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Salutation

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

Beloved in Christ:

I greet you and pray that each one of you may know more and more of the power of His resurrection, who is the King of Glory, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen!

THE PAST MONTH.

Our heavenly Father has been pleased to continue His blessing upon this corner of His vineyard during the past month, as you will see from the reports in these columns. The converts' testimonies at the Sunday evening meetings have been a power for good to all who heard them, and a source of great joy and gladness to the workers in the Mission. At the beginning, it seemed as if these additional meetings would overtax our already busy staff of workers, but instead, we have been refreshed and strengthened. We, who know better than any one else, the persecutions and privations that these Jewish Christians must face; we, who are daily asking the Lord to raise up new witnesses for Himself amongst His chosen people, can see His Hand in all this, and praise Him for these our brethren, faithful disciples, whom no difficulties nor trials can discourage in their love for their Saviour, and His Gospel.

A SICK PEOPLE.

The sufferings which our Jewish brethren inflict upon these converts by ostracizing them, and banishing them from their society by hating them, and refusing to give them work, are symptoms of the spiritually diseased condition of my people, and of their need of the great Physician. We followers of Him who healed the sick, and who sent us even as the Father sent Him, (John 20: 21) not to them that are whole, but to them that are sick, (Luke 5: 31) must be awake to these distressing symptoms. When a doctor finds his patient in a high fever, restless and delirious, he does not turn away to find an easier case, or one less diseased, but at once goes to work, using all the skill he has, and bringing every resource to bear in the effort to relieve the poor sufferer of his pain and sickness. If this be so with a physician of the body which is to perish, what should be the case with the divinely commissioned phy-

sician of the soul, which is to have everlasting life? Had Christ turned aside from the Jews, who, at Nazareth thrust from them, the Saviour, and His salvation, there would have been no miracles of healing and of unclean spirits cast out, no band of devoted followers chosen from among His people, to become mighty men of God.

Had Peter turned away from the Jews who crucified the Son of God, we should not have had the wonderful record—"And the same day were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2: 41).

SO WE MUST WORK.

So we, if true to our high calling, must put forth every effort to reach these blind brethren of the house of Israel. There are two facts which I beg you to consider. First, there is the small band of converts, loyal witnesses to Jesus Christ, who need your sympathy and support in their efforts to enlighten their brethren who are still in darkness. And secondly, there is the great mass of unbelieving and persecuting Israel, who are stricken with a deadly disease, as Isaiah of old describes them, "the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it." Isa. 1: 5, 6.

Shall we let the converts struggle and not come to their help with Christ-like love and sympathy? Shall we withdraw the healing balm of the Gospel from these stricken with spiritual disease? And shall we be at ease, helping forward their afflictions by cold indifference, and thus cause the Lord of hosts to be very sore displeased? (Zech. 1: 15).

Dear friends, now is the time to give this mission work a lift. We need more workers. We have engaged one more assistant for whom we need a salary. (See page 8). We must print many thousands of tracts, and distribute them among the people, and we must have the much needed building which will be, humanly speaking, the Chief factor in the establishing of a Jewish Christian community, that will work for good in every way. If every individual friend will sincerely pray and work for the above mentioned needs, we shall, under God, surely realize them.

Yours in the Gospel service,

—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.

A Visitor

A Christian friend, Mr. Nearing, paid a visit to the Brownsville Mission one Saturday afternoon last month. Although he has been for a long time a staunch friend of the Mission, and in spirit, through correspondence, we have become well acquainted, it was our first sight of his face. Miss Fleischman thought that he looked like a minister of the Gospel, while Mr. Kern thought he was a detective. He listened attentively to the preaching of the Gospel in Hebrew, which he heard for the first time. After the meeting, he had an interesting talk in English with two Jewish girls. They are about ten and twelve years of age respectively, and come very frequently to the Mission, but are not willing to believe in Jesus Christ. "Why not?" I asked them. "Because mother does not want me to," was the answer. I turned to two boys of about the same age, asking them if they believed, and when they replied, "Yes," I asked the girls again, "Why do the boys believe?" "And if the boys jump into the river, shall we do likewise?" they asked. I said in reply, "If your mother should jump into the river, will you follow her example," "Yes," said they, "Whatever mother tells us we must do."

Jewish Orphans and Widows

During the last month we have again been asked to receive and care for a number of destitute or orphan Jewish children. This is a remarkable sign, when we remember that a few years ago their relatives would rather have seen them perish of want, than come under Christian influence.

Two of these children belong to a poor, sick widow, who is utterly unable to care for them. There are many such cases, and we are waiting with longing for the day when some Christian heart will be moved to provide a home for these helpless widows and orphans, who are Israelites, of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came. What an opportunity it would be to win these little ones for Christ!

From a Sewing School Teacher

Dear Mr. Cohn

Last Tuesday, one of my girls in Sewing School said her mother wanted to see me, I went home with the girl and found her mother wanted to tell me about a widow by the name of Mrs.

street, who is very poor, and wants to put two of her children into a home. I found that the woman could not speak English, so I told her that I would write to you, and I was quite sure that you would come and see her, and would do anything you could for her.

Yours, etc.,

Mrs. J. H. S.

The Paper for Christians Only

We have repeatedly urged upon our readers that this paper is addressed to Christian friends, and is not intended for Jewish circulation. The following extract from a letter lately received, speaks for itself. "I gave two of your papers to the rabbi's wife to read. I asked her if she had read them, she said 'No, she burned them up, that it was wrong to have them in her house and that you were just tearing families to pieces.' She raved against you considerably, but it only showed me your work, and how much patience you need in working for the cause of Christ."

Many a serious mistake has been made by Christians, who wish to bring the Gospel to the Jews, but do not stop to think what is the wisest way to present it to them. We have tracts suited to the Jewish mind and way of thinking, and we will gladly supply them on application, to any who have the opportunity to hand them to Jews.

The Tract

During the last month, we have received contributions enough to reprint two thousand copies of the new tract. These will be all gone by the time this reaches you. We hope that our friends will be led to see the importance of the plan mentioned in the last number, namely, to have at least fifty thousand copies of this tract printed.

A Pastor Preaching to Jews

The Rev. John Donaldson, pastor of Union Course Baptist Church, addressed our Jewish audience, Friday evening, March 31. Brother Donaldson preached in this mission many times before, and the people learned to respect and love him for his knowledge of the Scriptures.

Incidents in the Work

A Baptism

About five years ago, a young man of twenty-eight, came to this country from Russia. He was educated in the Talmud and an Orthodox Jew, but soon after he landed here the socialistic literature, which is widely scattered among the Jews in this country, reached him, and he became neglectful of his religion, and what is called a liberal Jew, another name for an infidel. But the Lord had mercy upon this young man, and brought him into contact with one of the converts of the Brownsville Mission, who invited him to the Saturday afternoon meetings. Here he listened to the preaching of the Gospel many times, and became interested. He read all the different tracts we have, and then the New Testament, and finally the truth took hold of his heart, and he began to love the Lord Jesus Christ. When he applied for baptism, I asked him a few questions, which he answered satisfactorily. I could see his earnestness, and had no doubt as to his being born again. I gave him private instruction and recommended him for baptism. He was baptized Sunday evening, March 19, by Rev. W. C. P. Rhoades, pastor of the Marcy Avenue Church.

The Wexler's Letters

According to our promise in the March number of the CHOSEN PEOPLE, we put before our readers the letters of the Wexler family, which came too late for that issue of the paper.

Mr. Wexler's letter is omitted, as it is substantially the same as the account of his conversion, which was given last month. His three older children write as follows.

From the pen of Ella Wexler, 12 years old.

I love Jesus, he has done so much for me! He is the one that showed me that straight and narrow way. One evening as Miss Fleischmann was over at our house, that time I was still blind, she took me up in her arms and said, "Suppose Ella, you and I go upstairs and pray a little." When I got upstairs, Miss Fleischman asked me to pray. I couldn't. I had my heart full of sin. Then I got up and confessed to Miss Fleischman that I believed what Jesus said, "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." I hope that I can confess in public sometime. I often sat in the Mission and listened to the Hebrew and Gentile Christians confess. I wanted to get up too, but Satan kept me back.

—ELLA WEXLER.

The following was written by the boy, who is ten years old.

I was converted a half year ago. I believe in Christ. I love Jesus, He has done so much for me. The Satan fights to win you. He says you

are a fine fellow. But at the end of the world he has you if you hear what he says. Jesus is at the door in heaven (is the door into heaven?) The spirit goes around the world opening eyes. At judgment day, Jesus will take His children like a hen takes her chickens.

—ABRAHAM WEXLER.

Rosa who wrote the following letter, is nine years old. We give it exactly as written in spelling and punctuation.

I am a girl of nine years. For about three quarters of my life-time I was blind, and I am glad I know the truth. It took me very long to decide which way I should go. The satan came and said come the way I go. Don't you care what God says. But God said go the way I lead thee and thou shalt be saved. There I got puzzled. I sat and thought why shouldn't I care what God says He is the leader of his flock so I thought and said to myself if I will be saved I will go the way God wants us to go because Satan must be wrong and wants me to be wrong. Now I believe and am glad too because I will be saved. So this is my story How I was converted.

—ROSA WEXLER.

The Converts Persecuted

It gives us great joy to see converts rise in the Sunday evening meetings, and testify of the Lord Jesus Christ, but it is sad to witness the suffering that this testimony brings upon them. Although they have not taken this step without counting the cost, and are resolved to bear persecution without murmuring, it is very hard to take it patiently when it touches their wives and children. One of the converts, a tailor by trade, lost his work as a result of his testimony in the Sunday evening meeting. He obtained work every week from a large tailor shop, but the next time he went there and asked to have work assigned to him, the proprietor answered that he could not conscientiously employ an apostate. "Go to the mission where you preach about the Crucified One," (referring to his testimony), "let them give you work!"

Excluded from the Lodge

The Jews in Brownsville are banded together in every sort of society, anarchist, socialist, and religious, and they keep a watchful eye upon all their members. If they find one going to the mission, he is frowned upon, and warned not to go again, and should he confess Christ, their laws exclude him from their league. The poor Jews, strangers in a strange land, keep close together, and depend much upon one another for work, advice, protection while living, and burial when dead. These bands call themselves lodges. A member of one of these lodges was converted to Christ. The next time he went to the meet-

ing of the lodge he was refused admission. "You are an apostate," said they; this word "Meshumed" conveys to the Jewish mind the worst possible meaning. The man said, "Why do you call me Meshumed?" "You are a baptized Jew," they answered. Now, the word Meshumed is bad enough, but even worse is the term baptized Jew, which they do not understand the true meaning of, and which they believe to be associated with horrible abominations. It is, therefore, in their eyes, a service to God to destroy a baptized Jew, and they would soon do so if they were not afraid of the civil law.

CROSS ON HIS ARM.

The convert kept very quiet, though there was much excitement among the other men. One suggested that he be examined, and if a cross be found branded on his arm, it would be proof enough. Another suggested that as baptized Jews are instructed in magic by the Crucified One, they can conceal the cross from the eyes of those wishing to see it. Then they excluded the man from membership in the lodge, and from all its privileges, and sent a committee to announce this to his wife and to declare as well, that no burial would be given to any member of his family. This was a terrible blow to the poor woman, for it is counted by the Jews a great shame and loss to be buried anywhere but in their own cemeteries. When Messiah comes to awaken the dead, He will, of course, visit the Jewish cemeteries, and raise up every Jew found in them, but those buried elsewhere with unclean Gentiles, will be left behind forever. Ever since this expulsion from the lodge, this man's life has been made bitter by the reproaches and lamentations of his wife. Another convert suffers not only from his neighbors' ill-will, but his wife actually refuses to give him food on his return from work, saying: "Why should an apostate need to eat? He must be satisfied with the Crucified One." Truly for these tried ones, the Gospel is a sword which sets "a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, for a man's foes are they of his own household," but "blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for behold your reward is great in heaven."

Boycotted and His Dry Goods Damaged

A neighbor of one of the converts was present at a meeting, and heard him testify that he believed in Jesus Christ. Many who heard that testimony were encouraged and helped by it, but the Jew became enraged, and went out, filled with the spirit of hatred. He went about among the customers of the convert, saying that he had be-

come an apostate, and was preaching in the Mission, and urging them not to buy his goods, so the people stopped going to his shop, and his business rapidly fell away, until it became very small. The man found this hard to bear on account of his wife and children, but still the hope that is within him strengthened and cheered him. But his wife, who had only just begun to attend our meetings and to inquire about the truth, could not endure this persecution, and added to her husband's sufferings by her constant worrying and grief. Beside all this, the Jews who lived above him poured down ink and other fluids that ruined his goods displayed in front of his shop. His greatest sorrow in it all, is that his wife, who had about decided to accept Christ, and ask for baptism, is much discouraged, and no longer is willing to hear about Christ. However, all these converts continue coming to the Sunday evening meeting in spite of these varied persecutions. It gives us all great joy to be together, and to enjoy one another's fellowship and testimony.

As a result of these meetings, several more have confessed Jesus as the Messiah. One Sunday evening when Mr. Wexler gave his testimony, one woman and two men were encouraged to confess Christ.

A Son and His Father

A young man who has been coming to the Mission for some time, has become convinced that Jesus of Nazareth is the true Messiah of Israel. Like many others, he could not keep his new faith to himself, but filled with enthusiasm for his Messiah, he began to talk of Him to others. Two of those dearest to his heart, have hindered him greatly. One of these is the girl to whom he is betrothed. Knowing the bitter hatred that exists in Jewish hearts against the name of the Crucified One, he did not dare to tell her that he had become His follower, but he told her that he was attending meetings at a hall, where he heard much that was good and interesting. He persuaded her to accompany him, assuring her that she would get much happiness from them, as he himself had. She came with him to a meeting and enjoyed it so much that she came again. After that she came no more, but sent word to her betrothed that unless he stopped going to that place, she would not marry him. The young man is deeply attached to the girl, but he refused to stop coming to the Mission, and continues steadfast in his faith in his Messiah.

THE OTHER HINDERER.

The other person who is putting many obstacles in this young believer's way, is his aged father, who is a very strict Orthodox Jew. A short time ago, he found in his son's room, tracts, issued by the Mission, and a New Testament. He reproved his son sternly for this, and finding that he was attending meetings at the Mission, forbade his going there any more. The young fel-

low, like most Jewish sons, loves and honors his old father, but he had to grieve him by telling him that he believed that the Lord Jesus, whom the Jews call the Crucified One, is the true Messiah. He explained to his father, as well as he was able, that it is not wrong to believe in Jesus, because He is told about in the Jews' own Scripture. Moreover, he said that he was resolved to obey the command of the Messiah by being baptized. All this he said in much haste, fearing that his father would stop him, and perhaps strike him, but when the old man heard him speak of baptism, he raised his hands to heaven, and with his eyes filled with tears, begged his son to have pity on his gray hairs and not to bring disgrace upon them. One day the young man came to my room, and as soon as he entered I saw he was in great trouble. He told me what had passed between his father and himself, and broke down utterly, crying like a little child, as he said that the sight of his old father, with hands raised to heaven in supplication, followed him wherever he went. "How can I see my way to be baptized?" he asked. "I do not think merely of my own feelings, but what about the command of God, 'Honor thy father and thy mother?'" I told him that the Lord Jesus knew all about this, and was thinking of just such a time when He said, "If any man will come after me and hateth not his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." We knelt in prayer, and held the aged father up before the throne of grace, praying that he too, may come to a knowledge of the truth.

A Jewish Teacher Converted

A young man who is well educated, and has a school for Jewish children, came to our meetings and was converted. Perhaps we ought to explain to our readers that with few exceptions, Jewish children, after attending the public school session, are sent in the afternoon and evening to private schools, where they are instructed in the Hebrew language and religion. This young man had one of these schools. He had lived for some time before his conversion in a Jewish family, who strongly objected to the tracts and other literature which he brought home from the Mission, and they soon made his life in their house very uncomfortable. The difficulty was to find another place, but he finally obtained board in the home of a converted Jew. He finds it very hard to go on with his school while believing in Jesus, for he must keep his faith secret and that troubles him. He hopes to begin to study the trade of tailor's cutter, in order to be free to speak about Christ whenever he has the opportunity.

The Wife of a Convert

We find it much harder to reach the Jewish women than the men with the Gospel. As a rule

they do not care to come to meetings, and they are uneducated and sadly ignorant of their own Scriptures. Few of them can read. It is not deemed proper for a stranger to speak to a Jewish woman so that it is very difficult to get them within hearing of the glad tidings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. A Gentile can scarcely imagine how much a Jewish convert has to endure from his unbelieving wife, and what patience it often requires to bear her bitter taunts and unkindness. But if he is steadfast and shows love in return for the bitterness, he may win her to Christ. We saw an illustration of this recently in the case of man, who, before his conversion, was accustomed to be much away from his home, and to show scant sympathy and kindness to his wife. Ever since he learned to know Jesus Christ, he has been a different man in his family, and has set aside one evening a week, when he would remain at home with this children and give his wife an opportunity to go out. This unexpected love and consideration in return for her unkindness astonished the poor wife, and touched her heart. She saw that her husband was a better man and allowed him to read to her from the New Testament and now she too has come to believe in Jesus Christ.

On Him

These two words, which are found in Isa. 53:6, "And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all," are expressed in Hebrew by one word, "Boh," and this word was the text from which one of the converts of this Mission preached to another Jew recently. This Christian Jew is a merchant, who has found in the Hebrew Scriptures wonderful light on the beauty of his new-found Saviour. They have become to him more precious than ever, and he greatly desires to have his five children instructed in them. Before his conversion he employed a Jewish teacher for his children and the same person continued to teach them afterwards. But one day, the thought occurred to him that he was "spending money for that which was not bread," (Isa. 55:2) for the blind teacher can only explain the Scriptures according to those old traditions which shut out every ray of light concerning Christ. One afternoon the tutor came to get the money due him for the month's teaching. After paying him, the Christian Jew began, and preached Christ to him, saying, to himself, "If I can only lead him to see that Moses and the prophets wrote about Jesus, he will be able to teach, not only my children, but many others, the way of life. He read him the 53d chapter of Isaiah, emphasizing every verse that refers to the suffering Saviour. "Now," said he to the teacher, "You know the Hebrew better than I, and can understand it far more clearly. Can you believe in Jesus the Messiah on the authority of Isaiah the prophet?" "No, no," murmured the teacher, shaking his head with scorn, "you have been terribly misled if you

mention that name (Jesus) in connection with the holy Scriptures." "But," said the earnest convert, "look here! whom does it mean when it says on Him)? Who is that person upon whom the Lord hath laid our iniquities?" "Well," replied the teacher, "all we have to know is the correct translation of the Hebrew words. I am not concerned to know to whom it refers." When the merchant saw that the teacher absolutely refused to see the truth, he was obliged to remove his children from his care. Please pray for this teacher.

A Sceptic Changed

A Russian Jew upon landing here about eight years ago, became an infidel. He had lost all regard for religion, because he thought it was religion which had brought such bitter sufferings on him and his people in Russia. But we became acquainted, and he began to attend the meetings, little by little the Word of God laid hold of his heart, until he saw his folly in being an infidel. But still he did not confess Christ, saying he could not feel right in his heart. Once I advised him to kneel down in prayer to God, and tell Him just what he had told me. He replied, "My children would laugh at me, and lose all respect for me, if they saw me kneeling in prayer. Ah, you do not know these American children! I told him to come and see me and all my children kneeling together in prayer, without any loss of respect from them. Sometimes it seems to me that the man is converted, and sometimes he betrays doubt. Please remember him in your prayers.

A Letter from Miss Marston

As it has been my privilege during the last weeks to visit the Holy Land and see something of Jerusalem and its surroundings, I have thought the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE might enjoy sharing in my experiences.

The verse "Give Him no rest until He make Jerusalem a praise among the nations," was continually in my mind while I was in that city, for the sadness and misery apparent on every hand was appalling and Jerusalem was indeed "trod-den down of the Gentiles," and above all places needs our prayers.

The desolation to come upon the land and the people as spoken of in Isa. 1-7, Jer. 44, because of their sins, has literally come true. In most places the country is rocky and barren, crops are raised with great difficulty, and the people are poor and sick. Beggary seems to be the chief and most successful occupation, though this condition is somewhat improving.

The Jerusalem of David and Solomon, and even the Jerusalem of the time of Christ, is really a dead, buried city, in some places covered with fifty feet of debris. This modern city has little that is interesting or attractive in itself, except the great over-powering thought that it stands

upon the site of the city which was of old God's earthly chosen habitation and where dwelt the Son of God when He tabernacled among man.

Most of the places of interest to Christians cannot be absolutely identified, but some sites seem unquestionably the true ones. We visited the Mt. of Olives with the Garden of Gethsemane on its slope, and the past was very real when some lepers sitting by the path, asked alms of us.

Just outside the Damascus gate beyond the road, is a small hill which very likely was Calvary, and below in a carefully kept garden is an unfinished rock tomb where may have laid the body of our Lord. Many people still "pass by" going back and forth to Damascus and the north or to Bethany and Jericho on the east.

A carriage trip of a day and a half to these latter places was one of great pleasure, and we realized as never before, what it meant to go "down from Jerusalem to Jericho," for the descent is nearly four thousand feet. As we stood on the shore of the Jordan just beyond Jericho, where Christ was baptized, we could see Mt. Pisgah, from which Moses "saw the land," to the south of us towering above the Dead Sea.

The Jericho of to-day, is a small, poor town and evidently the walls which fell down flat before Joshua, have never been rebuilt. We saw many blind men who needed healing as did Bartimaleus, and the sycamore trees reminded us of Zacchaeus and his meeting with the Lord.

On another day we drove over to Bethlehem, visiting the Church of the Nativity, and looking off on the field where "Shepherds watched their flocks by night."

While in Jerusalem, we were glad to learn of mission work being carried on among the Mohammedans and Jews. The Jews in that city are intensely Orthodox, and it seemed at first an impossible task to reach them, but one of the missionaries told me that the Lord had opened up the way in a remarkable manner. As in Brooklyn, only here in a very much greater degree, the need of industrial work is felt. The people are so terribly poor, that, if they name the name of Christ, they have absolutely nothing to live on, and the resources of the country are so limited compared with America, that there is no direction in which to turn. Will not all those who are interested in work among God's chosen people pray for the people and the missionaries, and the work in Jerusalem.

The saddest place in all that sad city, was, however, the Wailing Place where the Jews gather, especially on Friday afternoons, to lean against the walls of the old Temple and lament their sins, and the destruction of their city, and to ask God to restore the temple and its worship. One was reminded of the cry of Christ, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem."

The whole country of Palestine is a monument to the truth of the Word of God, and it is a great comfort to turn from the dark side of the picture and realize that as many prophecies have

been fulfilled, so others *will* be, and the time will come when the words of Isaiah and Zachariah will be true, and "Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth and the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof," and "the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains."

Dear friends, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

—ELLA T. MARSTON.

New Testament and Jews

It is indeed surprising with what eagerness the Jews who are reached by the Mission read the New Testament. "You see this book," says one Jewess, pointing to the Hebrew New Testament on the table of her dining room, "This is my husband's favorite little book, I must never remove it from its place. My husband is working hard and has long hours; he has no leisure as some people have, to sit down and read his paper. The only time he has for reading is at his meals, and this book must, therefore, be there at his plate, for he always reads it while he eats." When we remember that this same Jew two or three years ago would not have allowed this book, or any others that teach about Christ, to enter his house, his present attitude to the New Testament is something of a mystery to those who do not know the power of the Gospel. Another Jew is in the habit of carrying the New Testament to his work-shop, where he keeps it always on hand, so that when he has a chance he can read it. Unlike some other workers who after their lunch, taken in the shop, have a chat, a smoke, or some other diversion, he seizes his New Testament and reads a portion of it.

Little Items

The Rabbi Dead

Our friends will remember the aged rabbi whom we have spoken of several times in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. He is now in heaven. He trusted to the last in the Lord Jesus Christ. Before his death he expressed the desire to be buried in a Christian cemetery, for he supposed only real believers in Christ are buried in such a place, and he wished to be associated even in death, with Christ's followers, rather than with his own people who reject Him. As we were unable to carry out his wish, he had to be buried in the Jewish cemetery. His health had been gradually failing for the past three months, but when I last saw him, only a few hours before his death, he said he was feeling much better, and he was looking forward with eager anticipation to being able to go out once more into the streets among his people, to tell them of Jesus Christ. That night he passed peacefully and without pain, from the sleep here to that blessed sleep in Jesus.

Mr. Needleman

Interesting letters have been received from our brother Samuel Needleman, who is studying for the ministry, at Drew Seminary. Friends of the

CHOSEN PEOPLE will remember the appeal made in his behalf, some time ago. Nothing has been received for his support since the \$7.00 acknowledged in the last number of this paper, but he still continues his studies, under many difficulties. We sent him lately a package of tracts, which he is distributing among the Jews of Morristown and Summit. Some of them listen to him gladly, while others turn away or oppose him. Please pray for him and his family.

Mr. Neuawich

Our brother, Alex. H. Neuawich, who was reported ill, last month, has fully recovered his health, and recently paid us a visit. He spoke at several meetings at both Missions, and gave a beautiful testimony at the Sunday Evening Testimony Meeting. He expects shortly to resume his studies in Bridgeport, and to do mission work among his Jewish brethren in his spare time.

Befriended by Italians

Nine years ago, our Brother Duniansky was an unbelieving Jew, who came to our meetings to scoff and mock, and gave me more annoyance than almost anyone else. I dreaded to see him come into the meetings. Once I took him aside into my own room, and asked him to kneel down with me, but he refused. I knelt and prayed while he laughed at me. But God has given him a new heart, and now he believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, and is one of the most zealous witnesses for Him that we have, not only at the Brownsville Mission, but everywhere he goes—and he is greatly beloved by his fellow Christians at the Mission. One Saturday afternoon, not long ago, he went over to the DeWitt Memorial Church, where Brother Angel holds a meeting for Jews. On being asked, Mr. Duniansky gave his testimony. After the meeting, he was followed by a number of Jews, and on coming into a quieter street, they attacked him and pummeled him severely. His cries attracted the notice of some Italian workmen, who came to his rescue. On their coming up, the Jews dispersed, and he escaped without further injury. I saw him that evening; he had many bruises, especially on his head, where he had received some hard blows, but he was rejoicing that he was counted worthy to suffer for the name of Jesus.

The Old Prejudice

The Jews have never forgotten the terrible persecutions they endured in Spain centuries ago—when, amongst other tortures, they were branded on the arm with a hot iron in the form of a Cross. Many of them still believe that Christians serve the Crucified One by affixing this mark of the Cross to Jewish arms, and that children, especially are in danger from this. The Brownsville Mission has removed from the store we formerly occupied to the first floor of a dwelling house—one flight up from the street.

Many of the children in the neighborhood are frightened away from the schools, by being told that in this place, where passers-by can not look directly into the room, and where there are no large shop windows opening directly onto the street, the Missionary can more easily put the dreaded mark on the children's arms. However, while we regret the superstition which keeps many away, our schools already number more than we can supply teachers for.

Converts Gone Into the Country

On account of the new movement of the testimony meetings, many new difficulties have arisen. Some of the converts have lost their employment. Most of the tailoring is in the hands of the Jews who refuse to give work to a convert who publicly confesses faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Two of these, who have lost their work have gone into the country, where we have secured work for them on farms. This is a loss to us in their labors in the mission. We shall miss their words of testimony, and they will miss Christian fellowship out there. Please pray for them.

A Visitor

Mr. F. C. Gilbert, who assisted us in this work about three years ago, paid us a visit. He came into the meeting one Friday evening and addressed the large audience at the Williamsburgh Mission. All our brethren paid great attention to his Gospel talk, which they enjoyed very much. Mr. Gilbert has been desirous of doing mission work among the Jews in Boston, for some years and now expects to start work there some time this summer.

A New Assistant

As the demands of the work in the two fields have been increased, we were forced either to give up some branch of the work which would be a great loss to the cause of the Gospel, or to employ at least one additional worker. Now we have engaged Miss Marie Haag to assist us in the various ways on both fields of labor. Miss Haag knows German and will be able to make herself understood among our people. We are confident that our Heavenly Father will provide for her salary. We ask your earnest prayers concerning this matter.

Articles Received

Mrs. U. H. Sumner, a pair of mittens.

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