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## Salutation

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

II Kings, 10 13.

*My Dearly Beloved Friends.*

My sincerest greetings to you. May you enjoy a long uninterrupted course of spiritual and bodily prosperity. My earnest wish for you is that you may experience a fulfillment of God's promise saying, "I will extend peace to her like a river." Isa. 66: 12. Amen.

### GROWING INTEREST.

It is gratifying to see the interest of our Christian friends in this cause growing from year to year. This has been manifested by the many letters our dear friends sent us after the arrival at their houses of the last number of "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE." They contained messages couched in friendly and brotherly terms which are to me very precious. Whose cheering words do not merely come from a desire to welcome the first appearance of the paper after its suspension for the summer months. They indicate a far stronger motive, namely, the love of God shed abroad in the hearts of our Christian friends toward poor scattered Israel. One friend writes saying, "I am in sympathy with the prayer of the great apostle when he asked that Israel might be saved." Another one writes, "I told our pastor about your good work and gave him my copy of 'THE CHOSEN PEOPLE.'" A third says, "It is strange that the preachers do not urge the people to send missionaries to the Jews." A fourth one, "Am very much interested in your people and my prayer is that the Christians who are able to give much may see God's purpose in the Jews." Still another one says, "My heart goes out toward you and your co-workers. I wish I had the money, would give it to you for a building." These words and many more too numerous to quote here are very encouraging. We thank God daily for such Christian love and expressions of sympathy.

### AN INCENTIVE.

Such letters are to the hard worker a great incentive to greater zeal, although by the grace of God my heart is fixed in the Lord Jesus Christ. When I decided for Him twelve years ago I purposed in my heart to serve Him forever, even if no man stood with me, yea, even if all the world forsook Him and I should be left alone with Him, I would not go away from Him; for I know as surely as I live that the God of my fathers revealed to me the Lord Jesus Christ

both through the Scriptures and through the strongest facts possible in my life. Yet the cheering words stimulate me and make me feel like working with Him with still more fervent earnestness than ever before. Surely the Spirit of righteousness has shone in the hearts of these dear friends and by His brilliant rays of light has scattered the old mists of prejudices toward the Jews.

### DIFFICULTY IN JEWISH MISSION WORK

One of the greatest difficulties in persuading a Jew to become a Christian is the sad fact that the Jews have suffered the bitterest persecution from so-called Christians. But through the love and sympathy of such precious souls as the writers of the letters above mentioned the feelings of the long suffering Jew are vanishing, for he is convinced that some Christians must have kind thoughts about him or they would not care to send missionaries to him. Thus the Jew is beginning to read the Christian Bible; he breaks the wall of partition and enters the Christian Church which sometime ago he would not have done under any consideration. Moreover through the power of the gospel given to the Jews fifty of them have been baptized as an outcome of our humble efforts. These are but picked fruits; for we could have baptized hundreds of them had it not been for the great carelessness we have taken in the matter.

### THE POSSIBILITIES.

One cannot but see the great possibilities in the Jewish mission work if it were carried on in the right way. What would the result be if Christians would put up for Christ's sake a building for the Jewish mission, an industrial plant to give employment to those enquirers who are denied work among their blind brethren on account of their allegiance to the mission and a house for destitute children. The Jews could not doubt then the reality of Christian love toward them. They would see plainly that the love of God through the Lord Jesus Christ is mightiest and holds sway over the Gentile heart which was once filled with that venomous poison of prejudice toward them. They would certainly be overwhelmed by this powerful witnessing of Christians to the grace of the Lord Jesus working in their hearts, and would fall to the feet of their Messiah Jesus and worship him.

Praying and trusting that we shall soon realize the needed funds for a mission building and an industrial plant, I am yours very sincerely,

LEOPOLD COHN.



## Incidents in the Work.

### A Talk With a Young Man

One evening as I entered the Mission about twenty minutes before the meeting began I found the room occupied by quite a number of Jews. Some of them were reading tracts, others were whispering together while one young man in the front of the room seemed absorbed in meditation. "What about your soul, young man, have you accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour?" I asked, "Yes, sir, I believe that He is my Saviour," was the prompt reply.

This confession was an agreeable surprise to me as for over a year the young man has been attending the meetings and frequently showing much opposition. Then I asked him why he did not make a public confession of his faith. To this he replied, "How can I break God's commandment, 'Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother?' You know what a terrible shock my public confession of Jesus would be to them."

The Jews all over the world adhere very strictly to this commandment. Frequently young children under fourteen will go to the sweat shops working very hard in order to support their parents who are poor and helpless. Children will not allow their parents to depend upon charity as long as they can support them by their hard labor. They are still more scrupulous in honoring their parents with regard to religious things and it is considered a sin for children to join a different religious sect than that to which their parents belong. These and numerous other trifling rules are strictly observed by the Jews in order not to transgress God's command. Jewish children would never call their father, "the old man," or their mother "the old woman," as some American children do.

#### EXPLANATION BY RASHI.

So when this young man put that question to me, I fully sympathized with him admitting that we must keep that commandment by all means except when it collides with God's word. I quoted to him a passage from the great commentary called "Rashi," the greatest authority among the Jews. On the verse Lev. 19-3, "Ye shall fear every man, his mother and his father and keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God," he comments as follows; "Why is this command of keeping the Sabbath following that of fearing your parents? Because God meant to convey to us another commandment namely this, that 'although I command you to fear your mother and father yet if they tell you to desecrate the Sabbath you shall not listen but you shall keep my Sabbath for I the Lord am your God. Both you and your parents are under obligation to honor me as your God and your parents cannot destroy my word.'"

Then I said to the young man, "You are convinced that the Lord Jesus is the Messiah, that Prophet like unto Moses, referred to in Deut. 17. If so you must listen to the Word of God which says concerning this prophet, 'Hear ye Him,' and the same command was repeated by the same God on the Mount of Transfiguration as recorded in Matt. II, 'This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him.' And He says, 'He that confesses me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven.' If your parents interfere with the command of God to confess the Lord Jesus Christ you have arrived at a point where you must decide between listening to God and not caring for your parents in this respect, or honoring your parents and destroying the Word of God. Which will you choose?"

The young man grasped the situation at once and said, "I would like to listen to God and be on His side rather than have my parents and lose God. What is your advice," he continued, "and how should I proceed?"

#### PLANNING THE CAMPAIGN.

Then I told him to watch for an occasion when his father was in a good mood, either in the evening after a good supper or in the morning after a good breakfast and to say to him that he had found out from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah. "But Mr. Cohn," said he, "my father would seize all the dishes on the table and throw them at my head as soon as he heard me mention the name of Jesus. I know my father's nature. He wouldn't listen to any arguments. He is positive that the Christians have no knowledge of the true God because I talked with him once along that line." I answered that he would be very much blessed if he should be persecuted and if he suffered for Christ's sake. I quoted to him a few words from the Lord himself as well as from Paul's writings showing that it is a great privilege to suffer for the name of the Lord Jesus and the young man seemed to be persuaded to follow the example of so many dear Christian people who did not think their lives too precious to lay down for the cause of their Saviour Jesus.

This happened about three weeks ago and as yet I have not received the good news which I had hoped to hear in the immediate future. Although every worker in the Mission is glad at his secret confession of the Lord Jesus Christ for he was a hopeless case just a year ago, yet we are longing to see this young man come out publicly for Christ. Will you dear friends remember him in your prayers?

### A Jewish Cantor

Before writing the following incident allow me please to explain the terminology. In Hebrew the word Cantor is Chazan and is the name of a man who is an absolute necessity among the

Jews over the world for their great holidays, New Year and the Day of Atonement. On these two holidays the Jews repeat from their prayer books more prayers than on any other days in the year. The Cantor is the leader of the prayers. Every passage, paragraph or chapter in the prayer book is announced by his lips, repeating loudly at least the first verse and ending the last verse. He and the congregation repeat the whole chapter each for himself but the Cantor's voice must be heard first and last. The Cantor must be musical and have a good voice and must know all the traditional tunes belonging to the various verses or chapters of the prayers. With the increase of the Cantor's knowledge on these three lines depends the amount of his salary. He must also be a righteous man since he is the one who represents the whole synagogue or community before God and upon his pleadings in their behalf depends God's acceptance of their supplications. Even if a community conducts their services in hired rooms they must have one or two Cantors.

#### A CANTOR VISITED ME.

A short time ago I was most surprised to receive a visit from one of these so called righteous Cantors. At first sight I thought some great man like the President had come to my humble rooms to call, for he wore a very high silk hat and a long frock coat and all the other furnishings that pertain to great and fashionable men. This kind of pomp the Jewish rabbis, cantor and other officials of the synagogue are sure to display, thinking that such things will command more respect.

After he was seated he told me that he came on a very important matter. "A young man who attended your meetings briefly repeated to me one of your sermons in which you pointed out from Isaiah the prophet that God does not want our prayers and fasting for He says, 'When ye make many prayers, I will not hear,' Isa. 1-15 and 'Behold in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours. Behold ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness.' Isa. 58: 3-4. I never thought of taking up Isaiah's prophecy for my study as I had more respect for the Shulchan Oruch (the canonical code of laws compiled by the rabbis) and there, of course, as you no doubt know we are taught differently. It strikes me that there is much truth in Isaiah although that young man scorned and greatly humiliated me by saying that my prayers for the people were not worth a penny in God's sight, yet I did not get excited or angry. And now I would like to know more about these things."

#### MY EXPLANATION TO HIM.

I explained to him at considerable length, the things which belonged to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Jews have one verse in their prayers which

they all repeat in unison with a very loud voice saying, "Fasting, praying and alms-giving annul the evil decree." This is a firm belief with every praying Jew and, of course, the Cantor believed it too. But at the end of our long conversation he admitted that God's decree cannot be changed by alms-giving or by the prayers and fasting of sinners but the only remedy for the sins of the Jewish people lies in their absolute acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ their Messiah as the only Saviour.

The Cantor was very much cast down in spite of his fine clothes because he found himself facing two difficult alternatives, either to accept the Lord Jesus and lose his yearly job as a Cantor or lose that comparatively trifling amount and gain eternal life. He promised that he would pray earnestly to God for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and that he would obey the still small voice which he felt already calling him out on the side of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have not heard from him since and the friends are again requested to pray for this brother also. We have seen several remarkable conversions in answer to prayer and so we may be confident again that God will hear us in behalf of the individual lost sheep of the house of Israel.

#### Self-Interest

In most cases of religious persecution, self-interest has usually been the motive for the attack. As it was, even so is it now, only the root of that evil of selfishness is so hidden that people can hardly see it and the raging of the persecutor is attributed to his zeal for religion. A recent incident has afforded us an illustration on this line.

A Jew who used to attend our meetings from soon after their commencement in Williamsburg was a regular attendant for some time. Then he came to me privately and asked if I would baptize him because he wanted to become a Christian. On probing into his heart's motives, it was thought better not to baptize him. Sometime later he showed indignation on that account and so came to the question meetings on Wednesday evenings to try and throw discredit on the Christian religion.

This continued for some time with his feelings varying, for often he would show much sympathy for the Mission work and again would seem to be a most decided enemy. During the last three years I lost sight of him and was wondering what had become of him until last summer he appeared again and was present at a meeting. On questioning him as to where he had been he told me he had enlisted during the Porto Rican War and when asked whether he was a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and if he had improved in the faith he said he had lost the little which he had had.

Shortly after that he proposed to play on the violin at our meetings but as we tried to bring him to accept Christ and he always was lagging behind all our brotherly advises and teachings, we had to tell him plainly that a man who refused to believe in the Lord Jesus in spite of knowledge of Him could not be employed in His service. We cannot use Satan in praising the Lord Jesus because it would be a mockery. We allow only those to play and sing who have given their hearts to the Lord.

#### HIS REVENGE.

The young man became very angry at this and since then has not come to the meetings but is going about among the Jews stirring them up against the Mission. He has planned to collect funds from private Jews, hire a store near the Mission and hold interesting lectures and all sorts of meetings so as to attract the eye and prevent the Jews from attending the Mission. He does not tell the Jews his real motive for trying to hurt the Mission and the people think he is a very righteous man and has great zeal in his religion. He, however, told us workers all about it and we know the reason for his anger and hatred.

Such is the cause for most persecutions. Selfishness is always at the bottom of it, but our Heavenly Father knows best and can overrule all this man's efforts so as to further the best interests of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### A Sad Accident

A few weeks ago four Jewish families living in a tenement house on Moore Street near the Williamsburg Mission were burned out and left in the street penniless. Some of them used to attend the Mission and in their great distress came to me for help, telling me the sad story in detail.

About one o'clock at night one man living on the top floor was awakened by the sensation of being choked with smoke. On opening his eyes he found the room full of smoke with flames here and there. He called his wife telling her to try and take two of the children while he took two others and together they endeavored to get to the roof. But on reaching the top of the stairs they found the scuttle locked and so had to descend into the smoke again and at last they gained the front windows where there was a fire escape.

On his way he tried to arouse his neighbor who lived in the same floor and after having rapped repeatedly without response he got a flat iron with which he thundered in his pity and desperation.

On reaching the ground with two of his children he started to go back up the fire escape for his wife and other children, he had seven in all, when a policeman who had just appeared knocked him down, swearing at him and forbidding him to go up the fire escape. At that moment the

firemen were in sight. His wife with two children in her arms was screaming at the top window for she was too frightened to go down the fire-escape and the flames were all around her. The man could hear the screams of his wife and three children who were left behind and he was in agony because he wasn't permitted to rescue his own flesh and blood. Somehow the firemen succeeded in saving the woman and two children and they were brought down wounded and burned but the three others were left to be burned to death.

#### HOW THE NEIGHBOR FARED.

The neighbor on whose doors the man had pounded finally awoke and at once endeavored to save his family. His daughter of fourteen was the first whom he tried to rescue and she would have been saved if she had gone down the fire escape at once. But first she went to a back room to save the baby which she loved very dearly and there she was caught in the flames with the baby and another child. The father was able to save his wife and two children and badly burned they climbed down to the ground. Three of the children were taken to a hospital and died in a short time. The women have been suffering terribly from the shock but now are getting on nicely. The other two families did not suffer so much as they were on the lower floors and could get out more easily.

When these two men came to my house and told me their sad stories, although I had heard of the incident before, yet I never have been so touched with sympathy for suffering brethren as when I looked into their faces. They were dazed with grief. The flames of fire were still in their imaginary sight and they seemed to hear the cries of agony coming from their wives and children. But in all the sympathy that they drew out I could not help telling them that without the Lord Jesus Christ they some day would be in greater agony than that which their bodies had suffered. Pointing out to them that as they hurried quickly out of the fire so everyone must hurry to come to the Lord Jesus Christ who is the only way to salvation and safety.

The two men wept bitterly for they seemed to have lost all their manly courage and they broke down like little children sobbing and crying showing evidence of having been touched by the loving hand of God in disguise of the fire accident. I helped them with a little from our Poor fund but that is far from meeting a tenth part of their present need. The fire was incendiary and started on the lowest floor.

#### Became a Roman Catholic

For the first time in my life of Mission work, I met with a case which gave me a lesson to be careful in talking to my Jewish brethren. A young man who was sent by his employer, a plumber, to my rooms to do some work, exclaimed upon entering the house, "How do you do, Mr. Cohn," with a smile on his face, "Don't

you know me? My name is N. I used to come to your meetings in Brownsville." "Well," said I, "did you learn there to love the Lord Jesus Christ?" Why, yes," said he, "I have been a Christian for the last six years. Do you remember when you said once that it was better to be one of the least among Christians, than to be a Jew who does not believe in Christ, for the one shall be saved and the other will be lost? I took in every word which you said for I believed that you knew for sure from the Bible that it was so. Consequently, I went and joined a church and was christened." That remark startled me and I asked at once what church it was. When he told me the name and location of the place, I was grieved to learn that the brother had joined a Roman Catholic Church. I asked him how he could suffer the idolatrous worship of that church, to which he replied that very often the thought came to him that it was not right to kneel to an image or do many other things which Catholics do, but he always kept in mind that which he had heard from the missionary, that the least among the Christians will be saved, and that the Jew who is not a Christian will be lost was an undisputable fact and so he overlooked all these things. I then told him that I was very sorry and explained to him that I never meant for him to become a Catholic. He promised to become a Protestant as soon as possible. He said he would never look into that Church again.

Thus, in speaking to a Jew about Christianity, one cannot be too careful in explaining to him the difference between the Protestant religion, which is according to the Word of God, and Catholicism, for the Jew has lived among Greek and Roman Catholics in the old country, and has no conception of any difference between Christians and Christians. All are the same to him.

### Notes by the Assistants

BY MR. JOSEPH KERN.

Upon entering a house in my daily visits, I looked for some opportunity to turn the conversation toward religion in general and to Christ in particular. One day, just after the opening of the Subway in New York, I called upon a certain Jewish family. Of course, the topic of conversation was everywhere the wonderful subway which carries passengers from the Brooklyn Bridge to Harlem, the northern part of New York city, in fifteen minutes, whereas the quickest means of transportation up to that event, between these points, took a great deal more time. And as they began to talk with me on that line, one of them said he wished he had the time to go and take a ride to Harlem from the bridge for five cents just for the experience. Then I told him that I knew of a subway which was much longer than the one in New York, and it costs nothing to ride on it. They became curious and asked where that subway is. Then I

explained to them how when a man died and is buried he can have transportation on a subway between earth and heaven. He has not to pay fare but has simply to follow the conductor who is the Lord Jesus Christ. They continued to ask of me some more questions which I answered that the way of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ was made clear to them. The result was that some of them became interested and anxious to search the Scriptures and find out for themselves.

One afternoon, as I went out to visit in Brownsville, I met a Jew who is well to do and very religious. It was the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles which was celebrated a few weeks ago. I asked him if he knew what the tabernacles meant to him, and whether he lived in tabernacles for a whole week according to the command of God, (Lev. 23: 24.) He answered saying, "Go on, tell me." I then quoted to him Amos. 9:11, "In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David which is fallen." This means the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah. In Him we must live not only for seven days but all our lives. Furthermore, I told him how the Lord Jesus had to give His life for our sins, and if we only believe, we are saved. The man became very much interested in what I had spoken, and then he said to me that he was not learned enough to dispute with me on this subject, but if I would go with him to a certain friend of his, who is well educated, he would certainly disprove what I said, but in case he would not be able to refute my belief in Jesus as the Messiah, he would then have confidence in me and would accept all my words. I readily consented. We went over to his friend. I argued with him for a considerable length of time and he too confessed that he could not gainsay, "but," said he, "Let us go to Mr. N., a friend of mine. He knows the Bible better than I do." When we found Mr. N. he too listened for some time and then acknowledged that he could not discuss the subject to much advantage, but proposed to go to a Jew who was still more learned. So we went about from one to another at their own request until the number of Jews reached eight, all of them, except the first, so-called learned men. They put their heads together and argued with me from 4:30 p. m. until 11 o'clock, but the power of the Word of God triumphed over them all. At last they agreed that all the eight in a body should go to Rabbi Fincklestein of Brownsville at 10 o'clock the next morning, and he would certainly show me that Jesus is not the Messiah. I was glad at the spirit of inquiry and zeal that had entered their hearts and also at the prospective opportunity of telling the rabbi about the Lord Jesus.

The next morning, I hastened to the home of the rabbi so as to be there punctually at 10. When I arrived I found none of my friends there, and after waiting some time, I decided to go and look for them. When found they all excused themselves by saying that they had de-

ecided to first carefully study the Scriptures for themselves.

BY MISS G. FLEISCHMANN.

One night after the meeting I heard a lively discussion under my window. Looking out, I saw one of the regular attendants of the Mission surrounded by six new-comers. One of the latter had been very much excited in the meeting and was continuing his argument against the teaching of the missionaries, on the sidewalk. "See here," said our old friend, "what right have you to denounce the teaching of the people in there? No, I am not a missionary only a tailor. If you want to have the right to denounce Jesus of Nazareth, you must first study the Scriptures and make yourself acquainted with the New Testament.

Many of the people speak of this man as a believer because he always stands up for Christ if some one tries to deny His office as Saviour of the world. At the next meeting our hearts were made glad when he asked us to sing, "Take me as I am."

On the following Saturday I called at his home and he met me with "Miss Fleischmann, do make my wife believe." We both spoke with her about two hours only to be answered with "I don't know whether you speak the truth or not for I cannot read."

I have labored with this woman a year, have been with her in sickness and death and sometimes thought she was beginning to see and believe and still great patience, wisdom and love are needed in dealing with her. Pray for me.

Another morning I was again called unexpectedly to visit this family and to my great joy found the husband reading the New Testament to his wife while she was bathing the baby. He was just reading the passages, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing and one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are counted." Then he read to her the parable of the Pharisee and publican asking her opinion as to which she thought the best and she naturally thought the former. It is wonderful how well and clear this man explains Scripture.

"Now, Miss Fleischmann," he said, "it is written that we must be willing to suffer for the sake of Messiah and I am willing to do it, but how about my wife and children? I would be willing to take a place among Christian people for less than I take now so as to be able to attend the house of God and take a stand for the Saviour."

#### Our Girls in Brownsville

Again the shining needles are flying back and forth in Brownsville, for the Sewing School is once more holding sway and every Tuesday afternoon should you visit No. 1 Thatford Avenue you would see fifty or sixty small heads, mostly dark ones, bent over pieces of work.

One class here in the corner composed chiefly of smaller children are learning to do that difficult task called hemming, on dish towels which when finished they will carry home proudly to their mothers. Another class is sewing on gingham aprons, others are making flannel skirts while a few of the older girls are being taught darning. This last is not a popular task but as we realize what a necessary accomplishment it is, though many say their mothers always darn their stockings for them, we insist upon its study. When we commenced this course, a number of girls came to see the sewing as they said they had never seen a stocking darned.

At present, considering the size of the room and the number of teachers we have as many girls, as we can take care of, and so crowded is our condition that we have found it necessary to announce that any child staying away for three successive Tuesdays would forfeit her place in the class and it would be taken by some one else. We have heard that some Sewing Schools in New York are having difficulty to get scholars this year on account of the denunciations of the Missionaries by the rabbis and because of a couple of disturbing incidents in Brownsville we feared that our School also might suffer. But the Lord has graciously overruled these occurrences and the School is full.

For the next few weeks we are planning to study the Lord's Prayer, sentence by sentence, with the girls at the close of the sewing. We have been teaching this prayer to them so that they might know it by heart and realizing how little of it they understood decided to study it carefully. Their ignorance on some subjects is appalling but we hope by the Holy Spirit to be able to help and teach them. Will not our friends pray especially for this part of the work.

We are learning some new hymns this fall which the children enjoy but the song on which they exert the extent of their lung force is one with which we close just before they march from the room, "Good bye, good bye, till we meet again, till we meet again."

Is it too soon to remind you that in a very few weeks Christmas will be here. I cannot say that we have any very definite plans for the occasion for as you all will realize our plans depend upon the amount we have to do with. It would be a great convenience if our friends who are thinking of including the Jewish girls among those to whom they will wish a Merry Christmas this year, will send their gifts promptly. It is difficult to have to buy the needed articles at the last minute, so if possible will you not send at once money, books, toys, dolls, in fact anything that girls like for Christmas gifts. We will dispose of them to the best of our ability and try to make Brownsville the brighter with them.

—ELLA T. MARSTON.

**Articles Received**

Mr. R. L. C. a roll of outing flannel for the Sewing School.

**Receipts During October**

FOR RENT.	
Mr. R. L. C. ....	\$25.00
Mr. J. T. P. ....	25.00
SALARY OF ASSISTANT.	
Mr. J. T. P. ....	40.00
"THE CHOSEN PEOPLE."	
Subscriptions .....	14.00
INDUSTRIAL PLANT.	
Miss E. F. Zeumer's S. S. Class.....	5.00
POOR FUND.	
Mrs. G. B. Laird.....	1.00
Mr. T. Taapkin.....	1.50
BIBLES AND TRACTS.	
Miss Hattie Alridge.....	.50
GENERAL FUND.	
Mrs. G. Gabrielson.....	40.00
Mrs. Barlow.....	.50
Mrs. Beadles' S. S. Class, per Miss Beardsley .....	2.00
F. A. C.....	.25
Mr. G. W. Paterson.....	.50
Mrs. C. Schaffer.....	5.00
Mrs. H. E. Coelidge.....	5.00
Mrs. Condit.....	.50
Mrs. J. A. Peck.....	.50
Mr. D. C. Field.....	.50
Mr. John M. Gunn.....	.50
Mr. F. C. Stanchfield.....	1.00
Miss M. B. Mitchell.....	4.50
"Bloomsburg" .....	50.00
Mrs. M. L. Driggs.....	.50
Mr. Judson A. Elliott.....	.50
Rev. E. L. Carr.....	5.00
Mrs. W. W. Olmstead.....	1.50
A Friend of Mrs. Long.....	.50
Mrs. E. Van Buren.....	1.00

**Encouragement.**

It is very encouraging indeed, to receive such liberal contributions from our dear friends from month to month without anybody's solicitations. It is another proof of God's blessing upon our ministry to His Chosen People, Israel. Should we have taken matters in our own hands, by visiting churches or societies for the purpose of securing their sympathy and appealing for funds, Satan would have persuaded us to say, "My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth." Deut. 8:17. But now we have to give the honor and glory to the Holy Spirit indwelling and moving upon the hearts of His begotten children, to administer to the needs of His Own work. We thank every donor from the bottom of our hearts for their confidence which we shall try with all the wisdom that He has given us, to reciprocate by spreading His glorious gospel with still greater zeal and fervency.

**Progress of the Building Fund.**

During the past few months the need of a suitable building for the carrying on of the various departments of this Gospel work which the Lord has intrusted to our hands, has been felt very keenly by the workers, and it has been made the subject for special prayer.

Each mission now occupies a small store, the seating capacity of which is about one hundred persons. In this one store are being conducted from week to week, children's meetings, sewing schools and Sunday schools, meetings for young women, the regular meetings for the adults, and besides all these the store must also be used for the dispensary which necessitates the setting apart of a section of the room for the keeping of drugs and medical appliances incident to dispensary work. The disadvantages are indiscussible.

Now we place a serious problem before you, who have so nobly kept up this work for the last ten years by your liberal support and prayers— Shall we give up some branch of this important work so as to accommodate better the other branches? God forbid! for He has set the seal of His approval upon every part of the work, and how dare we close a door which the Lord Himself has opened?

We have therefore arrived at the conclusion that there is one way to solve the problem, and that is, to erect a suitable building in Williamsburg which would not only give ample accommodation for all the various departments mentioned above, but would also provide a home for destitute children, would enable us to start the much needed Industrial Plant, and would contain a temporary home for persecuted Jews.

To purchase and equip a building of this description would require at least fifty thousand dollars, and we have been led to lay this matter before the friends for especial prayer and consideration. We will adopt for our motto "Fifty thousand dollars before January 1st, 1906." We will devote this column for the report of the progress of this fund, from month to month. We trust that each friend of this mission will endeavor to help this cause by giving and collecting money from friends whom they can interest. Copies of the CHOSEN PEOPLE will be sent free to any one who wishes to interest others. The time has come for an aggressive forward movement and we are ready and prepared to enlarge our sphere of activity and usefulness to the extent that our friends will enable us to do. Below we give the account of the funds now on hand for this purpose.

By balance, Feb., 1904, Building Fund,	\$527.05
By balance, Feb., '04, Home for Children,	79.97
Received since February.....	15.00
Total on hand toward Fifty thousand Dollar Fund .....	\$622.02