

# The Chosen People.

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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.

*"The Lord will bless His people with peace."*

—Psalm xxix: 11.

MY DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS:

I wish that the free, undeserved love and favor of God and a lively sense thereof in your souls, may be continued to, and increased in you; and that as a fruit of this, you may enjoy all blessings, both inward and outward, especially peace of conscience, and a secure enjoyment of the love of God. Amen.

It has always been a pleasure to me to address the friends of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE on this page with a word of Christian salutation. I do feel specially now a fresh enthusiasm to do so as never before. The reason is simply because many friends promptly responded to the circular; some have sent contributions to liquidate the deficiency, others have expressed deep sympathy and assured me of their prayers. The fact that so many friends have manifested their love to the Jews among whom I am laboring, encouraged me greatly, for it is a sign that they believe in the Bible. Dr. Saphir once said that it was a fact that the Christians who took an interest in Jewish missions were just those who believed the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, to be the word of God, and who believed the Jews to be God's chosen people, who were still in His great purpose to be blessed, and a blessing to the whole earth.

Our Lord said to Peter, "Lovest thou Me?" "Feed My sheep." It was not because the sheep were lovable, but because Christ was lovable and Peter's love to Christ was to be the motive power in feeding the sheep. Thus it is because the Jews are God's people, beloved of Him, that we, for His sake, seek their temporal and spiritual good. (See result of circular on second page).

## THE LORD'S WORK.

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to show me new tokens of His blessing upon the humble efforts in spreading the glorious Gospel among my Jewish brethren. I have seen so many changes wrought by God in

the hearts of those attending the meetings in both missions that I had to exclaim: "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes." The more I hold up Christ to my brethren, the more I see the force of Paul's words: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

## AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES.

The Lord has given me ample opportunities during the last month to testify of the Lord Jesus Christ to my Jewish Brethren. Besides the preaching of His word in the public meeting in the Mission Rooms, I was privileged to tell the wonderful story of the cross to many a Jewish soul who never heard it before. To as many as have been to see me privately, to those on whom I have called in their homes, to those whom I have met in the streets, and to many whom I have met otherwise, I always proclaimed the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, telling them plainly that "There is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." As a result, I find that the Lord Jesus has a wonderful power of drawing to Himself Jews as well as Greeks. Moreover, when we compare the Christian's activity in Jewish missions with the forces applied to that of Gentiles the wonder that there are Jewish converts grows greater. There is always some temporal aid in connection with the missions, either philanthropic or medical, or charitable help is given to the poor, while in these two Jewish missions in Brownsville and in Ewen Street, nothing of the kind has been done. The simple Gospel has been preached for the last two years and a half without material help to the poor Jews, some of whom have died lately from starvation as published in the daily papers. It is only Jesus who draws the Jewish brethren. Please pray for them. Your's truly in His blessed service.

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*Missionary-in-charge.*

WE EXPECT YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.

## The Chosen People.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

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*"Hearken unto me, ye stout hearted that are afar from righteousness. I bring them near my righteousness. I shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry. I will place salvation in Zion for Israel, my glory."* Isaiah xli : 12, 13.

Among the various signs that Israel's morning is about to break, the Rev. David Baron mentions: The wonderful rapid increase of the people themselves during the present century. Two hundred years ago, according to the greatest Jewish historian, the total number of Jews in the world did not exceed 3,000,000; now there are probably not less than 12,000,000, the present increase of Jews being in proportion to that of Gentiles as three or four to one. (See Ex. 1 : 12) where the increase of the nation was the precursor of its redemption. The Jews are not merely a nation of the past; indeed, there never was a time when they manifested more wonderful vitality than now.—*Things to Come.*

### Announcement.

Mr. Leopold Cohn is at liberty on Sundays, and will gladly speak wherever invited on the following subjects :

Jewish Mission Work.  
The Passover.  
The Tabernacle.  
The Second Coming of Christ.  
The Christian's Duty to the Jews.  
Jewish Manners and Customs.  
No collections will be taken.

Mr. Cohn can also be engaged for a mid-week evening.

In our February number we devoted the last page of the paper to "questions by the Jews and replies." This has been done in order to show to our readers the many difficult questions which arise in the mind of a Jew before he is willing to accept Jesus Christ as his Messiah.

It is very gratifying for us to know that these "questions and answers" have been perused with so much interest by many of our readers, we shall continue to publish them from time to time.

### The Result of the Circular.

We are glad to say that in response to the circular sent out to the subscribers to THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, quite a number of friends sent in contributions which covered the expenses of last month and enables us to publish this number. It was also gratifying to receive so many words of kindly sympathy. We trust that God will move upon the hearts of many who have not responded to do so, and also trust Him to provide the necessary means to continue the publication of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE.

### An Interesting Interview.

We had a very pleasing and interesting conversation with a young man who is earnestly seeking after the truth, for some time past he has been comparing the Old and New Testaments. We called his attention to the 22d Psalm and told him to compare it with the account of the crucifixion as related in the 27th chapter of Matthew. As he read both chapters his eyes opened with amazement and he said, is it not wonderful, David must constantly refer to Jesus, as the one who should suffer and die for his people.

### BROWNSVILLE JEWISH MISSION.

530 Rockaway Ave. cor. Sutter.

#### SERVICES.

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

### WILLIAMSBURG : 17 EWEN STREET.

#### SERVICES.

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. . . . . Inquirer's Meeting  
Friday, " " . . . . . Preaching in Jewish  
Saturday, " " . . . . . Preaching in Jewish  
L. COHN, Missionary.

### Invitation:

We cordially invite all Christian friends who desire to come to these meetings and see with their own eyes how near the "time to favour Zion" must be.

"The past of Israel is the vine tree, Stearns have started a fund for The Kingdom Tidings Missionary to the Jews. They have sent to the Rev. John Wilkinson, of London, \$598 for the support of Mr. Levinsky, who will work amongst the Jews in Russia.

The Bible Classes of the Rev. D. M. the present is the fig tree, and the future is the olive tree."—Rev. J. C. Smith.

### Incidents in the Work.

#### One of God's Opportunities.

One Thursday, after the afternoon session at the mission rooms, we did not return home, but tarried in Brownsville, the hour being quite late, and the time of the evening service being so near. After visiting some of the Jewish families, we went to a Jewish restaurant for supper. The room was quite well filled with people as we entered, it being situated on the main business street of the place.

After our meal was served we took the bread and, according to the Jewish custom, before eating, pronounced the following blessing:

"Blessed art thou, Jehovah, our God, the king of the universe, who bringeth forth bread from the earth," as is the manner of the Rabbis. Those in the room, of course, heard this, and began asking one another, "Who is this?" There was one present who had attended our services, and he began to explain and to answer their inquiries until he had quite a gathering around him.

After a short time they came and stood around the table where we were seated. One said, "This Jewish brother said you are the missionary who preaches at 530 Rockaway Ave. Is that so?" "Yes," was the reply. "They say you persuade Jews to become Christians. Is that true?" "Yes, sir," was the rejoinder. "Well, but you are a Jew; you say the blessing just like a Rabbi." "O yes, I am a Jew."

"Well, then, you are not a Christian?"

"Yes, I am a Christian, too." "Well, how can you be both, please explain." At this point we asked them what they meant by being a Christian. "One said, 'It is one who is not circumcised.'" Another said, "No, no, a Christian is one who eats pork." "No," said another, "it is not that, either. A Christian is one who does not know the God of Abraham." Here was presented the opportunity of again telling of Jesus, the true Messiah of the Jews, that He is the Christ, and that a Christian is one who follows the teachings of Christ. That, according to the word of God, spoken by His prophet, "All we, like sheep, have gone astray," and according to Moses, "Cursed is the man who does not do all the commandments." So, under the law, we are all condemned, and yet God so loved us that He gave His only begotten son that we might be saved from this condemnation. Thus we talked at some length, teaching them that

unless they turned to Jesus and accepted Him as their Messiah, they would not have the God of Abraham as their God. They were reminded of their wanderings, and how they had been driven from one nation to another, as Jesus saw they would be when he wept over the holy city, saying, "*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.*" Other prophetic words of Jesus were repeated, as "Not one stone shall be left upon another."

They were attentive and earnest listeners, as could be plainly seen by their faces. The room had now become crowded, and a cordial invitation was extended to them to attend our Saturday services. Many said they would come.

When we left, one young man followed me and said, "My heart ached as you were speaking. I know this must be true." He was asked to read the New Testament carefully, and he promised to do so.

May God use and richly bless these words spoken in His name. We continue to praise Him for the privilege of telling out the good news to His chosen ones who are blind to His truth.

#### A Nicodemus.

We were much interested one evening watching an old Jewish man who transacts business near the Ewen Street Mission. He stood on the corner looking up and down the street with an expression that seemed to indicate that he did not wish to have any of his friends see him: realizing the coast was clear, he ran hurriedly to the door of the Mission and said in broken English, please give me one of those books in the window, referring to a Hebrew New Testament. As we handed it to him, he hid it in his bosom and thanked us in a most kindly manner for the gift and ran hurriedly across the street.

#### She Loves the Messiah.

A Jewess in Brownsville and her husband, both of whom believe in the Lord Jesus as the Messiah, and who are always present at our Praise Services held on Thursday evenings, said, I was very tired to-day and went to bed, suddenly it occurred to me that a meeting was to be held this evening; tired as I felt, I gave up the rest I needed, and came out to hear of my beloved Messiah.

It requires considerable self-sacrifice on

the part of anyone to attend our services at the Brownsville Mission, especially after a thaw or rain storm, no matter how slight it may be. Brownsville as yet, has not been paved, and the mud is deep. Despite all this mud and the unpleasantness of the weather, or walking, our services are always well attended, many coming quite a long distance to hear the Gospel preached. We asked a Jew who comes very regularly, if it was not very hard for him to walk so far, and he replied, that he preferred muddy Saturdays to any other; for said he, when it is pleasant weather it requires little or no sacrifice for me to come to the service, but when rainy and the mud is thick and I have to wade through it to hear of Jesus the Messiah, then I know he will love and honor me the more for so doing.

#### THE SEWING SCHOOL GIRLS' GREAT PROGRESS.

We are thankful to God for the great progress that has been made in our Sewing School in Brownsville.

It is about two years since we started with 13 children, and the increase has been so rapid that we oftentimes have found it difficult to furnish seats for all who have come.

Those who came first were obtained by visiting the homes of their parents, some of whom had attended our preaching services and having confidence in us were glad to have their children come. Shortly after opening the school we commenced to tell the children of Jesus their Messiah. Some did not wish to listen, but this did not discourage us.

A few days ago we were talking to them from the text "God is Love," as found in 1st John 4: 8, 16. At the close of our remarks, a number of children gathered around the platform and asked to be shown the verse we had spoken from in the Bible.

#### WHAT A LITTLE JEWISH GIRL SAID.

Among the number was a little Jewish girl, who asked us if the verse quoted was in the Jewish or the Christian Bible. Thinking she was not pleased with it, I said, "Why, do you not like it?" She replied, "Oh yes, indeed I do. It is lovely, but we never hear such things in our Jewish meetings."

We believe in presenting these Bible truths to our children and that the seed sown is falling on good ground and will be used of Him in blessing these children.

While teaching the girls to sew the teachers have an opportunity to present to these young minds the Bible truth concerning Jesus. The children are always good listeners and put many questions that elicit fur-

ther instruction on the part of the teacher. The teacher of the very little ones asked them last Thursday if they loved Jesus. One of the girls replied, "Why, no, Jesus is dead." "But," said the teacher, "did you not know that He was dead only three days, and that He is alive now and loves you?" "No," responded the little one, "I never heard that." When asked by Mr. Cohn if she had never heard him tell that Jesus rose again, she persisted in saying, no, but two others of the class said, yes, they remembered. As Jesus gathered the little Jewish children about Him in the days of His earthly life and laid His hands upon them in blessing, so does He to-day as truly look in blessing upon these His lambs. May we go to them in love and tell the sweet Gospel story, for they love to hear it, and He will bless it to them now and in their after years. Another teacher was at the same time having almost an identical conversation with some other girls.

"MY WORD SHALL NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID."

One Saturday evening the divinity of Christ was boldly set forth to the Jews, the statement that Jehovah Himself was dwelling in Christ was made, this is a great stumbling block to the Jew and it was anticipated that many, if not all, would take such offence that they would leave the mission room. We were pleased and surprised as well to see only two who went out, murmuring as they went. One other stood and begged to be allowed to say just two or three words. He wanted to know where it was said that God dwelt in Jesus. He was answered and invited to come on Wednesday evening again, as Wednesday evening is entirely devoted to the answering of questions. The sermon was continued with quietness and attention. This is but another experience to teach us that we have nothing to fear, but to preach boldly that Jesus is the Christ, He in God and God in Him. Lord over all. At the close of this service a man about 60 years of age came up and said he was very much interested in all that had been said, and he wanted to buy a New Testament to read all about Jesus Christ. So he left the hall with a New Testament in his possession, to read for the first time the Gospel.

Will the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, unite with us in prayer for this one, that God will pour the light from these blessed pages into his soul, that he may believe in his

heart that Jesus is the Christ and his personal Saviour. As these individual cases are mentioned from time to time will you lift them up in prayer before God and you shall, by the ministry of prayer be a sharer in this work of gathering into the fold the lost ones of the House of Israel.

FOR I WILL SHOW HIM HOW GREAT THINGS HE MUST SUFFER FOR MY NAME SAKE.

—Acts 9: 16.

At the close of one of our meetings held in Ewen Street on a Friday evening, there came running after us a tall young man, he was shouting for me to stop as he wished to speak to us, looking around hastily to see that no one was near to listen to what he was about to tell us, he approached and said: "I am now convinced that the Lord Jesus is the true Messiah, I have been coming to the services for some time past, but never did the truth come home to me so forcibly as it has to-night, now, what have I got to do to belong absolutely to the Messiah." (The Jews are very ignorant of the Christian Religion, not fully understanding when they decide for Christ how they are to be baptized, so we take great pains at times to make them understand what is required of them.)

We said in reply to his question: "If you believe in the Lord Jesus and you obey his voice, you are saved from your sins, now go to your home, read and ponder well over the teaching of the New Testament, and in them you will find just what you have to do."

He followed our advice and commenced to read the New Testament and to pray in the name of Jesus his new found Messiah. Then he began to attend services at a Christian Church. During one service at which he was present they passed the bread and wine to him, he did not understand what this meant as he had never heard of the communion service, therefore he was greatly puzzled.

HIS ESTEEM FOR CHRISTIANS.

So great however, had his esteem and confidence in Christians became, that he partook of the bread and wine, thinking that in so doing it would be the final act which would make him a Christian (or in other words) that this was what Christians meant by baptism.

It was taken by him in a spirit of great devotion and with a firm Resolution in his heart to give himself fully to Christ (as he afterwards expressed it) "I thought now I stepped over to the Christians." When he arrived at home he said to his wife: "Now you shall know I have stepped over to the Christians.

This declaration made with so much earnestness was a terrible shock to his wife; she was horrified, left the room at once, and started for New York to make known the news to her relatives and seek their advice. After hearing her story they told her to consult a lawyer and sue her husband for becoming an apostate. After listening to her the lawyer said: "That drinking the wine and eating the bread would not make her husband a Christian, that he would first have to be baptized." This seemed to comfort and quiet her down. On her return home she told her husband what the lawyer had told her and he replied, "As I have decided for Christ,

I MUST NOW BE BAPTIZED,

for I want to believe in the Messiah and must take the final step."

Troubled at his determination to become a Christian, she again appealed to her relatives telling them what he had said, and they replied, "Then you must sue him."

On her return home she said to her husband: "I married you as a Jew, and you are now going to become a Gentile, this is a great cheat, you will be arrested."

The poor fellow was greatly troubled by her threats and came to our rooms seeking advice as to what he had better do.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM A JEWISH CONVERT.

While in conversation, there came in another Jewish convert, after listening to the conversation he told our brother "that there was no law by which his wife could sue him, for said he, "if there was, my wife who was bitter against me and tried to prevent my coming out for Christ, would surely have done this to me." After hearing these hopeful words he decided to trust Christ his Messiah for the future.

"And Jonathan, Saul's son arose and went to David into the wood and strengthened his hand in God."

An Old Jew Applies for Baptism.

Among those who came to the Saturday preaching service at Brownsville, is an old Jew, who always brings his little boy with him, and at the close of the service takes much pleasure in having us shake the little fellow by the hand. He is a bright little fellow, well behaved, and never giving us the slightest trouble; like his father, he wants a New Testament and hymn book in his hand during service. The father is a

most attentive listener and has expressed a strong desire to be baptised; he says he is a firm believer in the Lord Jesus as the True Messiah.

#### Eager To Hear More Of Jesus.

After one of the evening services at 17 Ewen Street, several of the audience came to the front of the room and said they would like to hear more, and would like to sit an hour longer if we would keep on talking. They followed us even out into the street saying, "We would stay till midnight if you only could and talk about these things." Thanks be to God for this fulfillment of Hosea iii: 5. "Afterward shall the children of Israel return and seek the Lord their God and David their King."

#### Rev. H. B. Prichard.

Brother Prichard, who on several occasions has preached Christ to the Jewish brethren, at 17 Ewen Street, kindly addressed them again this month. He pointed out seven predictions in the 22d Psalm, that were literally fulfilled in the Lord Jesus. We thank our brother for this service.

Another Christian gentleman, Mr. N. D. Spelman, witnessed to the Jews both in Brownsville and in Williamsburg. In Brownsville, he spoke from the verse found in Numbers x: 33. "And the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord went before them in the three days journey to search out a resting place for them." So Christ was three days in the grave and in Him they find rest.

At Williamsburg, he drew sweet lessons from the life of Queen Esther. The sceptre which she touched as it was held out to her by the king united her to the king. So Christ unites us to God. We know God has blessed to many hearts the words of these his dear servants. We would be pleased to have other Christian friends come to speak for Jesus.

#### The Brownsville Boys.

One of the worst places for a boy is the streets of a great city, any observer passing through one of them, especially in the Tenement districts, will oftentimes notice a number of boys engaged in pitching pennies, a pastime which is the first stepping stone to the life of a gambler. There are hundreds of boys in Brownsville who live in the vicinity of our Mission Rooms, who after school is over have nothing to occupy their minds. There is nothing very attractive in their houses and very little attention paid by their parents to them at their home training, for

the simple reason that the parents have too much to do to keep the wolf from the door and provide a living for the family.

Realizing the danger which surrounds these boys, some time ago we organized a Boys' Club, our object was to gather in as many of them as we could, and give them a good religious training. We started with 13 members and at present have about 50 names on our Roll book. They meet every Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The meeting is opened with prayer, and then seated around a long table they study for about three quarters of an hour the word of God. It is a most pleasing sight to see them. They give respectful and earnest attention to the exposition of the word. Several days ago the boys were asked if they would like to read through the books of Genesis and St. Matthews, and when it was put to a vote every hand was raised, so that we are now studying these two books. When we first started our meeting it seemed almost impossible to keep the boys quiet during the opening prayer, but by the spirit of kindness we have them now so trained that we have almost perfect order. While expounding the scriptures they frequently ask us questions; one boy asked, "Why did God allow Satan to persuade Eve to sin?" Another one said, "Why did God create Satan at all?"

We replied: "If there was no Satan to persuade man against the will of God, there would be no chance for a man to show his faithfulness to God.

The boys are very fond of music and when asked what they would like to sing, most always ask for "Down at the Cross," or "Bringing in the Sheaves." Considering the way they have been allowed to run around the streets we feel, in the short time that the club has been in existence that much good has been accomplished, and that the seed which is being sown will eventually bring forth good fruit. After the religious part of the meeting is concluded, the boys sit at the tables and play games, or else go in the lots and have a game of foot ball. They seem to appreciate all we are doing for them, we trust they may grow up to be good men and do a mighty work for Jesus their Messiah.

#### Suffering in Brownsville.

Doubtless many of our readers read an account published in the Dailies several days ago, of the great suffering among the Jews in Brownsville. This account was not overdrawn in the least,

visits made to the homes of many of our brethren have fully confirmed it. The suffering is very great, many are turned out upon the streets on account of their inability to meet the rent. Children are running around bare footed and hungry. A few days ago a lady visiting our Saturday afternoon service, noticed a little Jewish girl whose feet were sticking out of an old pair of shoes. It was a cold day and as she saw the child's feet, her thin clothing, her heart was moved to pity, and a day or two afterwards, one little heart was made glad by receiving a new pair of shoes. We wish there were many others like our kind friend whose hearts might be touched by the sufferings of these little ones. Many of these children, like their parent's, will suffer anything rather than beg. Since writing our last article several have died from hunger, and want of proper treatment; we feel constrained to bring this matter to the attention of our readers; we do it with an earnest prayer that God may touch some hearts, to help these suffering ones in this great hour of their need. GEO. C. SALTER.

The sewing school is now being carried on without any salaried workers. Children of God who are trying to advance the Kingdom of Christ are now helping in this work. At present there are eight volunteer workers, but we need many more. The harvest is truly great but the labourers are few. We would like to see you present at the Mission Rooms, 530 Rockaway Avenue, any Thursday afternoon, from 3:30 to 5 o'clock. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

Any one who understands plain sewing can teach the children, and while doing this will find the little ones, like Mary of old, willing to sit at your feet and learn of Jesus.

Visitors are always welcome. Come and join your voices with ours in the singing of the Gospel hymns. The children quickly learn these hymns and love to sing them.

#### The Needs of the Work.

##### TRACTS AND HEBREW BIBLES.

On account of lack of means to purchase Jewish, Hebrew, English and German tracts, we have a very small distribution of literature among the Jews. We would also write, ourselves, by the help of God, such pamphlets and tracts which would prove most useful in the spreading of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. There are many who, after having heard many a time the wonderful story of the cross, are provoked to

jealousy, and desire to search the Old Testament, whether these things are so that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah, but are unable to buy a Hebrew Bible. What shall we do with these lost sheep of the house of Israel?

##### EMPLOYMENT.

We wish some philanthropic and enterprising gentleman, or company could be induced to start an industrial plant and give employment to those who are thrown out of work by reason of their belief in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Several of those who believe and were bold enough to speak of Christ now and then to their brethren, are in great need. Most of them are tailors. They are willing to do anything to earn an honest living. Can any of our readers give employment to these worthy persons? Will you let us know?

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.

##### NEEDS OF THE SEWING SCHOOL.

We need material for the children to work upon. Any thing in that line would be very acceptable.

##### PIANO OR ORGAN.

We need very much an organ or piano for our Brownsville mission; the present one is worn out and unfit for service. As the children love music, this gift would be highly appreciated by all.

##### WANTED—A YOUNG MAN.

A young man who would do Christian work among the Jewish boys in Brownsville.

##### WANTED—LADIES.

To come and help us in the Sewing School. Any lady who understands plain sewing can help.

##### WILLIAMSBURG MISSION.

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

##### A JANITOR.

We also need a janitor. It would cost only \$5 a week.

##### RENT.

Thirty dollars is required each month to pay the rent of 17 Ewen Street; also enough to meet the gas bill.

##### TEXTS ON THE WALLS.

The Jews are quick to observe any thing that may appear on the walls of the mission room. They will stand for a long time, reading a Scripture text very carefully. We believe that the old messianic prophecies, painted in large letters and placed upon the walls, would do much to advance the cause

of Jesus Christ. We would be glad to place some in our large windows. They would be good preachers all the day long. Would you like to furnish that silent preacher?

#### Some Texts.

We have upon the walls of the mission room, several texts in Hebrew, as John 3: 16, and others. Directly in the front of the room is the Lord's Prayer in Hebrew. Those who come early walk around the room, looking at these texts and at the illustrations of Sunday School lessons which have been given to us. They come up before the service or after the service and request us to point out just where these verses are. The Jews always want to know just where a Scripture verse is, and to read it for themselves. It is very interesting to hear them instructing one another, or trying to.

One thing that seems very strange to a Christian is that the Jew will not bow his head in prayer, nor does he think it a part of worship, for their prayers are set prayers, which they have learned to repeat, though many of them but little refer to the needs of the individual; they do not know what to do nor how to act when prayer is being offered. Telling your needs to God in your own language seems presumptuous to them.

#### Questions by the Jews and Replies.

*Question*—How can it be that our Messiah has already come, and that he is the Jesus you preach about? Is it not written in our Bible that "In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely," (Jer. 23: 6). And again, does it not say "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with a kid, the calf and the young lion, and the cow and the bear shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw, like the ox," (Isaiah 11: 6, 7). These are the promises of God in connection with the appearance of our Messiah, and you say that He has already come. Now, where is the salvation of Judah, and the safe dwelling of Israel, or this great peace, spoken of in this prophecy? What has Jesus done to fulfill these predictions? Are not we Jews hated and persecuted by the Christians? Is there not war between one nation and another? The world is just the same as it was before the coming of Christ.

*Answer*—Judah cannot have the salvation promised to them because they do not want to accept it. No man can satisfy his craving for food by lying down and refusing to eat. Jesus, our Messiah, mourned over Jerusa-

lem. Did He not say, "How often would I have gathered ye, etc., but ye would not?" I myself am one of the house of Judah. I, too, once cherished your idea, but since I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Messiah, I am saved, and have peace in my heart toward all mankind. If you will accept and believe in Him, Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely. Only trust Him.

*Question*—According to the New Testament, and what you have just stated, the reason why we Jews have been punished by God, by having our temple destroyed, as Jesus prophesied, "Your house shall be left desolate unto you," and by having been driven out of our country, and being left so long in captivity, is because we crucified Christ.

How did not Jesus himself say, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do?" Now, if our fathers were forgiven for this act, why should we be punished?

*Answer*—Forgiveness can only be granted as laid down in the Word of God, for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. God cannot change that, for is it not written, "I am Jehovah—I change not?"

The rule of atonement through blood is well explained in the Book of Leviticus. "If a soul shall sin through ignorance, etc." And again, "And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance," (Lev. 4: 2-13) so that the blood would not atone for presumptuous sins.

When the Lord Jesus, whose blood maketh atonement for our souls, said, "Father, forgive them, etc.," He referred to the rule above by adding, "For they know not what they do." That is to say, "Father, I now suffer for all their sins, and am ready to be sacrificed for them, according to thy word. Sin done in ignorance has to be atoned for through the blood, so forgive them this sin, for they did it in ignorance." The Lord Jesus says he gave his life as a ransom for us. Surely, he loved us infinitely, and would have liked to have forgiven our father's sins. Although the crucifixion seemed a little presumptuous, yet the good and blessed Lord advocated for them, and said, "For they know not what they do." This he did according to Isaiah 53: 12, but the Jews, as a nation, refused to believe or accept the forgiveness offered through the blood of the Lamb of God. And God so loves you that he is waiting every day for you to receive his offer of pardon through the blood of Jesus, our Lord, as it is written "to-day, if you will hear his voice. Harden not your heart."