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Salutation

"We go to salute the children of the King."
II Kings, 10 13.

My Dearly Beloved Friends,

My sincere wishes for every one of you are that your whole being may be filled with the fullness of the joy which is in His presence and with the pleasures which are at His right hand where our King is sitting, not only during this new year, but for evermore. Amen. Ps. 16: 11.

MUCH NEWS CROWDED OUT.

Through the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon this testimony to my brethren in the two fields of Gospel work so much news has accumulated during the last month that much of it had to be crowded out. THE CHOSEN PEOPLE would have to be enlarged to twice its size should we put in print all the important occurrences of the month. I regret every encouraging incident that has to be left out, for I feel that I am under obligation to give all the information possible to our dear friends who have their share in this work by their sympathy and prayers. Your missionary, though being in the field of activity has no greater part in the benefit of the work than you who stay at home and make it possible for him to go forward. David made it a statute long ago, when he said: "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike." I Sam. 30: 24.

Let me, therefore, briefly report the following. Ten men and one woman have confessed their belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. The simple preaching of the *Word* has been so markedly blessed of God that a large number of Jews have been greatly stirred and become earnest inquirers. Each one of the workers has reached more hearts than in the previous months. Our assistant distributed the latest tract in the front of the synagogues at the close of their services. On one occasion, he sold the tracts at five cents apiece, to merchants in their stores. The attendance at the Williamsburg Sunday School has increased very much, and the dispensary, of which we so rarely report, owing to lack of space, has proved a blessing in reaching souls with the Gospel, who otherwise could hardly be touched.

THE BUILDING FUND.

This item also has been crowded out from its proper place. The last column devoted to it, is filled with the contributions. It must, therefore, be brought to the front this time and briefly

touched upon. The plan of the Building Fund has caught the sentiment of many of our dear friends. The cash contributions for this purpose are reported on the last column and are encouraging. One pledge of \$500 has been made by a friend to be paid when success is assured, and a goodly number of promises to help have been given without definite sums. From among the many encouraging letters concerning the building is one from which we made the following extract. "Perseverance, love and patience have been the mile-stones that marked your way. You have filled the place where God has placed you. The Rev. Mr. Braun, who addressed the Baptist ministers' meeting two weeks ago, stated that 'there is no Jewish mission in our country but one which is successful, and that is Mr. Cohn's in Brooklyn.' You are doing a work which we Gentiles cannot do. I devoutly pray that it may arouse an interest in you such as has not been awakened for some time, and that you may realize that much needed building. I hope to aid you in the near future."

A REMARKABLE DREAM.

I saw in a dream a most remarkable picture which impressed itself upon my mind so forcibly, that I shall never forget it. I saw the Lord Jesus Christ come the second time and stand high up in the air so that every eye could see Him. At His right hand was a small crowd of Jews who buried their faces in their hands and sobbed and cried so that their whole bodies shook constantly. On His left hand was an immense multitude of Gentiles, who impressed me as Christians, so large, that I could not see the end. I saw the Lord Jesus turn His head toward the vast multitude, and His right arm was extended to the small crowd pointing with the index finger at them. At that moment all the people craned their necks, stood on their tip-toes, and displayed the greatest excitement, awaiting the result of this position He had taken. Oh, that look of His eyes, it was wonderful! Suddenly there came a loud, but gentle and appealing voice, saying: "What have you done for these my brethren?" The multitude broke down, they were crying and wailing so touchingly, that I too began to weep bitterly. I thought to myself what a relief it would have been to that multitude to be able to point out at least one building erected for Jews in which to worship Him. However, I do feel confident that we shall have the building very soon.

Yours most sincerely,

—LEOPOLD COHN.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Sunday—Sunday School, Williamsburg, 2 P. M.
Sunday School, 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 P. M.
Girls' Club, Williamsburg, 7 P. M.
Friday—Gospel meeting, Williamsburg, 8 P. M.
Saturday—Gospel meeting, Brownsville, 3.30 P. M.
Gospel meeting, Williamsburg, 8 P. M.

Some Results

Since the last issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE was delivered, we have received many applications for the new tract and much encouraging news from those who have distributed copies among the Jews. One Christian friend wrote that a neighboring Jewess who had refused to hear anything of Christ and His teaching, when given the tract became intensely interested. She came in one morning saying she had been up late reading the tract and was astonished to learn that their chief rabbi of New York, showed such weakness in a debate with the missionary. She asked for a New Testament and said she wanted to read it prayerfully.

Again, the Brownsville convert who was baptized in Finland, as related in the October number, came to us at the close of a meeting and said that he had given tracts to some of the Jews in his workshop. He soon noticed a change in all of them, but especially in one man, who used to show great hatred toward the convert and made him suffer petty persecutions. After reading the tract, he became a different man and on a number of occasions has shown love towards this brother. The convert asked us for as many copies as we could give him that he might distribute them more widely, as he believed there was no better pamphlet for a Jew.

This is the opinion of more than one person and therefore we are anxious to print as many thousands as possible and scatter them broadcast among my people. My assistant distributed about one hundred on a Saturday morning, to Jews coming from the service at a Reformed Synagogue.

Morristown Friends of Israel.

Just before Christmas, very little money had come in for the purpose of giving the Brownsville Sewing School girls a nice entertainment. As we were wondering what to do, a letter reached me one morning, containing a money order for \$27.50, soon followed by another with \$2.00 from the friends of Israel of Morristown, through that noted handmaid of the Lord, Miss Bessie Betts. Then indeed we had a clear vision of a joyous Christmas celebration for our girls.

It was not altogether a surprise to the workers of the Mission who have experienced on many other occasions the liberality of these Morristown friends. We cannot but see in this the manifestation of the Spirit of the Lord Jesus dwelling in their hearts and prompting them to stand by His own work for so many years, never getting weary in well doing. We have almost learned to depend upon their generosity, winter and summer, that is, Christmas and Picnic time. As a token of our thankfulness to these friends, we have sent each one a picture of the Sewing School girls.

Children's Biblical Knowledge

In addressing the Sewing School girls at the Christmas entertainment in Brownsville, I put to them a number of questions and to my surprise they answered promptly and accurately showing the systematic and spiritual Bible teaching they have received from the noble minded Christian ladies who go there week after week for the purpose of teaching the Word of God to these dear children, who otherwise would be very ignorant. It was a pleasing surprise to me, having known how little Bible knowledge these girls had before they attended our Sewing School.

The Williamsburg Sewing School

For the first time in the history of the Williamsburg Mission, we had a Christmas entertainment for a room full of boys and girls. The former were attendants of the Sunday School, while the latter attended both Sunday and Sewing Schools. The celebration was held in the evening of the same day as that in Brownsville, which was in the afternoon. If our friends could have been with me first to Brownsville and then to Williamsburg, and have looked into those bright young faces drinking in every word as parched ground drinks in the rain, they would have been filled with great zeal for this Gospel work among the Jews. They would spare no effort in this cause, but would exclaim in wondering joy, "The time to favor Zion, yea, the set time is come." Psa. 102: 13.

A Correction.

The amount received from Miss Forbes was wrongly acknowledged in the December number and should have been \$21.50.

Incidents in the Work.

A Jew Baptised

Again we are glad to report the baptism of one of the Brownsville converts. As it has been intimated before through *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE*, our friends know that humanly speaking, great care is taken as to the converts presented for baptism. Although it is only He who can look into the heart, yet we must be cautious so as to save any sad fall which would be a reflection on the work and on every Hebrew Christian. It is peculiar that when an Englishman or an American, or a German, or even a nominal Christian belonging to a certain denomination, does some wrong or commits a crime, nothing is said about his nationality, creed, religion, or denomination. But when it happens that the culprit is a Jew, discredit is thrown upon all the Jews.

Being anxious to avoid such misunderstanding in our mission work, I always severely scrutinize the candidate for baptism as far as human judgment can probe as to his sincerity. Scores more of converts have applied for baptism, but only the best qualified ones have been chosen and introduced to churches.

The convert referred to, applied some time ago as he has attended the meetings in Brownsville for months. He has read the New Testament and tracts and is pretty well acquainted with the Hebrew Old Testament.

After having given him private instruction, he was introduced to the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, where he was immersed Christmas evening, by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. W. C. P. Rhoades. It was indeed a suitable time to bring a Jew to the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ, since that day was celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour, whom the convert confessed publicly by baptism.

Persecution

The Jewish brother whose baptism was reported in the last issue of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* is now suffering persecution. He is in the tailoring business which is as a rule in the hands of Jews, and has been working in a shop with thirty or forty other Jews. It happened that not long ago after his baptism there was some talk among the men about the missionary. Some expressions were used which made him feel he must take the part of the follower of his newly found Saviour and when the men heard him speak favorably of the missionary, they asked him, "Are you one of them too?" To this he replied that while he was not a missionary, he would not deny the fact that Jesus of Nazareth was the true Messiah and that through Him, his sins had been forgiven and he had become a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

LEFT HIS SHOP.

To this they listened with great surprise and in consequence began to ridicule and then perse-

cute him making it so uncomfortable that he had to leave the shop hoping to find another one. He succeeded in so doing thinking he would be free of annoyance as no one knew him. But he was sadly disappointed. The owner of the former shop was in some way associated with that of the latter and while visiting the workshop of the second employer, noticed the converted brother who is tall and cannot be easily missed.

It soon became known that this man was an apostate, because he had said that he believed in Jesus. Before long, the persecution there was worse than in the former place, so that he had to leave and again look for work. When he did not succeed, he came to me for advice, and I suggested that he should go to his former employer and plead with him personally. He did so and the superintendent told him to come to work and he would try to quiet the men. He resumed work there, but some of the petty annoyances have not yet ceased. Oft times these persecutions involve financial loss for if he brings his work to the one upon whom he depends for aid, he may be kept waiting an hour at a time. The rest of the laborers understand one another, so each casts a sneering glance at him as he waits and often tell him to "Go to Jesus." But the poor brother, like a loyal soldier, has stood all these difficulties for the sake of his faith. Please pray for him.

How A Jew Was Converted

A respectable Jewish brother who has been attending our meetings for about two years, confessed some weeks ago that he believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. He privately asked me some questions as to what his manner of life ought to be, whether he should send his children to the Jewish school any longer since he is a believer in Christ, etc. I told him that this would not interfere with his belief at all, and if his wife and he wished their children to be educated in Hebrew, it was quite right to send them to the Jewish school. Having had occasion to notice the earnestness of the man, I asked him how he came to believe, and he told me the following incident.

The first time he attended one of our Gospel meetings he heard me explain certain passages from the Old Testament scriptures pointing out the references to the Lord Jesus Christ. He listened with curiosity, wondering how a Jew could pronounce the name of Jesus, but it did not enter his heart, for, as he said in the familiar Jewish proverb, "It went in one ear and out the other," and did not even trouble his mind.

HE HAD A DREAM.

One night some time later, he dreamt that he saw two men. One was a Jew; his whole body up to his chin encased in a box made of lumber, tight, like a straight-jacket, so that he could not move a limb nor even his head. All he could do was to turn his eyes. Beside him was another

man whose nationality he could not discover. He was tall and broad shouldered; his face was serene and bright and glorious and altogether lovely. The man said that the shining brightness of the face reminded him of the description of Moses' face and yet that did not seem an adequate comparison. This figure held a book in his hands and seemed to call to the Jew to look within. He evidently read from this book because he glanced now at the book and now at his auditor, pointing at some particular passages. The encased Jew used every effort to see the page but in vain. With this he awoke.

But that shining face was impressed on his memory and he could not forget it. Also the shape, size and whole appearance of the book carried by the man, he perfectly remembered. He told his wife of the dream and both of them wondered what was its meaning, for neither had experienced anything of the kind before.

A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE.

About three weeks after this, he had some business to attend to in New York. In passing through the East Side, his attention was attracted to a Jewish book store and for some unknown reason, he felt compelled to enter and buy a book. On going in he at once noticed on the counter a book exactly similar to the one seen in his dream in the hand of the wonderful man. He forgot all about everything else, but at once seized upon this book, asked the price, paid for it and carried it off triumphantly to show his wife. Upon examination he found to his great astonishment that the book was a copy of the Hebrew Old Testament Scriptures in the best print and binding.

He began to read the portions which he had known from childhood and then on and on he went until he came to a passage which he at once recollected as having heard at the Mission. This brought the Mission into a very favorable connection and so the man began to attend the meetings with a different spirit. He took in every word the missionary said, wrote down passages referred to and looked them up in that precious book. Gradually, he began to be convinced of the truth as it is in the Lord Jesus Christ and as he learned to know more of the blessed Saviour he connected him frequently with the glorious One he had seen in his dream. Suddenly the interpretation of the dream dawned upon him and he saw that he was the engaged one, because he was dead in trespasses and sins, bound by the chains of Satan, while the other person was the Lord Jesus with the Bible in His hand appealing to him to "search the Scriptures" and be free, for "If the Son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed." This only strengthened the faith of the brother and we may soon be able to report his baptism if he applies.

Convert Lost Jewish Patronage

A young man who is a scribe by profession came to this country from Russia about a year ago. In the old country, as a rule, the Jews are very religious and there is plenty of work for a scribe to do. The five books of Moses are being constantly copied on a scroll of parchment, because the Talmudists commented on the verses, Deut. 31-9, "And Moses wrote this law" and Ex. 17-14, "Write this, etc.," also Ex. 35-27, "Write thou these words," saying that it applies to every individual Jew to have a whole copy of the law. As few Jews have the time or talent to write in the way the Talmudists prescribe there are certain learned and so-called holy men, who study for years to understand how to do this writing. Then those who are able and desirous of fulfilling the command, hire a scribe to write the Torah, or Pentateuch, for them. This takes nearly a year for one copy and besides, there are many other things to be written in the same manner under the same Talmudic laws, as for instance, the pieces of parchment placed on the door posts of Jewish houses to carry out literally, "And thou shalt write them on the door posts of thy house." Then again the pieces of parchment on which are written portions of Scripture which are put in phylacteries and used during the morning prayers must be copied by a scribe.

Since this young man arrived in America, he had found little to do, as American Jews do not care for these things and he could hardly eke out a living. He then became a teacher of Hebrew and secured a number of children as scholars in Brownsville and so earned enough for his needs.

HEARD OF CHRIST.

Having heard of our Mission, he came in one Saturday afternoon and listened to the preaching of the Gospel. He was favorably impressed and continued coming nearly every Saturday. When his patrons learned of his frequent attendance at the Mission they asked for an explanation of his conduct. He answered that the preacher there was telling things that are right and he liked to listen, "And do you mean to say," they asked, "that what he preaches concerning the Crucified One is right?" "Yes," replied the young man, "If you would only come and listen you would know for yourselves." Upon this they scolded, calling him the worst sinner and saying that he could not have their children for instruction any more.

Being left without employment he began to experience many difficulties in finding a way to support himself. He lived very economically, usually on eight cents a day, and suffered much. When his means were exhausted and he could not pay for a room, he asked a builder to permit him to sleep in a room in an unfinished building, which he was allowed to do, on condition that he would act as watchman. There the poor man passed his nights for four weeks; no bedding, no heating, nothing at all but four walls with partly finished windows.

RESULTS OF EXPOSURE.

He caught a severe cold which settled in his eyes and caused him acute pain. Then he came to me telling of his experiences. I at once sent him to Dr. Lines who has done much good to my poor people whom I send to her occasionally, and whom she treats gratis. She wrote me that he was suffering from Iritis which was exceedingly painful and that he must have care, as it was a serious matter. I placed him at once in a room owned by a Jewish family and paid his board while he was taking care of his eyes.

However, realizing that it would take a number of weeks for him to recover, I went about until I secured admission to a hospital.

He is a firm believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for his speedy recovery and for his final and steadfast stand for Christ.

The Aged Rabbi

Our friends will remember the aged Rabbi who is now eighty-seven years of age and very feeble. He confessed his belief in the Lord Jesus Christ about two years ago, when I visited him and gave him a New Testament and tracts. Then last summer, through his influence, Miss Yudlowitz, his niece, was led to accept the Lord Jesus Christ and confessed Him publicly by baptism.

As I came into the meeting in the Williamsburgh Mission one Friday evening, I found a note on the pulpit announcing that the aged rabbi was about to breathe his last and that he wished to see my assistant. At the close of the service, I hurried over accompanied by the assistant. We found him in a hopeless condition. His wife stricken with age and exhausted by attending to her venerable patient, dragged herself around with difficulty. The rooms were chilly, the patient breathed heavily and could hardly speak, and several other sad sights combined themselves to make a very touching scene. The doctor who visited him several times, gave up all hopes of his recovery. He had been suffering for some weeks and no Jew would come in to see him or extend sympathy or any assistance. "That apostate, let him die like a dog," was the motto of his neighbors and friends. Even his daughter who lives not far away from him, would not come in or do the least service for the old couple, simply because he was brave enough to confess his belief in the Messiah Jesus.

COMFORTED, CHEERED AND STRENGTHENED HIM.

We began to cheer and strengthen him in the Lord, asking if he was firm in the blessed hope. To this he replied feebly and slowly in the affirmative, and his chief request to me was to take care after his death, that there should be no fight over his body. He wished to be buried with Christians, but at the same time, if the Jews fought against it, then I should see that things be smoothed down in order to avoid unnecessary strife. I told him that I would do so as far as possible. But I also told him that it was my opinion that this sickness was not for his death,

but that the Lord would grant him life through prayers. He was pleased with that, and began to talk a little more coherently and with somewhat more effort. He said: "If I get out of my bed once more, you will see what I will do. I will go out in the streets and preach and publish all about Jesus, the Messiah." When I offered him a little money to buy coal and other necessaries, he could not raise his hand to take it, but said, "Give it to my wife, as I no longer want anything."

My co-workers and I have visited him frequently since then and have done all we could to make him comfortable, and he has now improved wonderfully, and after the cold weather is over, I hope, will be able to get out. The aid we extended to him was made possible by a dear friend of this mission who, two years ago, showed her practical sympathy for this aged brother. When I wrote her about his condition, she at once sent me money for the purpose of helping this rabbi in the time of his trials and hardships. It was touching when I asked him at one time, "What message do you leave to that noble Christian lady who helped you financially?" To this he replied, raising his eyes toward heaven, "I thanked her in the past, and I thank her at present, and I will thank her when I meet her in heaven." The lady answered that she would be very glad to meet him in heaven, and when I delivered her message I noticed at once a remarkable change in his face. It betrayed a ray of hope. His eyes that were half closed, opened as if to see some distant object. He uttered, with great emphasis and joy, "Good, good. That will be fine."

I have taken care, so far, that there should be plenty of coal in the rooms and that all the necessities for his sickness should be provided. I have also placed a gas stove in his room beside his bed, because he suffered very much from the cold.

The thankfulness of the brother is indescribable, and the blessings that he pronounces upon Christians in general and upon that dear lady in particular, are inspiring in one way, and encouraging in another. He is always remembering what I told him—that the Lord would yet spare his life, and is preparing for a great missionary campaign as soon as he is able to get out of the house.

Destitute Children.

Should we have had a home for destitute children, we could have had by this time, over a hundred occupants receiving not only physical care but also and chiefly spiritual teaching. It is true that the Jews will do most anything in order to prevent their children from coming under Christian influence, but I have frequent applications to take their little ones and train them in the Christian belief, as they have full confidence in our methods.

To give one of many instances to acquaint the reader with the difficulties surrounding the matter of placing children in some institution, I write the following incident:

A woman whose husband could not secure work for a long time and who was about to be confined, asked me to place her four children for at least a month or so, in some Christian institution, as there would be nobody to care for them during her sickness. Her husband met with an accident some time ago, so that his right arm has been crippled, incapacitating him from using it much. This makes it hard for him to find any work. I tried my best to secure a place for the children, but could not succeed, and so had to go to the Commissioner of Charities, as the last resort.

WHAT THEY CALL CHARITY.

When I came to the Commissioner's office with the man, according to their rules they asked him many questions, just as if he were being put through a cross-examination by some lawyer, although I assured them that I had investigated the case and had known the party for some time. Then they stood him up and examined his arm, suspecting pretension. All these things grieve and vex the Jews, and therefore they hate this kind of charity. That was not enough. They sent a man to this home, investigating and inquiring among the neighbors, announcing that this party wanted to give his children to a charitable institution. The first question the man put to the poor woman, his wife, was: "How much money have you in the bank?" Then he went to the address where the party lived six months ago, and inquired there of the neighbors and advertised the party's application to the Commissioner of Charities. The Jews of that neighborhood were surprised because the family was well up when they knew them, and so some of them asked why they applied to the Gentiles for charity. The poor woman came to me and broke down crying bitterly and complaining of the great shame and trouble I caused her instead of doing her good. She said that now she would not give her children away even if she knew that they would starve in her house. At the time I am writing this, the woman is confined to bed and a baby boy has been added to the family. We have helped her financially and otherwise. Miss Fleischman has been there every morning, dressing the children and seeing them off to school.

Little Items

REMOVAL.

The Brownsville Mission which has been carried on for over a year in the store at No. 1 Thatford avenue, has just been removed to No. 397 Rockaway avenue, near Pitkin avenue. There we have rented for the same amount as formerly, (twenty-five dollars per month), a parlor floor, which is a little larger than the store. All the meetings are continuing without change.

THE NEXT NUMBER.

Our friends will have the annual account of this Mission in the next number. As usual, the

record of receipts and expenses is given in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE in the February issue. This account is always audited by our duly appointed committee, who go through the books with the vouchers, so that everything may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses.

OPEN BOOKS.

Although we have a committee to audit our books, we are always glad to have any of our friends come and see our accounts for themselves. They are open for inspection to those interested in this Gospel work. Every donation received is at once entered in our books, is acknowledged by a numbered receipt and a personal letter to the donor, and is then deposited in a bank where an account is kept for the Mission funds. Every item of expenditure is also entered in the book, and a receipt for each item is filed and preserved.

A TESTIMONY.

Mr. Alexander H. Neuawich, who is studying now in Bridgeport, Conn., was here on a visit during his Christmas vacation. He accompanied me to all the meetings at both missions where he spoke and testified of the Lord Jesus Christ. He related how prejudiced he was when he came to me with a message from my sister in Europe, and how while in my rooms, he was impressed with the truth shown to him from the Scriptures, and how he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ for whom he has since suffered persecution. The people listened to him with great interest. We hope that Mr. Neuawich will be used of the Lord for His own glory as soon as he is through with his studies.

He also related an incident of a Jewish young man who visited him in his room in Bridgeport, to whom he told the story of the Cross. The young man was astonished to see the minute description of the Lord Jesus Christ in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. It was on an evening when Mr. Neuawich was preparing his lessons for the following day and could not very well afford to use much time in talking, but the young man, though on his feet ready to depart every minute, stood as if nailed there, finding always another question to ask, and thus receiving a great deal of instruction concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, who evidently touched his heart. At last, opening the door to go, he stopped short and said: "I want to tell you before I leave that when I went out this evening from my home, I left with the intention of visiting a bad house after calling on you. Now, after I have heard these things, not only has that desire been taken away from me, but I loathe it all, and my foot will never enter such houses any more."

CHRISTIAN KINDNESS.

It was encouraging to receive a number of responses in regard to the few instances of suffering among our converts reported in the last number. Although we ought to have much more in order to meet at least half of the demands encountered in that line, yet I am very thankful for

the amount received, for through it, some of the misery has been relieved.

Two ladies, friends of this Mission, did not spare time and pains in going out to Brownsville to see those Jewish families whose addresses they secured of me. They visited specially the poor widow and gave her not only Spiritual comfort and cheer, but also some money to meet her present needs. The two ladies have many home duties which take up their time, and yet, laying aside other things, they paid a visit to Brownsville for Jesus' sake.

A STUDENT.

Mr. Samuel Needleman who is a printer by trade, and who intended about a year ago to open a printing press in connection with this mission, entered the Drew Theological Seminary last Fall. He is trying to support his family, a wife and two children, by doing job printing while at the same time studying for the ministry. But, as he cannot find enough work, he has experienced great difficulties and suffering. Some little assistance has been sent to him from our funds, and I wish more could be done to help out this brother. Any one feeling led to assist him, can send their contribution to me and I will gladly forward same to him.

Christmas in Brownsville

To our friends near and far, the teacher and scholars of the Brownsville Sewing School send joyful greetings and many thanks for the pleasant Christmas we were permitted to enjoy through your generosity. Though Tuesday, the twenty-seventh, the day of the entertainment, was a most disagreeable one out of doors, yet hearts were merry and faces bright in the Mission room, where were gathered about sixty little Jewish girls regular attendants of the Sewing School. At the end of the room on the platform, stood a fine Christmas tree, prettily dressed and shining with gay things, which riveted the attention of each child as she entered the door. As this was the first year we have been able to have a tree it was an especial surprise much appreciated by all.

The exercises of the afternoon were opened with the children's singing most heartily, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night," which was followed by Mrs. Hilton's reading the story of the Wise Men from the second chapter of Matthew, and leading us in prayer. She then asked for different verses to be recited, which they did very correctly, coming out most strongly on John 3-16.

Our old favorite hymn, "God is Love," was not forgotten and one of the girls of Mrs. Skidmore's class recited clearly and well a Christmas poem.

Entertainment by outsiders of a little lighter variety followed this and we enjoyed recitations by four different young ladies, interspersed with singing and cornet playing. After another ringing carol by the children, Mr. Cohn addressed us, telling of what the Christmas tree reminded him.

Then came the most interesting part of the afternoon, the distribution of Christmas gifts. To each of the younger girls was given a pretty doll and a big, gay ball, while the older ones received a picture and a work bag, holding scissors, thimble, thread, needle-book and darning. One unfortunate event marked the day, for by a misunderstanding, the candy and oranges did not arrive, so that those with the Bibles (each marked in gold letters with the owner's name, through the kindness of a friend,) were reserved for a later day, making as one expressed it, two celebrations with Christmas presents and New Year's presents.

In looking over the account, some of our friends may realize that we did not spend all the money given us, but this is explained by the fact that a number of things which we otherwise would have to have bought were donated. But do not worry. We need all that money for materials etc. for the School and none will be wasted.

At the close of the afternoon when it had gotten dark, we lighted the tree and sang our "Good-bye" song as we gazed at the twinkling candles.

Received For Christmas

Mrs. N. J. H.....	\$2.00
Mrs. J. S. B.....	2.00
Mrs. P. McC.....	1.00
Mrs. H. L. S.....	2.00
Emma H. Ward.....	.50
Morristown Friends of Israel, per Miss Bessie Betts	29.50
Miss Davis.....	1.00
W. H. M.....	3.00
Miss Esselstyn.....	.50
Mrs. C. E. Santee.....	1.00
S. S. per Dr. Wiggins.....	2.00

EXPENSES.

Dolls and balls.....	11.00
Picture mounts and pictures.....	1.20
Work bags and contents.....	4.47
Bibles	8.25
Sewing material.....	.54
Extra oranges and candle holders.....	.58

—ELLA T. MARSTON.

An Acknowledgement

It was very gratifying to me to receive such kind and encouraging letters during the Christmas season and on account of an unusually busy month, we were unable to acknowledge all of them. So will those dear friends who wrote and received no reply, accept this as a personal acknowledgment. I prize your letters highly and I appreciate deeply your sweet, brotherly and sisterly expressions of good feeling toward me and mine, and heartily reciprocate the same. They have been to me a source of great joy and happiness. I cherish them as one would precious stones and rubies.

Articles Received.

Miss Bessie Betts, a package of clothing.
Miss Hazel Mellinger, a doll, 2 pair mittens,
1 pair stockings.
Third Church of Christ's Disciples, per Mr
Williamson, 1 box of articles of food and cloth-
ing; Mrs. L. M. Cumiskie, 12 work bags; Mrs.
Morrison, decorations for tree; Mrs. Skidmore,
Christmas tree; Mission Gleaners of Marcy Ave.
Bap. Church, oranges and candy for Brownsville.

Receipts During December.

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	27.00
POOR FUND.	
Mrs. E. F. Brown.....	2.00
Mrs. C. Schaefer, special for 3 families..	9.00
Grace E. Eggleston.....	1.00
Mrs. A. G. Ropes	25.00
Mrs. W. S. M.....	.50
Mrs. John Pope.....	5.00
Miss S. C. Anderson.....	.50
Geo. W. Paterson.....	1.00
Mrs. E. M. Volckman.....	.50
Miss Sadie Houser.....	5.00
J. A. P.....	1.00
E. C. Stanchfield.....	1.00
Three friends, per Miss E. J. Collingwood.	5.00
Mrs. E. G. Sylvester.....	3.50
Mrs. Green	11.00
Mrs. L. W. Kinney.....	5.00
BIBLES AND TRACTS.	
Mrs. E. Sweet.....	1.50
F. J. H.....	20.00
Mrs. Duncan50
R. G. Hewlett and Wife.....	.50
GENERAL FUND.	
Mrs. H. E. Coolidge.....	5.00
Mr. W. H. N.....	10.00
Mr. Geo. Ramsey.....	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Kelly, (for hymn books)....	5.00
Mary Browning.....	1.00
Mary F. Knowles.....	.50
An Old Subscriber.....	1.00
Susan J. Remson.....	1.50
Rev. E. W. Butler.....	1.25
Rev. W. D. Athearn.....	.50
Mrs. E. Dwiggin.....	5.00
Rev. Arthur Locke.....	1.00
M. Patterson.....	1.00
A Friend	5.00
Geo. W. Paterson.....	.50
Sadie Houser	5.00
Louis H. Dowie.....	1.50
Mrs. R. C. Fuller.....	5.00
W. M. Ingersoll.....	.50
F. H. Stewart.....	1.00
Mrs. D. C. Griswold.....	2.00
Mrs. M. E. Bryan.....	2.00
Mrs. A. E. Kimball.....	5.00
A Friend, N. Y.....	11.50
Miss A. Lapsley.....	10.00
L. E. Pratt.....	5.00
Mrs. L. E. Gurley.....	2.00
Mrs. L. L. Ray.....	5.00
Mrs. R. J. Gray.....	1.00
Mrs. C. L. Dugan.....	1.00
Mrs. C. E. Santee.....	1.00
Miss M. Demarest.....	1.00
Mrs. R. C. Lummis.....	2.00
A. B. Weaver.....	1.00
Mrs. F. L. G. Townsend.....	.50
Sarah C. Hollingworth.....	1.00
Miss Annie Cruickshank.....	1.93
Rev. E. L. Carr.....	2.00
W. E. Huntley.....	5.00
Mrs. L. Conroe.....	1.00
H. G. Alexander.....	1.00
Florence M. Tolman.....	2.00
Mrs. E. Sweet.....	5.00
A. L. Murch.....	1.76
Miss White.....	2.00
Mrs. G. Gabrielson.....	40.00
A. L. Vail.....	1.00
Mrs. E. G. Boyd.....	5.00
M. J. Mann.....	1.00
Coll. at S. S. of Church of Christ's Disc., per Mr. Williamson	2.00
Mrs. M. J. Jackson.....	5.00
Mrs. Wm. MacDonald.....	2.00
For His Cause.....	2.00
Dr. J. R. Martin.....	1.00
Mrs. E. D. Cogswell.....	5.60
Rev. H. C. Clark.....	3.50
Mrs. T. A. Mooring.....	2.00
R. V. Wilcox.....	1.00
A Friend	1.00
Mrs. Barlow	1.00
Mrs. Skinner	1.00
Miss Annie Thomson.....	24.50
Mrs. S. B. Locke.....	3.00
Miss H. W.....	1.00
Mrs. L. C. Allen.....	3.00
Mrs. A. H. Stockham.....	5.00
Mrs. E. J. Warner.....	1.00
Adeline Estoppey.....	.35
C. Sumy	5.00
Miss A. Chapman.....	1.00
EDUCATION.	
Mrs. E. Sweet.....	1.00
BUILDING FUND.	
Miss Hattie Alridge.....	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Fairbanks.....	3.00
For His Cause.....	1.00
Mrs. D. M. Miller.....	10.00
Mrs. C. F. Chase	1.00
Mrs. Wm. F. Coughlan.....	.25
Miss Ellen L. Lambert.....	25.00
A Friend.....	5.00
Mrs. B. Finch.....	1.00
A Friend, per Miss Morrison.....	.50
Mrs. E. Sweet.....	3.00
Geo. W. Paterson.....	.50