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Salutation

"We go to salute the children of the King"

II Kings, 10, 13

My Dearly Beloved Friends.

As this is my last salutation to you for the summer months, I desire to greet you now more heartily than ever before.

I wish every reader first of all, peace, not only during the summer, but an everflowing peace from the Prince of peace. Also an eternal weight of joy drawn from the "wells of salvation," and the satisfying face of the Lord Jesus Christ upon you and the everlasting arms beneath you. Amen.

Much Encouraged

So remarkable have been God's blessings upon the preaching of His word to my people during the last month that each one of the workers have been much encouraged to go forward.

First the audiences have been as large as usual and very attentive. Second an usually large number of Jews have confessed the Lord Jesus Christ during the last few weeks, they have not been baptized because of the old problem, the sad fact is that a Jew cannot secure work among Gentiles. They depend entirely upon their own people for a living. Baptism would cause the Jews to deny work and any possible favor to these converts. Even without baptism, the knowledge of their belief in the Lord Jesus and sympathy for His Gospel work sooner or later creeps out somehow or other and then follows persecution. Thus they are compelled to carry out that injunction: "But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another," Matt. 10:23. This is the reason for my earnest desire and prayer to God for an Industrial Plant which would give employment to these dear followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then we could soon have a Jewish Christian congregation who would worship "their God and their King David" undisturbed.

OLD CONVERTS.

It has also given me much pleasure to hear from two old converts who were baptized five and seven years ago respectively. They had to leave here on account of persecution soon after baptism and have been moving about from place to place in search of employment. One wrote a letter in which he thanks me for having led him to the Saviour and asks for some Jewish tracts which he would like to give to some of his

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friends who had become sincere inquirers after the truth since he talked to them. Another one sent a Jew to my private rooms to ask for baptism. This Jew had several talks with that convert and was urged by him to confess Him publicly by baptism as he did himself seven years ago. This Jew was so much impressed that he came a distance of over seventy miles expressly for that purpose. These facts will, no doubt, bring to many of our dear friends who faithfully remember this work joy and gladness over His answers to their prayers. A number of friends who have watched this work have said repeatedly that this is the most successful mission that they have known. It is all because we have a large number of prayerful friends to whose hearts this gospel work is very dear. I thank God daily upon every remembrance of you, my dear co-workers in spirit and I attribute all the blessings attending this testimony to your continual and unceasing prayers.

PROSPECTIVE PLANS.

Now that the summer is at hand we have a prospect of doing more work than in the winter in the way of distributing tracts. The Jews do not go to the country in the summer. The mission will not be closed. It is more convenient for mission workers to reach the Jews during the summer than winter. In the evenings they sit on the stoops of the tenements houses in large numbers to get a breath of fresh air. There the missionary can talk to them as long as he wishes, and distribute tracts among them. Another class of Jews go out to the Island or other beaches for a trip. There we can find them by the hundreds and thousands. There they will gladly take a tract to read while enjoying the breezes of the sea. We shall need a new supply of tracts for the summer. We had one last summer and we hope that some friends will be pleased to do so this time.

We shall again depend upon your prayers my dear friends. Pray for His very presence with us during the summer. God willing next October you will have our report. God be with you till we meet again through the means of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. I am glad to tell you that we now have a physician in the Dispensary. The demand for a doctor to go to the houses of our poor afflicted brethren is increasing. We have to pay the physician fifty cents for each visit. Funds for this work of Christian kindness are very much needed. A medical missionary would be an excellent thing in this field of labor.

Very sincerely yours in His service,

—LEOPOLD COHN.

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MISSIONS

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WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Monday—Boys' Club, Brownsville, 4.30 P. M.
Tuesday—Sewing School, Brownsville, 3.30 P. M.
Gospel service, Brownsville, 8 P. M.
Wednesday—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—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.

Good-Bye for the Summer.

Now that the paper will cease its visits to the friends for a few months, it is left to you to show how much you are interested in this gospel work. Usually when the paper brings the news each month, you are reminded by some of its contents and prompted to send a contribution to help the cause. But during the Summer, one is apt to forget unless there is a real interest in the furtherance of the gospel among the Jews. We trust the efficiency of the work may not be curtailed through lack of funds.

Poems in Jargon.

We have been sending out during the last month, leaflets containing poems in Jargon and Hebrew. These poems though brief include a sermon based on a text printed before or after it. A Christian friend noticed in some of our recent numbers an item referring to this subject and requested us to send samples to him, thinking no doubt, they were in English. We did as he wished and wonder if he has gained any knowledge of Hebrew since then.

From this and other letters, I gather that many would like to know something of these poems, so to give you an idea, I'll quote a few sentences from them.

"When I see the blood, I will pass over you."—Ex. 12:13

"You eat unleavened bread,
Your table is spread,
But the Lamb's blood is not shed."—etc., etc.

"Is it true or nay,
What millions believe and say,
That Jesus rose on the third day,
Just as God's Word does say?"—etc., etc.

"He shall make him alive after two days, and on the third day He shall raise him up."—Hosea 6:2.

Translating Tracts.

We have a series of five tracts which have been printed in Jargon and the plates secured so that we can reproduce them at any time. There is great need to translate these into English, secure the plates and then print them together, one page Jewish, the other English. It would cost between two and three hundred dollars to have this done. Any contributions for this purpose will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

These tracts were written to meet Jewish difficulties on their own ground. The friends perhaps are not aware that there are almost no tracts for Jews. I know of only one which is fitted to give to a Jew, and that was written by Mr. Meyer Lerman, of New York. There are, of course, a number of other tracts but humanly speaking, they are not able to do any good to the Jew in bringing him to Christ, and I believe that I am qualified to judge in this matter. The tracts printed in both English and Jargon will prove a double blessing and will more than pay all the expense, time, and habit.

Five Converts.

We have just sent out five other converts to work on five different farms during the last month. This was done partly because they cannot easily secure work here among the Jews where they are known as believers in Jesus Christ, and partly because they themselves wish to be with Christian people for some time in order to learn more of Christian daily life. There is a young man of eighteen years who would like to do the same, but we have not so far found a place for him. He would like to have a little money of course for his work, but his chief desire is to be educated in the Bible and English literature. We are anxiously watching to see what God will bring out of this new way which He has opened up, of sending converts to the country.

Orah Heend Leaving.

Our esteemed brother, Mr. Orah Heend, the account of whose conversion appeared in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE some time ago, has left here for California on account of his health. The brother has been doing much service for the Lord Jesus, not only by playing the mandolin, at the Williamsburgh Mission, but also by personally talking about Christ to the Jews whom he met. We shall miss his presence very much, but shall pray that the Lord will bless his leaving here and going there for the good of His cause, believing that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

A Band of Young Singers.

We had a pleasant visit from the Junior Department and teachers of the First E. D. Baptist Church. About thirty were present, and the many Jews who packed the Williamsburgh Mission listened with great delight to the fine singing.

Incidents in the Work.



MR. ENGELHART.

Another Convert Baptized.

The accompanying picture is of Mr. Engelhart, who was baptised the second Sunday in April last, by the Rev. Mr. Sherman, pastor of the Baptist Church in Easton, Conn. Some time last December, Mr. Engelhart came into our Williamsburgh Mission one afternoon. The hall was open for the Dispensary, and I happened to be there and noticed the man. As usual, when I am present, I try to talk with every one, no matter how little. I would not let one go without telling them about the Lord Jesus Christ. I noticed this man especially as he appeared to be a stranger, whom I had never seen before.

After asking him several questions, he told me that he was having some trouble with the Jewish friends with whom he stayed. I asked him why he had trouble with Jewish people who are his brethren. To this he replied that he didn't like the Jews at all and that he wanted to become a Christian. I told him at once that if he did not like the Jews he couldn't become a Christian, and showed him how I, although a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, not only liked, but loved the Jews, because God loved them and still loves them according to His word in the Scriptures.

DISAPPOINTED WITH JEWISH RELIGION.

I noticed by his face that the man was greatly discouraged and soon I realized that if he could have expressed himself correctly he would have said, "I love my people the Jews, but I do not love their lifeless religion which does not in-

sure satisfaction, peace and joy to the follower." I saw that man was frank and sincere and so I gave him the plan of the prophecies concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. I put him before a large sign hanging on the wall, containing the 53rd chapter of Isaiah in large Hebrew type. He appreciated it.

I soon saw that the man would require a teacher who would lovingly and kindly show him by a daily Christ-like life, how to come to God through Jesus the Saviour of mankind. As we have no home for such inquirers, I could not accommodate him, but he himself had no home or no friend from whom to learn of Christ.

THE NEED SUPPLIED.

But at that time, under God's providence, I came to know A. C. McConnell of Bethel, Conn., who thought of establishing on his farm a home for Jews to teach them of Christ and also how to do farm work. At the time we were considering the propriety and expediency of completing the plan but owing to the fact that it required a good deal of money the scheme did not ripen.

In the meantime, I asked Mr. McConnell to take this man. He did so and was there for several months under Mr. McConnell's instruction by which Mr. Engelhart was greatly benefited. He has grown in grace so much that when the time came for him to be baptised, he was anxious not only concerning the example he was setting before the people, but he also insisted that his sweetheart should join him in his new found faith. He told her plainly again and again that unless she followed his example she could never become his wife. The girl is not a Jewess, but a Roman Catholic, and while he was a Jew he didn't mind marrying her without converting her to his faith. But when the Lord Jesus came into his heart he could not be unequally yoked with an unbeliever. So they were both baptised on the same Sunday, in the same church by the same pastor.

Thus we see that Mr. Engelhart, instead of the dead religion of Jewish tradition, has gotten the religion of Jesus Christ which is life working in him, not only for his own salvation but also for that of others.

A Scoffer Converted.

During last Fall, a nice-looking young man came into a meeting at the Williamsburgh Mission for the first time. As he had never attended such a service before, everything seemed very peculiar to him. He had been brought up in his father's house in Russia to know only the strict, orthodox religion, had been taught the five books of Moses thoroughly and unlike other Jews had studied a great deal of the prophets and much of the Talmud. When he visited the Mission, he saw what is considered by orthodox Jews to be a great sin, namely Jews sitting bareheaded and the preacher on the platform without hat.

He regarded the hymns sung in a foreign tongue as profane songs he had heard in the streets of Russia. He considered the utterance of the name Jenovah by a speaker without covering on his head, as frivolity and profanity. So all these things lowered his respect for the Mission and the meeting.

He began to scorn, laugh and ridicule, right in the presence of the whole audience.

NO INDUCEMENT.

One of the co-workers approached him quietly and kindly asked him to stop his misbehavior. But nothing would induce the young man to keep order. This continued for a long time and some of the regular attendants asked me many times to forbid his coming to the meetings. But experience has taught me frequently to have the patience of the Lord Jesus Christ with these people or one cannot bring them to His saving knowledge.

After many weeks of scoffing and annoying us, the young man to the surprise of all those who knew him, became changed. He kept on coming to every meeting and as I held him up before the Lord in prayer many times, I naturally watched his movements. Sometimes I would preach for fifteen minutes on a subject just suited to his case. One evening, at the close of a meeting, he asked for a New Testament and then for a Hebrew Bible. Week after week, we noticed a quieting down in his attitude until he became like a lamb and paid the utmost attention to the preaching. Whenever the workers came together, remarks were made about the man's change.

HE CONFESSED CHRIST.

A few weeks ago, I asked him privately how he was progressing, for at the Wednesday evening question meetings he was always asking for some explanation of this or that part of the Bible with reference to the Messiah. To my joy he humbly acknowledged that Jesus must be the Messiah according to the Scriptures.

Since then he has been growing in grace, repenting of all that he did against the preaching of the gospel. He became anxious to get out from among the Jews and live somewhere among Christian people from whom he could learn more fully how to lead a Christian life. As at present there is no better place for such an one than the country, I sent him to a farm where he would work for a living and at the same time have the Bible and the English language taught to him. It is one of the signs of the conversion of a Jew when he is willing to abandon the city life with all its turmoil and go to an isolated farm.

When I accompanied him to the station to start him on his way, he told me how he would like to impart the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ to his father, who is an aged, venerable, highly educated Jew. But he feared that the news of his acceptance of Christ would mean instant death to his parent.

After his arrival at the farm, he wrote expressing his gratefulness for having led him so kindly to Christ and thanking the Christians who sent the missionaries to the Jews. He sent his kindest regards to each of the workers. Let every friend who has a share in this work take his or her part of the thanks of this young man.

My Sister.

A Jew of about thirty-five years of age, has been attending our meetings for quite a time. He has been in this country about three years, but has not been able to have his wife and four children in Russia, join him. He has been staying during this time with his sister who is a bigoted Jewess. This woman remonstrated with him from the very beginning for attending the Mission meetings, but it was in a mild way until he brought some tracts home with him. When she noticed them she threw them into the fire at once and looking at the burning leaves, she exclaimed with joy, "There goes the Mission."

Her brother, notwithstanding her actions, continued in the same way, inquired earnestly after the truth and became convinced that the Lord Jesus is the true Messiah. Whenever I asked him something about his study and belief in Christ, he would as a rule, always reply, "I'm all right, but oh, my sister!"

HE LEFT TOWN.

When he became a thorough believer in the Lord, he too listened to my advice and went to a farm to be away from his sister and learn more about the Bible and those things which belong to the Christian faith. So he was sent out to the country and is working there well.

A third man whose story of conversion is somewhat similar to these just related has also gone out on a farm. The friends are requested to have these converts on their hearts when offering prayer to God, that they may be kept steadfast and be witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ.

No Use.

At the close of a meeting, according to our old custom, I went down the aisle to shake hands with those who were waiting for it. One Jew who, though he had been attending the meeting for a long time, has evidently not yet been touched by the Holy Spirit, came near me while I was talking with another and said, "What is the use of your preaching? You see I have listened to your talks here for a long, long time but none of your sermons move me to believe in Jesus. There is no use of your Mission and of all your talking. As you have not been able to convert me, so you won't be able to convince these other Jews. You had better get some business and earn money and have a nice time as long as you live."

No sooner did he finish his foolish talk, than a young man of seventeen, who stood by, opened

his mouth and testified saying, "No use? Mr. Cohn, don't you believe him. There is much use. If there is no use for this man, I know that there has been use for me. I have learned not only many things from the Bible through these meetings, but I have also been convinced that Jesus is the Messiah."

Very seldom have I witnessed such a disconcerted face full of confusion, as that of the Jew who talked so boldly, but now was silenced by the testimony of this dear young man.

An Old Sewing School Scholar.

At one of the meetings in Brownsville, I noticed a familiar face. A young Jewess with a girlish expression, accompanied by two or three other Jewesses was a very attentive listener during the whole service. At the close of the meeting she came to shake hands with me and asked if I remembered her. "Were you not in the Sewing School some time ago?" I questioned. "Yes," she said, "I was one of your scholars and don't you remember how you used to thread the needles for us and show us how to make better stitches?"

That was about eight years ago, when we had one or two teachers for 150 to 200 girls. She was then a girl of about ten or twelve years old.

I asked her if she had learned in the Sewing School to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour? "Yes, I did learn that." "And do you still believe in Him?" "Oh, I've had many things which made me forget all about that." "Why, what things should a girl have to make her forget," I asked, "this is the nicest and the best time in your life to study the Bible and to believe in Christ."

She looked at the other women beside her and they began to laugh and one of them said, "Why, she is married and has two babies." "Yes," added the girl, "that's the reason why I forgot all about my belief in Jesus but now I have come again to recollect it."

Worried About His Wife.

A Jew who has been a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ as an outcome of our meetings at the Williamsburgh Mission, complained to me about his wife. Whenever he wishes to present to her the claims of Christ she stops him by referring to their uncomfortable condition on account of their having so little money. He earns enough for a humble living but she would like to have nice clothes, a servant to help her with the children and the house and other comforts. When he says to her, "Come let us read a little from the Bible," some time in the evening when there is a good opportunity, she will tell him, "Don't you bother your head about the Bible, you'd better get more money." When he tells her about eternal life through Jesus the Messiah, which is far better than money, she answers, "I'll let you have the everlasting life as long as you like, but

don't you talk about it to me until you earn money enough to make me more comfortable."

These and many other words between them concerning such things have troubled the mind of the poor Jewish brother very much. Though he has not given up his faith in the Lord, yet he is a great deal cast down by his troubles.

He asked me if I could not do something to convert her, so I promised to send one of the lady missionaries to his wife, who will try to impress her with the truth as it is in the Lord Jesus Christ. Will you please pray for this husband and wife?

The Sword of Jesus.

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." Matt. 10:34.

"How could He who promises to bring peace, be the Messiah when He Himself said that He came to send a sword?" ask many Jews. But they do err for they do not know the Scriptures. They might as well ask this question "What a God is Jehovah who is said to be most gracious and full of mercy when He said: "Therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh." Ezek. 21:4.

Like as a baby quickly recognizes the mother's sound, be it tender or harsh, so the child of God soon discovers the expression of the living God, be it through the prophets or through His Son, be it soothing or threatening; it comes from the same God Jehovah. Surely, no human being, however powerful, could boast of having the sending of the sword on earth at his disposal. The omnipotent Jehovah spoke through Moses saying: "If I whet my glittering sword, * * I will render vengeance to mine enemies, * * * and my sword shall devour flesh." Deut. 32:41, 42. Again through Jer. 20:17, Jehovah said, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword." Now, is it not easy to detect the same words in Jesus who spoke of sending the sword. Man could not do it, but God who dwelt bodily in Jesus could say so and bring it to pass. This is but an additional proof of the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Seven hundred years before Christ was born, Isa. 8:14 predicted that the Messiah would be a "Sanctuary" to some and "A rock of offence" to others. Jesus said to His disciples, "peace I leave with you" and they certainly realized the fulfillment of His promise. Even when they were martyred they displayed that wonderful peace amidst their death agony. The follower of Jesus has that peace unto this day because he believes in Jesus' promise. If a man received a check he couldn't cash it until he endorsed it. "For all the promises of God in Him (Jesus) are yea, and in Him, (Jesus) Amen." 11 Cor. 1. 20. If I wish to cash that check of peace which Jesus gave me by His promise I must endorse it by saying "Amen." But those who don't believe in Him cannot have peace. "There is no peace to the wicked." Isa.

57: 21. When the proud, carnal and selfish mind of the unbeliever is prompted by Satan to oppose this benign, pure, peaceable, and loving religion of Jesus it results in their taking up a sword. The followers of Jesus have always been killed by the sword of unbelievers. The Lord Jesus is not answerable for such wickedness.

But the time will come when the same Jesus shall come the second time. Then will be that great peace predicted in Isa. II. Referring to this, he says, (verse eleven) "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again *the second time*."

Multiplied by Four.

As some of the friends know this Mission was started through the grace of God, by myself, single handed. But now that the Lord has enlarged our tents so that we are four workers, instead of one, more visits are being made weekly, more misery is being witnessed daily, and therefore more money is needed for the poor than ever before. Each one of us meets with some worthy and most needy case which appeals very strongly to our sympathy so that some relief must be given. Could not the friends imitate our Heavenly Father in His having multiplied the workers and multiply their donations for this purpose?

The Jew in The Asylum.

After having secured the services of Mr. W. R. Dorman, a Christian lawyer, who kindly undertook to give his time and services gratis, we were looking forward to the release of the Jewish young man in the insane asylum. Money was required to meet only the necessary expense, which in the lawyer's estimation would amount to \$100. But since the lawyer has gone into the case he has given his opinion that it will be very hard to get the man out. So it has been necessary to give our plans up and commit him to the special care of God. The money contributed for this purpose has been returned to the donors.

Jottings by the Way.

Our visits are mostly among the poor and sick. Many are the sad sights, many sad stories are poured into our ears. They think we can supply any demand and that our resources are unlimited. Some months ago we canvassed one house and found a large family on the top floor, the father sick with the disease of our district, consumption. One of the girls joined our Sewing and Sunday School. The housekeeper heard of it and persecution followed. The child appealed to us and we called on the woman with the result that she sent her own child also. Two weeks ago the husband died.

We found the sickly little woman seated on some bedding on the floor. As a sign of mourning the Jews sit on footstools for a few days; the

mirror and pictures are covered and a little lighted lamp, also for the departed, is placed on the mantel.

A sad sight—this poor woman, these children standing about in their stocking feet to show their sorrow. We had given the man some leaflets, and he read them, but did he accept the Saviour in the last hour? We know not. We could not give her the hope of meeting him again. We knelt by her side and taking her hand, told her, "God will be a husband to you, a father to your children. Trust Him! He will not forsake you."

"I do ask Him; day and night I call, but He hears me not."

"You ask, but you ask not in Christ's name. God hears our prayers in His name."

In leaving we pressed a little help into her hand. It is a large tenement house and every time I call on this woman I find all the women in the halls, begging me to help this family. This gives us an opportunity to tell them of Him who said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Gisela Fleischmann.

Some of the women whom we visit cannot read in any language. They come from Russia or Poland, perhaps, where education is not free to all, as it is here. Sometimes after telling them of the Saviour, they say, with a shrug of the shoulders, "Maybe that is true. My husband tells me about it and you say so, but I can't read it for myself." Hoping to gain their confidence we have begun to teach a few women to read English. We can spare them only one hour each week, but they learn quite readily. For a short time before and also during Passover week, we did not go to give the usual lesson, knowing they would be occupied with other duties. But when we went back to them they were glad to begin again.

At one of these homes, this week, a little girl, a relative of the woman was present. This woman is farther advanced than the others and is reading the story of the Old Testament. After telling of the sin of Adam and Eve, the author spoke of God's promise to send a Saviour from sin into the world. I asked them if they knew who this Saviour is, and to my surprise, the child answered without the least hesitation, "Jesus." "Where did you learn that?" "One of the girls at school told me." I invited her to Sewing School and was very much pleased to greet both herself and this other school friend last Thursday.

We have had a Boys' Band at Brownsville for some weeks. They call themselves the "Sons of Zion." It is something of a military organization, that is the boys call themselves a company, have a captain and other officers. A sergeant from the 47th Regiment has kindly offered to drill the boys. Some of them come in fresh from

the street and are rather wild, but it is encouraging to see those who have been with us from the first, beginning to act more gentlemanly and seeming to want to get some good from the meeting. If we can only reach these boys, in a few years there will be some young men who are not afraid to stand firm for Christ.

Maude Darrow.

Near our Brownsville Mission are many shops. One day I visited one where about seventy men are employed. Going from one to the other I asked them to attend the meetings and gave them tracts. At first they listened and took the leaflets silently but when I turned my back, one young man threw a garment over my head. Amid shouts of laughter I left. Returning in a few days, the men said, "You have your revenge for the man who insulted you the other day has been killed. He fell from an elevator dying instantly." "No, I do not want to be revenged," I replied, "for God says 'Vengeance is mine.'"

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Varied are the places which God selects for conversation with my fellow brethren. Sunday, when going to my meeting, I was seated by a fine looking Jew. I opened a conversation with him soon turning it to the one thing nearest my heart, our Lord Jesus Christ. "Do you believe in God's Messiah?" I asked. "Certainly. I am old, yet I hope He may come in my day." "But He has been here already in the person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth." He laughed me to scorn, yet when I showed him Christ as the fulfillment of God's promises he became thoughtful. "Won't you pray to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to open your eyes and to bring you to the Saviour?" "I will. If He is the Christ I will accept Him."

Won't you dear Christian friends pray that the Holy Spirit may teach this man the things concerning Christ.

Joseph Kern.

A Retrospect and a Request.

About the time when this paper reaches our friends we shall be planning for the "beginning of the end" of our Brownsville Sewing School. Another year has passed and as we think of the days gone by we know that the Lord has blessed and helped us though we have often retarded what He might have done through us.

No great or startling things have been achieved in the Sewing School but faithful work has been done, for week after week sewing has been taught to the best of our ability and the Bible lesson been studied with varying success in attentiveness. Jewish children are very much like those of other nationalities; some days they are quiet and thoughtful, others they are noisy and troublesome. But the majority of them come regularly, showing interest in their work and affection for the place and their teachers.

The Bible lesson which comes immediately after the sewing has proved of great benefit and many

of the children who knew nothing of Abraham, Jacob, Moses, etc., can now tell a good deal about them. The story which pleases them very much is that of Queen Esther and some of the girls were delighted when I showed them where to find the account in their Bible and they realized they could read it for themselves. Will not our friends pray that a rich harvest may be reaped for the glory of our Lord from the seed sown this winter?

Reference was made in the last number of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE to our plans for this year's picnic for these Jewish children. We should like to include all the girls connected with both the Williamsburgh and Brownsville Missions, which would mean those of both Sewing Schools, Sunday Schools and from the Girls' Club in Brownsville. This, of course, will make quite a goodly company and will require an unusually large amount of money. The price of trolley cars is so high that this is the largest item in the expenses of the day. However, we feel sure that if everyone who is interested in these girls would contribute something if only a little toward the outing, there would be plenty of money to have the good time in our usual bountiful manner.

Ella T. Marston.

Gentile Became a Jew.

Not long ago a Gentile accepted the Jewish religion. Formerly he sojourned in Brownsville for some time having been used by the Jews as a "Sabbath Goy." This name is from the Hebrew tongue and means a Gentile who comes around by appointment to do the necessary work for the Jewish family on the Sabbath as for instance, to make a fire in the stove, feed it during the day and other little things. When this Gentile fell in love with a Jewish girl whom he wished to marry he was told that he must become a Jew. He consented and the rite of circumcision was performed upon him which made him a Jew. Every convert to the Jewish religion must take a new name and that is generally the name of Abraham. The day he was received into the Jewish community by the ceremony of circumcision was a red-letter day in Brownsville. There was joy and gladness over one Gentile soul won for the God of Israel. Women regarded it as a great privilege to scrub and clean the rooms of the proselyte. Men wished to shake hands with this saint, for that is what Jews call a convert to their faith. They regard every proselyte as holy as Abraham the patriarch who forsook his father's house and followed God's call. Nearly every Jew in Brownsville desired to do something for this convert in order to have a share in the great deed of the saint.

What a lesson for Christians! If the Jews, being blind, having no assurance of eternal life themselves are so anxious to bring a soul to God, be he in earnest or with a motive, how much more anxious to win souls for God ought to be the Christians who have the light, the truth, the word of God, and the Son of God.

Little Items.

This paper represents two fields of active labor among the Jews in Brooklyn—one in Brownsville an outskirt of Brooklyn with over 30,000 Jews. The other in that part of Brooklyn called Williamsburg, where live over 60,000 Jews.

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The immediate expenses of the Brownsville mission for the past nine years have been and still are met by the Baptist Church Extension Society. The missionary has been salaried for the same length of time by the Am. Baptist Home Mission Society, while the expenses of the Williamsburgh mission are met by free will offerings from people of all denominations. The Baptists being a liberal people, extend this opportunity to others that they may have a share in the work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The above societies always have a duly appointed committee of three to advise and look after the interests of these missions. The account of all money received and expended is audited by this committee and their annual statement appears in this paper every February.

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The account of the Williamsburgh mission are always open and ready for inspection to any of our friends who would like to see how the money is being spent.

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This mission has no system of making appeals for the needs of the work except the mention made in this paper. It has no agents going about to churches or individuals making appeals for funds. Its motto has been for the past nine years "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

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Each donor who sends a contribution—no matter how small—receives a personal letter from the missionary and a printed receipt. The donations of each month are acknowledged in the following issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE.

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