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Salutation

"We go to Salute the Children of the King"—II. Kings 10: 15

With loving salutation we greet you again. We pray for "peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" for you, as it is written, "let the saints shout for joy".—Psa. 132:9

My Dearly Beloved Friends:—

The month of October has come again and, as in all previous years, we are reminded of that October in the year 1895 when the first issue of this little magazine was published. It was just one year after this Mission was founded.

Thirty years have rolled by since that first October and God's numerous blessings, like so many milestones, marking the progress, both of the mission and its organ, THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, have by far exceeded that number. We state this in a humble spirit of solemn gratitude to our Heavenly Father. The first remarkable blessings He gave us were a childlike faith and a giant-like strength. While there was registered deep in the heart the sure conviction that God called us to preach the Gospel to the Jews of this great city, there was no human help whatsoever in the matter of "those things which are needful to the body", (James 2:16) therefore there came God's gift of unswerving and strong faith that He will provide and supply all our needs. And so by that faith which was the first blessing of God, the Gospel work was started. But no sooner was the opening of the Mission accomplished than we found desperate opposition, persecution and bodily violence. Had we followed the weakness and inclination of the flesh which judges that the easy way is the providential way, the conviction and faith would have been laid aside as a sheer dream and imagination. Previous to the establishing of this mission we had an urgent call from a committee in Toronto, Canada. There was an offer of a good salary and a large circle of faithful friends and co-workers. The whole situation looked very attractive, especially to the flesh, and we "assayed to go" there "but the Spirit suffered us not."

Now it was a humanly reasonable procedure for us to regard the bitter persecution as a signal from the Lord to leave here and go to Canada, because the flesh might become too weak to stand all that bitter persecution. Its argument was to consider the open door there and not force the closed door here at the hazard of precious life. Then the invisible Saviour appeared as it were on the scene and granted us bodily and spiritual strength to patiently bear all the persecution. After a few months of persevering missionary activities there came another blessing which was of much comfort and encouragement. A Jewish lawyer and his entire family consisting of seven souls were converted.

PAVED THE WAY

The appearance of some fruitage in that barren field of mission work brought great cheer to the heart. We saw in it a realization in part of God's promise "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves". Psa. 126:6. However we had no friends with whom we could share our joys. It was only about two

years after our conversion, we had no acquaintances as we had not joined any Church. But on the first day of the week while attending a Church we met some Christians at the close of the service. Curiosity in respect to a bearded Jew attending their Church caused them to ask some questions. We told them of the work just started. They looked at each other in great silence for a few seconds. Then spoke up a tall man with a grave expression of countenance and said, "Young man, if I were you I would not waste my time on the Jews." This was followed by a lady's remark, in a tone of rebuke, "Why the Jews are the ones who crucified the Saviour". Another, "You cannot convert a Jew". On another occasion a pastor, in a long conversation, reasoned against the evangelization of the Jews on the ground that he had never read of or heard any preacher make mention of the Jews in regard to mission work among them. In addition to that the Church ought to apply all her missionary endeavors to win big nations, like China and Japan, and not misappropriate any of her talent for a few wandering tribes of Jewish descent. These and other disconcerting utterances helped the solution of the problem in our mind as to the lethargy of the Churches in respect to Jewish evangelization. It was because of lack of knowledge, either of the Scriptures or of historical facts. At that time the Jews in America had just started to develop their economic, commercial and educational powers. Their financial, literary and musical talents were just then in the making. In passing through the Ghetto on the narrow sidewalks we could see plainly what the future had in store for those "few wandering tribes". When we looked at those pushcarts, hawking peddlers, mauling, milling people, pushing, running, children selling newspapers, a girl walking along reading a book, with another under her arm, a boy hurrying by with a violin case under his arm, when we observed all that, we could predict that in the immediate future these "few wandering tribes" would produce leading men in business, banking, literary work, music, statesmanship and politics. That they would bring up prominent lawyers, senators, mayors and governors. What wonderful forces could then have been won for Christ by preaching the Gospel at a time when Satan did not yet have full control over them! But these things were hidden from Christian leaders. While listening to those remarks of the dear Christians we thought of that prayer, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". Altho those conversations took place more than thirty years ago we remember them very clearly, for they impressed themselves upon our mind as it were with indelible ink. Those, to us, surprising words from Christians paved the way for the creation of this little magazine. Then and there THE CHOSEN PEOPLE was born. The thought came, and we believe that the Holy Spirit whispered it, "Why not publish a monthly magazine in which the Scriptural truth concerning the Christians' duty to give the Gospel to the Jews shall be set forth clearly and forcibly? As soon as the thing will be made known to those who love the Lord and tremble at His word, Isa. 66:5 "it will enter their heart, causing them to arise and carry out the Lord's command."

THE HARD STRUGGLE

After a definite decision to publish the paper the question arose how to pay the printer's bill. It had been a hard struggle all the way to make two ends meet as touching the needs of the family, and how should we assume an additional liability. Here again the exercise of child-like faith brought victory. The Lord provided a printer who was willing to be guided by that same faith and so the first copy of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE came into existence. There were many other hardships and struggles which would take too much space and time to tell. When we look back over the record in our mind we are simply amazed and the question comes, How was it possible for a weak human being to go through and overcome all those insurmountable difficulties? There is a Talmudic parable in regard to the future, which says that when God will distribute the just rewards to the righteous and mete out the punishments to the wicked He will also put Satan on exhibition. Both the righteous and the wicked, upon viewing the exhibited Satan, will weep. To the righteous, Satan will appear as a monstrous mountain and they will weep over the thought that they had to battle and overcome such a tremendous power, while to the wicked He will seem just as small as the eye of a needle and they will weep because they could not withstand such a small and insignificant creature.

HELP CAME

Soon after, the Lord raised up a few friends who were willing to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to come and help us. They are still with us giving not only of their means toward the maintenance of the Mission but also of their time and energy to forward the cause of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ among the Jews. The little magazine which came as a result of conversations with prejudiced people, ignorant of the Word of God, has been under God's blessing, the means of creating many dear friends for Israel. Not only did they rally around this Gospel work, but also endeavored to do some Jewish mission work in their own towns. Now there are many Jewish missions in the large towns in the United States. This little paper has also been greatly blessed of God in opening the Scriptures to many, a fact with which our dear readers are very familiar. The more our dear friends learned, through this little paper, of the truth of the Scriptures, the more they endeavored to carry out the Divine order "To the Jew first." We owe the progress of this mission and its rich fruitage not to the rich and mighty but to those who in a humble spirit have become willing to obey the Lord's command to give to the Jews the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of Jew and Gentile. We need not go into details as to the spiritual results of this your Jewish mission because we have always informed you of every conversion and important inquiry after the truth. The Lord has always, all thru those thirty-one years, condescended to bestow His rich blessing upon our humble labors in the Gospel. There is hardly any large town in America where one will not find a Jewish convert as an outcome of this mission.

It has been most gratifying to learn of the good work of a number of those converts in different parts of this country. Some of them started to do mission work among the Jews as early as ten years ago. They are still at work with increasing activity. Just a few days ago a letter reached us from one of those dear brethren saying that in addition to his activities he had opened a new reading room for Jews in Atlantic City. We have also learned recently of good mission work carried on by some of our converts in European Jewry. Then there are thousands of Jews who were converted in this mission but made no public confession of their faith. One of our workers met such an one not long ago. He told him that he had heard us preach the Gospel about twenty-five years ago and as proof of his statement he recited the whole sermon which caused him to believe in Christ as his Saviour. This is not the only case, for our workers have met numerous Jews who have been helped by this mission to love, believe in, and worship the Lord Jesus, but found it hazardous to make a public confession. We hope however that eventually they will do so. The Lord has been also in our midst during the past summer season as you will read in the reports of our workers in the following columns. Thus we may well praise the Lord and "shout for joy" for His wonderful work in our midst during the thirty one long years.

Now that you dear friends have been co-working with us so faithfully for so many years let us ask ourselves, in the words of Psa. 116:12, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" Then let every one of us give that solemn answer, "I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord." The same Hebrew word for call is used in Gen. 3:8, concerning Abram, "and he called upon the name of the Lord." As the meaning of it there is, proclaim or preach, so let its significance be to us. We will lift up the banner of salvation still higher, spread the Gospel wider, have within us a stronger desire to save souls from among the children of Abraham, and looking unto the Lord Jesus who offered Himself up in order to save precious souls, we too will be willing to sacrifice some things in order to rescue more souls from condemnation, by offering to them salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours,

LEOPOLD COHN

EDITORIAL

Getting Old. Thirty years ago THE CHOSEN PEOPLE was born. Thirty years is not a long time as men count, hardly a generation. But if one adds to the thirty, one's own age when the publication was begun, the swiftly passing years begin to assume an aspect of age. Yet like Caleb we can say, "I am as strong this day as I was in the day", that the Lord sent me to this field Josh. 14:11. Disraeli in his "Coningsby", says "Youth is a blunder; Manhood a struggle; Old Age a regret." And we think back on all our blunders, many so grievous; and we remember our struggles, many so overwhelming; and we ponder over our regrets, many so irreparable. But we also remember that for our blunders we had a God who not only forgave us, but who gave us friends to whom our very blunders were but the opportunity to show their forbearance and love; and in our struggles again He was our Keeper and He did battle for us, and He brought up the host of His followers who joined themselves to us as fellow-warriors. And now come the regrets. And one regret stands above others—we did not trust Him more, we did not believe more fully His unimpeachable promise, "He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

For thirty years this Mission has been proving that promise, whether or no we personally held on. And perhaps another thirty years may come and go, or perhaps before this paper reaches your home, we may hear the shout in the air and be with Him forever. In either event, may He find us all ready, us here at the battle front and you back of the lines, providing the needed support for the warfare to which He has called us.

A Friend States Our Case. "I think you omit the most important of all rea-

sons for contributing to the work (Jewish Missions). That reason is the blessing attached to anything done for that race, which was first promised to Abraham and ratified through Baalam and reiterated in many ways throughout the Bible, together with a curse attached to any injury done them. It seems to me that this could be brought home to the average Gentile with great advantage to all concerned."

So writes a generous friend of the Mission. We pass it on to our readers as a finely put presentation of the argument for Jewish missionary interest. We have always hesitated to over-stress this phase of the subject, for fear of being accused by some thoughtless people of materialism and lack of modesty. But when we are rebuked for such hesitation by so faithful a friend as the one who wrote the above, we feel the least we can do is to pass the letter on to all of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE family, with a prayer that it will be a real help and blessing to them.

Classes in Yiddish. These classes will be resumed early in October. Mr. Englander is the teacher. They were first started last winter in response to a growing need among our own workers and among Christian workers in Brooklyn and New York who were coming into frequent contact with Jews, and who wished to learn the Yiddish so as to be able to deal more intelligently with those Jews.

Any Christian will be welcome to these sessions, which will be held two evenings a week; the definite evenings and hours have not at this writing been decided upon, but any interested friend may telephone or write us for the exact days and hours, for by the time this paper reaches you, these details will have been definitely fixed.

Give Them Out. We have on hand several thousand copies of the May issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. If any of our friends can use extra copies for distribution we will appreciate hearing from them promptly; as long as these copies last we will be glad to furnish them at 2 cents a copy. Please state exactly how many copies you will use, and enclose in your letter a remittance on the basis of 2 cents for each copy requested.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

The Vacation Bible School
BY MISS AMY E. BLOMQUIST

I wish to thank those who have prayed for our Vacation Bible School and assure them that their prayers have been answered. God has richly blessed us, we have seen children take a definite stand for Christ and believers grow. Our teachers have worked together in harmony and cooperation, our one aim and prayer being that lost souls might be saved. Every morning the teachers met together in prayer and we give Him all the glory for the success of the school.

Our opening exercises were a novel feature this year; we took an imaginary trip around the world, each day stopping off at a different country to learn something about the customs and living conditions in foreign lands, but first of all to bring the children face to face with the fact that in Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah, is the real hope of the world. To make the study more interesting, outside speakers were invited to come in, foreign missionaries, and friends who had visited different countries, to tell the children true incidents which they had witnessed and experienced.

In our individual classes we made a detailed study of the life of Christ from His birth to His ascension—memorizing one passage of Scripture each day. Then twice we held Scripture contests between the boys and the girls. He has said "My word shall not return unto me void". Pray with us that God will bless the Word that has been planted in their hearts and use it in their testimonies for Him. Some of our children have been doing personal work with playmates and I wish to give you the written testimony of one dear little believer only ten years of age:—

"On August 6, 1925, I have wanted to go to my aunt and I seen a girl that went to our mission and she has been absent and I asked her why?

Her friend was standing near by and asked what I was talking about and I said do you know about Jesus Christ? This girl said no. Well I said do you know that he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins and that if we believe in His name we would be saved and that we were going to heaven and that Jesus is coming back some day to take us up to heaven but only the believers will be allowed and the unbelievers will have to be judged for sinning and they would have to tell all the bad things they have done and the people that believe and preach to others when they are up in heaven are going to have a reward from our father and Jesus Christ the Savior who died for us that we might have peace and Eternal Life. We sang songs and went up to the girl's house that went to the mission and had the Bible read to her and we asked her if she believed in Jesus and she said yes, then we had prayer and I went home. I was happier than ever because that girl was going up to heaven now and I said this verse to her—We love Him because he first loved us".—Lillie.

Many people claim that Daily Vacation Bible Schools are only a waste of time and that they have little true Scriptural value. This summer has proved, more than ever, how effective they can be made. As proof of this statement I think you will be interested to read some extracts from essays written by the children in answer to the interrogation,—“Why do I like this school, and what have I enjoyed the most?”

"I like it because they teach about Jesus, because He died on the cross to save us from sin—and I am sure I am saved by believing in Jesus Christ our Savior.

I liked the trip around the world and I would like to go to Mexico to teach them about Jesus how he died for our sins and when Jesus comes again if they believe they will go up to heaven and have a beautiful time and have peace and Eternal Life".—Lillie.

"I like the school because we do woodwork. I like the school because I got good teachers. I like the school because we study about Jesus Christ. I like the school because the school likes me".—Emanuel.

"I like the Bible School because it is God's house. They learn you all about Jesus Christ. They teach you nice songs, they also teach you lovely lessons from the Bible. I love the work they teach us to make. I would like to learn more about Jesus Christ. I would like to teach it to those who do not know Him".—*Bessie*.

"We love the Bible because it is so much interesting it tells us about the word of God and about Jesus who died for our sins. We've been taught also about John 3:16 and it said about God who gave up his begotten Son for who so ever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. We love the songs about Jesus so much. Oh how it thrills me when I hear about the verse what we have learned—Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to all the creatures".—*Yetta*.

"I like in this school because our Messiah saves us if we believe, he will take us up to heaven. I am so glad that I have a school to learn about our beautiful Messiah. The children in Japan have not got a school like we have".—*Fannie*.

"I like to come to this Bible School because I learn many things about God and Jesus. I learn how to sew and how to remember songs and verses about Jesus. The verse I like is—Jesus said unto him Thomas because though has seen me though hast believed blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed. The song I liked best is Jesus died for all the children in the world. If you come to this school you will learn many things to".—*Jessie*.

"I like this Bible School because it makes me love Jesus with all my heart the Bible also and nice songs about Jesus Christ. I would like to go to India some day and I would teach the Indians about Jesus how he died for all the world. Red or yellow black or white he died for them all".—*Helen*.

On Wednesday, August 12th, the children gave a Missionary pageant, "Into all the World", taking in all the countries visited in our trip. There was also a display of the children's handwork. Over one hundred children attended and many of the mothers and interested friends came to see the pageant.

On Thursday, August 13th, we had our final outing at Ferry Beach. Both to and from the Beach the children sang the Gospel choruses which they had learned at the school. When they sang, "Oh how I love Jesus", voluntarily and repeatedly, it touched my heart to hear Jewish children sing it so heartily. The trip reminded me of a Gospel wagon with messengers singing the good news abroad. Just before we left the Beach we got together in a group and sang our testimonies to those about us. Let me in closing repeat the words of our class song and motto:—

SHARING WITH OTHERS

Let us make a solemn plan
As the children of a King.
Let us try the best we can
New children in His name
to bring.

Chorus:

Sharing with others
The gift of His love,
Of His Kindness, of His mercy,
A promise of a home above.
And teaching to others, His way and
His will
Is not this the truest lesson of this
Bible School?

Answered Prayers

BY MISS A. E. SUSSDORFF

When visiting the homes of several of the girls in my class in our Daily Vacation Bible School, I met the mother of one girl. This woman has been coming to our meetings and to Mothers' Class for several months, and has confessed publicly that she believes. Her daughter-in-law was a member of our sewing school when a little girl and she too confessed she believes.

The two older daughters of this mother have confessed to me they believe; the older of the two said, "I feel so different since I have come in this mission." The other day I had a talk with the younger of these two, and asked her if she really had accepted Jesus, "Oh yes, I really believe", she told me, "I would not think of going to bed without praying to God in the

name of Jesus, and thank Him for everything, and ask Him to protect us during the night. He answered my prayer. I dropped 50c out of the window I was opening and I prayed to Jesus, and I found it as soon as I ran downstairs. No one picked it up. We know God answers our prayers, because we pray in Jesus name." The mother also testified of answered prayer, for she said, "Shall I tell you of a wonderful answer that came as soon as I prayed? My oldest girl was seeking employment during the vacation period, and try as she would all doors were closed. She was very discouraged, and I went to the window and looked up to heaven and prayed, 'Oh God, you know I have accepted your Son as my Messiah. I pray in His name, Give my daughter a position. You know how badly we need the money she may earn.' And daughter and I went to a Jewelry store, and I asked the man did he need a girl in his store, and he did and gave her employment. Haven't I a wonderful God?"

Another girl in my class who confessed her faith in Christ before all the teachers and some of the scholars standing around, has to suffer persecution at the hands of her older brother; she told him she believes in Jesus and he beat her, so today she told me, "When I do not come to the class, you may know my brother watches me so I cannot come." This same little girl has learned to sing, "Yes, Jesus loves me" in an African language and she whispered to me the other morning, "I can't sing 'Yes, Jesus loves me' in English at home, nor can I sing it in Jewish, because they will punish me; so I sing it in African, and no one knows what I am singing but God." Our children have learned this hymn in the African language thru Mrs. Lanning, one of our workers, who was a missionary in Africa.

One of our boys, nine years of age, did a naughty thing in day school, and his teacher sent him home and told him to bring his mother. His mother, a busy woman with a family of eight children said to him when she learned what he had done, "Why didn't you deny it?" "Oh no, mama, I would not lie even if I am left back in this class, because if I lie and I should die, God would not take me in. If the teacher does not promote me this term, I will be next term, but if I am left back by God, that is forever." The mother told me this incident and said he really made her feel ashamed.

A number of Gentile children mostly Italian, have come to our Daily Vacation Bible School, and the Jewish children in my class have complained. "Why let in the Gentile children? The Italians call us Christ-killers and say they have the only true God." Our lessons during the whole term were on the life of Christ and I had a wonderful opportunity to show these Italian girls what the Bible said on this subject. Every girl was required to read from the Bible in our classes and memorize Scripture verses. There were no more complaints during the rest of the term.

Experiences of the Summer Work

BY REV. A. M. LEWIS

Not long ago as I left the Plaza Mission two young Jews, well dressed, came in, asking what the Mission is doing among the Jews. I told them we preach the truth about Jesus, the Messiah of the Jews. To one I sold a tract and to both I read some tributes to Christ by great Jewish scholars and rabbis. They were amazed at the wonderful testimonies in favor of Jesus and His mission as the Messiah. One of the men favored communism, and criticized the rich thinking that our work is supported by millionaires who rob the poor out of their hard earnings. I told him that our work is supported

by people who believe in Jesus, love the Jews and are in moderate circumstances.

We get visitors of great variety. Some time ago a Jew with his wife came to our Plaza Mission. Our talk was about religion. By and by he told me he did not believe there is a God. I gave him many arguments to convince him that this was untrue and he admitted at the end of our conversation that he believes in God. The tracts I gave him he accepted in good spirit and left, promising to come again. Not long ago I saw him with his wife at our Saturday night service where he gave enthusiastic testimony to his belief in Christ.

Now let me give you an illustration of a Jew who is entirely different from the one described above. The man of whom I am writing is old, tall, well dressed, of fair appearance, seemingly in good circumstances. He does not work on account of old age. He finds it pleasant to go from one Jewish mission to another, disturbing the meetings and annoying the missionaries. Though he is no Hebrew scholar, he likes to put on airs as if he knew everything. He carries a book of a Jewish author from which he cites some criticisms about Jesus. For instance, St. Matt. 5:39,—“But I say unto you that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.” He questions Christ’s wisdom in such a teaching. Whatever answer we give him does not satisfy him. As a rule he wants to talk all the time. We have shown him patience and kindness and pray the Holy Spirit may change his heart and convince him that Jesus is the Messiah.

The Shepherd of Israel I distribute faithfully each day among the Jews in the tenements and at the shops. Many receive the paper gladly, and some not. Our Plaza Mission is visited almost

daily by Jews asking for tracts, for New Testaments, or Bibles. Some Jews get the literature free of charge and those who can afford pay us a small amount, always less than cost. Many students at the Jewish schools in New York City, where they are trained to become teachers among the Jews, come to the Mission and buy Bibles; they also take an interest in the New Testament, and have some high opinions of Christ but as a whole they are free thinkers. They do not believe the Bible is the Word of God; it is only a book of antiquity whose moral teaching is of much value. Yet it is really remarkable what admissions are made by Jewish rabbis and scholars with reference to Christ. One is almost bound to think the time is not far distant when in great numbers the Jews will publicly take a firm stand for Jesus as their Messiah. Let us pray for that day.

News From the Plaza Branch

BY MISS E. R. HASBROUCK

This summer, with its many happenings, has passed by and we are all one season nearer Eternity. As I look back on the days and weeks this quotation comes to me, “Only one life, it will soon be past; only what’s done for Jesus will last.” How some day we are all going to wish we had done more for Jesus!

It is not an ordinary occurrence to have a Jew come and ask for a copy of the New Testament and yet I myself have passed into Jewish hands 47 copies of the New Testament in Hebrew or Yiddish also several copies of the Old Testament, besides many copies of the separate gospels and over 300 copies of *The Shepherd of Israel*.

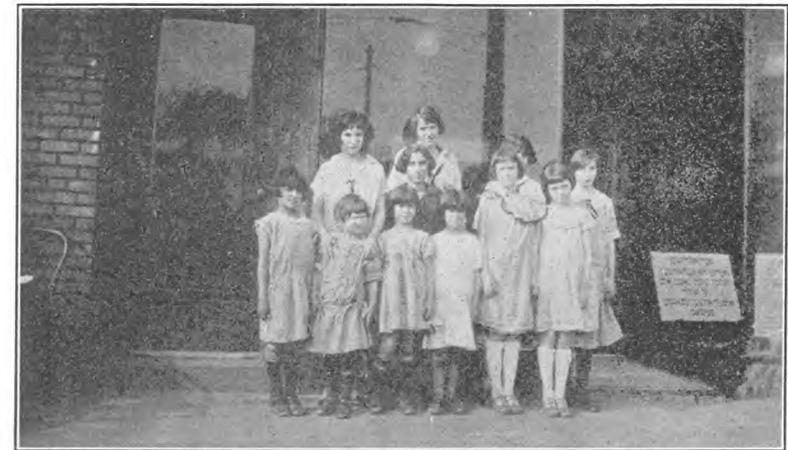
The women who live near the Plaza Mission have become friendly with the exception of one, the one I wrote about who would not allow her children to attend our classes. They have since been allowed to come, but recently the oldest child, who has believed and learned to pray, has met with persecution. One day toward the close of the session as we were having our

story, her grandmother rushed in, slapped her, and scolded, because she was allowed to enter again.

God is certainly working wonders in the hearts of my sewing-school girls, for which I thank Him. A picture of a few you can see with this article. The little girl of whom I wrote before, stands in the center and she is still holding true, and is a testimony to the others. There are four who have made open confessions of faith since then, including this child I just wrote about whose grandmother whipped her; but they are not as determined

little soldiers as the first one. Please pray for all.

Jews will not kneel to pray, as a rule, but my girls have been interested enough to trust God and now all the girls of my class kneel by their chairs and pray audibly in Jesus’ name. One little girl prayed “Dear Jesus, I don’t care if the devil trembles when we are on our knees, because I want to please Jesus and I ask you to make us all believe more and help my father and mother believe.” And that father and mother have talked with me and the father has been in the mission.



A PLAZA BRANCH GROUP

On Fifth Avenue

BY MR. PHILIP ENGLANDER

In the sweat-shop district on Fifth Avenue, N. Y., I have continued my visits and distribution of copies of *The Shepherd of Israel*. Many know me and as soon as they see me they gladly accept the paper. On one occasion when I approached a group, one pointed at me, “The Messiah is here!” “No”, I said, “He is not here yet, but He will be here soon” and I ended with the last sentence of the second Psalm, “Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him”.

“Do you really believe” one asked, “that Psalm 2 refers to Christ In that chapter it reads: ‘Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance’. And here we see that Christians are throwing Him aside (referring to the trial at Dayton). Why then do you pick on us Jews?”

By this time a large circle of Jews was around me and every one had something to say; but as soon as I began to explain the Psalm all were silent. I showed them the difference between Gentile and Christian, rebuking them that they preferred to follow Gentiles who never loved the Jews, and with them denounce Christ, than to join true Christians, who love Christ and because of Him also love the Jews.

Many questions were asked, which gave me the chance to instruct them concerning the first as well as the second coming of the Messiah. Most of them listened attentively, but one shook his fist and ground his teeth at me, and promised to look into the matter further.

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While visiting Mr. M., the owner of a music store, who claimed to be an infidel, he said that if I would prove to Him that there is a supreme Being,

he would believe in Christ. I then reminded him of the fifteen million Jews in existence as fifteen million proofs that God is living and is true to His promises. If there was no God, there would be no Jews living today after having countless enemies in all times, trying to destroy them. But God in His providence keeps them alive for a certain purpose, "Ye are my witnesses saith the Lord - - - - - before me there was no God formed neither shall there be after me." Isa. 43:10. But being a follower of Voltaire and Ingersoll he wondered why these great thinkers didn't recognize this proof and believe.

Finally I asked him whether he is happy in his unbelief. At that he was cornered and had to admit that he was the unhappiest of the unhappy, living an isolated life, as he was lame and unhealthy. "But" he continued "if what you claim is true, why doesn't God make me strong and well?" "Because you won't let Him", I answered, "you have broken off all communication with Him and His Messiah who came to seek and to save that which was lost."

He told me that since he visited me in the office several months ago, he often had thought of what I had said

and he will now more than ever, try to give God a chance to make him happy through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Some weeks ago I entered a kosher butcher shop and met Mr K, and his aged father the butcher. The son introduced me as the Jewish missionary and I wondered if he was inclined to use the long knife in his hand on me. But praise God, he did not do so.

I remarked that there were two sorts of Jews, foolish and wise, and that he seemed to be of the latter kind. "O I know you missionaries," he said, "I read the New Testament and talked with missionaries while in Russia and even there they tried to get me." "No," I corrected him "not to *get* you but to *give* you something, even the Messiah your Saviour of whom Moses and the prophets wrote and without whom it is not worth while to live or to die."

The son spoke favorably of our teachings and has evidently attended our meetings a number of times. The old man finally agreed that Christ is the only One who could unite mankind and that there must be some real power in His message since so many believe in Him.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM

APRIL 1st to AUGUST 31st, 1925

Covering Receipt Numbers 2,771 to 5,418 Inclusive

For General Fund	\$18,093.21
For Relief to the Poor	728.52
For Literature Fund (Bibles and Tracts).....	269.04
"The Chosen People" (Subscriptions).....	1122.45
Dispensary Income Account	602.20
For Work Among the Children	152.59
For "The Shepherd of Israel".....	3,912.79
For Plaza Branch Account	637.00
For Jewish Christian Home.....	311.75

Total for All Purposes.....\$25,829.55

JEWISH NOTES

Sir Herbert Samuel, for five years High Commissioner in Palestine left that county last July and Lord Plumer, who was appointed in his place assumed the office on the 26th of August. This change has brought a feeling of sorrow to the heart of every Jew interested in Zionism, for two reasons, first because the Zionist organization and its leader Dr. Chaim Weitzman had suggested to the British colonial office a different successor as their choice for High Commissioner long before the expiration of the term of Sir Herbert Samuel. They now feel they have suffered a humiliating defeat. Second, five years ago when Sir Herbert Samuel, appointed High Commissioner by the King of England, arrived in Palestine, the Jews received him with great joy owing to the fact that a Jew, their own brother in the flesh had come to rule over the Holy Land. They imagined that the epoch of Jewish kings had been resumed and that Genesis 49:10, "the sceptre shall not depart from Judah" etc. had been realized. They saw in him the symbol of the future Jewish kingdom. The Zionists especially considered it the most important historical occurrence since the destruction of Jerusalem. Now with the change of High Commissionership all that cherished hope has vanished.

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The fourteenth Congress of the World Zionists was opened in Vienna on the 18th of August. Simultaneously, Austria's dark forces broke loose and caused injuries to 60 persons and the death of two. It was an anti-semitic riot. The sect called Hakenkreuzler had previously threatened violence in case the government permitted the Zionist delegates to assemble in their Christian city. At one time it was feared that the Executive Committee of the Congress would cancel the meetings to avoid a recurrence of the rioting. However the

proceedings of the Congress remained undisturbed. The number of the rioters was over ten thousand while the police force consisted of between six and seven thousand.

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The Zionist Congress in Vienna resolved to remove the remains of Dr. Herzl from the grave in the cemetery in Vienna and carry them to the Holy Land, interring them in the Land of Promise for which he fought. He died 21 years ago last July. At the outset his plan was to secure a charter from the Sultan. He was so sure of success that he wrote in his diary that there would be no necessity of buying a family plot in Vienna since "I am going to die in Palestine". A day before he died he said to a friend who visited the sick chamber: "Greet Palestine for me. I have given my blood for my people." In 1894 he wrote, upon reviewing Dumas' "Femme de Claude," "The good Jew Daniel wants to find the Home of his race and lead his dispersed brethren home. But just such a Daniel knows that the Jews will not be served with their historic home. It is childish to seek the geographic situation of this land

And if the Jews really 'returned home,' they would discover the next day that they do not belong any more together. For centuries they root in new Homelands, de-nationalized, different from one another, only similar in characteristics by the pressure that environs them everywhere." That does not sound like the expression of a Zionist, but soon after that episode Dr. Herzl suddenly changed his views. He published a book entitled, "The Jewish State", called the Zionist Organization into being, cast his lot with his people and never turned his back upon them.

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In a conversation with a leading Zionist a priest said, "We Christians when we are going to build a Church edifice, first purchase ground, put up the building placing in it bells, and

then we ring the bells. You Zionists ring the bell before you have the building." Their glowing reports are sometimes misleading. Many thousands of the Jewish immigrants have left Palestine but the reports ignore that fact.

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There was an increase of 100 per cent in the Jewish population of Palestine in the last five and one-half years from January 1920 to May 1925. Twenty-five per cent of the entire Jewish population of Palestine immigrated during the last twelve months; during the last few years the National Fund has increased its land holdings by 100 per cent; the population of the Keren Hayesod agricultural settlements has within the past year increased nearly 50 per cent with steady consolidation of the work of colonization; unemployment has been practically eliminated. These are some of the outstanding facts revealed in a statement submitted to the Representative Assembly (Asefat Hanivcharin) of the Palestinian Jewish Community by the Palestine Zionist Executive, and made public by the national headquarters of the Keren Hayesod. It says: "If we cast our eyes backward and then look again at what is occurring today, the salient feature that strikes us is that the rate of immigration has trebled. From a figure of between 7,000 to 8,000 a year, it has passed to a total of from 25,000 to 30,000 in spite of the White Book. The fact that Palestine has been able to absorb immigrants at such a rate is the best proof of the astonishing progress which has been made in the economic revival of the land."

"The second salient feature of the progress during the past few years is the increase of our holdings of land. Due largely to the remarkable energy

of the chairman of the Keren Kayemeth, that Fund, an organ of the Zionist Organization, had in the course of the last year alone doubled the holdings of lands which is the inalienable property of the Jewish people.

"Land and men, these are the indispensable elements to progressive construction and in these two respects progress has been such as to entitle us all to a large measure of satisfaction, in spite of minor disappointments in various directions."

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New Rochelle, N. Y., July 15th—Determined to die in Jerusalem, Benjamin Cohen, 52 years old, a clothing merchant sailed today for the Holy Land, but his wife secretly sailed for the same destination equally determined to persuade her husband to return and spend his last days with her, his seven children and his business here.

For several years Mr. Cohen has been obsessed by the belief that he should die in Jerusalem. Before he sailed he turned over his business to his seven children, the oldest of whom is fifteen. He sailed by way of Spain, and to prevent his discovery of her Mrs. Cohen sailed by way of Liverpool on another boat. She will meet her husband in Jerusalem.

In the meantime the seven children, through friends, are conducting two stores here, which are valued at more than \$200,000.—*New York Times*, July 16th, 1925.

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"Jew Saves Church—Pays Paving Debt of 'Church of the Presidents'." Looked well in the newspapers. St. James Protestant Episcopal Chapel at Long Branch, N. J., in which six Presidents of the United States having worshipped, was saved from the auctioneer's hammer by Ernest Levy of Long Branch and New York, a Jew, who paid in full the city's assessment of \$600 for a paving tax. This is not the first time that a Jew has come to the rescue of the Church. We wonder when the Church will come to the aid of the Jew.—*The Jewish Daily News*, Aug. 27th, 1925.

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As the object of the American Board of Missions to the Jews is to reach the entire field of American Jewry, it is our desire and purpose to establish Mission stations in such important Jewish centers as may be in greatest need of a Gospel testimony, consistent with the Lord's will, as evidenced through His provision of workers and funds. This work of national evangelization of the Jews is further being accomplished by our Field Secretaries, who come into personal contact with Jews in their travels; also by means of letters, tracts and Gospels mailed to selected lists of Jews is further being accomplished by and many towns of the United States; and finally by our Yiddish-English monthly paper, *The Shepherd of Israel*, which has a large circulation among the Jews in all parts of the world.

At the present time, two Mission stations are being maintained by the

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

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