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Salutation

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

II Kings, 10, 13.

My dearly beloved Friends:—

I salute you with prayers to God that "the word of Christ may dwell in you richly" Col. 3:16, and be to you the joy and rejoicing of your heart, Jer. 15:16; that what the Scripture says may be manifested in you, "where the word of the King is, there is power." Ecl. 8:4. Amen.

QUICK AND POWERFUL.

This was Paul's observation of the qualities of the Word of God. Heb. 4:12. In his great missionary career Paul had ample opportunity to learn that nothing but the *Word* can be so very active, in seizing upon the conscience of sinners, convincing, converting and making their proud spirits humble and obedient. In most of the conversions during the past fifteen years of my ministry to my people, I have had the privilege of noticing the same effect of the word of Christ, "quick and powerful." The first instance was that of my own conversion; for my inborn hatred against the Crucified One my habit of despising all that was Christian, which had become as it were natural to my soul, and rooted deeply in it, were quickly revealed and cut off by the word of Christ which I read in the New Testament for the first time in my life seventeen years ago this very month. My Jewish brethren who come to listen to the preaching of the cross are the strongest proof of this truth. Their long standing obstinacy in an unbelief which is nineteen hundred years old, their extreme bitterness against Christianity which was used in the hands of their enemies as a sword to rob, kill and uproot them, their total blindness and ignorance of the Gospel of Christ, because of the Church's withholding from them the good tidings of their own Messiah as sufficient factors to render them humanly impossible for reform or change. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?" Jer. 13:23. No wonder that so many Christians who are of little faith, despaired of ever seeing the Jewish people come to their own King and Saviour and have almost concluded that Jesus is Lord of Gentiles only and has no power over the Jews.

WONDER WORKING POWER.

But one who knows the Lord Jesus Christ, having faith in His working power, surmounts

all these mountains of difficulties and proclaims the word of Christ to these hardened and seared hearts, and behold, these proud ones are broken to pieces by the Word as rocks by a hammer, and are melted and purified by it as by fire. Jer. 23:29. Just a few days ago a Jew told me that the words of the Lord Jesus spoken on the cross "Father forgive them" seem to strike upon his heart heavy blows like a hammer, and the expressions from a letter of a learned Jew-ess, quoted on another page, shows the same efficacy of His word.

This is also true with Christian people who are not interested in the Jews. Last month I addressed a Christian audience drawing lessons from the text "Let the word of Christ dwell (not come and go) in you (not in your head) richly" (not poorly). After His word in Acts 1:8 and other passages had been pointed out, to the effect that every Christian in every generation is commanded to preach the Gospel to the Jew, first a number of the audience came up and regretfully confessed their previous prejudice against the chosen people of God and offered to help the mission work among the Jews in every way possible. Many letters reach me in which similar confessions are made, likewise expressing resolutions for the future. Such dear friends had not known His word, but upon hearing or reading it in **THE CHOSEN PEOPLE** let it dwell in them richly and now show its power, the power of the King Jesus who with His body, nailed to the cross all prejudices, all human opinions and all of the old man.

Such is the attitude of our few friends who at a self-sacrifice help this Christian testimony to the Jews. The word of the King dwells in them richly and gives them power to deny themselves. If there were many more like these few children of God we would not have to waste energy in struggling to meet the necessary expenses of the work, there would be no deficit such as we still have, but there would be such an influx of free will offerings for the Lord's work that there would be "much more than enough." Then we would have, like Moses of old, to restrain the people from bringing. Ex. 36:5, 6.

May the time speedily come when the word of Christ shall dwell richly in every one that confesses Him. Amen.

Yours for service,

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 Brooklyn. With no friends to back him, he placed full reliance on the Lord, taking for his motto, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness." God's children who know His word send the necessary funds as they are led of Him. The Lord has richly blessed the preaching of His Word among His ancient people, Israel. Over ninety 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 help them.

To-day, we have 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 deserving Jews, and in this way we 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, 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 Lesson from Building

As I watched the laying of the foundation of our Mission Building which now, by the way, has progressed to the roof, I learned a great lesson which I pass on to our readers.

The architect prescribed certain particulars about the foundation, and I saw how watchful and careful the builders were to minutely fulfil every little ordinance delineated on the plans. The ground was first tested and then a wide ditch, 2½ feet deep was dug and filled with the best made concrete. This wall was made even thicker than the plans demanded as if those in charge of the work wished to defy criticism on the one hand and insure the solidity of the superstructure on the other.

Our great Master, the Lord Jesus Christ prescribed that we should build up His church and He was very particular in planning for the foundation wherever, whenever and by whomsoever it should be constructed, to carefully direct all to begin at Jerusalem. Paul, Peter and the other apostles carried out that ordinance. How particular ought every Church, every minister, every individual to be in building the Church of Christ to heed the rules laid down—to the Jew first. Is there wonder that so few attend Church, that many Churches are in debt and mortgaged, and that Higher Critics are in our midst?

Listen what Paul says, "What shall the receiving of them (the Jews) be, but life from the dead?"

Jewish Life

We have not yet heard from many about the proposed book, Jewish Life. There are but two

months more and then the suggestion will be withdrawn. If every subscriber to THE CHOSEN PEOPLE is interested enough to have me write that book for the benefit of many Christians and students, please send a special postal card saying, "I will take the book Jewish Life and pay \$1.50 when ready for delivery."

About the Deficit

As announced in the last paper we still have a deficit in our finances. We are very thankful to the many dear friends who like the poor widow sent their two mites to help pay off this debt. But many of our readers have not yet come to our help. We suppose that they have been waiting for others to make up the arrears. The following extract from a letter will confirm that supposition. "I was very sorry for the debt you incurred, and hoped and prayed that friends, with means, might be raised up to liquidate it, but as that prayer does not seem to be answered, feel that I must send my mite to help."

A story is told of a Mohammedan party of fifteen which, while on a pilgrimage, had to cross a river. When safe on the other side they counted heads in order to see if all were present. To their great chagrin every one of the party counted and found one missing, yet could not discover who that missing one was. They visited a witch who made them pass one by one before a pillar of clay upon which an imprint of every nose was made. The witch counting the noses found all the fifteen there. The only solution to the problem was that each pilgrim in counting heads, had forgotten to include *himself* in the numbering.

Incidents in the Work

The Holy Spirit's Touch

Perhaps never before have I seen so many Jews really touched in their hearts by a simple talk as at one of our last month's meetings. I read the fifty-first Psalm and dwelt largely on the verse "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." The talk was in part as follows:

David had no previous Scriptures before him in which the doctrine of the creation of a clean heart or the renewing of a right spirit was taught. Where did he get the idea? The expression here does not mean to have the heart cleaned by various processes such as are prescribed by the rabbis. If such a result is desired, as for instance, if a kitchen table is to be cleaned for use during the holidays of unleavened bread a rabbi will order that it be thoroughly scrubbed with boiling water and red hot irons so that the owner may be assured that every particle of leaven absorbed by the wood during the year is removed.

But no wise man has ever invented a similar process for cleansing a heart and the word in this text does not refer to the improvement of our natural hearts, but to the creation by God of a new heart which can rightly be called clean.

The first verse of this same Psalm will serve as a suggestion as to where David gained the idea of the creation of a clean heart. He says, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness, according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." The word "loving-kindness" is the same as that translated in Isa. 55:3 "sure mercies" and both of them suggest to us the fuller thought even the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. No wonder this expression has so many translations. It is a word inexhaustible in its meanings. It was His great mercy, His grace, His loving-kindness which brought Him to this earth to suffer and die in our stead.

HOW TO GAIN A CLEAN HEART.

Thus David through whom the Holy Spirit spoke, appealed to God for the remission of His sins through His sure mercies, even the blood of Jesus, which cleanseth us from all sin. David as well as Abraham saw Christ's day and rejoiced and so could pray for the creation of a clean heart and the renewal of a right spirit. It is only from the lips of the Lord Jesus that we learn this doctrine in all its fullness when we hear Him say to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again."

But what is our part in this transaction, someone will ask, if it is God's to Create? This question troubled Nicodemus also, but Christ answered him in the latter verses when He said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not

perish but have eternal life." It is our part to believe and to look to that uplifted sacrifice and God will do His part and create a clean heart. You will find this was true in the case of Nicodemus if you will look further in the New Testament and read how he took up the cause of Christ and appealed to the Sanhedrin not to judge Him without a hearing. There he showed the evidence of His new heart and the line was plainly drawn separating him from the Sanhedrin. They had malice, hatred and sinfulness in their hearts but in His was the grace and boldness to confess Jesus as his friend.

Later on when the Son of God suffered on the cross for our sins, Nicodemus no longer cautious and desiring the protection of right—but probably remembering the wonderful reference to Moses and the serpent, brought a hundred pound weight—of myrrh and aloes to be used for the burial of His body.

So my dear friends if you want to have a clean heart, look up first and believe on Jesus, and God will make you a new creation in Christ.

I noticed while talking, that the audience seemed especially thoughtful, but at the close of the talk one Jew came and said that he wanted to be entirely on the side of the Lord, and another that he would like to have that clean heart as he is disgusted with his life and so would look up and believe. Besides these two, more than a dozen Jews have said on different occasions that more than anything else that talk has "nailed them down" as they said, to the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ and to His person as the Saviour.

The Social Gathering

The annual social meeting for the Converts of the Mission was held Tuesday evening March 23. This is the yearly entertainment that the Young People of the Lewis Avenue Cong. Church have been giving us for the last thirteen winters. It usually comes earlier in the season but this time was postponed till the date above. We distributed tickets to those we wished present and the affair proved very pleasant and satisfactory.

Although the gathering came at a very busy season when the poor Jews were doing extra work to prepare for their Passover holidays, yet the Mission room was full and there were no vacant chairs.

The entertainment was opened with the Doxology after which the Young People sang the hymn, "We praise Thee, O God" some of the converts joining in as they are familiar with it. Prayer followed and then a phonograph was put up which played a few pieces of music. Brother Parsons sang a solo "Have you any room for Jesus" and Mrs. Scofield also delighted us in the same way. Short talks by the Missionary were interspersed and finally ice cream and cake were served after which the audience was asked by the

Missionary to show their appreciation of the Christian kindness of the Young People, by rising. This they promptly did and as they stood for a minute the missionary conveyed their silent thanks to the dear friends who have been so unceasingly interested in their welfare. After prayer and thanks to God, all were dismissed.

A Learned Jewess Persuaded

Our friends will no doubt remember the article on Kaddish that appeared in the October number of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. The account was given there of the letters written by my sainted wife's relatives urging me to let my children repeat in the synagogue in the presence of a quorum of ten Jews, the short prayer called in Hebrew Kaddish in order to eventually secure the deceased against Gehenna. In answer I wrote that my wife believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour and consequently is in no danger of Gehenna and I quoted such verses from the Old Testament Scriptures as show very plainly that our sins are forgiven only by faith in the Lamb of God upon whom God had laid the iniquity of us all.

Since then I have reported some of the good results from that correspondence, but recently when I had supposed that all was forgotten and quieted down, I received two additional letters in which are shown the results of my written sermons.

The more remarkable of the two was from a young Jewess who had read my letters on the subject. She is unusually well educated and expresses herself in Hebrew like any learned man. She writes in part: "My husband thinks of it unfavorably (referring to the subject mentioned in the previous letter) but it takes hold of me, for since I read some of your letters, especially that in which you wrote about the Kaddish and concerning the belief of your righteous wife who has gone to her lot, I have no rest, for the words you quote do not depart from me day nor night. I gave myself to the study of the prophets and I find that we people here do not know which way we are walking. The trouble is that there is no man here to explain to us your faith, one says this way and another that. Yet the prophets are true, this one thing I know."

I showed this letter to several Hebrew Christians and they simply marvelled at the way this young Jewess expressed her thoughts in the Hebrew tongue showing an unusual education for a Jewess. The expressions certainly indicate that this daughter of Abraham is very near to belief in the Lord Jesus Christ.

MY OTHER CORRESPONDENT.

The other letter was from a Jew who is rather a distant relative, and not well educated. He wrote in Yiddish saying that he had been told about my belief and the stand I took against Kaddish because of the verses from the prophets

showing that belief in Jesus the Messiah saves one from sin. Then he asked me two questions, one whether he can be saved by believing in the Messiah on the strength of my belief, that is, he means that he cannot go into deep study and prove for himself the truth of these statements, but he wanted to take my belief for the foundation of his faith and say that he too would take this Jesus for the Atonement for his sins just as the man who knows what he is doing from a Scriptural standpoint.

The other question was, will those who believe in this Messiah not go to Gehenna at all or do they go there and are then taken out by Him?

I answered him that he can be saved without going into deep study if he only believes with all his heart and lives according to the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ and that no Gehenna or Hell has any power or dominion over a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ for one moment. As all these things have come to pass on account of the departure of my wife, they may be attributed to her good memory and we can say indeed, "she being dead yet speaketh."

A Convert in Trouble.

Few people can imagine what may happen to a Jew who confesses Christ and must live among his people depending upon them for his support. The following story will illustrate.

A young man who attended our meetings for several years and became convinced of the truth as it is in Jesus, about a year ago was persuaded to confess the Lord Jesus to Jews whom he met. Talking to a friend one day he told him that he was very happy in the Lord and would like him to believe in Jesus too. His friend became most indignant, denouncing him forcibly for his belief.

Then his attitude changed and he said, "I am still your friend and I want you to get a very good job I know of. You go to such a street and number and I will speak to the man about you." He appointed the day and hour and as the brother had no suspicion of any wrong doing he went. Like many of the houses in the neighborhood the one he found had no bell, so after knocking, he opened the door and went in, as is customary. No sooner had he seated himself than some one from outside immediately locked the door. A few minutes later this door was opened and a policeman entered and invited him to "come along."

He was placed under arrest, was brought to court and accused of burglary. In spite of his explanations and calling attention to the fact that nothing stolen was found on him and that the door was not broken in, they held him for that alleged crime. The case had to go over for the special sessions and we cannot tell how it will be decided. However, the brother comes to the meetings, especially to that on Monday

evening, praising the Lord and testifying to His goodness that He saved his soul through the blood of Jesus. He frequently brings his wife and is very anxious for her conversion. She like most Jewesses, is not educated in her religion but from what she has heard in the meetings and from personal talks, she judges that the Lord Jesus is the Son of God and the Saviour. She has not yet made a public confession but we hope she is converted.

Will you please remember this brother in prayer, that he may be delivered from the snare of the blind wicked.

An Inspiration

How refreshing after an absence of several weeks to be back again in our Mission room and witness the power of God in the preaching of the Gospel to the Jews. When I see the Jews flocking to the Mission and filling all the seats, singing the Christian hymns in English or chanting in Hebrew my heart rejoices and is refreshed and I sing praises unto Jehovah who has wrought so mightily in our midst. When the Gospel is preached and the Word of God is opened to them they listen with rapt attention, mind and body even, showing an attitude of interest. Such a sight gladdens my soul and the old tired feeling incident to years of service along the conventional lines, drops away.

Imagine it, dear reader! Hundreds of Jews in the very heart of the Hebrew section of Brooklyn coming several evenings every week, to hear the Gospel, with the all-compelling interest of a people who have been waiting and praying through centuries for their Messiah. How eager, patient and persistent their interest, yet how keen is their judgment, and how ready they are with question and objection, quoting freely from the Old Testament with which they are familiar. Satisfied with nothing but the truth they search for it carefully, and admit it only after thorough investigation.

When Brother Cohn preaches to them, unfolding the Gospel in their own tongue, showing them that Jesus is verily the Messiah, how they listen, bending forward in their seats, their eyes almost protruding, often exclaiming aloud, in their vehemence and absorption. Brother Cohn stands before them, in the manner of an old-time prophet, clothed with the authority and humility of one to whom this truth is a reality. Familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures, the Talmud and the Rabbinical teachings and laws, understanding their language, temperaments and prejudices, he is pre-eminently fitted to teach them and they recognize a man of character, knowledge and wisdom. The meetings for preaching are always characterized by a devotional spirit and great interest in the Scriptures taught, yet frequently there are outbursts of dis-sension or approval. With direct messages from the Old and New Testaments supple-

mented by passionate pleading, Brother Cohn urges the truth upon the hearts of the people, until many believe and are converted.

The testimony meetings are among the most interesting and convincing. To make a public acknowledgement of Christ in the presence of other Jews, requires courage and self-sacrifice, for it frequently results in persecution and bitter hatred. Yet those who thus witness, do so with determination and abandon which comes of great joy in believing. An old man who has been a confessed believer for eight or ten years and has suffered for Christ's sake is always ready with a word for Jesus. A young man whose wife is not a Christian and who threatens to leave him if he persists in his new faith, stands up and confesses Jesus as Christ, fearless of the consequences. Another man does not hesitate to speak in the meetings and tell of his faith in Christ, although it has several times cost him his position. Always the same spirit of earnestness shows itself in the testimonies of the converts, and their devotion to Christ is cause for rejoicing and praise. Dear readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE pray the Lord for us that we may be able to yield ourselves to His will and be mutual sharers in the inspiration which comes from a work on which God so manifestly set His seal.

Your Brother in Christ,

JOHN J. PARSONS.

News From Our Girls

The work among the girls in Brownsville and Williamsburg is continuing steadily and we hope is accomplishing results which only eternity can show. Recently we have been especially pleased with the earnest interest and appreciation evinced by a number, in our teachings about Christ and His gospel. Instead of antagonism we have received approbation and we earnestly ask you to join with us in praying that this receptive spirit may deepen until every member of our schools shall come to know Jesus Christ as the Messiah and her personal Saviour.

We had one gala day in Brownsville last month when Tuesday, the twenty-third was given up for an exhibition of the work done during the winter. A number of guests including the mothers of the children were invited but the latter did not venture out as the Jewish women are so very shy and suspicious.

The work, exhibited on one side of the room made a brave showing with the owner's name on it and caused many admiring comments. The exercises of the afternoon were especially enjoyable, the girls taking a prominent part in singing and reciting the Psalms learned during the year. Our special hymn, the words and music of which were written for the school by two friends glad to use their talents to win Jewish souls for our Lord, proved a feature of the

afternoon and it was an inspiration to listen to these Hebrew children singing heartily the words of the chorus,

"But there's One can save
Yes, there's One shall save
His people from their sins.
For His precious name,
Age to age the same,
Is Jesus, Is Jesus."

Mr. Cohn and Mr. Neuowitch, a young Hebrew Christian, addressed the school, telling of their own faith in Christ and urging the girls to accept Him too, and Miss McCartee greatly interested all by her delightful account of "The Cup of Loving Service." Ice cream and cake proved a most unexpected and satisfactory conclusion to the afternoon's program.

It is not too early to be even now thinking of summer plans. If our friends will co-operate with us by their means, I think it will be possible and feasible to take a number of girls to the farm in the country near Bridgeport where a cottage on the property will this year be vacant for our use. An outing of ten days could thus be provided for about four different parties and the amount of spiritual good, even apart from the physical, will be incalculable. In the event of this plan being carried out we should of course omit our usual picnic and so would ask those who have usually contributed for the latter purpose, as well as many others, to join us in making possible this unusual opportunity to win these Jewish girls for Christ.

ELLA T. MARSTON.

Work in Another Field

A very flourishing work among the Jews of Toronto is now being superintended by Mr. S. B. Rohold, to whom reference was made in *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* last fall and who has recently made us a visit. Thinking that our friends would like to know something of what is being done for the 15,000 Jews in that city, we give a few interesting facts concerning the work.

The ideal of the Superintendent is to present Christ to the life of the Jewish community through every channel, therefore there are meetings for mothers, for maidens, for men, for boys and for children.

For five evenings of the week, the men's reading room on the ground-floor is open, but at eight-thirty this room is closed and all go upstairs to the large Hall, where the night school has been carried on and where a class of young business women who have been studying English in the women's reading-room have already assembled with the male students and where all join in singing gospel songs and listening to a Bible reading in Yiddish by the Superintendent.

On Saturday a Lantern Lecture takes the place of the Bible reading and on Sunday a

bright Gospel service, with a good choir. The Sunday afternoon Bible Class attracts a goodly number of young men, while the children are kept interested in their section by throwing on the canvas the hymns and pictures illustrating the lesson.

One of the most important departments of the work is the medical, for a free dispensary is carried on four days in the week and many patients are treated in the hospitals and regularly visited by the missionaries.

On Thursday afternoons the Mother's Meeting spends part of its time in sewing and then is addressed by some special speaker after which tea and cake are served. The little children in the meantime are being entertained upstairs and a girls' sewing class and a boys' club are also conducted this same afternoon.

The aim is to have personal acquaintance with every home in the Ghetto that each individual may receive the invitation "Come thou with us and we will do thee good," and house to house visitation is carried on as systematically as possible.

The inward spring of all this work is Christ Himself and the prayer most frequently heard in the Mission is that self may be on the cross and Christ held up. "And I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me."

Brief Notes

We have this month sent out a young man of about twenty-four to a farm in New York State and the farmer wrote us that he is much pleased with him. This man has recently been converted and has confessed the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. His wife is not converted but is willing to search the Scriptures and as she can read English I have given her the two English tracts which she promised to study carefully.

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A number of ministers have written us during the last month that they were seriously thinking of doing some work among the Jews and have asked for advice on the subject. By far even more letters of that type reached us from the laity. Of course the best advice can be given only after personal inspection of the situation and Jewish neighborhood, but in general it may be said that it is not necessary to have a Jewish missionary to bring the Gospel to the Jews. Any Christian can take the tracts which we have written and which have been definitely blessed of God to so many Jews, and give them out systematically. These might be stamped with a word of invitation from the minister or some layman for a personal talk. The tracts may be studied by the one expecting such a visit and the talk could be directed towards the subjects touched upon there and thus the spiritual standing of the inquirer could be determined.

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Though many people are anxious for the conversion of the Jews yet it is surprising to realize how little time they take to study the ways and means necessary for accomplishing that end. Many think that the first and perhaps only requisite is a Jewish convert to preach to the people not knowing that in order to bring fruit in the Gospel vineyard a Jew must be fully equipped with a large knowledge of the Talmud, the Bible, ancient Jewish history and while thoroughly regenerated must possess a great deal of common sense and tact.

Just as we say a Chinaman for the Chinese so we think, a Jew for the Jews, believing that any Jew can do Mission work. Humanly speaking this is a great mistake and because of carelessness of some with zeal for the conversion of the Jews, unfit persons have been employed who have produced no results, and also have brought sad disappointments to Christians.

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There is a tendency in the mind of Christian people to think that it is beneficial to give our paper THE CHOSEN PEOPLE to Jews. They conclude this no doubt, because it reports the conversion of Jews. Be sure this is a mistake. The reading of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE makes the Jew more bitter. Will you not take the advice of one who knows the Jews and instead write us for tracts specially written for them? While there may be in the paper some article which would be helpful for Hebrews to read, yet on the whole it is not suitable for them, but is written to convert Christian people to believe in the command of the Lord Jesus to preach the Gospel to the Jew.

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It is with regret that we must omit from our columns this month, on account of lack of space, other questions, which will be answered in our next issue, and some interesting quotations from our friends' letters. But as a sample of the good will and kindly expressions which we are continually receiving we print the following letter.

"LEOPOLD COHN,

My dear Brother:—I write to acknowledge receipt, month by month, of your paper THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. I am much pleased with it and the excellent work for which it is the spokesman. I note with pain that one of the experienced difficulties in dealing with Jews, is the supposed lack of sympathy for them on the part of Gentile Christians. I for one, do not share that feeling and trust that it is exaggerated by the sensitiveness of your people. I am not unmindful of the fact that 'salvation is of the Jews,' that the Gospel itself is to *begin* at Jerusalem and that 'God hath not cast away His people which he foreknew.' Therefore we of the younger Israel salute you of the elder.

Very sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Leonard F. Requa, Jr."

Question Column

Question. *Is it right for Jewish Christians to observe Sunday as the Sabbath or Saturday?*

—L. N.

Ans. In Deut. 5:15 we are told emphatically that the Sabbath was given to Israel as a memory of their deliverance from Egypt thus making it right for a Jewish Christian to show his gratitude to God by observing that day. Sunday is observed by Christians, not as the Sabbath, which is not binding upon them but left to their choice, see Isa. 56, but as a memory of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ in which commemoration the Jewish Christian joins gladly.

"It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you (Gentile Christians) no greater burden than these necessary things." Acts 15:28.

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Question. *I am not quite satisfied with the answer you gave regarding the eating of meats. Rom. 14:14 says: "There is nothing unclean of itself." (2) How does Paul say that Christ is the end of the law and that (3) there is one law for both, Jew and Gentile?*—D. B. Lehman.

Ans. 1. The original for unclean in Rom. 14:14 is, common. See Mark 7:2, "Eat bread with common hands." See also 1 Sam. 21:4 "Common bread." The rabbis made several degrees in the term unclean and common is the least of them all. Paul in Rom. 14:14 refers to those Jews who professed to be so sanctified as not to eat common but hallowed food. Paul could not make clean that which God once for all pronounced unclean. "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one. Job. 14:4. 2. Rom. 10:4 "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness," means that God gave the law not with that end in view that men should keep it, for He knew that not one could fulfill all the law, but His design was that we might see how sinful we are and therefore fly to Christ and His righteousness. The same idea is expressed in Luke 16:16. Also the "end of the law" means the enforcement of the law by punishment. What end and purpose would there be in a legislature enacting laws if there was no punishment for breaking them. The making of law is only a beginning without an end. The end of the law of God is: "Cursed be he that confirmeth not this law" Deut. 27:26. Christ took upon Himself that curse and so He was made the end of the law. 3. Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Greek nor Jew" must be considered in the same sense as "Neither male nor female" namely, as verse 26 "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." God gave laws to the Jews in general, different laws to their priests and still different laws to their women, yet they all are counted one Israel. The conglomeration in American citizenship will illustrate this idea. The Irish citizen celebrates

St. Patrick's day, the Germans commemorate Frederic the Great, the Poles, the Hungarians and the Jews have their days of national observances, yet under the flag of United States they are all one. So likewise in Christ Jesus we are all one though we may belong to different nationalities and observe such memorials and distinctions.

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Question. *What defilement would the Jews have contracted by entering the judgment hall? The apostle St. John 18:28 tells us "Lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover." Does it refer to defilement produced by leaven which was likely to be found in the house of Gentiles?—Rev. J. Muir.*

Ans. Seeing or touching leaven would not have defiled them for any holiday. In Numbers 5:2 the command was given not to come in contact with lepers, and not to be defiled by the dead. In numbers 19:11—16 every one merely entering a house in which a man died is made unclean for seven days. A defiled person could not keep the passover. See numbers 9:6—11. Hence great precautions were taken against defilement by contact with the dead. Before Passover the graves were whitened in Jerusalem in order that the pilgrims might not step on them and thus be defiled. The wise men in Israel suspected the Gentiles of burying an abortus i.e., a dead body in their houses, consequently an entrance into such a house would make one unclean by suspicion. See Mishna Ohol. 18:7.

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