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Salutation

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

My dearly beloved friends:—

Through blessed fellowship in our common King and Savior Jesus I salute you again. God grant that His personal relationship with you shall be such that you can say, with literal truth, "The King saved us out of the hand of our enemies." 2 Samuel 19:9.

OUR EXPERIENCES

Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, for He has granted me a practical and personal acquaintance with the above text. From the time that this Mission began its work, over 22 years ago, we have met opposition and difficulty almost without interruption but as often as we have been opposed so often has the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we serve, delivered us. Though seemingly in the hands of the enemy, yet the Lord showed us, as he showed Job, that the opposing forces are limited, and dwindle into naught at the presence of the mighty God Emmanuel.

The trials of this Mission have been many and varied. When we had our first convert, many of the common Jews rose up against us. Later, when the number of converts increased, rabbis became our bitter opponents, seeking in every way to prevent Christians giving support to this Mission. Still later, when we began to gather the growing numbers into a little church, unruly Jews began to use violence, attacking converts, and intimidating the children. This also proved unavailing because, "The King saved us out of the hand of our enemies."

Recently opposition was met in the more subtle form of private literature aiming to destroy faith in the Mission and undermine confidence in the Missionaries. This persistent propaganda to which a few men of good standing gave unwitting support constantly widened its scope and continued for a period of more than two years.

THE INVESTIGATION

We ourselves took no active steps to counteract these methods, having sufficient to occupy our time in our many-sided work, and knowing that you as our friends, would not be influenced by these reports.

However, the situation became so acute among other people that finally through the co-operation of Dr. James M. Gray, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, and Mr. Delevan L. Pierson, editor of the "Missionary Review of the World," a special committee was formed last April, to make a thorough and exhaustive inquiry into every detail of the subject. This committee consisted of Rev. John F. Carson, D. D., pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, and former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States; Hugh R. Monro, Esq., Vice-President of the Niagara Lithograph Co., of New York, and Mr. E. B. Buckalew, Secretary of the Extension Department of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. They went into all the details, and spent nearly two months doing so, with the result that in September we received the completed report which we now publish on pages 5 and 6 of this issue. It will speak for itself as will also the personnel of the committee. The members are men of the highest integrity and Christian culture. It was not our intention to print this report in *The Chosen People* because our friends do not need it, but many wished to have copies for distribution, therefore we have decided to publish it now. It will be a strength to all of our friends, and at the same time it will help us to enlist the support of many who have hitherto been prejudiced by these unfounded rumors.

WORKING WITH TWO HANDS

Not only have we seen the mighty hand of our God and Saviour turning away all harm aimed at this Mission but He has also shown us His working power in almost supernaturally leading and guiding many of His children through Christ to come and help us in this work of spreading the Gospel among God's chosen people. It reminds us of Nehemiah 4:17, "They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands, wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon." That is the way in which the Lord has been defending this Mission on the one hand and upbuilding it on the other hand. From what we have related above it is evident that the Lord Himself has kept us as it were, from fire that it should not burn us and from water that it should not drown us. This is the hand that "held a weapon."

THE HAND THAT WROUGHT IN THE WORK

Now, to the honor and glory of our Saviour let us look to the hand that "wrought in the work." From its very inception this Mission received its support in so wonderful a way as to demonstrate that it had been effected by the direct agency of God's power and not by natural causes. A reading of my autobiography entitled "A Modern Missionary to an Ancient People" will reveal impressive illustrations of these experiences. As the work continued onward the same mighty hand of the Lord presented no interruption in its course. From month to month and from year to year, during the entire existence of this Mission, we have seen His wonderful power in supplying all our needs. Frequently for the edification of our readers, we have published extracts from letters telling how the Lord Himself had led the writers to help this mission with their means and prayers. Just as I am writing this a letter comes, containing the following words:—

"Now I want to tell you of a little thing that occurred this morning, that seemed to me to be a direct answer to a prayer. Yesterday morning while praying I said, 'Teach me what thou wilt have me to do, and make my duty plain before me.' This morning, as I opened my little text book containing texts for every day in the year, the verse for today said 'Comfort ye, comfort ye my people saith your God, speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem,' Isa. 40: 1-2 verses. Just then your letter came to hand and I felt I was guided to send to you. Hoping it will do some good, if not a large amount."

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS STILL MORE WONDERFUL

While these things referred to above are remarkable for the evidence of God's power in them all, there is another feature which still more strongly sets forth a deviation from the known laws of nature. The spiritual side of this mission, the unceasing flow of Jews to the meetings, the courage which enables them to encounter with firmness the danger of being attacked by the lawless element called the "Anti-Missionary Society," is in itself contrary to the established constitution and course of Jewish custom of thousands of years standing. Where is the psychologist that can explain to us why these Jews are willing to suffer persecution from their own brethren who curse and ostracize them for the only reason that they attend our Gospel services? Moreover, the Lord Jesus has so eminently owned and blessed our gospel ministration that by this means He has made many converts whom God has designed for eternal salvation.

These have been brought to Christ and added to the Church in a holy covenant by baptism. This has happened in spite of the Zionistic movement which has inflated the Jews with the prospect of soon securing the promised land and autonomy of government. All these things go to show that the mighty hand of God is working wonderfully in our midst, completing the bride of our Lord Jesus Christ who will soon come again. And we "shall be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight" and take courage. Let us together thank Him for the manifestation of His presence with us and for the wonderful work He has done through all these years and let us henceforth labor with greater zeal than ever before.

Yours in His blessed service,

LEOPOLD COHN

A REPORT OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO EVERY READER

Upwards of twenty years ago the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews was founded by Leopold Cohn, a Hebrew, who a short time previous had been converted to Christianity. The Mission has become widely known, has acquired a considerable property and enlists the interest and support of Christians in all parts of the country. For several years rumors reflecting on the conduct of the Mission and its superintendent, Mr. Cohn, have been in circulation and more recently circular letters and printed statements containing specific allegations as to irregularities and misconduct have been sent through the mails to friends of Jewish work.

At the suggestion of several Christian organizations and Christian workers, and on the initiative of Dr. James M. Gray, editor of "The Christian Workers Magazine," and Mr. Delavan L. Pierson, editor of the "Missionary Review of the World," steps were taken early in the present year to form an independent committee of investigation which would thoroughly examine the charges made against Mr. Cohn and inquire into every phase of the conduct of the missionary enterprise of which he is the recognized head. The committee as constituted consisted of Rev. John F. Carson, D. D., of Brooklyn, Mr. Hugh R. Monro, Vice-President of the Niagara Lithograph Co., of New York, and Mr. E. B. Buckalew, Secretary of the Extension Department of The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. Mr. Roy M. Hart, attorney-at-law, served as counsel to the committee.

Sessions of the committee extended over a period of nearly two months, during which a large number of witnesses were examined and much documentary and other evidence. The mission premises were visited, the equipment inspected and careful inquiry made into all branches of the work through the employed workers, converts and others. Financial and accounting methods were examined by a leading firm of public accountants on behalf of the committee and investigation was made of real estate records, bank accounts, minutes and other evidence bearing on the conduct of the Mission and the relation of Leopold Cohn and his son, Joseph Cohn, thereto.

The charges laid before the committee may be grouped under three general heads: (1) Financial irregularities; (2) Inefficiency in the conduct of the work; (3) Charges affecting the personal character of Mr. Cohn. It was the original intention of the committee to limit its investigation to specific evidence on these points, but the inquiry was broadened to include a wide range of matters developed or suggested during the examination of witnesses. The long duration of the investigation and the extent of the testimony taken is thus explained by the effort of the committee to sift out these more or less collateral matters and ascertain not alone the truth or falsity of the main accusations, but whether or not Mr. Cohn had shown such disregard of proprieties as would weaken confidence in his Christian character and leadership. As the result of this extended inquiry, the committee presents the following conclusions:

(1) Mission Finances: We find the charge that money subscribed for the work of the mission was devoted to other purposes, and that the financial methods are generally lax, is wholly without support. The property occupied by the Mission is in the hands of a regularly constituted and responsible Board of Trustees and thus surrounded with the usual legal safeguards to insure its permanent use for the objects for which the Mission was organized. It appears that certain other property was given to Mr. Cohn, or his son, to be held personally or in trust for the Mission, the donors specifically stating the conditions under which the property was to be held. After a careful examination

expressed wishes of the donors are being carried out to the fullest extent. The expert accountant employed by the committee, rendered a favorable report on the accounting system of the Mission, and this opinion is sustained by a personal examination of the system by the members of the committee. Several suggestions advanced by the committee and its accountant, designed to make the system more complete, will, we are assured, be put into effect at once.

(2) General Efficiency of the Work: The Committee finds that the charge of inefficiency is not sustained. The Headquarters of the Mission at 27 Throop Avenue is a large, well equipped building in which various lines of effort adapted to this special field are carried on. The workers are an intelligent and earnest body, and we believe the measures employed are well calculated to lead those who attend the Mission into an intelligent faith and to build them up in the Christian life. A Hebrew Christian Church has been formed, made up largely of converts, who worship in the Mission Building with Mr. Cohn as pastor. The testimony of a number of these converts, together with that of several pastors and Christian workers of high standing, and who have had long and intimate knowledge of the work, tends to show that the labors of Mr. Cohn and his co-workers have been fruitful in a large measure.

(3) Character of Leopold Cohn: Charges reflecting on the personal character of Rev. Leopold Cohn the committee finds to be wholly unsustainable. These charges, which are of the gravest nature and specific in character, called for the most searching inquiry. In addition to the direct examination of witnesses the committee was able, through the assistance of a number of disinterested Christian workers, to follow up practically every clue which seemed to afford the slightest evidence as to these matters, and the result has been to prove conclusively that Mr. Cohn has been the victim of persecution of the most outrageous and conscienceless sort. Many of the accusations in this respect have proved to be without a shred of foundation, while others were built up with shrewd cunning in an effort to attach a sinister significance to the most innocent circumstances. The Committee cannot express in too strong terms its condemnation of several men who joined in this shameless attempt to defame Mr. Cohn and destroy the influence of the Mission, the upbuilding of which has been his life work. Other good men have doubtless been led unwittingly to give support to these baseless charges, but back of practically all of the evidence presented to this committee tending to call in question the sincerity, integrity and ability of Mr. Cohn, was evident the influence of this small group of accusers, who for various reasons, had conceived a violent prejudice and become bitterly hostile to him and his work.

As a result of these weeks of painstaking inquiry the committee has found no evidence which could be substantiated which affords a reasonable basis for any of the charges made by his accusers. On the other hand there has been abundant testimony by Pastors, Missionaries, and other Christian workers of the highest character, who have been in close association with Mr. Cohn and his work for periods of from five to twenty years, affirming in strongest terms his integrity and self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of Jewish evangelization. This testimony has been confirmed by correspondence, sworn statements and documentary evidence of such unimpeachable character as to produce in the minds of the committee the conviction that Rev. Leopold Cohn is entitled to the confidence of the Christian public and that the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews is an effective Missionary Agency.

(Signed)

HUGH R. MONRO,
JOHN F. CARSON,

EDITORIAL

"Until." A Presbyterian pastor recently took us to task. He argued that we were not emphasizing sufficiently the vital urgency of the Jewish Mission enterprise. "Why," he said, "you have the strongest argument in the world in one single verse—Matt. 23: 39, 'Ye shall not see me henceforth till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.' If Christian people once realized that Christ must come back to earth just as soon as the Jews are converted, there would be an awakening such as has not been known since Luther."

This thought provokes our serious consideration. The statement of Christ can be regarded only as a conditional promise. To paraphrase, "Whenever ye (Jews) shall welcome me, I will come back." It cannot be regarded as purely didactic prophecy for if it were such there would be no conditional clause. But if it is still insisted that the verse is prophecy only, in spite of the conditional clause, then are we driven to the untenable conclusion that Christ was simply teasing the Jews, inasmuch as He said one thing—a thing impossible of occurrence—and meant something else.

But we cannot accuse the Lord of insincerity, and we are forced to the final inference—a true exegesis of this remarkable passage can mean only that if the Jews shall be converted at any period in the present age, then the Lord will come back immediately upon that conversion. The possibility is there; it has been with us nearly 2,000 years—to convert the Jews is to bring Him back to reign.

Of course, if the Church does not evangelize the Jews, and maintains her attitude of indifference to them, then the Lord is not to blame for that, and the Jews are not to blame, for they have not heard, and do not know the truth. The Church alone is to blame, and if there should sweep over the church a darkness and a powerlessness, may it not be because of her

Another striking, almost startling, fact is that the Jews are the only people of whom Christ makes such a remarkable barometer; He never says, "When the Gentiles are converted, then I will come." The nearest approach to such a statement is in Matt. 24:14, "And the Gospel shall be preached as a witness unto all nations." But this does not even imply conversion, nor does it infer any action whatever, favorable or unfavorable, on the part of the "nations." On the other hand, to the Jews a definite promise and a well-defined program are given.

What a tremendous opportunity then is ours. That we, now, by preaching to the Jews can do the one thing most vital to the return of the King! So, regardless of whether or not we shall ever see the great Church universal awake and throwing herself into the work with an abandon that knows not failure, it may be the privilege of these few of us who do see and who do act, to joyfully stand before Him in that Day, unashamed and undaunted; for we shall know that we have done our full measure of duty to fulfill our Lord's condition.

This is the basis of our love and loyalty for the Jewish Mission enterprise; this is the tie that binds your hearts and our hearts in this common task. Our sure foundation is the Word of God. Is not that enough to inspire our greatest love, our most faithful prayers and our unprecedented giving? Ought not the Jew to come first in our missionary program?

Extra Copies. We are printing an extra supply of this issue. The Special Report on pages 5 and 6 explains the reason. If you know of people who ought to see the Report, please write us for as many extra copies as you can use; we will send them free of charge. The enemy has been very busy these past years spreading evil reports of this Mission, but the Lord has marvelously brought about our deliverance; it now becomes your privilege to publish abroad the truth and thus to counteract the evil

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Three Baptisms

On the evening of the last Monday of October we had our usual converts' meeting for prayer and testimony. It was a very interesting evening which will be remembered for a long time. The greater part of the interest centered around the baptisms of a young couple both of whom were converted in a very remarkable way. This couple were married about two years ago and have been blessed with a bright, lively baby girl. The husband is a son of Italy and of strong Roman Catholic persuasion while his young wife is a Jewish girl of the strictly orthodox sect. Two opposite characters and temperaments, fire with water. Leaving out the old relationship between Rome and Jerusalem there is still, when married life is under consideration, an impassable gulf on account of the religious views and feelings between Jew and Christian. But the Lord Jesus Christ was given the name "Wonderful" and what He is able to do through His glorious gospel no human mind can ever form a conception. Before this couple married, the bigoted Roman Catholic had to make a great concession by first becoming a Jew. In order to please his Jewish bride he had to go through that ordeal of performing those hard ceremonies after which he could be pronounced and accepted as a son of Abraham.

HOW THEY CAME TO THE MISSION

It was through the invitation of one of our converts with whom this couple boarded that they came to our meetings. The young wife is better educated than the average Jewess. She can read the Bible in Yiddish. When she heard the Gospel preached a number of times she became interested enough to read the Bible for herself in order to search and find out whether these things are so. Our co-worker, Miss Sussdorff, was a great help in studying the Scriptures with her in her home. Then she invited her hus-

band to the meetings and he, too, became interested and we gave him an Italian Bible. They began to attend our services the beginning of this year and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ some months ago. Immediately after her conversion she said to Miss Sussdorff, "Do you know I was very fond of moving pictures and I used to go nearly every day to see them but now I do not care for that kind of pleasure, but I like to come to the meetings." At one time her husband was ready to be baptized and desired that the wife join him, so that both at the same time could make public confession. She was hesitating about baptism for fear that she might fall back. Upon presenting the matter to me I was led to quote to her the scripture which says, "To Him that is able to keep you from falling." That settled her mind as she could understand that even our faith comes to us and is kept up by the grace of God. Then it was decided to appoint the following Monday evening for the scriptural rite and it was my privilege to administer baptism unto both of them.

THE THIRD BAPTISM

The third candidate for baptism was a young girl of about seventeen years of age. She is the daughter of Hebrew Christian parents whose baptism we reported about three years ago. Both father and mother and their son have been members of our little church for a number of years. They have endeavored to bring up their children in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. Their daughter, who has frequently accompanied them to our meetings, has become fully persuaded in her own heart to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to obey Him by baptism which was administered unto her at the same time with the two mentioned above.

AFTER THE BAPTISM

The interest of all the brethren present was intense and it reached its climax after the ordinance, when the meeting was thrown open for testi-

monies. One of the converts who is now working with the Salvation Army in New York testified that the Lord Jesus Christ who not only preached but also lived the gospel when on earth gives power to His followers to live a Christ-like life. He then expressed his wish that these newly converted brethren may live so as to reflect Christ in their lives. Another one related an incident which caused us to praise God and to thank Him for His answer to prayers. He said that one afternoon in his work as porter he had to carry some barrels down to the cellar. While handling a barrel he felt much pain and found it impossible to continue the work. He stopped and looked up to God asking Him to either give him new strength or to send somebody to help him. Immediately a man came and said, "The boss sent me to help you with those barrels." Still another one said that she had been praying for these three souls that had just been baptized. She also told us how she was praying for a Jewish woman and God answered her prayer. The woman formerly quarreled with her husband for no other reason than that he visited the mission. She used to curse and call him all sorts of names. Now, for the first time, she heard the woman call her husband "my dear." This gave our sister much joy and she thanked God for the answer to her prayers.

Special Meetings on Rosh Hashonah

On September 28th and 29th the Jews celebrated their New Year holiday, Rosh Hashonah, which, next to the Day of Atonement, is the most solemn day in the year. It is based on Leviticus 23:24, "In the seventh month in the first day of the month shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets." Psalm 81:34 says, "Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, on our solemn feast day. For this is a statute unto Israel, and judg-

ment to the God of Jacob" (literal). This word "judgment" the ancient rabbis explained to indicate that on that day every individual is judged by God. As sheep pass before the shepherd, so all the earth's inhabitants pass before the Creator. The word trumpet is, in Hebrew, shofar. It signifies a clarion. On Mt. Sinai there was the "exceeding loud voice of the trumpet (shofar)" Exod. 19:16. The shofar was also used in announcing the new moon and solemn feasts, Numbers 10:10. Also in proclaiming the jubilee year of release, Lev. 25:9. The word "memorial" has a mysterious meaning and has not been made plain by the ancient rabbis. We believe it signifies the great shofar that will be blown before the coming of the Lord.

Rosh Hashonah is a day of awe; the Jew believes that God judges him on that day and determines his year's destiny; therefore he becomes serious, goes to the synagogue, offers prayers and for at least two days is a good Jew. According to the scriptures they ought to celebrate only one day, but the ancient rabbis commanded them to observe two days. They based their command on Job 2:1 where it says that there was a second day when the sons of God presented themselves before the Lord. They believed that that presentation was on Rosh Hashonah and for the object of judgment.

While it is hard to get Jews to come to a Mission on that day we felt constrained by the Holy Spirit to throw the doors of Beth Sar Shalom open and invite our people to listen to the story of their crucified Saviour. One meeting was held in the morning at 11 o'clock and another at 3 in the afternoon. We had good audiences and there was great attention paid. At the afternoon meeting we gave them liberty to ask questions on the subject. A number of Jews in the audience inquired earnestly for more knowledge.

Two Earnest Young Men

One evening I preached on Gal. 2: 20, "I am crucified with Christ — but Christ liveth in me—I live by the faith of the son of God who loved me." I showed the heroism of Paul, once an enemy, but now a servant and slave of the Lord Jesus Christ. In God's own wisdom such heroism comes through the power of love shown toward us by Christ. That love is put into our hearts when we accept the Saviour, and transforms us from bad to good, from weaklings to strong men of heroism. I related an incident which I observed in a fight between a cat and a bird. The bird's nest containing her little ones was attacked by a cat, and the mother, weak compared with the cat, dared to fight for a long time. The daring feat of that poor mother bird came not from her own strength but because God has put in all creatures the love of parents for their children. It is in a sense the power of God which transforms weaklings into heroes. This and other illustrations were used to throw light on the moral courage of Paul and countless other disciples who hazarded their lives for Christ. After the meeting, two bright young men asked a few questions and then one of them said, "To tell you the truth, I feel in my heart something of that power of which you speak, but what shall I do with my mother? If I confess Christ it may kill her." The other one said, "What shall I do with my father? He is very bigotted and would go insane if I became a Christian." Please pray for these two.

An Opportunity

When any of our converts die, they are refused burial in a Jewish cemetery. We feel burdened with the need of providing for this situation. We ought to have a plot where we can bury our Jewish Christians. We think that \$2,000.00 would buy and arrange a suitable plot. Perhaps some one of God's stewards will see this notice and may be led to respond. Will you hear this up in your prayers?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. *Is the bride of Christ raptured prior to the tribulation?*

Question 2. *If not, does she pass through the tribulation?*

Question 3. *During the tribulation is the gospel of the Kingdom preached? By whom?*

—MRS. WM. H. THOMPSON.

Answer 1. Yes. John's call to heaven described in Rev. 4 indicates the rapture of the saints, for in him the saints are included. In Rev. 11: 1-2 John is given a reed like a rod to measure the temple, which means judgment. (The rod is afflictive). There also all the saints are included in John as becoming actors in the judgment. "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?" I Cor. 6:2. To this agree the words in Psa. 149: 5-8.

Answer 2. No. The Bride is commissioned to execute judgment, to be active, but not passive in tribulation.

Answer 3. The 144,000 singled out from among the twelve tribes of Israel, under the sixth seal, and marked as the Lord's, will preach the gospel of the Kingdom during the great tribulation and many will be saved through their testimony.

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Question. *What was the "Urim and Thummim?" Is there anything known about them?*

—HOWARD D. BLANK.

Answer. Urim and Thummim mentioned in Ex. 28: 30, and Leviticus 8: 8, was according to the Talmud, Joma 73, and other ancient rabbis, the ineffable holy name of God placed in the breast plate which was one of the eight garments of the high priest. By the means of Urim and Thummim, the king or general of the army consulted the Lord in matters of great importance to the whole community, for instance in time of war, and received an answer. This had to be done through the mediation of the high priest only. Numbers 27: 18-21, Ezra 2: 63. The answer was given by the letters of the names of the twelve tribes which were engraved upon the breastplate, and which comprised the whole alphabet. Those letters that suddenly stood out from the others and darting out bright rays of great splendor noticeable even at a distance, were spelled into words, and so the answer was soon ascertained. That splendor used to shine forth from the

began to march to war, assuring them of victory. The Greeks who had a great veneration for this, called it the oracle. Josephus Ant. 3, 8, 9.

The etymology of Urim and Thummim is light and perfection, signifying the perfect light that came from them to a perplexed people. While the Bible does not describe them, simply mentioning them as something very familiar, both to Moses and the people, nothing is known now about the nature of Urim and Thummim. Josephus states that their use ceased about two hundred years before Christ.

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Question. *I saw in a recent number of "The Christian Herald," the statement purporting to come from England, that there are now no less than 600 Jews preaching Christ in Europe. Please state in "The Chosen People" what you know about this, or anything of interest about the evangelizing of the Jews here or abroad.*

—JOHN LUDWIG.

Answer. As long as 15 years ago, the late Rev. Louis Meyer, a converted Hebrew, obtained information from reliable sources which he then published in several magazines, that there are 250,000 Jewish converts in the world, 6,000 of them in the United States. More than 600 Hebrew Christian ministers are in Europe preaching the gospel. Over 350 are in Britain alone, and 214 Hebrew Christian ministers in the United States. About six years ago, the Jewish papers published that during the past 100 years over 200,000 Jews left their ancient faith and accepted Christianity. They distributed the number of converts among the different countries as follows:—13,000 in America, 28,000 in England, 84,000 in Russia, 22,000 in Germany, and 44,000 in Austria.

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Question. *If the Holy Ghost was the father of Christ as is so strongly emphasized in the Bible, why is the genealogy of Joseph, the legal, but not the real father of Christ, given so fully? I wish to have it so stated in your reply that the Holy Spirit fatherhood of Christ will be as clear as the facial mark of a son of Abraham.*

—CHAS. O. GOSS.

Answer. Matthew who gives us a copy of the Jewish record of the genealogy of Joseph, states very plainly the Holy Spirit Fatherhood of the Lord Jesus. "She was found with child of

that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost," verse 20. This was not in the Jewish record, consequently Matthew could not insert it. The Jews who as a nation rejected Christ, would naturally refuse to enter such a registration, because the Jews did not believe in the Holy Spirit Fatherhood of Christ. Joseph's genealogy was expedient in order to show that even from the side of his stepfather, who according to the Jewish law becomes the legal father and can transmit certain rights to his wife's son, Christ was the Son of David. In this way, His title to the throne of David is beyond question.

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Question 1. *Will you please inform me if your people still observe Deut. 6: 6-9?*

Question 2. *What percentage of them can read and write?*

MRS. CHRISTINA ARMSTRONG.

Answer 1. Yes and no. They observe this law in a way, but not in the spirit in which it was commanded. The rabbis have interpreted those commands in a literal sense. They order the Jews to write a few passages of Scripture on a piece of parchment which they enclose in small boxes made of leather called Phylacteries. They bind these boxes on the forehead and on the left arm. In this way they literally fulfill, "And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes." Likewise they write certain verses on a piece of parchment, roll it up and put it in a narrow tin box. This they fasten to the door post. Thus they think to fulfill "And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house."

The real meaning of these commands is to study the Word of God, and to have it so control the whole being that it will be evident that the Jew is a child of God. The Word of God should be like the jewelry which they used to wear on the forehead and on the arms; but they have been misled by their false teachers and have gone into material interpretations.

Answer 2. The Jews as a rule can read and write their own language, called Yiddish.

Question. *It has been said that Mary, the mother of Jesus, had no earthly father. How do you understand it?*

—F. D. H.

Answer. In our October issue on page 10, the genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ is given, and the natural father of Mary. It is absurd to think of Mary

JEWISH NOTES

As intimated in *The Chosen People* last month there have been various factions among the Jews who differed in opinion and opposed each other with regard to holding the long talked of Jewish-American Congress. At present, however, the two main opposing parties have been reconciled and the Congress is assured. Just now news has come from England that the Jews there have come to an understanding and are united in organizing with regard to the demand for Palestine for the Jews to be made at the World's Peace Congress after the war. The Jews in the belligerent countries are expecting the Jews of America, who are three million strong, to raise their voice and make their influence felt in this most critical time in the history of dispersed Israel.

One of the well-known Jewish literati published a very interesting article under the heading "Zionism and the Christian World." He says "The Anti-Zionists have always assured us that even if Turkey should accede Palestine to the Jews yet the various Christian churches would not allow it. I therefore concluded to have an interview with that clergyman Blackstone, who with a smile gave me the following declaration: 'We have more than thirty Christian sects in America. We are divided among ourselves about all sorts of Christian questions. In one thing, however, we all agree and that is that the Jews will be restored to their country because that is the will of God.'"

Jews are writing letters to their editors complaining of the fact that in many Zionistic gatherings of young Jews, socialism is being propagated. Thus Jews that are strictly orthodox are withdrawing from such organizations.

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It says there that not one of the statistics about the Jewish population of New York is true. Every third man you meet in New York according to this assertion, is a Jew.

Newspapers and correspondents from Russia recently published the interesting news that the conversion of the Jews to Christianity in Russia has spread rapidly from Odessa to Petrograd and from Moscow to Siberia. In Siberia itself they say that there is not a Jewish family in which is not found at least one member who has become a Christian. Jews there do not cherish hatred against these Christianized Jews any more, as they used to do some years ago. "This shows," writes one Jewish editor, "that the Jewish religion has been weakened so much that they are not ashamed to still recognize these apostates as Jews. It is as easy now for a Jew in Russia to become a Christian as it is for a Cossack to steal a chicken. Sabbath morning a young Jew arises up, accompanies his father to synagogue, is called up to the Scroll, then goes home, eats the Sabbatical dishes, partakes of the special pudding made for the Sabbath and then goes to church and becomes a Christian. In the morning he is a Jew and in the evening he is a Gentile with a cross hanging around his neck."

Mr. Weisenburg of Macon, Ga., who is a prominent Jewish lawyer has published a warning to the Jews all over this country. The substance of his very lengthy article is to the effect that Jews must not consider the State of Georgia as composed of those who hate them. The Jews should not have mixed in with the Frank case. However, he continues, they should forget it now. He praises Georgia very much and says that it is one of the most flourishing and progressive southern states and that many Jews have become rich there. Many Jews can make their quiet home in Georgia, a friend of the Jews, who will receive them in

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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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