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Salutation

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

II Kings, 10, 13.

My Dearly Beloved Friends:

With all my heart I greet you and pray in the words of Isa. 60: 21, that "The Lord shall be thine everlasting light," not like the sun which is sometimes eclipsed or clouded, but without variableness or shadow of turning, giving you warmth and brightness, never leaving you in the cold or in the dark, thus making your joys in Him without cessation. Amen.

SUSPENSION.

As our friends know from past years that "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE" is always suspended for the summer months, this issue is the last for the season. God willing, you will be visited again by "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE" in the Fall. Many dear friends have suggested that the paper be continued during the summer as they are very much interested in its contents and in the work it represents. They say they miss it a great deal. I myself would like to try this plan. I know that the monthly reminder would keep the friends in closer touch with the work. Many forgetting the suspension of the paper think by its absence that the work has ceased, (a case never occurring in this Mission) and so do not send their usual contributions. It is not easy to have the responsibility of two mission fields without the necessary funds to meet expenses; yea, it grieves even our blessed Lord who placed His silver and gold at the disposal of men who refuse to bring it "into the storehouse." Mal. 4: 10.

THE REASONS.

Some of the reasons for suspending the paper during the summer months are these: First, the subscriptions to THE CHOSEN PEOPLE are not yet of such number as to cover the expenses of publishing it all the year round, while the general fund is always exhausted by this season, as there is a gradual falling off in contributions beginning with the month of March. Second, the majority of the readers are away for a needed rest and would not be bothered with the paper. Third, the suspension is a great relief to the editor himself who has to preach, teach, visit and corres-

pond, beside doing editing and bookkeeping. Indeed, if six hours can be spared for my sleep, I consider it a great treat. Oh that some *able* man or *able* woman would obey the Scriptures and come into this vast field of labor; I am always looking with much hope and great anticipation for the time when the Lord will bring my son Joseph into the work. Many times have I been tempted by the evil one to give it up when he insinuated that my mission was rather to go around lecturing in churches, or as an evangelist, but by the grace of God I have been enabled to stand at my post where the Lord once set me upon the ruined walls of Jerusalem. Isa. 62:6. Oh, how I need your prayers.

THE BUILDING.

Nothing special can be reported about the progress of the building fund at present. There are always a few contributions coming in and we must wait patiently for the time when the needed sum will be realized. The Lord will surely answer the united prayers of so many of God's children sent up last Christmas day. It is singular that since the announcement of the ten thousand dollar pledge two or three months ago there has been a considerable decrease in the usual contributions for the building fund. It seems that many of our friends have taken advantage of that generous pledge thinking large sums would continue to flow in and the building will finally be erected without their smaller donations. I read about a prayer made by an old colored woman: "Lord, you know this old woman cannot do much, but if she can do no more than carry a straw to help build thy temple, help her to carry the straw."

The Lord Jesus still observes the treasury. He approves liberality in the rich, but He declared that the widow who put in the two mites, had cast in more than the rest.

However, the remarkable way in which the Holy Spirit has moved upon the hearts of many dear friends to liberally support this work without personal solicitation is a sure pledge that He will lead them, as well as many others, on and on until they shall make this Gospel work a great blessing to my people.

Good bye, dear friends for the season,

Yours very sincerely,

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

Examples

The Women's Mission Society of the German Baptist Church of Winnepeg, sent me two dollars and a half last month for which they wished tracts to distribute among the Jews in their city. This is a noble example which other societies and churches should follow. The expense certainly is not so large and yet no one can tell what results may come from the scattering of these leaflets.

Again, a lady who had talked with her Jewish tailor about Christ also sent for tracts to give him. This is an example for individuals; for each Christian man or woman who meets a Jew or Jewess ought to do everything possible to reach them with the Gospel. It takes a little knowledge of the value of a soul to start one thinking how to reach a person alienated from Christ, the only Saviour of mankind.

Letter Speaking for Itself

Mr. L. Cohn,

Dear Brother in Christ:

I am a Gentile by nature, a citizen of America by birth, a Baptist by choice, and through the grace of God, a minister of the Gospel and pastor of a country church on a very small salary with which to support a family of seven.

But in the midst of all I have seen the affliction of Israel (your people) and for some time have had a great desire to do something for the scattered remnant of the Chosen People. I pray God to turn all Gentile hearts toward

them till they see Jesus Christ as He is—the Promised Messiah.

The people that I preach to are a poor folk, but in our poverty we send you a small contribution to be used to spread the good tidings of great joy to all the Jewish World. May the Everlasting Father bless you and your people, is the prayer of a Gentile Christian who loves the Jews from the fact that Christ was a Jew.

—ELDER W. A. CRAVEN.

Tracts and Bibles

We wish we could spread the Gospel of Christ among the Jews by distributing tracts during the summer when we have more opportunity for that kind of work than in the winter. If the friends can see their way clear to send the means to enable us to reprint tracts from the plates we shall endeavor to distribute them faithfully.

Money in Letters

About Christmas time we reported some losses of money contributions enclosed in letters. Lately we have experienced similar disappointments. In some cases the money was gone from the letter while in others both letter and money did not reach us. Thus we ask you not to enclose money in a letter, but buy a money order or one cent stamps if you want to send less than a dollar.

An English Tract

Our dear friend, Mr. Cyrus C. Smith, has written and published at his own expense an English tract for Jews, called "The Lamb of God." It is written somewhat on the same line as the tract a lady wrote and published two years ago, as was reported in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, when she gave the tract and the plates for this mission. If any one wishes to distribute these tracts among English speaking Jews, apply to this gentleman at 219 Redmond Street, New Brunswick, N. J., and he will give them to you freely.

Our Volunteer Workers

The friends will no doubt be pleased to read the reports of our noble-minded volunteers on page 6. The Lord has greatly blessed them in this work with a love for poor, scattered Israel, with the spirit of wisdom to do the work and with a Christ-like spirit of unison and harmony. Some of them have been in the work as long as ten years.

Incidents in the Work

Grapes of Thorns

This was the expression used by a Jew about thirty years old who met me one Sunday afternoon and had a long talk. He has been attending our meetings since almost the very first, about ten years ago, but not with the desire to listen to what was said or learn anything from the speaker but with a fierce temper intent only on breaking up the service.

He would begin with all sorts of denunciations of Christianity and on some occasions would curse and swear at everyone who uttered a word about the Christian religion. I was often tempted to call in a policeman and arrest this Jewish brother and always begged him to leave the Mission and not enter it again, but he paid little attention to my wishes. He continued to disturb us and even had a circle of friends who applauded each sentence he uttered. It was very hard for me not to take steps to stop such unspeakable annoyances but the Lord gave me patience for surely of myself I could never have borne it without His remarkable constraining power in me. Gradually I won the man's confidence, not so far as to gain his heart for Christ, but he finally listened to my advice to study the Scriptures of which he was very ignorant. He took copies of both the Old and New Testaments in Hebrew and Yiddish, which he studied and compared carefully.

HIS NEXT METHOD.

He then took a new course, and on Wednesday evenings when questions are allowed he changed from simply denouncing Christianity in an ignorant way, to bringing up all sorts of queries along the line of harmonizing the New Testament with the Old. When answers were given he was so obstinate that he would seldom concede the Missionaries' right. Then again it required a great deal of grace to bear with this trying brother.

At last about four or five months ago he told me that he was a different man and that he had seen the truth as it is in Jesus. But these words did not impress me as a real confession because of long familiarity with this man's scornful attitude towards Christ.

Later, however, he came to a meeting and at the close of the service while I was talking to a group of Jews he joined in and confessed before all that he too believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Under these circumstances and because of the manner in which he spoke, I could see that the man was really in earnest. On Easter Sunday he came to our Sunday School and stayed during the whole session at the close of which I introduced him to a few Christian friends who were visiting the Mission and to whom he related a little of his bitterness toward me during the past ten years and of his love for the Lord Jesus after all his fighting against Him.

AN OPEN CONFESSION.

On leaving the Mission he accompanied me and referring to Matt. 7-16, "Do men gather grapes of thorns" he explained it in this way. "Your mission, your preaching, your meetings, and even the place used to be a thorn in my eye when I passed by, but now it is grapes. I used to think that it was my duty to disturb you but now I often wish I had never done it. It is now my pleasure to wish for your prosperity and I am glad to hear anything about our Messiah Jesus and should the question be put to me whether I would rather save from destruction the Synagogue over there or the Jewish Mission, I should answer, 'The Mission, because it has made me a different man.'

I was never liked by my employer as I am now. He tells me that I am doing the most honest work of all his employees, and I replied that it was not I who was doing the honest work but Jesus, the Messiah, who did it through me."

An Inquirer in Trouble

There is an interesting Jew who has been attending our meetings for a number of years. He is about thirty-five years old, and a member of a large family. He began to study the Bible about two years ago and was one of those whom we considered as an earnest inquirer and so gave him a Hebrew Old Testament. This man is especially interesting because of the peculiar questions that he often asks on Wednesday evenings or at the close of any meeting when he finds opportunity to talk personally with me.

At first he had many hard questions on the geneology of Christ, noting the two different accounts as found in Matthew and Luke, and also the difference in the generations and families. It took him a long time to settle his mind as to the harmony of these. Then he could not understand why the Lord Jesus changed the law of retaliation, namely "an eye for an eye," etc., since He Himself said, "I am not come to destroy the law but to fulfill it." I showed him that Christ simply instructed His followers to practice grace and mercy instead of adhering strictly to the law which He did not come to destroy.

Space would not allow me to give an account of all the logical and reasonable questions which this man has put to me during the last two years. His behavior is always good, and he has great respect for the Missionary and delights to hear the preaching but he first wants to understand all about it and then he says he will accept the Lord Jesus intelligently.

HIS GREAT STUMBLING BLOCK.

The latest question to which he seems to cling tenaciously is concerning the utterance of the Lord Jesus which says, "Verily, I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled," Matt. 24-34. The man says that Christ foretold His second coming and the end of the world while that present generation

was still in existence and yet it did not come to pass. "I want to listen to Jesus," he argues, "if he is the Messiah, and that great prophet of whom Moses spake in Deut. 18-15 saying, 'The Lord thy God, will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken,' but I want to know whether He is that great prophet for Moses says in that same chapter, 'If thou shalt say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken.' So if anything which Jesus promised should not come to pass that is a proof to me that He is not the prophet according to the rule which Moses laid down."

These and like words have been uttered by the man during the last few months and whenever he meets me, my assistant or the other confessors of Christ his watch-word is "generation."

SUGGESTED EXPLANATIONS.

I explained to him that the primary meaning of the word, generation, was a race or people or age, and that it was only an acquired meaning which suggests the average lifetime of a single person. Our Lord in foretelling the troublous times before the end of the world remarked that this generation, the Jewish race, would not be wiped out of existence notwithstanding all their unbearable trials but would exist as witnesses to His truth.

This, however is not satisfactory to him, perhaps, because the Hebrew translation of the word is "Dor," which conveys to the Jewish mind the idea of a single lifetime.

I also said that there was another explanation which might seem a little clearer to him, namely that in answering the three questions of the disciples in verse 3, "When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?" Christ spoke in reverse order replying to the last, first. Thus verse 34 would answer the question, "When shall these things be" referring to the destruction of Jerusalem, and surely that generation did not pass away before the temple was laid waste.

But the man is still sticking to "this generation," always intimating that if the question is explained to him in a satisfactory way he will accept Christ. We ask our prayerful friends to remember this Jewish brother before the Throne of Grace.

It Gave Him New Life

It was an interesting sight to look into the face of an aged Jew at the close of a talk concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. He is a man of about seventy-five and has been ill for some time. Having no means to engage a physician he has been to different dispensaries for relief and failing to get it, was told to try the Chris-

tian dispensary, as they call ours. He heard that many had been helped there as they couldn't be in other dispensaries. The name, Christian, was rather repulsive to him, but in order to be relieved he put the feeling aside and came in.

While waiting for his turn to see the physician who sits on the platform screened off by a curtain, I engaged him in conversation about as follows. "Did you ever hear anything about the Messiah, or have you read of Him?" To this an abrupt "No" was given while he looked shy and fearful of talking with me. "Do you know that the Messiah is to come and help His people, the Jews, and have you any hope for His coming?" He again answered, "No. My Messiah is my health, sir. That is what I need." I expressed my surprise at this and said, "You are a Zaken (meaning 'an old man' but conveying an idea of respect and honor) and is it possible that you with a long, gray beard looking like our Father Abraham, have not heard about the Messiah or have no hope for His coming?"

HIS CONDUCT EXPLAINED.

I then asked him several other questions, to all of which he gave abrupt answers in an indifferent and ridiculous way. But I soon realized that the man did not want to talk to me on these subjects for fear of offending one to whom he had come to be helped and who was his benefactor. So I commenced to explain, without waiting for the expression of a desire on his part, about the Messiah and how God had promised Him, to Adam in the Garden of Eden, then to Abraham and Jacob. Then He was promised to come of the tribe of Judah and of the family of David, almost every prophet bringing some message about Him. To Daniel was revealed the time of the Messiah's coming, to Micah, where He should be born and through Isaiah we learn that He would suffer even unto death, for our sins.

Gradually the man became more and more interested shaking his head in wonder and surprise at every verse I quoted in Hebrew. When I paused at this point just to ascertain his interest, he exclaimed with some impatience, "And then? Just tell me a little more!"

CONTINUING THE STORY.

So I related how the Messiah did come in the person of Jesus of Nazareth in whom all the prophecies were exactly fulfilled. He died and suffered for our sins and is now waiting at the right hand of God that we Jews who are blindly his enemies shall become His footstool and that *Psa. 110:1-2* "Sit thou at my righthand until I make thine enemies thy footstool, rule thou in the midst of thine enemies" shall be fulfilled. Then will come that glorious second appearance of this Messiah Jesus who will set up His kingdom on the earth and will sit on the throne of David upon the holy hill of Zion thus fulfilling Jeremiah's prophecy, "And they shall serve the Lord their God and their King David." *Jer. 30:9.*

By this time the aged brother could hardly sit still but acted like a little boy in his eagerness. His pale face took on a different hue and he told me that he was now given new life and was a better Jew than ever before. He said that this Jesus was indeed the greatest hope of Israel, quoting Jer. 14-8 "The hope of Israel is his Saviour." I asked why he had not shown me at first the least interest in the Hope of Israel, and he replied that because this was a Christian place and he knew Christians were always opposed to Jews he did not wish to talk with me thinking I only wanted to ridicule his hopes and oppose his Jewish religion.

ASTONISHING FACTS.

"Why then," he said. "do they call this religion Christian when it is genuine Jewish? Do all the American Christians believe what you do and are they not opposing the Jewish religion as the Russians are?" I explained that the word Christian means one who follows the Messiah and such cannot oppose the real Jewish religion which is of God and not that which is so called now-a-days. I told him that American Christians read the Bible every day and they love the Psalms of David. The God of Abraham is their God and Jesus the Messiah of the Jews is their Messiah and their hope, and because they pity the Jews who know not the truth they send a missionary to tell them of their own King David.

This was another revelation to him. He said, "If I did not see that you are a reliable man I would not believe it possible that Christians should worship the God of Abraham or that they should read from our Bible." He has since been attending our meetings and with his patriarchal looks is a most conspicuous figure in the audience.

Called His Sister to Hear

A young Jew, tall and strong, came in one evening to the Mission among the first ones and told me that he had been in once before and was anxious to have a private talk with me for at least an hour. I told him that I could have ten minutes talk at once before the meeting commenced and so he began to tell me some of his difficulties. He had heard me say while preaching that there was no other help for the Jews individually or as a people than the acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ. "I as a Jew," said he, "am anxious that my people should be helped and would like to know whether this is true and if I can believe you that it is so. Where do you get this from?" These and a few other questions he put briefly in a despondent tone as if his heart was bleeding. I answered in a short and pointed way confirming the truth. Then said he, "What use is there then for me, one man, to accept this faith in Jesus without our whole people? Will that help them?" I assured him that if everyone put off

and waited for the rest, nobody would ever accept Christ, but if one by one they did so then the others would gradually be drawn in.

TOOK TRACTS.

The time came to begin the meeting so I had to stop but the man being very anxious to know more asked for some literature on the subject so I gave him a few tracts which he received thankfully, saying, "I have five children, brothers, sisters and other relatives and I would like them all to join me in accepting this Messiah. In order to help them I must be able to speak intelligently on the subject."

During the singing of the hymns and the reading of the Scripture he sat quietly listening most attentively but no sooner did I begin to preach than the man suddenly rose up and left the room. I could not help being surprised although I am always prepared for such things for many persons like to disturb the meeting or at least leave in disgust. But this man had showed such great interest as if touched by the Holy Spirit that his conduct was unexpected. However in four or five minutes he reappeared accompanied by a young woman. With difficulty they found seats near the door.

I made up my mind before I finished preaching that I must see that man at the close of the meeting and when I did so he introduced me to his sister who was with him. He said that when I began to preach on the resurrection of Christ and that the first one to hear the wonderful news was Mary, a woman, he thought it would be of great interest to his sister and so ran out quickly and begged her to come. She heeded his words, came and listened to the Gospel and that Christ rose again on the third day which is an established fact in the world of common sense.

A Message From Each Teacher

We are very glad that this month the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE will have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with all of the teachers of our Sunday and Sewing Schools, for in this last issue of the paper for this season, each one tells a little of her experience of the past winter and her impressions of the work. We hope that this more detailed account will bring more definite interest.

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WILLIAMSBURG SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We had a blessed time in our School on Easter Sunday, for the hymns of the Risen Christ were sung by our children with a will. When we began teaching them there were some protests and especially the picture on the hymn sheet of our suffering Lord crowned with thorns called forth some sad and bitter remarks. But they were soon over-ruled and we had the pleasure of hearing the children say the name of Jesus with more courage. We preach Christ, and although from a human standpoint we are working with everything against us, many children slipping into

School without their parents' knowledge, yet we see results and leave it all with Him who bid us "be faithful."

At the close of the service, we gave each child a rose and I wish you could have seen how like a flower garden the place looked. I firmly believe in the work among the children, for Christ said: "Suffer the children to come unto me," and "I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." Pray for us.

AUGUSTA E. SUSSDORFF.

It is certainly a great privilege and joy to teach children, and especially Jewish children, the way of Truth and righteousness in Christ Jesus! We have to tell them who Jesus is, as they hear so many absurd stories, and it is only by love and patience we can show them that He is the Son of God, and their loving Savior and Messiah. We go forth remembering God's promise in Isaiah 55: 11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it," believing that some of them will grow up to be Christian women, and even if some do not believe will not their lives be made better by having heard the previous Truths of the Gospel?

It is beautiful to hear the children singing hymns of praise and mention the name of Jesus, especially at Easter time! Last Sunday, I visited one of my scholars, whose oldest sister has accepted Jesus as her Savior, and was told by the mother, that some of the children even sing the hymns in their sleep.

Ah, Christian people, come any Sunday afternoon, and see for yourself this great field to work in for Jesus, and your own heart will surely be stirred to do something for this, His cause!

MISS C. BROOKHUYZEN.

Most heartily did the little and big children sing the praises of Jesus on Easter Sunday, and I am also glad to say that not one recitation was returned to us as at Christmas, but all were carefully learned with the consent of the parents.

I have found through this work that a Jew will never say he believes, unless he truly does. I asked one of my scholars who has been coming to the Mission very steadily, if she did not believe that Christ was the true Messiah, and she said: "No, I do not. I do not say I never will, I may, when I get older, or when I understand it better, but it all seems dark to me now." Pray for this girl that she may accept Christ as her Saviour.

GRACE M. BIGELOW.

So much has been written in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE about our girls that I doubt if the friends remember that we have a boys' class in our Sunday School.

On entering the class, I am always greeted by smiles and hearty hand-shakes from the ten boys whom I have time to study with individually. Each one does not hesitate to state his belief, or ask the teacher her opinion on a thought connected with the lesson, or perhaps far from it, but by careful tact, we win them back to the right channel.

One boy is on a base-ball team, and as he was leaving one day, I asked him if he would be present the following Sunday. He is a very wayward boy and I was anxious to bring him into the light of the Gospel. Taking me into his confidence, he said: "Well, Miss MacDonald, I don't know what to do, for if I don't play on the team next Sunday, it will be a loss to me." But after thinking awhile, he looked up and said, "All right, I will come." He kept his promise very well up to a few weeks ago. Please pray that he may come back to us.

ELLA MACDONALD.

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WILLIAMSBURG SEWING SCHOOL.

The interest of this School keeps up surprisingly, notwithstanding the great lack of teachers. We have struggled through the winter with only four helpers and an average attendance of about fifty children, though at present the School is much smaller. But those who do come are very enthusiastic and industrious so that when the bell rings to put up their work, they often try to continue. One little girl said she wished she might be allowed to come twice a week, it was so long to wait until Thursday afternoon.

The object of the School is not only to teach sewing, but to show the Way of Salvation. While they are busy sewing their garments, we take the opportunity of "sowing seeds" in their hearts for the Master. I find the children exceedingly bright and interesting, although rather hard to gain, due perhaps to their home training.

We extend an urgent invitation to all Christian friends who will deny themselves an hour and a half Thursday afternoons, to help us.

CLARA C. POPE.

I have been very much interested in my work among the children, both of Williamsburg and of Brownsville, where I have sewing classes. The girls, however, seem more interested in their sewing than in the Sunday school lesson which we teach them each week. Only a few give attention to what I tell them, while others refuse to listen. One little girl informed me that no Jew was ever converted, so it was no use trying to make Christians of them. When I told her I knew of some who were converted, "Yes, but not the *smart* ones, teacher, she answered.

But we are not discouraged, and are hoping for an increase in the attendance as well as in the interest of the scholars.

FLORENCE M. CASWELL.

While we call this a sewing school, yet our one aim is to draw the children to Christ. That we can do by showing them our Christian love and kindness, which is a great surprise to them, as their general idea is that the followers of Christ hate the Jews.

I wish all the readers of this paper could just come and see how bright and cute these children are. It does not take them very long to see who really loves them, and we are glad to see that they return our love, not only to us, but also to Christ. It is certainly remarkable how the prejudice is gradually breaking. I can remember the time

when these children refused to sing a hymn, and they even held their ears so as not to hear the name of Christ. Now, they all join in the hymns heartily, and listen attentively to the teaching of the Scriptures.

ESTHER COHN.

The class of little girls that has interested me during the winter is about ten years of age. I am surprised again and again at their shrewdness and the manner in which they question me. Their questions are invariably leading ones. What puzzled one little girl very much was that I did not work in the shop and still could earn a little money for "my mama." After considerable answering of questions, I was obliged to tell the child how I earned the money. This did not seem to satisfy her entirely. "Don't they pay you for teaching us to sew? Well, why do you come here then?"

The true deep meaning of the word love is indeed hard for them to grasp.

ELEANOR A. CHARLOCK.

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BROWNSVILLE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The work in Brownsville seems at times to almost overpower us with its magnitude and our seeming failure to grapple with the many sided Jewish prejudices and formalisms.

We find here, as in every other place, that the children are the best ones through whom the homes can be reached.

On Saturday afternoons, some of the girls help in the mission services by leading the singing. Many of these Jewish children have real sweet voices and it is a pleasure to hear them singing of Jesus.

Till lately, there has been a good attendance at the Bible School which is held on Sunday afternoons, at 4:30 P. M.

At this service, the children are taught the regular International Sunday School lesson and learn the Golden Text. When we started, many of the girls refused to sing the name of Jesus and were very disorderly during the prayer, but gradually these ideas are wearing away.

This is a work that needs the most earnest prayers and whole-hearted service for its furtherance and we may then be sure of God's blessing on it.

VENICE W. KLOEPEL.

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BROWNSVILLE SEWING SCHOOL.

I have been going to this school for nearly ten years and in that time have seen a good many changes. I love the work and feel that the seeds we are planting in the hearts of these children will not be lost. I met some of the older pupils lately and two of them said to me, "Mrs. Hilton, I am glad I went to the Sewing School. I have not forgotten the things that were taught me and some week I mean to go on Saturday and hear more from Mr. Cohn."

The girls ask many questions, showing of what they are thinking, as for instance, when one child said to me the other day, "Do you know the first commandment?" I told her, "Thou shalt have no other God before me." She then asked why we wanted to give them Jesus Christ for a God

and so have two Gods. I sat down and explained about the Trinity and how Christ was the Saviour or Lamb slain for our sins. She seemed surprised and said, "Wasn't it good of Him to die for us?"

I pray earnestly that God may bless our efforts and bring the children to Himself.

MARYETTE H. HILTON.

For some years past my desire has been to do something for the Lord's Chosen People, and when I heard of the need of teachers at the Brownsville Sewing School I very joyfully agreed to give up one afternoon a week for that work.

I have become deeply interested in my class of little girls and am watching them very carefully. Although some apparently do not show much interest, yet a few I believe are slowly being impressed by what they hear about the Messiah our Jesus. The questions they ask are sometimes very strange and not always easy to answer, but we trust that very soon they will clearly understand and some be able to say from their hearts. "My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine."

Mrs. C. E. CASWELL.

In my brief connection with the Brownsville Mission School, I have found it a most encouraging field of labor.

The children are responsive to appeals to their nobler instincts and have repaid personal interest by patient endeavor to improve when a better way is kindly pointed out.

Their bright smiles and cordial greetings are a sweet reward for pains bestowed in their training in the various lines of instruction which the School affords.

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LYDIA B. THOMSON.

As we come to the close of another year of work, I feel that in some ways this has been an especially good one. We have had a fair supply of teachers who have been quite regular and have had the interest of the work at heart and from various sources we have had plenty of materials. Our principle regret has been in the decrease of scholars, but it is also true that a number of the older girls are much impressed by the truth.

I have been helping at the Sewing School for nearly eight years now, but can only say that the lack is just the same—the girls need to know the Word of God and that Jesus is their Messiah and Saviour. Friends, *our* need is just the same. "Pray for us."

ELLA T. MARSTON.

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