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Devoted to Israel.

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

Salutation.

"We go to salute the children of the King."

II. KINGS, 10:18.

Dearly Beloved Friends:

I wish you for this new year as well as for many more in the words of Psalm 103:5, that "He shall fill thy soul with good things, thy youth shall always be renewed, and thou shalt soar up like an eagle." "The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace." Ps. 29:11.

AN INCREASED INTEREST.

The Lord has especially blessed the preaching of His own word during the last month. Not only have the audiences been larger at nearly every meeting during the last few weeks than ever before since about a year ago, but also an increased interest has been manifested by those in attendance. For some time we had no means of heating the mission hall at Williamsburg, but the people sat to the close of the meetings, notwithstanding the severe cold. On leaving the mission room one is simply astonished to find groups of Jews on the sidewalk discussing the sermon of the missionary with zeal and enthusiasm not minding the pinching cold. On several evenings the Holy Spirit enlightened the minds of the listeners and so remarkably opened their hearts to receive the Gospel that it required more preaching to satisfy their hungry souls and instead of closing the meeting at nine o'clock as usual it was continued for an hour longer. This special work of the Holy Spirit resulted in the conviction of sinners; for a number of Jews have been led to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Some have handed letters to the janitor to be delivered to me in which they wrote some touching expressions concerning their new found Messiah Jesus of Nazareth.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

As I asked the friends in the last number for prayers on behalf of the new Sunday School lately started at the Manhattan Ave. Mission, I will now briefly report its progress. I know of a number of friends who have prayed for this new movement and they will be glad to learn that the Lord is blessing this department of the good work. The teachers have been encouraged by the presence of a

number of men and a few children who are anxious to learn the truth. Nothing whatever is being done to attract scholars in order to have a large number, since we have seen the Lord's hand in the starting of this Sunday School we do not wish to touch it with our own hands leaving it entirely to His will to accomplish that which He has begun. One session was wonderfully marked with the Divine presence of God. It seemed that all the Jews present were possessed of the Holy Spirit; for thy joined the teachers in singing and praising the Lord Jesus with all their might and with all earnestness. This especially cheered the good teachers, for they know how unusual it is for Jews to sing Christian hymns.

THANK YOU.

I wish to inform the dear friends who sent their means toward the Christmas entertainment for the Brownsvills Sewing School girls that the teachers, myself and the girls enjoyed the day more than ever before. The New Testaments which we were enabled to buy and distribute for Christmas gifts as you will read on page 6 are things for which we have been looking a long time. Now in behalf of the one hundred and fifty girls and four or five ladies their teachers I extend to you our warmest thanks for your kindness.

VERY IMPORTANT.

I now wish to call your attention dear friends of Israel to the fact that there is now much suffering among the poor Jews. Will you not pray that He will move the hearts of those who have this world's goods, and trouble their consciences until they find rest in coming promptly to the assistance of His brethren.

It is simply appalling to think of so many philanthropists in this country excluding from their sympathy the poor Jews, Christ's brethren. When He said "These my brethren" Matt. 25, 40, He pointed at the Jews exclusively, and how surprised all these charitable people will be when He will tell them "I was hungered, and ye gave me no meat, a stranger, ye took me not in." My heart is filled with sorrow over these poor sufferers from cold and hunger.

I remain dear friends, yours very truly,

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What You Can Do.

You can fill your heart like Paul with desire and prayer for Israel that they may be saved. Rom. 10:1. Then your mouth can speak out of the fullness of the heart to your friends, neighbors and to Sunday School teachers and pupils. You can make plans to stir up your Church on this subject. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

Extract from a Letter.

"We do enjoy THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. I think the last number was specially interesting. The last three numbers my sister gave to one of the F. C. Ministers yesterday by way of increasing his interest in the Jews. We were struck by hearing the minister praying very earnestly for the awakening and conversion of the Jews, and his sermon was on the same subject."

J. B. C.

God's Way of Blessing.

Never once in the entire New Testament is the Church commissioned to convert the world. Her responsibility is evangelization and not conversion. . . Just as a man takes his bride out of ten thousand women, so God selects His bride out of millions upon millions. He goes into all the nations and takes out of them a peculiar people and gathers them into one corporate body, and they become the bride of the Lord Jesus. This is what God is doing in this dispensation. . . The order is "To the Jew first, and then to the Gentile." Never pass by the Jew without offering him the Gospel first of all. It seems to me we cannot expect God to bless the cause of missions while we systematically pass the Jew by. We must come back to this principle, the Jew first, and then the Gentile.—*Dr. A. T. Pierson, in The Faithful Witness.*

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Where to send Contributions.

After you have read the needs of the work on page 8 of this periodical and you wish to have a part in this Gospel work, you can send your contribution to either one of the committee above mentioned, or to the missionary, Leopold Cohn, 620a Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

A Prospect for a Home.

The readers are familiar with the need of a Home for destitute Jewish Children as mentioned many a time. Now there is a prospect of obtaining such but we urgently ask the friends of Israel to earnestly pray our Heavenly Father for the guidance which the following letter requests:

Mr. L. Cohn:

Dear Sir:—You need a Home for destitute Jewish Children. God has revealed to me a plan that property would be placed in my hands so I could return it to Him by giving it for aforesaid cause.

If this be His will, pray that the Lord will fit me and that I shall willingly give it up. The test will be severe. I would like the honor of being used as the instrument in God's hand. I need your confidence and prayers.

Report of Finances.

A full account, audited by the committee, of how the money received during the year has been spent will be contained in the next number.

Brownsville Mission.

Chief meetings at 331 Rockaway Ave., near Liberty Ave., Brownsville, Thursday at 3.30 P. M., and Saturday at 3 P. M. The Saturday meeting has been changed from the morning to the afternoon and we shall be glad to see any of our friends at that time.

Williamsburg Mission.

Chief meetings at 13 (formerly Ewen St.) Manhattan Ave., Williamsburg, Friday and Saturday evenings, at 8 o'clock.

The meeting for inquirers, Wednesday evening.

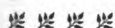
Sunday School, Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

"For thus saith the Lord: sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations, publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel." —Jer. 31:7.

Incidents in the Work.

Converted At Last.

For some time I have noticed a Jew who came regularly to the Brownsville Meetings and paid good attention but never gave any sign of sympathy for the Gospel. I often talked to him about reading the New Testament but he always answered, "Don't I hear from you all about that book—that is enough for me." At the close of one of the Saturday afternoon meetings, I again talked with him and asked, "Well, what about your soul?" And he enthusiastically replied and told me how he was now fully convinced that the Lord Jesus was his Saviour and to make the statement more forcible he laid his hand on the head of his little boy, standing beside him, and said, "So may this my boy, grow up and prosper, as it is true that Jesus is our Messiah." He asked me for a New Testament in Jargon which he said he would read to his wife, and he expressed great anxiety about her conversion. He requested me to come to his house and talk to her about Christ, for it is a sad fact that Jewish women are utterly ignorant of the Scriptures.



Two Scoffers Changed.

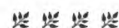
It is not often that we have absolutely quiet meetings like church services where everyone is either ashamed or spares the feelings of their pastor by not interrupting the service, for frequently we have disturbances and commotions.

One Saturday evening two young men came into the Manhattan Ave. Mission and began to scoff, laugh, and make all sorts of fun, annoying both the audience and myself. When we were singing they would pretend to do so too, but they simply mimicked and giggled. Someone whispered to me, to put them out, but when I tried to think of a passage in the Bible where Christ did so, I couldn't find one, so let them alone. I read the Scriptures and took for my text James 2:10, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." As I talked a deep thoughtfulness came upon everyone, and their hearts were touched by divine power as they became subdued by the fact that they found themselves poor, miserable sinners in the sight of God.

EFFECT ON THE YOUNG MEN.

The two young men stopped laughing, looked up earnestly, their eyes, ears, and mouths all open to receive the Word, and showed surprise in every feature. After the meeting a number of the audience told me that they were deeply stirred by what they had heard. Later the young men of their own accord, confessed that some mysterious power overwhelmed them so that they couldn't follow out their intentions of disturbing the meeting. Something com-

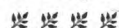
pelled them to listen to the preaching of God's Word which pierced their hearts, convicted them of sin and made it plain that they needed a Saviour. They also said that although they had no proofs from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah, as they didn't know the Bible well enough, yet they accepted Him nevertheless. The testimony which I gave decided them, for I said that in spite of my strict orthodox Judaism, which is rarely found among American Jews, yet I felt myself a law-breaker needing a Saviour and so accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.



Another Result.

A Jew came to my house one Sunday morning and told me that he had been thinking for a long time whether or not Jesus was the Messiah. "It was like a balance in my mind, sometimes one scale would go up and sometimes the other. When I went to your meeting the Jesus scale weighed down; when I came out of there and went among my people in the synagogue or the street, the Rabbinical scale would weigh down. But last evening when you showed us that there is no law which we have not broken, and that therefore every lawbreaker is under the curse of God, and that you yourself fled to Jesus to hide in Him, it was sufficient to decide me. I realized my lost condition and the scale for Jesus weighed down with a tremendous power which will never be outweighed by anything in this world."

The man was anxious to go to Church with me after we had had a long talk and prayer together, and just one day before he wouldn't have thought of entering a Christian Church.



A Jewess Convicted.

A Jewess came to my house one day and told me that her husband had often repeated to her what he had heard in the meetings, but her heart had never been moved in the slightest degree. All of a sudden, when her husband came home from the last meeting, she became thoughtful and listened carefully to what he said. She questioned him closely as to the meaning of these strange ideas, so he advised her to come to me. She first asked me what she ought to do in order to acquire a knowledge of Jesus. (The Jews cannot comprehend the acceptance of a new religious tenet without knowing it from the Scriptures. Nearly every Jew and Jewess repeat that verse in Proverbs, "The simple believes everything," and the Jewish mind is so fixed on the Scriptures that they have an old adage when a statement is discredited, and ask, "Where is that written?")

Before I entered into a long talk with her, I asked if she would be willing to pray. She

consented to this, but when she saw me kneeling she asked if I didn't consider that a sin. I said, "No, why should I?" and she answered, "Because the heathen do so to their idols and God said, 'neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.'" Lev. 18:3. Then I said, "If the heathen praise our living God by reading a Psalm, would you refuse to do so because of that?" Then I showed her how David knelt, and how nearly all our fathers worshipped God by kneeling, so she, with diffidence, knelt down with me and prayed. We then had a talk and I gave her some tracts and a Jargon Bible for which she thanked me very much.

The Sunday School.

I am glad to report that the new Sunday School, mentioned in the last copy, is still continuing. The teachers are coming regularly and there are always some pupils to be taught. We have had some pleasant times although very few children have come in, but the teachers are glad to have classes of men. We begin the service at 3.30 and close about 5 o'clock.

One Jew came in a little late when all the teachers were busy, so I took him aside, opened the Bible, and began to teach him the lesson. I told him to read and I would explain the verses but he said that he was near sighted and couldn't read at all in the evenings, although he could do so in bright daylight. As it was quite dark by this time, the gas was lighted, but he made several attempts to decipher the words, bringing the Bible as near as possible to the gas, but all in vain, and he was sadly disappointed.

"Don't you remember," said I, "that the other Sunday we had a lesson about the blind man who cried out, 'Son of David, give me sight,' and he was healed by the Lord? Now it is Jesus again of whom we are going to read in this lesson and he can put a bright light into your eyes so as to make you see the smallest print. Go on and read." The man made another effort, a desperate effort and fortunately began to read, now and then looking up to me smiling and expressing great surprise.

"Is this not enough," he said, "to convince me that the Holy Messiah is true,—how can it be otherwise? I know, and my neighbors do, that it is impossible for me to see any print in the evening, and here I have read plainly. I will tell this in the meeting to all the Jews."

A Private Conversation.

One of the converts told me that a well-to-do Jew and his wife were anxious to have a talk with me in their own house. When I called on them the man told me that he never expected to talk with or look into the face of a Jew who was so mean as to apostatize, for-

sake his religion, and become a Gentile (a goy). "But some of my friends spoke very highly of you," he said, "so I make an exception of you." Then both he and his wife began to talk to me with an air of secrecy, like a detective to a thief, and said, "Nobody hears us here. You can tell us the truth. Have you really accepted that religion which teaches men to hate and persecute the Jews? We know there are some bad Jews who wish to marry Christian girls, and others have a prospect of doing good business among the Christians. Because of this they say to the Christians that they have accepted their religion. What is *your* motive? We know that no good Jew can throw away his father's religion and become a Christian, for even the Christians themselves say that it is impossible for a Jew to change."

MY REPLY.

To this I replied that there was some truth in his statement that it is impossible for a Jew to become a Christian. I quoted Christ's word, "No man can come unto me but my Father." I told him how I had studied the Prophets and had compared them with the New Testament and was convinced from a standpoint of learning and reason that Jesus was the true Messiah. But I could not come to Him and love Him until I cried to God for His help in the Psalmist's expressions, "Open mine eyes" etc. "Send thy light and thy truth, they shall lead me." The Father hearing my earnest supplication called me to His Son Jesus, and otherwise it is really impossible for a man, Jew or Gentile to come to Christ. Then I gave them a few of my reasons for believing in Jesus, quoting some prophecies being fulfilled in Him as the true Messiah.

As I was talking to them a neighbor came in with a Jewish newspaper in his hand. He wanted to show this party some article, but stopped short and listened to my talk.

A NEW MESSIAH.

Just as I was giving the strongest proofs of the Messiahship of Jesus and thought that these Jews were convinced, especially the one who came in, because he seemed to be the best listener of the group, he produced his newspaper, unfolded it and pointed with his finger to an article with a flaring headline. The title of it was "*A New Messiah*." It related the details of a conversation recently held between the Czarina of Russia and a Jewish Doctor by the name of Hirsh, who is the principal physician of the Czar of Russia. Dr. Hirsh is given credit for his cleverness and care in having succeeded in curing the Czar of his severe illness. When the Czarina expressed her thanks to the Doctor she sounded him as to what reward would satisfy his inestimable service. The Jewish Doctor replied that nothing in the world, neither money or honor, would gratify him as much as the repeal of the oppressive

and cruel laws against the Jews. The paper expressed a hope that before many days the Jews would be put on the same level as the Russian citizens. "This man" emphasized the Jew, "can be called a Messiah, for he will redeem five millions of Jews from the cruel hand of Christian tyrants in Russia, but you cannot call Jesus by the name Messiah because He brought only trouble upon the Jews."

CHANGED HIS MIND.

I then read for them Isa. 53 and pointed out the suffering Messiah and made them understand that it was the mistake of the Jewish doctors, in looking for the King-Messiah, to lose sight of the Suffering One. Also I showed them how the Scripture speaks of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ when the Jews "will look upon Him whom they once pierced," and all as a nation will accept Him, though it will be with awful mourning, according to the prophet Zechariah.

This seemed to affect their hearts, especially the neighbor who came in with the newspaper. There was no further reference to the New Messiah, the paper was flung aside and all his mental powers were engaged with the Old Messiah, Jesus, "whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." All of them repeatedly said: "Have you ever heard these things in your life?" with great surprise. The neighbor said, turning to them, "No wonder the people go and go and go to his meetings and do not get tired."

Met an Unknown Convert.

Dear Friend and Bro. in Christ:

Do you remember a young Jew, who was present at the meeting of Christian Workers held at the Temple on Dec. 5th, just as you were going out of the door, he came over to you, and asked if you remembered him, and you replied, "I know your face, but cannot tell where I have met you. Then you held a very interesting conversation together, partly in Hebrew and partly in English, as near as I can understand, he said: "Do you know, Mr. Cohn, that you never had a man enter one of your meetings whose heart felt more bitter and full of hatred than mine did toward you, when I heard you speak about Christ. I felt as if I could kill you." "Do you know," he continued, "that some of us Jews interpret the Bible very much like the Jew with the push cart, who put a sign over the butter which read, 5 cts. a quart, and over the peanuts a sign which read, 25 cts. a pound. So we apply Isa. 7:14 to Isaiah's son and 9:6 to Hezekiah, where all through the Scriptures we find when we have the light, that Jesus the Son of God is the true Messiah to the Jews. But, nevertheless, Sir," he continued, "I kept coming to your meetings and studying the word of God, and now I am a believer in the Lord Jesus. The

fact of my being here to-day must convince you that I am telling you the truth." And then do you remember how his face lit up with a smile, almost divine, as he said, "I am soon going to be baptized."

Now, dear brother, how encouraged your heart must feel over this glorious testimony. How true the verse, "Cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shalt find it after many days." Never for a moment think that your work is in vain.

I recall to mind in the four years I was with you, many a stormy night when it was hardly fit for a human being to venture out, and yet the mission was well filled with God's chosen people, listening to the old, old story, of Jesus and His love. Oh, the earnestness of each face. Why were they there? No inducement of any kind was ever held out to them outside of the simple Gospel.

I want to speak of a young Jewess who came to the door about an hour after the close of our meeting. She had rushed with great haste from her place of business to be present with us, and so disappointed was she, that she almost cried. She said: "Oh, how much I would have liked to have given my testimony for my Saviour." Then she asked for some tracts for her father. I gave her several of them written by yourself.

How much I wish the Christian people would awake to a realization of their duty to your people who are now hungering and thirsting after the truth. Why don't they attend your meetings and see the blessed work that is being done?

With kind regards to all, I am as ever,

Your sincere friend,

GEO. C. SALTER.

Note: On going to print, I am informed that the young man has been baptized in the Bleecker St. Mission.

The Conversion of a Jew.

The following article was written by a lady who is a Gentile Missionary in this city, and who happened to meet the Jew mentioned while making a visit to the Hospital. His conversion proves that a Gentile, filled with the Spirit, can be as instrumental in leading a Jew to Christ as can another Jew, and can deal with the Jewish mind, filled with traditions and formalism, as well as with the ignorant Gentile:

Sometime ago a Missionary met a Jew, a true son of Jacob, in one of our City Hospitals. She spoke to him about the glorious future of Israel, the time, by prophet bards foretold, when

"A beam shall shine from Zion hill,
To lighten every land,
A king shall reign in Salem's towers,
Who'll all the world command."

He listened attentively, and she went on to say that just as his nation were having a long period of suffering, humiliation and persecution, before the dawn of that glorious era, just so it is with the Messiah. His glory and theirs are bound up together. When He returns with power, they will receive Him, with shouts of "Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." The subject became unpleasant to him, he got uneasy, and muttered to himself "Your Jesus is an imposter." The Missionary took no notice of his impious remark, but asked him if he would explain to her a few passages from the Prophet Isaiah. He said he gladly would, if he had his books beside him, but without them he could not. She then suggested that they might pray to the God of Abraham to enlighten them, and contrary to her expectation, he at once fell on his knees, and she poured out her heart to God for His beloved people, and for that one in particular.

Some weeks after she had occasion to go back to the Hospital, and he was still there. He greeted her with great cordiality, and told her he was a changed man since she had seen him. "I have had different thoughts," he said, "about the Messiah, since I saw you, and I have read the Second Testament twice over, and now I know He is the right one, and that He is my Saviour."

We thank God for the above, and for many more like him, who are casting off the musty folds of Judaism, and embracing the truths of Christianity; but we are waiting and praying for the time when "All Israel shall be saved." "For God hath not cast away His people, whom He foreknew," although "concerning the Gospel they are enemies for our sakes, but as touching the election they are beloved." For

"Such is Thy love to Judah's race,
A deep unchanging tide of grace.
Though scattered now at thy command,
They pine away in every land,
With trembling heart and failing eyes,
And deep the vale on Israel lies,
Yet still Thy word Thou canst not break,
'Beloved for their father's sake.'"

A. F.

The Christmas Entertainment.

BY MISS E. T. MARSTON.

Monday, December 31st, was set apart by the girls of our Sewing School for the Christmas entertainment. Though the day was dull and lowering it did not deter about one hundred and fifty children from attending the service.

We began the afternoon by singing heartily, "Once in Royal David's City," following which, Mr. Cohn prayed and spoke to the girls of the meaning of Christmas, and God's love

to us in sending Jesus Christ into the world. Miss McLauren, of the Marcy Ave. Baptist Church, then sang, "Sunshine in the Soul," the children joining in the chorus. Following this hymn, seven girls recited verses, each containing the name Saviour and held up at the same time, seven cards, each bearing a letter of the word—Saviour. Some of the verses were: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord," Luke 2:11. "I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour," Isa. 43:3, and, "This is indeed the Christ the Saviour of the world," John 4:42. It was most interesting to listen to Jewish girls repeating verses containing such words as "Christ the Lord, Jesus, Christ the Saviour" and to mark the earnestness and pride with which each said her text. Only a few years ago these girls knew nothing of Jesus Christ, except disapproval and terror, and I venture to say that none could have been hired to repeat such texts. It is, however, only another proof of God's Word, "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

Some young people who had come to assist us, then recited various Christmas poems and stories, and a chorus of the older girls of the Sewing School sang, "O little town of Bethlehem." Miss McLauren also sang again, "When mothers of Salem."

Mr. Cohn explained to the children that the ones who had been regular attendants at the School during the Fall would receive rewards for their persistence, and eighty of the one hundred Testaments bought for the purpose, were distributed with brightly colored pictures, while oranges and candy were given to all. The candy was donated by the Little Missionary Gleaners of the Marcy Ave. Baptist Church, through Mrs. Chatfield. It seemed best to try and incite the thought of the privilege given to regular attendants among the girls, and we are planning to distribute the rest of the Testaments to those who come regularly until June.

When all the presents had been given out, we closed the meeting by singing, "O come all ye faithful" and the children left us with many good wishes for the New Year, and trooped away with happy faces.

Dear friends, we are still in need of teachers at the School, and anyone willing to help will be cordially welcomed.

A Most Effective Testimony.

We had with us one Saturday evening at Williamsburg, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Zeckhausen, both Hebrew converts. They reside in New York where they do mission work in the Medical line among the Jews.

Dr. Zeckhausen first addressed the audience in Yiddish and spoke for nearly an hour on the

first few verses of the Gospel of St. John. "The light shined in the darkness" was his text. All the Jews listened with most remarkable attention. Mrs. Zeckhausen followed and gave a brief testimony in English of how much she had suffered for Christ's sake, forsaking father and mother and doing menial work for her daily bread. Yet the pleasure of knowing that she had found the truth in the Lord Jesus Christ repaid her for all her suffering.

Both speakers made a very deep and lasting impression on the large audience.

The Prayer of a Christian Jewess.

We are Thine Israel, Christ. For thou hast died
For all Thy chosen wandering far away,
We are Thine own, yea, doubly more than they
Who preach to us the Lord we crucified,
Our own Messiah. By Thy wounded side [pray
Whence flow all blessings, hear us when we
And groan in anguish. Now, for many a day
Our race is scattered in the kingdoms wide.
It is our claim that Thou hast loved so much;
It was our sin we loved Thee not at all;
It is our plea our tears are tears of blood.
Rise, Covenant Lord, and with Thine healing
touch

Lighten our darkness. We that blindly call
Still are Thine Israel—Still Thou art our God.
Whitechapel, London. —Beatrice Rosenthal.

You are Cordially Invited.

The friends will, no doubt, remember the social gathering for believers, which it has been our custom to have at this time of the year. We used to hold it on the fourth of January, but now it has been delayed. There have been lately so many urgent needs that I could not see my way clear to meet the expenses of such a gathering. Still knowing the good that such a sociable will accomplish, I have been prayerfully waiting to see His will in this matter. Now, in going to press, Mr. Day, president of the young people of Lewis Avenue Congregational Church, came to tell me that his society was ready to give the believers another entertainment. These dear young people have always taken the entertainment of the gathering in their hands. The day for the Social Gathering has been set for Wednesday (Jan. 16th), evening at 8 o'clock, in the Williamsburg Mission room, No. 13 Manhattan Avenue (formerly Ewen Street). I now extend a cordial invitation to all the Christian friends who are interested in the evangelization of the Jews, to come and see with their own eyes these Jews who have been brought to the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jewish Notes.

THE ROUMANIAN EXODUS.

At Foltitscheni one hundred families with a capital of 20,000 pounds, have associated themselves in order to emigrate to Anatolia.

Mr. Isador Bendavid has contributed 400 pounds to the association. At Bucharest one hundred and eight hotel-keepers, coffee-house proprietors and shopkeepers have closed their businesses to go to Canada with 32,000 pounds.

There will be in the new House of Commons nine Jewish members, one less than in the last Parliament. On the conservative side, there will sit seven, and the liberals will have among their number two Jews. Col. Francis A. Lucas, Mr. Stuart M. Samuel, and Mr. Maurice Levy enter Parliament for the first time.—*The Jewish World*.

At the Odessa Great Synagogue, on the recent Day of Atonement, a prayer was said for the repose of the soul of the Christian "righteous man," Vladimir Sergeyevich Solovyoff, who recently died at Moscow. Solovyoff, a great savant and philosopher, was versed in the Jewish law, and a warm defender of his oppressed Jewish friends in Russia and elsewhere. So greatly did he feel and suffer for them that in praying for this unfortunate race he found no language more fit or more sacred than the ancient Hebrew, with which he was thoroughly familiar.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

At York the Jews took refuge in the Governor's castle during his absence with their wives and children. The Governor besieged the castle and battered down the gate. Jocean, the head Jew turned to his people and said, "Brethren there is no hope for us. Let us fire the castle and perish." Then with the flames roaring around them, the poor Jews cut the throats of their wives and children, to prevent them from falling alive into the hands of the Christians. Just as the Christian missionaries in China are said to have done when besieged by the Boxers.

Having done this, Richard, the Lion-hearted, went on his holy crusade to the tomb of Christ.—*Hazefrah*.

A missionary relates in "Dibre Emeth" of his success in Persia and tells of the friendliness of the Jews of that country towards him. Missionary Norollah had been asked by the Chief Rabbi of Demavend to preach in the large synagogue in the city. The son of the Rabbi was converted and the elder of the synagogue invited the missionary to preach in his garden to a selected audience directly invited for that purpose.—*Saat und Hoffnung*.

Articles Received.

"From a friend;" a parcel of reading matter; Mrs. M.C.G., a package of clothing; The Women's Benevolent Society of Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, through Mrs. Williams, a parcel of towels and patchwork for the Sewing School; Miss H. E. F., a parcel of paper figures for the girls; Miss E. St. J. L., a package of clothing; Mr. Geo. L. W., a dozen booklets called "The Jews;" The "Missionary Gleaners" of Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, through Mrs. Chatfield, one hundred and fifty stockings of candy for the Sewing School Christmas entertainment and a package of clothing; Mr. J. H., through Mrs. Hilton, one hundred and twenty-five oranges for Christmas entertainment.

Contributions during December.

Mr. R. L. C., \$30 to pay rent for 13 Manhattan Ave. Mission; J. C. D., \$2 for the work in general; Two Friends, a mother and daughter, \$15 for the general expenses; "A Friend of Israel," \$5 for the poor; Collection from Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, through Mr. DeGuiscard treasurer, \$11 for the general work; Mrs. D. G., \$10 for the general expenses; Rev. J. D. W., D. D., \$1 for the work in general; Mr. W. H. N., \$9.50; Mr. A. H., \$2 for the Sewing School Christmas entertainment; Mrs. R. W. F., \$1 for the Sewing School Christmas entertainment; Mr. R. L. C., \$5 for the Sewing School Christmas entertainment; Mrs. R. L. C., \$5 towards a stove for the mission; "Wilkesbarre Saints," through B. F. Diggory, \$5 for general work; "The Friends of Israel of Morristown," through Miss Betts, \$13.75, for the Sewing School Christmas entertainment; Mr. and Mrs. F., \$2 for Hebrew Bibles or tracts; Mrs. M. J. D., through Miss Marston, fifty cents for the Sewing School Christmas entertainment; G. L. W., \$10 for the work; Mrs. S. J., \$1 for the work; Mrs. McD., through Mrs. Caldwell, \$1 for the work; Mrs. H., 26 cents for the work; Mrs. B., 50 cents for the work.

The Needs of the Work.

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.

TRACTS.

The work is always in great need of tracts. Only those who had the experience know the value of spreading literature. To print new tracts the cost is about \$20 per thousand; while to reprint from the plates, is only \$8 per thousand.

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.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

The necessary amount for the general expenses of 13 Ewen Street Mission, viz: rent, janitor, organist, gas, printing, signs and incidental expenditures, is \$80 monthly.

NEEDED, A READING ROOM.

We are now occupying for Mission purposes two stores on the ground floor of buildings, and these rooms are not occupied during the day. If we had a man in charge these rooms might be used for reading when the meetings are not in progress. A true Jewish convert who would receive such as came in, give them a tract to read, or a New Testament, and talk to them personally, would be a great factor in the evangelization of the Jews. The salary of such a man would be twenty-five dollars a month.

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 do not like to live on charity, 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.

A HOUSE FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

I am always meeting with poor children, either fatherless, motherless, or having sick and indigent parents, who need a home. There is but one Jewish orphan asylum in the city, and most of the time it is crowded, and even when there is room, the children of believers, or those who attend the Mission are not favored by the institution. It is a very hard thing, in my experience, to place a Jewish child in a non-Jewish institution. Often the managers ask me why I don't take Jewish children to the Jewish asylum, and they do not seem to understand that believers in Christ cannot go there. I have also observed that such children are brought up in a most miserable way, and many of them become crippled. Who will feel for these little ones, and help them to have a home?