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Salutation

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

II Kings, 10, 13.

My dearly beloved Friends:—

In this season's last issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, I salute every one of you in the words of Num. 6: 24-26. "The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." —Amen.

I, being a descendant of Aaron the Cohn, (priest) who was authorized of God to pronounce this blessing, have an unusual right to adopt my ancestor's prerogative.

OUR USUAL PLAN.

The dear friends and subscribers will no doubt remember our old arrangement of suspending THE CHOSEN PEOPLE for the summer months. "The winter is past, the flowers appear on the earth," but THE CHOSEN PEOPLE must disappear for a while as during every previous summer, until the early part of October when it will reappear, greeting you at the door of its thirteenth year.

THE LAST MONTH.

The Lord has again bestowed His rich blessings upon this Gospel work during the last month. He has privileged us to hear confessions from a goodly number of Jews that the Lord Jesus had become their Saviour. The meetings have been as well attended as ever before and the blessed Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ has been faithfully proclaimed to all listeners.

It is very encouraging to see large numbers of Jews coming in every time the mission doors are thrown open and we appreciate their respectful attitude while the preaching of the cross is going on and the great attention they pay to the message of the Gospel. All glory be to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who alone is the magnet in drawing these people who never before heard of Him as their blessed Messiah, their King and their Redeemer.

DISTRIBUTION OF TRACTS.

Owing to the limited number of contributions for tracts, only a small supply has been reprinted and distributed in the houses by our colporteur.

Many friends having read the announcement of the series of seven tracts very likely misunderstood it and instead of sending freely of their means for the reprinting wrote asking for a supply of tracts to distribute them among their Jewish friends. A large number of those applications have been favored while many are still lying on my desk waiting for a future reprint of the tracts. It is hoped that our dear friends will be led to contribute liberally to enable us not only to fill those applications, but also to replenish our mission stores with this valuable literature to freely distribute during the whole summer.

"LEST YE FORGET."

While some people when not receiving the paper during the summer months, are apt to forget that the work is carried on and needs the general expenses, there are those who do continually pray for the peace of Jerusalem, bearing in mind Psa. 137: 5. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." Deep in their hearts they know that since God has called their attention to this Jewish mission they are the ones of whom God says, "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night" Isa. 62: 6. and so they will do all that lies in their power to help forward the spread of the Gospel among the daughters and sons of ruined Jerusalem.

A friend visiting this mission said, in substance, to me, "I am going to give you all my tithes from this day and will not contribute to any other work at home or in foreign lands." And when I protested against touching the support of other missions the friend explained saying: "The apostle said, 'For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him.' Acts 15: 21. Now, all other missions, home and foreign have in every city those that support them, but Jewish missions have not, and I will take up that which so many have neglected and will put all my stock in your mission."

This after all seems to be in harmony with God's thought expressed in Isa. 62: 6, 7; to the few friends of Israel, urging extraordinary activities in behalf of Jerusalem. "The Lord watch between me and thee." Amen.

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

LEOPOLD COHN.

THE CHOSEN PEOPLE.

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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." The Lord in His great mercy 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 250,000 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."

An Example For Societies

"Enclosed find draft for.....from the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, Sibley. Last Tuesday was the first meeting of our Society in the new missionary year beginning April 1st, and we decided that as the Jews were first chosen of God so we would choose them as the subject of our first meeting in the year, and send them our first offering. There were many prayers offered in behalf of your mission and the Jews.

MRS. GEO. A. CAREW."

A Pastor's Kind Words

"I like your paper very much and when it comes I never stop until I have read every word of it and then I thank God our Heavenly Father for what He is doing for the Jews.

(REV.) W. H. BROWN."

Which Kind Are You?

During the thirteen years of my ministry I have met with two kinds of Christian friends.

One class of friends is those who have been steadily bent, from the start to this very day, on supporting and strengthening this Gospel work by their prayers, means and sympathy. Their determination to help the Lord's work for the Gospel's sake has proved immovable and indefatigable. Their remittances continue coming, their communications are always sweet and encouraging, leaving a fragrance that is wafted on from day to day in the hard life of the working missionary, who cannot but have a very warm feeling of love and admiration for those dear

friends and give thanks to God for such a Christ-like spirit.

The other class is not so. They come and go, the work cannot depend upon their support. They are impatient, quick-tempered and high minded. A notice for the subscription, a delay in the paper and other petty unavoidable occurrences cause them to waver and rashly write: "Stop the paper."

For such we cannot but pray that the Spirit and mind of the Lord Jesus may overrule their own spirits.

An Example For Young People

"Enclosed find....., 50 cents for THE CHOSEN PEOPLE and balance for you to use as you think best. You may depend on me for..... each year, as long as I have any money. I think the Lord will bless me and give me more. I am only a boy of seventeen years old.

CECIL C. CRAIG."

Program For Jewish Missionary Meeting

In response to many demands, we have prepared a paper with information to arouse interest in Jewish work. We trust this will prove helpful and acceptable to our friends who need material to use along this line in their missionary meetings, etc. It is not lengthy, containing but a thousand words and if desired we could furnish the entire program for a meeting devoted to the consideration of Jewish work. This service is entirely free and we trust a good number of our friends will avail themselves of it and thus help spread the knowledge of this Gospel ministry.

Incidents in the Work.

A Translated Meeting

Friday evening April 5th, was the last night of the Passover when the Jews are usually feasting and strictly observing the close of the eight long holidays. As usual, we were to hold our regular meeting that evening, expecting a very small audience on account of the holiday. However the hall was comfortably filled with Jews who showed great interest in the preaching of the plain Gospel. It happened that Messers. Ralph L. Cutter and Frank H. Marston, two of the best friends of the mission were present, so they addressed the audiences in English which I interpreted in Yiddish. Mr. Cutter spoke on Christ before Pilate, pointing out that each one of the audience could either reject Him, as Pilate did, or accept and serve Him. Mr. Marston spoke on the free gift of God through the Lord Jesus Christ if we only take Him at His word. He illustrated his thought by the story of an English lord who offered to cancel the debts of all of his subjects who would present them at an appointed hour. But they hesitated, thinking it was all humbug and only one old man and his wife believing the announcement, received the promise.

There was also present the Rev. Dr. Wright, of the Methodist Home Mission Board who delivered a short address on the text "I am the way," and Miss Evelyn Moore of the Lewis Ave. Cong. Church, who gave an interesting talk on Jacob's vision. The whole audience were listening to every speaker with rapt attention. It was nearly ten o'clock when the meeting was closed, but the Jews did not seem tired, they wanted to hear more about the Lord Jesus. After the conclusion of the service a number of Jews confessed their belief in the Son of God.

A Scoffer Converted

As a rule our audiences are respectable, thoughtful and earnest. But among so many people there must be one at least that has still the old prejudice. Thus recently we had to be patient with one Jewish brother who frequented our services but he would always try to announce his presence by passing some remarks, scoffing or ridiculing during the preaching and causing those sitting near him to laugh. At the close of a meeting he approached one of the converts who had given a testimony and taunted him.

The convert did not mind the abuse and talked to the scoffer in a brotherly way relating his experience of privation and suffering for the sake of Christ who is the Truth. The consequence was that the stony heart of the scoffer was softened and he exclaimed with a subdued voice,

"From this day I too will believe in Jesus the Messiah". This he said in the presence of a group of Jews who listened to the convert's story.

Cast Out a Devil

One Jew who has been attending our meetings for some time requested me to visit him and help his boy of twelve years. The boy has been for a year or so most unruly, refusing to go to school, associating with bad company, sleeping on trucks, or in hallways and sheds. Having a step-mother the poor boy had no desire to stay at home, but felt more comfortable on the sidewalk.

The father tried everything possible to reform his son, had the truant officer sent after him and summoned him to the children's court, but nothing seemed to change his behaviour. Lately he began to steal and visit saloons and theatres. When his father met him he would run away and when being talked with would not utter a word or even look in his face. The father being grieved very much said to me: "You preached once on Jesus casting out evil spirits. I think my son has got one. Would you not come and speak to my boy of Jesus the Messiah and drive out that evil spirit from him."

The way the man spoke touched my heart and I began to pray to God for the dear boy right then and there.

So a time was appointed, the boy's presence was secured and I began to talk to him with my lips, but in my heart I was constantly praying to God in the blessed name of Jesus. At first he appeared to me like a real demoniac, for he bent his head away down to his chest, his hands were working nervously, his eyes were raised to me only at short intervals with a fearful and quick side glance and his lips refused to open at all.

As I kept on talking to him for a long time without any seeming result, I changed my method and addressed him in this way: "Abie, do you know that Jesus loves you and Jesus wants you to become His own dear boy." etc. These remarks elicited from the boy the following words: "Where is Jesus?" "In heaven," said I. "Does he know my mother?" "Certainly, my boy, He knows everybody." "How do I know that he loves me?" "You see, He directed me to tell you so." Gradually the boy, at my request raised up his head, looked straight into my face and talked.

He promised to attend school, obey his father and step-mother, and be in every respect a good boy. He has kept his promise ever since March 28th unto this day April 27th, to the astonishment of the father and his neighbors who said the boy had a devil.

He has attended several of our meetings and showed himself one of the best listeners. Please remember the dear boy in your prayers. He told me once that he would like to see Jesus.

The Suffering Convert

Some time ago we reported to our friends the conversion of a Jew who used to oppose us and cause much unpleasantness for a long time until he was subdued by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then he went about confessing the Lord Jesus Christ to all the brethren he met. Consequently a tall, strongly built Jew got hold of this smaller and weaker brother one day hitting his head against a stand on the corner of the street, and injuring his brain, for no other reason than that he confessed the Lord Jesus as his Saviour.

This brother is still suffering from those injuries. At one of our meetings, he said that he wished that the Lord would take him from here as the pain he has constantly to suffer nearly drives him insane. He does not want to risk a dangerous operation on the brain. Although some blind Jews taunt him, asking why Jesus does not help him, etc., he is always ready to testify for his Saviour and stick to Him to the end, and say like Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." Job. 13: 15. He often relates how he used to annoy me, and how the Lord Jesus came at last into his heart and changed his whole being.

Please pray for this afflicted brother that he may be healed without an operation, or if it is God's will to have him undergo the operation may the way be soon opened for it.

Three Jews Confessed Christ

One evening we read Isa. 52, dwelling upon the first two verses from which a sentence in a beautiful song chanted by the Jews in the Synagogues every Friday evening, was constructed. That sentence is as follows, "Shake thyself from the dust, arise, put on thy beautiful garments, O, my people. Through the Son of Jesse, the Bethlehemeite, redemption came nigh to my soul." After showing whence that stanza was taken and how plainly it referred to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, who was born in Bethlehem, an appeal was made to their hearts to accept Him without delay. It stirred them greatly to realize that the sacred song which is written in their own prayer book contained such an irrefutable reference to Jesus. At the close of the meeting three Jews confessed their belief in the Lord Jesus Christ.

An Interesting Meeting

Occasionally I meet some of the evangelists visiting the Churches of this city who are creating interest among the Gentiles and bringing souls to Christ. As a rule I ask every one to come and preach to my Jewish audience.

Somehow they manage to excuse themselves in different ways. A few weeks ago, however, we had the pleasure of securing Mr. W. W.

Rugh, of Williamsport, Pa., who gave us unexpectedly a very good talk on the tabernacle, showing a large chart on which a miniature of all the tabernacle belongings was pictured: Mr. Rugh spoke in English and my assistant interpreted it in Jewish.

It was a rainy evening, but all except three chairs were filled and the interest was very great. Mr. Rugh pointed out in a striking way that every feature of the tabernacle had some reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. At the close of the meeting many young men came to Mr. Rugh and asked for sketches of the diagram as they wanted to study it for themselves. A number of Jews expressed their great surprise at the fact that a Gentile should know the Jewish Bible so well.

The Jews everywhere do not know that the Christians believe or read the same Bible. They think that Christians have some strange books which are filled with bitter words of hatred toward the Jews. Thus the Lord blessed the ministry of Mr. Rugh that evening very much.

You Taste Like a Good Christian

That a good Christian has a good taste which he makes others recognize, has been attested to by a little Jewish girl in the Brownsville Mission. And as the word tells us, "Out of the mouth of babes, hast thou ordained strength," there must be some truth in the girl's utterance.

One Saturday afternoon when we held our regular meeting for boys, to which a number of girls always come too, Mrs. Heyer who directs the spiritual part of the work of the Williamsburg Sewing School, paid us a visit and addressed the young folks. They all liked her talk very much and when she finished, a little girl came up to her and giving vent to her feelings said: "You taste just like a real good Christian."

It Troubled His Heart

Our colporteur goes from house to house distributing the various tracts regularly and systematically, first one kind, then another, and so forth. The tracts are large, containing all the arguments a Jew can possibly make against the truth with scriptural facts to refute such arguments. The number of pages varies from 18 to 50. One day as I passed by a Jew who stood in front of his house he stopped me and invited me into his rooms.

Then he took down from a shelf one of our tracts called, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son." "Did you send this to me?" he asked. "Yes, did you read it?" "Did I read it?" retorted the man, "I read and re-read it. Why that book says very cutting things and it has made me very sad. If those things are written in the holy prophets as you there cite, then we

Jews committed a great transgression (Avarah) when we threw away that Jesus. Can you lend me a T'nach (Heb. Old Testament) for a few weeks, as I wish to look up those things carefully?"

When I assured him of a Hebrew Bible he was very glad and also surprised. He asked me how I could afford to spend so much money for tracts and Bibles to give them freely to all who desired them. When I told him that the Christians give me them for free distribution among the Jews, he shook his head indicating skepticism. "What have the Christians to do with us Jews? How can they do such things when they would like to kill us all if they only could? How do they carry our Bible? Do the Christians read our T'nach?" These and many other questions were put to me by this Jew who was puzzled about such things.

During a long conversation the man was enlightened and before I left he exclaimed "Woe unto me that I have always hated the Christians who are like angels."

He has a large family and he would like them all to believe that Jesus is the Messiah. Please pray for the whole family.

A Husband Like Jesus

A little girl of the Williamsburg Sewing School whispered into my ear one day, "Please give a little bit of Jesus' mercy to a poor woman who lives opposite me." When I asked for plainer words she told me that the woman has two little babies, twins, besides a number of other children. The babies always cry and her mother went in once and found out that the people had not even sufficient money to buy milk, coal or bread. The girl's mother made a cup of tea with which she fed the babies. The father of the babies had no work for a long time and pawned everything they had. They would not tell any body of their needs for they are not used to begging. I went there, gave them money which they accepted on condition that they be allowed to repay it when able. Their sorrow was turned into joy. They thanked the missionary, the girl and the girl's mother. The girl said to her, "Mr. Cohn never wants anybody to thank him for such things. He only says that everything comes from Jesus' mercy and you ought to thank Jesus." At this point the tears came into the eyes of the mother of the twins and she rushed to the little girl, raised her in her arms, pressed her tear-stained cheek against the girl's face and said: "God shall give you a husband as good as Jesus," kissing her at every word she uttered. This is considered a great blessing among the Jews, as the girls always pray for a good husband and the boys for a good wife."

When Jesus Was a Boy

One of the converted families having been

greatly persecuted by their neighbors had to move into a Gentile neighborhood. As they consider all non-Jews, Christians, they expected to escape persecution. But they were greatly disappointed, for their little children were frequently attacked by rough Gentile boys. One day coming from school their little boy, 8 years old, was badly bruised by a gang of Gentile boys who shouted, "Kill the Sheeney." As the mother bent over the wounded boy, bandaging his bleeding face she tried to quiet her crying child by saying, "Keep still darling, Jesus suffered worse." The boy stopped crying and thoughtfully asked, "Did the Christian boys fire stones at Jesus too, when He was a boy?"

Talks With Girls and Boys

One Saturday in the early afternoon I was waiting in the mission as usual for my "Choir Girls." I waited and waited but not one of them appeared. I began to wonder what the trouble could be (for they were usually quite punctual) but, before I had a chance to think very much, in came some strange girls whose bright faces I had never seen before.

I asked them to sing a hymn with me which they did without any hesitation, and then I said, "Do you believe in Jesus Christ our Savior?"

One girl quickly answered, "Well I don't see why we should. A girl I know told me that there were only two real religions, the Catholic and the Jewish, and I believe in the Jewish religion and I am going to stick to it."

"Well now," said I, "let me explain to you. Do you know the ten commandments?"

"Yes, I used to know them," was the reply.

"Do you remember the second and third commandments, where it says not to bow down to any images?"

"Oh, yes, I remember now," the girl answered.

"Well," I said, "then how can the Catholic religion be true, when they disobey God by bowing down to images?"

"That's so," said another girl, "I was in a Catholic church with a girl and I saw her bow down to an image of Jesus and she kissed His feet, and whenever this girl tells a lie or does anything wrong, she says she doesn't care because she just has to go to the priest and he forgives her sins."

"Do you think that is right?" I questioned? "Has that man the power of forgiving sins? Is he any different or any better than any other man?"

"No," the girl replied, "I don't think that is right, but I thought that, that was the Christian religion. Don't you do that?"

"Why no," I said, "we Christians go to God and ask Him to pardon our sins through the blood of Jesus, and we do not worship images of Jesus, but the real living One in Heaven. Does that make clear the difference between the Catholics, who call themselves Christians, and the real Christians?"

"Yes, mam," was the reply by all.

"I have tried to explain to you why the Catholics haven't a true religion, now let me tell you about the Jewish religion. The Jews are all right as far as they go, but, why do they only believe in half of the Bible? You see the Bible has two parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament, and the Jews believe only in the Old Testament, while we Christians believe in both Testaments, which make up the Bible.

The New Testament tells us that our Messiah, who you believe is going to come, has come and died for us on the Cross that we might be saved. On the third day He arose from the grave, ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God. You see the main difference between the Jew and the Christian is that the Christian believes our Messiah, Jesus Christ, has come and is going to come again while the Jew believes that He is going to come, but never has come."

"Do the Christians believe in our Bible?" one girl questioned with surprise.

"Why of course they do; there is only one Bible," I answered.

"I thought the Christians had a different Bible altogether, and didn't believe in ours at all," the girl said.

"They believe in the Old Testament, which is your Bible, and also in the New Testament," I replied.

At this point our interesting conversation stopped, as it was then time for the meeting to start. Please pray for these dear girls and also for me that I may know just how to answer their questions.

WITH THE BOYS,

On several occasions, when my father was unable to attend, I led the boys' meetings, I call these boys' meetings because boys are usually in the majority, on Saturday afternoons.

I commenced the meeting with our usual opening hymn, "We Praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy Love," and then I allowed them to choose a hymn, which was "Christ is the Sunny Side of Life." They sang both of these hymns unusually well, which encouraged me very much, but, suddenly, when they discovered that my father was not going to be present the atmosphere was changed. I heard here and there, "I am going to have some fun because Mr. Cohn isn't here."

This being my first experience in leading a meeting of this kind, and knowing their aim, I was puzzled just what to do, but soon a thought came to me. I asked them if they would like to write compositions on the talk which I was going to give them. They all shouted, "Yes mam." Then I said, "Now, in order that you may be able to write a good composition, you will all have to pay very good attention to what I am saying, so that you can remember all the important facts.

This plan worked remarkably well, for each

boy who intended having "some fun" changed his attitude, and listened as well as the others, to every word of the story of Moses. To my surprise this story was new to most of them, which shows in what ignorance the Jewish children are brought up nowadays, with regard to their own Bible, the Old Testament. When I finished the story, I gave each boy a chance, if he wished, to get up and tell it, to see if he remembered all the details for his composition. After each one's story I allowed the other boys to criticise, and I was surprised to see the number of hands raised ready to tell me the mistakes. As each boy's mistakes were given and corrected, we kept count of them on the black-board. This kept them all in perfect order, as they had to listen to what the other boy as saying, in order to discover the mistakes.

One boy would leave out that the name Moses signified drawn-out. The next boy would omit that it was the King's daughter who found Moses, another would forget to say why the King gave an order that all the Jewish boys should be killed, and many more, which I have not space to enumerate. All these omissions were readily discovered by the boys and given as mistakes. There was one boy in whose story no one could find any errors.

This proved to be a very interesting meeting, I received seven good compositions, six of which were from boys and one from a girl.

ESTHER COHN.

The Williamsburg Sewing School

Our girls are preparing for a song service on the second Thursday in May. Eight of our best singers have been chosen to take special parts and all the school is looking forward to this day. The Pink Rose service has been prepared for the purpose of helping the girls to see what the power of Spirit of Christ can do for one of the most sinful and unworthy of His creatures. It has been the means of the conversion of many in the days past. Will everyone who sympathizes with the work for the Jews in this city pray that some heart will be touched, some life given to Christ by this service?

Our girls are busy with their sewing for the first hour on Thursday afternoons, and all seem interested. They remember the Bible verses learned at each meeting, in a manner encouraging to the helpers. We are glad to report that some new teachers have come in to help us.

God is with us and we know He will bless our efforts, if we remain faithful.

MRS. R. L. HEYER.

Will You Help

Soon after this issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE reaches our friends, we shall be planning to close the Sewing Schools for the summer, praying that the Holy Spirit will often bring to remembrance

the truths taught the girls. But even now we are often reminded of the treat we have been able to give the children each summer for so many years past, as they frequently ask, "When are we going to have the excursion?" I think it hardly enters the mind of most of the girls that we might *not* have the picnic for from experience they have come to believe in us and in our desire to help and please them. And I am not suggesting such a possibility for I am sure that our friends will not fail us this season, but will send us liberal contributions, about eighty dollars are needed, to give our girls one healthy, happy day out-of-doors.

ELLA T. MARSTON.

Dispensary Conditions

Of all the embarrassing features of the medical work in the Mission yet one has to be mentioned as a very important reason for hastening the erection of a building. It is not the excessive heat or cold, for they can be borne even if they do make inroads upon the health of the physician in charge; it is not the noise nor the foul odor, for they can be endured even if they form an unpleasant inconvenience; it is not the lack of proper water to prepare the medicines in, and hot water for ordinary cleanliness; it is not the need of money, nor instruments or assistance. The need is sanitation. "Is that all" some one may say. That is all, yet it is everything. Just what this means one can hardly understand, who knows only how clean, well fed and well dressed people live. Can one imagine the condition of a baby who was brought because of a discharging abscess six other members of the family living in after six other members of the family living in an apartment of three rooms! How many articles of underclothing does one have to wear in bitter cold weather when there is no fire in the home; and what are the chances of frequent changes to say nothing of bathing under such circumstances? The patients are not all like this, indeed. Yet what can be the condition of a room which has been opened for three hours in which twenty to thirty such people were gathered. Even if they were not ill, would it be considered hygienic to use that same room for an audience of a hundred people for a religious meeting, or for a large Sunday School of children, or a Sewing School. It surely would not. Supposing a case of measles walks in, or a child just recovering from scarlet fever with the skin still peeling; or if a phthical patient sits around for an hour or two, and despite warning spits upon the floor; or if an anxious mother brings in a child who suddenly announces by an unmistakable "whoop," that he is troubled by more than a mere cough; or bad burns have to be treated, there were three in one day; or abscesses to be opened (this cannot be done because of poor equipment and lack of facilities). What does one say now about using a single room for the

many purposes to which this store is put? Would the Board of Health permit it? There, the fatal word has been said. The Board of Health ought not to permit it, and will not when attention is called to the existing conditions. The pathos of it all is that the work must go on despite these objections and limitations. These are real objections and embarrassing limitations. None know them so well or can begin to appreciate them as the people who are in their midst. The medical work of the mission is a menace to the community as well as a blessing. The gathering of these sick people in a room in which public assemblies are held, jeopardizes the health of those who are only too easily affected by adverse circumstances and it must be remembered that many of these people live on very narrow health margins. Shall it be permitted to some enemy to the work to have the power to prove it evil; shall its friends have continually to apologize for its shortcomings; shall the workers still have to labor under trying and distressing conditions? If not, it will be a glad day when God's stewards invest this money in this enterprise and provide for its varied forms of activity that building for which already so many prayers have been made.

A. F. ERDMANN, M. D.

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.	
Wednesday—Inquirers' Meeting, Williamsburg, 8:00 P. M. Free Dispensary to poor Jews, 3:00 P. M.	
Thursday—Girls' Sewing School, Williamsburg, 3:30 P. M. Meeting for Young Women, Wmsburg, 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.	

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