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Devoted to Israel.

"And the Lord hath CHOSEN thee to be a peculiar people unto Himself."—Deut. xiv:2.

"For the Lord hath CHOSEN Jacob unto Himself."—Ps. cxxxv: 4.

Salutation.

"We go to salute the children of the King."
II Kings x : 18.

My Dear Christian Friends:

With all the good wishes of the season, I salute you. May He who gives sunshine, dew, and rain, which reaches every curve line of the grass and every part of the smallest flower, give you joy and happiness, which will touch the very depth of your heart and soul, and make you joyous altogether. As I write this chiefly to friends of Israel, who pray for the peace of Jerusalem, I would ask you to accept of me the following text, as a motto for the coming year: "I will guide thee with mine eye." Ps. 32 : 8. All who are guided by His eye, must land at the Jewish quarters and seek their welfare; for thus it is written, "The eyes of the Lord are always upon it, from the beginning of the year, even unto the end of the year." Dent. 11 : 12.

A NEW REVELATION.

Last October, five years ago, the Lord enabled me to start the Mission at Brownsville. I had to encounter bitter hatred, opposition, and persecution, for the Gospel's sake. Many times Satan suggested to me, "Give it up." But He who sent me there, kept me right there, in the face of persecution, like a soldier on the battlefield. I often seemed to hear His voice say, "Peg away at it." But the thought would come to me, "What can I do, one single-handed man among so many enemies of the cross? What can one little lighted candle effect in such a gross darkness?" Now, during the last month, the Lord has shown me what He has done among these Jews in Brownsville. You will see from some of the incidents of this number, how the Jews helped me to find a store for the new Mission, and even such as never were at the meetings, were willing to let me their store if I wanted them. This is a new revelation to me, to see how the influence of this Mission went out all over Brownsville.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE.

Only one who knows the Jews and their

great loyalty to their traditions can realize what it means to have a mission room full of Jews listening to the Gospel on Saturday morning.

This, too, on Saturday their sacred Sabbath Day, especially in the morning, when they have to attend their solemn services and prayers in the Synagogue. You find them no more at the feet of their once honored Rabbi, but at the feet of the once despised missionary, sitting with great respect and listening with intense attention. When I announce that we are going to read a chapter from St. John or elsewhere in the New Testament, at once you can hear the rustle of the leaves, and you see them with the New Testament before their eyes and greatly absorbed in the lesson. This, to my mind, is simply a miracle. In fact you do not find it in any other Jewish mission in the world.

THE EWEN STREET MISSION.

It is a matter of great thankfulness to God, to see the large audiences continuing so, and not diminishing. What is most wonderful, is the fact that at Christmas time the interest in the mission was more marked than usual. This, in the fact, of the music, the attractions, the shows in the crowded streets near us. I thought even for myself how difficult it would be, to shut myself up in the mission, and not have a glimpse even of the festival times going on all about us.

Thus, dear friends, we have reasons to thank God for blessings He has bestowed upon this work, and the efforts of kind friends who so generously have assisted us by their prayers and support.

I can truly say to each one who has helped us in this work that "your labors have not been in vain."

I am also very glad to report that on account of liberal contributions of money, we have been able to cover arrears, and to meet expenses. We have also been able to print over 2,000 tracts.

Yours very sincerely in the blessed service of our Lord and Saviour.

LEOPOLD COHN.

620A Quincy St., Brooklyn.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

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Our Prayer Union.

The prayer meeting for the conversion of the Jews, which we used to hold at 530 Rockaway Ave., every first Thursday of the month, will now be held at Eastern Parkway, cor. Sackman St., where we have removed our mission rooms. If some wish to join us on the first Thursday of the month, at 4.30 P. M., they can easily reach the place by taking either Rockaway Ave. car, stop at Eastern Parkway and walk to cor. of Sackman St. or Fulton St. car, stop at Sackman St. and walk to cor. of Eastern Parkway. We have blessed times at these prayer meetings, and often we have with us a number of Jewish girls who remain from the Sewing School and join us in believing prayers in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Announcement.

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

- Jewish Mission Work, past and present.
- The Passover. Jewish Customs.
- The Tabernacle.
- The Second Coming of Our Lord.
- The Day of Atonement.
- The Account of his own Conversion.
- The names of God and other subjects.

A Letter from a Pastor.

The following is from the Rev. John H. Willey, Ph. D., whose congregation I addressed one evening last month.

NOSTRAND AVENUE M. E. CHURCH,
Nostrand Ave. and Quincy St.

Brooklyn, December 22, 1899.

My dear Brother Cohn:

Our people listened to your address with very great interest and I am sure were much profited. These startling proofs of the saving power of Jesus Christ give us new confidence in our faith and new inspiration in our work.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. WILLEY.

An Emblem of some Christians.

It is said that there is a flower in South America which is visible only when the wind blows. The shrub belongs to the cactus family, and the stem is covered with warty-looking lumps in calm weather. These lumps need a breeze to make them unfold large flowers of a creamy white, which close and appear as dead when the wind subsides. Fit emblem this is, of many Christians who unfold their sympathy toward the Lord's work only when a storm of appeals comes upon them. But there are a few chosen ones whose heart goes out toward the spreading of the gospel. They are like the lily of the valley which opens its heart and they their purse, for the glory of God, without any wind to force out their beauty.

A Mission for You.

If each reader of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE will kindly send to me a list of the names and addresses of friends, I will send sample copies to them.

This may awaken an interest in our paper, and some may subscribe for it, while many may be led of the Spirit to pray for the Gospel work and its needs.

WILLIAMSBURGH MISSION.

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

BROWNSVILLE MISSION.

Chief meetings at Eastern Parkway, corner Sackman Street, Brownsville, Thursday, at 3 P. M., and Saturdays, at 10:30 A. M.

An Extract From a Letter.

"Dear Brother in Christ:

Enclosed please find one dollar for the work among God's chosen people. When I was with you last Thursday, I was so pleased to see those dear little children raise their little hands, testifying of their love for and knowledge of Jesus Christ. It truly is marvellous. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." S. B.

Not by Night.

It is a fact that most of the friends who support this gospel work among the Jews have been led to do so by seeing the work or part of it with their own eyes. I have never appealed personally to Churches or individuals for support. The Spirit of the Lord, who is working in this corner of the vineyard, is touching the hearts of His own people moving them to help His own cause.

Incidents in the Work.

The Gospel Breaks Traditions.

Again and again I have had the experience that one must not directly antagonize the Jews in their traditions to which they cling so tenaciously. I would rather put the light before them, and the darkness soon disappears without any difficulties. At first the greater majority of the Jews who attended the meetings would sit in their chairs with hats on. My helpers used to come near me and whisper into my ears saying, "what is to be done with these Jews, they refuse to remove their hats?" (According to Jewish tradition it is a sin to sit bareheaded even for a minute.) My answer always was, leave them alone. But when I opened the meeting and began to talk and read, I would refer to the Lord Jesus' words concerning traditions. I would confirm His words by quoting a prophecy from Isa. 29, 13. "Their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men," and then I would hint kindly and brotherly to their tradition of never removing their hats. A remarkable scene used to follow; for one hat would disappear here, and there another, and so on, until nearly the whole audience would remain bareheaded. There would always be a few stubborn ones who would refuse to take an example from the others. Now we see very seldom a Jew with his hat on in the audience.

AN OLD-TYPE JEW YIELDED.

To illustrate the Jew's feelings toward such traditions now, I write the following incident. A few weeks ago an old-type Jew with a long beard also little peoth with a double head cover, that is, a small black peaked cap under the regular hat, came into the meeting at Ewen Street, about the middle of the service and sat down quietly in a chair near the door. As this pious old Jew did not remove his hat, he caused a considerable stir among the Jews sitting near him, who were very anxious for the removal of this old man's hat. At first they gave him constant appealing looks, and then they pointed with their fingers at their bared heads, meaning that they wanted him to do likewise. The poor old Jew found himself in a dilemma and he began to look all over the hall. His eyes were searching for some other Jew with a hat on, to find an example, but when he noticed all of them without hats he finally decided to remove his. When he took it off, he remained still with his head covered; for the small black

cap was left on him, and some began to smile while others cast angry looks at him. At last the old man decided to remove his black peaked-cap and uncovered his hoary head like all the other Jews.

NEVER HEARD ISA. 53, BEFORE.

I visited an old Jew to whom I was introduced by one who is our mutual friend. This old man has been a business man for 35 years in this city and has now retired and lives a quiet life. "You are an old man," said I to him as we sat opposite each other beside his table. "You must be prepared to meet your God. I would like to hear from an aged and experienced Israelite like you; what an answer you will give to God who will ask you, 'Hast thou kept my commandments?'" His wife was seated in a rocking chair not far from us, hugging a very bright little granddaughter in her arms and listened to our conversation with rapt attention. While I put my question to him, he bowed his hoary head with somewhat sad looks, and stared downward with deep thinking eyes, but at last the cloud disappeared from his solemn face and he replied: "Sir, I have never done wrong in my life, I have done honest business. Even Christians who traded with me told me often that they liked better to deal with me than with those of their own faith and race; I have always been good to the poor, I have always given my share to the synagogue I belong to, and helped to salary our Rabbi. Now when I come *there*, pointing toward heaven, do you think I will be condemned?" I then very kindly pointed out to him what a great sinner he must be in the sight of a Holy God whose commandments he broke. I called his attention to one which says, "Thou shalt love thy God with all thy heart, etc.," which no man has ever been able to keep. But as to the long bill of good deeds he gave me I quoted Isa. 64:6. "And all our righteousness is as filthy rags."

WHAT THE RABBI DOES.

I found the man utterly ignorant of the Scriptures and I asked him whether the rabbi did not teach them the Bible. To this he replied: "The idea, the rabbi teach us American people! why we are civilized people here, we are not savages. All the rabbi has to do is to make a fine speech on certain occasions and conduct the prayers in the synagogue, etc." I then asked him whether he ever read or heard the rabbi reading some passages from Isaiah the prophet. "Isaiah, Isaiah," repeated he, several

times, while his eyes wandered about betraying a great effort he made in recollecting that name, and then motioning with his finger at me to have patience, he cheerfully said, "I think I saw that name in my big Bible." At once he sprang to a closet and brought out a large Hebrew and German Bible. "This," said he, "cost me \$35; seek there if you will find that name Isa." I opened the book and read the 53d chapter of Isaiah to which the man, the wife and two others listened with great attention, and when I had finished, both he and his wife asked one and the same question: "Whom does this mean?" Their faces, their looks and their tone, showed their great surprise to find such words in their own Bible. I told them, "it means the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Messiah, upon whom Jehovah hath laid the iniquities of us all. If you believe in Him," said I, "you will be saved." They looked at each other with astonishment. The old man took the book, read it over and over again, in the German language, for that Bible is one column Hebrew and the other German. He rubbed his eyes and forehead and frequently turned to his wife and said, "It is true, it is exactly so as he read." Then he turned to the friend who introduced me to him and said, "I am an old man but I never heard these things, did you?" At last he said to me, "I am now a retired man, have plenty of time and I tell you I will begin to read this Isaiah from its first page to the last; for I must know all that is written there." Pray for this family.

Jews Singing for Jesus.

It is very hard to get Jews to sing Christian hymns, for two reasons: 1st, Singing in general at service is uncommon among Jews; 2d, They could be taught to sing, if a teacher could be found for this purpose—but, at present, they cannot do it. It would amuse our readers to see how I stand on the platform and try to teach them singing which I do not know at all myself. How often I wish I had a few Christian people to stand before them and lead them with their voices. Although there is this hindrance, yet Saturday evening before Christmas was an exception—I spoke to them on the birth of Christ, and pointed out to them the joy of the shepherds, and even the angels in Heaven rejoiced. Abraham and the other prophets rejoiced to see His day. So we ought to praise Him, who gave his life for us and rose again, and is now sitting at the

right hand of God. Somehow a mysterious power stirred the large audience, and in response to my request, "Let us sing for the glory of our Blessed Redeemer Jesus"—they all joined heartily in, "Alas, and did my Savior bleed." As I listened to their voices, and looked in their faces, I was reminded of the words in Isaiah, "The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

Brownsville Changed.

The readers will remember that we were obliged to remove from 530 Rockaway Ave., and already a number of meetings have been held in the new place, Eastern Parkway, cor. Sackman St. Brownsville properly consists of about 8 blocks,—the Jewish quarter—and while we were on one corner before, now we are at the other extreme. With a change of rooms, I discovered that Brownsville itself had changed very much. Five years ago when I started work they nearly all were opposed to me. There are three sects—the very orthodox, anarchists and socialists, and indifferent ones. With the exception of a few indifferent ones, all hated me, not because of personal matters, for I was a stranger to them, but because I bore the name—missionary. I was much discouraged as I went about looking for a suitable room to worship in. All the stores which could be used are in Jewish possession—occupied by Jewish real estate dealers, landlords and agents. The one we hired on Rockaway Avenue belonged to a Gentile. I could not then have secured a store from a Jew for the purpose of a mission.

As I was looking, for about a month, for a store the Jews came to hear of it. I was surprised when a Jewish plumber opened the door of his shop and beckoned me to come in. As I did so, he said, "Mr. Cohn, I will give you my store, as I have heard you need one." I thanked him for his kindness, but found the room too small for our purpose.

"How do you know me," I asked; "have you been at my meetings?"

"Yes, sir," he replied; "I have been there several times, and I have read some of your tracts."

I had a second surprise when a Jew, a property owner came to me, and said, "Mr. Cohn, I hear you are looking for a hall for your mission; I can give you the choice of two rooms."

He took me upstairs and showed me two workshops, large and light, but as they were

upstairs, where it would be impossible to attract people in passing, by texts and bibles in the windows, I saw it would not answer.

ANOTHER SURPRISE.

When I went into one work shop, I found thirty Jews working busily on sewing machines. When I entered the door, some of them called out, "Mr. Cohn is here! Mr. Cohn is here!" and suddenly the click clack of the machines stopped. Quietness reigned, and I shook hands with many, and talking to them, I said, "You seem very glad to see me; and I wonder why. Is it not because in the depths of your heart you know that I love your souls? Is it not because I would bring you to our Lord, Messiah, who is the greatest lover of your souls? How glad you will be when you meet Him, if you believe in Him now." All of them came near, and listened with great respect and earnestness. In the other work shop, I received the same welcome, but the Jews were fewer in number.

A JEW SEARCHING FOR A STORE.

A Jew who owns a few houses in Brownsville, met me and expressed his sympathy by saying, "I must help you to find a store for your mission." For a whole day this man went about looking for a suitable place. He found a little store in Rockaway Ave., not far from the one we had. Although it was small, this friend thought the owner of it would build an extension. It seemed a most desirable place, facing the thickly-settled Jewish quarter, and yet not in it. A Jewish Mission should be near, yet not in the midst of the throngs. The owner of the property, when spoken to in regard to it, looked upon this friend as if he were out of his mind. "What!" he said, "let my store to a Missionary! That would never do." But the friend spoke so earnestly and effectively that the owner consented to have a talk with me. "I am not a Missionary," the man said, "but I like Mr. Cohn, and if you will talk with him, you will change your mind." An engagement was made, and I called upon the owner. He finally said, "I will rent you the store for your Mission." And he also asked that I should build the extension. However, after my committee, with a builder, saw the place, they found it would cost more than they could afford to build. So that plan was given up, and at last I found our present place, also Jewish property. One Jewish neighbor blamed our landlord for renting

his store for a Mission, while another said, "I would rent all my property for the cause of Missions. I am very thankful to God to know what a great influence has been exerted over the whole of Brownsville.

Christmas Entertainment—Brownsville Mission.

BY GEO. C. SALTER.

Our annual Christmas entertainment took place at the new mission in Brownsville, on Thursday afternoon, December 28th. Long before it was time to open the doors, a large number of children had gathered on the sidewalk in front of the mission, and it was a real joy and pleasure to look into their bright, happy faces as they talked about the good time they expected to have. A splendid program arranged by the ladies connected with the Sewing School, was enjoyed by every one present. A number of visitors from the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church were present, and with some of the younger folks entertained the children, receiving in response from them a real hearty applause.

Our own children who had been well trained by Miss E. Marston, delighted our guests, as they sang their sweet Christmas carols. Mr. Cohn gave them a very interesting talk on the day we celebrate, and referred to the time when the work was first started, how some one had asked the children to close their eyes while they prayed, and one little girl cried out, "Don't do it, they are going to put crosses on us," and every child ran wildly out of the room; many of the children remembered this incident, and it caused them all to laugh.

Then he asked, "how many present loved the Lord Jesus," and nearly every hand in the room was raised. Another interesting part of our program, was, as each class was called the children rose in a body and read verses bearing on the birth of Christ.

One little girl who had come in late handed me a small package, and desired that it be presented to Mr. Cohn as a token of her love and esteem for him. It contained a pretty scarfpin and a small silk handkerchief. Mr. Cohn was very much touched, and thanked the little one, kindly for her loving remembrance.

At the close of the exercises each child received a box of candy, donated by the "Mission Gleaners" of Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, and oranges, a gift of Mr. John Hills, member of the above church. Mrs. Hilton, Miss Marston and all the other

teachers deserve much credit for the success of the entertainment. It was one of the best held in some years, and not one of the children expressed any dissatisfaction. It was a happy, quiet, joyful occasion that will be long remembered by those present. To those of our visitors who helped entertain the children we extend our sincere thanks, and wish them all a bright and happy New Year.

A Busy Time.

It would be impossible for me to tell the dear friends of this Mission all the details of the work. I am going to give you an idea of the amount of work which frequently comes upon me, single-handed, like a wave, so that I am at a loss to find out what to do first. One evening, after having been out on visits, and attending to other things in connection with the Mission, I came home weary and tired, hoping to take a much-needed rest; but I could not do so, for I found a message from a believing Jewish brother at Ewen St., whose wife was very sick, asking that I should come at once to see her. I did not try to sit down, but away I went, and had a word of prayer over the sick. I came home, and as soon as I sat down, there came in a Jew, asking me to give Christian instruction to his daughter, of ten years of age, as he would like very much she should believe in the Lord Jesus, as well as he does. While talking with this girl, another Jew came in, asking me to advise him about his removal to some country place, on account of his neighbors persecuting him for his faith in Christ. While this man was talking, another one came with the request that I should go over to his house and talk to his wife about the Lord Jesus Christ. Presently, a young man came in and told me that his mother was constantly scolding him for attending the Mission meetings, and for reading the tracts. He asked me to go over and talk to his mother.

A Jewess Converted.

After I rented the new room on Eastern Parkway, cor. Sackman St., I was busy fixing and arranging several things in and around the Mission room. One afternoon, while standing in the front of the new hall, a little Jewess approached me, and asked, saying, "Would you come to my house?" 'Tis not far. I wish you would explain to me something about our prayer book."

"Why don't you go to your rabbi," asked I. "The rabbi would kick me out of his house if I would ask him something about Jesus," answered the woman in a low tone, almost whispering. I went with her, and she handed me her prayer book, saying, "I heard you once say that in our prayer book was a certain prayer about Jesus, the Messiah. I wish you would show it to me. I was afraid to go to you because of the Jews." I showed her that prayer in the prayer book, which reads, according to Isa. 53: "Messiah, our righteousness is departed from us; horror hath seized us and we have no one to justify us. He hath borne the yoke of our iniquities and is wounded because of our transgressions. He beareth our sins upon His shoulders that we may find pardon for our iniquities. We shall be healed by his wounds when the eternal will create Him a new creature. O, bring Him up from the circle of the earth, raise Him up from Seir, that we may hear Him the second time on Mount Lebanon, through Zion!"

She was once in a meeting where I spoke about this prayer, which troubled her heart, and she had no rest. Now she saw it with her own eyes, in her sacred prayer book. After a long talk, I left her, convinced of the truth in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reasons for the Immediate Evangelization of the Jews.

1. Christ's command— 'Preach the gospel to every creature.'
2. The divine order—"To the Jew first."
3. Our debt to them; (a) Jesus was a Jew; (b) Sacred writers were Jews; (c) First Christians were all Jews; (d) Apostles of Gentiles were Jews; (e) Our daily food is Jewish History (Bible).
4. Present generation ought to be evangelized.
5. Present generation have not rejected Christ. (They have not heard of Him).
6. Their religion is a dead one. It is a physical impossibility to be a true Jew.
7. The crisis in this history is reached. The movement is towards infidelity or Christianity.
8. Natural advantages of work among them; (a) They are great inquirers and readers; (b) They are ready to agree; (c) They have a wonderful spiritual history behind them; (d) They *look for* Christ, whom we preach; (e) They already believe four-fifths of the Bible.

9. They hold the key to the situation—political, financial, journalistic, *religious*.

10. They are naturally equipped to become the best missionaries; (a) They are intellectually superior to other races; (b) They have extraordinary linguistic powers, and most of them know a number of languages; (c) They are the greatest traveling race; (d) They are already in all countries and have a world-wide communication; (e) They are inured to all climates; (f) They already know the manners and customs of all people; (g) They are born speakers; (h) When converted they are keen evangelizers, and above all, because they are “God’s chosen people.”

Facts: and Worth Considering.

Fact One: That when I began this testimony, five years ago, I could not get ten Jews together to whom to offer it; while today, on some occasions, I cannot get room enough to receive those who press to hear. This proves that God will bless the preaching of the Gospel to the Jews as richly as to any other race.

Fact Two: That, because of their own eager importunity, I have had to commend to the churches for baptism, a number of Jews, and that under much persecution these have, every one, continued steadfast to Christ. This proves that the Jew can be converted as radically as men of any other race.

Fact Three: That after two years’ labor in Brownsville, the door in Williamsburg was set open before me—two mission stations in my hands to-day. This proves that it is God who is working, not man; and, that it is His purpose to give the Gospel to the Jews, and to enlarge the testimony.

Fact Four: That ordinarily missions, to whatsoever class of people, cost \$2,000 a year or more for their maintenance, or \$4,000 for two. That these two Jewish missions, conducted without any intervening official boards or expenses, are costing but little more than the usual cost of one. This proves an economic management, and guarantees to patrons the most effective use of money.

Fact Five: That the history, habits of thought and present peculiar attitude of the Jewish race, demand the most accurate scriptural statement, and at the same time, because of their close and critical attention, admits of no repetitions. The testimony must always be new and striking and strictly scriptural; That with five meetings every

week no one man, dependent upon human powers alone, could possibly meet this demand; yet, that this is being done, proves that the power is not of man but of God,—proves that the Lord Jesus Himself in a subtle and mysterious but glorious way is moving amidst the hosts of his ancient people.

Fact Six: That a number of Jewish converts of these missions have been marvelously used of God in penetrating the darkness and bigotry of Roman Catholics, so difficult for Protestants to meet, and in delivering them, both women and men, from the bondage of their hierarchy “into the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.” This proves that it is true, as the Bible declares, that the Jew is appointed to be God’s ultimate and convincing missionary to the world, as it is written: “Salvation is of the Jew.”

Wherefore, dear Christian friends, consider these facts, briefly stated but most significant. Are they not signs of the times? Is not the Lord Himself at hand? “Prepare to meet thy God!”

An Eye Witness.

Mr. Miner, of the Business Academy, 607 Halsey St., who visited the Mission and addressed the audience, writes the following:

It was my privilege to accompany Mr. Cohn recently in conducting the Saturday morning service in Brownsville. I had formed a very favorable opinion of this from what I had heard about it, but a personal observation changed this favorable opinion into an actual knowledge of the excellent work, which should command the respect and aid of every Christian.

Mr. Cohn is eminently fitted for and adapted to the work that the kind Providence has called him to do, and he already has the confidence and high esteem of all who have come under the influence of his teaching. The importance of this work is incalculable, and very far reaching in its effects; indeed, I believe this and similar work to be the means of bringing the Jews to a full knowledge of Christ.

The Gentile churches would take a much greater interest in mission work among the Jews if the true situation were more fully understood. A visit to Mr. Cohn’s meetings will show the eagerness of all to learn the truth. The mercury was near zero on the morning that I was present, Dec. 30, but the meeting was well attended; there were forty men present. It is a fact worthy of note that a greater part of the audience is composed of men, and they listen with true

Jewish devotion, they weigh each statement carefully, and arrive at their conclusions in a thoughtful, logical manner; and therefore, when they are once convinced of the truth, it takes root in their souls, and they are as devoted to the cause of Christ as they were previously to their Jewish beliefs and customs. What a powerful force in converting the Heathen they will be when once evangelized.

M. L. MINER,
607 Halsey St.

Jan. 1, 1900.

Articles Received.

Mrs. S. B., a parcel of clothing; Mrs. Shedel (per Mr. A. K. De Giscard), a bundle of clothing; Miss S. B. D., a parcel of reading matter. The "Mission Gleaners" of Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, a package of clothing.

Receipts During December.

Mr. R. L. C., \$30, to pay rent for 17 Ewen St. Mission room; Mrs. S. R. R., \$1 for the general expenses; Mrs. A. T., 50 cents for the work; "From W. B." \$5 for the general expenses; Miss A. I. S., \$5 "for the Lord's work among Jews"; Mr. R. L. C., \$5 for the poor; Mrs. W. D. B., \$4.50 for the work; Mr. J. I. P., \$100 for the general expenses of the work; Union Thanksgiving Service at Bushwick Ave. Cong. Church (per Rev. J. T. Whitaker), \$12.68 for the work; Miss R. M. W. (per Mr. Geo. C. Salter), \$5 for the work; Mrs. U. A. S. C., \$1 for the poor; Miss M. D., 50 cents for the work; "From a Friend," N. Y., \$5 for the work; Mrs. S. B. L., \$1.50 for the work; Mrs. F. A. S., \$1 for the general expenses; Miss R. M. W., \$1 for the work; B. M. T., \$5 for Hebrew Bibles; Mr. R. W. A., \$3 for the work; Mrs. J. A. P., \$1 for tracts, and \$3.50 for the poor; Greene Ave. Bap. Church (per Mrs. Field), \$3; collection of prayer meeting at Marcy Ave. Bap. Church (per A. K. De Guiscard, Treasurer), \$18.03 for the general work; H. E. F., \$10 for general expenses.

The Needs of the Work.

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.

A BUILDING.

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.

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.

The Tracts Again.

The several important Jargon tracts, for which the liberality of the friends of this Mission a year ago secured the electro-plates, are in constant and urgent demand, while the supply is entirely exhausted. There is also an increasing call for them from other cities, and even from other lands, wherever the Gospel is being carried to the Jews. To reprint from the plates, the cost is eight dollars per thousand. Let all our friends pray that such as have the means, may devote some of it to this purpose.

HEBREW BIBLES.

There are poor Jews who have not the Hebrew Old Testament in their houses. I know a number of worthy cases, if there were the means to buy and give them freely.

Remember the Poor.

In the work of my ministry, I am never free from worthy cases of want and suffering; and many of these are induced or greatly augmented through adhesion to the truth as it is in Jesus. The Jewish poor will never ask for assistance, choosing rather to suffer; yet there will linger in many of their minds a feeling of suspicion that Christians cannot be sincere if they ignore these pressing temporal necessities. I may even myself be deemed pretentious and unsympathetic if I cannot lend a little aid; thus hindering the Gospel. To any heart sorrowing for these, God's own people, Christ's brethren in the flesh, I will gladly be their distributing agent.