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Salutation

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

My dearly beloved friends:

Peace be unto you, peace and joy which in part emanate from the sure knowledge of Dan. 7: 18, "But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom and possess the kingdom." "For the kingdom of God . . . is peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Romans 14: 17.

The Summer Work

The editing of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE after the suspension for the summer is somewhat difficult as to choice of material. News items of the local mission work, its workers and its immediate field of labor, and our extension work which reaches far beyond, have accumulated so that they greatly exceed the scope of this little magazine. One therefore finds it hard to know just what part of the news to write first so as to meet satisfactorily the interest of most of our friends. However, the difficulty eases with the knowledge that we all are co-workers together with the Lord Jesus Christ and in this way our united interests center in the one essential point, viz., the glorification of the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let me therefore report to you first of all that the name of the Lord Jesus Christ has been proclaimed from the platform of Beth Sar Shalom throughout the summer, at the usual hours for Gospel services, without any cessation. Special meetings also were held twice a day during the solemn Jewish New Year and Day of Atonement festivals which were celebrated September 7th, 8th and 16th. The earnestness of the Jews evidenced in their rapt attention to the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ at all times, cannot be described by mere words. One must witness it with his own eyes in order to have an adequate idea of the serious thoughts taking hold of the minds of those Jews who listened to the preaching of the Cross.

Visiting the Sick and the Poor

The house to house visitation by our workers has been carried on faithfully and efficiently. While some of the workers have had the privilege of proclaiming the Lord Jesus Christ in public from the platform, others have been richly blessed in magnifying that same Name in the homes of the families they visited. You will read their several reports in other columns with great interest and gratitude to God for having blessed your endeavors through your representatives engaged in this mission to the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our workers always find some Jews who open their ears and hearts to receive the simple story of the birth, crucifixion and resurrection of their Messiah, Who is the Saviour of all mankind. While Zionism is getting stronger almost daily, growing in power and influence and enlisting many Jews

of means and importance in its cause and while those imbued with that ideal become so elated as to scorn the offer of free salvation in Christ, yet there are many Jews who do not seem to be taken with that movement. They have a longing after God and are not satisfied with Zionism. Therefore, when these Jews, who are like sheep without a shepherd, hear of the love of God in the Lord Jesus Christ Who is still willing to embrace them with outstretched arms and save them from all their sins and troubles, they are quick enough to understand and discern the truth as it is in Jesus from the emptiness and godlessness of the Zionists. In preaching to the Jews we frequently allude to Zionism as being the means through which God will work out His plan of bringing the unbelieving Jews back to Jerusalem for the purpose of refining them through the fire. Zech. 13: 9. Thus those Jews who have some understanding of the truth do not feel at home in any place other than Beth Sar Shalom.

The Lord also recompensed us for the loss of a number of our workers who were drafted into the army during the summer by sending two new workers, Mrs. Randolph and Miss Christensen, led, we believe, by the Holy Ghost to take up this branch of the service.

The Winona Lake Conference

A large number of our friends have indicated their deep interest in the Winona Conference which was held this summer for the second time. As announced in the May number of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, our conference lasted for three days, and was full of deep interest and great blessing. (You remember last fall we reported to you the proceedings of the conference and its results both spiritually and financially, for which you were thankful to God our Heavenly Father and praised and blessed Him for His working power in our midst.) This year we had larger audiences at the Conference and deeper appreciation and more remarkable results than before. The audiences greatly enjoyed Dr. Buswell's lectures on Revelation, Dr. Van Osdel's talks on Daniel and the Devotional Hours with Brother Irving. A number of people were overheard to say on leaving the hall at the close of some of our meetings that they had learned more Christianity at this Conference than they had known all their lives. In this way surely the name of the Lord Jesus Christ was glorified in that conference. Sunday evening at 6:30, there was an open air meeting which was addressed by Mr. Cohn, and a free-will offering of about \$500.00 was given, which more than covered our expenses. One of the most interesting meetings was when ten Jewish Christians gave short talks relating how they came to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Especially did the testimony of Mrs. Bernheim go home to the very hearts of the people. Tears were trickling down many faces. God willing, we will from month to month publish in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE some of these conference addresses. One, by Mr. Irving, will be found in this number.

I cannot close without a word of deepest appreciation to you all for the remarkable way in which you have kept up your financial support of the work during the entire summer. When we consider the stress of the days in which we live, your generosity has been none other than miraculous, to be explained only by the fact that a miracle-working God has enabled you to remember the work among His own people. May our close union in this common task to which he has called us all, continue always, and may we always be found worthy of your confidence and friendship.

Yours faithfully in His service,

LEOPOLD COHN.

EDITORIAL

God's Key Turns the Lock. The many events that have rapidly followed one another as a result of this war may be fitly compared to things which have been hidden and are now revealed by opening a door and letting in the light. Yet no human skill or ingenuity could ever have accomplished these acts. God has, so to speak, turned the key with which He has been opening and will yet open locks that have concealed to the human mind the things which have been spoken by God through His servants, the prophets. There have been in every generation those who denied the possibility of the Jews ever coming back into possession of their Promised Land. There are still those who spiritualize God's promise of restoring Israel to their country and apply it to the Church. Thus God's Word of bringing back His people to the land has been, as it were, under a lock, obscure; but one turn of His key of power caused Great Britain to take Jerusalem from the hands of the Turks and to promise it to the Jews. Again, the Jews have been for the last 2,000 years out of world politics. They have been entirely wiped off the map of the nations; they have had no home, no flag, no national emblem, and no name. Suddenly, over night, as it were, while the Jews were asleep, God's key of power was turning, and lo and behold in the morning the Jews woke up with their country within grasp, with a national emblem floating in all the Jewish quarters and with a Government administration in Jerusalem consisting exclusively of Jewish statesmen. Thus the restoration of Israel which was a dark passage of Scripture to many and was, so to speak, under a lock, has unexpectedly been unlocked and realized indeed. The Jews themselves until a few years ago did not dare to say that they were a nation. If there was found one among ten thousand alleging the Jews to be such he was

laughed at and considered a dreamer. Yet the greatest and most powerful kingdom on earth, Great Britain, has called out the Jews as a nation to join the league of nations against the foe of humanity. The Jews now have Palestine for their homeland, a national bank, a national flag, a national university (in building) and a national standing army of over 10,000 volunteer soldiers fighting for the entire liberation of their fatherland. So the dark sayings of God have been emblazoned with a Heavenly light, showing the promises of God are yea and amen. "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." Isa. 60: 2. This has been partly fulfilled right now before our eyes. I say partly, because there are many promises of God which have a two-fold fulfillment like the prophecy of Joel with regard to the pouring out of the Holy Spirit which was only partly fulfilled on that memorable Day of Pentecost. The full realization of it is reserved for another day. So there are many other promises which are forerunners of what is going to take place by and by. The partial fulfillment of the above cited prophecy is this:—the world is in turmoil; Belgium lies in ruins, Roumania is being choked by the big boots of the foe upon her throat, Russia is in confusion, conquered and robbed by the enemy from the outside, terrorized and bleeding by the enemies of her own flesh and blood on the inside. In short, three-fourths of the globe is in agony, wallowing in pools of blood, dying from starvation and pestilence, not knowing when the end will come to its suffering. Indeed gross darkness has covered the earth. But upon one people, the Jewish people, the power of God is arising and doing things which are simply astonishing. It would appear that this whole world war has been a part of

God's plan and purpose for the restoration of the Jews. It seems to be somewhat similar to Jere. 25: 15-30, where God spoke of causing the nations to take the wine cup of His fury and then sending the sword among them. But, as we said before, these fulfillments are only partial, for this key of God is going to keep on turning and turning until all the springs of the lock are opened. God has the one main purpose in view, viz., the acceptance of Christ by the Jews. He has been waiting for the followers of Christ to accomplish this God-desired missionary work, "and He saw that there was no man and no intercessor, therefore His arm brought salvation unto Him." Isa. 59: 16. Again in Isa. 51: 18-22 we read that God complains that "there is none to guide her, neither is there any that taketh her by the hand . . . thus saith thy Lord that pleadeth the cause of His people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; but I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee, etc." Hence the fury of God upon all the nations who have ignored the opportunity of witnessing for Christ and giving His gospel message to the Jews. He is now Himself beginning to bring about the conversion of the Jews as a nation.

The first step is to bring them back to their land and restore unto them a nationality and then in that Promised Land He will bring them through the fire, the time of Jacob's trouble. Zech. 13: 8, Jere. 30: 7. Then they will be led to accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. They must be brought into their land because in their land they rejected Him. They must be restored as a nation because as a nation they rejected Him, and as a nation they must accept Him.

Now seeing these wonderful facts that have been here pointed out, as well as many other partial fulfillments of prophecy which space forbids us to record, will people be instructed and believe in the Word of God? Will

every follower of Christ endeavor to become a co-worker with God in the work of evangelizing the Jews? Will people believe that what God says He means? Will they remember that when the Holy Spirit says "To the Jew First" it means that way precisely? "Afterward (after the great tribulation) shall the children of Israel return and seek the Lord their God and David their King (the Lord Jesus). Again "But they shall serve the Lord their God and David their King." Jere. 30: 9. And again, "I will set up one shepherd over them, even my servant David, a Prince among them, I the Lord have spoken." Ezek. 34: 23, 24. This is the last turn of God's key in the lock. Whether you believe it or not, whether you co-work with God to convert the Jews or not and whether you believe in the literal kingdom of Christ over the Jews and over all the world or not, it will come to pass as surely as you live. It only requires a few more turns of God's key and the Jews will be restored to their promised land. They will go through the tribulation, they will cry out to God to send them the Messiah Jesus. He then will come and they will accept Him and He will reign over them, and then the true followers of the Lord Jesus will reign with Him forever.

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." Rev. 5: 10.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." Rev. 20: 6.

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. 22: 5.

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us." II Tim. 2: 12.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

By Philip Englander

Now that the summer is over, we look back with hearts of thanksgiving upon the manifold blessings our dear Lord and Saviour has bestowed upon us in our labors throughout the season. Even on the hottest days, we were privileged by His grace, to keep our doors wide open, and at every Friday and Sunday meeting, visitors flocked in to hear of the blessed salvation in Christ Jesus, and we gained several inquirers and a few converts.

We were also visited by some of our drafted converts from near and from far; one came from Texas, and how joyful we were together, being permitted to meet again in the presence of Him who said, "I will be with thee always."

And now something about those outside the fold:—One Sunday morning I went on a train to a church located on the border of the city. My coach contained many Jewish passengers going to Coney Island for enjoyment. Among them I saw some who had attended our meetings. A Jew next to me noticed me reading a tract, and looked over my shoulder to see what I was reading, and immediately a conversation began, which soon attracted others nearby. One of the listeners jumped up in excitement and asked, "Were you in our house in Myrtle Avenue, and did you urge my mother to come to your mission?" Before giving me a chance to answer, he continued, "Let me tell you, that you are a lucky man that I was not at home at that time." "If you had been home," I replied, "you possibly would be the lucky man." "In what way?" he asked. "You would have heard of the salvation and happiness to be found in the Messiah; you would grasp it and believe it; you wouldn't need Coney Island for enjoyment—you would have it right in your heart." Some began to threaten violence, but the few who were at our meetings

helped me to keep them listening respectfully, while speaking of God's plan in Christ Jesus. One Jew asked, "If Jesus was the true Messiah, how could He be killed? Should not the Messiah bring us Jews to Palestine and be our King?" This gave me a splendid opportunity to speak of the two comings of Christ, based on Old Testament Scriptures. Another one remarked, "If I dared to come near your Mission I would have glorious (?) enjoyment when my parents at home learned of it. I would enjoy a drop down the stairway from the third floor to the basement." I then reminded them of Abraham of old. He didn't care what his father Terah might say. He knew what was right and did it. The young man interrupted me saying, "You don't mean to say that Abraham believed in Christ?" "Yes, indeed: 'Abraham rejoiced to see my day' (John 8: 56) which he did in the person of Melchizedek." Our conversation was of such great interest to them that they missed transferring to a Coney Island train. When I left the train, many promised to come to our meetings.

The same evening I noticed four of them present, attentively listening to the sermon on Job 19: 25, "For I know that my redeemer liveth." One of the young men afterwards said he enjoyed that meeting in the evening more than he had Coney Island all the day. Glory to God.

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I visited a religious Orthodox Jewish family, just as the husband was at prayer in a white garment and phylacteries. I was asked to be seated, and waited until he finished his prayer, which closes, "I believe that the Messiah will come and although he tarries, yet we hope every day for His coming." I then questioned him. "Do you really mean what you have said just now?" "Of course," he replied, "without this hope in the Messiah, what kind of a Jew would I be?" I shook his hand remarking, "I am glad

of it. The Christians hope for the same. I only wish the time would soon come when there will be only one fold and one shepherd (Messiah)." "Never, never," he exclaimed excitedly, "Jacob will remain Jacob, and will have a Jewish Messiah, and Esau (Gentiles) will remain children of Esau, and let them keep their own Messiah." "Not at all," I corrected, "Here is just the mistake you make. Don't you say in your prayers 'And the Lord will be king over the whole universe?' And don't you see His kingdom beginning to be established already over the whole world?" "But who is He," he harshly asked, winking his eye at his wife and married daughter, as if to say, "Just listen." "He is the Messiah," I answered, "The only one Messiah. The Jewish Messiah for everybody. Jesus Christ of whom David spoke in Psa. 2: 6, 8. 'Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion . . . Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.' And furthermore," I continued, "through this very same King Messiah we shall be no more Jacob's nor Esau's, but all will be Israelites, (quoting John 2: 47) for when Nathaniel came to Jesus, He said, 'This is an Israelite indeed', just because he had proved his faith by coming to Him." All this conversation took place while Mr. S. had the phylacteries on, and all, even his married daughter, warmly discussed the subject and unanimously agreed that there must be a great deal of truth in it. May God help them to see the light!

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One Sunday morning I went with my family (by invitation) to a cemetery to witness the unveiling of a monument for my uncle who died about six months ago. We met a great multitude of relatives who came for the same purpose. Most of them know that I am a missionary and so when shaking hands with one, he remark-

ed, "What are you doing in a Jewish cemetery?" "Why not?" I responded, "I am laboring in the Jewish cemetery every day in the year." "Doing what?" he asked, astonished to think that I was employed in some cemetery duties. I answered, "Speaking to the dead, comforting them, and advising them." "How do you make that out?" he asked. I then quoted Ez. 37: 2, 11, "and set me down in the midst of a valley which was full of bones. . . And behold there were many in the open valley. . . These bones are the whole house of Israel." One Jew standing by remarked to my interviewer, "Did you need all that? Why did you begin with him?" "Indeed, he needed that," I responded, "and so do you and every one of you! Without the Messiah it is not worth while living or dying." Another interrupted, "Do you know how people consider you? Among Jews you are considered a Christian, but to Christians you are the same old Jew. Do you call that worth while living?" "It is immaterial to me," I answered, "what I am called by people; it is what I am in the sight of God. I was dead in sin like the rest of the dry bones and now am a living child of God through the living Messiah."

Several of the listeners ground their teeth at that as in the olden days of the Master Himself. If they could have buried me alive there, they surely would have done so, but others took it rather to heart. I gave them tracts and they promised to read them and come to our meetings.

By Miss A. E. Sussdorff

The Lord has been with us and blest our work during all the hot summer days. We had a fair attendance at all our meetings, and many visits were made. One of our members who has a son in the service of our country, said with tears streaming down her cheeks, "Oh, I am strong in the blessed Lord, though our son is probably dead." This son, I know, is a strong believer

and indeed this entire family are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. He wrote her from the Camp in the South, "Mother, if I obey orders I am all right," and she brought this as an illustration in her testimony at our Mothers' Meeting. The secret of the believers' joy is obeying God's orders.

Another mother told me she had made this vow, that if she was too busy to read her Bible, she would not allow herself to read the daily newspaper, and she dearly loves to read the news, but I know she loves and reads her Bible. Do we as Christians always follow that rule?

Another mother who had gone to the country with a delicate little daughter, wrote and asked me to write her. I did so, telling her we prayed for her and her child and enclosing a tract. She was boarding at a Jewish house, and the proprietor went daily for the mail, several miles to the village, and probably noticed this letter was rather bulky, and opened it. When he saw the tract he became so angry that he started to shout to the boarders, "We have a 'mashumet' here, they are praying for her at the missionaries' house." She had to leave the place and return home.

Another woman said to me one day, "When I come to the meeting at the Mission, no matter how burdened I feel, I go home feeling lighter. We feel real friendship here, besides hearing God's word explained so we can understand it."

I had a most interesting talk until midnight with a Jewess who is leaning toward Christian Science. She exclaimed, "How wonderful." Please pray for this dear one. She promised to come to the Mission.

The daughter of one of our members, who is a believer, but has not yet been baptized, wrote me a card thanking me for some money the Mission had sent her when she was ill and in need. Jennie wrote, "Yes, I am already taking the baths in the name of Jesus, and He has helped me. Thank you for visiting my mother in

the hospital. May God bless the Mission in the name of Jesus Christ." This girl is sixteen years old, and has the courage to testify at our large meetings.

By Mrs. M. W. Randolph

About eighteen years ago I became deeply interested in Mr. Leopold Cohn's work among his people in this city, and for over three years tried to use my musical talents to help him in the Brownsville Mission. After a few years I was married, yet God never took the burden for the reclaiming of His chosen people off my heart, but home duties prevented me from giving my time to the work.

The Lord permitted me to pass through a strange and sad experience when He called my husband to Himself three years ago. This past summer, having felt free to work for the Lord's people, I offered my services to the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews.

The work here is one of rare privilege, a peculiar glory fills my soul as I bring the Gospel story to a Jewish person, and I have a feeling of God's presence and power to explain the hidden truths of the prophets to the Jews.

Recently as I was leading the mothers' meeting, a young woman, about twenty years of age, came in with one of the mothers. That afternoon I spoke on John 14, and as the Spirit helped me to unfold the Word, the tears ran down her cheeks. After the meeting I spoke to her and she told me she had come from Russia three years ago, where she had been brought up ignorantly and without any knowledge of religious teachings. She had lost her position through an immoral boss, because she wanted to live a pure life, and she had difficulty in obtaining work because of her ignorance. That night she had intended to end her life, for she showed me the poison she had in her pocket, but praise the Lord she was led here. The following morning she came to the Mission, and Brother Englander and I talked and prayed with her. I am teaching her to read and write, and she says she loves Jesus. We are praying for her and trying to patiently lead her in the way of life.

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Visiting in one of the city hospitals, I had to obtain a pass from the head physician in order to see a patient outside of visiting hours. This physician is a very learned and well-known Jew, Dr. P——. He asked me what Mission I came from and what we taught. I told him of the rejection of the Jews by their Messiah. He answered they had expected a great king. I told him they forget that every king had to be born and have a childhood and he seemed amazed to think that the Jews had not considered that side of the question. He asked where our Jesus had really been born and I told him, according to promise, in the City of David, of the seed of Abraham. He said that personally, if that was really so, he would devote his life to bringing the message to his people, the Jews. Dr. P—— asked me for the address of the Mission, and I gave him a pamphlet describing our work, and he promised to read the prophecies and make a special effort to come to a meeting. I pray that God will clinch the truth on his heart and make Dr. P—— a great power among his friends.

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One morning last week I was preparing to leave the Mission to do some visiting, and the Lord spoke to me plainly telling me to take seventy-five tracts with me. I hesitated for a moment, wondering what I would do with so many that morning in the section where I intended to make my calls, but knowing the Lord never speaks unless He has a plan for us, I obeyed and took the seventy-five tracts. I had gone only two blocks from the Mission when I saw a large crowd that had been attracted by an accident, collected on the street corner. There was an extra fine opportunity to reach a number of people in a very short time, and it took but a few moments to give out the seventy-five copies of the Lord's message.

By Miss M. J. Christensen

One night, several years ago, the Rev. Leopold Cohn spoke at the church I attended, and there he told of the great work of bringing the Gospel to the Jew. I was much interested, although only a child, at that time, and was especially touched by a few kind words said to me personally. The experience of that evening made a lasting impression upon me.

Recently, when in need of advice concerning a dear Jewish girl friend

(for whom I have the great hope that she will some day know Jesus as her Messiah and for whom I ask your prayers), I came to the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews. The very help I needed, the old Testament proof of Jesus' Messiahship, was readily and most kindly given me. Besides this, I was surprised and honored by being asked to become one of the workers of the Mission, the very same one of which I had heard when a child.

At first the work, being so new to me, was hard. There were times, when I was giving out tracts earnestly, that the heated refusals of some Jews and the insults of others among them, would hurt; but there were also the heart-warming instances when Jewish men and women would not only accept, but (as they walked) read with evident interest the tracts given them.

That was at first. Now I have been in the mission work two months and have (beside other work of the mission) distributed over 1,000 tracts.

Here is one of my recent experiences in tract distribution: On B—— St., I passed a small, but scrupulously neat candy store, behind the counter of which I could see a middle-aged Jew. Upon my offering him a tract he refused it in strong terms; but when I started out again from the Mission later in the afternoon, I took with me, beside the tracts, two booklets. They were, "What is His Son's Name?" and "To Both the Houses of Israel." I felt impelled to bring these booklets to that storekeeper, though he had told me that he would never read any Hebrew Christian literature. I prayed earnestly that God would help me in this matter, for the man was refined and intelligent, in spite of his mistaken antagonism to this work; therefore he might see the truth in these fine booklets. Straight to the little store I went again, talked with the man for a few minutes, and then my heart was very grateful to my loving Heavenly Father, for the man not only took both books, but promised to study them thoughtfully that evening. The man's wife asked for the tracts which her husband had at first refused, and both she and her husband spoke most kindly to me, which seemed wonderful after the hostile reception I received when first I offered the tract.

This is but one of the very many encouraging incidents that I have witnessed in this work for God.

THE JEW—THE PREDICTED RESTORATION FULFILLED

Winona Conference Address

(Condensed)

By Rev. C. H. Irving

So far as we are able to judge by all the facts available, there never was a period in the history of the Jewish people when their affairs were so widely and intelligently discussed by Gentiles, as at the present moment. The whole question pertaining to the Jew has been surrounded with perplexing and even vexing problems. It has annoyed kings, emperors and statesmen for four milleniums. This wonderful people, with four thousand years of unbroken history, with a book of unimpeachable authority and with a promised land, the battle ground of the ages—the Jews demand our careful and reverent study.

If theologians and statesmen had carefully studied the Book they would not have made the gross blunders they did in the past. The *Book* makes the blood-stained way of the Jew clear. History will not help in the solution of the problem, philosophy will give no light on it, but the Book will.

A Land Promised

We are familiar with the call of Abraham and the covenant made with him and a land bestowed upon him and his posterity. When that covenant was signed and sealed the chief actor was God Himself. (Gen. 15: 12). It was then that God Himself passed between the tokens of the treaty and thus took upon Himself the responsibility of carrying out its provisions, which were, a great nation, a great land and absolute ownership and full possession of that land.

The territory was to comprise that vast district between the land of Egypt on the southwest to the Euphrates on the northeast. Because of their timidity, shortened vision and unbelief, the Jews never held all of this territory. It yet remains for their

occupancy. *Two* dispossessions and restorations have been accomplished, and a *third* is mentioned, which the Jew is now undergoing. That he will return to the Land of the Fathers there is no question so far as the voice of inspiration is concerned. Read carefully Jer. 23: 3-8.

So much for the fact of their return. Their weary, restless feet will make the final journey to the Promised Land. The sad fact, however, is that the Jew goes back with a heart alienated against his God. The fulness of the Gentiles is just being completed. While wandering as exiles outside of the Land, God said that for their disobedience and unbelief dire punishment should fall upon them. (See Deut. 28: 59-68.)

But God's eye is on the scattered people: He says "that the Lord thy God shall turn thy captivity and have compassion on thee and will return and gather thee from all the nations. If any of thine be driven to the uppermost part of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence He will fetch thee." "And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy father possessed and thou shalt possess it!"

The Land Under a Protector

The country itself is under the protection of Jehovah. It occupies a strategic position. It is a highway for the nations—a bridge between east and west. It has been a region of remarkable fertility. God bestowed wonderful material favors on the country—but when the Jew went out, the disfavor of the Almighty rested like a pall of death on its hilltops, fertile plains and rich valleys. Death and desolation reigned. But this was God's Promised Land "a land which the Lord thy God careth for." "The eyes of the Lord are always upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end of it." The Jews polluted their inheritance—defiled it with

unspeakable abominations, and hence they became incorrigible, obstinate, determinedly self-willed.

Returning in Unbelief

For two thousand years the Jews nationally have persisted in a determined rejection of Jesus as the Messiah. Only in individual cases have they consented to examine the evidence that would convince the fair-minded. That which national Israel was in pursuit of they have not obtained. They have become hardened. God hath given them a spirit of drowsiness—eyes to see nothing with, ears to hear nothing with, even until now, therefore partial blindness hath fallen upon Israel, until the times of the Gentiles have come in. (Read Ez. 36: 24-28; Ez. 39: 25-29.)

It is evident from these passages that Israel will return to Palestine in unbelief, and afterward a great spiritual awakening will occur. However, between the restoration and the great national blessings so much insisted upon, there will be that appalling period known as "the time of Jacob's trouble." But that is another question, not to be discussed at this time. I will simply say that God's severest chastisement will fall upon the Jew in his own land of Palestine and in the future. We must now look for the

Signs of the Return

Are the people of the wandering feet returning home? If so, what are the signs? First observe the rise of the movement called "Zionism." In August, 1897, in the city of Basle, the first congress was held in which the Zionist program was arranged. This congress was a remarkable gathering of several hundred Jews, all enthusiastic for the national idea.

Today every civilized nation, including Russia, is committed to the plan. Germany is not in favor of it, nor is Turkey, and the German government has been urged by some of its statesmen to oppose what they consider the Zionism of Britain.

On November 2nd, 1917, a memorable day in Jewish history, Alfred J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, outlined the British policy regarding the future Palestine. On December 2nd, 1917, the British Jews held a great thanksgiving meeting in the London Opera House, which was unable to contain the throngs seeking admission. Similar meetings were held in America and all over the Jewish world.

On December 9th, a message was received from General Allenby, the British commander, that Jerusalem had surrendered and had been freed from Turkish bondage. God could not have arranged a more apt day for the present fall of Jerusalem. It occurred on the Hebrew date of the 25th of Kislev, which is the anniversary of the day when Judas Maccabeus conquered and purged the temple of Greek idolatry—the first of an eight day festival which has been observed by the Jews ever since.

This summer a most important gathering of representative Jews of America was held in Pittsburgh. The reports of this gathering are deeply significant from the prophetic standpoint, and indicate great progress in the development of Israel's plan for the rejuvenation of Palestine. All the various Jewish societies of America, which have been more or less disjointed in their relations, were merged into one great body known as the "Zionist Organization of America."

The country has been divided into districts, which will have proportional representation in a great council of fifty members, which will meet frequently in New York City to further the plans of Zionism. The constitution for the Jewish Republic in Palestine was adopted with great enthusiasm. It embodied the principles of public ownership of all land and facilities together with religious liberty and free education.

The first tax for the support of the national government has been levied. One wonders what further step is needed to fully establish the fact that at last Israel is a nation again fulfilling the ancient prophecy and pointing all Bible students to the later words of our Lord regarding the budding fig tree. . . . "Ye know that summer is near." "Even so, come Lord Jesus, come quickly."

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Meetings are held for adults, and for children. A Medical Department is maintained to assist the 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 to purchase Hebrew Bibles and Testaments and to print tracts in Jewish. Mr. Cohn has written seven Jewish tracts himself which have been used of God to the conversion of many. A complete schedule of all the varied activities of the Mission, of which the foregoing is but suggestive, will be found on page 2.

Our method is that of Paul, "To the Jew I became as a Jew." Our testimony is that of *Jews to Jews*. Mr. Cohn himself was formerly a Rabbi. Under God's wonderful guidance and mercy, the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews has grown and developed in a remarkable way. We earnestly covet

your prayers and your sympathy, and we invite you to cast in your lot with us, taking fellowship with us in this corner of the Master's vineyard, and we pledge you the faithful administration of what funds you place at our disposal. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." It is a peculiar work among a peculiar people. Pray for us. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee."

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JEWISH NOTES

The Jews in their daily prayers have a section which is called "The Eighteen Silent Blessings." While repeating these in an inaudible voice they stand with their faces toward the East, in accordance with I Kings 8: 44. "Pray unto the Lord toward the City and toward the house which I have built for thy name". Now the latest steps in the development of creating in Palestine the new Jewish State indicate that the Jewish sun is gradually rising in the East. Toward the end of last July, Dr. Weitzman, the head of the Jewish administration in Jerusalem, laid the cornerstones of the Jewish University. There were twelve stones symbolizing the twelve tribes. A large number of the leading Zionists have been dreaming for years and years of the founding of the Jewish University and at last they are going to realize one of their fondest hopes. It is expected by them that this University will be the means of nurturing Jewish learning. They consider the University more needed and useful than the Temple. They have succeeded to a greater extent than they ever hoped in the way of negotiations with the Powers and with preparations for the agricultural, commercial and industrial developments of the Jewish homeland; and now they are looking forward to the time when this Jewish University will fulfill the needs of education. Thus, Zionism is flying with two wings, on one side commerce and politics, and on the other, education and culture.

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Dr. Weitzman has also succeeded in gaining the confidence of the Mohammedans of Palestine. Upon one occasion he made a present of an old copy of the Koran to the head of the Mohammedan religion. This made a very good impression upon all the Mohammedans. Through this and similar tactics and practices of diplomacy that remarkable Jewish leader is expected to create a harmonious and pleasant relationship between the Arabs and the Jews.

Mr. Arthur James Balfour, Minister of Foreign Affairs for England, who made the declaration concerning the rehabilitation of Palestine for the Jews, sent his congratulations to the Zionist commission in Palestine upon the laying of the foundation stones for the Jewish university. In the same message he said that he regarded the Jewish university as an important contribution to the progress of the world.

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The courts in Jerusalem which have been organized by the English government are working in harmony with the Jewish code of laws. Decisions have been rendered in accordance with the Talmudic laws. Especially is this true in the matter of inheritances. It has also been reported that since the Turkish grip upon Jerusalem has been removed, the unsanitary conditions have been changed, and consequently the usual maladies, as typhus and cholera, that used to be very common there, have almost entirely disappeared.

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The British government has officially recognized the Jews as a nation by asking them through the Central Zionist Bureau at Copenhagen, to join the league of nations, the draft of which is in process of being prepared by a Council appointed for that purpose. It seems that the English government has been commissioned, in the providence of God, to take the first step toward making the Jews a nation by declaring Palestine their homeland and by inviting them to join the league of nations.

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Mr. Balfour celebrated his 70th birthday last August. This opportunity was seized upon by all the world Zionist organizations who delegated the well-known Jewish literatus, Mr. Sokolov, as their representative to congratulate him. To this the aged statesman made a very warm reply, uttering in strong language a few sentences which assured the Zionists of his continued good-will to carry on all the enterprises in the interests of the noble task which he had begun.

It has been both amusing and interesting to read the protests of Reformed rabbis to the President of the United States of America referring to Mr. Wilson's letter to Rabbi Wise, of New York, which reads in part as follows: "I have watched with deep and sincere interest the reconstructive work which the Weitzman commission has done in Palestine at the instance of the British government and I welcome an opportunity to express the satisfaction I have felt in the progress of the Zionist movement in the United States. . . I think that all Americans will be deeply moved by the report that even in these times of stress the Weitzman commission has been able to lay the foundation of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem." This letter was published in the Zionist papers and read in the synagogues during the New Year holidays and taken as an endorsement by the President, of the British position toward the Jews. While the Zionists were greatly encouraged with the President's message, the Reformed rabbis have been hard hit by it. They, like the Reformed rabbis of England, are bitterly opposed to Zionism. When this message was published they wrote a letter to President Wilson asking him to reconsider his approval of the Zionist activities on the ground that Zionism will detract from the loyalty of citizenship on the part of the Jews. The Reformed Jews have long ago cut out from the Jewish prayer book all references to Jerusalem and the Messiah. Now that the Jewish rehabilitation is approaching its goal they are alarmed at the prospect of

getting into bankruptcy in their reformation.

The Jewish Legion in the English army now numbers above 10,000. Jews have enlisted readily, leaving, in many cases, wives and children, counting it a great privilege to enroll in a Jewish army and go to Jerusalem and fight the Turk so as to prepare a home for their Jewish nation.

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Owing to the terrible persecution of the Jews in Roumania, Austria and Russia, where many hundreds of thousands have been robbed, murdered and banished, and also on account of so many Jewish soldiers having been killed and wounded in the war, the Jews have been grieving deeply, especially at the time of their New Year and Day of Atonement holidays. Never before have there been such large multitudes of Jews visiting the graves of their parents, the great rabbis, and pious relatives, as this season, especially during the days between September 6th and 17th. Jewish tradition has it that the dead are pleased to have their loved ones visit their graves. In the Talmud, Sotah 34 b, we are told that Caleb, who was commissioned by Moses together with Joshua and the other ten spies, (Numbers 13) stopped at the graves of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob which are found in Hebron and prayed that they would intercede for him to be granted spiritual strength not to fall in line with the counsel of the wicked spies to bring an evil report. Again we find another passage in the Talmud, Tanis, 16 a, saying that the reason for visiting the graves of our dead is that they should invoke God's mercy upon us.

**SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM
MAY 1st TO AUGUST 31st, 1918**

Covering Receipt Numbers 33,286 to 34,830, inclusive

For the General Expense Fund	\$9,422.70
For the Relief to the Poor Fund	282.90
For the Literature (Bible and Tracts) Fund.....	626.86
For the Children's Fund	43.65
For "The Chosen People" (Subscriptions)	508.50
For the Building Fund	76.00
Dispensary Income Account	270.24
For the Reading Room	10.00
Total for All Purposes.....	\$11,240.85