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Salutation

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

II Kings 10, 13.

My Dearly Beloved Friends:

May the King of Glory who has entered the gates of your hearts, abide with you, and be your unfailing supply in every time of want. Thus, may you go through life with songs on your lips and melody in your hearts. Amen.

THE SUMMER WORK.

It is hard to realize that another summer has passed since the last issue of The Chosen People. The one supreme object of spreading the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ among His people, dominating the whole mind, dulls the faculty of observation, and thus the months and the seasons pass by unnoticed. On the other hand, to you, dear friends, the short interval seems too long, as has been expressed in many letters from members of the family circle of The Chosen People. Having a share in this important Gospel work, both by your prayers and your practical aid, it has become your own mission, for your own Master, to His brethren in the flesh; and so the desire to hear of its progress is quite natural. It is, therefore, a pleasure to be able to gladden your hearts by the following report.

The good hand of our Cod has been upon this mission and its workers during the whole summer. Preaching and teaching, following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ, going about doing good, has been our constant endeavor. The meetings have been crowded most of the time, and largely attended all the time, notwithstanding some very hot evenings. Quite a number of new converts have been won for the Lord Jesus, thus hastening the time of His second com-

ing in glory.

"EVEN OUR ENEMIES BEING JUDGES." -

The Lord has been graciously heaping blessing after blessing upon your mission, so that many enemies of the Gospel, who began to realize the effects of this Christian testimony, took counsel together against the work of the Lord in our hands. On another page we give a few details of the violent opposition that came from an organized band of Jews. By such actions, even our enemies themselves are judges, attesting that the presence of the Lord is going before us, for when Joshua is near the Lord, Satan is sure to be standing there to resist. Zech. 3: 1.

Realizing this great blessing of having the actual, living presence of God with us, we can sing with David, "It thy presence there is fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore." Yea! there is pleasure when He strengthens our hearts to endure hardships, to resist as well as to sacrifice self, on behalf of His Gospel, and to work on patiently, persistently and gently until we shall see the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ made His foot tool. While "they are enemies concerning the Gospel," "they are beloved for the Father's sake," and one by one they are being brought to the feet of the Lord Jesus through the continual and untiring

preaching of the Gospel.

While writing this, a letter reached me written in Hebrew, part of which is as follows:-"I was in the Labbinical College until twenty years of age; my soul and my spirit have been thirsting after something great; now, since I have hear! your preaching, I find that nothing can quench that thirst, but Jesus Christ our Lord." This is not the only letter of that kind, for we have been frequently surprised during the sump er by the many confessions coming both from the pens and lips of learned Jews, that the Lord Jesus has con-quered and overruled heir enmity, and they now bow down to His eet. How wonderfully is the prophecy of Ps: Im 117, being fulfilled, which foretells that the Jews will finally be converted and testify o the nations in these words, "Praise Him, all ye peoples, for His loving kindness conquered us." (Literal Hebrew.)

THE CHILDIEN'S WORK.

On another page, we give a report about the work on the farm, for our Sewing-school This comparatively new branch has been wonderfully bless:d of God. At one of our daily meetings, afte: an earnest talk about their souls, fifteen girls confessed their belief in the Lord Jesus Chr st. They said voluntarily that they would confess Jesus to their parents and try to persiade them, their neighbors and their friends, to accept Him as their Savior. That meeting was so impressive that it can never be forgotten. By teaching them daily and showing their Christian love continually, we could notice their daily progress in the Scriptures, and in the Divine faith of Christ, as well as in health. It was worth far more than was spent for this enterprise. Let us, therefore, be thankful to the Lord and rejoice always.

Yours most sincerely,
—Leopold Cohn.

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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 deser-

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."

The Sixteenth Birthday.

THE CHOSEN PEOPLE enters with this issue upon its seventeenth year of life. May it be a year of much blessing and usefulness to His children everywhere, is our earnest wish and prayer.

Our Permanent Address.

Some inconvenience has heretofore been caused to our friends with reference to the proper address to which correspondence should be directed. We have, therefore, recently arranged so that hereafter, all communications should be sent to us at 27 Throop Avenue, which is the Mission Headquarters. We trust that this will simplify matters considerably, and be more satisfactory to our friends.

Lack of Space.

Owing to the crowded condition of this issue of The Chosen People, we are obliged to omit some of our usual departments. The question column is really unnecessary for this issue, because all questions that have been received during the summer have been answered directly to the individual concerned, as we felt that the long wait for the October issue would be tiresome. From now on however, we shall be glad to resume the Question Column and our friends are invited to send in their inquiries. The Jewish Notes, we hope also to continue beginning with the November paper, as well as the series of biographical sketches, entitled: "Some Jewish Christian Notables," which we began last winter, and concerning which a great deal of favorable comment has been expressed.

Tithing Literature.

Through the kindness of a dear friend, we have received a supply of literature dealing with the question of tithing. Those who have adopted this plan, testify to much blessing therefrom. We shall be glad to send free of charge to any of our friends, some of these pamphlets which should be distributed widely.

Annuity Funds.

We would urge upon our friends the careful consideration of our annuity plan. A will is not always the surest means of leaving money for this work; we lost a generous bequest last spring simply because of a legal technicality in the will, Would it not be far better to let us have your money while you live, we giving you a bond to guarantee payment of an annuity during your life. After all, we will please God better too by giving during our lifetime than after we have passed on. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that everyone may receive the things done in his body." II Cor. 5: 10.

God values more that which we do while we live in this body. Then why wait until after we depart from our body before doing our service to God? Is there any promise for deeds done out of the body? We invite correspondence from our friends in this matter.

An Opportunity.

We have a bright young man whom we recently baptized, and who, we believe, could be an instrument in God's hand after a little training. Who would undertake the expense of a brief training, approximating two hundred dollars?

Incidents in the Work

A Riot.

Never before in the seventeen years of this mission did we have to encounter such serious opposition from a certain class of Jews as on the twenty-seventh of August of this summer. At half-past seven in the evening, the doors were thrown open as usual, and our doorkeeper was surprised to see a large crowd of Jews in front of the building. They did not want to enter, but stood there and watched. Presently, some of the usual attendants made their way through the people to go into the service, and the crowd then began to be They divided into several troublesome. groups; one company evidently was to stop the Jews that wished to go into the meeting, another band was to pick out the converts and give them a good beating, and still another body of lads were appointed to be armed with bricks ready to throw them at a signal. All worked in perfect harmony, and although it was estimated that there were over a thousand Jews in that crowd, there was no confusion among them, with the result that the men who wanted to go in were forcibly turned away, some of the converts that spoke up for the mission and tried to remonstrate with the leaders, were beaten severely, and the armed young Jews discharged their ammunition, making the doors and windows their target. Our janitor tried hard to save some of the converts from a beating, but he was hit with several stones, one striking the back of his head, while our co-worker, Mr. Englander, who came out of the building and pleaded with the crowd, had a brick thrown at his leg. The crowd grew more and more tumultuous, the uproar was great, the noise of the rowdyism could be heard for several blocks, and it looked as if the whole building was going to be demolished. One call after the other was made over the telephone to the Police Department, but it took fully half an hour before the police reserves from a near-by station came to the scene and dispersed the crowd. About half-past eight, the auditorium was filled with a respectable audience and the meeting was held without any further disturb-

PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS.

This sudden attack of so many Jews upon the mission is the result of their fruitless attempts time and again to destroy this work. Once the rabbis of this neighborhood held a meeting to which they invited some Christian ministers, asking them to close up this mission, for they thought that the ministers could do it. They gave as reasons for their request, that the mission makes converts and causes separations between children and parents, man and wife, etc., on account of the change in religion. Then they tried to establish sewing-schools in opposition to our school and then, thinking that we win the confidence of the poor Jews, helping them in their need and by giving them medical aid, an attempt

was made by prominent Jews to have the Board of Charities close our medical department. But they could not accomplish that, so they have been collecting money for over a year and have now opened a large dispensary near the mission. They boasted that they would put an end to our medical department, and the day before their dispensary opened, they made a great demonstration by parading the main streets of the Jewish quarter. They sent messengers from house to house, warning the Jews against the mission and urging their attendance at the new dispensary. They have also endeavored to establish new charitable organizations to help the poor. All these things did not avail them. Their last resort, therefore, was this foolish act of violence, a step for which they themselves perhaps are now sorry.

At a Wedding.

The following is reported by our co-worker,

Mr. Englander.

A Jewish young lady, who was about to marry, invited him to the wedding. All her relatives knew of him as a missionary, and they were to be present, too. Mr. Englander calling her attention to the fact, asked her not to include him, because there would only be trouble among her relatives, but she insisted, saying that she wanted him, a Disciple of Christ, rather than all her relatives.

Out of importunity, he had to comply with her wish. As anticipated, some of her friends and relations as soon as they saw the missionary, remonstrated with her and threatened to leave if the missionary was to stay throughout the ceremony and wedding feast. She at once, without any hesitation, replied that they were at liberty to leave, but that she would not let the missionary go. At last, with great indig-nation, they did leave. The rest of the friends of the bride stayed throughout the whole affair and while feasting at the table, the bride asked the missionary to preach. This, again, was a step which Mr. Eglander was rather slow to take, fearing there would be an uproar. However, as the bride's word among the Jews is regarded as the command of a queen, he had to obey. He took for his text, Isaiah 9: 6; to his great surprise and joy no one dared to disturb him, but listened to his long talk with great attention and respect.

Fearfulness Removed.

An elderlry gentleman of a very respectable appearance came to the Mission one day. He said that he had been to the meetings several times, listening to the preaching and the truth had taken hold of him. He confessed that he could see plainly that the Lord Jesus is the Messiah, according to the Scriptures, and that he believed in Him, but he was very much afraid of persecution. Among his grown-up children there is one son who is a well-known business man and is highly respected by many Jews, on account of his support in the Synagogue. This son also supports his father and the other younger children who are with him. If this son should learn of his father's conversion, he would be disgraced among the circle of his admirers and therefore give vent to his indignation by refusing to support him. So what could the father do, was the question put to the Missionary. He also would like to send his young children to our school, but again the same difficulty stands in the way. The children will come home from the Mission school and tell what they had learned about Christ and it will come to the ears of his much respected son and so will result in the same trouble for him.

He was advised, after prayer to God, to take courage, send his children to the school, and himself make a public confession of Christ and leave the consequence in God's hands. There was registered in his face the great struggle going on in his heart. It lasted for some time and then he exclaimed, "I will trust in the Lord. Let come what may. I will confess the truth."

Anxious to Be Baptized.

Two young men living together and working together in the same shop, by attending our services, have been listening to the preaching of the Word for some time. They soon became convinced and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. But when they talked over the matter between themselves, they found certain difficulties in reconciling the Jewish religion with this apparently new teaching of Christ as found in the New Testament. So they came to the Missionary and asked him to teach them and explain these things. This was done as they requested; instruction was given, and things were made plain, to their great satisfaction.

On Labor Day, when most young people went out to watch the parade and other amusements, these two young men came to the Mission and asked to be further instructed in the Word of God. During their conversation, they said: "We do not want anything else than to know the truth and live according to the prescription of the Lord Jesus. We have got means to live on, we are young and strong and all we want is to be sure about the safety of our souls." They asked us a number of times to baptize them, as they are very anxious to fulfill this command of the Lord Jesus, but they were told to wait a little longer and study more of the Scriptures in the meantime.

A Bold Convert.

There is a young Jewish man, bright and with a little education, who has been attending the Mission for some time. He has been studying the Old and New Testaments since he heard about Christ, and at last confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He, too, has a large number of relatives and knows that he will be ostracised, hated, and persecuted by all of them, but he does not stop to think about that as he said himself, "I am not afraid of any of my relatives. I will confess the Lord Jesus, to every one of them at any

experiences, is in the way of confessing Christ to his parents, relatives or friends. What will they say about it, and what will they do to him? How can he leave them and how can he make their hearts sad?

This young man has the boldness which is to be admired. So full of enthusiasm about his new found Saviour is he that he is willing to lose all for His sake. He already has applied for baptism and expressed a desire to have it administered in the presence of a large audience of Jews.

Report of Summer Work for Girls.

It is with praise to God that we gladly report that this summer we were able to open our Fresh Air Home for its second season, and so give a number of the girls of our Schools the benefit of two long weeks in the country. Until a year ago, the closing of our Sewing Schools for the summer vacation meant the cessation of all Bible study for our pupils and a time when the Christian teaching we had been giving them was counteracted and forgotten. Under such conditions, summer was truly a time of loss which we regretted exceedingly. This situation has been completely reversed with the opening of the Fresh Air Home, for to the children who visit us there, the summer is now the time of greatest spiritual benefit, when real, consecutive Bible study is given, perplexing questions are answered, and helpful resolutions made. Remembering these things, can any one wonder that we rejoice at the opportunity to aid the girls in body and soul and that we feel that money used for this purpose is well spent? Should we arrange to send these children. through one of the large Fresh Air Societies, perhaps thereby saving some money, nothing like the same results would be accomplished, for in most homes, if any religious teaching is given, it is of such a vague, general character, that no real purpose is attained, while with us, definite teaching to suit the particular need is the great aim.

We were able to entertain three different parties of children this year and by fitting up the attic of our cottage as a bedroom for four girls, we stretched the capacity of the little home, to fourteen. Every bed was occupied each time and numerous were the applications we were forced to reject for lack of space, though it was cheerfully suggested that two, and even three, would be willing to sleep in one bed. The change this year in the attitude of those desiring to go to the country was very marked. While last year, many were uncertain and fearful about venturing on such a hazardous trip and we had difficulty in filling our ranks, this year the difficulty was to know which to select for the coveted honor and how to say no to those we could not accomodate. One unexpected girl, who wanted to join a completed party just as we were about to start for the boat, was so disappointed that she wept and entreated until we were afraid she might have hysterics. Letters were

asking that they might be included in our number and the constant query was, "May I go?" not "Will you go?"

We are rightly pleased with this attitude, I believe, for it proves that the girls who went last season had a good time and reported it, and that, notwithstanding all the damaging stories circulated against Christian missions, we are trusted and respected, though it is clearly known that Jesus Christ and the New Testament will be taught the children going with us to the country. Indifference on the part of some parents may allow this, but with others it is willingness that girls should be thus taught.

Six different teachers volunteering their services to take care of the girls, we were able to send two with each party, thus requiring no matron, for Miss Esther Cohn had charge of the household arrangements. Having learned by experience the tastes of these children we were able to serve simple, hearty meals of the kind of food they enjoyed. It was a pleasure to sit at the head of the long table and hear the girls sing the blessing and then see them have plenty to eat. The number of pounds gained by some was astonishing unless one remembered the amount of corn, bread, milk and potatoes consumed.

What good times the girls did have! The bathing pond was in fine condition and on every warm day, an afternoon bath was an unending joy and refreshment and to some, of lasting benefit, for they grew quite fearless in the water and learned to float and swim a little. Walks through the woods and along the lovely country roads were often enjoyed and a new pleasure was added this year, when automobile rides were given to all. Games of all sorts and descriptions filled the evenings and on rainy days the big barn was a delight. We made sewing quite an important part of our program this season and nearly every visitor was able to go home with a dainty ruffled apron as a souvenir, many of them to be presented to the mother or sister who had been working extra hard during the other's absence. Sometimes during the sewing hour, one teacher would read aloud and Christie's Old Organ, that sweet Gospel message, was listened to with rapt attention. It was first suggested that a chapter of this book be read just before bedtime each night, but the frequent references to "Home, Sweet Home," proved too much for some of the tender-hearted girls and we continued the story after that, in the more jolly afternoon.

Every day a service was held with the children, when they learned some of the sweet Gospel hymns and studied the Bible together, reading the words for themselves that they might truly see it was "written." At the service also, each girl recited any verses she had learned during the day and it was fine to hear at the closing meeting, the number of Psalms and Chapters which had been memorized. It was no uncommon thing to see a girl with a Bible in her hand at any hour of the day

studying busily, out under the trees or in the swing, and we pray that these words may never be forgotten. Rewards were given to those learning the greatest number of verses and the inexpensive gifts were carried home as souvenirs of the trip.

After the return of each party, letters began to be received thanking the teachers for the good times they had given, asking to be taken back again and rejoicing, in the remembrance of the fun and also recalling to mind the Bible lessons. In some hearts their former faith had been strengthened, in others a new certainty of the Messiahship of Jesus Christ was formed, while others wrote of continuing to ask a blessing at meals or praying to God.

Thus, the seed has been dropped and is taking root and we pray with all of you dear friends who are so interested in this work that we may be able to continue to water it and help it grow, remembering, nevertheless, that "it is God who giveth the increase."

-ELLA T. MARSTON.

Our Traveling Evangelist.

The Lord is opening continually new doors of opportunity, of which we are always glad to avail ourselves. Just now our brother and co-worker, the Rev. A. R. Kuldell is occupying a unique position in connection with this Gospel work among the Jews. He is traveling evangelist for the work, and has been going from town to town reaching both Jews and Gentiles. His earnest preaching has proved a great blessing to all. Doors have been opened to him to speak in churches as a representative of this Mission, and Christian people who never have heard such Bible expositions from a learned Jewish Christian express deep gratitude for what they have heard. Likewise, Brother Kuldell reached a good many Jews to whom he preached Christ. On going to press a letter reaches us from him telling of a wonderful opportunity in Wilmington. One pastor there took him in an automobile to the Jewish quarter to address an open-air meeting for the Jews.

This work is by no means easy, and we bespeak for him the earnest prayers of our friends; we desire to extend the usefulness of this Mission to Jewish centers in other cities, and so reach many Jews who otherwise would be untouched with the Gospel. It is surprising to know how many Jews there are in the smaller cities who would be only too glad to accept Christ if someone would come into their town and present the matter in such a way that they could readily grasp and understand. We would be glad of invitations for Brother Kuldell to visit your city, for a week or two, in a two-fold capacity; first to reach the Jews by public meeting, visitation, and distribution of literature; second, to reach the Christian people and present to them the appeal for Israel, long neglected and long in

bondage.

The Way of the Kingdom.

We live in a day of great expectations. The blare of the trumpet is heard on every side, distracting the wearied soul this way and that, and we poor human mortals seem to follow in droves every voice that beckons us, every finger that points us, to that which we are positively assured is the only real road to attainment. The truth is, we like big things, and we like a big noise, and anything whatever, no matter how ridiculous or absurd it may be, is sure to be received with open arms, provided the noise is big enough.

Notice what an entirely different view the Lord takes of these matters; He always uses the small things of this world with which to confound the great. Take Israel as an example. "The Lord did not . . . choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people." Deut. 7: 7. God always uses those things which we seem to despise and to deem of no account, with which to carry out His

great purposes.

A great many well-meaning Christians are carried away by spectacular movements with which this age seems to be filled as at no other time. These movements have in view tremendous achievements; their leaders are wellintentioned Christians, and their followers and supporters are earnest followers of Jesus Christ, trying to do all in their power to advance His Kingdom. It seems peculiar therefore, that leaders having presumably a reasonable acquaintance with the Word of God should err so blindly. Of all the schemes that have been heaped in recent years upon the Church of Christ, not one of them has ever contemplated the achievement of the Kingdom of Christ by means of God's appointed medium, the Jews; Israel seems to be entirely forgotten by these Christian leaders who are so earnestly trying to do the Will of God; and yet this very God whom they are trying to serve has irrevocably decreed concerning Israel: "I have graven thee on the palms of my Isa. 49: 16. Is it not strange that God cannot forget Israel and yet those who are endeavoring to carry on God's work some how do manage to forget?

In a recent address, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ingham, of London, made this remark: "I sometimes hear with alarm in missionary circles, the appeal of 'the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.' The duty of the Church in this present age is to bear witness and to gather out. Do let us get a vision of God's purposes for the Jew, the Gentile and the Church, following in the blessed footsteps of the Master and

catching His spirit."

None of these movements are going to convert the world, no matter how plausible they sound. God is waiting patiently for His followers to awaken to their long neglect of Israel, and God is waiting, and has been waiting for many years to fulfill the promise, "Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the

God's purposes for each individual Christian—not by listening to the false teaching of men, but by a patient searching of the Word of God.

Be not deceived, the only solution of the present problem lies through a proper understanding and mastery of the Jewish problem. There is not to be ushered in as some try to tell us an era of wonderful peace and prosperity which shall thus constitute the millenium; for know ye not that "the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

What does this all mean? It means simply that we need a new and deeper consecration to God's work, and to us who are privileged to be the children of Light, to whom God has revealed so much of the truth-to us. is given the wonderful privilege of carrying on the work of the Lord, not by great shouts, not by the blare of trumpets, not by spectacular advertising campaigns, but in quiet communion with the Lord of Lords; for we are coworkers together with Him and in His strength alone will we succeed, not as the world counts success, but as He Himself counts"Well done.' God does not tell us to hatch out schemes by which great and wonderful results are to be tabulated-the true test of a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ is that he be found faithful. Moses has a record which says: "And Moses did as the Lord commanded." Likewise, the Son of God Himself always reiterates: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me." And, likewise, our service will be accepted of God in direct accordance as we do His will. The parting message of the Savior was that His followers should preach the Gospel to all creatures, "beginning at Jerusalem." How our leaders love to twist this passage into a hundred spiritualized interpretations!

The cry of the moment is, therefore, for a faithful, untiring witnessing of the Gospel to the Jew. In God's time we shall reap, if we faint not, for God has not forgotten the nation whom He has called the apple of His eye. "Thus, saith the Lord, if heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will I also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord." Jer. 31: 35-37. Listen to the words of the sainted Dr. Bonar:

"Forgotten? No! that cannot be; Sun, moon and stars may cease to shine, But thou shalt be remembered still, For thou art His, and He is thine.

Forgotten of the Lord thy God? No, Israel, no, that cannot be; He chose thee in the days of old And still His favor rests on thee."

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