another copy and so he perused several issues and finally the Holy Spirit convicted him of sin and showed him the need of the blessed Saviour, Jesus the Son of God. He then made public confession by baptism in a church and whenever he had an opportunity he proclaimed Christ and His salvation thru His atoning blood, to his Jewish brethren. Consequently persecution followed and as he was dependent upon his Jewish brethren for employment he was denied work. Then he was led to flee from there into another city. He is now with us testifying of Christ whenever he has an opportunity to do so.

A VOICE FROM JERUSALEM

As we were asked for a consignment of *The Shepherd of Israel* to be sent to a Christian brother in Jerusalem, we have had communications from Jerusalem since we complied with the brother's request. A Jew wrote to us from there asking for more information. It seems that the Jews are beginning to appreciate this little paper more and more. A few weeks ago one of the Jews to whom we have been sending the paper gratuitously wrote us a long letter full of arguments against the doctrines contained in the paper. He therefore asked that we cease mailing him the paper. In reply we wrote him rather lengthily, meeting his objections and showing him the unreasonableness and danger of his rejection of so great a salvation. A few days later we received from him a letter enclosing fifty cents in stamps as a year's subscription for the paper to be mailed to his address. This is the first subscription paid by

a Jew for *The Shepherd of Israel* which carries nothing else than the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ. We thanked God for that token of His wonder-working power and took courage to hope and look for still greater things. A Christian friend who has a share in this work writes as follows:

"A short time ago I was in Albany, with a friend. We went into a clothing store to buy a cap. I said to the man, 'Do you expect the Messiah?' He was ready to talk right away, telling me he had *The Shepherd of Israel* and was very much interested and wanted to know more."

Another incident showing how much the Jews like this little paper is a request sent to us by a Jewish merchant to change his address on our mailing list as he had moved to a new residence.

One of our converts, Mr. Decker, a carpenter by trade, is taking a number of copies every month for distribution. One day when traveling in the New York Subway he placed a copy of *The Shepherd of Israel* in one of the seats of the train. He noticed that a Jew came in and picked it up and read it continuously during his ride on the train, which was from 34th to 160th Street. Upon leaving the train he put the paper carefully into his pocket. This is an illustration of what the brother who came from Cleveland said about the paper when he reported that every copy of *The Shepherd of Israel* is a missionary.

These and a number of other recent encouragements that God has shown us within the past few weeks, prompt us to give this information to you "as workers together with Him," beseeching you also that you will make mention in your prayers for the activities of your Jewish mission in general, but especially for this little paper. It requires godly wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to write just such articles as will not only attract but also convict Jewish readers and bring them to the Lord Jesus Christ one by one until there will be a large multitude of them witnessing for the blessed Saviour. From what we have seen so far as regards the working of God thru this little paper, we judge that if the means would warrant us to increase its circulation to 100,000 copies a month, the fruitage would be multiplied more than proportionately, by reason of the spiritual momentum the large circulation would gain.

GONE BEFORE

We also ask your prayers that the Lord will comfort and bless this Mission in the loss of two precious friends and that He will raise up others to fill their places of loyalty and zeal. On the following page you will read of the passing away of one of those friends; the other friend was Mrs. Ralph L. Cutter of this city who very recently went to be with her Lord. With her husband, who survives her, Mrs. Cutter was a friend of this Mission almost from its start and never ceased from supporting it generously. She was a devoted adherent of the Word of God and so was especially interested in the Chosen People of God.

We would like to write much of what we know of this noble handmaid of the Lord, in order to honor the Lord Jesus Christ whose Spirit dwelt in her heart and prompted her to do so much for His glory, but Mrs. Cutter belonged to those saints who literally carried out Matt. 6:3 "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth", so we content ourselves with this brief tribute, feeling this would be in accordance with her wishes. But we feel the loss of these beloved friends and crave your prayers for their bereaved ones that the Lord will heal their wounded hearts.

Sincerely yours in His service,

LEOPOLD COHN.

James Oliver Buswell, D. D.

On Wednesday, April 5th, this servant of God went to his eternal home. Words fail us to express the deep sense of our loss, but we want at least to set forth in these lines a brief appreciation of this remarkable saint whose life was devoted to the salvation of men, and who was particularly interested in the salvation of those of whom, as concerning the flesh, our Lord came.

To us he was more than a friend, a true brother in the Lord, always cheerful and always optimistic. In the early days the fires of the enemy were still burning in their fury against us, and Dr. Buswell was approached with malicious attacks upon this mission, but he always made it a point to investigate thoroughly all such stories and he stood by the Mission like adamant, his support and friendship never for a moment wavered, and he became an active and vigorous defender of the Mission so that he truly fought our battles as a faithful warrior.



Rev. James O. Buswell

About a year ago he received a call from the Spencer Memorial Church of Brooklyn, and after prayerful consideration it was his conviction that the Lord would have him come here; accordingly last October he began his ministry. At the very outset it was evident that his testimony here was being greatly blessed of God, but hardly three months had passed before he became ill and was confined to his bed; for three months he lingered, suffering pain and agony, but thru it all he was the same cheerful and patient child of God. About a week be-

fore he passed away he awoke one morning after a night of delirium and asked his wife to send \$10.00 to the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews, \$5.00 for himself and \$5.00 in the name of his two months old grandchild, whom he had never seen, James Oliver Buswell, the 3rd. Then he lapsed again into unconsciousness. A week later he passed on to his reward.

In the Stewart Memorial Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis, a beautiful memorial service was held on Easter Sunday, April 16th, and a wonderful eulogy was paid to Dr. Buswell by Mr. O. M. Correll, a member of the church. With gratitude in our hearts for having known and having been befriended by such a prince as this, we quote a paragraph from that eulogy:

"As a minister of the Gospel, his distinctive mark was his fidelity to the pure, unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ and of His blood shed for the remission of sins. This man made no compromise with sin; on the contrary, he drew the line sharply between right and wrong. His soul seemed almost always to be burdened for lost men. His deep concern for the unsaved never abated, and at times seemed to cast a gloom over his life. But to those who knew him, there was a constant stream of loving trust surging from his big, generous heart, and a certain joyousness ever radiated from his life, as though his soul by faith, caught frequent glimpses of the coming triumph of righteousness over sin."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."—Rev. 14: 13.

EDITORIAL

The Love of Money. Not money, but the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. We are reminded of this quite forcibly, by an announcement in the New York Times, which is quite in line with our recent disclosures of conditions of apostasy in the ranks of so-called Christendom. It appears that the Salvation Army here in New York has formed a committee to help raise \$500,000 for their work. Among those on the Committee are at least five Jews who are unbelievers, besides several Catholics. These Jews are of course enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ, but it seems that the Salvation Army needs the money so badly that they can afford to overlook such a small point as this.

But to add to the irony of the situation another article appeared in the New York Times a few days later stating that one member of this Committee, Mr. James Speyer, a prominent banker, had acted as chairman of a mass meeting held in Carnegie Hall for the purpose of creating sentiment against the Prohibition laws. This was so heinous a crime that Evangeline Booth, the head of the Salvation Army immediately demanded that Mr. Speyer's name be removed from the Committee, because as she explained, the Salvation Army could not have on this Committee any one who was anti-Prohibition. Now Mr. Speyer is an unbelieving Jew; as a Christ-denying Jew he was a welcome member of the Salvation Army Committee; but as soon as his anti-Prohibition sentiments became known, he was ordered off the Committee! This raises a new standard for the Salvation Army, according to Miss Booth, and it means that it is perfectly all right for her to fellowship with those who hate the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, but all wrong to have anything to do with one whose political senti-

ments are anti-prohibition. Truly it is a strange world that Christ can be dishonored in this way but moral betterment exalted. We have no brief against prohibition; we are strongly in favor of it, but the argument here is not one that deals with Prohibition; it is one that deals with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ to whom Miss Booth will have to give an account some day.

A day or two later, there appeared in the New York Times, a report of an interview with Miss Booth, and among other things, the paper reported these words from her lips:

"The world is growing better and not worse, but there never was a time when men and women had so great an opportunity for service in reconstructing the world as now, when the poor people can be so easily assisted to their feet and placed upon a sound and self-sustaining basis. The Salvation Army in New York, within three weeks will ask this community for half a million dollars for the maintenance of its work among the deserving poor, and I think my trip of inspection enables me to prove that to engage in this line of constructive endeavor is the greatest privilege and most valuable work that can be undertaken on this earth."

No, Miss Booth, you are wrong. Our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you so dishonor by having on your committee men who hate His Name, told us with His own holy and infallible lips, that the world will not get better, but will get worse. And He also told us that the most important and valuable work on this earth is the saving of a soul for eternity. "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark 8:36, 37. Your father, the sainted William Booth, believed this from the depth of his heart, and because he believed it, he gave his life for the salvation of souls, and he gave to his organization the

name Salvation Army, as showing his heart's desire and purpose.

But how he would shudder if he knew to what extent the organization which he gave his life to establish as a soul-saving institution, had thus allowed its love for money to degrade it in this way. This simply is another evidence of how far apostasy is going and how easily the sacred name of the Lord Jesus Christ is being belittled. Of course it is easy to understand the reason for it; it is far more popular to be doing social service work and moral betterment—that appeals to every one who professes any kind of civilization these days; but it certainly is not popular to uphold boldly that Name thru which alone salvation can come to the human race.

We are sure that many Salvation Army people throughout the country will be horrified at these facts and will not for a moment approve such a course, and we are not writing this to criticize the Salvation Army as such; we are simply giving the facts to show that the devil in his shrewd cunning, spares no one and leaves no stone unturned to accomplish his purpose, which is to get men to deny the Lord Jesus Christ.

And Still Another. Here is a bit more of the same cloth: the New York Times on April 13th printed the following item:

"Boston, Mass. April 12th.—The Christian Register for to-morrow will say that William Jennings Bryan has been rejected as the principal speaker on the program of the International Sunday School Convention, which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., June 21 to 27. Mr. Bryan, the Register says, was chosen by the program committee, but when his name was submitted to the executive committee the latter would not approve his appearing. The reason given is his hostility to the modern interpretation of the Bible, to which a

considerable part of the constituency of the International Sunday School Council of Religious Education adheres. Mr. Bryan is a believer in the absolute inerrancy of the Scripture, accepting every word of it from cover to cover as it now stands."

We need not comment. It speaks for itself. We simply ask, how long will our Lord suffer His Name to be thus dishonored by "religionists" and how long will He hold back His judgments from us, the laity, who keep silent and even give support to those who, like Judas, give Him the hypocritical kiss of betrayal? For after all, we are responsible; it is in our power to oust these false leaders from their places of leadership and autocracy, and free ourselves once for all time from their false and cunning sophistries, which, if allowed to continue, must ultimately lead us to a fate terrible to imagine.

It is strange to behold how silent is the rank and file of our Christian laymen in the face of such treason. For this can be called nothing less than treason; it must be remembered that this particular news item appears in a Unitarian paper whose name is an ironical anomaly, the Christian Register. And this Unitarian paper gloats over the fact that the "orthodox" Christians have thus repudiated a man who stands for an infallible Bible. In military practice this Executive Committee of the International S. S. Convention would be charged with giving aid and comfort to the enemy. We wonder how they will meet this charge when they stand in that day before our Commander in Chief, the Lord Jesus Christ, and are reminded that they give ammunition to the enemies of the Son of God?

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."
—Matth. 7: 21.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

By Philip Englander

At the request of Miss Kelsall, a Christian nurse who for some time had attended a Jewish patient, I visited this wealthy patient who was in a private room in the Jewish hospital. He now had another nurse, a Catholic.

Upon entering the room the nurse asked me whether I was a doctor. "No", I said, "I wish to pay Mr. K. a friendly visit. I have brought some good literature for him to read and I hope that the reading will prove a comfort." "All right," said Mr. K., "I have plenty of time to read". I gave him a copy of *The Shepherd of Israel* and while he read the first page the nurse sitting at his bedside, peeped into the last page which is written in English. "So, so," he started up, "You want to convert me to Christianity. My previous nurse tried to do that but she failed as will every one else. Try if you can."

"Tell me please," interrupted the Catholic nurse, "what claim have you Protestants on Christ anyhow? Mr. K. as a Jew has a claim because the Saviour came from their midst. We Catholics have a claim because Peter was our first Pope, but where do you Protestants come in? And you, a Hebrew, why do you not either become a Catholic or stay a Jew?" While she was speaking I noticed that she winked at somebody behind me, whom I found to be a Jewish physician of the hospital. "She is right", said the patient and asked, "What can you say to that?" I replied, "In Isa. 53:5,6 we read, 'But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all'. This is my claim

as well as that of any one else, Jew or Gentile. We do not depend upon the Pope, or upon Moses, but only upon Christ, whose blood cleanseth us from all sin, as we read in Lev. 17:11, 'But it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul'. Now, you as a Jew," I continued, turning to the patient, "cannot have that claim to which your nurse referred, if you don't believe in the Messiah of whom Moses and the prophets did write. The Old Testament contains the promises, but the New Testament tells us of their fulfillments in Christ. If therefore you do not believe in the New Testament you have only empty promises. And you Catholics," turning to the nurse, "with your priests, bishops and popes, by whom you are led so blindly, you have no Bible, but the good Protestant he has the Word of God, the Old and the New Testaments for his guidance. That truth contained in God's word makes us free from the blind Jewish leaders as well as from the Catholic mediators."

At that the nurse said to Mr. K. "Why don't you speak up? You ought to know the Bible". "Yes, I do," returned Mr. K., "but I am too sick to do it. You do it for me". But neither one could say anything. She called the doctor, who had heard our conversation, asking that he help them. I was agreeably surprised when the Jewish doctor accepted my literature. The patient also gave me his card asking that I send him more reading matter. He remarked that the paper appealed to him. Let us pray and hope that both the Jew and the Catholic will find Him of Whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write.

By Miss A. E. Sussdorf

During the several weeks before the Passover, in our Mothers Bible class, we took up the study of the Passover and all the lessons leading from it. I tried to impress on the mothers that

they must remember who the Passover Lamb is and I told them that after the feast was over we would tell our experiences. And so we did. One mother told how for the sake of her family, she kept the Passover just as all religious Jews do. "But in my heart I knew who suffered for my sins. None other knew as I did." Another mother who was baptized just before this holiday season told us that this was her happiest Passover. And she got closer to Jesus than ever before and "sisters," she said, "the peace I have in my heart I would not give up for anything in the world." Another mother told how she and her little girl of nine years old were reading of the sufferings of Jesus on the cross and tears were flowing as she told us. The little girl said, "Well, mother, Jesus came for that reason to suffer and die for us." Another one told us of reading the Scriptures with a daughter-in-law who is not a believer, and trying to show her the truth. We had a blessed time and the Lord was truly in our midst.

Then one of the mothers told of how her husband often scolds her for going to the mission. She learned from a friend how her husband answered a man who called his wife a missionary, for she and the children go to the mission. "Well," said he, "I would rather have my wife and children go to the Mission than have them go to the movies. I know what they hear and see in the Mission. Because of this teaching my children are different from others." This second man likes his family to come to the Mission though he does not believe in Jesus. Another mother asked that we pray for her husband as he is against her believing in Christ.

Two of the mothers are thinking very seriously of baptism, but lack courage. Oh, friends, pray for them that the Lord will give them the light they still lack, and the courage to confess Him whom we love.

The Problem of a Jewish Young Man

A Jewish boy just graduated from High School came to me one day and declared his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He said that some copies of our Yiddish paper *The Shepherd of Israel* fell into his hands. He read them and was fully convinced. Then and there he decided to accept Christ as his Saviour. He then opened his heart and showed me in what difficulties he found himself with regard to his parents, his father being a strictly orthodox Jew. He is so scrupulous in his religious observances that he will not even allow himself to sit barcheaded in his house because of a Talmudic law which he does not dare to transgress. His mother again is not only equally strict in religion, but also of delicate health. He would not dare to talk about Christ to either one of them. I gave him some advice, namely to gradually and gently broach the subject to them and report to me the result. Upon his second visit he reported that following my suggestion he asked his father to explain to him the 53d chapter of Isaiah. The father opened his eyes widely, looked at him with great amazement and with an expression of deep sorrow in his heart, told him never to read that chapter or similar passages of the scripture again. The young man concluded that it would kill his father and mother if they knew that he was baptized and following Christ. It was very touching to look into the young man's tear-dimmed eyes when he spoke so tenderly of the probable suffering of his parents. Yet he would like very much to come out for Christ publicly and preach the Gospel which he loves so much. Will you please pray for this young man that God may make the path plain for him and make it possible for him to follow the dictum of the Lord Jesus Christ with regard to loving Him more than father and mother.

JEWISH NOTES

One of the Jewish dailies has called attention to an interesting account of the increase of the Jewish people all over the world. A book called "The Jewish People in Figures" published in Berlin contains the latest census of Jews and says they number approximately fourteen million. This large number of Jews is phenomenal when we look back to the end of the 17th century when there were only one million Jews all over the world. During the 18th century when favorable economical and political conditions were created, the Jewish population of the world increased to two and a half million. During the 19th century when conditions were still more improved the number of Jews increased from four to five times, reaching twelve millions about the beginning of the 20th century. The yearly increase of the Jews all over the world numbered not less than 180,000 souls, that is one million every six years. This is in spite of the persecution and pogroms thru which hundreds of thousands of Jews perished every year. It reminds one of Ex. 1:12, "But the more they afflicted them the more they multiplied."

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It has been reported that the Jews in Germany are disappearing. There were only about 600,000 Jews in Germany before the war but many less now. Several reasons for the process of disintegration have been given. First, many Jews, both of the Orthodox and Reformed persuasion, have been converted and have joined churches. Second, many thousands of Jews have been assimilated by intermarriage. German Jews have always prided themselves upon being Teutons. This attitude no doubt was created by the strong anti-semitism which flourished so successfully in the German Empire. These naturally have

caused the Jews in Germany to lose their identity.

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The general impression among non-Jews with regard to Zionism has been that all the wealthy Jews of the United States are readily financing the movement and that therefore there is an abundance of money to establish a home in Palestine for all the Jews of the world. On the other hand people think that the only reason for the small population of Jews in Palestine is because they have no desire to go there and leave behind a country in which they enjoy more conveniences than they would in Palestine. This is a mistaken conception of the state of affairs for it is exactly the reverse. The wealthy Jews are very slow in supporting financially this Zionistic movement but there is no lack of Jewish immigrants. Hundreds and sometimes thousands of Jews who are anxious to enter the promised land are being refused admittance. These immigrants know very well that the Zionists have not sufficient funds to finance agricultural enterprises. Neither have they money enough to assist the poor immigrants when they come there and do not find employment. Yet they are surging into Palestine in large numbers but the British as well as Zionist authorities must refuse to admit such large numbers of Jews. Thus poor Jews that immigrated there are struggling hard, building walls or making roads or breaking rock and having insufficient food. All these great difficulties they stoically encounter without a murmur. All that the Zionist Committee can do for these suffering settlers is to council patience. They take their hardships with a smile and none of those who complain ever think of leaving.

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In many ways the present return of the Jews to Palestine is similar to the return of the Jews from Babylon. Then, like now, their restoration came

as a result of war. Then, as now, the Jewish restoration came thru the edict of a king. The sixty and odd thousand Jews that returned from Babylon under King Cyrus' proclamation had many difficulties to pass thru. The Jewish pioneers who have entered the promised land during the last two years have also trouble on all side. Then the Samaritans whom the Assyrian King settled there after having taken captive the ten tribes, endeavored to hinder the Jews in their upbuilding of the wall and the temple. They made frequent incursions upon the Jews and thus Nehemiah tells us "Every one with one of his hands wrought in the work and with the other hand held a weapon". So now in a sense the Arabs hinder those pioneers greatly in their work of upbuilding the land. While tilling the ground in the colonies the Jews have to be prepared to encounter an onslaught of Arabs at any time. But there is one circumstance which distinguishes the present restoration of the Jews from the Babylonian one in the way of material aid. In Ezra 1:6 we read, "And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered." The wealthy Jews of today do not seem to follow the example of their ancestors in Babylon.

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Preparatory to the Genoa Conference where it is expected that the British Mandate over Palestine will be ratified the leading Jews of the United States put forth efforts that the United States shall favor the establishment in Palestine of the national homeland for the Jewish people. Consequently Senator Lodge introduced into the United States Senate a resolution endorsing Zionism. Immediately upon learning of this resolution some Reformed Rabbis and other reformed Jews petitioned the

Senate not to favor the Jewish homeland or not to pass that resolution and not to favor Zionism at all. This opposition by reformed rabbis was stigmatized by Mr. Untermeyer as the work of "notoriety seeking pygmies". The Zionist leaders were greatly stirred up over the situation. Formulas of petitions to be sent to senators were published in Jewish papers and the Jews all over the country were asked to exercise their privilege of mailing such petitions requesting the fullest support to the resolution of Senator Lodge to the various senators of the United States. It caused a great deal of excitement among the Jews of this country. They vehemently denounced the opposing Reformed Rabbis calling them destroyers and traitors. Finally on the 4th of May the Lodge resolution concerning Palestine passed the United States Senate and there was joy and gladness among the Zionists who won the victory. * * * *

With much grief and chagrin the Jewish papers reported that Sir Alfred Mond's daughter was married to Sir Neville Arthur Pearson. Sir Alfred Mond is a Jew and a Zionist leader at that while Sir Pearson is not a Jew. The Jewish editor expresses himself saying "We cannot understand how a man can call himself a Jew and permit his daughters to get married in Church". At the same time announcement was made of a Jew in Warsaw, Mr. Victor Nathanson, a member of a well known family in Poland, who was baptized and married to a Christian. Another news item causing much disturbance among the Jews, was published, to the effect that the eighteen year old son of the Jewish millionaire, Simon Guggenheim, died and was buried in a Christian cemetery after an elaborate funeral which took place in St. Thomas Church on Fifth Avenue. It is an awful shock to Jews when they hear of a Jew being buried in a Gentile cemetery.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. *Is there any difference between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven? If so, what is it?*

Question 2. *In 2nd Kings 17:17 sons and daughters are said to pass thru fire. Did they offer them as a burnt sacrifice?*

Question 3. *I saw this in a Roman Catholic paper. "The Jews believe in a middle state of punishment in the other world or purgatory". This same editor also says the Roman Catholic Church always helped the Jews when they were persecuted. I was always under the impression that the Roman Catholic Church persecuted them the most. Are the Roman Catholics getting any of the Jews? The editor has a letter supposed to be written by a Jew converted to the Roman Catholic Faith.*

—GEORGE S. WUCHERER

Answer 1. Some passages of Scriptures refer to the "Kingdom of God", while others speak of the "Kingdom of Heaven". The former sometimes refers to the spiritual kingdom of the Lord in the hearts and lives of those who have been born again. The latter has a number of aspects. Matt. 13. However, in a prophetic sense, both these terms have reference to the visible Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ when He comes the second time.

Answer 2. This has reference to the heathen custom of burning their children in honor of their Gods, against which sin Israel was warned of God. Deut. 12:30-31. This is also called "Moloch" Acts 7:43 and was forbidden. Lev. 18:21; 20:2-6. It is also called "Milcom". 1 Kings 11:5-7. Various methods of burning children were employed among the different tribes. Hence the different names and expressions. A "burnt offering" is only found in the sacrificial order given by God.

Answer 3. Yes, their belief is very similar to the Catholic one. The impression under which you were, is very correct. Yes, there have always been some ignorant Jews who become Catholics.

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Question 1. *Who wrote the Talmud? When was it written?*

Question 2. *How long have the Jews been forbidden to read the predictive portions of the Word?*

Question 3. *Is there any difference*

between the Bible in use by the Jews and the one used by Protestant believers?

Question 4. *Explain Matt. 12:32.*

Question 5. *Also if Christ was crucified on Friday how could He be three days and three nights in the bowels of the earth. Matt. 12:40.*

—C. H. NEWMAN.

Answer 1. The Talmud consists of two parts, "Mishneh" and "Gemara", the former comprises 62 tractates, which are subdivided into 525 chapters, while the latter contains discussions, explanations and additions to the "Mishneh", being about eleven times larger than the "Mishneh". At first all those traditions, both of "Mishneh" as well as of "Gemara" were taught by the leading rabbis, orally, and remained unwritten until the third and fourth century, when several great rabbis collected, arranged in logical perspicuity, and committed all those traditional teachings into writing. The first one to make such a collection was Rabbi Akiba, in the time of the Emperor Hadrian.

Answer 2. As soon as the study and knowledge of the prophets began to show a tendency towards belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, the leading rabbis began to discourage the study of prophecy and urged Jews to apply the time to the study of the Talmud.

Answer 3. There is no other difference than the addition of the New Testament which the Jews do not include in the Bible.

Answer 4. It refers to the great sin of the Pharisees who said that the Lord Jesus was working through Beelzebub. They did it maliciously, because they could see that the works He did were those of the Holy Spirit who dwelt in the Lord Jesus in all His fullness.

Answer 5. That the crucifixion took place on a Friday is evident from John 19:31. With regard to the three days and three nights the Jews always had a law that a part of a day is counted a full day in many religious observations. The night is always counted with the following day in accordance with the scriptural order in Genesis, "And the evening and the morning were the first day". Now the crucifixion took place Friday afternoon, and the part of that day is therefore considered a day, and the preceding night is included with it, then we have Friday night and Saturday, then Saturday night, and part of Sunday. Thus we have three days and three nights.

Question. *Will you explain how infants and children who die before reaching the age when they are accountable, are saved? Are they born in a "saved state" as I have thought, because Christ's death atoned for the sin nature inherited from Adam?*

—LILLIE OTT.

Answer. Your belief is correct except in connection with the words, "saved state" which is not Scriptural. Children, dying young, are saved thru the virtue of the death of Christ which atones for their sin until they come to years of accountability.

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Question. *Does 11 Cor. 7:1 mean putting off habits such as tobacco, etc.?*

—MARY MORGAN.

Answer. This refers to separation as in the preceding chapter where Paul appeals to Christians not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

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Question. *Please explain the meaning of Lev. 16:22, "unto a land not inhabited".*

—T. R.

Answer. The Hebrew word (G'zerah) for "not inhabited" means "cut off", which is also used in Isa. 53:8. With the letters transposed it is also the same as in Daniel 9 in "Messiah shall be cut off". It is evident that in ordering this ceremonial performance God allowed them to make this construction, that the sending away of the goat into the wilderness, a land which is "cut off" from the living, indicated the sending of Christ into the grave where He would be "cut off from the land of the living". Thus in performing those sacred ceremonies the true Israelites, with spiritual eye-sight, anticipated the sacrificial atonement made by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Question. *In the Newberry Bible (published by Hodder and Stoughton) there are various markings to indicate the precisions of the original Hebrew and Greek languages. It also declares that Hebrew nouns have three numbers; singular, dual (two only) and plural (three or more). The word "God" as a translation of "Elohim" is indicated as being plural (threefold). The question in my mind is this: If "Elohim" is threefold in number, how is it that "Cherubim" is only twofold in Ex. 37:7? "Cherubim" has the same end formation*

(im) in English. Has it the same end formation in Hebrew?

Question 2. *Are the Cherubim angels?*

—S. X.

Answer 1. There is no "dual" in the Hebrew. The plural always means two or more.

Answer 2. "Cherubim" are first spoken of as guarding paradise. Gen. 3:24. Again in 2 Sam. 22:11 we read, "and He rode upon a cherub". Then the cherubs were made and placed in the inmost part of the Tabernacle, Ex. 25:18, and of Solomon's temple, 1 Kings 6:23. From these and other passages of Scripture we infer that the cherub is of a sublime and celestial nature, higher or lower than angels.

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Question 1. *Please explain 1 Samuel 28:7-19. It seems strange God would permit the spirit of Samuel to respond to a witch, and thus encourage, as some say, spiritism. Please explain this.*

Question 2. *Does a Baptist Church need a constitution and by laws?*

Question 3. *Are deaconesses in a Baptist Church scriptural?*

—MRS. J. A. ELLIOTT.

Answer 1. Saul, in his great distress, desired to consult Samuel, his former faithful friend. Although in his lifetime he rejected the prophet's warning, yet now, since God refused to answer him either by prophets or in a dream, he hoped, as it were in defiance of God, to obtain some good advice from his old friend. For that purpose he called on the woman at En-dor, who was a necromancer, asking her to bring up Samuel from the dead. This was expressly forbidden by God. Deut. 18:11. Saul's transgression of that law is given as one of the causes for which he came to an untimely end. 1 Chron. 10:13. God in His wisdom permitted Samuel to appear to Saul through the woman. It was fitting that Samuel who condemned King Saul while on earth, should come now to confirm that sentence be passed on him. 1 Sam. 15:28. Samuel, when he came up, pronounced Saul's doom. An evil spirit cannot predict future events without God's will. The woman upon seeing Samuel was greatly terrified. The word "gods" in her exclamation means persons of majesty and splendor. Judges 9:13. Her terror proved that her witchcraft was false, that she did not expect such an unusual appearance. If it had been "a familiar spirit" assuming the appearance