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Salutation

"We go to salute the children of the King"

11 Kings, 10, 13.

My dearly beloved friends:—

As we have just entered a new year, I desire to express to each reader of this paper my best wishes in the words of Deut. 11: 12, "The eyes of the Lord thy God shall always be upon thee, from the beginning of the year, even unto the end of the year." Amen.

THE WHOLE YEAR BLESSED.

There is no space here to devote to the recounting of God's blessings on this corner of His vineyard, during the year. We must leave that to the memories of the dear friends who have read THE CHOSEN PEOPLE from month to month, being convinced that it was His pleasure to mark this mission work with His Divine favors from the beginning of the year.

I am glad to be able to tell you that the past month also, the last of the year, has been markedly blessed of God. The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ has been proclaimed to large audiences of Jews. On the evening of December 19th, when the new East River Bridge was opened, it was expected that not a half dozen would attend our meeting, as the opening of the bridge was such an important affair that nearly everybody wanted to go to see it; but the audience was quite large, about sixty being present. Again, on Christmas, Friday evening, when most people were feasting and enjoying themselves, our hall was crowded with Jews sitting and listening to the simple old story of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Also a number of Jews have confessed their belief in the Lord Jesus during the last month. There is much reason to thank God for His rich blessings upon this Gospel work during the whole of last year.

A NEW PROSPECT.

There is a new plan for the coming year before us, namely, to establish for the converts an Industrial Plant, on a farm about sixty miles from New York. A Christian gentleman has offered the use of his farm of one hundred acres of land for this purpose, only the expense of running it will be needed. We have not yet arrived at a definite decision, and our dear friends are requested to hold this matter before the Lord in prayer. It is impossible, humanly speaking, to get along without an Industrial Plant. Having had so much experience during the last ten or

eleven years of constant Gospel labor among the Jews, I am reminded of the Greek legend about Sisyphus. He had to roll an immense boulder from the bottom, to the summit of a hill, but whenever he reached the top, the stone rolled down again, and the task of Sisyphus had to be begun anew.

It will be commonly agreed upon that to get a Jewish audience to listen to the Gospel for years and years, is as hard a task as that of Sisyphus, and to convert them is still harder, because only by the grace of God we can see them accept the Lord Jesus Christ. And yet, when we see them in that state and know of their being ostracised by their people, we can do nothing to keep them in the fold of the Lord Jesus Christ. The first disciples of the Lord lived in common and so were kept together, but these converts with regard to work, have no where to go to be among Christians.

AN ILLUSTRATION.

For the sake of illustration, let me tell you of a case in hand. A teacher among the Jews has been attending our meetings and has been convinced of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ and began to confess him. The consequence was, that the Jews have taken away the scholars from him and he is now left without a livelihood. He has a wife and children to support. He came to me thinking that the missionary is so well known among Christians, that he can find some work among them for his converts. He said to me: "Now, that I am thrown out from among my people because I am a Christian in spirit, will you find for me some work among the people? (meaning the Christians). I am willing to do anything and go to any factory in which you will put me, although I am used to nothing but teaching, yet for Christ's sake, I will do anything."

You can imagine his disappointment when I told him that I was unable to help him along that line. This is only one out of many such cases, therefore, I have been praying and ask the friends of Israel to pray for the immediate establishment of some kind of an Industrial Plant which will give these converts employment and will keep them together, so that we may see by the grace of God, a Hebrew Christian congregation, worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ as their King and Saviour.

Yours very sincerely in the blessed service of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ,

LEOPOLD COHN.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Monday—Free Dispensary at Williamsburg, 3 P. M.
Tuesday—Sewing School, Brownsville, 3.30 P. M.
Gospel service, Brownsville, 8 P. M.
Wednesday—Free Dispensary, Williamsburg, 3 P. M.
Question meeting, Williamsburg, 8 P. M.
Thursday—Sewing School, Williamsburg, 3.30 P. M.
Gospel service, 52 E. 102nd St., New York,
8 P. M.
Friday—Free Dispensary at Williamsburg, 3 P. M.
Gospel meeting, Williamsburg, 8 P. M.
Saturday—Gospel meeting, Brownsville, 3.30 P. M.
Gospel meeting, Williamsburg, 8 P. M.
Sunday—Sunday School, Williamsburg, 1.30 P. M.
Sunday School, Brownsville, 3.30 P. M.

A Wise and Noble Deed

Myself, the co-workers, and other friends appreciate very much the wise and noble deed of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society who, through Mrs. Taylor, have given two lady workers to assist me in Brownsville and Williamsburg. They will take the place of Miss Raphael who was with us last summer.

There are so many societies who would not follow this example because they do not want to leave out the "I" and "We." "We want to have our own mission" they say. For putting a missionary in a field not their own, means to lose their individuality. However, if they only would realize that they have never studied how to do Jewish Mission work, how to win Jews for Christ, etc., they would, I believe, do likewise.

We ask your special prayers that these two ladies may be used in the hands of God in bringing many Jewesses to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Love One Another

There is a mysterious thrill of love going out from one Christian heart to another, notwithstanding circumstance, distance, or acquaintance. No one can explain it, but we know and feel it in our hearts. I, a Jew, was brought up to despise all that is Christian, but now I extend my right hand to every brother and sister in the Lord Jesus Christ, and give them my brotherly love from the bottom of my heart. Why is it? Is it not written, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love, one for

another." John 13: 15.

I say this because an aged minister, Rev. W. M. Bell, writes me saying, "You and I have never seen each other, yet your letter is a love letter indeed. I cannot restrain my tears while reading such passages as you write."

From a Convert

The following letter will be read with much interest by the dear friends who were asked some time ago to pray for our Jewish brother, Mr. Wexler, and his dear wife, who opposed him so bitterly when he confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour, having learned to love Him by attending our meetings.

"Enclosed please find check for \$10.50, the fifty cents to renew my subscription for your beloved paper "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE" and the balance \$10 for your dispensary.

"Being a very busy man I hardly have time to read the newspapers, but I always read "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE" which gives me light on various passages from the Bible. I therefore read it over and over again. This contribution is sent to you with the consent of Mrs. Wexler. I wish you would pray and ask our good Christian brethren to pray that I may be able to confess Christ more publicly.

Yours truly,

ADOLPH WEXLER."

That Blessed Hope

To show what the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ does for a mortal man, we quote a few sentences from a letter received from a minister of the Gospel, who is afflicted with a disease which is rapidly dragging him to the grave:

"My dear Brother,

I was very glad to receive your kind letter in which you speak of the Sanitarium as a good place for me to go for treatment. I fear it is too late for me to go there in my weak condition. I am waiting on the Lord. My times are in His hands. While I wait His call to depart, He is filling me with joy and peace. While the outward man is perishing, the inward man is flooded with joy. His word never was so precious to my soul as it is now."

"I feel a deep interest in your work in behalf of God's Chosen People. Some years ago, God opened my eyes to see the important place they have in the salvation of the world. How blind the average gospel minister is to God's program of the ages! We will not have to wait much longer for 'that blessed hope.' Jesus is surely coming soon, and O! how glad our hearts shall be!

"God bless you in your work. Enclosed is five dollars. I wish I had more to give for the cause.

Your brother in Christ,

T. A. SHAW."

Incidents in the Work.

An Interesting Convert

It usually happens that Jews who attend our meetings for quite a while change their attitude toward the Lord Jesus Christ whose very name they had hated. Some of them eventually confess that they now believe in Him. In fact hardly a week passes by without my hearing from one at least, the confession that he is convinced that Jesus is the Messiah. Having reached this point there is a tendency to stay there and they need some one to teach and guide them into further steps.

But during the last month we had a most interesting and decided case of conversion. A young Jewish couple, lately married, live on a floor above the Mission store. One night, the husband who was fond of music, noticed the singing of some Christian young people who were helping us on that occasion, and came in. Like the shepherds of old who were attracted by the music of the praises of the angels to go to see Jesus, so this young man was attracted by the singing, and entered the room, where he listened to the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. At once he became very much interested and at the close of the meeting he asked me for something to read. He took some tracts and a New Testament, which he carefully read and through which he found the Lord Jesus Christ to be the Messiah.

HE TOLD HIS BROTHER.

The young man did not stop with this confession to me, as do so many other Jews, but first of all he tried to persuade his wife to join him in his belief and so brought her to the meetings. Then he wrote a letter to his brother who is a Shochet (a vice-rabbi) telling him how he was convinced that Jesus is the Messiah and that he wished that his brother too would embrace the same Saviour and be saved from his sins. Upon this his brother wrote him a long letter filled with curses and informed him that he did not consider him his brother any longer but that he would sit on the ground and mourn over him for seven days as they do over the dead. This was a shock to the young man but he patiently bore it and was strengthened in his faith.

The relatives of his wife are strictly orthodox, pious Jews, so when they heard about it they became very bitter. They argued with him in every way, trying to persuade him to repent and give up his new belief. They became enraged in his presence, so much so that they threatened him with violence. But he stood fast in his faith.

TROUBLE WITH HIS WIFE.

Then they tried another way of weakening his belief by bringing his wife's influence to bear upon him and on one occasion it went so far as

to drive them near to a decision of trying to get divorced. This among the Jews is an easy matter. All they need to do is to go to one of the rabbis, tell him they want to be divorced and the rabbi will ask nothing in particular except concerning his dues. No red tape is needed and in an hour or so all is accomplished. But this young man remembered that the Lord Jesus said something about divorcing, so turning to the New Testament he read Matt. 5, 32. "But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery," and decided that he would not act against the word of the Lord Jesus.

Then he tried hard by humbling himself, to reconcile his wife and stop the idea of separation. She however is not yet fully in sympathy with him. On one occasion I was in their nice, clean rooms and talked with both of them and the husband told me that it made a very good impression upon her. Soon after, she visited her sister, who by Satanic poison counteracted all the good effect that had been accomplished. So the husband forbade his wife visiting her sister again.

HIS SERVICE FOR CHRIST.

He is very anxious to do something, no matter how little, for the Lord Jesus Christ. He told me several times that he was so thankful to me for telling him of the Saviour. He is a good player on the mandolin and so offered his services to play at the meetings. Whenever he is wanted, he sits on the platform with his mandolin, in the presence of large audiences of Jews not minding what some of them think of him. He plays very sweetly and it is a real study and pleasure to watch his face while he is playing Christian hymns. The love in his heart toward the Lord can be seen recorded in his face. His wife sometimes accompanies him to the meetings and sometimes not. We would ask, dear friends, your earnest prayers for this daughter of Israel that she may be speedily united with her husband in the blessed faith of the Lord Jesus Christ.

An Old Jew's Trick

The following incident shows the sad spiritual destitution of the Jews and their rabbis in this great city and it ought to stimulate more and more the dear Christian people to increase their efforts to bring the Jews to the glorious light of the Lord Jesus Christ:

A poor, aged Jew, friendless and penniless, lay sick in his bed, nearing death. His weak wife of about seventy years of age, was the only one to attend to him. He had been disabled for quite a time and she was the bread earner, by doing washing, scrubbing, etc. Now that she had to nurse her patient, she could not go out at all, so they became helpless, without a piece of bread

in the house. After thinking a great deal they decided to call one of the rabbis to say the confession with the dying man. The Jews have a printed formula of confessing their sins before death. It contains names of sins in the order of the Hebrew alphabet and is therefore equal in number to the Hebrew letters. Whether a righteous or sinful Jew, all have to confess the sins itemized in the formula. For instance he has to confess that he committed false swearing, robbery, theft, etc., although he may never have committed these sins; but because the formula contains them, he must confess them. Jewish tradition says, that it is very bad for a man to die without saying his confession, and for this reason this poor man and his wife asked a Jew to call a certain rabbi to perform this last rite to the sick man.

RABBI REFUSED TO COME.

The Jew was kind enough to go and call the rabbi, stating the serious illness of the patient, who was expected to die very soon. He also told the rabbi that he was a poor man, that both he and his wife were very old and feeble and that they had scarcely a piece of bread in their house. When the rabbi heard this, he had no desire to go, because there was no prospect for him to obtain any remuneration, and subsequently he refused to go, by giving some evasive excuses. When the messenger came to the old couple and told them of the rabbi's refusal, they were saddened very much and the poor wife began to cry bitterly, seeing that the rabbi who is supposed to be a friend of all, does not care to give them that much comfort in time of their greatest trouble. But her husband as sick as he was, turned to the messenger and said to him, "You go back to the rabbi and tell him that I want him not only for the confession, but also I hold a policy of three hundred dollars and I want to leave it to him, after he has met my burial expenses, and you will find that as soon as you tell him this, he will come for the sake of getting the money into his hand." The messenger understood the trick, for he knew very well that there was no policy in the case, but it was only to see who the rabbi was. He hurried back to the rabbi and when he had delivered his message the rabbi quickly followed the Jew to the bedside of the dying man. But the patient informed the rabbi first of all of his destitute condition and asked him if he couldn't help him in any way to secure some food for his half-starving wife. The rabbi, having been disappointed about the three hundred dollars, turned away from the patient saying: "I will see what I can do," but did nothing after all.

TELLING IT TO THE AUDIENCE.

Then the poor woman came to me and told me all that had transpired and with tears in her eyes, asked for assistance. I went over to their

house, spoke comfortingly to the sick man and told him how useless the confession was if he did not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins. I gave them enough to secure food and fuel, and told them that this was done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ whose followers enabled me to aid them in their great distress. It touched my heart when they showed me their gratefulness in attempting to kiss my hand. Then in my meeting I mentioned this incident illustrating to the Jews what kind of spiritual leaders they had and that the only true leader is the Lord Jesus Christ, who alone is the Truth and who never slighted the appeal of the poorest and humblest Jew. Even the blind beggar by the wayside was not rejected by Him. This stirred the Jews and one of them wrote a letter to that rabbi asking him why he committed such a shameful act by which he disgraced his office. Then this rabbi asked another member of his profession to accompany him to the bedside of the dying man rebuking him for having told all these facts to the missionary, and wanting him to state that it is not true—that the missionary himself invented it all. Whereupon the old Jew shook his head and refused to do so, saying, that the missionary was better to him than all the rabbis of Brooklyn. In spite of his refusal, the two rabbis put their heads together and wrote a statement replying to the Jew who had written, that the sick man did not send a messenger to this rabbi, but to some other one, whose name they don't know. Shall we not continue to labor and pray for the conversion of this people and their blind leaders?

Jews Puzzled

Again and again, I meet Jews who are strangely puzzled when I read and explain to them the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. It seems that all the people of the House of Israel have entirely overlooked that chapter. They are like the children of Judah coming out of the Babylonian captivity when Nehemiah read and expounded the Scriptures to them. It says in Nehemiah 8: 14, "And they found written in the law which God had commanded them by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month" (Feast of Tabernacles). Again in the 17th verse it says, that "since the days of Joshua, the son of Nun, the children of Israel had not done so;" and as it was possible for all the people to overlook that common feast of Tabernacles which is now so well known by every Jew all over the world, from the smallest to the greatest, so now have they forgotten all the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, the chief and plainest description of the Lord Jesus Christ.

One Saturday afternoon following my address at the Brownsville Mission, the after meeting for inquirers was opened. Some of them asked questions and I had an occasion to refer to the

fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. In the audience there was one Jew who never had been there before. He asked me whether I was reading from the New Testament, or from the Old. I told him that it was the Old Testament and invited him to the platform to see with his own eyes the old Hebrew Bible. He was an intelligent man, very decently dressed, speaking good English and appeared to have had a good education in the Hebrew in his youth. He came up to the platform and took up the Bible, looked at the front page, looked at some pages in the middle, and then at the back pages, so as to convince himself of its genuineness, and then he began to read Isaiah 53. He stopped when he came to the verse "And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." His eyes bulged out for great surprise and he looked again at the pages of the Bible in the front and in the back and this time at the outside of the cover also. Then he turned to me with an appealing look and asked "Is it possible that this is written in our Bible? I cannot explain it in any other way than that you missionaries have a different Hebrew Old Testament from what we Jews have." When I assured him that that is out of the question, that there are no two different Old Testaments, and that the missionaries could not change one tittle of the Old Testament, he looked again into the Bible and read further and when he reached the tenth verse, "And if thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin" he stopped again for it was impossible for him to believe that it was a real Jewish Old Testament. "I see it is in the Hebrew" he said, "and it looks like the one that all the Jews have, but *this one* must have been Christianized by the missionaries and it has those words of sin and sin offering which you say refer to Jesus. I will tell you what I will do" he continued, "I will go home and find another t'nach (Hebrew Old Testament) and I will study that chapter and see if it is really so in our own Bible: then I will certainly accept it."

Although we meet very many such, all speak and act almost in the same way when the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah is shown to them, but rarely if ever, have I met with such earnest astonishment over this matter, as I witnessed in the face of this man. Please pray for him.

Two Apply for Baptism

Hardly a week has passed without hearing some Jew confess his conviction that the one whom he heard me preach and proclaim as the Saviour of all mankind is the Messiah. Some of those who learn more and have a spirit of boldness, wish to follow out His command by baptism. Two Jews came to my private rooms about two weeks ago and told me that they wanted to be baptized. After questioning them they told me that a number of years ago they had

been to my meeting, and ever since then they had been attending some of our meetings on various occasions. Every time they were at the meeting, they had one object in view. They did not pay much attention to the preaching, neither did they take heed to the Scripture passages appealed to so emphatically by the preacher in his sermon, for they thought that they knew everything just as well as the preacher. All that they did was to study the speaker himself. They would frequently ask one another, "What is the matter with this Jew who talks about the Jesus, the Crucified One? Is he some kind of a crank? Is he an impostor? Or, what in the world is this man?"

They at last arrived at the conclusion that the missionary is all right, and both of them conceived a very high opinion of him. Then one said to the other, "Should not we, too, study that small book, the New Testament, which he, whom we so highly esteem, advocates so much, urging every Jew to read it carefully?" Consequently, they decided to take a New Testament to their homes where they began to read it privately. The more they studied it, the more the preaching they had heard in our meetings echoed in their ears. Gradually, the light shone into their hearts and at last, both together, at the same time and with one mind, embraced the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

After having listened to their experience, I explained to them what baptism means. I also told them about the Lord's Supper and made them understand a few other points taught in the New Testament, which are foreign to Jewish ideas: but as to their request, I told them that they could go anywhere and be baptized without me. This I did for various reasons.

A Very Poor Jew

One afternoon as soon as the dispensary was open, the patients began to arrive. The doctor came afterwards, and as usual, it was a busy hour. Among the patients was a Jewish man, who looked very tired and hungry. He told his story in short. "I want to become a Christian." "Why do you want to become a Christian?" I asked. "Because I don't want to be a Jew." "Why don't you want to be a Jew?" "Because I want to be a Christian, sir," was the answer. "What kind of a Christian do you want to be, a Protestant, or a Catholic?" "There is no difference to me, sir," he answered. After a long talk with the man, I ascertained from him that he had been a loyal Jew from his youth, that he was educated in the Hebrew, but became disgusted with Judaism in its present form. He expressed himself so among the Jews, telling them that he hated their ways and their habits. His words were misconstrued and he was counted as a Jew hater. Consequently, he could not exist among them. He was persecuted and could not make a living, so he decided to become a Christian, not

knowing any difference between Catholicism and Protestantism. It was all the same to him. He started out in search of a priest or minister, and two or three of them refused to deal with him, but told him to go to a Jewish mission, and he was given the direction by one minister to our Williamsburg Mission.

While I saw his ignorance, I noticed at the same time a little sincerity in the man. He had been in the country only a short time, and did not know English at all. I at once started to open the Scriptures to him and showed him that if he wanted to be saved from his sins, he must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Then I took him to a restaurant and got a meal for him, for the poor man had not eaten the whole day. Then I put him into a lodging house and kept him there for a few days under my care. In the meantime, I gave him the New Testament and tracts, which he studied all the time, until he was fully convinced of the truth as it is in Jesus. He asked me to have him baptized, but I told him that if he will prove during a longer time that he is a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus, he may be baptized later on. I then sent him to a farm where he is working for his living for a dear Christian friend who may, by the grace of God, come in closer relationship with this work in the future. We have not yet arrived at any definite plans, but when we do, we will inform the friends.

News from the Sewing School

In most parts of Brownsville, Christmas, I imagine, is more of a name than anything else. But in one corner of that district, those who know nothing of the joy of that day and who believe little in the meaning of the occasion, have a chance to realize what the love of Christ can do through those who believe that the Messiah has come. I feel sure that the love manifested by Christians in sending to the girls of the Sewing School the means to look back upon the birthday of our Lord with happiness, must have a decided influence on the community in which they live. The Jews have received so universally, everything except love from the Gentile nations, that it is no wonder if they are suspicious and fearful.

Most generous answers came in reply to my appeal in the December number of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE for funds for Bibles, so that we were able to provide each girl with a present and give Bibles to all those who were willing to take them. We found that some few were already provided and others, on account of prejudice, did not want them. Other friends, instead of sending money, gave candy and oranges for the girls and dressed dolls for the little tots. Most of the girls are very fond of reading, so we decided that books would be best for the greater number and such as "Christie's Old Organ," "The Story of the Bible," various story books for girls, "Black Beauty," etc., were chosen.

A goodly number of the scholars were present to greet us on Tuesday, the twenty-ninth, the day of the celebration. After all joined in the singing of a Christmas carol, Mr. Cohn read the second chapter of Matthew, explaining and questioning as he went. Our missionary box on that day was full, the largest collection we have ever had, the girls giving forty cents as their Christmas present to the Lord. The entertainment for the day was somewhat disappointing as a young lady whom we expected to recite was not able to come on account of illness, but with music and a story and some help from the girls, the afternoon passed quickly by, the presents being given out at the close of the service.

May we not all, teachers and friends of the School, go forward with earnestness during the coming year, remembering that our "labor is not in vain in the Lord." If we sow the seed with loving diligence He will bring the full harvest which will redound to His honor and glory. Will not all our friends pray for the true success of the work of the Sewing School, that many of the girls may be won by love, to accept the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHRISTMAS EXPENSES.

Toys	\$3.00
Bibles and Books	18.30
Oranges	1.35

\$22.65

—ELLA T. MARSTON.

Brownsville Ten Years Ago and Now

It will no doubt interest the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE to know something of the great and sudden changes which have taken place in Brownsville. About ten years ago, when by the grace of God and under His direction, I started the mission there, the very mention of Brownsville called forth a smile of ridicule, for it was known that the name stood for poverty, filth and misery. It was then a newly settled colony inhabited by a Jewish population of between fifteen and twenty thousand people. Property was very low for the reason that nobody wanted to buy land. It was a lonesome, sad looking, forlorn locality and colony. The streets were not macadamized, the sidewalks not paved. A slight fall of rain made them almost impassable; they were a maze of ruts and slush. The small shanties were so scattered that in walking from this to that, one had to pass two or three blocks of unoccupied lots, unoccupied, save for some starved goats, geese and a few chickens, which were lingering there for want of something better. Only two or three blocks were thickly populated, and these comprised the shopping district. Here the women and children would congregate and do their marketing, and here was to be seen most advantageously, the Brownsville filth. It was called by the Jews themselves, the Chasir market (Chasir in Hebrew means

swine). Not that any swine's flesh was to be had there, for the Jews do not deal with, nor do they use swine's flesh, but because that market was as unclean as a swine-stall. This was ten years ago.

GREAT CHANGE.

If I had the time and space to tell you how Brownsville looks now, you would think I were telling you a fairy story. Instead of the one and two story shanties, tall tenements are rearing their heads. The vacant plots of farm-lands are no more the resting places for geese, but they hold beautiful and comfortable two and three story buildings. Unoccupied lots are eagerly searched for and built upon; even now in this bitter cold weather they are building and expanding Brownsville limits to two and three times their former size. The streets are asphalted, the sidewalks are paved, and it is now as nice and as clean a spot as there is to be found in Brooklyn.

PROSPERITY.

Property therefore, in Brownsville has taken a tremendous upward jump. A certain section presents at first sight, the appearance of the Stock Exchange, for here most all of the original property holders gather together to sell their holdings. Nearly every one of them has now become a real estate dealer, although ten years ago he would have been happy if he were able to pay the *interest* on the mortgage on his hovel in which he sat on a bench day after day, cobbling boots, or sewing pants. But now he has money enough to live comfortably, and to dabble in real estate, instead of cobbling shoes. A number of them have become wealthy during this sudden rise in land values, some of them having made a clear profit of one hundred thousand dollars.

They are also building a new bank, as the old one is far too small to handle all of Brownsville's finances. Physicians, merchants, lawyers, etc., are all moving into this part of the city to the Jewish Ghetto, hoping to do better business there than elsewhere.

THE REASON.

The cause of this boom is the new East River Bridge which enters Brooklyn at Williamsburg, where there are also a great number of Jews. Much property in Williamsburg, and on the East Side, in New York, was condemned for the use of the bridge, thus causing a greatly crowded ghetto in both New York and Brooklyn. Consequently, it is estimated that about ten thousand Jews escaped the two crowded quarters and took refuge in Brownsville.

All this has taken place within the last three or four months, and Brownsville is now a much larger field for mission work than ever before. Many clubs have been formed by the new residents, lodges organized, young people's amusement societies started. All of which make it much harder for us to reach them with the

Gospel, for we have no worldly attractions to offer.

Please pray for His power to go before us in Brownsville.

The Work in New York

The meetings in New York have been continued every Thursday evening. There have been a number of tokens of the power of the Holy Spirit working among the Jews there. A young Jewess has been brought to confess the Lord Jesus Christ by baptism as a result of these meetings. Her husband deserted her on account of her accepting Christ. This was not enough, but she was brought to face a red-hot poker in the hands of her father-in-law. "Either renounce that Crucified One, or I will gouge out your eyes with this glowing poker" exclaimed the old, zealous Jew to this frail young woman. She stood fast, however, not yielding one inch of ground to the enemy. She had to stand a great many other trials, but the Lord enabled her to overcome them all.

For a time she worked for a living, and then some friend advised that she sue her husband for support, which she did. At the court, her husband's lawyer, a Jew, pleaded that this woman, as well as other Jews embracing Christianity, was crazy, and therefore, ought to be put in an asylum. The judge lectured the lawyer, and reproved him for his rudeness. To the husband he said that since this country gives liberty to every one, his wife having become a Christian is no excuse for his not supporting her, and therefore he ruled that he should give her support. Please pray for her husband, that he too may soon become a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Young Girl at Northfield

The readers will no doubt remember the young girl who was converted in our Sewing School about a year ago and in whom several teachers became interested, and sent to the Northfield school to be trained for missionary work among her own people. The ladies succeeded in securing enough money to pay for the first term which is now drawing to a close. The payment for the second term will be due January 15th and about twenty dollars more is needed to enable them to meet it in time. Contributions for this purpose may be sent to Miss R. Schutt, 163a Monroe Street, Brooklyn.

How to Reach the Missions

For Brownsville, take Douglass St. car to corner of Thatford Ave., or Fulton St. car to Rockaway Ave., transfer to Hamburg Ave. car to Liberty Ave., walk one block to left.

For Williamsburgh, Gates, Fulton or Putnam Ave. lines transfer to Sumner Ave. car which passes the door; Broadway Elevated to Lorimer St. station, walk one block.

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If we had two thousand dollars, we could start the Industrial Plant. This would employ a number of Jewish converts who are out of work because of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. They suffer persecution from their brethren and many have to give up their faith in Christ in order to be able to support their families. They are greatly disappointed when I cannot find employment for them among Christians. This is the hardest problem of Jewish Mission work.

Articles Received, during December

Mrs. Wm. Musson, a package of clothing; Mr. Wm. Lindsay, some Jewish booklets; Mrs. Saleeby, Jewish leaflets; Church of the Redeemer, a barrel of clothing, and a box of groceries; Baptist Home, package of clothing; Primary Dept. of Marcy Ave. Bap. Church, 60 oranges; Mrs. Chatfield, candy for Sewing School Christmas; 3 young ladies, 12 dressed dolls.

Receipts During December

FOR RENT.	
R. L. C.....	\$20.00
J. T. P.....	20.00
FOR DISPENSARY.	
Adolph Wexler.....	10.00
FOR SEWING SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.	
Friends of Israel, Morristown per Miss Betts,	18.00
Mrs. Margaret Pechin.....	5.00
Mrs. Kimball.....	1.00
Mrs. Butler.....	.50
Mrs. Santee.....	1.00
FOR POOR FUND.	
Mrs. Wm. Musson.....	7.00
F. J. H.....	70.00
C. S. P.....	20.00
Mrs. A. F. N.....	2.00
Mrs. Santee.....	1.00
A Friend, through Mrs. D. M. Miller....	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Kinney.....	1.00
FOR ASSISTANT MISSIONARY.	
J. T. P.....	33.33
FOR GENERAL FUND.	
A Friend.....	1.00
Mrs. H. F. Canfield.....	.50
Mrs. E. Van Buren.....	8.00
J. A. Williamson.....	1.00
Mrs. H. E. Coolidge.....	5.00
M. C. S. M.....	9.50
Mrs. M. A. Weaver.....	10.00

F. J. H.....	70.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fairbanks.....	2.00
A Friend.....	2.00
M. Patterson.....	5.00
Mrs. C. F. Miller.....	4.50
Mrs. Peter McCartee.....	5.00
Mrs. G. Gabrielson.....	20.00
Mrs. Elnathan Sweet.....	5.00
Miss M. A. Tefft.....	.50
Mrs. Margaret Pechin.....	10.00
Mrs. F. L. Townsend.....	.50
Mrs. E. G. Boyd.....	.50
F. W. Finnie, Esq.....	10.00
W. G. Damerel, Esq.....	1.50
Miss A. Lapsley.....	10.00
Mrs. D. C. Griswold.....	1.00
Miss Annie Cruickshank.....	4.36
Rev. J. A. Owen.....	1.00
Mr. W. B. Woodruff.....	1.00
W. H. N.....	10.00
V. A. Whitaker.....	2.00
Miss A. J. Thomson.....	19.50
H. D. Tiemann.....	3.00
Mrs. F. Williams.....	1.00
Miss E. A. C.....	2.00
Rev. T. A. Shaw.....	5.00
M. L. Brown.....	1.00
Friends	1.50
A Lady, through Rev. J. A. Owen.....	1.00
Mrs. A. Armstrong.....	2.00
"For Christ and the Jews".....	10.00
D. M. Sturgis.....	1.00
A Friend.....	1.50
M. Demarest.....	2.00
Sadie Bradford.....	.50
E. C. Stanchfield.....	1.00
Mr. R. Williams.....	5.00
Mrs. S. J. Hollingsworth.....	1.00
Miss H. Weber.....	1.00
Mrs. E. J.....	1.00
Mr. L. O. Norris.....	2.50
Rev. E. L. Carr.....	1.74
Mrs. J. S. Dinwoodie.....	1.00
Mrs. R. Proudfit.....	.50
E. M. Hungerford.....	13.20
From a Friend at Xmas.....	1.00
J. R. Martin, M. D.....	1.00
Mrs. L. Conro.....	1.00
Mrs. C. R. Deane.....	1.00
Miss. Soc. First Bap. Ch., Crafton, per Mr. Downey.....	4.80
Rev. N. M. Antrobus.....	1.00
Mrs. L. M. Fleming.....	1.00
Mrs. M. L. Fountain.....	2.00
Mrs. E. Van Buren.....	.50
Miss Emma B. Keese.....	5.00
Rev. R. Arthur.....	1.00
Miss Julia Warner.....	1.00
Marcy Ave. Baptist Church coll.....	20.23
FOR BIBLES.	
C. S. P.....	20.00