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Salutation

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

II Kings 10, 13

My Dearly Beloved Friends:

The Lord our King extend His mercy to you and compass you with His favor as with a shield. Amen.

THE END OF THIS SEASON.

With this issue of the paper the sixteenth volume of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE is completed, thus ending its season of visiting its dear friends until October when publication, God willing, will be resumed again. A good many of our friends do not remember our custom of long standing, viz., to suspend the paper during the summer. Frequently we receive complaints that the paper was not received in July or August and fears are expressed that something wrong had happened and caused the mission work to cease. Therefore, it is expedient for us to acquaint you with our old agreement that while the work of spreading the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ entrusted to our hands never ceases, winter and summer, in season and out of season, yet the publication of the paper terminates in May.

SUMMER JOYS.

Many of our friends rejoice over the advent of the summer; they contemplate a much needed rest. Some will go to the sea-shore, others to the mountains, but for your missionary the summer has no attraction, for its approach brings only an uncomfortable anticipation, viz., a falling off in the contributions to meet the running expenses of the mission. While we have some dear friends who all the year through remember the lonely and burden-bearing worker in this hard field of labor, for their motto is God's word: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning" (Psa. 137: 5.) yet many friends of our circle being away from their homes, enjoying the scenery of God's created nature and inhaling the bracing fresh air, forget this mission and its urgent needs. Do you wonder at the statement that the summer has no charm for us?

The diminishing of contributions during the summer makes one suspect that the friends think that their Jewish missionary is some peculiar animal who hibernates in the summer as the cheiroptera and rodentia do during the winter. On the other hand the consistent sequel to such a thought would be to help accumulate a large supply before the period of hibernation, as do animals; but nothing of the kind is being done by those friends.

IMPROVING THE OPPORTUNITY.

It is saddening to see Christians at large taking no advantage of the opportunity to evangelize the Jews. While it is hardly expected that they themselves should do the work among the Jews, for humanly speaking, they can only make a failure, not knowing how to handle it, yet it is disappointing when they don't rally around one who under God, understands the work and demonstrates his ability in palpable results. Many there have been in the past and present who tried to gain the ear and confidence of the Jews for the Gospel, but they have not succeeded thus far.

This work has been a witness for the past seventeen years that the Lord has given us both the ear and the confidence of the Jews so that we often cannot accommodate our large audiences. I do not write this in a spirit of boasting, but for the sake of encouraging our dear friends. The Lord has trained your Jewish missionary for this work from his earliest youth and is it not sad that Christians do not want to improve the opportunity and help this work with all their might? It would certainly be a grand thing if there were some American young men and young ladies who would give themselves to the study of Hebrew and the Jewish religion and the work among the Jews as they do to heathen languages and religions, but this is a thing unheard of, and so the question is still stronger, why not help the one who has been fitted and sent of God to do the work the churches have neglected?

What a large sphere of labor I contemplate while writing these lines. What great possibilities among the million Jews of this great city if we had the means to employ more workers, to spread more literature, to have larger facilities, a training school and a much needed industrial plant!

THE CHILDREN'S WORK.

As it was in the ministry of our Lord, so it is now. He observed that the poor widow gave her all and in praising her he implied a rebuke to those who have this world's goods and do not want to deny themselves, giving only out of importunity and abundance. We have received touching letters from dear friends sending their mite and wishing it were more, but oh, how hard it is to touch those who have means so that they shall give a lift to this Christian testimony to the Jews.

We have received a little towards the children's work, but we must have much more. Read page 7. We simply cannot disappoint our children so we hope that you will follow the leadings of God's Spirit and supply our need.

Very sincerely yours,

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THE WORK

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This work was started in 1894 by LEOPOLD COHN, in obedience to the call of God. With no friends to back him, he placed full reliance on the Lord who through His children, has sent the necessary funds. Meetings are held for adults and Sunday and Sewing Schools for children. A Medical Department is maintained to assist the poor Jews.

The Lord has richly blest the preaching of His truth concerning Jesus Christ and over a hundred Jews have confessed Him publicly, a number of whom are now preaching the Gospel, while hundreds of others remain silent believers because of the dread of bitter persecution and because of lack of facilities to help them.

The Poor Fund, contributed to by many friends, enables the workers to relieve the distress of deserving Jews and to give a practical demonstration of Christian love.

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

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee."

Blind Guides.

A large number of Jews every year die from starvation in this great, civilized city! In one case, a strange co-incidence occurred. At the funeral of a Jew who had died of hunger, an officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals arrested the driver of the hearse for beating the horses. While the man had been slowly dying for lack of food, no one from any Society had come to ameliorate his condition, but when dead, the goodness of an organization protected the horses of his hearse. What a travesty on so called mercy and kindness. How fitting for this case are the words of our Saviour, "Ye blind guides which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel." Matt. 23; 24.

"I Was In Prison."

The Lord Jesus who saw from one end of the world to the other, and from the beginning of man to the end of all generations, pictured the future of the Jews after the destruction of Jerusalem. He said they would be an hungered, sick, naked and imprisoned, and urged His followers to give them relief, for they are His brethren and he that helps them, helps Him.

The Jewish nation is the only one that has been fulfilling the words of the Lord Jesus, through the centuries. It is unnecessary to repeat all they have suffered in the past, but strange as it may seem, even to-day are they continuing to fill up that bill. By hundreds and thousands they are driven from one city to another in Russia and when some of them finally escape to this free country they are cruelly sent back after they have had one look at the Statue of Liberty, mockingly raising her

arm at them. Various excuses, more or less true; are given by the officials, but the fact is that Jews are kept prisoners on Ellis Island as well as in Russia. Some months ago, eight hundred Jews were carried around on a steamer from one country to another and every land refused them entrance.

Indeed they are an hungered, and many of them get sick and die, and yet the followers of the Lord Jesus seek to do good in far away countries and say that the heathen were meant by the Lord when He said, "Unto the least of these my brethren."

The Reason.

Many of our friends who have been convinced of God's plan with the Jews, since reading THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, ask in surprise, "Why do the churches take no interest in the Jews?" The reason is, that people to-day are not afraid of the judgment, they let their ministers study the Scriptures for them and think and plan for them concerning Christ's interests in the world. The preachers are so fond of preaching of the love of God that they have utterly excluded thoughts of the fear of God so that people have become accustomed to think that God who is love cannot possibly punish them on the Day of Judgment.

But what do the Scriptures say? "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," and again, "Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God," and again. "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" and "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord."

Anyone who really loves the Lord Jesus will tremble at the thought of meeting Him and hearing Him say, "Ye have *not* done it unto me."

Incidents in the Work

Burning the Leaven.

The twelfth of April, being the 14th of Nisan by the Jewish Calendar was this year the preparation for the Passover feast; while there is no passover lamb offered by the Jews now on account of having no temple, (Deut. 16: 5, 6.) yet they observe this holiday for seven days by eating unleavened bread. (See Ex. 12.)

Walking along through the Jewish neighborhood that day, I saw here and there my blind brethren making small fires on the curb in which they burned some bread made with leaven. According to the Talmudic law, every man of the house must search his rooms for leavened bread on the evening before the 14th of Nisan. This is done as follows: a man takes ten small pieces of leavened bread distributing them in ten different places of the house or the room, and then with a small receptacle and a long feather, he visits these ten places again, sweeping every small piece of leaven with the feather very carefully into the receptacle, by the light of a wax taper, for so the Talmud prescribes. This he keeps until morning and burns before twelve o'clock, and while burning it he pronounces a blessing giving thanks to God that He commanded them to put away leaven from the house. Among the 613 commandments that the Rabbis compiled and loaded upon the Jews, not one is more scrupulously observed than the removal of leaven.

A Jew who knew me, accosted me from the midst of a group standing over a little fire and said, "Have you burned your leaven to-day?" "No," I said, "there are many more laws like this, which the ancient Rabbis invented on this one command concerning leaven, but they are not of God. You burn these small pieces of leaven which you laid in certain places intentionally ahead of time, but you do not burn leaven which is of some value, you sell that to a Gentile, until the Passover is gone, and then he returns you the contract and you give him a few pennies for his trouble and the leaven is yours again."

"I appeal to your common sense," said I, "is not this a sin to burn a few crumbs of bread in order to make it appear that you observe God's commandment and then to draw a mock contract with a Gentile over the value of leaven which you do not want to lose and to keep it for yourself only in a Gentile's name? God does not look on this make-belief religiousness. He does not give anything for the outward appearance. God looks into the hearts of men, he wants our hearts to be right, and not our lips alone." Then I quoted Matt. 23: 6, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees." The Pharisees had asked Him for a sign, making it appear that they wanted to believe Him, but the Lord Jesus saw that they were an adulterous (faithless to God) and a wicked generation having wrong hearts, and polishing themselves on the outside. If they had been right in their hearts, they would not have

needed any further signs than the miracles that the Lord Jesus did before their eyes. Therefore, He warned His disciples against the leaven of the Pharisees, meaning the bad principle of two sidedness which they invented on the command of removing the leaven. "Now," continued I, "being a disciple of the Lord Jesus, I cannot do such things as you do. You my brethren do it perhaps earnestly and with devotion, but consider it for a moment. Is it right to carry out and honor men's words and at the same time reject and dishonor the Torah (the Jewish colloquial expression for the Bible)?"

A WOMAN'S ARGUMENT.

By this time a large crowd had gathered and was listening. Suddenly, a Jewess exclaimed, "What! We Jews dishonor the Torah (God's word)! Did not you read that two weeks ago, 10,000 Jews left their work and business in order to honor the Torah?" With this she referred to the following incident: Some time ago, a synagogue at Chrystie Street, was destroyed by fire. In it were 26 scrolls of the law which were burned, in the conflagration. A scroll is considered by Jews most sacred and they gathered all the burned pieces of parchment that could be found in the ruins, and then made a pompous funeral, 10,000 Jews accompanying the burned pieces to the cemetery, where they buried them. "Do your Christians ever pay such honor to God's Torah?" the woman asked, "and yet you say that we dishonor it." To this I answered, "The thought is the same as before. The honor that the Jews paid to the Torah was by the act of burying it in the ground. God commanded the Jews to make His Torah known among all the nations of the earth, that is, to make it live, and not to bury it, and yet they never gave a Bible to the heathen in order to make the word of God known among them. What use is there in burying it? God never told us to do it. It is only men's invention." Then I quoted (Isa. 29: 13). "This people draw near me with their mouth and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear towards me, is taught by the precept of men." After a longer talk showing how they had rejected their own Messiah Jesus, of whom God spoke through Moses and the Prophets, the same woman, who argued and was indignant, changed and said to the crowd, "This man tells us the truth, so shall God help me to bring up my children to the Torah and to the Chupah (marriage, which is considered by the Jews a great service to God)."

There was confusion for several moments. Some laughed at the change of the Jewess and some became earnest, two came near and asked whether they could learn all about what I had been telling. I told them to come to the meeting and get a New Testament. Several others accompanied me for some distance and said they thought I was right and that they wished to know more about Jesus the Messiah.

Six Conversions in One Meeting.

Several meetings before Easter we devoted exclusively to reading and explaining the story of the Crucifixion, while the evening of Easter Sunday was spent in preaching and emphasizing the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have a big sign hanging on one of the walls of the auditorium which contains the entire 53d chapter of Isaiah in large Hebrew type so that the whole audience can see it. Each evening that the story of the betrayal, trial and crucifixion of the Lord Jesus was read from the New Testament the audience was referred to Isa. 53 on the sign. Nearly every incident in the life of our Saviour on that night before and morning of the crucifixion was pointed out as having been foretold by Isaiah and other prophets, showing how literally these were fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. The attention of the people was most remarkable at every one of these meetings; all of them were intensely thoughtful and earnest. Each of these services resulted in one or more Jews confessing belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, but in the meeting when the Resurrection was the subject, the power of the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of men was manifested by the fact that at the close six Jews, two young ladies among them, confessed their belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. One of them referring to the preaching, said that that which impressed him most was when the narrative of the Resurrection was given to the audience, it was pointed out that there were a number of Jewish women who were the first ones to see for themselves and witness to others that the Lord Jesus Christ had really risen from the dead. Now the Talmud in general, speaks very highly of women. It says that God blessed Abraham on account of his wife Sarah, therefore God commanded Abraham to listen to whatsoever she told him. Hence every man should honor and listen to his wife even if she is small and insignificant; and in other passages in the Talmud, we find many praiseworthy expressions concerning women. According to these maxims of the Talmud, the Jews would not need any more proof of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ than the witness and testimony of a number of Jewish women, for their witnessing should be more valid in the judgment of a Jew than that of a thousand men, considering the praises that Rabbis have heaped upon women. But the smart Rabbis after having seen the danger of accepting the testimony of these women, invented a new law which says that women are disqualified from giving testimony, so that no women witnesses are accepted in the Jewish court. This appealed strongly to the Jew as a probable reason; for how otherwise can you explain the paradoxical teaching of the ancient Rabbis, and reconcile the two different maxims.

Thus God gives us wisdom to reach the minds and hearts of my people and convince them of the truth and their need of a Saviour.

By Rev. A. R. Kuldell.

THE GOSPEL DRAWS.

A handsome young man who came not long ago, from Europe, has been attending our Evangelistic meetings. I saw in his face that the Father was drawing him to the Son and got hold of him and invited him to come and spend an evening with me studying the claims of Christ. He came and told me the story of his life. He had a very good business education, but his father, having suffered shipwreck of his orthodox Jewish faith, kept his son diligently from all religious influences. When he heard of our mission in Brooklyn, he came to hear and see, but when he once heard the Gospel he had to come again. He saw we had something he did not have. As I interpreted to him the need of his own heart and the provision God had made through the redemption of Christ Jesus, he gladly accepted it. For the first time in his life he bent the knees in prayer and for the first time in his life he himself prayed, pleading the merits of Christ. The angels in heaven rejoiced over one sinner that repented. But having to go back to an atmosphere of Jewish unbelief where the tender little plant of faith is so easily chilled, we ask you to remember him in prayer that he may be sustained in hours of trial which will undoubtedly come over him, as on all the rest who take up the cross to follow Jesus.

GOD OPENS A GIRL'S HEART.

For more than a quarter of a century I have been pastor in a Gentile church and always enjoyed the work among the children. I remember many a bright lassie that made the instruction of children a delight, but never have I met a girl of such tender age who thought so deeply on religious things as I found lately in a Jewish family. For two hours this dear girl of only twelve years of age kept me in a corner of the room whilst the mother was busy working, putting one question after another which required more than ordinary knowledge of Scripture and church history to answer satisfactorily. For example: "How can we worship Christ as God, when Jehovah says: 'thou shalt have no other Gods before me?'" "Why was such an awful humiliation and sacrifice on the part of Christ, necessary?" "Is there any hope for our people after resisting His love for so long?" "How could the Crusaders and inquisitors and Russians exercise such cruelty against the Jews if the religion of these oppressors renews the hearts of those confessing it?" "I want to give my heart to Christ as my personal Saviour, but dare I do it without the consent of my parents?" When told in reference to the last question that we must obey God more than man, she said: "If that is a matter between me and Him, the transaction is done. I am His and He is mine." It was wonderful to see the workings of the Holy Spirit, how one difficulty after another vanished and how that intelligent young face at last radiated

with the joy of salvation. Dear reader, this is personal work which every believing disciple of the Lord Jesus ought to do. In this sense too, it is true that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

I BELONG TO YOU.

An old gentleman well dressed and intelligent looking came into the dispensary led by an elderly lady. It is my custom to provide every visitor with some missionary literature and an invitation to our meetings. When the attendance at the dispensary is large, I try to have a public address on a Gospel theme, but no one is forced to listen, nor to accept literature if he refuses. Old men settled in their ways of thinking are especially the ones who now and then resent our approaches. So I was very cautious when I handed this man a tract. But when he heard me talk he expressed his delight to have before him "a man of culture," and said, "you must not think that I care for the synagogue. I belong to you, and would a hundred times rather go to hear you preach of our Messiah Jesus than to hear the rabbis preach their infidelity. In Austria some of my best and most scholarly friends have accepted Christ and follow Him." So we thanked God and took courage.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER IN JESUS' NAME.

The father of a Jewish family attending our meetings, having always a tale of woe, has received assistance now and then from Mr. Cohn. But his requests became so regular and persistent that we began to doubt his sincerity. We had to change our tactics and gave him nothing. When the Jewish Passover was approaching he came to me and had an unusual tale of distress. The writer assured him that our poor fund was empty and that if anything came in, the widows and the sick had the first claim. But I told him that I knew a way out of trouble and that way was the way upward: it was prayer to the Father in the name of Jesus, "Whatever ye shall ask the Father in my name, I will do it," said Jesus. The man went away in deep thought. During the Jewish Easter I went to see him. The countenances of the family were radiant with festive joy. The housewife had to bring a glass of tea and then another for I must rejoice with them. The cause of their joy he told me in glowing terms. "I did what you told me: I cried to God in the name of Jesus. I told Him, that our Pessach was near and I will perish if He does not help me, and He sent me work and we had a glorious feast. Rejoice with me, He hears prayer."

Girls to Help the Poor.

The pennies brought each week for two years by the girls of the Williamsburg Sewing School, now amount to about seven dollars. It has been decided, after some discussion, to divide this money among some of the poor families in the neighborhood. A committee of a few girls is to go to these homes with the gifts and then bring in a report of their visits.

Jewish Notes.

In 1889, Baron Hirsh gave to the imperial head of the Greek Church in Russia, one million francs for the express purpose of building and maintaining Jewish hospitals in Russia. Since the death of both of these men, it has been discovered that the money was used for the support of Greek churches.

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A new decree has been issued in Russia forbidding hospitals to receive Jewish patients who have come from cities excluding Jewish residents. Even if a Jew is dying on the street, a severe penalty will be inflicted if he is helped in any way.

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Russian children may even kill a Jewish child, in or out of school, and no one will interfere. On March sixth a number of Russian children fell upon a Jewish boy of fifteen, their schoolmate, and hit him severely. The boy appealed to the teachers for help, but no one protected him and he died, the next day, in terrible agony.

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Another new decree in Russia against the Jews is, that they are not allowed to call themselves by Russian names. For instance, the name Isaac is in Hebrew, Yizchak, and hereafter only the latter name can be used, for to adopt the Russian spelling would be a crime. In this decree the Jews see the finger of God. They have a tradition that they were delivered from Egypt, because of three good customs they had preserved, one of these being that they did not change their names and adopt Egyptian ones.

To-day, the Jews do not continue that tradition for they adopt Gentile names according to the country in which they sojourn.

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Rabbi Stephen Wise of the Free Synagogue, New York, delivered an address in Carnegie Hall, on April 9, in which he said that it is remarkable that Russia is being supported by all nations. England gives her moral help, France, financial; Germany and Austria protect her in a military sense, the United States is bound with her through a commercial contract and there is none to condemn that cursed country. Russia has forbidden the Jews to call themselves by Christian names, but the world must forbid Russia to call herself by a Christian name.

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Prof. Charles W. Eliot addressed a large audience in Boston under the auspices of the Council of Jewish Women, to protest against the Russian persecution of the Jews. He said that the American nation was in no position to protest against race prejudice, because the American people themselves are not exempt from this fault. "We Americans," said he, "treat foreign races with very strong hatred. We commit the same unrighteousness as Russia, but we believe in individual freedom. We believe that the American passport ought to protect the American citizen all over the world." Russia recently denied such right to an American Jewish citizen.

On account of Russia's denying to Jewish citizens of the United States, the right to stay in the country longer than thirty days, as happened even in the case of Oscar Strauss, the American Ambassador, many mass meetings of prominent Jews, philanthropists, financiers, lawyers, judges and legislators have been held. They passed resolutions petitioning the President to dissolve the treaty with Russia which was broken long ago, but no good word could be secured from the President in this matter. It seems that there is no pity for the Jew in the heart of any Christian leader in any of the so-called Christian countries. The persecution in Russia is heart-rending and the cries of the Jews are ascending to Heaven and the Lord looks down upon earth to find that there is "no man," and He is surprised. But the time is soon coming when the other clause of that verse will be fulfilled, "Therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness it sustained him" (Isa. 59: 16), then it will be that the Lord Jesus will judge the nations and separate the sheep from the goats.

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The sin of the nation not raising its voice against this persecution, but passing over it silently and so acquiescing in the murderous cruelties of Russia, is just as great as that of the culprit. Edom was destroyed, not because they persecuted the Jews, but because they were glad at the oppressions perpetrated by others. (Obad. 12.) So little sympathy is there in the hearts of Christians for the Jew, that six years ago when I sent a letter of appeal to one thousand Christian ministers of this great city, to give a collection to be sent to the poor massacred Jewish families in Russia, only three of the thousand answered with a collection of two or three dollars each, and yet we boast so much of the love of God shed abroad in our hearts through the Lord Jesus!

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Japan, incidentally, has had some Jews living in the country since the late war with Russia. The Japanese, who are of a quick understanding, at once noticed the usefulness of Jewish people in their midst, so that now the government is willing to organize Jewish Colonies in Japan, for they say that the Jews in large numbers will be a strong power in the development of the country.

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The Roumanian government has recently passed a law that there will be freedom given to the Jews to live in any part of the country they choose. This is contrary to the previous laws which confined the residence of Jews to certain localities. Jews who serve in the army shall have all the rites of citizens except those of politics.

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In a Hungarian town, Kuza, another blood accusation was brought against the Jews by the so-called Christians there. The old story that the Jews killed a Christian child in order to get the blood to be used for the Passover, was fabricated and a mob soon gathered around the Jewish houses, being intent to rob and kill. After some damage had been done the Bishop interfered and stopped the mob temporarily, but the Jews are still living in great fear.

Questions and Answers.

Question 1. "Can it be found in the Bible

that it is right and proper in God's sight for us to eat it?" 2. "Do the converted Jews of to-day eat pork?"

ANNA E. HASTIE.

Answer 1. No. God called swine "unclean" and no man can call it clean.

2. Those converted Jews that fear God and therefore will not wilfully break His word, do not eat pork.

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Question 1. "Who are the two witnesses spoken of in Rev. 11: 3?"

2. "Please explain Rev. 11: 9, 10, 11."

3. "What is filthy lucre?" —A. C. DAVIS.

Answer 1. Many opinions have been given by various commentators as to who the witnesses are. It seems to me that the Jews as a people and the true Church of Christ are the two witnesses. God said to the Jew: "Ye are my witnesses," Isa. 43: 10, and the Lord Jesus turned that over to His Church, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1: 8. The former is a living witness to the truth of His word, the Law, and the latter to the truth as is in Jesus, the Gospel. Both have suffered greatly from the cruel beast.

2. It describes how the witnesses will suffer from the beast and worldly people who are annoyed by the truth. They silence the preaching of the witnesses, are glad and joyous over the event, they show a course of conduct to the witnesses such as would be shown to the dead, if they were not suffered to be decently buried. After the great suffering for an interval, here denoted by three days and a half, their testimony will be borne again. If literally taken, all these things will occur during the time of the great trouble, before His coming in glory as predicted by the prophets and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Usury; base, low, mean gain.

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Question. "Is the universal peace depicted in Mich. 4: 1-8 to take place before or after the second coming of the Lord?"

—NELLIE HOWELL.

Answer. After His return to the earth. In Isa. 11 where is described the reign of the Messiah bringing great peace into the world, we find it connected with the second coming of the Lord. "And it shall come to pass in that day (of the Messiah) that the Lord shall add His hand a second time." Isa. 11: 11.

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Question. "Does not Eccl. 1, 4 where we read that the earth abideth forever, conflict with 2. Peter 3, 13, where the promise of a new earth is given?"

—C. A. DILLS.

Answer. The Hebrew word translated forever is "leohlam," from the root "alam" to hide. The underlying idea is that the beginning or the end of the time period expressed, is hidden. Therefore, it is translated "of old" when referring to the past, Gen. 6, 4, Josh. 24, 2. When it refers to the future it is translated "forever," but it does not necessarily imply eternal duration, only continuity within a given period. Ex. 21, 6: "He shall serve him forever." Deut. 15, 17: "Shall be his servant forever," that is, as long as he lived. This then is the meaning of the verse: Whilst one generation goes and another comes, the earth abideth "leohlam" without change until its time comes to give way to a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. 2



A Message From China.

They Will Go.

The accompanying cut is a picture of a banner made by some Chinese converts of Lu-hoh, where Miss Mary Wood and Miss Holme are working, and sent as a present to me. Extracts from a letter written by Miss Wood in January, will explain the history and meaning of this thoughtfulness.

"Miss Holme my co-worker, will D. V. sail from Shanghai for America one week from to-day. A short time ago, at morning prayers with our boarding school boys and servants, Miss Holme spoke of you and your work. Our cook and boy were very much interested, and felt they wanted to send you a token of their love and interest. They spoke to the cook and boy in the only other missionary home in our city, and to the cook for the hospital, all of whom wanted to have some part in it. Our cook and boy bought the goods and made it themselves.

I have written the meaning of the four large characters, underneath. The small characters on the left, are their names, which I have romanized and written in the right hand corner.

The texts are their own selection. At their request I wrote these things on the front instead of the back. Our cook is a very earnest Christian young man. Our boy is a bright, capable young man of twenty, but not a Christian. Will you please remember him in your prayers?"

Thus these heathen converts to whom the story of the cross is new and fresh, appreciate the Lord Jesus so much that they want to express their feelings in some substantial way, to one of His brethren in the flesh. Those who have long been living in the light of the Gospel seem to find it common place and do not show as much appreciation as those who have just come out of darkness into His marvelous light.

In our last number an appeal was made in behalf of the children's work this summer on the farm. The article was entitled, "If they do not go," but we now have made progress and call this paragraph, "They will go." We have received a good many contributions for this purpose, most of them coming from dear friends who have not been privileged to have much of this world's goods, but who are filled with the love of God and their letters have been so touching that they would melt the most hardened heart. They would like to do much but their hands are tied; yet with the blessing of God they are indeed doing much. One of these letters contains the following words, "I Dolar is Note much, Butt ef the Jesus will Bles that, as he blesed the 5 Breed he Feed the Five Thousen men wed, itt will help a Little. It is given of a good heart."

A day or two following this, came a big multiplication. The writer of the letter, enclosing one hundred dollars for the children's work, said in part, "I would like to be one out of one hundred to give an equal amount, *not* one out of ten or twenty, and I hope you will get the other ninety-nine." This means that he wishes that we should receive \$10,000 instead of \$1,000 to make the Jewish children happy. Of course we could readily make use of ten thousand dollars and increase our capacity on the farm thus taking many more children and also sick mothers with babies.

At any rate we are now confident that we can take our regular Sewing School children to the country, for we trust that the Lord will yet move upon the hearts of many more who have the silver and the gold, to send us enough to cover our needs. It will not be too late to send even in June.

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