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Salutation

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

II Kings, 10 13.

My Dearly Beloved Friends:

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace." Num. 6: 24.

With these words I can clothe my heart's desire and prayer to God for every individual friend of this mission. For like Aaron who bore the names of the children of Israel upon his heart before the Lord continually, I always bear your names before our Heavenly Father. I admire every Christian whose heart is touched with the love of God to His chosen people. When I consider it in all its phases I think that there is nothing on earth or in heaven more beautiful than the spiritually adopted children of Abraham bringing the Gospel to the real but blind sons of Abraham. And as this is the last issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE which you will receive until the Fall I desire to salute you dear friends, with those holy words, and to show you how dear to my heart is every one who has shown the least sympathy for this Gospel work among my Jewish brethren.

HIS BLESSING

I am glad to report to you that the Lord has graciously blessed our witnessing of Him to our people during the last several weeks. As you read from the following pages the fresh news from the two mission fields you will be able to see that the risen Saviour Himself is now dealing with His own brethren in the flesh. His working power has been manifested in our midst, in some respects as in no other month. We praise Him for all that and we take courage, expecting to experience still greater blessings in the future.

THE SUMMER BEFORE US.

All people are glad when spring sets in, and are rejoicing over the advent of the summer. It is not so with us, however, for the summer is to your missionary like a high and steep mountain to climb because of the sad falling off of contributions during that time. As soon as the spring begins our funds begin to diminish, and as the sun goes on and on increasing his power of light and heat it seems that he strikes our treasury and burns out all that there is so that "there is nothing hid from the heat thereof." Ps. 19: 7. There is the burden of responsibility

to meet, the usual expenses, and the added burden of the great desire of spreading the Gospel more widely in the summer which is an auspicious time for so doing. For instance, there are thousands of Jewish families coming to Brooklyn for the summer to escape the poisonous atmosphere of the more congested parts of New York, and to these we could give out our tracts and New and Old Testaments. Thousands and tens of thousands whom we could also reach by the distribution of tracts, spend days and weeks at the sea-shore. Besides all that, our local Jewish brethren are more accessible in the summer when they are spending hours in the open air sitting on the stoops, sidewalks and in the squares, than during the winter when they are shut in and always busy. All these great opportunities must be seized upon, each in its own season, if we want to do an aggressive gospel work among these people who have been neglected for so many centuries. Therefore, you are earnestly requested to hold this matter up before God in prayer that His cause which is so dear to His heart should not suffer loss because of lack of means.

THE BUILDING

While praying to God for a full supply of these needs, we must not forget the building of which special mention is made on page 8, where the account of contributions is given. There you will see that there are some dear friends who have this matter deep in their hearts, and having a little of this world's goods, have contributed toward the building at the cost of denying themselves.

Since we began the testimony meetings, we have felt the need of a building more than ever before. The Lord has given us earnest converts who mean business. We can now easily organize a Jewish Christian Church, a thing which the Church of Christ has not seen since the days of the apostles. The only thing needed is a building for the many reasons already given in previous numbers. As soon as one Jewish congregation is started, its influence will go out with an intense force, and soon more Jews would follow the example. Let every friend pray and make full-fledged, whole-hearted attempts to meet this great need.

Let us all pray and hope that when this paper comes out again in October, it may contain a great shout of Hallelujah.

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.

Concerning Dr. Kelly's Offer

Dr. H. A. Kelly who offered fifty dollars as a prize for the best paper on the references in the Old Testament to the Messiah with their rabbinical interpretations, has written concerning the subject and suggests that this ought not to be a very voluminous or exhaustive piece of work, but perhaps a little pamphlet of about fifty pages simply giving a clear presentation of the facts. Thus far no one has communicated with us on this matter but we would like to hear as soon as convenient from any who have begun or are thinking of writing on this subject. The papers are not due until January first 1906.

An Example

Some people give various excuses for not subscribing to THE CHOSEN PEOPLE but we have others who being anxious to help the cause, even though they can do but little, deny themselves and send subscriptions to the paper. We make extracts from two letters recently received. A minister of the Gospel writes, "Please enroll me as a subscriber for your paper for one year. I wish I was able to help you in your work but I am only getting barely enough to live on myself. * * * * I have ever since my conversion been much interested in the Jewish people and it seems to me that we have neglected them more than we should have done."

Another friend writes: "Please find enclosed fifty cents in stamps. As I could not afford it, alone, I induced a friend to join me."

These two from a number of similar cases show that the Lord Jesus Christ is dwelling in

hearts out of which His love is flowing to the other members of His body.

The Heart of the World

In the sixty-seventh Psalm we find a prediction of the result of the conversion of the Jews, "God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him." As the heart sends out the life blood through its many arteries to the uttermost parts of the body so the Jewish people once converted, throbbing with the blessed life of Jesus their Messiah, will reach the very ends of the earth in a way no less mysterious than that of physical life. The same Master who ordained the beating of the heart, destined the Jews to be the means of converting the world. To endeavor therefore to bring the Jews to Christ is to bring the ends of the world to Christ.

Seeing is Believing

Is it not true that this old proverb still holds good even among Christian people?

Many who hear or read of Jews accepting Christ do not consider it true until they see the evidence with their own eyes, then they believe that the Gospel of Christ is powerful enough to save Jews as well as Gentiles. To illustrate this we quote the following extract from a letter written by a Hebrew Christian woman.

"My Dear Brother:—

It rejoiced my heart to see so many of our people willing to listen to you preach of Jesus of Nazareth. That was the first time I was ever in a place where so many Jews came to hear about Jesus as the Messiah. As you stood up preaching to them I thought of Paul and I thanked God for the blessed faith that was once delivered to our fathers, and has been the power of God to salvation. * * * They have been certainly neglected until now. Esther Levy."

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of Christ imbued with the spirit of his Savior feels toward Jew and Gentile alike. The true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, be he of whatever nationality, has a passionate desire to especially further the Gospel cause among the Jews, in order to make up the long neglect of the church of Christ in not giving the Gospel to the sons and daughters of Abraham. That is the reason of our unshaken confidence in the dear Christian friends. If they would only come to our meetings to see the earnest converts stand up for Jesus, witness the crowds that come to listen to the preaching of the Gospel, feel the foul air which we must breathe and which nearly every time gives us severe headaches, and realize how much more work could be done in a suitable house, we are convinced that they would soon help with all their might to put up the much needed building.

Incidents in the Work.

Six Baptisms.

In the March number of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE we gave the pictures and story of the conversion of Mr. Adolph Wexler and his family. We are now glad to relate that on Easter Sunday they were all baptised in the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, by the Rev. Dr. W. C. P. Rhoades; and to recall these friends more distinctly to your memory we will repeat the ages of the children. Ella, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wexler is twelve, Abraham is ten, Rosa nine, and Bertha five.

For the last two years it has been Mr. Wexler's greatest wish to have his wife and children join him in his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and confess Him publicly by baptism. There have been many difficulties in the way of bringing the Gospel light to the spiritual eyes of Mrs. Wexler. I am sure that some of those who read this have been praying for her conversion, as we requested, and now we all can join Mr. Wexler in thanks to our Heavenly Father for His goodness in regenerating her soul. For some time she has been studying the Scriptures and at last found Him of whom Moses and the prophets did write.

It was a day of much pleasure to Mrs. Cohn and myself when this dear family was buried in baptism. We can remember no happier day.

ROSA'S PRAYER

As Mr. Wexler lives in the Bronx, about two hours ride from our locality it was inconvenient for them to be present in the morning or evening, so it was thought best to arrange their baptisms for the afternoon, during the Sunday-school service. We invited the whole family to spend a few hours with us and before we went to the baptism we had special reading of the Scriptures and prayer. It was suggested that each one should offer a short prayer, and when Rosa's turn came we were thrilled by the words which came out of the mouth of a child of her age. Among other things she said: "This is the day that we remember when the Lord Jesus rose from the dead. Oh, that our people, the Jews, would rise from the darkness to the light of Jesus just as He rose from the dead to life. Make us walk to please Thee, oh, Lord, because our life is only a dream, but when we come to Thee we will be there forever. So let us rather work for that which is forever than that which is only a dream."

THE CENTER OF INTEREST

Of course, it was most interesting to the audience of about 1500 Sunday-school scholars to see this whole family baptised. But the interest reached its climax when Bertha, the five year old child, came forward. The pastor said that he had never baptised such a young person before and he hesitated to perform the

ordinance for Bertha, but her father argued, "Why she believes more than all of us." Even before Mrs. Wexler became a Christian, Bertha would argue, "Oh Mamma, how can you not believe in Jesus?"

Dr. Rhoades therefore was persuaded to have a talk with the child and we were glad to find that during the conversation she answered his questions promptly and correctly. "Do you love the Saviour?" "Yes, sir." "Why do you want to be baptised?" "Because Jesus was." "Are you afraid of the water?" "No, sir." After some other inquiries she was at once received as a candidate for baptism.

At the time appointed all went well until Dr. Rhoades plunged the child whom he kept in his arms, into the water. As this was an unusual experience, she cried out a little but still tried to repress her fright. On being carried out, her mother urged that she be dressed quickly fearing she might take cold, and she replied, "Jesus would not let me catch cold."

When she was crying, Mrs. Cohn, trying to quiet her, said, "Jesus doesn't want you to cry, Jesus wants happy girls." At once she stopped and began to talk in a cheerful tone.

ON THE WAY HOME

Bertha is a remarkable child for her age. On walking home with her sister she asked whether she was still a Jew or a Christian after the baptism. There was a difference of opinion among the young people and someone remarked that she mustn't talk so loud as others overheard. To this Bertha answered, "You must never be ashamed to talk about Jesus in the streets." The baby hit her, and another child would have resented it but she turned to Miss Fleishmann and said: "I wouldn't hit Frieda back again because it is written in the Bible that Jesus said you must do good to them that do you evil."

Mr. Wexler stayed over for our testimony meeting in the evening and addressed the audience, testifying to the power of the Lord Jesus in giving him courage to confess Him publicly, not heeding father, mother, brother, sister or any of his relatives who were living in the immediate neighborhood. Ella, Abraham and Rosa also gave short testimonies at this meeting.

Another Baptism

A young man of about twenty-one has been steadily attending our meetings for the past six months and from the first he has been very much interested. He is a Talmudic student from the old country and is therefore highly educated along that line. He also has a considerable knowledge of the prophets. When he heard of the prophecies concerning the Messiah he was at once aroused and began to inquire

after the truth with much earnestness. He read all the different tracts which we have in the Mission, studied the Hebrew New Testament and consequently accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour.

In telling of his experience during the first few months of his inquiry he said he often could not sleep at night for something stirred him up as he lay in bed. He would have to rise and light the gas and commence to study the Scriptures, looking up this or that passage. The thought of adopting a Gentile religion often kept him awake, troubling his heart and conscience because of his parents and relatives. He realized plainly for himself that he had now found the true religion which God gave to his ancestors but since his friends were blind and ignorant in this matter they would no doubt regard him as a traitor. This struggle in his heart kept him from a decision for some time. Finally he surrendered all his doubts and fears, cut his ties with his relatives and confessed the Lord Jesus.

He has had to suffer a few deprivations but they have not weakened his faith in the least. His sincerity and uprightness do not allow the shadow of a doubt as to his being born again. He was baptised Sunday evening, April thirtieth in the Marcy Ave. Baptist Church by the Rev. Dr. W. C. P. Rhoades.

The Testimony Meetings

The blessing of God has been continually resting upon our Sunday evening testimony meetings. Mr. Wexler has been at nearly every service and testified to the power of the Lord Jesus in bringing him and his family to acknowledge Christ as their Saviour. Mr. Wexler has to make quite a sacrifice to come to these meetings as he lives in the Bronx which is two hours away by the fastest trains. But the Lord has blessed his witnessing very much. One evening three Jews who had been attending the Mission for some time decided for Christ as a result of his testimony. One of them is a young man of about twenty-four, refined and educated. He stood right up in the crowded room and said that he too accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and felt happiness and peace in his heart.

Another was the husband of Miss Judlowitz, whose picture and story of conversion appeared in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE last October. They had been engaged before her conversion and although he refused absolutely to accept Christ for himself yet he still wished to marry her. Much prayer has been made by his wife and others for the salvation of her husband who unexpectedly told us that evening at the close of the meeting that he now believed in the Lord Jesus.

The third one was a Russian youth, ignorant of the Scriptures and reading very little Hebrew in which language he repeated his prayers not understanding the meaning of the words. He asked at the close of the meeting to be received into our fellowship as a Christian brother. On conversing with him on the subject of religion we found that he could read intelligently only in Russian so we bought him a Russian Bible and began to instruct him in God's plan of salvation, showing him his need of a Saviour and warning him against joining any Christian body for any other motive than that of personal salvation. He has been reading the Bible since and we hope that he will soon have both faith in and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

These testimony meetings have aroused the whole Jewish neighborhood in Williamsburg. Scarcely can two or three Jews meet without talking about these services. They say we apostatize hundreds of Jews every Sunday evening and the rabbis and leaders of the Jews have been urging their congregations to stop the flow of Jews toward that Mission. They have expressed the fear that the movement would affect all the Jews of Brooklyn sooner or later.

Please remember this meeting in your prayers.

A Most Impressive Testimony

To my mind, one of the most impressive testimonies given at our Sunday evening meetings was that of an aged Jewish brother and his wife. He had attended the services of the Williamsburg Mission since its opening but only lately had accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. During the week he asked Miss Fleischmann if I would allow him to speak at the meeting and after a few of the converts had given their testimonies I invited this aged brother to do as he desired.

He rose promptly with great enthusiasm, took his overcoat off quickly as if for a fight, stood in front of the platform facing the large audience and said: "Friends, I have been attending this Mission for over eight years. Each time I left a meeting I used to laugh at it all but lately something has come into my heart and turned it to love Jesus. Now remember friends that I am not a young man. I'm seventy-six years old and know too much to be deceived. I tell you friends, the Lord Jesus Christ whom I used to scorn has entered my heart and dwells there (beating with his hands over the region of his heart.) He has changed my whole being. I used sometimes to be cranky but now I'm always happy. I'm doing my work rejoicing. My wife is here with me and she can confirm my statements. I am

happy and I wish you all would accept the same Jesus whom I have accepted and you will all be saved as I am."

HIS WIFE.

Then his wife rose and she too gave a testimony of her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and of His power in changing and regenerating the hearts of men.

This aged couple asked to be baptized as they felt they must do the commandment of the Lord Jesus. Having been convinced of their thorough conversion I had no reason to refuse. Both of them were willing to follow the Lord under any circumstances. So as usual, arrangements were made for them to go before the deacons and pastor of the Marcy Ave. Baptist Church on a Friday evening. There they spoke concerning their faith in the same way answering all questions put to them in a very satisfactory manner. Although they know little English yet the Christian friends could see the joy of the Lord beaming out of their faces.

After their examination they were asked to tell their experience in the prayer meeting of the church; and they did so, the man placing his hand upon his heart and saying cheerfully: "I have Jesus Christ right here in my heart." It was decided that they be baptised the following Sunday evening.

The man was not ashamed or afraid to tell all his Jewish friends that he was going to be baptised and consequently their grown up children heard of it and were shocked. They came to their parents' rooms on Sunday afternoon and stayed there over night, watched them, begged them and threatened them so that it was impossible for the aged couple to leave the house. They, however, hope to be baptised some time in the future.

It does not disturb the Jews so much when a young man becomes a Christian but when a man of mature judgment changes his religion they feel very angry.

Another Aged Brother Testifies

Our friends have heard of Miss Lena Twersky, the girl who was converted in the Brownsville Sewing School and who has been studying at Northfield for the last two years. She has no mother but an aged father of about seventy who confessed Christ secretly about two years ago but has never dared to talk of Him outside of the Missionaries presence as his livelihood depends entirely upon the Jews with whom he does business. But Sunday evening, April thirtieth, he came to the testimony meeting and sent up word to the platform that if he were called upon, he would give a testimony. It is not our custom to do this but being his first speech he thought it more proper.

This suggestion was rather a surprise to me but thanking God for his boldness at last I complied with his request. When called upon, he did not stay in his place but came to the platform and began to speak, continuing for about fifteen minutes. The Jews having much respect for a hoary head, according to the commandment of God paid him the greatest attention. He soon showed that he had a decided talent for speaking which intensified the interest in his words. He briefly summed up the history of the Jews and their Messiah and uttered some very remarkable thoughts during the course of his talk. He spoke of the heaven and earth having been called as witnesses by God, Isa. 1-1, Deut. 32-1 and that when the people rejected their Messiah these witnesses could not be silenced, but the heavens transported the voice of God when He said, "This is my beloved Son." The earth, the second witness, when hearing the cry of the Saviour on the cross, shook and gave way, thrusting forth the dead, showing by this that Christ was not only the dying Son of God but the "resurrection and the life." The Holy Spirit foretold the earthquake and the opening of the graves when He said through David, "Tremble thou earth before the presence of the Lord." The name "Lord" in Hebrew is especially applied to the Messiah as in Psa. 110-1.

The old man's testimony was altogether effective and the words he spoke fixed themselves in the minds and hearts of all those present. These meetings frequently last until half past ten when we have to close almost against the wishes of many in the audience and even after that many refuse to leave the room but stand in groups discussing these subjects.

The Man in the Hospital

A few months ago we related the story of a Brownsville young man who was a teacher of Jewish children but who was refused scholars on account of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was left without a livelihood and suffered many things. Finally he had no money to pay lodgings and got permission of a builder to sleep in an unfinished building in return for acting as watchman. He caught cold and one of his eyes was badly affected. So we put him in a hospital where he has been until about a month ago. The doctor who examined his eye previously to his going to the hospital diagnosed the case as Iritis, saying it could be easily cured if properly treated. But in that hospital where they have mistreated many other cases, the poor young man only grew worse.

Instead of keeping him in his room, not speaking of staying in bed, they sent him out in the bitter cold weather to wash windows. That caused the trouble in his eye to increase

and the result was that the poor young man had to loose his eye. Above all he has not been able to secure any work as he does not know anything else than teaching Hebrew. The Jews in Brownsville who know him, are taunting him now, saying "What do the Christians do for you when you become an apostate?"

He has very little to eat, is shabbily dressed and has no home, but he has strong faith in the living Saviour Jesus. That fact may account for his many trials. Some Jews told him the other day; "We pity you brother, that you have come to be in such a condition. Give up your foolish belief in the Missionaries and the Crucified One. Come back to us and we will give you plenty of children to teach or some easy work and you will make a nice living. You are now convinced that those followers of the Christian faith only speak smoothly with the tongue and have no pity on you to help you. Come back to us."

To this the man replied, "I will not deny my Saviour Jesus even if I have to die in the street like a dog."

Notes by Miss Fleischmann

One Thursday when letting the children out of Sewing School, I noticed a gentleman watched them intently. He had the appearance of a clergyman and I freely answered his questions about the place, inviting him to enter.

"What is this place?" he asked.

"A mission."

"What kind of a mission?"

"A Christian mission for the Jews."

"What do you mean by that?"

"A mission supported by Christians to teach Jews about the Savior and lead them to accept Him."

"You want them to cease being Jews, forsake their religion and accept the Christian faith in its place?"

"No, sir. We endeavor to lead our Jewish people to accept the Messiah of the Jews and thus become true Jews."

"Why, here it says, 'don't believe Moses and the prophets,' pointing to a Hebrew sign.

"You have not read correctly." I read, "If ye believed Moses and the prophets, ye would believe me, for they testify of me."

I then recognized that he was a Jew and by his garb, a Rabbi.

"You are a Jew and a Rabbi?"

"Yes."

"My name is Miss Fleischmann," expecting he would give his name, but a bow was the only acknowledgment. "I'm a Hebrew Christian, a Hungarian by birth." This lady also is a converted Jewess.

"Then you do not believe in the God of your fathers and the scriptures any more?"

"On the contrary I believe more firmly in

Him and His holy word and strive the harder to keep it."

"Then you keep Yom Kippur?" (Atonement Day.)

"No, sir. Christ is my Atonement."

"Do you know what we call a person like you? An apicoris."

"I care not for the name I receive of my brethren, since God calls me his child."

"Have you ever read the New Testament?"

"Yes, plenty of it, but I will not believe it."

"That is the great misfortune, you *will not*. If you would, you could, for the truth is plain and the evidence clear concerning the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ."

"Kindly explain to me this passage." "Oh, I have not time to explain or argue with you. You people always want to argue."

Several attempts to quote Scripture were refused similarly.

"Then just tell me this: Why are we not in our own country?"

"Oh, do you not know that we people sinned against God?"

"Yes, we crucified our King."

I offered him the tract written by Mr. Cohn, *To both the Houses of Israel*, but he refused it, saying, "I would not take time to read it nor believe it."

"You are positive that Jesus is the Messiah?"

"Yes, positive."

"Is there anything that could make you change your mind?"

"Nothing on earth could make me change my faith in God through Christ, or replace the peace He gives."

May God open this man's eyes that he may see and become a true leader, not a blind leader of the blind.

Our Williamsburg Sewing and Sunday Schools are in a very prosperous condition. Each has a staff of six teachers and a good average attendance.

At Sewing School we have finished a study of the life of Christ and the children repeat the verses for the lessons from memory, also the 23rd, 100th and the first Psalms and the ten commandments. Many of the children have confessed Christ in our meetings and some in their homes. As a result quite a few are not allowed to come back but we hope that the good seed may remain and grow in their hearts. We sow in faith, others will some day reap. The sewing school and dispensary are good entering wedges into the homes. Many hundreds have been treated in our dispensary which is open three times a week. While they are waiting for the coming of the doctor we speak to them of the great Physician, sometimes play and sing hymns or conduct an impromptu meeting after a day or two they are called upon in their homes, tracts are left and invitations to the

evening meetings given. Many respond to them.

Our evening meetings are all well attended and if we had a large, airy building, no doubt it would be filled with men, women and children anxious to hear the word of God. At present the children have to be excluded from these meetings because of lack of room.

I am so glad that we shall again have sterilized milk from the Children's Aid Society this summer. Many children lives have been saved by the use of it and mothers are anxiously inquiring whether they may have it again.

The attendant of the milk dispensary is a convert of this mission and calls at their homes, telling them of the Savior.

One of the milk babies died last summer and as they had no doctor they came to us for advice. We telephoned for the coroner and helped in the home to the best of our ability. While waiting for his arrival, so as to act as interpreter, we spoke to the family of the life to come and the loving Savior.

The son was a most earnest listener. He came to our services and listening to the voice of the Savior, gave himself up and was received. He in turn has become a teacher. An old uncle of his has been a very troublesome attendant of the mission for eleven years. The young man has persuaded him to come appearing neat and clean and also to be well behaved.

Others have told us that he spends his evenings with his uncle expounding the scriptures.

How we did rejoice last Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Wexler and four of their children followed the Lord in the ordinance of baptism.

"Now thanks be to God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place."
—GISELA FLEISCHMANN.

Greeting and Farewell

After a prosperous and delightful trip on the Mediterranean it is most pleasant to be able to write this word of greeting from our own favored land where Jew and Gentile have the advantages of the Gospel of Christ.

On my first visit to the Sewing School after returning home, the children were quite enthusiastic in their reception and though they were comparatively few in number that day, yet their welcome was none the less hearty and enjoyable. At the close of our sewing session, I told the girls something of my Palestine trip and what I saw around Jerusalem referring to the history of the Jews as an explanation for the condition of the country. Then I gave each one a little package of earth which I had brought them from Jerusalem as a souvenir of that city, dear to every Jew. In America

there is quite a trade in Jerusalem earth, for one great desire of the Jew is to die and be buried there—and if that is not possible there at great cost his family procures some of the revered earth and places it under the head of the deceased person. Knowing the interest and value which they put upon the common earth of this place I decided that would be the most satisfactory memento, I could bring them.

When I presented the earth some of the children were rather amused at the gift (and I could not blame them), but they all eagerly took it and after examining it to see how it differed from that with which they were accustomed and even *smelling* it they took it home to their parents. A woman who happened to be in the room and to whom I gave a package, afterwards said to one of the other teachers, "Thank God that that lady ever thought of bringing us this dirt."

The school has gotten along most successfully for the past three months even though Mrs. Hilton the head teacher was ill for a number of weeks. With the advent of warm weather the attendance will no doubt somewhat decrease but before very many more weeks the school will close for vacation. And so before I say good bye for the summer may I again remind you of our annual excursion which we've had every July for a number of years. The Sewing School girls always look forward with joyous anticipation to that happy day's outing and talk about it for weeks in advance and we most sincerely hope that they will not be disappointed this year. We feel sure, however, that they will not, but that this simple reminder will be quite sufficient to elicit our usual generous contributions.
—ELLA T. MARSTON.

A Letter From A Jew

(A Literal Translation from the Hebrew.)

"To whom is woe, and to whom is sorrow?" (Prov. 23: 29). Is it not to thee, who hast erred like a lost sheep. One uncircumcised gave me thy edition called "The People The Chosen," and I read there very wicked things. 'Thou hast stretched thy mouth to evil. Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother, but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.' (Ps. 50: 19). Thou praisest the Gentiles (Christians) more than the Jews. Art thou lacking knowledge, or art thou crazy? 'Behold a lying tongue is out for a moment' (Prov. 12: 19). Doest thou not know that Israel are the children of mercy, and it is the reverse with the Gentiles? Has thou not heard when the great wise man, Dr. Herzl, blessed be his memory, appealed, the hearts of the poor Jews were willing to give him silver and gold to one treasury, in order to rebuild Zion quickly in our days? Fifty million dollars he collected from the poor

Jews. And if it be true what thou hast written that the Gentiles and their faith are better, why do not they give thee fifty thousand dollars to build that house that thou wishest to have for thyself and for the other apostates who follow thee and whom thou didst proselyte? This was not, and was not created, and will not be. The Gentiles did not build a house for Jews in the past and will not build in the future. And if the thing will be and will come to pass, that the Gentiles will build thee this house that thou art wanting, a thing impossible, then will I also do a thing impossible, namely, I will follow thee in thy footsteps, and my God shall be my God. But as far as the East is from the West so far has the Crucified One removed the hearts of the Gentiles from the Jews. And how long wilt thou be a fool to cleave to the enemies of thy brothers and sisters? And also thou hast done more wickedly to draw after thee many from among Israel to mix up with the Gentiles and learn of their works." Signed, M. LIEBMAN.

(The letter is much longer, but the reader can guess it all).

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If we should measure the future by the things of the past we would have as much hope for the realization of the needed Building as has the Jew who wrote us the letter (see page 7). But we have in Christ the Wisdom and power of God who not only changeth the times and seasons (Dan. 2: 21), but also the hearts of men: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5: 17). The Christian, like his master who gave Himself freely for all making no racial or national distinctions, has no limited mind. The follower

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