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## SALUTATION

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

My dearly beloved Friends:—

"The blessing of the Lord be upon you." Psa. 129:8. It has always been a pleasure to speak to you through the columns of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. My enjoyment in doing so becomes keener at such a time as this, when after a suspension of several months we again take up this medium of communication. Knowing from your letters that you are anxiously looking for the appearance of the October issue, it is a joy to greet you heartily with the above Psalm.

### LIKE MEPHIBOSHETH

Upon David's return from the flight forced upon him by Absalom, Mephibosheth met him, and after complaining that Ziba had deceived him, he uttered the following pathetic words: "Yea, let him take all, for as much as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house." 2 Sam. 19: 30. This verse came to me while reading some letters from the dear friends of this mission. A few extracts will suffice. "Are there any special signs which point to His coming?" "Have the Zionists fulfilled prophecy bearing upon Christ's second coming?" "Are the prophecies bearing on the Jews and their return to Palestine being fulfilled?" "I am extremely anxious to know the latest news with regard to the restoration of the Jewish people." "How I long for Jesus to come!" "The progress that has been made certainly looks as if Christ's coming might be very soon." These and many similar expressions appeared to me like a searchlight throwing a strong light upon the spiritual condition of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE circle, bringing into prominence the fact that their minds are occupied with the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are many different objects in this troubled world which claim attention, political problems, economic and social conditions, trade unionism, Bolshevism, high cost of living and profiteering, yet these true followers of Christ seem to say to the world: "Let them have all, for as much as my Lord the King will soon come again." Like Mephibosheth, the friends of this mission set aside all the cares of this distracted generation in their joy over the prospect of the return of the great King, the Lord Jesus Christ.

### IGNORANCE CARICATURES CONCEPTION

In such longing for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ is reflected, to a great extent, an active interest in Jewish missionary work. Our friends who have been co-working with us in this mission know of God's wonderful dealings with the Jews in the past as well as in the present. Time and again we have pointed out the meaning of sacred writ relative to the Jews, the phenomenal events in their history, and their carrying out the predicted signs of the coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ. These things, we believe, have been the means in the hands of the Holy Spirit, to open the hearts, to illuminate the souls and to turn the eyes to look steadfastly for His appearing. Christendom at large, which has kept aloof from Jewish mission work, and is therefore in ignorance of what is coming to pass in these days, has not the experience of the joy of looking for Him to appear soon from heaven to meet His followers in the air. Although they read in the Bible the repeated promise of His coming again,

their conception of His second coming has been caricatured, for it means to them death instead of being caught up alive to meet Him in the air.

#### THE STRONGEST SIGNS

To the student of God's word and observer of current Jewish movements, the following are the strongest signs of the near coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. First, the terrible persecution of the Jews all over Europe. Second, as an outcome of such persecutions, the Jews are forced to look for a peaceful and safe abode in the promised land, a thing which the Jews in general never desired before. Third, the Balfour declaration, followed later by the mandate of Great Britain, through which Palestine has already been given to the Jews as their homeland. Now all this was done in accordance with the word of God in which the program for the Jews was laid down thousands of years ago. Ezek. 20: 34 and 22: 19, show very plainly that a re-gathering of the Jews to Jerusalem must take place in a compulsory way, that God's wrath upon them will cause them to emigrate from the various countries to Jerusalem. In the present bitter persecution, we certainly hear the echo of Ezek. 20 and 22, which makes them willing to enter into Jerusalem. The same passages of Scripture also expressly teach that their restoration under those conditions will not be for the purpose of ease and prosperity, but for awful chastisement, a feature which is confirmed by Jer. 30: 7, Zech. 14 and other prophecies.

#### THE PHENOMENA

Who could have believed six years ago that Palestine would be restored to the Jews by this time? Is not all this as wonderful as the declaration of Cyrus? In 2 Chron. 36: 22, 23, we read of the decree of that great monarch, "The Lord God of heaven . . . hath charged me to build Him an house in Jerusalem which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all His people? The Lord his God be with him, and let him go up." The only difference is perhaps the more openness of God's hand in the case of Cyrus. But those that have some spiritual discernment can see God's wonderful work in all these present events, just as much as in the days of Cyrus.

#### ANOTHER SIGN

There is another sure sign of His soon coming, viz., Jewish mission work. Is it not remarkable that active Jewish mission work, as small as it is, was started almost simultaneously with the Zionistic movement? This remarkable synchronism indicates that these two items in God's program for the Jews, namely, their restoration to the Land for chastisement, and the preaching to them of Christ their Messiah, must go hand in hand. For when the time of their great trouble comes, through making a covenant with the false Messiah, Antichrist, Dan. 9: 27; 11: 36, 45, there will also be fulfilled Zech. 12: 10, which says that in their great trouble the Jews will supplicate, (evidently for the Lord Jesus to come and help them) and then look upon Him as their King and Saviour. In accordance therefore with God's way of working among human beings along natural lines, the Gospel must be preached to them now in order to acquaint them with Christ, with Antichrist and with all the concomitants, thus making it possible for them to realize the truth when those things come to pass, repent and "mourn" and finally accept Him joyfully. Thus we can see God's hand in causing a number of His dear children to start carrying the Gospel to the Jews at the same time the Zionist movement has become so prominent.

Some years ago the Holy Spirit brought these things to my notice constraining me to stronger efforts in reaching my people with the Gospel. Not only has the Lord given me passionate ardor in the pursuit of Jewish evangelization, but also with it increased facilities and many new opportunities. You will read on another page of the new plan God has shown us during the summer months. We all of us, your Jewish Missionaries, have now a good deal more to do, but we will do it gladly and heartily, claiming that beautiful promise, "And as thy days, so shall thy strength be." Deut. 33: 25, and being strengthened also by the knowledge that we shall have your unabated sympathy and help and prayers, that the full measure of His will shall be accomplished here while it is yet day.

Yours faithfully in His service,

LEOPOLD COHN.

#### EDITORIALS

**Twenty-six. THE CHOSEN PEOPLE** has now rounded out a quarter century of life, and with this issue we enter on the twenty-sixth year of activity. How short those twenty-five years seem as we look back! And yet how genuinely full they all have been. Many have been the valleys, but likewise, too, have the mountain-tops always been sufficient recompense for the valleys; for the Lord has truly been gracious unto us, and has heaped full our measure of joy in His service, so that we can say with David of old, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." Psalm 16: 6.

That this Mission, having been through the crucible of fire and persecution and hatred, has been brought through it all into the broad sunlight of nation-wide confidence and usefulness, is due to the fact that God has surrounded us with friends, loyal and generous, who have been as a wall of protection to us, as it were a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day. This is true of the many friends scattered over the country, who have never ceased nor tired in their God-called undertaking to make possible a work of this magnitude; and it is also true of the smaller band of workers here in the Mission itself, some volunteer, some paid, but all giving of their most devoted and consecrated energy and thought to the advancement of the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ in this field. To all these friends and workers alike, we extend congratulations, that God has led us together to this day and hour.

It is well to think over these things sometimes; that here, for over a quarter century, a work has been established under God's guidance and blessing, that is not an experiment, but an established and God-owned enterprise, whose converts are scattered from coast to coast and have given good account of themselves; whose leadership is recognized; whose counsel is

being sought more and more by others from distant cities, as to methods of work and as to workers. It is well, we say, to think of these things, and to remember that they all constitute a valid claim on your generous provision for the ever expanding needs of the work.

**New Workers.** So substantial has been the support given us by our friends during these summer months, that the best way we had of saying "Thank you" has been to add to our staff additional workers, thus strengthening our stakes, and making possible that which is the desire of all of us—a wider and more intensive Gospel message to the Jews of this great city.

So we announce with pleasure the coming to us of Rev. Michael LeVine, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Harry Zeckhausen, of New York. Both these brethren are Jewish Christians of many years of faithful service in the Jewish missionary field, and we bespeak for them your prayers and interest. Just as rapidly as our resources will allow, we want to add still other workers, and to open other Mission Stations. We rest assured that you will continue your generous giving so that the new obligations we have undertaken will be easily met, and be no strain on the treasury.

**Out of the Beaten Track.** An unusual method of helping the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews has been adopted by a friend of the Mission, which is so unique that we pass it on to our readers as a possible example. This friend wrote us that he had taken out an insurance policy on his life for \$1,000 and named the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews as the beneficiary of the policy. In this way he hopes to continue, after he has gone, the help that he has given to this Mission while he has lived, and so truly his work will live after him. We are deeply grateful for the thoughtfulness of this friend and would be glad to hear from others who may be led to do likewise.

**The Jerusalem Flurry:**—We warn our friends against unwise sentimentalism. The thrilling events that have transpired in Palestine during recent months have given opportunity to overzealous leaders to exploit the Holy Land at the expense of well meaning and consecrated Christians. In some cases those involved are not only overzealous, but seem to have poor judgment and to be given to exaggeration.

Many persons now want to go to Jerusalem as missionaries to the Jews; or, if they do not want to go themselves, they want you to give them money to send someone else. When it is to be remembered that there are not even 40,000 Jews in Jerusalem, it becomes apparent that these 40,000 Jews possess a tremendous magnetism when they are able to draw money and missionaries from America in the face of 2,000,000 Jews in New York City alone. We have received numerous letters from our friends asking if we have a mission to the Jews in Jerusalem, and if not, urging us to establish one there. We have also received inquiries as to the merits of various appeals from more or less obscure individuals asking for money with which to send missionaries to Jerusalem. In one case the assertion was blatantly made that 300,000 Jews were ready to sail from America to Jerusalem. Where the solicitor secured his information, we have still been unable to find out.

#### EASY MONEY

It is a tribute to the patience and earnest spirit of Christian people that they receive such appeals with good grace, believe their statements, and many times respond with generosity. In discussing this matter a few days ago with a prominent Christian leader, he said to us, "There is so much interest now in Palestine, that I can raise any amount of money you may mention, to send missionaries to Jerusalem." But we think it would be wiser to analyze carefully the

merits of such appeals, and then to decide in the light of such analysis; for, after all, it is the Lord's money that we are asked to give, and we need to be more careful with His money than we would be with our own. It is amazing to us to see how shrewd business men, who exercise the most careful scrutiny and the most excellent judgment in the conduct of their business affairs, will suddenly lose all sense of values when it comes to anything pertaining to the Lord's work.

Now as regards the relation of all of the above to the matter of sending missionaries to Jerusalem or of establishing a mission station in Jerusalem, may we make a few statements which will, we are sure, clarify the situation to our friends, and establish them on a proper foundation as to their understanding of the problems involved. These statements are secured from authoritative and reliable sources, some of them having been obtained as the result of a long correspondence which we conducted with various missionaries and missionary societies in Egypt, Palestine and other points in the Near East; we have for several years been making a study of this Jerusalem question, and it is only after such a prolonged study that we have reached our definite conclusions as contained in the following statements:—

#### JERUSALEM'S POPULATION

1st. There are now in Jerusalem perhaps 40,000 Jews; there are in Palestine at the present time at least six separate mission stations to the Jews; these missions are fully able to care for a population several times the present number; in the city of Jerusalem alone we have a list of one-half dozen workers at the present time engaged. When we compare 40,000 Jews and one-half dozen missionaries among them, to a population of 2,000,000 Jews in New York City, with perhaps one-half dozen missionaries, the discrepancy becomes serious.

#### IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA

2d. Not only is there such a wide disagreement as to the proportionate missionaries in relation to actual numbers in population, but another situation exists, which makes it still more unwise to send further missionaries to Palestine; we refer to the type of Jew who at the present time is in Palestine. Our friends may not know that the Jews who go to Jerusalem are of two classes: either they are the ultra fanatical Jews who in their bigotry would count it a righteousness to kill a Jew who would preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, or they are of the entirely opposite extreme, Jewish nationalists or Zionists, who are simply Atheists or Socialists or Anarchists. This latter class does not go back to Palestine because of a fear of God, or because of a desire to reestablish the Jewish nation in God's favor again, but they are filled with pride and the ambition to become a world power among the nations; in other words, their ambitions are political, not religious. They would laugh with scorn if you should tell them that they are going back to Palestine because God foretold that they would do so. You can readily understand how difficult a task it is to convert Jews from either of these two classes. It will not do to argue that the future influx of Jews to Palestine will present an unusual opportunity for evangelization, for as a matter of fact the most enthusiastic Zionist leaders do not hope for more than 10,000 Jews to go for the next year or two. It must be remembered that Palestine is not prepared at the present time to take care of unlimited numbers of Jews. And even if 10,000 Jews do go to Palestine in the next two years, they would still be of either the ultra bigoted type or of the nationalist type; so that missionaries there would be no better off with the additional population.

3d. You may have noticed in the newspapers in recent weeks that the tide of immigration has turned once more its plenitude towards American shores, one week alone recently having brought to Ellis Island over 18,000 immigrants from European countries; this by the way, was the largest total for any one week since the war began, six years ago. Multitudes come, and they will continue to come, and by far the greater majority of these new immigrants are Jews; on account of the immigration restrictions, they do not go to Jerusalem, the land of milk and honey; they come to America, the land of gold. The Bible does not predict that every Jew living in the world will go back to Palestine in the days of restoration; when the Jews returned from Babylon barely 50,000 went back, and yet that was enough to vindicate officially God's promise to restore them. Likewise today it is not at all necessary that Jews shall return to Palestine by the millions; if they succeed finally in establishing themselves on the basis of a national existence, that will be sufficient to redeem God's promise, regardless of the actual number that go back.

#### DO NOT WANT US

4th. Another surprising thing which we discovered was that every missionary with whom we corresponded both in Egypt and Palestine urgently begged us not to attempt any new mission station in Palestine; one missionary went so far as to say, that if we did so we would simply be practicing deception upon our subscribers, because we would be accomplishing nothing, and yet be securing money from our friends with which to accomplish that nothing. Another letter said that there were already too many missionaries in Jerusalem, and the situation had resolved itself into one of competition among themselves with resultant bitter feelings of envy and strife.

5th. Then the most amazing thing of all, and the thing which knocks the props out from under the whole question, was the ruling made by the British Government some months ago that no new missionary station will be allowed to open its doors in Palestine. This ruling was extended also to individual missionaries, so that no new individual is now allowed to carry on missionary propaganda in Palestine either by holding public meetings or by distribution of literature or New Testaments. It means therefore that a missionary who goes to Palestine must go as a private citizen living in some home or hotel, and hoping in some way or other to meet an individual Jew here or there with whom he may start to converse concerning the Gospel. To anyone who has traveled even in this country where social life is easy, and where people are always approachable, and who knows that even under such favorable circumstances, it is hard to approach an individual and engage him in conversation concerning Christianity, it certainly is difficult to understand how a missionary going to Jerusalem, a stranger, forbidden to conduct his mission work openly, can hope to influence any Jews to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

6th. We have asked missionaries on their way to Jerusalem this question, "Why are you so eager to go to Jerusalem, thousands of miles away, with all of the expense involved for yourself and family, when you know that there are hardly 40,000 Jews there, most of them unapproachable from a Gospel standpoint, while at the same time you know that right here in New York there are 2,000,000 Jews, with the Government giving full protection to missionaries and to missionary work, and with the Jews more open and more ready to receive your message than could ever be possible in Jerusalem?" We have never yet received a satisfactory answer to this question, and while we have no desire

to impugn the motives of one who wishes to go to Palestine, yet we sometimes wonder whether distance does not lend enchantment to the view.

#### THE LOGICAL TASK

What then is the sum total of it all? It is simply this: We have here in New York a total of 2,000,000 Jews, the largest aggregation of Jews in one spot that has ever been known in history; there are in the United States outside of New York nearly 1,500,000 more Jews scattered from coast to coast. Up to the present time the Christians of America have barely touched the fringe of the tremendous problem of evangelizing these 3,500,000 of Jews in America. This then is our first task, and not until we have accomplished this can we legitimately turn our minds and our eyes to a few thousand Jews 10,000 miles away, particularly when these few thousand Jews already have more missionaries per thousand population than any other Jewish center in all the world.

We dislike to write these lines, but we write them out of a sense of duty to our friends; we earnestly hope that we will not be misunderstood as disapproving of missions to the Jews in Jerusalem; we wish to say here emphatically that we consider mission stations there as being vitally necessary and important, and that we would gladly help any missions in Jerusalem whenever such help might be needed. But what we do say is that there are already sufficient missionaries in Jerusalem for many years to come and that sending additional workers there is like sending coals to Newcastle. We could easily have engaged a worker and sent him to Jerusalem ourselves, and it would have been a simple matter to have raised the money from our readers with which to do this; in fact we gave serious consideration to this matter recently, and because we wanted to understand the

problem thoroughly before going blindly into such a venture we made a careful investigation, with the result that we decided that we could not conscientiously go to our friends for money to carry on such a work when all the facts prove to us that a new work there would be unjustified.

**No Room.** Owing to lack of space, we are omitting this month the usual Jewish Notes department, and the Question Column; we hope to have both these departments in the next issue.

**Appeals from Europe:** We are receiving from Europe several letters a week from relatives, friends, and others who have heard of us by reputation, telling of the most awful devastation and suffering that is now going on, and beseeching us for help. We have not felt justified in taking money from our regular Poor Fund for this purpose, as we have considered that the friends who sent their gifts for that Fund, wish their money used for relief in our immediate field. Until now, we have been unable to forward money to Europe on account of the restrictions due to war conditions, and we have made no appeals to our readers for relief work in Europe. Quite recently, however, a change has come, and money is being freely forwarded by the Post Office to European countries. If, therefore, any of our readers feel led to help these sufferers, we shall be glad to receive such

contributions specified for European relief under our direction, and you will know that these gifts have reached definite individuals, and through a distinctively Christian channel.

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the prophecy in the Old Testament with the fulfillments in the New Testament concerning Christ. He followed me closely, and when I read to him Isaiah 53:5-6, "But he was wounded for our transgression, he was bruised for our iniquities . . . and with his stripes we are healed . . . and the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all," he began to weep aloud, holding his head in his hands. I asked him to kneel down with me in prayer, which he did, and while I was praying he sobbed quietly, and then followed me with a short, but sincere prayer mingled with choking tears. When we got up, tears of joy were streaming down his cheeks. Yes, the young man went rejoicing, thanking the Lord and confessing Christ as his personal Saviour! Hallelujah!

To the praise of the Lord, be it said, that a number of decisions for Christ were made during the brief time of my two months' labor.

The Christian friends who support this work with their prayers and means have a share in the success of this missionary service and our great Master says to them: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

#### SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM APRIL 1st to AUGUST 31st, 1920

##### Covering Receipt Numbers 44,839 to 46,626 Inclusive

For General Fund.....	\$11,565.45
For Relief to the Poor.....	598.85
For Literature Fund (Bibles and Tracts).....	333.38
"The Chosen People" (Subscriptions).....	664.34
Dispensary Income Account.....	500.51
For Work Among the Children.....	157.75
For Building Fund.....	17.00
For Plaza Branch Account.....	638.20
Merriam Fund.....	500.00
For Publishing Salvation Department.....	2,370.00

Total for All Purposes.....\$17,345.48

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

### We Fling Out The Battle Line

To the Jewish missionary world, and to the friends of this Mission, we announce a new and unique undertaking—a Jewish Christian monthly newspaper, printed in Yiddish and in English. This marks a new era in the methods of Jewish work, and sounds the trumpets for a forward step such as, we believe, is unprecedented since the day when the New Testament was first printed in the Hebrew language.

#### THE PROBLEM

For years we have been wrestling with the problem of how to reach the Jews on a scale beyond the limitations of our audience halls and our house to house visitations. At best, although it was always conceded that this Mission was reaching more Jews and accomplishing more genuine results than any other similar work in this country, yet these very results when viewed by us in the light of the marvelous opportunity of two millions of Jews at our doors, and possibly two million more scattered throughout this country from coast to coast, we always felt the relative littleness of our work. The larger opportunity, the greater numbers, these appealed to us and called loudly for a program of extension and aggressiveness that should never rest until every Jew in America had been reached with the knowledge of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly, these desires and convictions found expression in the development of our gospel by mail work, and then later in the sending of special tracts through the mails to thousands of Jewish names throughout the country. But this was not enough, and we always felt a lack which grew out of the fact that the gospel by mail work was not detailed enough nor was it repeated sufficiently to secure a gripping contact with the Jew who would receive the literature, although of course all of this work

had always produced results and many Jews had been led to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ through these means.

But we began to feel more and more keenly the power of the Jewish press, the great Yiddish dailies here in New York, with circulations varying from 100,000 to 200,000 copies a day, and we began to realize how tremendous was their power and how they could through a few lines in their editorial columns malign and ridicule the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and how we with our limited sphere of influence could accomplish very little in reaching the great mind of the Jewish public so as to counteract these vicious influences of the Yiddish newspapers.

#### THE SOLUTION

Out of all of the above as the background, was born the thought of the present achievement, a newspaper to be published once a month, and to be given wide circulation among the Jews, and to deal with news items and problems of the moment, and to give them the proper Christian interpretation, so that we should have a Jewish audience numbering into the thousands, to whom our message would go month after month in the printed page and who would in this way be reached with a true interpretation of Christ and His Gospel. This movement we believe was begun by the Lord Himself, and since it was first suggested and developed, we have had evidence after evidence that the Lord's hand is in it. It required, for instance, an additional budget of \$10,000 beyond our regular income to insure the success of this undertaking for one year, and our Board agreed that as soon as \$5,000 had been subscribed, they would take that as an indication that we should go ahead with the work and that there would be no doubt in their minds as to the balance of the money being secured in ample time for our needs. Within a few days

after this decision, less than a dozen friends of the mission to whom the matter had been brought privately, subscribed more than the minimum requirement of \$5,000 and as a result the first issue of the paper was sent out as of September 1st.

#### AN EDUCATIVE CAMPAIGN

We have called the paper, "*The Shepherd of Israel*." It is a sheet 9½ inches by 14 inches in size, and has four pages; the first three pages are in Yiddish, and the fourth page is in English. The object of the paper is primarily educative; that is, we want to destroy in the Jewish mind the many false teachings they have had through their newspapers and through their rabbis as to what Christianity is and as to who Christ was; after we have done this, we want at the same time to build up in the Jewish mind a true knowledge as to who Christ was and as to what Christianity is. Our present undertaking is to send out 10,000 of these papers through the mails under one cent postage, to 10,000 Jewish names that we have already selected from the Brooklyn Directory; we will send 10,000 papers again in October to the same 10,000 names, and we will continue doing so for twelve consecutive issues. Then we will discard the list of 10,000 names, and take up the next 10,000 and send them the publication every month for a year. To give you an idea of the enormity of the task, if we limit ourselves to 10,000 names each year, it will take us at least forty years to send a copy of the paper for one year each to every Jewish family in New York City; this estimate is based on an accepted population of two million Jews in New York, divided into approximately 400,000 families.

A few of the articles discussed in the first issue of "*The Shepherd of Israel*" are as follows: "The Greatest Bargain in the World," "What is a Christian," "What Love Can Accom-

plish," "Emma Goldman's Bitter Repentance," etc., etc. The thought has been to take some current news item which is occupying the Jewish mind, and from that develop the claim of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the present writing, it is too early for us to have received returns from the first mailing of this paper, but our workers report an enthusiastic reception on the part of the Jews to whom the papers are given in the house to house visitation. We ask the prayers of every friend of this Mission, that the Lord may use this new department of the work. We have called it, "The Publishing Salvation Department," having based this name upon that beautiful text in Isaiah 52:7, for our task is really to publish salvation to Zion. If you feel that you would like to have a part in this particular fund, you may please specify your gift to be used for the Publishing Salvation Fund. Only we ask that you do not let this fund divert the gifts which would normally go to the general fund; the general work is being rapidly enlarged and is in greater need of gifts than ever before; the Publishing Salvation Fund must receive extra gifts; that is, money which would not otherwise have been sent to this Mission, and we hope that this will fall under the eye of some steward of God who can give largely for we can profitably use from twenty thousand to a hundred thousand dollars a year in this department of the work alone. The size of our mailing list depends only upon the financial resources which shall be made available to us.

#### THE OPPORTUNITY

If you believe that this is the day and the hour for giving an intensive and aggressive Gospel message to the Jews of America, we now place at your disposal this new department as the channel by which you can do as large a work as you wish in reaching

the Jews not only of Brooklyn, not only of New York, but of every village, town and city of this country.

We announce further now, that we will be glad to send copies of *"The Shepherd of Israel"* to every individual or society or Jewish Mission in this country who will wish to distribute them in large numbers among the Jews of their own immediate vicinity. If our resources will permit, we will send these papers free of charge, and if our resources should be exhausted we will charge the actual cost of printing.

#### A Vacation Bible School

MISS A. E. SUSSDORFF

As an experiment we had a Daily Vacation Bible School in our Mission during July and part of August, and we feel the Lord has blessed our efforts; we had a good attendance. As we had closed our regular children's classes for the summer months, this Vacation Bible School was established in its place, so that while they had a vacation from the regular classes, they came to this new school, and we had them with us for most of the Summer; they had more Bible lessons than in the other classes, as during the Winter at the regular classes, we can only have the children for a short time after Public School.

The program of the day was as follows: singing of hymns, prayer, Bible reading and lessons, repeating of a Psalm, a lesson in music, physical exercises; then we would go to our classes, boys doing brass work, making toys, etc., girls sewing, rafia work, making paper beads, etc., and the Kindergarten which was so ably taught by Miss Esther Cohn, who is a trained Kindergarten. We are specially proud of this department of our school. How well these little children were taught, and remembered their Bible lessons, and would tell the story as they were shown a picture of

the day's lesson, and the many pretty songs and games they learned, and every day some pretty paper gift they were taught to make, so they could take home to show mother.

One day one of these little tots began to cry as the class was coming down to the Main school for closing exercises. When I inquired what the trouble was, she cried in her baby way, "I don't want any cross." I assured her we had no crosses, and she stopped crying.

One of the older girls in my class came to me and told of her neighbor, a woman, who had warned her not to go to the Mission, because they teach about Jesus. "Well," answered this girl, "I believe in Jesus, He was a Jew, and I believe in Him, and I am going to that Mission." I had a nice talk with this girl, others in the class listening too. Older people try to persuade the children not to come to the Mission, but with all the opposition, we had a fine school.

We became acquainted with one specially fine new family; four of the girls came to the school for the first time, and we will visit this family and try to get their parents to come to our meetings.

Dear friends, we ask your prayers for our young people, and for the children's work.

#### The Annual Outing

MISS ESTHER COHN

Our annual picnic, which took place July first, afforded our guests more pleasure this year than ever before, as there was a little surprise attached to it. About 150 of our mothers and children gathered in our auditorium on that morning. We had been in the habit of chartering a special surface car for this occasion, but this year it was impossible to make this arrangement with the car company. Therefore, rather than to cause disappointments, we decided to hire

automobile busses to take us to the beach. It was a delight to see the various expressions of their faces, as they spied the automobiles waiting for them. They shouted for joy and just bubbled over with surprise and excitement. We drove through some very pretty sections of Brooklyn on our way there, which the mothers enjoyed very much. Some had never realized that such scenery existed, for they have been cooped up in tenements all their lives.

When we reached the beach, the mothers and children quickly prepared themselves for bathing in the ocean, while the little tots just paddled in the water. After lunch we served ice

prayers in behalf of this class. A great many girls are still afraid to come on account of the women standing outside telling them that we brand crosses on their arms. One Tuesday afternoon, while I was giving the lesson, a little girl twelve years old, openly confessed that she believed in Christ and also said that she couldn't understand what the Jews had against such a good man and why they wouldn't accept Him as their Messiah. This was an encouragement to me, but the poor child has been greatly persecuted by the other girls and at home, and has not been allowed to come any more. Please pray for her.



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cream, and later in the afternoon we gathered our party together for that ever-joyous ride on the merry-go-round, which was accompanied with the usual excitement by both mothers and children. As there was nothing more to be desired, when this was over, everybody was willing to go home and call it a day that had been wonderfully spent and never to be forgotten. Some of the remarks on the way home were:—"I was never in Coney Island before, and I had such a swell time. Wait until I tell my father about it." "I was never in an automobile before, I'm so happy!"

We expect to open the Queen Esther Circle at the Plaza Branch very shortly, and so I would ask for your

#### The Plaza Branch

(On the first of July our brother, Rev. Michael Le Vine, of Philadelphia, was led, as we believe, of the Lord, to join the workers staff of the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews. He has devoted most of his time and energies to the work at the Plaza Branch, and we are glad to have the following brief report from his pen. Already the Lord has blessed his labors with us, and we bespeak for him the prayers and sympathy of all our friends. He is a Jewish Christian of thirty-eight years standing, and has labored long in the Lord's vineyard, both in the pastorate and in the missionary field among the Jews.)

I have known Rev. Leopold Cohn and of his work for almost a quarter of a century, and years ago I had the privilege to speak in his Mission, but not until I have been actively engaged

for the last two months at the Plaza Branch, have I fully realized the splendid, systematic and effective work done by the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews under the skillful leadership of Mr. Cohn.

No other Jewish Mission in the United States and Canada has such equipments, activities and results. The work is of God, and I praise His blessed name for the opportunity given me to labor in this corner of His vineyard. For the last two months (July and August) the following activities have been in operation at the Plaza Branch:

The Reading Room is open daily from 2 to 6 P. M. and is attracting Jewish men for reading and study. The Bible is the principal Text Book. Some inquirers are quick to learn, and it is encouraging to note their interest in hearing the Truth about Jesus the Messiah. The Reading Room is often a debating room, where warm arguments are advanced as to the Messiahship of Jesus, and from which often is dispensed the benevolence which sustains the body and soul, healing for which they did not come, but which sinks deeper than they always care to admit.

#### PREACHING SERVICES

Gospel meetings were held every Friday and Saturday evening. The closest attention was given to the sermons, which are spiritual, and nothing but the Gospel in its purity is proclaimed.

While addressing one evening a meeting at the Mission a young man in the congregation stood up several times shouting, "I will give \$25.00 if the speaker will prove to me that his statements are true and are to be found in the Hebrew Bible." I asked him to be calm and keep his seat until the meeting will be over. But he rose up again and shouted louder than before. One of our lady workers went to his seat and asked him not to interrupt the speaker. The young Jew

hastily left the hall, murmuring something to himself. When the meeting was over, I went out on my way to the "L" station (as I had to go to the Pennsylvania station to take a train for Philadelphia), and while I began to ascend the stairs, some one tapped me on my back, asking me where I was going. To my surprise, I recognized the young man who had shouted in the Hall. When I told him where I was going, he said, "All right, I'll go with you." All the time of our travel he kept on arguing on my discourse. I had taken for my text that evening Numbers 32:23 which reads: "Your sins will find you out." When we arrived at the Pennsylvania station he sat beside me in the waiting room, very much agitated, and put to me question after question. In the heat of our discussion, I missed the express train for Philadelphia and had to remain in the Waiting Room for the 12 o'clock local train. But the time was well spent. The young man opened his life's history to me, and it was indeed the life of a great sinner. I read to him the story of the Prodigal Son, Luke 15: 11-32. "Well," he said, "are you sure God can forgive me my sins?" "Yes," I replied. "God, for Christ's sake, is able and willing to forgive you now, if you will believe in your heart and confess the Messiah, for the Messiah died for the ungodly. For God so loved . . . you included, that you should not perish, but have everlasting life." The time for boarding my train arrived and I bade him goodbye. He grasped my hand in both his hands asking me when I will return, and I made an appointment to meet him at the Reading Room on Tuesday evening. Accordingly he came, but he was not the same shouting, arguing young man; he was rather nervous and had a sad expression on his face. I sat down by his side and opened the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, comparing

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The work is carried on locally and nationally. Locally, two stations are now maintained in Brooklyn, the Headquarters Building and the Plaza Branch Building (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 to purchase 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, and by means of letters, tracts and Gospels mailed by us to selected lists of Jewish names in practically every city and town of the United States. The total of such mailings numbers many thousands annually.

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.

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**Extension Work.** To help our friends tell other Christians about this Mission, we issue special leaflets, at 25c a dozen, assorted. 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.

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