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Salutation

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

II Kings, 10, 13.

My Dear Friends:—

I salute you who are "Receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved," and pray that He who is bringing to pass those "earthquakes in divers places," shall fill your hearts with the "fullness of joy which is in His presence." Amen.

CROWDED WITH WORK.

The last month has been one of busy activity. While I always have my hands full, various opportunities to glorify His name crowded in upon me in such a way that in order to make time for them I had to deny myself necessary sleep. Owing to this fact, I have postponed the yearly audited account which has been published hitherto every February, but will be given this year in the March issue.

During this month there has been a larger number of inquirers than any previous month, a larger demand for tracts to be mailed to Jews than ever before, the regular correspondence was heavier than in any previous January, more sick and poor had to be visited and helped, and many more incidental cases had to be attended to. While these things have caused some hardships to the flesh, they have been at the same time a source of joy to the spirit, seeing that the pleasure of the Lord is prospering that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is spreading, and that His glorious name is made known more and more among my Jewish brethren.

A REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITY.

The longer I am on this hard field the better I see the remarkable opportunity for bringing the Gospel to the long neglected Jews. Never before has there been such an open door among the Jews as there is now. The needed building, about which I have spoken so much through the medium of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, would, humanly speaking, be the greatest factor in this mission work. It seems so long since I began to pray and hope for it! Not only am I myself anxious to realize that long looked for building, but also a large number of dear souls from afar as well as near are praying for it, knowing what it would mean to this work. They write so touchingly, lamenting the lack of interest on the part of those that have this world's goods. One writes: "Enclosed you will find a one dollar money order. I know it is a small amount but it's all I could

spare. This dollar was given me by my employer for Christmas."

Another one writes, "I studied all night on what I am about to say. Take with you an influential minister and go to some moneyed men and lay your case before them, tell them the Lord has need of the money," etc. Space would not allow me to quote from all the letters the dear prayerful friends have written me, expressing their sorrow that the money for the building has not yet come in and advising different ways and means of securing the required amount.

NOT DISCOURAGED.

The fact that the building is not yet in sight does not discourage me in the least. By the grace of God, I will continue the work with my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the end. I will not regard the indifference of those who have the use of the Lord's silver and gold neither does the scorn of my blind Jewish brethren concern me. Were there not one man to stand with me in this peculiar Gospel work of saving souls I would not cease from proclaiming the glorious and blessed name of Jesus to my people for whom so few seem to care. I will struggle on and on amid all the untold difficulties and then when all is over, if my Lord still carries I shall be very happy to pass to that blessed world where there are neither tears, nor sighs, nor banks with moneyed men. There will I meet my brethren, the first disciples who underwent greater hardships in order to bring the Gospel to the Gentiles, there will I meet all those fallen in the struggle for the salvation of souls and Him who shed His blood for our sins. From there, though my flesh shall have decayed in the earth, yet my soul shall rejoice when the lips of my Jewish brethren to whom I now preach, shall confess Him, and their songs to Jesus shall sound over my grave.

If people would only stop for a minute and consider the value of a soul, they would have no hesitation in giving perishable silver and gold to be used as a means for bringing salvation nigh. "For the redemption of their soul is precious" says the word of God. Do you wish to know how precious? Go to Calvary! Oh, that God would trouble the conscience of the visible Church for having neglected for nineteen long centuries to think of the value of Jewish souls!

Yours in the soul-saving Gospel,
LEOPOLD COHN.

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The Work

In 1894, in obedience to the call of God, Leopold Cohn opened a mission to the Jews in that part of Brooklyn known as Brownsville. With no friends, no societies, no boards to back him, he placed full reliance on the Lord, taking for his motto, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." No appeals were made for funds, but He has supplied every need to this day. God's children who know His word, send the necessary funds as they are led of Him. The Lord has richly blessed the efforts in this field, and prospered the preaching of His word among His ancient people, Israel. Nearly eighty Jews have confessed Him publicly, a number of whom are now preaching the Gospel, while hundreds of others must remain silent believers because of the dread of bitter persecution, and because of lack of facilities to care for them.

To-day, there are two mission stations for about 200,000 Jews. Meetings are held for men, women and children. A free medical dispensary is maintained to assist the poor Jews who need such care. The Poor Fund, to which many of the friends feel led to contribute, enables the workers to relieve the distress and poverty of those deserving Jews who are persecuted for His sake, and in this way to give to the Jews a practical demonstration of Christian love, of which they see so little.

The Literature Fund is used to purchase Hebrew Bibles, and New Testaments, and to print Tracts in the Jewish tongue for free distribution. This is a most important part of the work. Mr. Cohn has written seven tracts in Jewish himself, which have been used of God to the conversion of many.

The children's work is another important branch. The little Jewish children are taken into Sewing and Sunday School classes and in this way taught Christian hymns, and told about Jesus.

It is a peculiar work among a "peculiar people." You are earnestly asked to remember it in your prayers. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee."

A Remarkable Dream

REV. LEOPOLD COHN,

Dear Brother in the Lord:—The circumstance which led me to send the enclosed money seems to be of the Lord which you may be interested to know. In a dream I thought I attended a very large out-of-door meeting and then before knowing it I was sitting in a church which was crowded with people, and from the church could look out and see the crowd outside. There seemed to be no service inside, but the contribution box was being passed. By way of apology for not giving, I remarked, "I gave what I had to give to the out-door meeting. The collector replied, "But

this is for Leopold." I wakened and kept wondering who Leopold was. A day or two later when I was calling on a friend who knows what it is to be led of the Spirit, she said she felt prompted to hand me your paper. On scanning the first page I saw the name Leopold Cohn. Then I told her the dream."

—H. M. BRADY.

A Two-Fold Ministry

The following extracts may give to some of our friends a new vision of opportunity and service. One letter says:

"I have been much interested in your work through your paper 'THE CHOSEN PEOPLE,' sent to my sister, Mrs. R. P. F., who passed to her reward June 18th. I wish I could find out who the party was who paid for a year's subscription for her, for I could at least thank them."

The other reads: "I enclose check for subscription for my neighbor, H. H. I showed him your letter, and told him about your paper, and he gave me the fifty cents at once, and asked me to get it for him."

Think of the joy in knowing that you were the means of bringing a blessing to your friend's or neighbor's heart by merely telling him about the work among the Jews! And you are not only doing your friend a kindness, but you are directly helping to advance His cause since through your instrumentality a new friend has been won for this work.

Just try with your neighbor next time you meet, and you will be astonished at the results. Perhaps she is anxious to know of a work among the Jews. We have no premium offers and no prizes; those who subscribe do so because they want to show their love for Israel, in obedience to our Lord's command, but He gives them premiums and prizes.

Suppose you sit right down now, and send us the names of five of your friends who you think will be interested in the work. We will send them the paper free for a while and your name will not be mentioned if you so prefer. But, when you see them, do tell each one that you have sent us his name, and that you know he will be deeply interested.

Try it! Do it now!

Incidents in the Work.

Gave a little of his blood for Jesus

One Friday evening when the mission hall was very crowded and a number of Jews had to be turned away for lack of even standing room, the following incident occurred. While standing on the platform and expounding the Word of God concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, I saw a Jew of about forty years of age open the door and walk up the narrow aisle, straight to the platform. As he walked up slowly he turned his head this way and that way, looking through the seated people on both sides as if he were searching for something. Thinking the man was looking for a vacant seat, I stopped for a moment, and told as he was now near the platform, that there was no seat up here and that I was sorry for it. The Jewish brother paid no attention to me but on he went until he reached the first row of chairs, when without any warning he stretched out his mighty arm, extended forcibly the palm of his hand and brought it down, with all the power he possibly could call into active service, upon the face of a young man of 18 years, emitting a sound which shook the hearts of the audience as if they were the leaves of a tree. The boy was his son who was drinking in every word of the preaching and knowing his father might come in to see if he was there he took a front seat, hoping to be overlooked and that his parent would not take the trouble of walking up the aisle. The father had forbidden him several times and warned him against visiting the mission, but the boy could not stay away from the place where he could hear more about Him whom he loved and whose light shone in his young heart. As soon as he had received that heavy chastisement, he ran out so quickly that he even left his hat which dropped out of his trembling hand, and the father had to come in later on to fetch it.

A few days afterward I happened to meet the young man on the street; he greeted me warmly and told me all about his father's bitterness and harshness, how he had tried to persuade him to allow him to go to the mission but failed to do so. Speaking of the awful blow he received that evening, he said, "My father in his anger struck my cheek so hard that the blood came from my teeth. Jesus shed all His blood for me but I gave only a little blood for Him."

An Old Jew Appreciates the Mission

Within the last year a number of vaudeville shows have been opened in the neighborhood of the Williamsburg Mission. In some of these houses Jewish actors and actresses are playing pieces which are far from elevating, and in others the amusements are moving picture exhibitions. All they charge for admission is

five cents, and for this small sum one is allowed to stay as long as one likes. They have made that neighborhood another Bowery. These houses are always filled with young Jewish people, ranging from eight to twenty years of age, and the influence exerted by these shows and theatres has a most demoralizing effect upon the children.

On my way to and from the mission, sometimes one of the groups of Jews lingering around these bad places, would accost me and start a conversation. As I stopped on one occasion and talked to them, reproving them gently for standing there and not using that time for the careful study of the Bible of which they are so ignorant, the crowd was divided into two different parties; one speaking favorably of my talk to them and the other criticising my exhortations. Among them was an old Jew, wearing a long gray beard and a patriarchal face who shook his hoary head and raising his hands in pantomime language, effected a sudden stillness in the crowd and a respectful attention of the by-standers. When all were ready to listen he said: "Children! my children! listen! Before these wicked shows, before these seats of the scornful came to this neighborhood I worried and worried over the mission place of this man. Sometimes in the nights I could not sleep as my heart was full of sorrow over the young men that frequented that mission house where they learned about and heard of the Crucified One from the lips of this Jew. But now I ceased to worry about that, now my heart is full of pain because our Jewish children go to these shows. Do you know why? I will tell you. A boy of fifteen years, the son of my neighbor, who is going in and out in that mission told me some time ago, 'Uncle, (an expression used among the Jews for an elderly person) was Abraham older than you?' 'What do you know about Abraham, my son?' asked I. 'I heard the missionary say that Abraham was a very old man when Isaac his son was born.' I asked that boy some other questions and in answering them he showed that he had learned Torah, (the Bible) in the mission. But I hear many parents complain that their children have become very bad by attending, these wicked shows. One neighbor weeps over her daughter who has become unmanageable, and at every opportunity slips away from home and spends her time in a vaudeville house. Another neighbor states that his boy has become so addicted to the shows that he has learned to steal money in order to gain admission into these places. The bad pictures they see there have an evil effect upon the mind, heart and soul of our young people. I wish that this missionary would carry on missions in all these houses where these shows are now, I wish these shows would cease, I wish they would

be burned and destroyed and that many more missions were opened for our young men and young women." The long speech the aged Jew made, speaking most favorably of the mission and its influence impressed the group of Jews in a remarkable way. As a rule the Jews have great respect for the aged. "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man," Lev. 19:32, is the command which the Jews have always strictly observed.

The Annual Social Gathering

The friends will remember that some nine years ago the Young People of the Lewis Ave. Congregational Church, Brooklyn, kindly offered to give an entertainment once a year to those Jews who have learned in the mission through the preaching of the Gospel, to love the Lord Jesus Christ. They have been giving that entertainment annually since, and it took place this year on Wednesday evening, January 23rd, in the Mission Hall at Williamsburg. One of those Christian friends who speaks good German, addressed the large audience for about ten minutes. A very interesting and pleasant entertainment was given, and then refreshments were served at the close.

Our Mission Hall, which accommodates a hundred people comfortably, was too small for the occasion. We had to hire forty extra chairs, crowding them in wherever we could, in order to seat all our Jewish friends that came. We had given out tickets of admission the week before and so we knew about the number that would attend this social gathering, though some of those that took tickets could not come for various reasons.

Mr. Orah Heend, who our friends will recall, was so remarkably converted at the mission several years ago, and suffered afterwards so much persecution for Christ, was there with his mandolin, with which he accompanied his singing of a hymn that he himself composed in Yiddish, the chorus being,

"Oh, how long will you be blind,

And not see that Jesus is your Messiah?

How long will you be drunk without wine.

And not understand that Jesus is your Saviour?"

It was the best social gathering that we ever held there; respectful, quiet and interesting. At the close a rising vote was taken, to express heartfelt thanks to the dear Christian friends of the Lewis Avenue Congregational Church for their faithful and continued generosity and extreme kindness.

"All things work together for good to them that love God." If I had the means, I would hold such a gathering in a social way once every month. It does more good than we can superficially judge. It shows each Jew present that there are other Jews who sympathize with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and

that he is not alone, thus strengthening all those who come in touch with the mission. By and by the time will come when thousands of them will organize into a large Jewish-Christian congregation. It also cultivates friendship between the Jew and the Gentile, removing the prejudices perhaps on both sides, and makes them feel that we are all one in Christ Jesus, our Lord, and that all of us are sinners and must be saved through the precious blood of the one Savior, even the Son of God.

For a Change

Our friends often refer to the interest they take in reading of the incidents concerning the immediate sphere of labor with which this paper is connected. But we also come in touch with much of interest outside our own borders which many would enjoy knowing. Many Christian people who are led, by reading or hearing to consider the necessity of giving the Gospel to the Jews, write us of their experiences or plans and as an unusual number have done so recently we are sharing some of these occurrences with our readers.

Warning to Poughkeepsie Jews.

A Baptist pastor in the above city having arranged to hold revival meetings in his church put out a large sign among others, with the words, "Get right with God." Becoming anxious to do something for the Jews also, he wrote asking me to put that sentence in language easily understood by the Jews.

I could not find the exact equivalent for this English idiom in Hebrew or Yiddish but thought to be about the same thing the verse "Prepare thyself to meet thy God, O Israel." The pastor had this painted by an American sign maker who must have had great difficulty in imitating the Hebrew letters.

The act of this pastor is greatly appreciated. Would to God that all pastors were interested in the spiritual welfare of the Jews.

A Newark Christian.

It has been my privilege to speak a number of times to the congregation of the Rev. C. F. Nettleship in Newark and they have become much interested in the Jews. The following letter will show how sincere is this interest.

My dear Friend and Brother:

You probably know all our people are educated to speak on the theme of personal salvation at any time and anywhere. As a result, last night young H., coming out on his train from New York, in some manner opened conversation with a young Hebrew. He found he had come from Russia and had gone to Canada from that country; thence to the United States where he has been only a few months. He appears to be a very bright young man and frankly said he was looking for the Messiah. H. told him that the Messiah had already come in the person of Jesus and now the most spiritual Christians were looking for His

second coming. This of course was a great surprise to our Hebrew friend. He drank in every word eagerly and said he would be very glad to know if any one could show him that Christ had already come. His English is quite imperfect and he also desires to learn to read and write in our tongue. H. gave him a letter to you, and I know the Lord will bless you for bringing this poor fellow into the light."

Tracts to Distant Jews.

One Christian friend sent me a list of a dozen Jewish names in her town, requesting that I send each one a tract, another sent sixteen names and still another twenty-three. Beside these quite a number have sent us one or two names of Jews for whose spiritual welfare they are concerned. While complying with those requests means much work, yet it's a pleasure to crowd them in and spread the name of the Lord Jesus wherever possible.

Whatsoever A Man Soweth That Shall He Also Reap.

A pastor of a church in this city, the neighborhood of which has become populated with Jews, awoke to the fact that it must be God's leading for him to reach them with the Gospel as the Jews had come to him instead of his going to the Jews. He at once came to see me, expressing his wish in the matter and though my hands are always full, yet I heartily agreed to give one evening a week for a Jewish meeting in his church. In order to do this successfully, humanly speaking, it was thought best to have the co-operation of the church members in giving out invitations, distributing tracts and Testaments, etc. To enlist the members interest the pastor therefor suggested a special meeting on the subject. But after the details had been planned I received word from him as follows:

"There is not much sympathy among the people with the proposed service and perhaps I ought to wait until there is better preparation. I am afraid that the attendance will be very light. The position I have taken does not meet with approval and is even condemned by some. Perhaps it would be better for the work if the whole matter was postponed for a time."

Reading between the lines more than the good brother could write, we simply dropped the matter, not wishing that he should suffer.

But these facts simply illustrate the words at the head of this item. Most preachers today are silent about the Jews, not only concerning the Lord's command to preach the Gospel to them, but they also forget them in their prayers. When any of the good promises made to the Jews through the Old Testament prophets are read, they apply them to the Church, leaving all the rebukes, threats or curses for the Jew. Thus the people have become not only lethargic and inactive but filled with hatred and prejudice toward this people. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also

reap." Is it a wonder that Christian people condemn a pastor's good intentions of preaching the Gospel to the Jews?

Syracuse Waking Up.

LEOPOLD COHN,

Dear Sir: Our Church in Syracuse is located in a thickly settled section of the Jewish people and we are about starting a two weeks' series of evangelistic meetings. We are desirous of making some effort to reach these people and at least to invite them to our services. After conferring with our pastor and the evangelist, it was desired that I write you asking if you would furnish us with 1,000 cheap cards with the invitations printed in Yiddish or modern Hebrew. It is proposed to make a thorough visitation of the district."

This was attended to not only in simple act but in prayer and it is hoped that the Lord will bless the noble acts of these dear Christian friends.

A Needy Jewish Field.

Another illustration of the fact that the Holy Spirit is working upon the hearts of a few Christians, with regard to the evangelization of the Jews, has been shown in a call from some Christians in Bridgeport, Conn., to hold meetings for Jews in that city. Mrs. Lockwood and Mr. Smith, who opened a Rescue Mission in the slums of that city, asked me if I would come there occasionally to hold meetings for the many Jews in their midst. Although, I could not see my way as far as time was concerned, to consent, yet, fearing to refuse lest it might be rejecting a door which God opened, I promised to go every second Monday evening. I was there at the dedication of the new mission-place, and then on the following Monday evening, but no Jews came, owing, no doubt, on the one hand to the locality of the mission, which is far away from the Jewish neighborhood, and on the other, to the fact that the Jews are too proud to go to such a place where low-class people are to be found. Only the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, dwelling in the heart, removes pride, showing that the soul of every man is equally precious in God's sight. Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Smith took upon themselves the hard task of inviting the Jews by distributing circulars among them. I sent them a full supply of tracts which they will faithfully place in the Jewish homes.

Please pray for the Jews there, and for those dear Christians who are willing to do that good work.

Touched by Another's Devotion.

A short time ago there appeared in the New York World the account of the Mission Work of a young lady of Brooklyn, among the lepers on Blackwell's Island. This account was seen by a Jew who wrote to her as follows:

"My first words to you will be, may God bless you and prolong your life for the sake of humanity. Your self-sacrifice for the sake of unfortunates, strangers to you in religion and race

is only equalled by saints. Oh, were only all Christians like you, I would have not hesitated a moment to embrace the religion you believe in.

Can you tell me how a Jew can embrace Christianity after being twenty centuries persecuted and hated by the followers of Him who preached love and brotherhood of man?

Yours with brotherly love,

H. TROP."

The young lady at once wrote to me on the advice of her pastor, asking me to do all I could for this Jew and said in part, "I wrote Mr. Trop that I would communicate with you and trust that you will look into this case at your very earliest opportunity. I believe it to be a very urgent request and we as Christians should be interested enough in the welfare of this one soul not to lose one moment of time, for what if we should come too late."

As yet I have been unable to find this Jewish brother either by letter or visit, but hope I may do so soon. It seems as if the man has really been touched in some way or other and has a spark of sincerity. Please pray for him especially.

Interested for a Friend.

The following letter reached me a few weeks ago and I can only say that I wish others would be as eager for *their* friends' salvation.

"I have a young lady acquaintance who is desirous of being converted to Christianity. She is of reformed German-Hebrew parentage and quite liberal in her belief, not living according to the orthodox doctrine. I find it difficult, not being thoroughly conversant with fact concerning Christianity, to present a convincing argument in its behalf. You having doubtless known of many cases parallel to this one could enlighten me upon the subject."

In reply to my letter in which I enclosed some tracts, he said: "The young lady of whom I wrote you, has thought very seriously since reading your book and is now rather undecided, since her teaching has always been to the contrary of Christianity. If agreeable to you, I should like to have you talk to her on the subject upon which she is seeking enlightenment."

It was finally arranged that both should come to my home one Sunday afternoon at which time Mrs. Cohn and I spent about three hours giving our testimony to the young lady.

Her chief difficulty is the thought of her father and mother, brother and sisters, whom she loves very dearly. She was born and brought up in New York. Her parents were once religious, but now are not, for the only duty they perform is to go to the synagogue once a year on the Day of Atonement. They never pray or read the Bible and are entirely ignorant of God's Word concerning the Messiah. The young lady was made acquainted to some extent with the Messianic prophecies through the reading of the tract

and as we talked with her the light seemed to penetrate her mind and heart.

When at last with her consent, we all knelt down in prayer, the greatest struggle I have ever seen in anyone, came to her. She cried and sobbed as if her life were being taken from her for she saw that to be honest she must accept the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour, but she also realized the result of such an act on her parents affection for her. She could see her mother's tears over her daughter's act of accepting this strange religion and her father's anger and disapprobation.

So she agonized for fully half an hour, but through all her tears we could realize the new beam of light in her eyes and that the Hope of Israel had now become a living reality to her. She would have stayed three hours longer if it had been possible, for she was hungry and enthusiastic to hear more about the blessed Saviour Jesus, but I had to leave her and hurry to the meeting. Please remember this girl in your prayers.

Interested in Jewish Work

It is encouraging to find that in many churches, people are ready and anxious to hear of work among the Jews and while they frankly say, "We know nothing of the subject", yet they listen attentively and we hope are gained as friends for the cause. Not only have I addressed meetings at the invitation of members, but Miss Marston has spoken in two places during the past month while my son Joseph has told of the work in four.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Ross Street Presbyterian Church decided to start the year with "the Jew first" and as they are so near the crowded Williamsburg district and are interested in the problem of how to make good citizens of the many immigrants coming yearly to our shores, they listened thoughtfully to the account of the work which Miss Marston gave them on the third of January. Many asked questions concerning different aspects of the subject, at the close of the meeting and seemed ready to learn more of those whom they only knew through the crowded trolley cars.

The Jews and the Christian Mission to them was also the subject at the Sisters Missionary Society of Brooklyn, where Miss Marston again told what she knew of the work. The friends were most cordial and anxious to hear details of the missions and some promised to visit the Brownsville Sewing School. All gladly took copies of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE*. One young lady who has been doing settlement work in this city said that she now realized how much more satisfactory real Gospel work was.

Mr. Joseph Cohn held a very interesting service in the South Brooklyn Gospel Church, where the audience showed especial enthusiasm which

we hope will continue and grow. One lady simply voiced the prevailing ignorance of many when she said she had never before in her life heard about the Jews.

At the Alexander Avenue Baptist Church in New York, a number of Jews were present to hear Mr. Joseph Cohn. One very well educated and refined Jewish lady thanked the speaker warmly at the close of the service for what she had heard and secured the address of the mission on Broadway as she wished to visit it soon and hear more of Jesus Christ.

A very disagreeable evening kept away many attendants from the Amity Baptist Church, New York, but the service was an especially blessed one for it often seems as if the Lord peculiarly rewarded those who strive to worship Him even against some difficulties. One lady said that some of her dearest friends were Jews and she wanted tracts to give to them.

The last service held by this same speaker was in Springfield, Mass, where he had gone to secure a man for the farm in Connecticut. By the providence of God he was detained against his plans and while on his way to the station late Saturday evening, he met a dear friend driving in her sleigh who would hear of nothing, but that he should stay over Sunday. So he remained, and the next day was asked to speak in the First Presbyterian Church. There he met a lady who was a member of the same church in Edinburgh where I was baptized.

The friends in Springfield suggested that it would be a good thing if we should send them a few converted Jews, as they feel that in the Jew lies the solution of the world's salvation.

Talks With Girls

BY ESTHER COHN.

Seeing the great need of some music at the meetings, Saturday afternoons in Brownsville, I thought I would try and help out the best I could.

I picked out some girls, who had good voices, from the Sewing School, and asked them if they would sing on Saturday afternoons at the meetings. It was very hard for them to consent, for fear of persecution from their friends for singing Christian hymns, but this being a new plan they decided to try.

The meetings usually start at three o'clock Saturday afternoons, so we arranged to meet at one o'clock. In these two hours we talk together and I teach them the new hymns to sing in the meeting. They pick these hymns up very readily and seem to enjoy them, as they sing them with such an enthusiastic spirit. Sometimes we meet at half past ten in the morning and spend our time talking of Christ, singing, and playing games. In this way I gain their closest friendship. It was rather hard for me to spend the whole day Saturday in the uncomfortable Mission store, but seeing and admiring their spirit of being willing to give up their pleasure of visiting friends and relatives, I

couldn't help but feeling that it was my duty to stay there and teach them.

One Saturday as we gathered around the stove at one o'clock, each one had different questions concerning Christ. I tried to make the story of Jesus very plain. When I finished and they had no more questions for the time being, Sadie surprisingly said, "That is so plain and true, why is it that all the Jews don't believe?" Before I had a chance to speak, Fannie promptly answered, "Because they're fools." Sadie then remarked, "Then you must be a fool too, because you don't believe."

"I do believe," said Fannie. This open confession of Fannie surprised me very much, as she never seemed to be as interested in Christ as the others.

Then Bessie said, "Why do all these teachers come here on Tuesdays and teach us?" I said, "If you believed in Jesus, you would also have the desire to tell others, because it is somehow in the nature of a Christian to bring others to Christ, through whom we can be saved. Don't you think so?"

"Yes, that is so," she said, I gave my New Testament that you gave me to a Jewish lawyer, to whom my big sister is engaged and he said it was a good book. He wants an English Bible now.

I feel very happy to think that Bessie is trying to do some Missionary Work. Please pray for these girls.

—ESTHER COHN.

Russia.

A friend in Ohio, the mother-in-law of a Baptist pastor in that state, Rev. James Vuker, a Hebrew Christian, sends us a poem on Russia from which we quote the following stanzas:

"Oh, woe to thee Russia,
Oh, woe to thee to-day;
When the blood of God's children
Did redden thy clay.

Thou hast called down just vengeance
Upon thy proud head;
Thou hast strewn thy land
With Israel's dead.

The cry: 'Oh, save us Jehovah,'
Has reached to the sky,
Oh, Russia, cruel Russia,
God's vengeance is nigh."

Calendar of Mission Activities

You are cordially invited. to any of the services.

MISSION STATIONS:

BROWNSVILLE, 397 Rockaway Avenue.	WILLIAMSBURG, 626 Broadway.
Sunday—Sunday School, Williamsburg, 2:30 P. M. Testimony Meeting, Williamsburg, 8:00 P. M.	
Monday—Free Medical Dispensary to poor Jews, Williamsburg, 3:00 P. M.	
Tuesday—Girls' Sewing School, Brownsville, 3:30 P. M. Free Dispensary to poor Jews, 3:00 P. M.	
Wednesday—Inquirers' Meeting, Williamsburg, 8:00 P. M.	
Thursday—Girls' Sewing School, Williamsburg, 3:30 P. M. Meeting for Young Women, W'msburg, 8 P. M.	
Friday—Free Dispensary to poor Jews, 3:00 P. M. Gospel Meeting, Williamsburg, 8:00 P. M.	
Saturday—Children's Meeting, Brownsville, 3:00 P. M. Gospel Meeting, Williamsburg, 8:00 P. M.	

Receipts From January 1st to 31st, 1907

FOR RENT OF WILLIAMSBURG MISSION.

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

ASSISTANT'S SALARIES.

J. T. P.	40.00
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"THE CHOSEN PEOPLE."

Subscriptions	44.00
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HEBREW BIBLES AND TRACTS.

Mrs. M. E. Bryan	1.00
N. E. Barrett	2.50
M. C. S. M.	10.00

POOR FUND.

Mr. Samuel Parsons	7.50
Miss Sue C. Anderson	.50
Mrs. E. Green	15.00
Miss E. C. Rand	5.00
Miss M. A. M. and Sisters	5.00
A Friend, N. Y.	10.00
Mr. S. V. Argabright	2.00
Mrs. H. Cousins	5.00
Miss A. S. Lapsley	10.00

FOR THE FARM.

"Two Friends in Guilford"	2.00
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GENERAL FUND.

Mr. Chas. E. F. Hayward	1.00
E. C. Stanchfield	1.00
Wm. B. Kunzink	.50
Mrs. F. K. Cushman	1.00
Mrs. R. A. Dale	1.00
Mrs. D. C. Griswold	2.00
Watchnight Service, coll. per Rev. D. H. Tuttle	3.54
Mrs. F. M. T.	.10
Mrs. S. A. Cary and Friend	2.00
A Gentile	.25
Rev. A. L. Vail, D.D.	1.00
Mrs. E. R. Starr	.50
Mrs. M. J. Jackson	10.00
Mrs. H. C. Phelps	1.00
Miss Jessie Carmann	.50
Mr. A. L. Murch	1.50
Mr. A. C. Hopper	5.00
Christian Alliance Band, per Mrs. Mary Morgan	17.00
Rev. J. F. Joy	2.00
Mr. Edwin H. Volckmann	24.00
Mrs. W. H. Kelley	5.00
Elizabeth J. Warner	1.00
Mrs. Christina Stevenson	.50
Mrs. William King	1.00
Mr. M. Ereckson	25.00
Mr. T. C. Baker	1.00
Mrs. C. F. Miller	5.00
Mrs. G. C. Wimberly	1.50
Miss Marion E. Penfield	4.50
Mr. Baldwin Coolidge	5.00
Miss Mary Schoemaker	10.00
Mr. J. A. Shirk	9.50
Mrs. P. M. Watrous	.50
"Enfield"	1.50
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McDaniel	9.00
Rev. J. A. Elliot	4.50
Miss Abby R. Knight	.50
Mrs. E. M. Gleason	.50
Harriet M. Brady	5.00
"A Friend"	2.00
Mrs. M. N. Ogden	4.00
Mrs. C. H. F.	.50
Mrs. D. P. Corey	1.00
Mr. A. E. Long	2.00
Jason Hidden	.50
Mrs. H. E. Coolidge	5.00
Ernest Perry	1.00
Mrs. R. A. Given	12.00
Rev. R. Arthur	1.00
Mrs. G. S. Cuttle	1.50

Mr. Cyrus E. Smith	2.00
Mr. Harry D. Tiemann	5.00
W. A. Stidston	2.00
Mr. A. W. Joy	4.50
Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Mills	10.00
Mrs. J. E. Wilkinson	.50
Miss Imogene Arndt	.50
"A Friend of Israel"	1.00
Coll., Morgantown Bap. Ch., per E. M. Everly, Esq.	5.81
Mrs. L. A. Mitchell	2.50
Mrs. G. B. Durban	5.00
Miss Augusta Chapman	2.00
Mrs. Rowena C. Lummis	3.00
Mrs. H. L. Southmayd	1.00
"To the Jew First"	1.00
Through the Brooklyn Bap. Ch. Extension Soc., Rev. W. M. Davis	2.00
Miss Lizzie English	1.00
Mrs. J. C. Young	3.50
Mr. J. Pesnell	1.00
Mr. Ingram	.25
Mr. Oscar Murray	.50
Mr. Beadle's S. S. Class, per Miss S. A. Beardsey	2.50
Mrs. L. A. Curtis	1.50
Miss Jennie K. Green	1.50
Prayer Meeting, Alex. Ave, Bap. Ch.	5.62
Mrs. Marie Curtis	1.41
Mr. A. G. Klein	1.00
Mrs. S. V. Argabright	3.00
Mrs. Anna Argabright	2.00
Mrs. Martha A. Henderson	.50
Miss Susan P. Cary	.50
Mrs. Margaret Pechin	10.00
Rev. E. L. Carr	1.00
Mr. Robert J. McMahon	1.00
Sisters' Miss. Soc., per Miss Marston	10.00
Amity Bap. Ch.	2.25
Young People's Soc., Lewis Ave, Cong. Ch.	10.00
Christian Reformed Ch. of America, per Rev. J. L. Fles	25.00
A Friend	7.50
Mr. T. M. Leete	.50
R. E. Cumbie	4.50
Mrs. Adeline Estoppy	1.50
Miss M. E. Chapman	10.00
Mr. C. F. Sawtelle	4.50
Mrs. E. W. Flinn	5.00
Mr. Ives W. Hart	2.00
Mr. S. B. Hubbard	2.00
Mrs. M. T. Aslaksen	1.00
Miss Elsie Woolverton	1.00
Mrs. G. Gabrielson	20.00

BUILDING FUND.

Mrs. Stephen C. Van Wyck	5.00
Mrs. Mary Aslaksen	1.00
Miss Mary A. Warren	1.50
Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Willman	10.00
Mrs. H. Zimmerman and Miss White	5.00
Mr. Albert Damon	5.00
A Friend of Israel	9.00
Mrs. H. L. Southmayd	5.00
Mrs. M. Tyrrell	5.00
"To the Jew First"	1.00
Mrs. T. G. Jones	2.00
Mr. Geo. Ramsey	5.00
Miss Abby T. Arnold and Friend	10.00
Mr. S. V. Argabright	5.00
"Two Friends," Pa.	2.00
Mr. A. E. Burnside, in payment of pledge	20.00
Mrs. John E. Roberts	25.00
Miss Sue C. Anderson	30.00

Gifts of Clothing, Etc.

Mr. R. L. C., a roll of outing flannel and one of gingham, for the Sewing School. Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, basted work for Sewing School, value five dollars; Mrs. G. Case, three boxes of clothing; Needlework Guild, Rhinebeck, through Mrs. Frank Herrick, Secretary, 22 new garments.