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Salutation

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

II Kings, 10, 13.

My Dearly Beloved Friends:

In saluting you this time I pray that He who commanded the Light of the world to shine out of the darkness of the grave, will give you a cheerful heart, a sweet and satisfied soul and a rejoicing spirit, bearing in mind His salutation saying, "All hail," the Greek word of which is, "Rejoice ye." Amen.

THE PAST MONTH.

By the grace of God we have spent another month in the Lord's vineyard, He being the Head going before us, teaching, guiding and instructing us day by day in all things. It has pleased Him again to give us some encouragement along the line of the power of His Gospel unto salvation. We have been privileged to hear over a dozen new confessions from Jewish lips that the Lord Jesus is the promised Messiah, and therefore the Son of God.

The steady progress which the Gospel is making among my Jewish brethren is a certain indication pointing to the near future when "they shall look upon Him whom they have pierced." However, while we are rejoicing over these tokens of His working power in our midst, our joy is not complete. I say *our* joy because I know that every worker in the Jewish field feels the same way in this respect.

JEWS AND MISERY.

We are grieved over the misery of the Jews. Rumors come from Russia by cables, letters and otherwise, to the effect that while the Jews are making the usual preparations for their Passover, the Gentiles there are preparing for a general massacre. Like the rumbling sound of the inward boiling volcano which frightens the neighboring inhabitants, so the evidences of the murderous intentions of the wicked Russians cause poor Jews to fear and tremble. It is reported that while there always used to be a feeling of terror among the Jews at the time of Easter yet there has never been before such an awful foreboding as there is at present. Jews who have managed to escape from Russia lately, describe their condition in the words of Deut. 28-67, "In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! And at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see." "All these things," the Jews say, "come upon us in the name of that Crucified One and yet the Missionaries want us to believe that He is the Prince of Peace and our

Messiah. We had Moses, Elijah, and many other great prophets but not one has been the means of bringing persecution upon us as has He."

DUTY DEVOLVING UPON US.

I believe that every true follower of the Lord Jesus will feel with us and see what a stumbling block this is in the way of bringing the Gospel home to their hearts. It is therefore one of the chief duties of every Christian to pray earnestly and instantly that those nominal Christians who are murdering in the name of Him who is Love, shall cease from persecuting this people before whom they present a gross caricature of Jesus, the Messiah, the Prince of Peace. In the meantime, we can, by the Grace of God, make the light so shine as to cause them to forget that darkness in the admiration of this marvelous light. We can, by the Grace of God spread roses over the thorns that the Russians are placing in the path of the Jews, and we can put healing balm in their ghastly wounds. The Jews here as well as everywhere feel the sorrows that come upon their brethren there very keenly, and if the love of Christ is made real to them here it will be transmitted to those over there, for the Jews are one body all over the world.

THE CHANNEL OF TRANSMISSION.

If the visible Church of Christ is going to recognize her place in the plan of God "to provoke them (the Jews) to emulation," Rom. 11-11, then her only way of transmitting the light of the Lord Jesus Christ, is through the Mission, her channel, and yet as a church she has been looking at the arena of Jewish Missions in which some earnest workers have been struggling against great difficulties which at last have overcome them to whose help she did not come and instead sits in criticism upon Jewish Christians and Missions.

This Mission has been struggling for the last twelve years. What would the developments have been if the brothers and sisters in Christ had come to our help ten years ago, putting up a suitable building in each field, furnishing needed workers, supplying all the tracts and literature necessary and equipping the various departments which we have often pointed out as essential to the Gospel work in these modern days?

May our Blessed Saviour fill at this time each heart with new throbbing life for Him and His cause among His own people. Amen.

Yours in the Gospel,

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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.
Friday—Gospel meeting, Williamsburg, 8 P. M.
Saturday—Gospel meeting, Brownsville, 3.30 P. M.
Gospel meeting, Williamsburg, 8 P. M.

Balak and Balaam

When the Children of Israel came out of the land of Egypt fleeing from persecution two impressions of their exodus are recorded. In Num. 22-11 Balak is reported to have said, "Behold there is a people come out of Egypt which covereth the face of the earth," suggesting by the words that he was filled with jealousy and hatred and thought that the exodus of the Hebrews was simply a chance happening of their own doing. But in Num. 23-22 when Balaam was possessed with the spirit of God he said, "God brought them out of Egypt" suggesting the certain purpose that was behind all their movements.

The continual flow of Jews fleeing from bitter persecutions to find shelter in this country again causes people to take sides with Balak or Balaam; for one class cannot see the Providence of God behind the scenes and so are moved with a spirit of jealousy, but others possessed with holy insight exclaim "It is God who drives them into this country. They plainly see the Hand which is desirous of bringing the Jews from contact with priest-ridden Christianity into the midst of Bible Christianity. Those who view the matter from the latter standpoint are the ones who help bring the Gospel to these long neglected, lost sheep of the House of Israel.

The New Tract

While we have not been able to reprint from the plates as many tracts as we had expected we are glad to tell the friends that not only has it been distributed in the Jewish homes in this city but also it has gone to nearly every

state in the Union. Christian friends from all parts of the country have applied for "The Voice of Him that Crieth" that they might hand it to Jews and we trust that in this way the Lord will bless the contents to many. We have also sent a number of tracts to Russia through Mr. Rosenzweig, while others have gone to England and Scotland. About ten thousand have been distributed and we are now without any, but as the demand is great we will look unto Him for another supply.

An Interpretation

Our friends will remember that an article appeared in the January number of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE telling of a dream of one of our Jewish girls about an angel in the form of a daughter of Abraham who appeared to her showing a river of water into which she bade her enter, etc. The Rev. W. S. Westbrook sends us an interpretation of the dream which, though we regret the interval since the account, we give, trusting that it will be of much interest to the readers. He writes as follows:

"In the Old Testament Israel is frequently represented under the figure of a woman, Jehovah is spoken of as husband and Israel as wife. In the New Testament this figure is continued. The Church is represented as a woman; Jesus is called the bridegroom and the church the bride.

Paul, in Rom. 4-11 and Gal. 3-29 called all those that accept Jesus by faith, the seed of Abraham. Continuing this figure then, this seed, the Church would be the daughter of Abraham, the bride of the Lamb.

No other allegory would be so apt to gain the confidence of the Jewish people and be in such perfect accord with the Scriptures. The Church, this daughter of Abraham, the bride of the Lamb is calling to Israel to return from the dry and barren desert of unbelief and partake of the water of life, as it is written: "The Spirit and the bride say, Come, *** and whosoever will let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22-17. In the first of the chapter, salvation by faith in Jesus is presented by the figure of a river. "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal proceeding out of the Throne of God and of the Lamb." This was the river that the daughter of Abraham bade the maiden enter."

A Mandolin Orchestra

Mr. Orah Heend with a number of friends entertained the audience of the Williamsburg Mission most pleasantly one evening by playing after the close of the preaching some very delightful hymns on their mandolins. Then Mr. Heend said that he especially enjoyed coming to the Mission where he found his Saviour.

Incidents in the Work

The New Organization

As reported in the last number, our organization consisting of the converts of the Mission holds its regular meetings every second and last Monday of the month. We have been greatly encouraged in this undertaking for we have felt that the Spirit of the Lord was in our midst. We have formulated some By-Laws and given the organization a name expressed in two Hebrew words, "The Mevasser Tov Association," which is taken from Isa. 52-7, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings," the title signifying, "Publisher of Good Tidings," for it is the chief object of this society to spread the Gospel among the Jews wherever and whenever possible.

Miss Sussdorff, the Treasurer is glad that the members of the Association have contributed quite liberally during the short time of its existence, for she has now over six dollars in the Treasury. The money is given for the purpose of maintaining the relief work of the Association for the brethren in case of accident or sickness.

OUR MEMBERS.

Every meeting held so far has evidenced a spirit of love and unison. We have received since starting, three new members, two being admitted at once and one on probation. Only one Jewish woman is included in our number as most of them cannot leave their children.

We are looking for great developments ere long, since though the beginning is small we feel the Lord's hand is in it. If all the present members continue with us in prayer to God and in loyal and faithful co-operation we may be sure under God's guidance to have a large Jewish Christian Church in the future. Of course there are many difficulties to overcome, persecution without and Satan within, so we are not looking at that side of the matter but having faith in the Almighty Power of the Lord Jesus Christ and submitting all things to His will, we take courage from the fact that the brethren are willing to expose themselves to trials and do whatever the Lord shows for the spread of the Gospel among the Jews. Will not all the dear friends hold this small beginning up before God in continual prayer?

An Aged Jew

One morning as I visited an enquirer who is a shoemaker I sat in his store while he was working and talked to his wife and him explaining some verses from the New Testament. In came a Jew with a long, white beard, a cheerful face and altogether appearing like a patriarch. In his hand he carried a tin box on which was an inscription saying, "Offerings for the Talmudic Students in a Rabbinical College

in New York." Realizing what this meant I addressed him saying, "You are Ossek Bemitzvah" (a Hebrew colloquial meaning one who is busying himself with a good deed. The Jews as a people believe that through good deeds they will get to heaven no matter what wrong one has done in his life.) "Yes," said he, "and would you like to have a part in this good deed?" I said "Certainly," and handed him a coin which bought a bow and thanks from the lips of the aged, pious Jew.

Then I asked if he thought this act would bring him to Heaven which he was evidently nearing and whether it would answer the breaking of God's law which he must have done in some points. He dropped his head in deep thought, then said that he hoped God would give him a part in Heaven after he had passed the usual twelve months in Hell.

THE EFFECT OF AMERICA.

"If only I had not come to America," he continued in a tragic tone, "I would surely have escaped even that time in Hell, for my sons would have remained pious Jews and would have said Kaddish (prayers by children for their dead parents to save them from Hell) for me. But now, oh now, my son who is here in America does not follow in my steps and consequently will hardly say Kaddish over me, and even if he did I fear it would not be accepted for he does not live as a Jew should."

As I looked in to his face which had suddenly taken a sad expression I could see the broken heart of the dear old man and felt more anxious than ever before to save a soul and give him the comfort of knowing that Christ bore all the consequences of our sins. Then I told him that as a Jew I found out from the Scriptures that the Messiah was killed for our sins and that we need not trust in Kaddish or a son or in good deeds, which in God's sight are as filthy rags, but in the sacrifice of our Messiah by which we will surely inherit eternal life. I did not mention Christ's name but simply spoke of the Messiah, quoting from the Jewish prayer book a short prayer for the Day of Atonement which plainly says that our Messiah has been wounded for our transgressions.

The old man remembered the prayer but from long usage it had become a meaningless form especially since it is in Hebrew which very few thoroughly understand. The meaning was a new startling revelation to him. I then quoted the Scripture concerning the passage and in a short time had preached the Gospel from beginning to end. He said again and again, "I believe, yes I believe. I do not want the Kaddish any more" and he seemed as bright and happy as when he came in.

FURTHER PROGRESS.

The shoemaker reported to me the next day that after we had parted the aged brother came in and asked him to request me to come to his home as he wanted to learn something fur-

ther about the Messiah. I did so and found a very respectable house which showed at once that the man was worthy of the trust put into his hands to collect money for the Talmudic students.

He was really in earnest about his soul and when I explained the Way of Life more perfectly telling him plainly of Jesus Christ he entrusted himself entirely to His care.

An Answer to Prayer

One of the converts who lives in Brownsville and of whose conversion we told in *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* about two years ago, related to me an incident which lately was his privilege of experiencing. He and his wife are devout lovers of the Lord Jesus Christ and he has been baptized though she has not yet been able to do so. A little while ago she became ill and had to be taken to the hospital where it was said there was little hope of her recovery. The man was left alone with his five little children to care for while his anxiety and worry were greatly increased by his wife's dangerous condition. Friday evening came when she was wont to light the Sabbath candles according to the Jewish tradition which makes this duty one of the three main commandments to be observed by women.

A BRIEF EXPLANATION.

The ceremony of candle lighting consists in lighting as many candles as there are members in the family, every Friday evening just at sunset as the Sabbath begins. This is observed very scrupulously, and while doing so the woman pronounces a blessing and when finished, all the candles in their silver or golden sticks are placed on the supper table where she offers a silent prayer.

This custom originated with the great rabbis who urged the Jews to make the Sabbath a "delight" by eating the best foods possible, drinking wine and having plenty of light in their rooms in the evening. As it is regarded a sin to light even a match on the Sabbath which commences at sunset on Friday, they issued a decree that candles be lighted the beginning of the Sabbath and not when darkness made them necessary. This was at a time when there was no gas or electricity, only glasses of oil with floating wicks or some kind of lamps needing constant attention. But even to-day the Jews all over the world continue the custom of using candles although there are plenty of lights not needing attention.

A CONVERT'S FRIDAY EVENING.

On this evening referred to above, the father and his children sorely missed the mother when the time came to light the candles, and the little ones began to ask who should perform that great and precious rite. There is always in every Jewish house an atmosphere of respect and deep solemnity as the Sabbath is ushered in, mingled with joy and pleasure over the good food prepared. This convert has realized

that the ceremony of candle-lighting meant little to him as the Lord Jesus was his Light as well as that of the world, but unwilling to withdraw this pleasure from his wife and children, the custom was continued. His heart was filled with compassion over the great longing of the children for their mother, so with heaviness of heart and with tear-dimmed eyes he fetched the candlesticks, provided the candles, and comforted his dear ones by telling them he would light them. As he talked, he told them that the Lord Jesus is the Light of the world, and that if they would all pray earnestly in His name, their mother would be healed and she would come home for next Friday and perform the ceremony as before. All agreed and said, "Yes, you ask Jesus to bring Mama home." His heart was very much touched and he prayed with an earnestness never before known.

The next day he received word from the hospital that his wife was coming home as her condition had decidedly changed and though the day before there were grave doubts of her recovery, she was now well enough to be discharged. One can easily imagine the joy of the children when they ran into the arms of their mother who had been so miraculously brought to them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A Young Man Converted

A young Jew of about twenty-four used to come frequently to the meetings, as a rule spending most of the time laughing and making fun of the singing and preaching. Often we asked and pleaded with him not to do it, but all in vain. So we left him alone and just prayed for him. We found the wisest thing was to always give him a front seat at the meetings so that others should not be disturbed or infected with his frivolity.

One evening after a meeting he approached the janitor who was a converted Jew himself and said, "I'd like to speak to Mr. Cohn but am ashamed to as I've behaved so badly at the meetings and he has tolerated me so long. I want to tell him that I am very sorry for my past conduct and I will never do it again." The janitor brought him to me and I was utterly surprised to see the young man so changed. When I asked him what had caused this and made him regret the past he answered promptly, "Jesus, the Messiah." "Do you believe in Him now?" "Yes sir." "What made you believe in Him," asked I, "Was it the preaching?" "No," he said, "for I always laughed at the preaching. But one evening as I left the meeting, where I had created a good deal of disturbance, my heart began to ache over something I knew not what. I went home to my room, but it still kept on aching so that I began to cry because I could not help myself, until it occurred to me that it must be true as you said that there is no peace to the wicked who are under sin and have no forgiveness through the Lord Jesus

Christ. Then I began to pray to Jesus that He would heal my heart and forgive my sins. That quieted me at once and I then found that the Lord Jesus is the Son of God as you preached.

I want to ask you to pardon my past behavior for I will never do so again. I want to be baptized and so become one of your people." I told him that he must wait for a while until I could test his steadfastness before he was baptized.

Excluded from Business

The boom of property is still very great in Brownsville for as usual wherever the Jews come the value of real estate rises. Houses have changed hands many times, owners transferring contracts at a slight advance, say ten dollars, from one to another until the price has increased tremendously.

Recently there was an acre of land for sale but as it required quite a sum of money to secure the contract, a number of the small real estate dealers banded together taking equal shares in the enterprise which seemed to be a great bargain. They quite willingly received into their union all kinds of Jews, even some of the worst religious characters, as long as they had the needed amount of money to contribute. Among them was a converted Jew who is not ashamed of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ but is always telling it where there is opportunity. Some of the men however did not know of his conviction and so included him. But when it came time to draw up the agreement which each one had to sign, one of them noticed the name of the Jewish convert. "Oh," said he, "I would not put my name under that one. Why he's an apostate." This was quickly communicated to all the rest and with one accord they agreed they would rather not get the bargain at all than have that apostate as one of them, for he certainly would bring bad luck.

So the poor brother was excluded from the list and the acre of land was bought without him. There is now about one thousand dollars profit in view for each member.

A Great Uproar in Brownsville

In my visiting one day I came to a house where a number of neighbors had gathered to have a talk with the Missionary. While I was thus engaged a man came in who has been in this country for over twenty years, speaks English and appears to be quite intelligent. When he heard me telling of the Lord Jesus Christ he stood up and protested, saying, "Do you know that it is not lawful to talk about Jesus in America?" "How so," said I? "I never heard that." "Why," he returned, "are you a stranger here? Don't you know what happened in a school in Brownsville?"

Then all of them began to corroborate his statement, shouting, "Yes, yes it's true. It is

not allowable to speak of Jesus in America for the people are not so foolish as to believe in Him." I asked again where they had ever heard of such a law or custom and tried to say that I had been in America for the last thirteen years during which I had met many American people certainly more than they had, and I had seen, heard and read that the noblest men and women who had done the greatest good for humanity were those who believed in and worshipped the Lord Jesus Christ. But they did not wish to accept my remarks for they said there was a fact which contradicted me, and at last told the story which, of course, was a familiar one.

WHAT HAPPENED.

Christmas time last year the Principal of a Public School in Brownsville gave a little talk to the girls about Christ saying that He was an example which everyone ought to follow. This so displeased one Jewish girl that she rose and said she objected to such remarks. At once the excitement spread to the whole school and it was greatly intensified by the parents and friends of the girls who heard the story at the close of the day. As a result of the occurrence a meeting of the Board of Education was demanded at which two thousand persons were present. Hatred and indignation so controlled the Jews that they finally called in the police and demanded the arrest of the Principal and the teachers that sided with him, but this the police refused to do. Two other meetings equally stormy and tumultuous were held, all Brownsville taking an active part in suppressing the despised Christian religion. The final decision has not yet been reached but it is probably that on account of this strong feeling the Principal will be discharged.

This was the story told me with great emphasis for these people felt it was a proof that persons ought not to talk of Jesus because they were smart enough not to believe in Him. I explained to them that the American people not wishing to have any quarrels or troubles resulting from teaching a different view of religion from that of other denominations had decided not to teach any religion at all in school. This was not to exclude especially teaching about Jesus but all kinds of religious tenets. This however they could not understand for they argued that if the Americans were religious Christians like the Russians they would pay no attention to outsiders but would let those who were not pleased go back to Europe. Even the Jewish papers have been writing articles on the subject showing triumphantly that it is only the Jewish Missionaries who have apostatized from their religion, who preach and teach about Jesus because they regret their step and want to induce others to join them. But the Christians themselves do not care to teach Jews about Jesus as they do not really believe in Him themselves.

All Jews who read such reports and do not mix with true Christian people from whom they can learn by experience of the reality of their belief in Christ, are of this opinion. But our Heavenly Father can over-rule all for His own glory. Please remember this matter in your prayers.

Relieving the Distressed

As I closed a meeting one evening, a man who had been a regular attendant for some time asked me to send a doctor to a Jewess neighbor of his to whom he had talked some time ago about the preaching he had heard in the Mission and thus had made friends with her. He said she was very sick and had no one to care for her and if I could help her it would confirm his statement to the neighbors that there was much if not all the truth in the Missionaries' preaching.

So I took a physician and going to the home found an old Jewess of sixty-eight lying in a semi-conscious condition. She was swollen beyond recognition and was muttering unintelligible words. She had been thus for ten days with no one but her old husband of nearly eighty who was so weak and frail he could scarcely drag himself to attend to her. There was no money in the house and no gas in the rooms which were very dark being in a basement. The doctor examined, prescribed and a little money was left. Then, as we were about to leave, groans were heard from the adjoining room. We asked who it was and were told that it was a man who was sick. A lamp was lighted and we were led into the next room: large enough only to hold a broken lounge and a chair.

A SAD STORY.

On the lounge lay a man of about thirty-five who had come to America some years ago leaving his family in Russia. He worked hard to save enough to send for his wife and children until one day he fell from a moving van on which he was working and broke his leg. He was taken to a hospital where he was operated upon and when somewhat better was discharged with a brace on his leg. The poor man could hardly walk, as he was not entirely cured, so he sat down on the steps of the house where he once used to live. All his money was gone, there was no relative or friend to help him and he was simply left to die in the street.

This old couple took him into their dark cellar out of pity and now had come to the point where all would have died of starvation and sickness if we had not ministered to them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

OTHER NEEDY ONES.

Another Jew attending the Mission asked me to help one of *his* neighbors whom he was anxious to bring in touch with the Gospel. I went over, right after a meeting, accompanied by my Assistant and the man. There we found a father

and mother with seven children. The man had been a vice-rabbi in a synagogue but owing to friction between two sects he had lost his position. He was not used to asking for charity and did not know any kind of manual labor so he was left in a most deplorable condition. They are a very respectable family, educated and refined and it was a delight to see the clean rooms and to look into the children's faces.

But there was absolutely nothing in the line of food or clothing in the house the only pair of shoes being owned by the father so that he might go out. He had tried to learn a trade in two weeks but after he had learned it, was given only seventy-five cents for a week's work. He took the money to his grocer as a part payment on his bill, but the man, a Jew himself, refused to take it telling him to keep it as it was his blood money. Out of respect to the educated man and to the honored family, the grocer, the butcher and the landlord would not annoy him for some time. But everything must come to an end.

Then again we had the opportunity of showing Christian kindness by helping him out in the time of their great trouble. A week later a little boy who now had a second hand pair of shoes came to the Mission with a note from his mother saying that again they had nothing to eat. Being sure that the case was a worthy one, who could withhold bread from those for whom God had provided through the kindness of His children?

Yet these are but specimen cases!

Items of Interest

Mr. Adolph Wexler who we believe has been known by the readers ever since the picture of his noble family appeared in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE at the time of their baptism, has been able, on account of the great distance, to attend but two of the testimony meetings on Sunday evenings. His words however have been with great power as the Jews knew him well for many years before his conversion. Although he is very busy yet he is personally active in Christian work among the Jews in New York, and has gathered around him other converted Hebrews who as a body are trying to reach their blind brethren by preaching and personal talks.

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Mr. Orah Heend is doing a good work in his spare evenings in connection with the church on 102nd St., N. Y., where I used to hold meetings for Jews about two years ago. Mr. Heend goes out in the street, stops at a corner, plays his mandolin and attracting a crowd of Jews around preaches Christ to them, inviting them to the church. The young man is full of zeal and activity. A number of snow-balls were thrown at him while preaching but he says he liked them. He went personally to the Mayor of the city and secured a permit as a street preacher. Let us hold him up in prayer.

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Mr. Samuel Hurowitz, who is doing Mission work among the Jews in Newark, has been to our meetings several times lately, reporting that God's blessing is accompanying his labors there. We are glad to know this.

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Mr. Alexander Neuawitch, who has been studying since his conversion three years ago, has now entered the Jewish Mission field in Pittsburg, to assist Mr. M. Reuben. On his way there he paid us a visit Friday evening, March 30, and spoke to the audience at the Williamsburg Mission relating his experiences and saying that although he once hated to hear about the Crucified One now nothing could separate him from the Lord Jesus Christ, not even the offer of all the world.

The people were much impressed with his testimony in the place where he first heard of Christ. We are confident that his assistance to Brother Reuben will prove a great blessing.

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We have not the space in this little paper to report all the items of interest but we are glad to say that there are other converts who are trying to do personal work among the Jews. With burning zeal they are publishing the name of the Lord Jesus among their still blind brethren and are living proofs of the fact that the Holy Spirit is working in this corner of His vineyard.

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The Sunday Schools in both Missions are doing nicely and we have nearly sufficient teachers. Especially has the Williamsburg School been blest of God very much. Lately we have begun to take collections and the envelope system has been introduced. It seems to work well as the scholars of each class are vying with one another to see which will have more in their envelope.

Miss Kloepfel and Miss Bryant are in charge of the Brownsville school and though this has been started but recently the attendance is quite good.

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The Williamsburg Sewing School which is held on Thursday afternoons is being carried on in a profitable way though teachers are few there. It is under the management of Miss Clara Pope, who assumed this only a short time ago and so little has been said of this Branch.

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Of the Brownsville Sewing School we are sorry to report that Mrs. Skidmore, one of our oldest teachers and a most faithful friend, is leaving us on account of moving out of the city. Mrs. Skidmore has had a class of the older girls in the school for a number of years and they will greatly miss her helpful words and friendly counsel. We are glad that she has seen some

fruit of her labors for a number of her girls are thoroughly impressed with the truth of the Gospel.

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It is very interesting to see a number of the girls of the Brownsville schools who come to the Saturday afternoon meetings to sing as a choir. Some of them used to be very bitter against Christianity, but now they are changed and listen attentively to the preaching, even better than many grown-up people. Miss Kloepfel is the choir mistress and leads them in the singing. Some of the girls have been rebuked by prejudiced Jews for giving their services to Jesus in this way but they pay no attention to these words and continue coming.

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It is most encouraging to the teachers of the schools to see such changes in their scholars as betokens a regeneration of heart. Sometimes they have been even privileged to hear the bold confession, "I believe in Jesus" and to say this in the presence of other Jewish girls means more than Christian people can imagine. The workers in the field can look upon such symptoms as stepping stones which strengthen the hope of gathering in many sheaves some day.

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There have been quite a number of applicants for baptism during the last month. Among them is a family of four and a strictly Orthodox Jew who said about two years ago at a Question Meeting that even if he were cut to pieces alive he would never believe in the Crucified One. He came to my house on Sunday, April first, altogether changed and humbly confessing his belief in Christ wanted baptism. Miss Bigelow reports that two of the oldest girls in the Sunday School and the brother of one girl wanted to be baptized. This is quite encouraging, of course, and we have reason to thank God for these symptoms of the dry bones taking on flesh. However, we cannot hurry and baptize them as it would be very easy to do so but very hard to remove the prejudice from the minds of Christian people should one Jewish convert fall back. There may be many American, English and Chinese backsliders and this would not hinder activity among them but if one Jew backslides then everyone says that the Jew cannot be converted. This is one of the reasons we are so slow to baptize them.

Articles Received

Mrs. G. R. Hayne, a parcel of basted work for the Sewing School; Mrs. Gage and Mrs. Moses, a package of books; Mrs. J. S. B. material and garments for Brownsville Sewing School; Benevolent Society of Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, \$5.00 worth of basted work for the Brownsville Sewing School.

Receipts During March

FOR RENT.	
R. L. C.	\$25.00
J. T. P.	25.00
"THE CHOSEN PEOPLE."	
Subscriptions and extra copies	25.50
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J. T. P.	40.00
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Miss M. E. Chapman	10.00
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Miss Harriet I. Alexander	1.00
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Homer J. Brown	3.00
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Mrs. A. W. Cutting	5.00
Mabel Conover	5.00
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Rev. D. H. Tuttle	2.20
H. A. Beach	1.00
Mary E. Read50
Mrs. C. M. Kingsbury	2.00
Miss Mary W. Brender	1.00
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Lenox Rd. Baptist Church, per Raymond Cousins, Treas.	11.00
Mrs. P. M. Watrons	1.50
"E. C."	100.00
Miss A. S. Lapsley	10.00
"M. A. M."	1.00
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Miss M. A. Charlock25

An Appeal for a Physician

The most pressing need of the Williamsburg Mission at the present time is the services of a physician to take charge of the Dispensary three times a week. There is a great amount of sickness among our poor brethren and a Dispensary is a great boon to them, in fact it is the only way in which many can receive treatment. We have, however, experienced great difficulty in getting any one to take up this matter permanently, and so would bring it to the attention of our readers. Is there not some Christian physician in or near Brooklyn, who would be glad for a moderate remuneration, to give some of his time in this Christlike work? He would have wonderful opportunities to heal the body and at the same time could preach of the Great Physician.

Children's Questions

The most interesting part, to me, of the work among the Jewish children is the questions asked by them. A girl said one Sunday, "Miss Bigelow, if God wanted us to believe in Christ would He not open our eyes and make us see that He is the true Messiah?" I showed her that He was indeed doing this and we have seen it among our own girls. Another about fourteen years of age told me that she really and truly believed and she wished she could go away where she could live a Christian life. She is afraid to tell her mother for she would put her out of the house, "but," she added, "I wouldn't care for I am so happy." She tells us how she goes into the parlor, locks the door and reads her New Testament and prays.

This girl has been persecuted by many friends and been called all sorts of names but still she stands firm and says she will never give up her Saviour.

Another question put to me has been this one, "You say the Christian people love us, why don't they come here and show us so, as you and the other teachers do?" Would you not like to come and show them you love them too? I assure you there is no work that can make you happier. GRACE M. BIGELOW.