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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. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing: and they that strive with thee shall perish."—Isaiah 41:8, 9, 11.

## Salutation.

"We go to salute the children of the King."  
II. KINGS, 10:18.

*Dearly Beloved Friends:*

He who hath made us kings and priests unto God, make all grace abound toward you and be with your spirit which shall yield you those precious fruits "love, joy and peace" as it is written, "Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee." Ps. 5:11.

### SEVEN YEARS' LABOR.

This very month, seven years ago, the Lord sent me forth into His harvest to witness to His saving grace among the one-hundred thousand Jews in Brooklyn. By a remarkable chain of providences He pointed out the way to me in almost as plain a manner as He did by the pillar of fire to Israel in the wilderness. There was no society or Church to send or encourage me, friendless and penniless I entered the field of battle.

Like David, who chose for his weapons with which to fight Goliath, five stones, I selected for my weapon to fight Israel's enemy five words, namely: "I am with you always," only one who knows the Jewish way of thinking can realize my situation. A Jew coming to persuade other Jews to become Christians? Why, a thief or a robber is half as bad, a murderer is not half as brutal, an infidel is never regarded as unprincipled and as wretched, and an anarchist is certainly not so much of a miscreant.

For all these, in the Jewish mind have still retained the glorious name *Jew*, they still belong to the stock of Abraham. But the Jewish Christian is an apostate, he has changed his religion, he has joined the Jews' greatest enemies, he is a traitor, and is guilty of high treason. Therefore the greatest hatred, the bitterest persecution, and the most cruel death are regarded as commensurable.

### FOR THE GOSPEL'S SAKE.

No earthly treasure could have induced me to become the target for fiery darts of a bitter and enraged people. But I did it for the Gospel's sake. No insult, hatred, and persecution on one side, and no hunger, cold, heat, and poor health on the other could ever move me from my post

until this day. The story of hardships and sufferings during these seven years is long and pitiful. But Christ, the power of God, has enabled me to stand and to do all things. The thought that one-hundred thousand Jews are entirely ignorant of salvation, and therefore ready to perish, troubled me until I found rest in sacrificing my feelings, name, honor, and comfort, and like Isa. 50:7, I can say "I have set my face like a flint." But the Lord has recompensed me by the many souls that have been won for Christ during these seven years.

At first I thought I should only plant the seed and others after me would see the fruitage. But my joyful surprise is growing more and more with the increase of converts all the time.

### AWAY WITH DOUBT.

The above facts are strong enough to dispel any doubt as to God's will and pleasure in this corner of His vineyard. Neither can there be any doubt whether Jews can be converted. But there is one thing certain that owing to lack of means the missionary's hands are tied behind him. Like a plant in a small pot this mission cannot spread out its roots. There is great opportunity for you dear friends to have a share in the conversion of the long neglected Jews. Today! or never!

There is a demand for Bibles, there is a desire for reading matter, and there is a great need of more laborers in the large field. But alas! instead of Christian tracts the Jews have been flooded with anarchistic literature right in this Christian country. The great responsibility of Jews drifting into infidelity rests heavily upon every individual Christian. How it must grieve the heart of Christ to see the ease and indifference of many of His confessors, while His servants risk their health, life and all for His Gospel. Dear friends of Israel! "Keep no silence, give Him no rest" and be instant in prayer until many Christians arouse from their lethargy, rally around the mission work among Jews, and by doing so hasten the coming of the Lord Jesus, King of the Jews.

Yours in His service,

LEOPOLD COHN.

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### COMMUNICATIONS.

Please address all communications to the editor and superintendent, Mr. Leopold Cohn, 620A Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### Concerning Full Names.

I have received word from a number of friends approving the proposition to give full names in acknowledging contributions, for the motives suggested in our last issue. I have also heard from others who requested to have only their initials used. In this number therefore, full names are given except where I have been asked to do otherwise.

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#### Letters to Non-Subscribers.

This month letters will be sent to a number of people who have been receiving the paper freely. The object of this letter is to ask them to become subscribers. From the experience of last year, I found that out of American courtesy, even those who did not desire to subscribe, sent answers to me.

Every new subscription though only fifty cents, means a great deal to the Missionary. It means sympathy and cheer, it means encouragement, as much as to say, "Go on. I feel for you—My heart is with you. We are members of one body, one part of which feels for the other."

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#### Williamsburg Mission.

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

The meeting for inquirers, Wednesday evening.

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#### Brownsville Mission.

Chief meetings at 331 Rockaway Avenue, near Liberty Avenue, Brownsville.

Sewing School, Thursday at 3.30 p. m., Gospel Meeting, Saturday at 2.30 p. m.

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#### Missionaries Never Get Rich.

Christians have never established the precedent of being so liberal as to make a Missionary rich. We have heard of many pastors leaving considerable wealth after death but no Missionary ever did so.

It is hard to reconcile the Missionary spirit with laying up treasures; for the cases of distress which a Missionary meets frequently, and the crying needs of the work with which he is daily

brought face to face are too strong to allow self to claim supremacy. So dear friends, do not hesitate to send as much money as you can to the Missionary, for you may be sure he will use it to glorify your Saviour's name.

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#### A Contradiction.

When the Jew hears the Missionary preach that Christ's purpose is love and not persecution, he feels as if a new, bright sun had shone upon him. When he is persecuted by his brethren in the flesh he naturally turns to the love of which the Missionary preached. So if he can do nothing for the sufferer, the convert finds the greatest contradiction he ever knew—a sun without light, a spring without water. Is not this the case if we preach love and do not relieve a poor persecuted brother?

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#### 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.

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#### How to Reach the Missions.

To Brownsville, take Fulton St. car, stop at Rockaway Ave., walk eight blocks to your right; or Douglass St. car, stop at Rockaway Ave., walk half a block to your right.

To Ewen St. Mission, take Fulton, Halsey or Gates Ave. car, transfer to Tompkins Ave. car, then transfer to Flushing and Graham Ave. car, stop at Varet St., walk one block left.

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#### A Striking Contrast.

Many a Christian mother there is who would regard it as her greatest happiness to see her beloved daughter converted. But on page 6 of this number we read that a Jewish mother wishes her once loved daughter to die because the latter had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.

If a Gentile becomes a Christian he gains the confidence of many people. The butcher will credit him, the grocer extends his bill, the landlord will wait for his rent, and so conversion has made him a gentleman. But if a Jew becomes a Christian, he loses his respect among his brethren, he incurs the hatred and bitter persecution, no one will trust him, no one will do him a favor and he has lost all his value in his neighbors' eyes.

## Incidents in the Work.

### Did God Speak to You?

At the close of one meeting, as I left the hall I noticed a group of Jews standing on the street, evidently engaged in a very important discussion. Being desirous of hearing what they said, I went into the circle and asked what their conversation was about. They showed some surprise at my sudden appearance in their midst, and looking at each other, kept silence.

Presently one of them said to me, "Mr. Cohn, will you tell us the truth? You just said in your sermon that God sent you to us to tell us about Jesus. Now did God really speak to you?" Some of them laughed as he earnestly asked this, but I answered, "Why, you don't know the Scriptures and therefore you don't know the ways of God. Have you not read Psalm 32:8 where God says; 'I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.' If you would earnestly pray daily as David did, 'Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path,' Psalm 27:11, you too would know God's direction in your undertakings and duty. When Abraham our Father, sent Eliezer to seek a wife for his son Isaac, God did not speak to Abraham or to Eliezer to point out to them the person Rebekah of the city of Nahor in the land of Mesopotamia. Yet by prayer and faithful waiting on the Lord, Eliezer saw plainly God's finger directing his way, and was sure that He had led him in it. Even Laban admitted this, saying, 'The thing proceedeth from the Lord.'" Gen. 24:50.

At this, some one interrupted by saying that God did tell Abraham of Rebekah when she was born. This he concluded from Genesis 22:20-23 where it says, "It was told Abraham, saying, Behold Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor; \* \* \* \* and Bethuel begat Rebekah." Others, however, argued him down, and it was decided that I was right. "Now," I continued, "I have been led in some respects in a more convincing manner than Eliezer and can truly say that God sent me to preach to you this Crucified Saviour of ours."

#### RABBI OR MISSIONARY, WHICH?

One of the crowd then said, "Mr. Cohn, you tell us that you are sent by God (at this expression there was still some laughing) and our rabbis say that each one of them is a successor of Moses and we ought to listen to him. (Deut-17:11 'Thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall show thee.' The Talmudists apply this to each rabbi whom they think as authoritative as Moses himself). Now to which of the two shall we listen, the Missionary or the rabbi?"

By this time the crowd was very large. Passers by stopped and windows above and opposite us were thrown open. The interest was intense.

One of the crowd, which on the whole was orderly, shouted, "You cannot compare our holy rabbis with these Missionaries." Another called, "Order." So for a few minutes there was confusion, but their anxiety to hear me answer this question overbalanced their tumultuous spirit. When quietness was restored I replied, "You should not listen to either one." Before I could say another word they laughed heartily, but I continued, "You should listen to the Word of God." I then quoted Isa. 8:20: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them," and said I would illustrate my thought. "For instance, we read Isa. 53. The rabbis say that it applies to the Jewish people who are despised and not esteemed. Then we come to verse 6 which says, 'The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all,' and the rabbis will tell you that the iniquities of the Gentiles have been laid on the Jews. Now you men can judge whether this is right, for God says in Isa. 50:1, 'Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves.'"

"Now is it not plain, as we Christians believe, that God has laid our sins on Jesus? This is fair and square, according to the Word of God elsewhere and each one can judge whether the rabbis explanation agrees with the Word of God. Which will you believe?"

#### AN ENTICER.

All this time the crowd had been growing until there were about 300 persons listening to me. When I fully exposed the incorrectness of the rabbinical explanation of the Scriptures it made a tremendous impression upon the people, most of whom never come to the meetings. Some of them became indignant and resolved to send at once for a neighboring rabbi that he might set forth his side of the case.

In the meantime some one said, "Why, Jesus was an enticer, and Deut. 13:6 warns us to listen to no such person, but to stone him." To this a number of voices shouted, "That's right." I then answered, "You are like a man who wants to give an estimate for a diamond which he has never seen. Why don't you read the New Testament and judge for yourself whether Jesus ever enticed anyone to worship other Gods. A Jewish doctor asked him which was the greatest commandment and He replied, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.'" Matt. 22:37. I then again appealed to them to study the Scriptures and to find the truth for themselves that it might not be said of them, "They know not, neither will they understand." Psa. 82:5.

A deep silence ruled the whole crowd by this time, but suddenly two Jews pushed their way through the people shouting, "Brethren we are lost. We have been to call our rabbi to answer the Missionary and explain Isaiah 53 to him and he refuses to come. This shows that he is wrong and this man is right." These words surprised

them all very much and even those who had been bitterly opposed, weakened at this report. Then one of the men said, "What shall we do, Mr. Cohn? Shall we become Gentiles? Is that what God sent you to us for?" "God wants you to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," I replied, "for the forgiveness of your sins, and He wants you to follow His Word." I talked for a few minutes while they listened attentively until some one interrupted saying, "Men! do you think that any of us would refuse to take Jesus as the atonement for our sins? I think not. If we don't have to accept any other God, why not believe in the Messiah, Jesus?" This was followed by a moment of deep silence which I thought was the power of the Holy Spirit. Then suddenly a Jew cried, "Woe unto me! woe unto you, apostates all, you have listened until you have let yourselves be influenced by the words of this traitor!" His voice grew louder and louder, like the trumpet on Mt. Sinai, and as the people began to disperse, I too left the place.

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#### A Pastor's Testimony.

I had the pleasure of again having with us at Manhattan Avenue the Rev. John Donaldson, Pastor of the Union Course Baptist Church. The Jews enjoy hearing him very much as he knows all about their customs and has studied thoroughly the Old Testament Scriptures.

At this meeting he spoke on the offices of the Messiah, pointing out to them how Christ was Prophet, Priest and King. The whole discourse was very convincing and the audience was carried away with his sermon. Most of his hearers were orthodox Jews, for I know a very few reformed Jews who would enter a mission hall.

One man who is orthodox in the strictest sense, asked me, "How can this Christian Pastor know and understand our law just as well as a Jew, when it is written that only we Jews have the privilege of understanding the law of God, and no uncircumcised person can be fit to conceive God's purpose?" He referred to Psa. 147: 19, 20, "He showeth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them." The orthodox Jews believe that it is impossible for anyone not of the stock of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to understand the Word of God and that the merit of circumcision alone entitles one to this privilege. I quoted the above verses to him and showed that God simply states the fact that he did not give the law to the nations but to the Jews, which is somewhat of an honor. But any Gentile has the same qualifications as a Jew to know God's Word. I then quoted John 16:13, "The Spirit of Truth \* \* \* will guide you into all truth," and showed that Christ gave a special promise to the Christian so that he is better able to know the Word than the unbelieving Jew.

#### A Wealthy Jew.

A Christian business man who is much interested in this gospel work among the Jews arranged for me to meet a wealthy Jew, his acquaintance, in his office. When we met I was delighted to see a young man of culture and refinement. He has been brought up in wealth in this great city and is well educated but is very religious, according to his parents' light.

He told me he had never met a Christian Jew before, "and that is what our friend told me about you" he said, glancing at my face. "I would like to ask you," he said, "why you became a Christian?" I explained to him that Christian means one who follows Christ, the Messiah and that it was quite natural for me, an Israelite, to follow the Messiah whom God promised to our nation. "I now think that it is an anomaly for a Jew not to be a Christian." He looked at me with surprise and replied to this, "I think that the idea of a Messiah was evolved by the constant oppression of the poor Jews. They had been waiting for a deliverer, hence the name Messiah. But we who are not oppressed have no occasion to expect or to think of a Messiah." Then I took out my Hebrew Bible and from Genesis to Malachi touched, in a brief way, on all the promises of God concerning the Messiah. These appealed to him so forcibly that he soon changed his mind on this point. The passages I quoted in the Hebrew were so new to him that he hesitated for a moment as if he could not believe his own eyes. He looked first at the Hebrew and then at the English, until fully convinced of the truth of the verses.

#### JESUS DID NOT SAY SO.

Of course the conversation was very long but I will only mention the substance of it. After I had proved to him that the description of the Messiah in the Old Testament is completely fulfilled in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, he asked this question, "Do Christians say that Jesus is the Son of God? This cannot be for Jesus Himself did not say so." I turned to John 9:35-37 where Christ in talking with the man whose eyes he had opened, asked him, "Dost thou believe in the Son of God? He answered and said, who is he, Lord, that I might believe on Him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee," and John 10:36, "Say ye of him whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?" These texts showed him plainly that Christ declared himself the Son of God.

He then asked me to tell him how I became a Christian. I told him as briefly as I could and when I closed he said, "What is the end of the belief in Jesus?" "The forgiveness of sins," I answered, showing him the Scriptures to that effect. "But we have the Day of Atonement;"

he replied, "on which God forgives the sins of all who fast." I showed him again from the Bible, that, "It is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul." On the Day of Atonement in olden times, two goats were used, upon the head of one of which the High Priest confessed the sins of the people, and that goat was loaded with sins to such an extent that the man who led it away became unclean. I pointed out how foolish it must appear before God and those who know the Bible thoroughly, when Jews are so blind as to stand the whole day in the synagogues fasting and praying for forgiveness, when the required sacrifice, which makes the atonement, isn't there.

We parted in a very friendly way and he expressed a desire to meet me again. The impression that the Word of God made upon him, was beyond description and several times the tears came to his eyes. Our Christian friend who was present asked him what he thought about it, and he answered that he now had plenty to think of.

Will the readers pray for this young Jew and also that all Christian business men, who have Jewish acquaintances, may follow the example of this dear friend who talked to the Jew of Christ and brought about our meeting.

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#### A Jewess from Morristown.

A Christian lady in Morristown, whose heart is in the cause of Christ among the Jews has done quite a work in this line. She has visited and talked with a number of Jews in her town and has given out tracts and Testaments. She is always anxious to bring some Jewish soul to Christ.

As a rule the Lord uses those who wish to be used in his hands, though they may not see results immediately.

A young Jewish couple rented rooms of this lady some time ago. This gave her the best of opportunities to talk to them. After having impressed them very much, she wrote to me and I sent them a Yiddish Bible (The Bergman) and my tracts.

A couple of weeks ago, the Jewess came to my house and introduced herself. She had come to the city on business and the lady suggested that she visit me. We had a long talk and she told me how highly she appreciated all the kindness and love of the Christian people whose rooms she occupies and how she and her husband saw now, as never before, that a Christian could be kind to a Jew. Although she had once been impressed, when in a mission dispensary in London, by the doctor's telling her he would pray that the medicine might help her, yet she had never realized what Christian love meant.

#### DISGUSTED WITH JUDAISM.

She told me that at the last Feast of Tabernacles she wanted to have her share in the social side of the feast. (Each family usually contributes a homemade pudding to the party). The lawful

butcher, however, who is Vice Rabbi pronounced her pudding as Trefa (unlawful to eat) because she had placed it on a plate borrowed from her Christian landlady. She saw then that there was no truth in Judaism, and she plainly told all the Jews of Morristown who were in the party that it would be much better for them to become Christians at once.

#### HER DIFFICULTY.

After I had had a long talk with her and explained to her the way of Salvation from both the Scriptural and human standpoint she told me her difficulty. She said she could not see why she needed the Son, if she had the Father, as, for instance, if she wanted to give something to someone her child could not interfere. Although I showed her from the Scriptures that it was God's will and pleasure that we should accept His beloved Son, she could not fully understand. Then I told her about Jacob, who after Joseph's coat dipped in blood had been brought to him, was almost paralyzed with grief. Though all of his sons gathered to comfort him, called him Father, honored him and were ready to do anything for his comfort, yet it did not satisfy Jacob for his heart was bleeding for the treatment of Joseph. So they might have said as she did, "We don't need the son, we will honor our Father and that will do." But it did no good.

This seemed to take hold of her mind and gave her a little light. Pray for her.

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#### My Countryman.

Ever since the rumor of my conversion spread like wild-fire through Hungary, there has been no cessation in the talk about the subject. The circle of rabbis of my acquaintance utterly disbelieve it and although my tracts have been sent to them they claim they are only slander coming from my enemies. Their followers imbibe the same ideas from them. But a number of my countrymen having returned from America, witnessed that they heard me preach Christ and so the people are puzzled unto this day.

A young man from the very same county where I officiated as rabbi came to this country a few months ago. He went to Staten Island as he had some friends living there, and stayed with them. He inquired of them about me but they could give him no information. After some difficulty he found out and came one night to the meeting at 13 Manhattan Avenue. As he arrived some time before the meeting began, he had a chance to talk with me. He was very ignorant of Christianity as all Jews are before they hear a Missionary preaching. I explained to him my belief and he was very much interested as he is educated in Hebrew and for some time studied in a rabbinical college in Hungary. He stayed through the meeting and listened most attentively. I gave briefly, on that evening, my experience. This was a great factor in drawing his heart to

Christ because he knew the facts of my conversion better than the others. At the close of the meeting he asked me for a New Testament and all the tracts I could give him.

#### HE SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES.

For some weeks this young man was studying the Scriptures with great avidity. He had to hide the Testament and tracts in his trunk and could read them only in the night when all his friends were asleep. In about three weeks' time he came to a meeting on Wednesday evening, when all are at liberty to ask questions. During the meeting he suddenly rose and said, "Why should you friends ask such questions? If you knew Mr. Cohn as I do, you would accept Jesus the Messiah and his teaching at once, as I did just a short time ago."

Some of the Jews, in their blindness, stopped outside the hall and asked him how much I paid him for that testimony. He then told them at length what he knew of me and what the rabbis at home thought about me. This appealed to these Jews in a most striking way and they asked for his pardon.

Then the young man came to my house and asked me to baptize him. As a rule I give such a one full instructions with lessons for a week or two so as to base his faith on a foundation of the Word of God. I told him of this and we appointed a time when he should come to me.

#### HE DID NOT COME.

The appointed time arrived and my countryman did not appear. Ten days later he came, evidently distressed, and told me the following story:

One night after reading the New Testament and tracts, he left them on his table and hurrying away in the morning, forgot them. The people with whom he stayed, very orthodox Jews, noticed them and became alarmed. When the young man came back in the evening he found his books as he left them and no one said anything about them. Next morning when he rose, he started to dress but could find none of his clothing nor his books. He knocked on his door and when some one came, hurriedly told that burglars had robbed him. But at once a quorum of ten Jews were at his door and coming into his room, greeted him thus. "We adjure thee by the living God that thou tell us whether thou hast apostatized. Not until then will you get your clothing or anything to eat." It took them several hours to subdue him and he was forced to tell all that had happened to him. Then they made him swear by taking the phylacteries, the garment of fringes (considered holy things) and the Pentateuch, that he would never re-enter the mission hall, that he would never read those books again and that he would always remain a Jew. This made him very sad for he now had love in his heart toward the Lord Jesus Christ and yet the oath that he had taken weighed him

down to the ground. This was the reason why he had not come for instruction.

He asked me what he should do in regard to the oath, whether to keep or break it. I told him that he should read the Scriptures more prayerfully and I assured him that God would guide him. Will you, dear friends, pray for this young man.

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#### A Change.

One Saturday afternoon, instead of preaching in Brownsville, as is my custom, I addressed a Jewish audience in the Allen Street Methodist Church of New York. I took the place of Dr. Harry Zeckhausen, who is doing Medical work among the Jews in New York and who began last Spring to hold meetings on Saturdays and preach Christ to his Jewish brethren. Dr. Zeckhausen consented to come to 13 Manhattan Avenue that same evening and speak at my meeting. The Rev. John Donaldson, pastor of the Union Course Baptist Church, who has preached many times to the Jews in Williamsburg, very kindly agreed to take my place in the afternoon at Brownsville. A young lady, Miss Raphael from Newark, a converted Jewess came at my invitation to visit the Brownsville Mission. But when, on reaching my home, she found I was going to New York, she preferred to accompany me there.

#### A JEW BOWING HIS HEAD.

The meeting was a very interesting one and the audience listened most respectfully. It was a great treat to Miss R. to see the Jews listening to the Gospel, for she had never been in such a meeting.

One elderly Jew evidently had to leave the meeting before its close. As he came out of the pew, he stopped in the aisle, apparently to attract my attention. When I glanced in his direction, he quickly bowed his head, as much as to say, "Please excuse me," and left the church.

At the close of my talk, I asked Miss R. to give her testimony. She did so and expressed the hope that they would all soon come to Christ. In my judgment, her witness had a great influence upon the Jews, for I told them how Miss R. five years ago was disinherited by her wealthy parents, when she became a Christian. She lives within two or three blocks of her parents, but must shun their house at the request of her mother, whose greatest desire is that her converted daughter should die. But Miss R. who has taken the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour; accepts all this treatment with a loving though wounded heart. She has to work hard for her living, being a teacher in one of the public schools of Newark, and is not in good health.

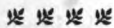
As we came out from the Church, we were surprised by the sudden appearance of a man who sprang toward us, seized both our hands silently, and gave us a long speechless handshak-

ing. Miss R. was much encouraged to see Jews respecting a Missionary so highly. This gave her increased hope for the conversion of her parents.

#### ANOTHER MEETING.

In the evening Miss Raphael accompanied me to the meeting at 13 Manhattan Avenue. At this meeting there was much more reason for us to be encouraged and to give thanks to God, for though right opposite the Hall a political meeting was carried on with all possible attractions yet the room was well filled. While I was reading the Scriptures, a large wagon with bells and a brass band and an illuminated sign announcing the political meeting, passed our door. It made a sudden noise and the hum and tramp of the multitude of people that followed, moved the whole audience. But only a few young men ran out. The time until ten o'clock was spent with preaching and teaching the Word of God to which the audience listened with the greatest solemnity.

Dr. Zeckhausen followed me and spoke on Joseph and his brethren as a type of Christ and his Jewish brethren and for more than an hour the people listened gladly.



#### Letters of Encouragement.

The following is a letter from Miss Raphael written after she had visited the Missions. My dear brother in Christ:

I cannot tell you fully of the joy that it has given me to have met my Jewish brethren at the missions on Saturday.

Though I could not understand all that was said, I heard and saw enough to convince me that the Lord is leading in your work, at least some of our many brethren to the joy that comes to every Jew who openly believes in his Messiah, our blessed Lord, Christ. It was beautiful to see the light upon the faces of those whose hearts were most surely touched by the Holy Spirit. One man, especially, I recall, whose attitude and expression showed such enthusiasm and fulness of joy, and when, on the crowded street, he stopped us, and wholly speechless, silently shook hands with us, as if words were poor things for the expression of what he felt, one could only think, how beautiful! God grant that the women too may be led to the true faith, the only true faith for Jew and Gentile alike—the belief in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

CAROLINE R. RAPHAEL.

In another letter Miss R. wrote to me:

"Oh, how I could teach my Sunday School lesson after the inspiration gathered on Saturday at the Mission. It was about St. Paul and I was so happy teaching it."

#### Beginning a New Year.

During the last month, the Sewing School for Jewish girls in Brownsville was opened for the winter. Though primarily meant for Jewesses and though the majority of the girls are such, yet those of other nationalities are not excluded and this year besides a few Irish and Americans, we had one little colored girl. On the first day the attendance was especially good, over thirty being present while last year we had but two. Most of the children were quite young, some being little bits of tots hardly able to hold a needle. The old scholars seemed very glad to be back again and greeted us smilingly.

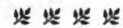
This year we are planning to make some changes in the work, the principal one being, not to allow the girls to take home their sewing as soon as it is finished, as has been the custom. We expect to keep the work for a few months when we will have an exhibition of it and invite the mothers and sisters of the girls to spend the afternoon with us and criticise the sewing. The children seemed much pleased with the plan and approved heartily of it.

On the first day a number of the girls remembered our Missionary collection and brought their pennies to contribute to this year's offering.

As usual, dear friends, the great need of the Sewing School, is more teachers. During the next few months we shall probably have a large attendance, possibly between seventy and eighty, and to do successful work we need an increased corps of teachers. I am sure that there must be many people in Brooklyn who could help us not only to teach these girls how to sew, but also give them the message of Good Tidings which is sent to all people.

I should also like to remind our kind friends that Thanksgiving Day is near at hand. The girls have not forgotten the good time they had last year and are looking forward to the day with great expectation. If any one wishes to enable us to provide a dinner for the girls on that day we shall be glad to receive their gifts.

ELLA T. MARSTON.



#### Jewish Notes.

Spain for centuries the most relentless foe of the Jews, has seen a new light and, according to reliable information, is inviting Jewish immigration. The news is said to have emanated from the Spanish consul in London, who, according to the report, communicated to the English government, that the Spanish authorities were prepared to receive Jewish immigrants from all parts of Europe. It seems that for months past there has been a steady stream of Hebrews coming into Spain, most of them coming from Roumania and Russia.

Encouraging reports are being received from the Jewish colonies in the Argentine Republic, which when started some years ago by the late Baron de Hirsch, were claimed by nearly all not directly connected with the work to be predestined to failure. A writer in the Frankfurter Zeitung, who visited every one of the colonies, expresses the view that within a few years all of the inhabitants would be well-to-do and that even comparative poverty would become unknown.

A new anti-Semitic party is being formed in Austria-Hungary, the old one having practically gone out of existence on account of a lack of followers. Instead of directing its efforts against the Jews, as its predecessor did, the new party is carrying on an active agitation against the Liberal party, which it claims to be in sympathy with the Jews and in league with them against the Roman Catholic Church.

The renewed agitation against the Jews in Hungary has prompted the authorities to take energetic steps against the systematic dissemination of the ritual murder fable. An order has been issued by the Minister of the Interior, in which all the local authorities of the country are directed to take immediate and strict action against all who are propagating the ritual murder theory.

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#### Articles Received.

Mrs. Hilton, material for the Sewing School; Miss M. A. M., a number of Jargon tracts.

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#### Contributions during October.

Mr. R. L. C., rent, \$35; Miss C. S. Powell, Hebrew Bibles, \$2; Le Baron W. Kinney, for the work, \$3; M. S. Crozer, for English Testaments, \$5; Mrs. J. A. Peck, for the work, 50 cents; Miss Caroline R. Raphael, for the work, \$1.50; Mrs. Haykes, for the work, 14 cents; J. W. Bloomsburg, for the work, \$10; Mrs. John A. Williamson, for the work, \$1; Miss M. A. M., for poor, \$2; Mrs. J. S. Bailey, for work, 50 cents; Miss Susdorf, \$1 for the work.

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#### Another Acknowledgment.

In the last issue I mentioned that I hoped to send Dr. Ben Zion to a Sanitarium if the expenses could be paid. Although no money has been received for this purpose, yet a friend of Israel sent \$30 for his support on learning that

he had to sleep on a bed made out of chairs in a mission room. This will keep him for some time and I shall be glad to pass on to Dr. Ben Zion any contribution the Lord may lead you to remit.

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#### Facts Worth Knowing.

1. There are one-hundred thousand Jews in the Borough of Brooklyn of which only seven-hundred belong to Synagogues, while the rest are actually "without the true God, without a teaching priest and without law" II Chron. 15:3.

2. They are ignorant of the Scriptures, their religion consists of traditions and "precepts taught by men," one among a thousand has a Bible except those that attend the mission. Those that are not so ignorant know the five books of Moses.

3. The women do not even know as much. They do not frequent the Synagogues or the Missions, they are not counted as persons, they are likened to slaves, their witness is not accepted and they cannot be numbered in a religious quorum.

4. Jews are utterly ignorant of the Christian religion. They have seen only Catholicism, which they consider as idolatry; they know nothing of Protestantism and the claims of Jesus as the Messiah are unknown. All they know is, that there was a man who made himself God, whom the Christians accepted and worship unto this day, but the Jews keep to their true God.

5. Perhaps five out of a hundred Jews know of a book called the New Testament and perhaps one among a thousand has read the book. (Those who attend the Mission are not included.)

6. The Jews have been bitterly persecuted and outraged in nearly every Christian country, in the name of Christ and have been bitterly repelled thereby from Christianity of which a gross caricature has been represented to them.

7. Their idea is, that if a Jew becomes a Christian he must be a Jew-hater, a pork-eater, a drunkard and a murderer.

8. The Church of Christ has illogically and unscripturally excluded the Jews from the Gospel. Instead of going in the Divine order "To the Jew first," we send missionaries to all nationalities but not to the Jews, for which God will hold every individual Christian responsible.

9. This paper represents two fields of labor, in two Jewish quarters. The preaching of the Gospel is listened to by many Jews in both fields. Many have been converted. If Christian people would rally and make it possible for the Missionary to flood these one-hundred thousand Jews with Christian literature in their own tongue and place more workers in the field, they could soon be evangelized.