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Salutation

"We go to Salute the children of the King."—II Kings 10, 13.
My Dearly Beloved Friends:

May you experience during this coming year greater blessings than ever before. Amen.

CROWDED MEETING: CONTINUE.

For many years I have been reporting the crowded meetings which occur every time this house is open for service. As we, the workers, are representatives of the Church in general, and the friends who support this work in particular, I have broached to you the question of accomodating the people, and suggested the plan of a new building. Possibly if we could count and report the number of Jews being turned away for lack of room, the readers would have a more adequate idea of the situation, and would bestir themselves to act upon the suggestion of their ambassadors. On each side of the auditorium Jews stand lined up against the walls like statues, listening with rapt attention, forgetting the weariness from standing throughout the whole service. Long after the meeting begins, Jews keep on coming but seeing the crowded condition they have to turn away with disappointment and indignation. Some try to squeeze in somehow, and endeavor to push their way through, but the janitor must strongly and firmly check their advance.

What a contrast with the mediaeval time in Rome when they compelled the Jews under the penalty of torture and banishment to attend Christian services. How strikingly different from the time in Spain when the Jews were roasted over a slow fire, hot oil poured upon them, pulled apart by wild horses or their tongues torn out of their mouths, for refusing to accept that so-called Christianity or show the least respect for the figure of the crucifix which was held before them by gloating blood-drunk fiends and savages. But not so at this time and in this mission, for we often have to use force to deny them admission to a Christian service.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

It means another call of God to the church of Christ in America. She had a number of special calls from God concerning the Jews, but alas her leaders deafened her ears, shortened her vision, deadened her appreciation and paralyzed her power. First God gave her the open Bible which commands "to the Jew first". She refused to heed that call and sent no missionaries to the Jews in Europe; then God sent over 2,000,000 Jews to her doors so as to be on hand for the church to give them the Gospel, but excuses were made that there was no man to do that kind of work; then God

sent the right man. Another excuse was offered, namely, small attendances and few conversions. Now God has given another call by sending large attendances and many conversions. Therefore, I say, this is another call. We cannot believe that the fact that so many Jews have been driven to this country has been just incidental, neither can we say that the large crowds and numbers of conversions that we have seen in this mission are by accident. People of a spiritual mind and discernment must realize that these things are of God and are spelling out to us the important significance that it is God's call.

STILL ANOTHER CALL.

At the bottom of the lethargy of the church in general lies the fact that Protestantism has been slighting, belittling and despising the Jews in a quiet way. It is said that there are so few Jews in this country that we will rather send missionaries to nations who are mighty and numerous like Japan and China, but suddenly like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, came a reminder from "the few Jews" that they were not to be slighted. They caused this mighty nation of over 90,000,000 people to boil like a caldron, and the President against his own wish had immediately to act and annul the treaty with Russia. This occurred December 17th when the Jews celebrated the first day of the feast of Dedication in memory of the miracle through the Maccabees. Is this not another call of God to arouse Christian leaders and show them that a great power is latent in the few Jews, and to wake them up from their sleep and dream of adding mighty nations to the church, showing them that these despised and slighted few are the ones to whom the Lord wants the Gospel preached first? It reminds one of Samuel and Eli. When Samuel heard God's call, Eli, the leader said, "Go and lie down again and sleep on, it is not the Lord's call." And so the Lord has been repeatedly calling the Church, but her leaders said, "Lie down and sleep in peace. We do not need to send the Gospel to the Jews. It is all right."

Dear Friends, you are the few who, like Samuel cannot sleep for you hear through these providential leadings the plain call of God again and again. Will you not try your best to pray and labor for this remarkable work of the Lord our God in our hands? Try and interest your pastors and your friends and pray earnestly to our heavenly Father for the needed building that we have spoken of in previous numbers and which will solve all our present problems in carrying on this mission successfully under God.

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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."

Educational Fund.

As reported in our last issue we have received money enough for the young man whom we sent to the Moody Bible Institute to keep him there a year. We have also received so far \$120 for one of the two young men for whom help was asked a month ago. He is now under private instruction in English, preparatory to his going to the same school, and as he is making good progress we hope by the middle of January to send him too. \$200 will enable us to keep him there a year, as some money outside of the tuition fee is required for railroad fare and sundries. The third young man still remains, for whose education the Lord must raise up some one whose pleasure it will be to furnish us with the means.

Two Sides.

A Christian gentleman visiting one of our meetings was greatly surprised at the crowd of Jews listening so attentively and behaving so respectfully while the Gospel was preached to them. He remarked at the close of the meeting that as he was looking at the crowd of Jews lined up against the walls on each side of the room and crowded in the entrance of the door, he thought of Isa. 60: 18, "Thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise," but looking at it from another viewpoint when so many Jews have to be squeezed in like sardines and many more have to be turned away from our gates, there is little praise in that.

Jewess Wants Her Husband Converted

A Jewish woman came one morning asking me to do something to attract her husband to the meetings. They have been married for six or seven years and recently he has fallen in with bad company, staying out late at night and hitting his wife when he comes home. "If he would go to the meetings and hear you preach I am sure he would become a better man." "How do you know?" said I. To this she replied that she had listened to the preaching and knew that it would turn him from bad to good.

She Brings Her Children to Jesus.

One evening as I went to the meeting, upon approaching the door of Beth Sar Shalom, I found the janitor refusing to admit a Jewish woman who had a group of children with her. He said that she would take up too much room with the children and thereby exclude two or three men. When she saw me, she appealed, saying: "I heard you say once that Jesus loves little children, and that He rebuked the people when they refused to let them come to Him. Now I bring these children to Jesus and that man does not want to let them in."

Anxious for Her Uncle, a Rabbi.

A little girl of about twelve years, who is attending our Sunday School, asked me whether I knew her uncle who is a reformed rabbi of a synagogue. I said, "No." "Do you think," she continued, "that he could be converted? I wish he would believe in Jesus then He could reform all the Jews to Christ."

Incidents in the Work

Four More Baptisms

Again through the power of the Lord Jesus Christ working so wonderfully in our midst, four Jewish brethren have been buried in baptism in Beth Sar Shalom since we wrote you last. One of the four is a man of about thirty, who has a wife and children. He has been coming to our meetings for over a year, and has thus learned to love the Lord Jesus Christ. His wife was bitterly opposed at first. When on one occasion we sent a converted brother to visit his family she pushed him out of her house with great anger. She is now quieter, but far from being in harmony with him, but this brother was anxious to fulfil the command of the Lord Jesus Christ so he did not wait for the consent of his wife.

The second one is a man of about thirty-five, quiet and respectable, who has a wife and children and lives opposite the Mission building. He, too, learned to trust in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, by attending our meetings, and reading our literature. His wife is not much against him in his belief and there is hope for her conversion too.

The third, a man of about thirty-five, was converted in a remarkable way, as he told us briefly, in a testimony he gave at our church meeting held on Monday evenings. Standing up and raising the thumb of his right hand, he said, "This brought me to believe in Jesus, the Messiah, and to accept Him as my Saviour." The thumb was bandaged and the story of it is as follows: Some months ago this man came to me and said that one of his Jewish neighbors told him that if nobody else could help him he should try me. In his work he had hurt his thumb and it grew worse and worse, until some kind of blood poisoning set in. He went around to many different dispensaries and nothing seemed to help him. At first only the palm of his hand was inflamed and sore, but then it went into his whole arm and utterly disabled him for work. I told him that I would send him to the Brooklyn Hospital, where they are always kind to me and take patients whom I recommend, without money, but as he had tried so many different physicians and none could help him, I was afraid that neither would he be helped there unless God would step in and heal. I told him how God does not hear the prayers of sinful men, for it is written: "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Isaiah 59: 2. Now, the only way to remove that wall of separation is to remove the sins and that can only be done through child-like faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, upon whom God hath laid all our sins. This man after a long talk and prayer gave his heart to Christ and it came to pass that his

arm and thumb began to improve so that now he is even able to work. He told his wife about it and both of them are now united in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This story he briefly told at the Monday evening meeting, and it was a great encouragement to all the members present, fifty-two in number.

The fourth man to be baptized has been a prisoner in Albany for two years. If you remember, a year ago I wrote in *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* an account of demands for our tracts in the various prisons in Albany and Auburn, and some in the West. Now, this brother was one of those who received my tracts and afterwards I sent a Hebrew Old and New Testament to the prison at Albany, where there were two other Jews beside himself. When he came out a free man, he made straight for this mission, looked me up and told how wonderfully the other Jews there were converted, especially one who is highly educated in Hebrew, and has still to serve a few years more. This brother is a young man of about twenty-five and has some education in Hebrew literature. He joined our church and was baptized. We believe that he is genuinely converted and will be, I hope, an instrument in God's hand for the conversion of his brethren, the Jews. We need to pray for him and wait patiently to see God's work through this brother. The crime for which most Jews are imprisoned, is usually crooked dealings in business which they may not have considered a sin.

A Jewish Infidel.

Recently, I had a private talk with a young Jew of about twenty-four, who seemed to be very bitter against anything religious. He used to be a very pious Jew in Russia, but after having been in this country for two or three years, he lost every bit of confidence in religion. After a long talk, in which he was cornered up in every way along the line of argument, he said, "Let God make me believe if He wants me to have any religion." He knows a great deal of the Bible and also a little of the New Testament and is a young man of talent. I really was praying in my heart that he would be converted and become a worker among his own people as there is such a great lack of able men to carry on the work of the Gospel among the Jews. When he made the remark above, I asked him to kneel down with me in prayer. This he refused to do. He said that if he does not believe in a God, how can he fool himself and kneel down to Him. After some time, I succeeded in persuading him. There was also another brother with me then, the well-known poet, Mark Levy. We all three knelt down and we prayed for him, and on rising from our knees the young man said that he felt better. His bitterness of heart disappeared and the prejudice was gone, and now he saw his way clear to begin to study the Scriptures in earnest. Please pray for him.

How Could It Be?

A Jew of about sixty years of age came in to call under some excuse, but with the intention of arguing with me. The Jewish thought in general is, that if a young man wishes to study the Christian religion, it is not so bad as when an old man inquires into such things, for it is a great shame for an old Jew to think of leaving his people, as all believe they must do when they become Christians. So this man used an excuse for his first visit, but immediately began to argue on the subject of Christianity. He asked many questions, which he had been gathering for a long time for he came from a town in Connecticut, and there, somehow, had received my tracts. Being at such a distance, every question that occurred to him he wrote down and kept until he had a chance to see me. He was satisfied with most of the answers that I gave him, but the one subject that was the hardest for him to understand, was the Virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. He said that such a thing had never happened since the world had been in existence. To this I said, "There never was but one time when manna came down from Heaven and fed a multitude of people for forty years, nor such a thing as the dividing of the Red Sea, or did you ever hear such a thing as somebody taking a little dust and making a man out of it, or taking a rib out of a man and making a woman out of it? Yet you believe that God did these things. Why cannot you believe that the same God commanded that the Lord Jesus Christ should be born of a Virgin?" Then he argued further. "All these last things," he said, "are written in my Old Testament, which I believe with all my heart, but where is the other thing written? In the New Testament that I do not believe." Then I turned to Jer. 31, and read for him the 22nd verse of the chapter, "How long wilt thou go about, O, thou backsliding daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth. A woman shall compass a man." The last three words are very striking in Hebrew, for they say literally, "A female will bring about a man," emphasizing the word female, signifying that it is to be without the male. The Hebrew word for man used here is "Gever," which means the Mighty One. There are three words for man in the Hebrew; one is *Adam*, meaning, taken from the earth, the other is *Ish*, which is used in a higher sense than Adam, then comes the third, *Gever*, which is the highest of them all. That verse and the explanation of it, for he understood it very well, knowing the Hebrew, impressed the man very much and he said nothing more against that doctrine. I hope that he believes now.

A Jewish Soldier.

It was gratifying one day to see a Jewish soldier in his uniform come into the mission. He was, until a few months ago, stationed in Texas, where he received some of our tracts,

and became interested in the work. Then he changed places and came to Brooklyn, where he still continues in the Army. Several times he has been at the mission talking over the matter of his soul's salvation. I gave him a copy of the New Testament and also an English Bible. He has been studying these and seems inclined to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. His chief difficulty is, as he said, the spirit of Christians toward one another. While leading an army life he came in contact with Catholics and Protestants and noticed that there was not a little hatred between them. He did not know much about the difference between the sects until I explained and showed to him that the Protestant really has no hatred, but Catholicism breeds hatred and prejudice, because it has no knowledge of the Word of God. The priests lead the people as the Jews are led by the rabbis.

This soldier is a nice, clean young man and there is a hopeful future for him if he will accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour, as I hope he will. He could be used a great deal in the army to the honor and glory of our blessed Redeemer.

A Teacher Taught

Another conversation which I had recently was with a teacher among the Jews. I noticed him in the meetings several times, and observed his rapt attention to the preaching. Now, he was glad to see me and to have a talk, for he told me that he believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as he wanted to be saved from his sins. What made him discouraged in his ceremonial religion was the fact that he heard me preach at one time about the publican's prayer, comparing the Jewish prayers to it. He began to think of the subject and found it true that the Jewish prayers are of no use in the sight of God. The people pray with their lips but their hearts are far from what they utter with their mouths, for the prayers are in Hebrew and the lips are simply used to rattle them off like a machine. Ninety per cent. of the Jews do not understand Hebrew at all and what can one expect as a result to spiritual life from such prayers. He therefore decided to begin to study the New Testament and finally gave himself over to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Three Letters of Interest

"It is with great joy we read of the faith and zeal of our Jewish brethren, and Paul's appeal rings afresh in our hearts, "What shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead." I confess to a little stumbling in times past over your gathering a Jewish church, in view of Eph. 2, 12 to end, but I trusted to your being led of the Spirit in your work. I have lately had some light while reading Micah, being arrested by 5:7, 8. We Gentiles oftentimes do read through very clouded spectacles, and not a few of us have a veil over our heart too. I thought if God would use the remnant of

Jacob for blessing among the nations, is He not even now, through your mission and other instrumentalities gathering out and preparing this remnant? And I feel content: for as I view the distracted state of the church, its ruin as God's testimony to the world, John 17:21, and the incompatibility between the awakened Jew and the indifferent Christendom, I am led to conclude it is God, working through you His wise counsels.

It should humble proud Christendom to awake to the gracious purpose of God, to use the people whom we had despised and trodden under the most cruel persecutions, for such blessing to the nations, as is likened to the dew from the Lord, and showers upon the grass. Is it not like heaping coals of fire on our heads? And oh, the grace of His word. He tells of the sweet influence of the dew, and timely rain, before He announces the Lion character of His judgment, when He shall give His chosen, power over their enemies. Daily we bear in our prayers before the Lord the cause of Israel, and we gladly receive the reports in your paper as answers in peace."

—GEO. W. P.

"There was a circus and menageries in this town the other day, and a lady of the world called and said, "Doctor, I want you to see this show so badly that I will pay your fare and here is fifty cents to do it." I accepted the fifty cents with thanks, and said: "Now, this fifty cents is mine to do as I please with?" She said, "Why, of course." "Well," I replied, "I have a dear brother Cohn, in Brooklyn, N. Y., labouring to bring 'my kindred according to the flesh' to Christ, may I send it to him?" She replied, "Sure, if you want to; so here it is. You will use it to glorify the Master instead of gratifying a long since appeased, natural curiosity."—J. A. MILLER, D. D.

"In common with you, I greatly deplore the apathy of most Christian people in regard to their obligation to give the Gospel to the Jews, especially in these days when the eyes of intelligent readers of even secular literature cannot fail of being turned towards Jerusalem and "The Chosen People," and their future. You are often in our mind and our earnest prayer is that amid the many cares incident to the work the Holy Spirit is so evidently accomplishing through you, you may be kept. Surely, we are living in the "perilous times" spoken of in the Word. But, what a comfort it is, on the authority of that same Word to know that over and above all the confusion of voices heard today, those who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and willing to be led by Him, hear and heed the voice of the Lord Jesus, whom He glorifies."

—REV. ROBT. LESLIE.

Jewish Notes.

The oldest man in America who died last month at the age of 117 years, in the Home for the Aged, Baltimore, Md., was a Jew by

the name of Abraham Kolinsky, who refused charity until a week before his death, when the Jews took him by force from a small room where he lived in misery. When they brought him into the institution, he began to worry over the fact that he was now living on charity. A week later he died. He was in Moscow in the year 1812, when Napoleon came there.

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There is much discussion going on now among the Jews all over the world about a proposition of a great rabbi in the matter of strengthening the Jewish religion and cementing more closely than ever before the hearts of all the Jews into one united force, by appointing a great and authoritative court in Jerusalem. This court consisting of the greatest rabbis, shall act like the Sanhedrin. Its authority and power in deciding cases of Jewish matters all over the world shall be irreversible.

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The Russian Czar honored the famous Jewish Doctor Havkin, by bestowing upon him the order of St. Vladimir, which gives him the title of nobility for all generations. This is the first time that the Czar has shown such a favor to a Jew. Dr. Havkin has already been honored in a similar manner by the King of England for having fought the Black Pest in India, with his skillful new invention.

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On the first of December, King George and the Queen on their way to India, arrived at the city of Aden. They were met by the people there with great pompous display. Among them came also the Jews and presented the Queen with an excellent ostrich plume.

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In Kieve, Russia, they imprisoned a Jew on the ground that he killed a Christian boy to use his blood for a religious purpose. The boy was found dead a year ago, and there has been much investigation done. No proofs, whatever, can be adduced, yet that old foolish blood accusation is always brought against the Jews. Over eight hundred Jewish Rabbis issued a declaration stating that the Jews were the first people to be forbidden to eat blood, and, therefore, the blood accusation is false. The greatest lawyers of Russia have taken up the case, but it is hard to get justice in Russia.

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It is almost surprising to know that in Berlin and Hamburg, Jews are living according to the strictest Orthodox rules. For instance, many Jewish doctors in Hamburg will not ride to a patient, or write a prescription on the Sabbath, but will go to the drug store and prescribe orally. The Jews there are entirely controlled by the rabbis. One of the most prominent Jews in Hamburg, upon the arrival of the eighth day after the birth of his son, was refused by the rabbis the performance of circumcision which he desired according to the law of Moses. The reason for it was the fact that this Jew married a Gentile lady from

England. She became a Jewess in London for the sake of marriage, and observed the Jewish religion strictly, but the rabbi of Hamburg said, "How do you know that she is a Jewess?" She had no certificate to that effect, and so they suspected that she was still a Gentile, although the fact that she herself wished her child circumcised proved that she was heart and soul a Jewess. That father had to bring a man from Berlin to perform the rite. The reformed Jews there are despised and hated by the Orthodox Jews who regard them as apostates.

Friends Whom We Miss

With sorrow we have received notices telling us of the departure of the following dear friends who have been praying for and supporting this mission for years. They are now home in the presence of our blessed Saviour and are, by far, better off than we, but we miss them. We miss their support and their kind Christian messages of cheer and encouragement. Reverend Willard H. Thawley, died November 20th, Rev. W. H. Brown, Rev. D. E. Brower, whose sister writes, "He was a regular subscriber from the time he first saw the little paper which he read with great pleasure until his death in October last," Mrs. J. D. Tapken, and Mrs. P. T. Penick, whose daughter writes, "I learned from my sainted mother to love the Jews."

Now, these dear souls are in the presence of a Jewish Saviour and can look straight into the face of Him whose brethren they loved.

Mrs. A. H. Kerr, whose picture is here shown, was also one who had loved the Jews and contributed to this work.

In Memoriam

On the seventeenth of October last, there passed into eternal peace and happiness, one of those rare, sweet spirits which it sometimes pleases God to let sojourn with us for a few brief years, and then to take them to Himself forever.

Albertina Kerr had just begun her womanhood—she was hardly out of her teens—twenty-two. She had only been married a little over a year. These are the facts which make the trial so staggering and so grief-laden to the husband who is left.

It was the writer's privilege to meet Mrs. Kerr over a year ago, and he can never forget the features of that face. She radiated the spirit of Jesus, so that wherever she went, it was truly remarked of her that she had been with Jesus.

And then, *she loved the Jews*. She kept a strict account of all her moneys, and on the first of each month she would go to her bank and send a draft to help in the bringing of the Gospel message to our neglected and too often hated, people. She gave more to Jewish work than to any one other object.

And she knew how to pray. If anything went wrong, she simply said, "We must take it to the Lord in prayer," and God always answered her prayers! Her husband was able, and desirous, to give her all the luxuries of life, but she would have none of them—that money went instead to the Lord's work. Automobiles, jewelry, superfine clothes were all hers for the mere asking—but she never asked for them. A young Jew with whom she came in frequent, daily contact, who had no use for Christians, declaring them hypocrites, remarked of her, "I never knew there could be a Christian like that." What a wonderful testimony.



MRS. ALEXANDER H. (ALBERTINA) KERR
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Manors, Suffolk, England

She succumbed to typhoid fever. Her whole life, brief as it was, was a martyr's life—she suffered in ways unexplainable, but in all her suffering, her spirit grew nobler and sweeter and more angelic day by day.

When she could stand the agony no longer, she cried to her God, and He, in His infinite wisdom, came and took her to Himself.

Her baby and husband survive. Months before the baby came, she knelt by her husband's side and dedicated him definitely to God, promising God she would call him John, the evangelist, and today he bears that name.

We cannot understand the mysteries of the workings of our God, but, dear friends, will you not pray very earnestly that he who is left shall receive new courage from on high, shall be comforted, shall find in Him a deeper satisfaction than ever before, being happy in the thought that he can continue the good work which she left unfinished, and in this way, causing her, though dead, yet to speak once more.—J. C.

Christmas with the Children.

Christmas time among the Jewish girls in the schools connected with our mission is always a two-fold opportunity. It is an opportunity to give them pleasure and happiness by simple gifts and it is also an opportunity to teach them why we give those gifts and of the coming to earth of Jesus Christ and of the wonderful meaning of that coming. The latter opportunity we develop through the friends who speak to the children and through the recitations in which the children themselves take part. So considering all sides of the occasion, one will realize what a very profitable time, spiritually, is Christmas to our girls. It is not merely a time of getting material gifts, a time of giving and receiving as we so often feel our own Christmas to be, but it is a time when definite, religious truths are brought home to the hearts and consciences, and impressed by the memorized words. The friends who contribute of their means to buy the presents for our celebration and those who give of their time and strength and ability to help make the entertainments a success are all "workers together with God" to bring about the desired result. And for your help in all these directions, we thank you in the name of the children.

This year, the Sunday School had its celebration on Christmas night, at the Monday evening Converts Gathering and the hall on the second floor was packed to the doors with an interested, appreciative audience. Appropriate carols were sung by the School and individual members recited and sang various pieces referring to the birth of Christ. A drill by about fifteen girls was nicely gone through with and then a little sketch with a most appropriate setting for the occasion was given. The scene was laid in an old time eastern school where some of the children questioned about the Messiah, when He was to come, where He was to be born and what He was to do. The answers, of course, put the truth plainly and must have given much food for thought. An address by Mr. Cohn, and the giving out of the presents concluded a delightful evening. Miss Allen and Mr. Englander, who worked hard for the success of the entertainment, deserve great credit.

Both the Sewing Schools met in Williamsburg on Thursday afternoon, December 28, for a joint celebration, which proved to be a very happy affair. After the singing of a hymn, Mr. Cohn led in prayer, and then spoke for a few moments on the Son who had been given to us and why we give presents at Christmas. Miss Birdseye, a longtime friend of the work, followed with a most helpful talk on the Star

of Jacob and the Star of Bethlehem, the children singing before and after the address. Various Christmas recitations and some songs by members of both Schools filled the afternoon and with their gifts and boxes of candy all went happily homeward.

—ELLA T. MARSTON.

The Opportunity of a Century.

Many friends have inquired as to how much money has been received for the new building, the cost of which is to be \$250,000 including equipment and endowment. The first contribution was \$1.00, then came another of \$2.00 and that was followed by another of \$10.00. These were reported in the November issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. One might have thought that these were rather small gifts for such a great enterprise, but we can never slight small beginnings. In this number we report more contributions among which is one of \$100. If money continues coming at this rate, we shall soon realize the building. I have a proposition to make to our many thousand friends. If there can be found 250 friends who will pledge \$1,000 each, or 500 friends pledging \$500 each, or 1000 friends who will promise \$250 each, we can have the building very soon.

Will you not, dear friends, pray earnestly to God about this great need, and ascertain what God wants you to do in this matter? Shall we drive away Jews from Christ, or shall we endeavor to put up the building and take them in as long as they desire to listen to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?

The Poor.

We are thankful to the dear friends who have sent of their means for the relief of our needy ones. The misery among these poor Jews is indescribable. The Jewish Charities do not help them. In vain do wealthy Jews boast that they take care of their poor, but it is not so. They come to us and appeal for help. I could fill a volume with most pitiable cases which are brought to our attention. We have helped as many as we could with the money that was sent by our dear friends, but that is only like a drop in the bucket.

Crowded Out.

Owing to lack of space in this number, we had to omit two different departments which usually appear in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. One is called "Some Jewish Christian Notables" and the other is "Questions and Answers." We are sorry to disappoint those that asked questions and expected to see the answers in this paper, but the omission was unavoidable as we have no space left.

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