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Devoted to Israel.

Salutation.

"A servant of Christ saluteth you."

My Dear Christian Friends:

As we know that no circumstances of life can make any difference in the spiritual relation among Christ's followers, for they have so many things in common,—One Lord, one hope, and one future, "Joint-heirs with Christ," and "Knit together in Love"—therefore, it is very natural that every one of us be much concerned for his fellow-Christians. It is very consistent for Christians to be much in prayer for one another, like Paul, to labour in prayer; always to labour fervently for the brethren. I therefore salute you, and pray for you, that the free favor of God, and all good, be with you, dear fellow Christian, and be your portion!

MANY KIND LETTERS.

It is certainly a great comfort under the trouble and difficulties of life, to have fellow-Christians affectionately concerned for me. I have received during the last month, many kind letters from Christian friends, expressing cheering and strengthening words, and assuring me of their prayers which I esteem very highly. These things have greatly comforted my heart which is often broken by grief and affliction, owing to the fact that about seven years ago when I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, I gave up relatives, people, a high position, prospective wealth, name and fame, and everything which this earth esteems good. I have, however, never felt the deprivation so much as last month when my dearly beloved wife gave birth to a son, because, in the missionary life to which Christ has called me, it was impossible for me to afford her the special and proper care through the whole winter, which she so greatly needed, and for the lack of which the lives of both mother and babe were almost sacrificed. Two weeks after the confinement she had to be put into "The Memorial Hospital" (where she is now), while the baby is with me in the house. I, therefore, derived much comfort from these Christian's cheering words in the midst of trouble and tribulation. They, not knowing my condition, have been prompted by the Lord Jesus, who through them spoke to me, "Fear not; lo! there are some who pray for thee."

THE MEETINGS

All the meetings have been carried on in the three fields of the Lord's vineyard, with God's blessing accompanying the preaching of His word. That the interest of the Jews in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is growing has been irrefutably proved last month. On the 24th of February, the Jews had their Purim Feast, when they celebrate this holiday by amusements, making merry, etc. It has always been a fact that I could not obtain an audience on Purim evening, if I ever attempted. But last Purim the meetings were as largely attended as ever before.

THE TRACTS.

There is great reason to thank God for the many blessings God has bestowed upon the tracts, which, being freely circulated, reached many learned Jews, who express astonishment at the striking Messianic prophecies which are quite new to them on account of the new light upon them. Besides the 12,000 copies of the tracts, which have been printed during last year, ending with February 1st, I have obtained 5,000 more copies, as you see on page 2. The Assistant Missionary in his daily visitations has given out many tracts and reports—much appreciation from those that received the tracts. All these tracts are nearly gone, and many more are needed. I have done my part; I worked very hard, humanly speaking, while writing these tracts. I did not sleep many a night; (for by daytime other work must be done); others have done their part in furnishing means to print them; others in securing the electro-plates; and now there must be yet others to reproduce hundreds of thousands, and also to provide for printing new tracts, which the Lord has moved me to write. In conclusion, let me remind you, dear friends, of the holy promise of the living God, "I will bless those that bless thee." Gen. 12: 3. Several dear Christians have told me that they experienced God's special blessing upon them since they commenced to help Jewish Mission work. If you wish to be blessed of God, just lay hold of His Word, which says: "Send first a blessing to the Jews, the seed of Abraham, by bringing them to the blessed Saviour, and you will surely be blessed."

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COMMUNICATIONS.

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A Small Bill To Pay.

As stated in last number that an offer has been made to print from plates 2,500 copies for \$20.00, I took the Christian gentleman at his word, and ordered the same, trusting that contributions would be sent for that purpose. I have received the printed tracts, and also 2,500 copies free of charge, but have not yet been able to pay the bill of \$20.

Signs of the Times.

A number of Christian friends applied for tracts, being willing to distribute them among their Jewish friends. In response to such requests I have sent out nearly 600 copies of the Jargon tracts lately printed. One who watches the signs of the times must conclude that some important event is on the eve of taking place. When Christians begin to attend to His last command on this earth, "*Beginning at Jerusalem*," some great movement in God's kingdom below is sure to follow.

The Present Generation Like Egypt.

In Egypt, long ago, the lives of the people were preserved from death by famine, through Joseph, a Jew. Yet, immediately Joseph was forgotten, and the lives of his kindred were "made bitter with hard bondage." In like manner to-day the world is hating, despising and persecuting the Jews, notwithstanding that salvation is come to them through one of their race, Jesus, the Jew.

The Word Jew No Offence.

Someone complained to a London magistrate (during the hearing of a trial) that he had been called a Jew. The worthy functionary observed: "It is no offence to be called a Jew." By whatever appellation a descendant of the patriarchs may be addressed, let him (as the case may be) answer with the Prophet Jonah, "I am a Hebrew"; with the Prophet Elijah, "Israel shall thy name be"; or with Mordecai, "For he had told him that he was a Jew."—*Jewish Chronicle*.

A Letter From a Doctor.

MY DEAR BROTHER:

With a glad heart I send you the enclosed check for tract printing.

I am deeply interested in your work. You have my deepest sympathy and my prayers for your success in its fullest sense.

Please send me an assortment of jargon tracts for distribution to my Jewish friends.

Fraternally yours,

S. V. D., M.D.

Another Letter from a Christian Pastor.

MY DEAR BROTHER:

Please find enclosed my check for five dollars. You can give me credit for another year's subscription for THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, and use the other four dollars in any way that will best help your blessed work among your people. I would gladly see it with my own eyes, but I cannot venture out in the evenings. I read the paper with great, and sometimes tearful, interest, and pray for God's blessing upon you and your people.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. J. D. W., D. D.

The servant cannot be greater than the master, but he can be like his Master. The Lord Jesus wept with tears over Jerusalem, and so does every faithful servant of Christ shed tears over God's chosen people. "And He saw that there is no man, and *wondered* that there is no intercessor." Isa. 59:16.

BROWNSVILLE MISSION.

Chief Meetings at 530 Rockaway Avenue, Brownsville, Thursdays, at 3 P. M., and Saturdays, at 10:30 A. M.

WILLIAMSBURG MISSION.

Chief meetings at 17 Ewen Street, Williamsburgh, Friday and Saturday evenings, at 7:30 o'clock.

NEW YORK MISSION.

The meeting at the "Mariners' Temple," No. 1 Henry St., N. Y., Saturday, at 2:30 P. M.

The Assistant's Salary.

As stated in a previous number of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, concerning a promise of "A Hebrew Christian" to pay the assistant's salary for three months, I now quote a few lines from his letter.

"Enclosed draft of £15 is to redeem my promise of 15th November, 1898, to supply you with £5 a month, for March, April and May, for your assistant's salary, sincerely hoping that other stewards of the Lord may be found to continue it after end of May."

Incidents in the Work.

Two Learned Jews Changed.

A certain Jew of education having heard that the Missionary Cohn submitted to be questioned concerning the religion of Jesus Christ, and imagining his own power in argument to be superior, he said: "I will go and ask that Missionary a few questions, and you will see that he knows very little about our Bible."

Not knowing that Wednesday evening was set apart for this purpose, he came to the preaching service on Friday, with his mouth so full of discussion that it was in danger of bursting, and as soon as I had concluded my Gospel talk, he arose and began to ply his hard questions. I told him that it was then too late for this purpose, but cordially invited him to come on Wednesday.

Meantime, he had been so impressed by the preaching, that he felt the need for reinforcements, and accordingly, on Wednesday, he

BROUGHT HIS FRIEND,

another learned Jew, to aid him in the impending battle. They were the first in the room and the first to take the floor, and plied their battery of questions vigorously.

Both were utterly ignorant of Christ's teaching, and neither of them had ever seen a New Testament. Their bitter prejudice and hatred for Christ and his disciples were evidenced by their gestures and expression, both of voice and feature. But the Lord was with me and enabled me to give the right answer to every question, bringing lower and lower each time their pride and prejudice. At the close of the meeting their whole manner had radically changed, and, as it is written: "Saul became another man." Their humility was in striking contrast with their previous pride and assumption, as they humbly asked to be given Hebrew copies of the New Testament. They both declared their purpose to give it careful study, and that if I would tell them where they could come to me privately they would be thankful for further instruction. Thereupon, I introduced them to my assistant, saying that they could make any appointment with him convenient to them.

As the three walked away together, the visitors talked in the Russian language, not knowing that Mr. Gordon was himself a Russian, and so could understand all that they said. Their speech was as wounded and defeated soldiers, captured and in the hands of the enemy; but they candidly

agreed together, that the New Testament must be thoroughly searched through, and they said: "If we find it to be true we must accept it."

Jesus Lives.

These were the words of a sick Jewish girl of twelve years of age. Many Jewish families have endured great suffering during the recent blizzard. Many could not get any work as the workshops were closed, owing to the awful cold and heavy snow, and hence the crying need for fuel, food and clothing. A number of Jewish converts came to me, each one with a different story of destitution and of tragedy. One said, my neighbor, Mr. N. N., though not a believer in Christ, reads the New Testament which I gave him, and is worthy. You should help him through your Christian friends. Another one said, my neighbor next door to me is the greatest sufferer. The man has been with me to your meetings; will you not try to help the poor family? More than a dozen converts came to me during those days of the blizzard with very sad tales concerning their neighbors. Although some of them had to suffer themselves, as I learned afterward, yet they did not speak about their own trouble at all. My heart was touched by listening to their pitiful stories, but all I could tell them was: Let us pray to Him who said, "Mine is the silver and mine is the gold."

HELP CAME.

I was filled with greater joy than I can ever tell, when shortly after that, one of the Lord's faithful servants sent me \$15 to relieve suffering families among the Jews. I went at once and witnessed many tragic scenes. In one house, I came into a kitchen where there were five little children, with no fire in the stove. One little boy of five years went out every now and then and came in with some pieces of paper, which he lighted and thrust quickly into the stove, and warming his little hands at the flame which lasted but a moment, and expressing his great delight by opening his mouth wide, and saying, *Ah! Ah!* and calling his brothers and sisters to partake of his fire.

ANOTHER ROOM.

Opening from the kitchen, contained two beds, in one of which lay the sick mother, with a baby of one year; in the other bed lay the oldest child, a girl of twelve years of age, suffering from the grippe, while the father, very thinly clad, came in, his teeth chattering, having been to see the boss, if he would

not soon furnish some work. There were nine in this family, with no food, no coal and no clothing! I ran out and brought in coal, wood, bread and some groceries. The sick girl, who has been many times at the Mission, and heard about the Lord Jesus and believed in Him, was glad, indeed, when she saw the fire; and when some hot tea was given her, she inquired, who sent us these things? The sick mother replied: Don't you see Mr. Cohn here? he brought them. I then came to her bed, and told her that it was in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. That one of His followers sent me money, and so the honor belongs to the Lord Jesus, for HE sent it.

At this the sick girl lifted up her head and triumphantly exclaimed, "Mamma, you remember when once I came home from the Mission, and told you that Jesus is living and He is in heaven, you said it could not be. Now you see it is true. Jesus does live! and HE has sent us coal." At this I noticed tears trickling down the sick mother's cheeks; the husband, too, when he saw her crying, broke down; he turned away, buried his face in his hands, and sobbed. The children gazed at one another in astonishment, and were about to burst out in tears. It was a touching scene, which would break the hardest heart. I studied the real cause and nature of that exhibition. I could understand that the mother's tears were those of joy, mingled with sorrow. I had a foretaste of that wonderful and touching future event, foretold in Zech. 12: 10: "And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his first born."

More Fruit From the Tracts.

Not only have we the joy of seeing God's blessing upon the distribution of the Jargon tracts through this great metropolis of New York, but also in other cities. A Christian friend recently wrote to me a long letter, narrating a remarkable conversion of a Jewish merchant. He had been interested for the Jew's conversion for a long time, had given him a New Testament, and had frequently talked with him about Christ. But the Jew was well-read in the Old Scriptures, and firmly grounded in the Jewish interpretations and prejudices, and the Christian made little impression upon him.

He saw, however, in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, the announcement of the Jargon tracts, written to meet the difficulties of the Jews, and

immediately sent for them. Thus the Jewish merchant's spiritual eyes have been opened to behold Jesus as the Christ—that great vital truth which had been hidden from him and from all generation and race.

The Christian friend asks the prayers of the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE in behalf of this new convert, that he may be kept by the power of God, and that, notwithstanding his social and commercial standing with the Jews, and the danger of rupture and bitterness in his home, he may have the courage to confess the Lord Jesus, and that he may become a mighty testimony, which the Lord can honor and use for the conversion of other Jews.

A Letter From a Learned Jew.

TRANSLATED FROM HEBREW LITERALLY.

Peace and all good be to my beloved brother, who is a servant of Jehovah and of His anointed one, and who is called by the honored name, Leopold Cohn.

In thee is the prophecy of Malachi, 2: 7, fulfilled. "The lips of Cohn (Cohn in Hebrew means priest) shall keep knowledge." As I have been sitting in the dust at thy feet to listen to thy discussions, I have learned knowledge from thy lips. But verily, verily, I acknowledge before thee that neither the preaching, nor the New Testament, which I read many time after thou gavest it to me, could open the chambers of my heart, that the King of glory might come in. Verily, thy little books, which are called "What is His Son's name," "Behold, the virgin shall conceive," and also the other little books which thou didst write, they have helped me. In them thou speakest clear; in them thou hast put the pearl which thou hast brought out from the great sea. In truth, these books are so strong that they can remove mountains. I come now to pay thee thanks for thy books, for they have been a lamp to my feet. I now believe with a perfect faith in Jesus Messiah, and my heart says to me that I am blessed in my coming to Jesus Messiah, for my sins have been blotted out with His blood, which was shed for my iniquity. Would God that thou wouldst write many more books, that they may open eyes of blind ones, that they may give light to those who walk in darkness, and that they may bring redemption through the Son of Jessie, nigh unto the souls of our people. Amen and amen!

These are the words of thy brother, who loves thee and prays for thy peace, Aaron Blum.

Read the Gospel All Night.

One of the converts of the Mission in Ewen Street, last month, was used of the Lord for the enlightenment of two German Roman Catholics. With one he was working in the same shop, and soon engaged him in conversation about the Lord Jesus, who had become precious to his own soul, and his story was one of personal testimony — a method of Gospel preaching which the Lord always honors. He told him how he himself had been misled by the Rabbinical traditions, which the prophet calls “the precepts of men;” but when he read the New Testament he saw a great light. Wherefore, he advised and kindly pressed his Catholic companions to resort to the same book, hinting that he, too, was under priestly superstition. The man was persuaded, and the Hebrew convert secured him a copy of the German New Testament from the Mission, and it was not long before its power was manifested, and the German came out from the shadows of the church into the light of Christ.

This man was boarding with an old man of 70 years of age, of the same race and religion, German Catholic, and it was his custom to read the Testament each morning before he went to work, and then leave it lying on the table. Here the old man found it, and at once became interested. He was busy through the day, but in the evening began its perusal, and had read the entire book through before the day dawned.

As a result, both of these Germans repudiated the domination of the priests, and came out clearly into the truth as it is in Jesus, the fruit of the Jew's testimony.

One Day's Work.

BY THE ASSISTANT MISSIONARY.

The Lord Jesus once said: “When they persecute you in one city, flee ye into another;” and such was my course a few days ago.

Going into a store in the Hebrew quarter, I found there a company of four Jews, and asked them if they would receive and read a New Testament. They were much pleased, and thanked me as I handed it to one of them. But just as the man began to read it, another Jew joined the circle and denounced the book, calling it a Missionaries' book. The one who had it was greatly frightened at that, and with trembling voice, and pointing his finger, said that I had given it to him. Then the last comer turned his eyes upon me, almost bulging out of his head, and harshly ordered me out of his house. I asked

him, why? for I had done no evil. But he cried out angrily: “I have told you once to get out and I don't want any arguments;” and then, catching up a hammer, he threatened to break my head. Then he snatched the Testament and threw it into the stove, and pushed me violently out through the door.

But, taking courage of the Lord, I went on with my blessed mission, sometimes received, sometimes similarly thrust out. Finally, I came into a store where I was surrounded by a considerable crowd of men, women and children, who gathered about me and showed much interest as I spoke to them of Christ, and read portions from the gospels and from Paul. But, by and by, some began to question, quoting passages from the Old Testament, and I answered them from their own Bible, and always tried to link the Old and New together, showing that Jesus was Christ. Thus we talked together for fully two hours. Some of the young men, however, were inclined to treat the subject lightly, and to turn it to ridicule. But an elderly Jew, who had been listening very attentively, rebuked them, saying: “THERE IS NOTHING TO LAUGH AT. This young man knows what he is talking about. He spoke truly, when he proved from our Bible that we are sinners, and that we need a sacrifice for our sins. This is no laughing matter.”

The company were much surprised and impressed to hear the old man speak in this way, and immediately they began to ask: “How is it possible for us to bring a sacrifice seeing that we have no temple and no priest.”

O how my heart bled then for poor Israel, with no sacrifice and no priest! and O how I prayed while I tried again to show them that Jesus was the Lamb of God, sacrificed once for all, and that He is our High Priest within the veil.

Finally, an aged Jewish lady asked me for a Bible, that, as she said, she might see if Isaiah did, indeed, prophesy of Christ; and the old man asked me for a New Testament and for Mr. Cohn's Jargon tracts. After that, all were willing to take them, and I gave out Tracts, Testaments and Invitations to all, and was warmly invited to come again.

A Rabbi's Sermon.

In order to give the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE an idea of the Jewish feeling towards Christianity, I quote part of the sermon of Rev. Dr. Gottheil, Rabbi of Temple Emmanuel, the wealthiest Synagogue in New York:

"It is not from an unbecoming desire of attacking any Church or dogma, or of saying unkind things that I know belong to the life of millions of people, that I speak. I speak in all reverence and respect to those who differ from me. When I ask 'Was Christ a Christian?' I mean in any sense in which the term is understood to-day. The word Christian is used in various senses, one as a term to describe a person as not being a Jew. As an illustration, take Berlin, the centre of modern civilization, with a population of 1,500,000. You will find that population classed as 1,350,000 Christians, 80,000 Jews, and a few other Christian sects. This centre of free thought has only 250 atheists.

"Now, for all those 1,350,000 Christians there are seventy-five Protestant and eight Catholic places of worship. About 2 per cent. of the inhabitants of Berlin have living relation with the Church, or attend church services, and yet 98 per cent. are called Christians.

"Take Paris, where from the pulpits they speak of the Jews as 'la nation infâme.' Could we call Jesus of Nazareth a Christian in that sense? Do you think that if Christ were to appear in Berlin or Paris he would range himself by people calling themselves Christians and denouncing his Jewish origin? Would you respect such a man? Can you suppose that such an ideal of manhood, piety, charity, and noble aspirations would countenance this? He must be reckoned as one of the Hebrew people.

"The most powerful Christian body is the Roman Catholic. Can anyone who opens and reads the Gospels, and tries to find for himself an idea of the teachings of the Nazarene master, subject himself to a church that claims the unconditional surrender of reason and conscience? Why, that was the very offense which Christ rose against. And so to call him a Roman Catholic Christian would be to make him out as a friend and ally of the worst enemy that his people had on earth, the power that stamped the life out of the nation, the hand that cast the firebrand into the temple where he went to worship.

"Where shall we find an entrance for Him? Let it not be misunderstood. All real Christianity died with its founder. All that followed is denominational. All is placed in churches. What kind of Christianity is there in Russia, where it holds 4,000,000 of His brethren in the most galling bondage? Where do you think He

would range Himself? By the Procurator, or by the victims of tyranny? By those that drank the life blood of His brethren, or by those upon whom misery had been heaped? Would He go to Paris, where intense hatred is shown to His people, or to the lonely prisoner on the lonely island?

"It would be an impossible task to range Him among existing Christians, except those few who belong to God's invisible church, and who are not separated by any conventional name—the church that is built in the silent dwellings of pious fathers and mothers in the home, who do not mind what book is laid on the altar or what ritual is given them, but who are simply followers of God and can feel His presence.

"Be the issue what it may, the future will bring for His people a restoration, and that means far more than a return to the soil. There will be a reconciliation between those whom God joined together originally—the final reconciliation of the Church, then properly called Christian, and the synagogue. Then, and then only, I think, will the question be considered, 'In what sense was Christ a Christian?'"

A Hard Work.

Dear friends, you can see from the above how hard it must be for a Jewish Missionary to persuade Jews to accept the Christian religion, which in itself is the Holy Religion of the Son of God, but which has been represented to the Jews as a gross caricature through pseudo Christians. When one talks to a Jew about Christ, you will hear the Jew exclaim: "What! Can there be any holiness or truth in a religion which allows its advocates to hate, despise, persecute, kill and rob the Jews all over the Christian world?" But, thanks be to God that, few as there are in the invisible Church, they can accomplish great things through their Head and Master, Jesus Christ. The clouds may be very dark and intensely heavy, but when the Sun of Righteousness shall arise, the clouds will melt away and be forever forgotten. Through the noble efforts of a few dear souls in supporting this Gospel work among the Jews for the last four years, the Lord has used me as an instrument in bringing many of my brethren to the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ. Educated Jews have been brought to adore Him; thoughtful Jews have learned to bow before Him; Pharisaic Jews delight now to worship Him; and those who were enemies one or two years ago now love Him. I do sincerely pray and hope that the little com-

pany, the true followers of Christ, will continue loyal to this wonderful work of the Lord, for if we shall prayerfully toil on and on, we shall see great things. Clouds will disappear, the caricature will be removed, honor and glory will be to the Lamb of God, and we, the few, the little flock, shall joyfully hear from the King of kings, "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

"Thou Hast Them Always with Thee."

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR."

These words of the Lord Jesus have led to the impression that a Gospel Mission is peculiarly a place for people, poor in the world's goods, to resort to for material aid.

I had to encounter this expectation when I first opened in each of the three fields. But from necessity I discouraged the hope, and from principle denounced the motive; and now none come merely for "loaves and fishes." The audiences are almost entirely made up of working and business men, proud of their independence.

On the other hand, our Jewish converts, as the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE have often seen, are always zealous to extend the knowledge of Christ; and as they give out Testaments and Tracts, and their own personal testimony, they frequently encounter cases of genuine destitution. Then the new Christ life immediately asserts itself in Christ-like love. I, too, encounter the same thing as I go out in response to calls to the sick and distressed. Such cases were unusually frequent during the recent long, severe, cold weather, culminating in the great snow storm, and are well illustrated in the case described in another column under title: "Jesus is Living."

Charitable Institutions are of little avail to my Jewish people: 1st, They are very loathe to go to such places; 2nd, Managers are very coy about receiving Jews, because of the animosity of the inmates. This condition is the reason for the establishment of Homes and Hospitals specially for the Jews; but, 3rd, These will never receive a Jew who has been converted to Jesus Christ.

The relieving of these occasional Jewish Christian misfortunates has often been a burden upon me, and I recognize a responsibility in it, which now, after the injunction to Ezekiel (3: 21), I transfer to my Christian friends. Laying the matter before the Lord there came to me the thought of establishing a limited POOR FUND. Any money sent to

me specially for that purpose will be kept by itself, acknowledged in this paper, reported to the committee in charge, and judiciously dispensed; and should it reach sufficient proportions it will be entrusted to some responsible treasurer—such, perhaps, as Rev. T. J. Whitaker or Alfred Tilly, Esq.

When the Lord Jesus said: "Ye have done it unto me, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren," He referred distinctively to the Jewish people.

The Sewing School.

Two causes during the winter have tended to greatly diminish the attendance at the Sewing School at Brownsville: First, the absolute lack of teachers. As I have repeatedly stated in these pages, we have had only two or three teachers where we ought to have twenty. God's redeemed children throughout great Brooklyn have left this field unoccupied. Consequently, and very naturally, therefore, the enemy has come in, in the form of the second cause of diminution—

A RIVAL SCHOOL.

When the Jewish women in Brownsville saw how their girls were flocking to the Mission,—we had at one time 250 names on the roll—and how they were drinking in the teaching of Jesus there, they became alarmed for their ancient faith, and decided to start a Sewing School of their own. It cost them great sacrifice. One brought a few needles, one a little thread, one a few pennies, one a bench or chair from their sparsely furnished kitchen, and so following:

One chair came by a Jewish expressman, without charge, but as he knew our school and none other, he brought it to us, and as it has not been claimed, we seem to be a chair the gainer.

The girls for the most part were very averse to making the change; but they were strenuously urged and often compelled, so that now, the numbers regularly attending have been cut down to about fifty or sixty. One result, however, has been a great sifting, and all who continue and staunchly hold through their devotion to the Lord Jesus. At a recent session of the school, as the girls gathered about me, one asked: "Do you know, Mr. Cohn, that Rebecca is going to the Jewish school? and she has said that she believes in Christ. How is that? for they do not take in Christian girls there."

"How do you know they do not?" asked another girl.

"Because Mrs. ——— said to me: 'Any

girl who continues to go to the Mission will be considered as an apostate, and not allowed to come in here."

Then a third girl in the group declared that Rebecca greatly regretted the change, because the Jewish women were not so kind and sweet as the Christian women who taught at the Mission; and then many agreed that it was the Lord Jesus who makes the sweetness and the kindness, and as the Jewesses have not Him, of course, they have not it.—And, as I listened to their prattle, I praised the Lord and prayed that He would send reapers into this harvest field.

Articles Received.

Mrs. S. B., a package clothing; Mrs. F. H. M., a parcel of stockings and underwear; Mrs. F. H. T., a barrel of clothing; E. R., Esq., 20 books called "The Prince of the House of David."

Contributions During February.

Collection, Bushwick Avenue Congregational Church, through the Rev. C. H. King, pastor, \$3.55, for the general expenses; Mrs. R. L. C., \$30, to pay rent at 17 Ewen Street; E. N. Stearns, from Brooklyn and Morristown Bible Classes, \$18; Miss L. M. R., \$5, "to use as the spirit shall direct;" from "two friends," Faith Home, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. C., \$15, for poor; S. Van D., M.D., \$8, for printing tracts; Rev. J. D. W., D.D., \$4.50, for the work; Mrs. S. D., \$2; Miss E. L. L., \$5; Miss Elliot, through Mrs. Thomson, \$2; additional money from Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, through A. K. De Giuscard, \$1.50; Mr. J. E., 10 shillings, for the work; M. T., £1, for the work; Miss M. B., 50 cents, for the work, "A Hebrew Christian;" £15, for assistant's salary.

The Needs of the Work.

We need another BUILDING for the BROWNSVILLE MISSION WORK. The present room is too small and not suitable.

A CHRISTIAN LADY.

We need a Christian lady to hold a night school, to teach the people to speak and write English. There is a great opportunity to preach Christ to such as come to the night school, and also to work among the women.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

The necessary amount for the general expenses of 17 Ewen Street mission, viz., rent, janitor, organist, gas, printing, signs, and incidental expenditures, is \$80 monthly.

TEACHERS.

There are not enough teachers in the Sewing School. Most any lady can easily do this kind of work. Would not you try to come and help this work?

TRACTS.

As already announced, a Christian friend has offered to print from plates two thousand five hundred for \$20, or \$8 per thousand, instead of \$11, charged by other printers. In these three fields of labor to which the Lord plainly sent me, hundreds of thousands of these useful tracts could be given out.

Pray, dear friends, that there may be found some of the Lord's stewards who will give of their means for this purpose. It will be a great loss to the cause of Christ to miss this rare opportunity. I am also going to write one tract more, and as soon as some one will respond it will be printed.

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.

Commodore Dewey of Hebrew Stock.

The recent victory of Commodore Dewey at Manila was a partial settlement of many an old score. The man commanding the American forces in that already world-renowned action is by birth a Hebrew. The Spaniard and the Jew are no strangers, and this son of Israel had just cause to remember that fact. The lot of the Jew in the Western Peninsula has been in past centuries anything but peaceful. Spanish fanaticism attacked with physical torture his faith—his religious possessions—and Spanish rapacity assailed with extortion and confiscation his earthly stores. But now, under the adjustments of an equitable Providence, a son of the once despised race despoils his whilom despoiler of some two hundred millions in a single forenoon. But Jewish prominence in the victory of Manila has a far deeper meaning and wider significance than is found in it as a mere lesson of retributive justice. It is a signboard on the age's pathway, and it points to the coming triumph of the cause of Christ.—*The Last Days.*

Announcement.

Mr. Cohn is at liberty on Sundays, and will speak wherever invited.