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Salutation

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

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My Dearly Beloved Friends.

From the bottom of my heart I greet you, and in the words of Psalm 120: 8, I would say, to every individual friend, "We bless you in the name of the Lord."

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES.

Many of you have shown friendship and sympathy for this gospel work for a long time, even from its inception, ten years since. You have shared with me in its difficulties and have rejoiced over God's blessings upon it. During all this time of your fellowship and communications with me, I have had ample occasion to learn the noble spiritual motives which prompted you to show your love and Christian liberality toward this work. I have always noticed that a spirit of divine love has permeated your hearts, creating in them the one desire to magnify the name of the Lord Jesus Christ among my people. Therefore you will now rejoice again over the recent divine favors that God has bestowed upon this testimony to the Jews as reported in these columns, for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus, the Son of God. It seems that as the Psalmist says, "Those that sow in tears shall reap in joy," (Ps. 126: 5) the time has come for us to reap and bring in the sheaves. Surely your labor in this gospel work has not been in vain. There is joy in heaven over one soul brought to Christ, and we have been privileged during the last month to see many souls regenerated and confessing Him as their Saviour. Let us therefore give thanks and praises unto Him whom we desire to glorify among His own people, the Jews, and let us say, "Not unto us, Oh, Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory." (Ps. 115:1.)

SOWING IN TEARS.

Over ten years ago when the Lord of the Harvest thrust me into this corner of His vineyard, how little, if at all, did I think of seeing Jews embracing the Lord Jesus Christ as an outcome of my ministry. Judging from a human standpoint, I thought it would take a lifetime to sow the seed which should produce fruit in the next generation, for my labor was what we would call pioneer work. These Jewish brethren had no knowledge whatever about the Lord Jesus Christ and His claim upon the Messiahship.

They did not even know of the existence of the New Testament. Besides, we must make allowance for their bitter enmity toward the cross, and its adherents. There are no other people under heaven who are so great an enemy to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to Himself, as poor, blind Israel. For it is written, "As concerning the Gospel, they are enemies," (Rom. 11: 28,) and again, God speaking to the Messiah, says, "Sit thou at my right, and until I make thy enemies thy footstool." (Ps. 110:1.) In view of this fact alone, the hope of my seeing converts was very remote. My only reason for going into this field, without any prospect for results, and without even any promised support, was a firm conviction that the Lord sent me to be a witness to the Gospel among my people. I therefore, simply obeyed the command, "Preach the Gospel," without looking for results, being intent only on obeying God, leaving results entirely with Him.

THE TREE KNOWN BY ITS FRUIT

But to my surprise, before the end of the first year, some souls were converted, indicating without a doubt, that the Gospel of Jesus is the same "power of God unto salvation; to the Jew first," as it was nineteen hundred years ago. And each succeeding year brought stronger evidences of the truth of this Scripture. The Holy Spirit is continually manifesting His mighty power among my brethren in removing the veil from their eyes, that they may see Jesus, in giving to them the knowledge of His salvation, and in changing their animosity to a spirit of love, adoration and submission. The gospel is spreading among those of my brethren whom we can reach, in various ways, like wild fire. We have seen during the last month more than ever before, that it is taking hold of our boys, girls, men and women, in a most remarkable way. Especially have we reason to thank God for the boldness of a number of converts to speak in our meetings, (see page 5) in the presence of their still blind brethren. Indeed, the Lord has wonderfully owned this gospel work, and has put upon it the seal of His approval. "For every tree is known by its fruit."

Dear friends, the work is yours, for, under God, you have made it what it is. Continue, therefore, to pray and labor for this cause, for He is able to show us still greater things if we faint not.

Your servant in the Gospel,

LEOPOLD COHN.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Sunday—Sunday School, Williamsburg, 2 P. M.
Testimony meeting, 8 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.

How To Reach The Missions

If you wish to pay a visit to the Brownsville Mission, at 397 Rockaway Ave., take the Fulton Street Elevated Railroad or surface cars to Rockaway Avenue, and take Rockaway Avenue car going towards Canarsie and passing the door of Mission. The surface cars transfer. It is six short blocks from Fulton Street to the Mission, which the Hamburg Avenue car also passes.

The Williamsburg Mission can be reached by the Broadway car which passes the door, No. 626 Broadway. The Lorimer Street car crosses Broadway, two short blocks from the Mission.

How To Become Interested

A worldly man who was uninterested in Christianity, became converted in a strange way. His wife was a member of a church which had a debt to pay off and she appealed to her worldly husband to help in the payment, from humanitarian motives. She persuaded him finally to give a large sum of money. Sometime later, when she came from church her husband inquired how the debt stood and gradually his interest in the church increased, until he offered to go with his wife to a service, and at last he became converted and a loyal and faithful Christian. If you want to become interested in Missions to the Jews, put some stock in it and the larger amount you have the larger your interest in it will become, for, "Where your treasure, is, there will your heart be, also."

Two Hymn Books

We received two hymn books from two Christian ladies, to be used in the Mission. While reading together *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE*, they saw the mention of our need of hymn books. One said, "Why, I'll give my hymn book," and the other rejoined "I'll give mine, too," and so they sent us the books, with a letter that showed plainly the spirit that was back of the gift. It is such giving that our Lord puts His seal of approval upon to-day, as He did upon the poor widow's gift, when He was here upon the earth. We receive many letters showing a similar spirit of self-sacrifice, that touches us deeply.

The Tract

The latest tract *To Both the Houses of Israel* continues to interest Jewish readers greatly and promises good results. My assistant told me that, as a result of the distribution of this tract in front of a synagogue, he was called to a large workshop in New York. One of the men had received the tract, which he showed to his friends, and they were so interested in it, that they sent for the assistant to tell them more about these things. No missionary is allowed to enter a Jewish workshop, to preach, or give out literature, but in this case, he was listened to with great respect for a long time. If this tract could be reprinted in such large numbers, enough to place a copy in each Jewish house, the results would be inestimable. One great reason for the deep impression it makes on Jews is that it contains facts, not merely doctrines. It gives an account of the debate with the chief Rabbi of New York, and the exposure of the self-contradictions of the prominent reformed Rabbi of Newark—which have been mentioned in an earlier number of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE*. These things could not have been brought about by human management, but God gave us this opportunity, and we must make use of it, while the occurrence is still fresh in the minds of the Jews. Fifty thousand copies would cover the two fields of Brownsville and Williamsburgh. The cost of it would be \$1,000.

The Picture.

The boy back of Mr. and Mrs. Wexler, is Abraham, who is ten years old. At Mr. Wexler's right hand is Rosa, nine years old. At the left of Rosa is Frieda, three years old. At the left of Mrs. Wexler is Ella, twelve years of age. Close to Ella is Bertha, five years old. The baby has not yet seen two summers. Mr. Wexler, Abraham, Ella and Rosa, wrote me very interesting letters which ought to have accompanied this cut, but they reached me too late for this number. We will publish them all in the next issue. Bertha and Frieda, while they cannot write, sent by word of mouth, a testimony of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Mr. Wexler writes that Bertha is very careful to see that Frieda repeats her prayer every night before going to bed.

Incidents in the Work.

The accompanying group picture is that of Mr. and Mrs. Wexler and their six lovely children, all of whom, except the baby, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. They love Him, worship Him and serve Him not only with words, but also with good deeds.

Mr. Wexler's conversion came about slowly but surely.

About seven years ago, he visited the Williamsburg Mission where he heard the Gospel preached for the first time. He had not known before that there was a book called the New Testament in existence. When he heard me mention the name of Jesus, he was very indignant. He was born of strictly Orthodox parents, and was brought up to hate and abhor all that belonged to Christianity. As he said himself to the Jews in our mission about two weeks ago, "I was so angry with Mr. Cohn when I heard him talk about Jesus, that if I could, I would have killed him."

But he continued to come to the meetings. Many times he argued with me, as he knew the Scriptures to some extent. I bore as patiently with him as the grace of God enabled me. It took him years to be convinced of the truth as it is in Jesus. When he told me privately that he believed in the Lord Jesus, I told him it was his duty to confess Him publicly. Once when Mrs. Cohn and myself talked to him about it, he said, "I would lose \$60,000 if I confess Christ. And more than that, I would lose my wife."

Mrs. Wexler was so fanatically religious that once when in a boat, Mr. Wexler introduced me to her, she hurriedly took away her satchel containing some food for their trip, so that it should not become unclean by my touch. But the Holy Spirit has been working wonderfully in the hearts of these dear people. Mr. Wexler is not ashamed now to speak of the Lord Jesus to his Jewish friends who come in touch with him in business. He speaks to his relatives. Some of them respect him for his faith, as they cannot suspect him of any wrong motive whatever. But others are still at enmity with him. For instance, his father-in-law forbade him, as well as Mrs. Wexler, to enter his house. One day I visited his father-in-law and had a long talk with him. He and his wife are very old fashioned, fanatical orthodox Jews. While he expressed much respect for my words, his superstitious thoughts concerning Christ and His followers could not be changed. If the friends will remember him in prayer, we cannot tell how soon God will bring about a change in his heart. It is a



MR. AND MRS. WEXLER AND FAMILY.

pleasure to hear Mr. Wexler relate his experience to the Jews with whom he comes in contact. He pleads with them to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as he did. The Holy Spirit is dwelling in the heart of this brother, and we are praying and hoping that God will do a great work through him. He is willing to hire and furnish a store, or open his own parlor for the wealthy Jews in his neighborhood, if I would come once a week to preach to them. Mr. Wexler has not yet been baptized, because he has been waiting

for his wife and children to be ready for baptism. While the children have joined him in his decision to be baptised, Mrs. Wexler is not yet ready for the ordinance, though she has been convinced by prayerful study of the Scriptures, that Jesus is the Messiah.

Mr. Wexler has decided to be baptized at the end of April, and thus fulfil the command of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It cheers one's heart to hear these dear children from the smallest to the largest, pray, and repeat verses from the Bible. Mrs. Wexler enjoys a visit from Miss Fleischman very much. The latter has helped her a great deal in spiritual matters.

Three Baptisms.

On Sunday Evening, the 11th of February, three Jews, two men and a woman, confessed Jesus Christ as their Saviour, by baptism, in the Hendrix St. Baptist Church. The Rev. Mr. Holmes, who has been supplying that pulpit for some time, baptized these converts. The evening was one of the coldest and stormiest of the winter, and very few of the congregation ventured out, but these new followers of the Lord Jesus kept their appointment, in spite of the bad weather. In the January Number of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE an account was given of the conversion of one of these, through a dream.

The other two were a Jew and his wife, who learned about Christ years ago, but have only lately decided to confess Him publicly by baptism. They were all instructed carefully in the meaning of baptism, before they underwent it.

Tracts to Immigrants.

We have sent to Ellis Island a large package containing an assortment of the series of six tracts published by the Mission. Thousands of Jews are streaming into America, through that gate and, as was said in the last number of this paper, many of them are detained there several days, before they are admitted into the country, or, in some cases, sent back to their former land. A lady Missionary is stationed there by the Baptist Woman's Home Missionary Society and we sent her the tracts, which she agreed to distribute among the Jews. She writes very hopefully of this part of her work, saying that the Jews who are detained at the Island are reading the tracts given them with great eagerness. This time of their enforced stay at the Island is one of much uncertainty and distress of mind to these poor people, and is therefore the most favorable time to bring the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to their notice. Before they leave the old country little is done to give them the Gospel, and they are greatly occupied with the affairs of daily life, and preparation for the change to a new country, when they get here they are overwhelmed with

the rush and hurry of the land, and the necessity of making a living here. But, for this short period between, they are not busy, and their one anxiety is to get in. They know that this depends upon God. Thus their hearts are open to a message from Him, at this time, as at no other, before or after.

It is a cause for gratitude to God that, even in this slight way, the Gospel can be given to them as soon as they reach these shores.

Took Him for a Jew.

Many Christian people have asked for copies of the new tract, and on receiving them, have handed them to Jews they have met. I have had a number of letters telling of good results from these efforts. One brother writes of a rather amusing experience which he had with a Jew to whom he gave a copy. As soon as he received it the man looked first at the tract and then at the face of the man who gave it to him. He spoke to the Christian in Hebrew, saying, "Y'hudi Ata?" "Art thou a Jew?" The man said, "No, I am a Christian." Then the Jew looked once more at the tract, and again at the man's face, shook his head, as he murmured something to himself, and then said in English, "You must be a Jew." The man assured him that there was no Jewish blood in his veins. "But," he added, "the blood of Jesus Christ, who was a Jew, has been applied to my heart," and then, with great surprise the Jew asked "How do you come to have anything to do with our holy language, the Hebrew?" and pointed to the tract. Then the man explained that a friend of his, a Jewish Missionary in Brooklyn, sent him this, whereupon the Jew promised to read it. A few days after the Christian made a point of looking up his Jewish friend again, and had another talk with him. He was received cordially by the Jew, and they became good friends, and the letter ends thus, "You will be glad to hear that the Jew accompanied me to church last Sunday, for the first time in his life." Please pray for this Jewish brother.

A Testimony Meeting.

Ever since the Lord so graciously blessed the simple preaching of the cross to my people with a number of conversions, it was my prayerful desire to gather the converts once a week or so for prayer and testimony. Whether that may lead to establishing a Hebrew-Christian church or not, is hard to tell, but one thing is certain and that is, that the gathering together of converts strengthens them in the faith by their testimonies, and impresses the unbelieving Jews very much. Also, the united prayers of these saints who have suffered much for Christ's sake, certainly avail much. But the difficulties in the way in doing this are not few. In the first place

most of the real converts, on account of persecution from their blind brethren, have to flee to other cities, so that not many are left to be gathered. Secondly, the few that are in town, while they speak to their intimate Jewish friends about Christ, refuse to testify before Jews who do not know their earnest motives, and so will bring upon them worse persecution than ever before. Thirdly, most of them offer that ready excuse which so many Gentile Christians give, merely, "I cannot open my mouth to talk or to pray in public." The Gentile Christian, at least, has had the example of other Christians who speak a word for Christ at a prayer meeting, and he has not to fear taunts and sneers while testifying, but the Jewish Christian has never seen such examples, and he knows very well that there will be present some Jews who would ridicule him, and show their contempt by scornful words or looks while he is speaking. Moreover, on leaving the mission hall, the witness for Christ is not sure of escaping bodily harm.

THE CONVERTS WILLING.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, a number of converts said they were willing to have such a meeting. After several preliminary meetings, it was decided to hold a testimony meeting every Sunday evening.

It was our great pleasure, therefore, after much prayer and consultation concerning the matter, to have been enabled to call such a meeting for the first time on Sunday evening, February 10th. The meeting was well attended by converts, and some unconverted Jews were also there. I explained to them briefly the purpose of the meeting, and then gave every one an opportunity to testify of the happiness and joy which they have received since accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Several took advantage of this opportunity, and many beautiful expressions of love and trust in Jesus Christ were heard.

LAIID IN WAIT.

One brother was very earnest in his testimony, and attracted the attention of the unconverted in the audience more than the others. It happened that there were two Jews, (infidels) who knew this brother as they lived in the same neighborhood. One of them rose and took a seat in the row back of him and seating himself a little sideways, stared hard at him. At the close of the meeting those two Jews watched for the convert, and followed him closely. When we noticed that, it was thought best to avoid trouble and to evade the two men who evidently wanted to do him bodily harm.

I took him along with me for a number of blocks in a different direction from the one he would ordinarily have taken to his home. Both of us prayed and hoped that the two men after sleeping over it for a night, would forget their evil

intentions toward the brother. Being infidels themselves, they would not be so indignant if he denied God and the Bible; on the contrary, they would rejoice over his perversion, but their anger is kindled against his conversion. Please pray for these converted brethren that they may have boldness and not be afraid of their blind brethren, and may thus help the upbuilding of a Hebrew-Christian congregation. Also pray for more workers, for it is impossible to meet all the demands that this increasing work is making upon us.

GOD'S APPROVAL.

Just as we closed the meeting, and I had started off the platform to shake hands with some of the lingering brethren, a Gentile came in who walked hurriedly up the aisle as if on a special errand, and coming to the platform, dropped on his knees beside me saying, "Please pray for me, for I was a Christian but have become a backslider." He looked despairing. His tone was sincere and appealing and he cried like a little child when he asked me to pray for him. After we rose from prayer, I asked him if he now accepted the Lord Jesus. To this he answered, while tears were streaming down his face, that he did not feel better in his troubled heart. Then I quoted to him passages from the Scriptures showing him that all the sinner must do is to take the Lord at His word—believe, and not depend upon feeling. I took for illustration the payment of a debt by one's friend. The debtor, although not feeling in his heart, takes it for granted that his debt is paid. Then we prayed again and the end was that he became re-united with the Lord Jesus Christ. On leaving the mission, he said, "If this mission had never done anything but show me the way to Christ this evening, it has been well worth all its expenses." This conversion we considered a token of God's approval upon these testimony meetings, "To the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

THE SECOND SUNDAY.

The meeting on the next Sunday evening was still more interesting and blessed than the first one. Twelve testimonies, from as many Jewish converts, were given. The Holy Spirit was evidently felt in our midst. The audience, consisting of many unbelieving Jews, was greatly stirred and very much impressed. Two converts were absent on account of that spiritually blind Jewish brother who was present at the first meeting to annoy and threaten those who testified. Although we spoke of two in the previous article, yet one of them is the chief. He was busy at the close of the second meeting, also annoying some of the converts, but still, he was not as troublesome as before. There was another infidel present at the second meeting who had been there on the previous Saturday evening for the first time. He spoke at the close of the former meeting, showing a bitter spirit toward Christians, and expressing

his utter unbelief in God. But at this testimony meeting, he was altogether subdued. He asked to be permitted to speak a few words, and then he said in a humble spirit that he now saw that the mission was doing much good to the people." "In the first place," he said, "the people are taught here things which they do not learn in any other place. Then, again, this mission is like an apron to keep the other garments from being soiled. The people that come in here are kept from going to bad places. I envy these believers. They have peace. They have no worry and they are happy. I wish I were one of them." It pleased us very much to see a slight change in the attitude of this infidel. We gave thanks to God for the blessed time He gave us on that evening. We took courage and trusted in the Lord for His grace and mercy upon our testimonies in the future.

A Boy Singer

A boy of about twelve years of age has been for some time a scholar in our Sunday School at the Williamsburg Mission. Miss Fleischmann discovered that he has a sweet voice. He has been singing many times in the synagogues at the seasons of the great Jewish festivals, as New Year's Day, and the Day of Atonement. Now that he has learned in our school to love the Lord Jesus Christ, he sings now and then a solo to the Sunday School Children. My son, Benjamin, who assists in the Sunday School, asked the boy if he would not come to the meetings on Friday and Saturday evenings and sing a hymn. He consented and we all were delighted to hear his lovely voice. We enjoyed especially to hear him sing the hymn, "When I read that whosoever—that means me."

Once he came home from the mission with the teachings of the New Testament fresh on his mind, and his heart touched with the love of God. The little man began to speak to his mother about the Lord Jesus. His parents, although not opposed, for they allowed their boy to go to the mission, yet are indifferent, and have no use for religion. The mother, therefore, answered in a scornful way, saying, "Why Jesus is dead and buried long ago," and warned her boy not to believe such nonsense. To this the boy replied, "Mamma, Jesus is dead to those who are dead, but He is alive to the living."

Some Jews from his neighborhood are frequently remonstrating with his parents as well as with the boy himself, for his singing at the mission. The poor youngster is suffering a great deal more than we can think, for Christ's sake.

One afternoon he joined one of my boys in distributing leaflets among the Jews. It was not long before they met a Jew who gnashed his teeth at the sight of the boy. When he came nearer, they heard his terrible curses, and when he approached the boy he snatched from his hand the circulars showing fearful anger, threatening the boy with his fist, and saying, "Is it not enough

that you are singing for the missionaries, are you also going to spread their apostate doctrines by distributing their circulars?" The boy was frightened and ran away as fast as he could. But nothing seems to discourage him in his belief in the Lord Jesus Christ whom he serves by his beautiful singing.

Quick Conversions

As a rule, it takes a long time for a Jew to be converted. So many different thoughts come into his mind when he begins to consider the matter of embracing the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan advances all sorts of arguments to him. "Is it right for me to forsake my fathers' religion, for which my nation with all her heroic men and women battled for so many years?" "Is it right to grieve, to vex, and expose to danger of death resulting from over-worry, father, mother, brothers and sisters?" "Is it right to join the Christians who have persecuted my people in Spain, in England, in France, in Bulgaria and in Russia?" These and many other reasonings take hold of the heart of the Jew, and make it very hard for him to decide. We therefore have seldom seen a sudden conversion among our Jewish brethren. However, three weeks ago, Saturday afternoon at the Brownsville meetings, we witnessed two conversions as a result of that one meeting. A Jewess who had been in sympathy with the mission for some time, and who sends her daughter to the sewing school, came to the meeting and invited one of her neighbors, a Jewish girl of about twenty to accompany her. I noticed that the girl paid much attention to the preaching of the Word, and at the close of the meeting I talked with her trying to find out her spiritual condition. To my joy she said that she then accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour. Although this was the first time she had ever heard the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, yet she seemed to have grasped the plan of salvation with a good understanding. There was also present a Jew of about thirty-five, who was there for the first time. He too, listened very attentively to the preaching of the Gospel, and when I saw him at the close of the meeting, he told me that some time ago he had a tract given him by one of our workers. The reading of that tract made him interested enough to come to the meeting. "Now," he said, "I can see the force of your reasoning. If I am a Jew who believes in the Bible as the Word of God, I must believe in Jesus, who is the Atonement and Sacrifice for my sins."

A Remarkable Incident

One Tuesday afternoon, I had some urgent work at my desk. It was the time when the Brownsville Sewing School was in session, but I could not be present. It seemed that nothing could call me away from the desk before I could finish two hours' work, but as David said, "My times are in thy hands," suddenly my plans

changed, and the Lord took my time under His own control. A strange thought came to me suddenly, as if someone spoke to the most authoritatively, saying, "Go to Brownsville at once." Like one under a spell, I dropped my pen, closed my desk, took my coat and hat, and left for Brownsville. On my way, and near there, I saw a little girl in front of a house crying bitterly. It touched my heart very much. I asked the girl what the trouble was, and she answered still louder weeping "Oh, mister, my mamma is dying. Papa is working, and mamma was sick, and is dying." I went with the girl into the house, and found the woman unconscious. I sprinkled her face with cold water and revived her. She told me of her malady, and I went out and telephoned for a physician, who fortunately came quickly, and helped the poor woman before she succumbed to the terrible pain she was suffering. I then went to the sewing school and addressed the girls there, telling them of this incident. It showed plainly that there is an ever living and ever present God. My text to the girls was, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." I explained that since I serve the Lord Jesus Christ, and whatever I do is done in His name, this incident proves that my Saviour Jesus sent me that afternoon to help that poor sick woman. "So you can see," I said to them, "why I can say as Job did, 'I know that my redeemer, (Jesus) liveth.'" From there I hurried away to meet my committee.

Little Items

SYSTEMATIC RELIEF.

A friend of the mission sent a contribution for the poor fund and asked for the names and addresses of those relieved—these I gladly furnished together with a list of others badly in need of help during the then severe weather. Any donor to the Poor Fund can at any time have the same privilege, as a record is kept of the poor to whom the Lord, through His stewards, enables us to minister.

NEWS FROM OUR STUDENTS.

In response to our appeal in the January number, seven dollars were received towards assisting our Brother Needleman, who is studying at Drew Theological Seminary, and I took great pleasure in forwarding the same to him. He sent me a very grateful letter, in which he wishes me to thank the dear Christian friends who so kindly remembered him.

Encouraging news is also received concerning Miss Twersky, our student at the Northfield Girls' Seminary. She has been there, as the friends will remember, nearly two years, and it is hoped that when her education is completed she will be a blessing in the evangelization of our people.

The friends of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE will no doubt recall Mr. Alexander H. Neuawich, whose conversion and picture appeared some time ago.

The young man was studying first at Northfield, then in Bridgeport. The Baptist Educational Society of Connecticut appropriated \$100 a year for his education. In a recent letter Mrs. Silliman, who has done so much for this young man, writes that he has been obliged to give up his studies for the present as one of his lungs has become songested from too close confinement at his studies. Please remember him earnestly in your prayers to God.

A boy of 18 years of age, the son of Mr. Kern, our assistant, had to leave school where he expected to prepare himself for the ministry. Mention was made of him and his desire to study in the November number of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. The whole trouble was lack of means. Mr. Moses Nye, the converted Jew, in a letter, informed me that he is trying to help the boy in the best possible way.

New York's Jewish Population.

Federation's estimate of the Jews has been interestingly confirmed by a study made by Dr. Joseph Jacobs, and issued in *Jewish Charity* for May, 1904.

Dr. Jacobs has secured from the Board of Health the figures of the interments in Jewish cemeteries in and around the city, and marriages celebrated by Jewish rabbis.

In 1903 there were 8,357 interments in Jewish cemeteries, and, applying a death rate of 15 per thousand, the Jewish population would be 557,133.

This is a minimum estimate; while the number of Jewish marriages, 6,653, if attached to the average marriage rate of the city, 9.96 per thousand, would give a population of nearly 667,970 Jews.

Even this larger total is not regarded as final by Dr. Jacobs.

By a series of refined statistical processes he reaches the conclusion that the Jewish death rate in 1903 was really 13.50 and the marriage rate 10.75. This would make the Jews 610,000. But from July 1, 1903, to May 1, 1904, no less than 50,003 Jewish immigrants reached New York, of whom the United Hebrew Charities reckoned that 43,460 remained in the city.

Dr. Jacobs figures that the Jewish inhabitants of New York, May 1, 1904, numbered 672,776.

He adds that *Jewish Charity* has to take account of the addition of at least 50,000 to the Jewish population of New York every year.

Federation and *Jewish Charity* are as one in placing the Jews of Greater New York at a minimum of 675,000 persons. Probably 725,000 would be nearer the truth at the present time.

The Jewish population of New York city, therefore, exceeds that of all countries of Europe except Austria and Russia, and among the 4,000,000 people of Greater New York the Jewish population is over 100,000 greater than among the 44,000,000 people of Germany.

Articles Received

Miss Charlock, one suit.	
Mrs. H. Huntley, and Mrs. Anna Snider; 2 hymn books.	
Mrs. Kusky, a parcel of clothing.	

Receipts During February.**FOR RENT.**

Mr. R. L. C.	\$25.00
Mr. J. T. P.	25.00

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Mr. J. T. P.	40.00
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Sara V. Childs.....	.50

Building Fund.

Balance, February 1, 1905.....	\$723.85
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Pledges:

F. J. H.....	500.00
B. R. E.....	300.00
Mr. E. M. Hungerford.....	100.00
Anonymous.....	100.00
L. W.....	50.00
Mrs. Ford.....	10.00
A Friend from Conn.....	100.00

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M. C. Gage.....	.50
First Baptist Church, Laconia, per Rev. W. H. T. Bock.....	1.32
"For His Cause".....	1.00

To the Anonymous Friend.

Thanks for your kind letter and the booklet, "The Story of Good Will Farm." I thank you for your kindness in pledging one hundred dollars toward the Home. I notice that you say "In reading the paper, the friend will know if a beginning is made, and will make good the pledge in a few months." Well, a beginning has been made two years ago, when a contribution of fifty dollars was sent for that purpose. This building fund includes that for a home.

To All the Friends.

I receive many letters in which the writers assure me of their assistance in the Building Fund, when it proves successful. If every one will wait, who then will make it successful. Why not, dear friends, pledge a certain amount right now, so that we can depend upon you, under God. The amounts pledged will not be due before the end of this year, but it will be a great help for this cause to have your pledge right away.