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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, 10:13.

*Dearly Beloved Friends:*

I wish that the year 1902 of our Lord and King may be blessed to each one of you as never before. May you realize His presence always with you, and may His life and His light so permeate each one of us that others will take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus. Amen!

### LIKE ISRAEL'S HOST.

Now that I have again the privilege of reporting to you some little events in His vineyard I wish to do like the host of Israel. In their wanderings through the wilderness Judah always marched in front, and the Hebrew word Judah means praise and thanks. Let therefore my first words on this page be those of thanks and gratitude to God for the special favor and grace he has shown me during the last month.

It has been my great joy to hear a number of Jews confessing the Lord Jesus Christ. Although this is no news to me, for there have always been a few converts, nearly every month during the last few years, yet that of last month has been unique. I could only see it in His special grace in order perhaps to encourage His humble servant, as He did to Paul, when He said to him, "For I have much people in this city."

### ANOTHER CAUSE FOR THANKS.

Let me also briefly tell you something more of His wonderful doings. In the fall the general fund had been entirely exhausted. As usual the lack of "communication as concerning giving and receiving" during the summer months placed the treasury in arrears. At the beginning of last month the work nearly came to a stand-still; for the burden of expenses had to be shifted from one shoulder to the other for some time previously. I made my request known to God, and it came to pass that while I was yet speaking, He heard and answered. His children have been moved by the Holy Spirit to send liberally of their means for His cause. They certainly did not know of my prayers concerning the

needs, but He who dwells in their hearts knew it and that was sufficient. When Paul prayed in Damascus, Ananias never heard that prayer, but the Lord heard it and communicated it to His disciple. Blessed be the Lord Jesus, He is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. Thus the Lord has most wonderfully blessed His work entrusted to my hands, and myself personally both spiritually and financially during the last month which I hereby acknowledge to the glory of the living Saviour, Jesus our Lord.

### KIND WORDS.

My heart has been filled with gratitude by the very kind words expressed in the many letters I have received. They contained alabaster boxes of love, tenderness, and sweetness. The expressions of sympathy were full of perfume of brotherly love and affection. They have brightened and sweetened my home, and in them I have seen the fulfillment of His promise, "every one that hath forsaken, brethren or sisters, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundred fold." As I have not yet been able to acknowledge the many kind letters, I ask you dear friends to accept this instead, and let it assure you of my appreciation.

I have specially been cheered by the assurances contained in the letters, of prayers offered. This has been my heart's desire for a long time, to have the prayers of God's children. It means to me more than I can tell. Your prayers will bring power in the preaching, blessings to the hearers, love toward one another, health, rest, peace, and will cause all things to work together for our good and His glory.

In closing let me ask you dearly beloved friends to make it a special subject of your prayers that something may be done in the way of providing employment for the persecuted converts. The blind mass of Jews will not give work to one who is known to sympathise with the Gospel. The converts must always be on the move. They must flee from one city to another. An industrial plant is most needed. Will you not bind this cause more firmly to His throne by your prayers. Sincerely yours,

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.

### The Christmas Cards.

I have received from many friends, letters of thanks and admiration for the beautiful cards which reached them on Christmas Day. I want you all to know that the flowers were pressed by a young Jew, about eighteen years old, who lives in Jerusalem with his parents. Some three years ago, I began to correspond with this young man and in my letters, urged him to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. In his last letter he wrote that he does believe but can not be baptized on account of his aged parents who would be grieved to death if he did so. I would ask your prayers in his behalf.

I ordered the cards last summer to show the dear friends of Israel a small token of my warm love for them, not only because they have so nobly supported this work by their prayers and practical sympathy, but because by so doing they have shown that they know in whom they have believed; that they love Him and therefore His people; that there is no prejudice in their hearts; that the love of God shed abroad in them has altered their entire being; and that they are like God Himself who "loves His people the Jews." Deut. 33:3. Blessed are these disciples of our Lord Jesus.

### Incidents in the Work.

The incidents which are recorded in the columns of this paper from month to month, often contain stories of families or individuals who, if any of the readers desire to visit, I should be glad to take to the people, at their convenience.

### Let the Redeemed, Say So.

This verse, as well as many other Scripture passages, teaches us that a redeemed child of God should be frank and candid. In the spirit of this teaching I would ask all the friends not to keep in their hearts anything that displeases them in the methods of this work, but frankly to say so. For instance, some subscribers like to be reminded of the expiration of their subscription, while others do not wish this done. It would be a great help to tell in a brotherly way, one another's faults, according to our Lord's command. Matt. 18:15.

### An Ideal Subscriber.

If any of our friends have sent a subscription heartily, it is Mr. George Walton, a well-known disciple of the Lord Jesus, who has sent five dollars to pay ten years' subscription to THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. It is very gratifying to see the simple confidence he has shown in the Lord's work entrusted in my hands.

### 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.

### 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.

### To Non-Subscribers.

During the last two months, letters have been sent to people, whose names were given us by mutual friends, asking if they wished to become subscribers or if not able to do so, the paper would be sent to them free. A number have very kindly responded, but some have sent no word. We do not know whether their silence means to continue sending them the paper, or not. To such I would say, that their names were given me as good Christians who were likely to take an interest in this cause. I should consider it a great favor if these friends would drop me a postal card giving a definite answer.

### To Subscribers.

Among the subscribers there are those who out of mere kindness pay their subscriptions from year to year but say they have no time to read the paper. While the money is received gratefully, yet it must be admitted that one who does not pay a cent for the paper, but reads it and so knows how the Lord's work is progressing and sends up a prayer to God for certain cases mentioned in the Incidents, is more desired than one who pays well, but does not read. The work of the Lord never profited much through people who have no time to read of the things concerning the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom.

### 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 Manhattan Ave. 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.

### The Picture.

A number of friends have asked me, now and then, about my family, their ages, sex, etc. Some have suggested giving a picture of the family in the paper, and now complying with their requests, I do so in this issue.

In the picture below, beginning at the readers' left, is the likeness of Mrs. Cohn, who joined me in the faith of the Lord Jesus, about three years after I accepted Him. Next to her is the baby, David, two years, ten months old. We consecrated him at his birth to be a missionary to the Jews, and already he does a great deal of talking. He is always present at our family worship, and his delight is to bring the Bibles to the table and

article written by himself, on Page 6 telling about his plans and hopes. The next boy is Joshua, 13 years old. He also has a desire to bring Jews to Christ, and has been talking of Him to some Jews in our very neighborhood. He gave them a New Testament and some tracts which I wrote and is watching the result with much interest.

The last and not the least is Benjamin our oldest son of 17. He was baptized in the Bushwick Ave. Church about seven years ago by Rev. T. J. Whittaker. He takes much interest and active part in the C. E. Society. He is just beginning a work among the boys of Brownsville who have many times asked me to do something for them.

In fact all the family help me very much in His work for although they have plenty of school



"Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table." Psa. 128: 3.

give each one his own book. He loves to be prayed for. Once when I did not mention his name, as we rose, he said with much surprise: "Papa, you didn't pray for David." Next is Esther, 11 years old. She loves the Lord Jesus and is busy attending school, where she does very well.

Then comes Joseph, 15 years old. He was baptized about four years ago in the Marcy Ave. Baptist Church, by Dr. Rhoades. A few months ago he began to do mission work among the Jewish boys in Williamsburg. I did not mention it in the paper as his work was too young to announce. But in this number you will read an

duties, their spare time is given to the Lord Jesus and His cause. I am often called in a number of directions but through their help am able to respond to all. The boys are taught the Bible in Hebrew, English, German and Jargon. If God will bless it to His Own Glory they will be equipped to do Mission work among the Jews. Their desire is to be able to support themselves and to help spread the Gospel at the same time. I suppose you can guess that the likeness in the center is your Missionary, Leopold Cohn, who beseeches you to hold up, kindly and lovingly, this family in your prayers before Our Heavenly Father.



## Incidents in the Work.

### Christian Kindness Not Forgotten.

Some six years ago, we had a dispensary in the Mission room on Rockaway Avenue, as there was none in the whole colony of Brownsville. Between twenty and thirty patients a day used to come to be treated. It was a good opportunity to show them Christian kindness and to preach Christ Crucified. One Jewess who was favored by the Mission in this way, has not forgotten what was done for her. She and her husband appreciated it very much and were drawn to the Mission. The husband attended the meetings and their two daughters were, for a time, regular attendants of the Sewing School.

Then for a long time I did not see them until one Saturday, last month, the husband came to a meeting. At the close he shook hands with me and asked whether I remembered him. He requested me to give him a hymn book for his daughters, and said they should be glad if I would call on them. When I did so, they received me most cordially and his wife was so thankful for the old kindness that she kissed my hand and said that she was glad to see me when they were not in trouble. They showed me the New Testament which I gave them years ago, and the daughters played on the piano and sang hymns for me in which all joined. The girls have grown to be big young women, but still have the hymn book which was given to them at Sewing School. They had used it so much that it was torn very badly and so they were glad to have the new one.

What a change there was in the whole house. Once they were very poor but since the daughters began to work, they have not lacked anything. When I talked to them about their souls, the two girls said that they believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. The father said that he had no objection to the Christian religion, but that he was too old to change. When I told him that because he was old, he was nearer the time when he must give an account of all his sins before the living God and that therefore he ought to accept the Saviour, he became very thoughtful. The mother said that she wanted to go where her two daughters expected to go.

I noticed that there was the touch of the Spirit of Christ in the whole family. Will the friends of Israel pray for these people?



### A Convert's Surprise.

Last year a middle aged Russian Jew let his daughter of about fourteen, attend the Sewing School. In time the girl began to be very attentive to all that was said about Christ during the session and soon she learned to love the Lord Jesus. She used to go home to her father and tell him what she had heard. She has no mother

and as there are no other children, she and her father are much attached to each other. But as often as she tried to tell her father of Christ so often he refused to hear anything about Him.

Once she asked me to give her a Hebrew New Testament saying, "If he will only read those nice things which I have been listening to, he may change his mind. I asked him to come to a Saturday meeting but he wouldn't." When her father saw the New Testament in Hebrew he began to read it without any hesitation for it is very common among Jews to regard any book written in Hebrew, as holy. Soon after this he commenced coming to my meetings. He often argued with great zeal against the New Testament, but the Holy Spirit was enlightening the man's mind until finally the marvelous light dawned upon him, and he confessed with his mouth that Jesus is the promised Messiah and the Saviour.

After he had seen the truth he was surprised that other Jews could not realize it as well as he. Once, on meeting a rabbi he asked him with much respect and great earnestness, to explain the 53d Chapter of Isaiah. But the rabbi responded with a deep sigh and a mournful groan, uttering these words; "Poor creature, he has been poisoned by the Missionary." No other words would he speak notwithstanding the earnest appeals of the man.

Then the Christian Jew met several learned men to whom he related his experience and repeated to them verses from the Bible referring to the Lord Jesus. But they only laughed at his ideas, so that this man felt great sorrow over the unbelief of his friends. In a conversation with another convert, he remarked, "Ever since I believed in Jesus our Messiah, I have been unhappy." The other convert replied, "I have been most happy ever since." "Ah," said the first man, "you have not had my experience. It breaks my heart to see learned Jews and rabbis rejecting the Son of God of whom our own Scriptures write so plainly. It makes me unhappy when I eat, or when I walk, or whatever I do. I always feel sad."



### Six Young Men.

One Saturday towards the close of the service, six young Jews, ranging in age from fifteen to twenty years, came into the room. When the meeting closed all six came forward towards me, stopped at a short distance and began to gaze at me. I went to them and greeting them said, "Do you wish to see me about something?" "We just came to see you," said one. I looked straight into their faces and repeated my question. Then another one remarked, "We have heard people talking so much about you, that we thought we would come to know you." Then I said, "What will it profit you, if you know me? Don't you wish rather to know God?" and I quoted Job,

22:21. "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace."

While I talked to them a little more, making an avenue to reach Christ in my talk, one of them said again, "Now let me tell you that we have just been in the synagogue and have heard one of the rabbis preaching. Some of the people talked about you and said that they would like to hear you preach in the synagogue if you wouldn't mention the Christians' God but speak only of the Jewish God." Then another boy remarked, "He has just been talking about the Jewish God." But another said, "No, no; he begins with the Jewish God but he always ends with the Christians." "Ah, you don't know what you are saying," someone else interrupted, "how can he have both?" Then he turned to me and said, "Which God do you have?" I explained to them a little more about Christ until one of them said, "The Jews think you are all right except that you say that God has a Son. Is it true that you said so?" I opened the Bible and told them to read the second Psalm. As they seemed reluctant to do so, I asked them why they didn't want to. One answered, "Your book would hypnotise us and we'd have to believe in your God." I told them it was no other book than that which they and their fathers had. Still they were afraid to even look at the Bible, so I read it for them and emphasized the verse, "The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son." and as I talked to them on this subject and showed other passages to confirm the truth, they were very much impressed. One however, suddenly awoke and said to his companions, "You see it is as the Jews say. When you once hear this man you are drawn over to his side. We had better go away." The others said, "Why this is in our Psalms and it must be true." "Yes, I know that Psalm by heart," said another, and he rattled it off to prove what he said. But the first one answered that this was not a Jewish Bible but a Christian one, and that Christians had put in the verses just to suit their belief and he turned to me and said, "I bet you those verses are not in the Bible which is in our Synagogue."

At last it was decided that they should bring their Bible from the Synagogue next Saturday to compare with the one in the Mission.

They have not come yet, but no doubt the seed of the truth has been sown in their hearts and our part is to pray the Lord of the Harvest to make it grow.



### A Jewish Rabbi Converted.

One day the janitor told me that a man had asked him to send me to see a rabbi. I hesitated to go as I had had some unpleasant experiences by visiting Jews, before I knew them or had seen them at the meetings. So I sent the janitor to find out particulars in the case and when I heard his report, decided to go.

On reaching the house, I found an old man with a snow-white beard, and his wife. They were both sick but received me very kindly. The old man immediately said, "I have been a rabbi in New York for fifty-two years and have been honored and revered by all those who knew me. I am now seventy-seven years old and my wife and I want to die Christians." I asked him a few questions concerning Christ and found him very ignorant, but full of the Scriptures, quoting verses in nearly every sentence he uttered.

One of his friends who had attended my meetings, repeated to him on several occasions, what he had heard at the Mission. This had turned the old man's mind to Christ. As both he and his wife were quite ill and thought they were going to die, they wanted me to make them Christians before that time. He paid me many compliments and praised my preaching, yet he knew little of the plan of salvation. Later on I gave him a New Testament and some tracts which I had written, called on him several times and each time told him a little more of the truth. He seemed to enjoy it very much and as the facts of the Gospel came home to him he sent word one day, to a Jewish lodge, of which he is a member, and told them that when he died he did not wish them to bury him as he wanted me to bury him among Christian people. "You," he said to them, "are like those of Sodom and Gomorrah, but I want to die and be buried among the people of God, those who are followers of our Messiah, Jesus," and he quoted, "Let me die the death of the righteous." Num. 23:10.

He related to me what he had done in the presence of a company of young men and boys whom he taught in his room. He has since been able to attend a meeting when the weather was milder. His wife is now in the Memorial Hospital.



### A New Department.

BY JOSEPH COHN.

I had not been attending the meetings in the Manhattan Avenue Mission this fall very long before I noticed that a meeting for boys specially, would not be out of place; for there were a number of boys who regularly attended the meetings for adults; and, as the Jews do not like young people to be mingled with older ones, and, also, as the boys would not very well appreciate the sermons intended for the men, it was decided to have meetings for boys. I felt that the Lord wished me to have a part in His work, and that this was the part he wished me to take. I told my friends, the Doctors Muncie of my plan, and they and their family became much interested in this work. Many thanks are due to these dear friends for the deep interest manifested by them. Curtis, their son, of nearly my own age, immediately wanted to help and so we planned about the meetings. We decided to

hold two meetings a week, one on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, which was to be carried on like a Sunday School, and another on Monday night when the boys could enjoy themselves by playing games and reading books. We secured some magazines from several friends; and Mrs. Barnes gave us a few games. I did not like to ask my father for money to buy these things, for I knew that the other departments of the work needed the money more than this, so we contented ourselves with what we had.

At the first meeting (which was on a Sunday), there were present some fourteen boys. The number surprised me for I did not expect nor did I wish more than six or seven boys at the first few meetings, because I was afraid that we could not manage them; but these fourteen behaved very well, and listened attentively to Mr. Sibli, a friend of Dr. Muncie's, whom I asked to speak.

So we went on, meeting obstacles in the way of disorderly boys and overcoming them at last. A small meeting would not trouble us, for we like a small meeting a good deal better than a large, because it is always better to begin small and work up; "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be also."

The attendance varies and numbers anywhere from six to fifteen boys.

On Monday, December 23, through the kindness of Miss Hilton, Miss Hudson, Miss Raye, and Dr. Wiggins, we were enabled to give the boys an excellent entertainment. These friends recited and sang for us. We had about fifty boys present, for we allowed each regular attendant to bring his friends with him that night. Through this entertainment, we secured a number of new regular attendants.

Now, dear friends of Israel, we wish to ask your help in several matters. First we want you to pray that these meetings may be factors of great good to the boys and that they may, in time, accept Christ as their Saviour. (They are all Jewish boys). Second we would be glad to receive from any one interested, books, reading matter suited for the boys who are from fourteen to eighteen years of age, and interesting games. We should like to start a circulating library, if we had the means. And last, but not least, we would ask the readers to pray the Lord to put it into the heart of some Christian lady or gentleman to come down on Sunday afternoons and sing for us, for at present, we have no music, though Curtis has played the violin several times. We have an organ for anyone to play if he or she should feel it in her heart to come. It is a glorious work and may be productive of much good, for the boys' addresses are taken and their parents are then visited.



#### About Others' Work.

I thought the friends would be interested to read about other mission work for Jews than

ours, so I have asked Dr. Zeckhausen to tell us about his work.

The joy of the Christian worker in the vineyard of his Master is in the tangible results of his labor in winning souls for the Kingdom of God. The happiness of the conscientious hard toiling farmer is the ingathering of the fruits of the harvest.

The sure promise of the Lord: "Lo! I am with thee always," is the stimulus to uplifting activity, to all consuming energy and self-sacrificing life of the Christian Missionary.

The Missionary to the Jews is no exception; if he lacks any of the above mentioned qualities, he will fail in his difficult uphill work of evangelization of his blinded, stiff-necked brethren, to whom the Gospel is a stumbling block.

It pleased the Lord to throw me ten years ago, just a month after my baptism unto His harvest, in which, alas, are so few workers. Naturally, as a redeemed Jew, my heart was with the Jews, and although for a time my thoughts and prayers were for Morocco, Africa, the Lord's desire was I should stay right here, in New York, the most largely and densely populated city in the world with the descendants of Abraham.

The first seven years after my conversion, I was assisting in the "Hope of Israel" Mission to the Jews on the lower east side of our city, our Mission stations being in Madison and Rivington streets, and as a Hebrew-Christian medical missionary—the only one among the hundreds of thousands of Jews in New York City, my work was most active, and praise be to God, much blessed.

But since 1898, the New York City Church Extension and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church entrusted to me the entire work among the Jews in 91 Rivington street (Allen street Memorial M. E. Church), and the medical work (Dispensary at 111th street M. E. Chapel.)

The work is done systematically. On Saturday, Sabbath of the Jews, the Gospel is preached to large audiences of Jews at 2.30 P. M., at 91 Rivington street. On Tuesday evening at 8 P. M., an inquirers meeting is held. On the Lord's Day a class of Jewish boys is taught at the regular Sunday School session, in the same time Mrs. Zeckhausen has a class for Jewish girls. Every day, with the exception of Saturday, and Sunday, is given to visiting the poor, the inquirers and believers in their homes.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 4 P. M.; dispensary and visiting the sick poor.

On Monday at 8 P. M., Mrs. Zeckhausen holds a Bible class for Jewish working girls and Hebrew Christian young ladies in our home; on the same day from 3 to 5 P. M., Mrs. Zeckhausen assists in a very largely attended Sewing School in our Church; on Friday evening a Junior Ep-



worth League is conducted by Mrs. Zeckhausen and a deaconess also in the Church. We make it a rule to be always present at our mid-week Wednesday prayer meeting to which Jews are cordially invited.

As Chairman of the Spiritual Committee of our Epworth League Chapter, as steward of our Church and assistant Superintendent of our Sunday School, my time is pretty well taken up in the service of our common Master.

As to the results and most interesting incidents which are so plentiful in the work among the Jews, shall endeavor to give some to the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE next month—God willing.

H. ZECKHAUSEN, M. D.



### Christmas at the Sewing School.

Would that all our friends had been with us at Brownsville the Thursday afternoon after Christmas. It was then the girls of the Sewing School had their Christmas treat, and we who are teachers there felt it was a treat not only for the girls, but for ourselves also, in seeing their faces made bright, and hearing their exclamations of pleasure and enjoyment.

The School at Brownsville is like others of its kind in one particular at least, that just before Christmas it is apt to fill up rapidly in numbers, and after Christmas just as rapidly to fall off. To guard somewhat against this, and to make the regular scholars feel that the afternoon's pleasure was for them, it was decided two weeks before Christmas that no new girls should be admitted until the new year. A number came those two weeks, desiring admittance, and were told that if they would come the week after Christmas they could stay, but not before. So at the entertainment we had those who had been coming with more or less regularity, and a number had been present every time. About one hundred and twenty there were, all on hand before the appointed time.

The exercises were opened by the girls singing the hymn "Jesus name of wondrous love." This was followed by a reading from the Bible, the story of the wise men coming to seek Him who was "born King of the Jews," and then all joined in prayer. Each class in turn then recited a verse from the Bible, which had been taught them the week before by their teachers, and the girls seemed to enjoy both the learning and the reciting. Two friends then sang a duett for them, and this was followed by a short talk by Mr. Cohn. Then came to recitations from a dear little girl who has helped us before and then the girls sang heartily the carol, "Once in Royal David's City."

All this time a large trunk had been standing in one corner of the room, and from it were now taken four immense dolls, and a ventriloquist entertained the girls for half an hour, holding them

spell-bound, and lost in wonder as to how the dolls could talk. It was very strange and novel to them. One tiny girl, scarce three, who had come with an older sister, was afraid, and would not look at the ventriloquist and her dolls at all. One of the older girls was heard to say to herself, as she looked and wondered lost to all around, "There's a mystery in that."

Through the kindness and generosity of friends of the work, candy, oranges and a present for each girl had been provided, and it now remained for these to be distributed. Among the presents were work-boxes, pretty framed pictures, letter paper and books for the older girls, and dolls, games, books and toys for the younger ones. Each one went home happy with a present, a half pound of candy in a pretty box, and an orange, and the Christmas entertainment was over.

We would most earnestly thank all those who helped make the pleasant afternoon possible by their gifts of money, presents and all else. And we would ask them to join with us in prayer, that the love for the Christ Child, the Saviour of the world may shine in these children's hearts, and that they may be drawn to Him.

CLARA E. MASTERS.



### Jewish Notes.

JEWS AND THE SABBATH.

Rabbi Gries of Cleveland, Ohio, is advocating that his people, the Jews, discard the Sabbath for Sunday. He contends that neither day is divine, so it is wisdom to take the way of least resistance. His reason for not believing the Sabbath to be of divine origin is his unbelief in the Bible. The more orthodox in Judaism strongly oppose this contention of Rabbi Gries. For instance this is the way Rabbi Silverman of New York talks:—

From time to time some radical Jewish preacher, for what reason I cannot well understand, rises up to favor the transfer of the Jewish Sabbath to Sunday. Such efforts deserve to be treated with disdain when put forth by men calling themselves rabbis in Israel. It is high treason to the cause of Judaism to advocate any transfer of Sabbath or holidays. The Sabbath is one of Judaism's fundamental institutions and must be kept intact. To make a transfer would create a division in Israel which must by all means be avoided. I believe the seventh day of the week to be the historical Sabbath of Judaism and of the world. It existed even before Judaism. The Christian Sunday-Sabbath is maintained as the true Sabbath by a popular error. No resolution adopted by individuals, council, congregation, or synod, could change the facts of history. Whatever the future may bring, the seventh day will remain the historical Jewish Sabbath.—*The Signs of the Times.*

Mrs. Richard Gottheil, at the Council of Jewish women at Temple Israel 125th St. and Fifth Ave. said "The Jews are bound together by a common past, common suffering, a common future and common ideas. The Jewish religion always has been one of deeds rather than dogmas. That is one of the reasons for their having been kept together."

"The great Maccabean festival coincides nearly with Christian Christmas. This year it goes out as Christmas comes in. Led away by this coincidence and by fine talk about universal religion, many Jews have Christmas trees in their homes, instead of the Jewish lights. I have no intention to criticize the Christian, but I believe that toleration consists not in uniformity but in diversity, and that we do our duty to the state in which we live best by being the best possible Jews."—*Tidings*.

A committee of wealthy Jews which for years past has acted on behalf of the poorer classes of Jews in Bucharest, Roumania, is now making an investigation into the conditions under which the Jews are permitted to settle in Spain, and a report is shortly expected. This committee has brought to light the rather remarkable fact that of late thousands of Hebrew families have found homes in the Transval. It is not known whether these settlers have been induced to seek South Africa by agents of mining and agricultural companies, or whether they went to the far off home of the Boers upon their own volition.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

A committee has been formed in Belgium for the combatting of anti-Semitism, which of late has gained considerable progress in that country. The committee which has been named "Comite Marnix pour la diffusion des idees de justice et de liberte," is composed exclusively of Christians, many of whom are members of the clerical party. There are only about 400,000 Jews in Belgium, most of them of a progressive turn of mind, but their enemies claim that they are getting too much of the public's money in the way of federal offices and monopolizing certain industries. Three hundred thousand copies of a pamphlet setting forth the injustice of the agitation of the Jew baiters have been distributed during the past month.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.



#### Contributions during December, 1901.

Mr. R. L. C., \$35 for rent of 13 Manhattan Avenue; Mrs. Wm. M., \$5 for the work; Handed in Marcy Avenue Baptist Church by a lady, \$5; Mrs. H. E. Coolidge, \$2 for the work; Miss Isabelle Kerby, \$1 for the work; Mrs. W. W. Fairbanks, \$2 for the work; Gen. F. N. Smith, 10 shillings for the work; Miss S., for the poor, \$1; F. A. Perron, French Missionary, \$1 for the work; Miss M. A. M., \$1.50 for the poor; Miss J. J. Greene, \$1 for the work;

\$2 for the work; Miss C. R. Raphael, \$1 for the work; Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Prichard, \$6 for the work; Miss E. N. Finn, per Mr. R. D. Smith, \$2 for the work; Miss Florence L. Hudson, \$1 for the work; "To use where most needed," \$5; Mr. John T. Pirie, \$50 for the work; A class in the Greene Ave. Baptist Church, S. S., per Rev. C. Wollfkin, \$5 for the work; Mr. R. W. Forbes, per Miss H. E. Forbes, \$20 for the work; L. E. Pratt, \$5 for the work; Miss E. G. Sylvester, 55 cents for the work; Mrs. Lydia Baur, \$2 for the cause; Margaret Pechin, \$10 for the work; E. C. Stanchfield, \$1 for the work; Mrs. T. M. Prentiss, \$100 for the work; Rev. George Wilson, \$24 for the work; Mrs. J. Klausman, per Mrs. John Pope, \$1 for the work; Friends of Israel at Morristown, per Miss Bessie Betts, \$16 for the work; K. D. of First Church, Hendrix St., per M. J. Anderson, 50 cents for the work; Miss Sadie Bradford, \$1 for the work; Mr. David Graham, \$25 for the work; Miss C. R. Raphael, \$5 for the work; Miss F. J. Huntley, \$50 for the poor; Mrs. Sarah Jeffries, 50 cents for the work; Mrs. John T. Mearns, \$7 for tracts; Mrs. M. Tullo, £1 for the work; Mrs. L. Conro, \$1 for the work; Miss M. Demarest, \$1 for the work; Mr. D. W. Alderman, \$5 for the work; 15th Street Baptist Church, S. S., per Mr. Chas. L. Young, Supt., \$12 for the work; Mr. J. A. Greene, \$5 for the work; L. O. Norris, 50 cents for the work; H. G. B., \$1 for the work; Mrs. W. S. Moses, \$1 for the work; Mrs. J. A. Peck, 32 cents for the work; Mrs. Wilkinson, per Miss C. R. Raphael, \$1 for the work.

#### FOR CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Mrs. H. E. Coolidge, 50 cents; Mrs. T. M. Prentiss, \$1; Miss F. J. Huntley, \$15; Mrs. J. S. Bailey, per Miss Ella T. Marston, \$1; Miss Hermance, per Miss Ella T. Marston, \$4; Mrs. E. C. Hoykes, 10 cents; Miss Shipman, per Miss Remson, \$3; Mrs. J. Arthur Hilton, \$1; Mrs. Peter McCartee, \$2; "Don't mention my name," \$3.

It has been very gratifying to the teachers of the Sewing School, as well as to myself to see the dear friends sending their generous contributions for the Christmas entertainment. When it was reported in the last number that we could not give the girls a Thanksgiving dinner, the friends of Israel of Morristown were very sorry. Now I am able to state that the teachers intend to give the girls an extra nice time to make up for the Thanksgiving day. We have not spent all the money received for Christmas. There has been left over \$27.55 with which some of the ladies are already planning to entertain the girls some time in the future. Their mothers will also be invited to the love feast, and we hope it will prove a great blessing if the mothers will come out largely.