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"Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.—ISA. xli: 8, 9.

Salutation.

"We go to salute the children of the King."
—II Kings x: 13.

MY DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS:

May the Lord Jesus, our precious Saviour, who, eighteen hundred and ninety-six years ago, was born in Bethlehem, bless you most abundantly, especially at this season of the year, when our whole thought and mind are turned toward the birth of the little Babe in that stall at Bethlehem, where the word became flesh. May He be born in our hearts anew, and may we begin to think now more than ever before of the neglected Jews who gave Him birth, and not only think of them, but begin to work with great zeal in return for the blessings they have given us. Let us make known to them without delay the blessings we enjoy. Amen!

LAST MONTH.

I am glad to say that the last month of preaching the WORD to my Jewish brethren in Brownsville and in Williamsburg has only called forth more praise to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of witnessing for Christ our Lord and Master. I have reason to thank God for the attentive audiences there have been in the two missions for so many of my Hebrew brethren who are constantly coming to every meeting with such eagerness to listen to the Gospel, and for several souls who have been led to the feet of our Lord Jesus. Several of the converts of Brownsville, on account of persecution, were scattered over the country, looking for work. Letters from different cities reached me, inquiring whether they were really converted, whether they were persecuted on account of their belief in Jesus, as they say, and whether they were worthy to receive employment.

THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY.

"In this world ye shall have tribulations," is our Lord's holy suggestion to every one who desires to follow Him. But, my dear friends, there is perhaps no other mission work in the world surrounded with so many difficulties, trials and hardships as the mission to the Jews. The greatest difficulty is when a Jew is only attending a mission. He is regarded as an apostate, and is already persecuted, and when he speaks favorably of the mission, the persecution grows worse; and if he confesses the Lord Jesus, he is in a pitiful condition, for he is excluded from the Synagogue and from every privilege.

AND AID

reaches the point of

TO REMOVE THE OBSTACLE.

If there were some true, sympathetic friends of Israel among the Christians who would please to start some industrial plant and give employment to all who are thrown out of work, friendless and suffering by reason of their faith in the Lord Jesus, the great obstacle would be removed, the lost sheep would be gathered into the fold, and a Christian church would soon be organized.

Here, in this city, as well as in all other Christian localities where money is so freely bestowed in charity, there is nothing done for the poor, afflicted and needy Jews. The Jew does not go to alms-houses nor to any other charity institution. What the Jew looks for is work, but on account of his language, habits and religion, he cannot secure work among other than his own people. Who can feel for the poor Jew who is the seed of patriarchs, prophets and apostles? Who can sympathize with a people who, at the hazard of their lives, preserved the Bible, which is a light to our path and a comfort to our lives?

SOME ONE WOULD SAY

There may be some one who would say, "If you give the Jews employment, they will come for the loaves and fishes." Another would say, "Those who are really converted will suffer and stand the test the Lord puts them to." But, dear friends, to give work to one who lost employment for His sake is not giving loaves and fishes at all; and to leave one exposed to trials and temptations is not Christlike, for we all pray "And lead us not to temptation." I only would urge on people who say these things to better consider the golden rule, "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

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is evidently owned by God. There are coming such large crowds that a policeman must, on many occasions, turn away many, owing to lack of room. The Lord has also shown us His approval of this work in many instances. On the evening before the first of December, having been at a loss to pay the rent, He put it into the heart of his handmaid to give me a check for \$30 to pay the rent. He sent also to pay the gas of last month. Wishing you, dear friends, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year,

Yours truly, in Him,

LEOPOLD COHN,

340 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn,
Missionary in charge.

Incidents in the Work.

A HYMN CONVERTED A JEW.

One Saturday afternoon we opened the meeting at Brownsville by singing the hymn "Throw out the life line." As soon as we were through with it, a strange voice from within the heart called out, saying, "Arise, and talk to the people about this hymn!" For a moment there was a conflict between the voice and the human reason, which argued and suggested "There is no use of explaining a hymn to them." But when the Spirit in His mighty force says "Speak!" who can be silent? "He spoke and it was done. He commanded and it stood fast." The hymn was therefore explained to them in the Jewish tongue and illustrated by the

FOLLOWING STORY.

Three years ago, when I came across the ocean from Scotland to America, there was a great storm on the sea for several days. One morning after the tempestuous sea had become calm, we noticed, not far away, a boat containing two men. They were fishermen. After they had left their fishing smack, the awful stormy weather set in, and they were lost in the wide ocean, and tossed on by the roaring billows and the raging waves day and night. They had no food for five days, neither had they slept during that time. Some of us who were standing on the deck of the large steamer saw the two men clasping their arms and wringing their hands, for they had no strength left to shout. They were indeed, poor, helpless creatures. Then we quickly cried out to the captain, who had not perceived them, "Save those two men!"

THE TWO PERISHING MEN RESCUED.

The captain then stopped the steamer. The two miserable-looking men began, with great difficulty, to row with their oars toward us, and succeeded, by the mercy of God, in approaching the ship. All our passengers gathered together, thronging the railings of the ship. They looked on with astonishment. Tears of pity were seen in many eyes. All hearts were beating, throbbing, and longing to see their deliverance.

Presently, the captain cried from the bridge of the steamer to the two men, "What do you want?" The poor, half-dead men could say nothing more than "Oh mercy! Oh mercy!" The sailors were ordered to let down a ladder from the bulwarks of the ship, and the captain commanded: "Grasp the ladder and come on board!" But they were so weak and feeble

that one sailor risked his life in going down and helping the fainting men up the ladder.

THE LESSON.

This incident was then thus applied, saying, "Every sinner is lost like those two men on the sea. Christ, the Captain, orders His sailors, the missionaries, to put down the ladder, "Throw out the life line," and there is the Captain, calling out, "Grasp the ladder," and will you, dear brethren, hesitate?

A SOUL WON FOR CHRIST.

A Jew was sitting in the front row of chairs, listening most attentively. While this truth was being set forth by the power of the Holy Spirit, one could see that Jew constantly nodding his head, as much as to say, "Yes, it is true!" and now and then a tear stole down his cheek. The working of the Spirit was mighty, entering the hardened heart, softening, piercing, removing the stony heart, and giving a heart of flesh. The man at last could not refrain from saying, "O dear, sir, I find myself exactly in the same condition as those two men you saw in that boat. I felt myself lost, lost forever; but now I will grasp the life line, the faith in Jesus, the Messiah. I shall no longer be lost, but shall live as it is written: 'But the just shall live by his faith,' Hab. ii: 4.

AN ANARCHIST CONFESSED JESUS.

Our heart is full of pain and sorrow when we see such great destitution among the Jews. Many of their thinking men have drifted away into infidelity. They have been looking and waiting for the promised Messiah. Not knowing that He is Jesus of Nazareth, in whom the prophecies have been fulfilled, they have given up their hope and embraced anarchism.

Quite a number of these infidels are seen every Saturday afternoon among the other attendants at the meeting in Brownsville. One of them became pricked in his heart, and when we were just about to close the meeting, he came forward to the platform. "I confess," he began, "that I am a bad man, but I want to do as you have shown from the Scriptures. I desire pardon for my sins through Jesus, our Messiah, and to become a child of God. Please pray for me!" Many of the audience were deeply impressed, while others, who knew the infidel, laughed aloud at the idea of an anarchist becoming changed so suddenly and confessing Christ publicly. The man then turned to the audience and said: "You

ought to have laughed at me before, when I was an infidel; but now there is no reason for your laughter." A few days later, when at the man's own request, we called on him at his own home, we found him steadfast in the faith.

CONSPIRACY OF ANARCHISTS.

Our Lord Jesus said, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Alas! it is not so in this sinful world, there is grief in the presence of the blind, ignorant and dangerous sinners over one sinner that repenteth.

The Orthodox Jews having heard of the public confession of that infidel mentioned above, approved of it, for they said: "This man did not believe in God, and now surely it is better for him to embrace some religion, than to follow those Anarchists." But when the other Anarchists heard of the conversion of one of their adherents, they conspired against this Mission, and determined to do all that is in their power to stop it.

The consequence was that several of the Anarchists attended to the meeting for the last two Saturdays, and caused a great disturbance on both occasions, one of them said publicly: "They would see to it that the leader of this Mission should not exist longer in Brownsville," another one struck our helper, Mr. Salter, while passing by the door and threatened to come over with a gun and fight with us. Trusting and looking unto Jesus, we cannot do more than pray earnestly that our Lord's injunction, "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven," may in this Christian country be carried out speedily, before this good land is ruined!

YOUNG JEWESS GAVE HALF A DAY TO JESUS.

One afternoon, when visiting those who invited us to call on them, we entered a house where there was a family consisting of four: father, mother, son and daughter. The son of about eighteen years of age, had attended the meetings and asked for a copy of the New Testament. According to our rule we asked him the following questions: "Do you intend to read it earnestly? Do you promise to be willing at any time we may call on you, to show us what part and how much of the Book you have read?" After the lad affirmed these queries satisfactorily, we wrote down his name and address, and consequently called on him. At once he produced the Hebrew New Testament and was ready to be examined upon what he had read. The parents, and his sister of about twenty, who was working at her

sewing machine, very quietly listening to the examination.

While thus questioning the young man, the truth of the Lord Jesus was set forth to the listeners, very strikingly. When the examination was ended, the daughter who seemed to swallow every word spoken, said: "Dear mother! these things are true; for I heard once my old uncle, Rabbi Shumel, (in Russia), say that the Messiah was wounded for our sins, and now as I hear more fully about it, and I am sure mother it is Jesus who is the Messiah, as this gentleman proved from the Taira, I must do all I can to learn to read." As a rule most of the Jewish women cannot read; for only boys are taught in the Jewish schools and not girls. We had then a long talk, and the girl resolved to hire a Jewish teacher to come every day to instruct her in the Hebrew Jargon so that she might be able to read all about the Lord Jesus in whom she had found the Messiah. A few days after we found the girl studying, and to our great surprise, she knew already a good deal. "You see," she said, "I am a poor girl, working hard to support myself and help out my parents, but now since I had the pleasure of hearing about the Messiah Jesus, I work only half a day, while the other half I devote to study about Him."

A POLICEMAN CONVERTED.

One Thursday evening when we held the Praise Meeting in Brownsville, the Holy Spirit evidently did His work. We talked to the mixed audience composed of men, women, boy and girls, of the salvation that comes to our souls through the terrible sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ. "He was taken from prison, He was rejected and despised, He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, He was bruised and wounded for our transgressions." All these things were prophesied seven hundred years before the Lord Jesus. Look how these, and hundreds of other prophesies, have been literally fulfilled in Him. Oh how foolish is he who does not believe in Jesus! The power of the Holy Spirit accompanied His word which touched nearly every heart in the audience. Now, there was a policeman, who came on that evening to protect us from the wild Irish boys of Chestnut street. He was inside while Jesus and Him crucified was preached. When we closed the meeting, he was the first to tell of his joy in having given his heart to Jesus in that very hour. "I never heard such things before" he said, he expressed many thanks for what he had heard, and declared that he would follow Jesus from that evening to the close of his life.

YOUNG JEW FORSOOK PARENTS FOR JESUS' SAKE.

We have received several letters from different places in the United States, asking us about some Jews who professed to believe in Jesus. Whether we knew them to be true, or worthy of attention, as they said they had been brought to Christ in the Brownsville Mission, gave us as reference.

One of those letters reached us recently. It tells about a young Jew from Brownsville who was employed by his father in his business. It was all right with the young man until his parents found out that their son believed and followed our Lord Jesus Christ. When they discovered the fact, they drove him away from their house and business. Now, the young man, penniless, friendless, wandered away in the world, forsook father, mother, brother and sister for Christ's sake. He came among Christians and applied for work. The party to whom this true Israelite came, asked us whether the things were so, and whether they should try to secure work for the poor, suffering young man. This is the lot of a converted Jew—despised, hated and forsaken by his own people: yea, by his own father and mother, and suspected by Christians.

WILLIAMSBURG MISSION.

Notwithstanding there are three times as many Jews in Williamsburg as there are in Brownsville, yet we are often surprised at the great audience we have at 17 Ewen St.

The large hall is always filled with eager listeners. During the last few weeks, many had to be turned away from the door for lack of room.

It is already four months since the word of God has been preached there, and never anything else but Jesus and Him Crucified has been proclaimed, yet so many Jews continue to attend these meetings three times a week. This is a sign of the near and speedy return of our blessed Lord Jesus.

A JEW CAME FROM NEAR BROADWAY FERRY.

The readers of the CHOSEN PEOPLE no doubt remember the accident to the Jew who fell down the stair-way into the cellar, because we allowed a crowd to stand in the aisle. Since then, we have been careful not to let in more people than the seating capacity allowed.

Very often, crowds of Jews come after all the seats are taken and try to force their way into the hall. We therefore resort to the help of a policeman, who turns them away with great difficulties, for they are anxious to come in. One Friday evening a Jew came in as soon as the door was opened for

the dismissal of the audience, and said, "Why, I have come to listen to the preaching from a distance as far as Broadway Ferry, mind you I have walked all this long way after a day's hard labor, and when I wanted to enter in I received a nice compliment from the officer here at the door, 'get out of here!'" "Did you stay outside all the time?" we inquired, "Yes," said he, "I stood there waiting for a chance to enter, I thought perhaps some might leave in the middle of the service and I could gain entrance."

AN EARNEST INQUIRER.

A learned young man used to visit the meetings at 17 Ewen street, who paid great attention to the preaching, he did not fail to be present every Wednesday evening when we hold a meeting for inquirers. This young man having a zeal for God, was always ready to put some questions. After a couple of months of attendance at the meetings, and having carefully studied the Scriptures, he became convinced of the truth and need to ask no more questions. We noticed the change in the young man as we watched him, one afternoon he came to see us, we very soon noticed on his face a great sadness; his countenance bore the marks of a deep inward struggle, his eyes were filled with tears. We asked him what was his trouble, in reply to that query he said: "I have a great desire to speak to you about a very important matter which troubles me greatly. I want you as a disciple of Christ, to give me brotherly advice," then he continued. "I have listened to your preaching and teaching ever since you opened the mission at Williamsburg, I have always carefully studied the Scriptures which you referred to regarding the Messiah, I have read the New Testament you gave me through and through, now I have come to the conclusion that

IF I BELIEVE IN GOD I MUST ALSO BELIEVE IN JESUS.

I believe in Jesus with all my heart, that He is the true Messiah, and that He is my Redeemer, this I see clearly from the Word of God, and as I have never doubted for a moment the God of Abraham or His Word, I cannot hesitate to confess Jesus, the Son of God, since my eyes and heart were opened through your preaching. I am ready to give my life for the Saviour who shed His blood for me, but there is another one's life, far dearer than my own involved in this question; for I heard you proving from the New Testament, that unless one confesses Christ publicly by Baptism, he cannot be a real

follower of Jesus. I have a father, mother and grandfather living far away, all strict Orthodox Jews, it would kill them to know that I had been baptized.

SHOULD I BE A MURDERER OF MY DEAR PARENTS?

How would my heart bleed all my life if I could live any longer? How could I bear the very thought of having shortened the life of my dearly beloved mother? Can I not be a Christian without public confession and without baptism? Oh, tell me, I beg of you, can I not be a follower of the Lord Jesus without killing my dear old parents, whose lives I would save by giving for them my own life if necessary?" Here he burst into tears. He was troubled and perplexed, and looked at us with eyes full of pitiful petition. His face was filled with agony, so much so that it was most touching, and simply heart-rending.

With deep sympathy, lovingly and tenderly, we read to him the Scriptures. "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." And again, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins." We told him how we understood and sympathized with him; we had had the same struggles and well know what such a conflict of heart denotes. Let us pray, dear reader, for this brother, that he may be led to find joy and peace in our loving Saviour, who is the Prince of peace. Amen!

A JEW SUFFERING FOR JESUS' SAKE.

A Jew in Williamsburg, having been convinced that Jesus is the Messiah, began to talk to any one he met of the salvation he found in the Lord Jesus.

This brother has a wife and three children whom he supported by hard toil and labor. Now, because he confessed Christ, he has been without work for the last two months. He was working among his own people, the Jews, and when they heard him speaking about the Crucified One, they at once showed him the door, and he is indeed, like a poor outcast. The family is very near the point of starvation.

A JEWISH BOY OF THIRTEEN YEARS.

In our Wednesday evening meeting for inquirers, at 17 Ewen Street, we had a very interesting Jewish boy of thirteen years of age putting to us questions. We usually do not allow boys into the room, because we prefer to give the seats to adults, thinking it not right to have men turned away, while boys are received. This boy obtained admission unnoticed. Toward the end of the meeting He rose from his chair. He was

hardly seen among the many grown-up people, but his voice, which he boldly and courageously lifted up, was heard very distinctly. "I cannot speak Jewish," he remarked, "because I was brought up here in this country. I understood, however, every word you spoke in the Jewish language. Now please answer me this question: You proved from the Scriptures that the Messiah is called Jehovah, and that Jesus is the Messiah. Well, then, Jesus was God Himself. And how could the people crucify God? I know that God is mightier than all the men in the world, and how could men kill God Almighty?"

LAUGHTER.

This so amused the audience in the hall that every eye was turned toward this boy, and many began to laugh. He then protested and said against the laughter, "I have not come here to make people laugh, but I came here to inquire for the truth. This is my only intention."

Answer. We then opened the Bible and read Isa, liii: 10. "Yet it pleased the Lord to destroy him" (for so reads the hebrew) "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin." Again we read from Zech. xii: 10, "And they shall look upon me, whom they have pierced." Here God speaks very plainly for he says that they have pierced God Himself, and yet God is willing to pardon both the Jews who have delivered their Messiah Jesus to the Gentiles, and also to the Romans who actually pierced Him. Come therefore to Jesus our true Messiah! The boy then stood up again and queried, "Did you read these passages from the Christian writings or from our Jewish Bible?" When we explained to him once more that this Jewish Bible, the Old Testament speaks about Jesus he was surprised and said, "This is very strange."

Question. Can we Christians leave the Jews alone and act indifferently toward them?

Answer. No! Because God is very sore displeased with those who are indifferent to the Jews.—Zech. i: 15; I Sam. xii: 23; Amos vi: 6.

Question. Ought we Christians to endeavor to do good to the Jews specially?

Answer. Yes! Because God plainly promised to bless all those who seek the welfare of the Jews.—Gen. xii: 3; Num. xxiv: 9; Ps. cxxii: 6.

Question. Should we Christians love the Jews?

Answer. Certainly! Because God loves them.—Jer. xxxi: 3; Zeph. iii: 17; Rom. xi: 28-29.

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TO NON-SUBSCRIBERS.

We ask you dear friends, who have not yet subscribed for the "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE," to kindly do so now and send us your subscription, only 50 cts., without delay. It may seem a very small matter to you, but it will, notwithstanding, be of great service in the good cause of evangelizing the Jews.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Dear friends, will you not aid us in the publication of "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE" by re-newing your subscriptions. The new year of "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE" commenced with the beginning of October passed. Perhaps you are not aware that the subscriptions are so few in number that they do not cover the expenses of the paper. Will you dear friends, therefore, please remember to send in the 50 cts. subscription at once.

WHAT A CLERGYMAN SAID.

A pastor being convicted of the great mistakes the Christians are making in not preaching the Gospel to the Jews, became anxious to send a missionary to them, he therefore, preached on the subject to his congregation, appealing for contributions toward a fund for a mission to the Jews. This he did once, and when no response whatever came, he ceased to make mention of it any more. A deacon of his church being in favor of the pastor's proposal, asked him why not urge on the people again and again, until they must do it. The clergyman then replied: "If they do not want to listen to Christ, whose words I repeat to them, how can you expect them to listen to me?"

WHAT YOU COULD DO.

Every subscriber of "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE" could secure *one other*—what a great help this would be to the good cause! Will you not try?

Williamsburg: 17 Ewen Street.

SERVICES.

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. Inquirer's Meeting
Friday, " " .. Preaching Service
Saturday, " " ... Preaching Service

COME AND SEE.

Baptist Societies.

With gratitude and great thankfulness to our Heavenly Father we are glad to say that the Brownsville mission to the Jews has been supported for the last nine months by the Baptist Church Extension Society of Brooklyn and by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Considering the fact that they are in debt, we regard their kind liberality toward this work as a great sacrifice. May God bless these Baptist Societies most abundantly and enable them to continue their good work unto the coming of our Lord Jesus. Amen!

Thanks to the Woman's Auxiliary.

We desire to express our many thanks to the "Woman's Auxiliary" to the City Mission for their kindness in lending us a helping hand in the person of Miss Sherburne, and also for the active part they have taken in the children's work.

Pastors Preaching to Jews.

We are glad that during the last month there were with us three ministers of Christ on three different Saturday evenings at Williamsburg—Rev. H. B. Prichard, Rev. Parli-man and Rev. William Walton Clark. The hall was crowded with Jews on each occasion as usual. The gospel was powerfully preached by these reverend gentlemen to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, who listened most attentively.

Mr. Clark, on his evening, after a twenty-minutes' address, gathered up his remarks into these three questions which elicited the correct answers from his Jewish hearers.

"What is the Gospel?" he asked. "The Gospel is good news," responded the majority. "What does the Gospel do?" "The Gospel saves," they replied. "What does the Gospel say?" "The Gospel says, Come!" came the answer.

We hereby most heartily thank these true children of God for their profitable service.

BROWNSVILLE MISSION TO THE JEWS.

530 Rockaway Ave. cor. Sutter.

SERVICES.

Saturday,	2:30 P. M.	Preaching in Jewish
Monday,	7 P. M.	Evening School
Tuesday,	7 P. M.	Evening School
Wednesday,	7 P. M.	Evening School
Thursday,	3 P. M.	Girls' Sewing School
Thursday,	7:30 P. M.	Praise Service

The Needs of the Work.

TRACTS AND HEBREW BIBLES.

There are but few tracts in the Jargon or Hebrew. We intend to write some profitable tracts in these languages of the Jews, as we did already a little last summer. Who will pay the printer? There are many poor families desiring to study the old Testament in the Hebrew, in order to find out the true Messiah Jesus, but are not able to buy one. Who will furnish them with the word of God?

TWO INSTRUMENTS.

We need two instruments, either pianos or organs, in the two missions. Many families have two pianos in their houses, would they not give away one to the Lord?

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There are needed more chairs in 17 Ewen St., for we have only 140 chairs there in the hall.

A JANITOR.

We need a janitor there very much, and it would cost only \$5 a week. No one knows what great difficulties we have without a janitor there.

HEBREW TEXTS ON THE WALL

are needed. All the Messianic prophecies would be always in the eyes of the Jews who are entirely ignorant of them. Don't you think this would be a great silent preacher?

RENT

is needed to pay \$30 a month for 17 Ewen St., and the gas, too, is needed very badly.

NIGHT SCHOOL.

The Jews in the new mission are anxious to learn English. We read for them the English New Testament and they repeat it and commit it to memory—an excellent way of giving them the Gospel. Will some children of God pay a Christian lady to teach them the words of Jesus our Lord? or will some one volunteer?

A WORKER

is needed very badly. One missionary in two fields is, humanly speaking, apt to break down. Will you not think and pray over it?

NEEDED—A BUILDING IN BROWNSVILLE

where the work has been carried on for more than two years. The present room is too small and not suitable.

An Experience.

Intensity! That is what characterizes these latter days. Art, Architecture, Commerce, Science in every branch, Thought, Religion—everyone is turbulent with activity.

With renewed force these convictions surged upon me on my recent visit to the mission to Jews in Ewen street, in Brooklyn. This work certainly takes rank among the significant movements of the hour. I found a policeman guarding the door, while about him in compact groupings were gathered fifty men or more of the Hebrew race seeking admission to the rooms. They opened a path for me through the crowd and, bearing perhaps some sort of unconscious insignia as a friendly Gentile, the officer allowed me to pass in.

I found a good sized room, high studded, without ornament, but well lighted and crowded to the doors with an audience of men. On the modest platform with the missionary was his wife. I was taken to a chair on the platform. From that view-point I looked into the faces of the most inspiring audience that I ever stood before. There were no pallid cheeks there nor dull and stupid features. Physical constitution spoke from their bright complexions and keen intelligence flashed from their eyes; but, which is most fascinating to any speaker, they were earnest not indifferent, sincere not frivolous, moreover they were read in the Hebrew Scriptures and the man who would speak to them from the Old Testament would have need to well understand his ground.

The man who did speak to them is thus qualified.

Mr. Leopold Cohn, a descendant of the tribe of Levi and of the priestly house of Aaron, as his name would indicate is a refined, cultured gentleman, educated in the best rabbinical and classical schools of Europe, and in English at the College of Edinborough. He is an accredited Rabbi of the Jewish Church and has been tendered a synagogue and congregation in New York. But like his great fellow-tribesman Moses, he has esteemed "the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt" and declining these alluring offers he is standing in Ewen street and at Brownsville, almost alone against fearful odds, to proclaim with splendid eloquence, skillfully weaving together the Hebrew Scriptures with New Testament revelations, that Jesus of Nazareth, crucified by the Jews, is the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the world.

How intent his auditors were! Hardly an

eye in all the throng wavered from the speaker. Now they would nod in acquiescence, now shake the head in dissent; sometimes knit the brow at the inditement of their race and again open wondering eyes at the marvelous words of grace, proclaimed first to the Jew.

And God is honoring his word. Israel is coming to her Messiah one by one; but O, the conditions are very hard. To be a Christian it costs the Jew his living oftentimes, and ostracism and the curse of his race.

Child of God turn you your feet sometimes to Ewen street, corner of Varet, and take Mr. Cohn by the hand. "I will be encouragement to his tried heart and a testimony to his people; and to you it will be an inspiration and a blessing." N. D. SPELMAN.

Our Schools.

THE EVENING SCHOOL.

According to an old poet: "The proper study of mankind is man." The observant student of human nature would find much suggestive food for thought in glancing over the men who week after week gather about the long tables in our Mission.

Here are Poles, Russians, Hungarians, Germans and all Jews. They vary greatly in complexion and features, but all have a pathetic expression. The impress set upon their faces by long years of persecution, poverty and suffering. It says plainer than any words: "Our lot is to endure."

They are all tidy in appearance.

When the days' work is over they hasten to put on clean clothes so as to be presentable at the school, sometimes they come without their suppers.

The attendance varies greatly, when there is plenty of work we have many scholars, when work is dull the men go to New York and walk around all day seeking employment, and come home too weary and disheartened to study. There are a number who come regularly work or no work. Their fidelity and eagerness to learn are the teachers' greatest incentive.

After the regular reading, spelling and arithmetic lessons are over, questions are in order. "Teacher, did not Jesus once say: He came not to do away with the old Jewish law but to carry it out? We had a dispute in our shop about that to-day, and one man said Jesus never said it. I was sure he did, but I did not know the place. Now won't you please show me the chapter and verse, then to-morrow I will say to the man, go and get a New Testament and read it for yourself." The Bibles are opened and all

who are able to read well enough unite in reading the fifth chapter of Matthew.

One evening, the lesson for the more advanced pupils was on the early settlers in New England. We told them how Indian corn was native to this country, and that the Indians taught the settlers of its use for food. A scholar said: "There is one thing the settlers did not learn from the Indians, to let their wives do all the hard work, carry the burdens, etc. There are no people in the world who treat their wives so kindly as do you Americans. Why is it?" "Because" we replied, "we are governed by the precepts of Christ, who taught men to love their wives as their own bodies." "It would be a good thing if every man were to do as Christ taught," said the Jew.

"All the Jews in Brownsville think Mr. Cohn a very learned man. He knows more than all the Rabbis. They tried to puzzle him with hard questions, but he was so wise and knew so much about the Bible they were 'pinched' every time, remarked one man."

THE SEWING SCHOOL.

Our room is well filled every Thursday afternoon. We greatly miss some of our older girls who have been obliged to go to work. These Jewish girls take up the burden of life at a very early age. When the needs of the family do not require their earnings as a support, they are continually acting as "little mothers" to the almost numberless babies common to the greater majority of Jewish households.

A Jewish girl of fourteen came over to the Mission one afternoon, her face and eyes were swollen from weeping. "Why Sarah, what is the matter?" we asked. Oh dear, we have another baby at our house, and my little brother can only just walk, Oh, I am so tired, I have carried babies all my life. There are eight children younger than I am. Then, with a fresh burst of tears, the poor child sobbed, "and I can't come to sewing-school any more, and that was my only pleasure." Have you to stay at home on account of the new baby? "Oh, no, my mother can care for her." How old is the little brother? we queried. "Eighteen months." Can he walk? "Oh, yes." Then you can bring him with you. "Thank you!" and away she went with a smiling face; presently, back she came with the little one. This is only one case. Every Thursday afternoon you can see a number of these babies with their older sisters. These tots seem to thoroughly understand all the exigencies of the case—they seldom cry—but sit perfectly still, looking "like patience as a monument."

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