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Salutation

We go to Salute the children of the King."—II Kings 10, 13.

My Dearly Beloved Friends:

In greeting you, I pray to our Heavenly Father to open the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Amen.

THE KING'S BUSINESS.

Another month of crowded transactions in the King's business at Beth Sar Shalom has passed and we are glad to again report that God's blessing has attended us, the beauty of the Lord our God has been upon us and established the work of our hands in the house of the Prince of Peace. The crowds of Jews that have flocked to our meetings have been as large as ever before. The aisles of our auditorium have been occupied by people who have stood throughout the services listening to the simple story of the Cross of our Lord and Saviour, and many who were wanting to enter the house of worship, had to be sadly turned away for lack of room. One who is a frequent eye-witness to this scene, cannot help exclaiming like Jacob of old, "How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God. Surely, the Lord is in this place." Gen. 28: 16, 17. This is, therefore, certainly the King's business which requires haste to make the building large enough to hold all the people that want to come into the House of the Lord.

WITHIN REACH.

It has usually been the rule that the Holy Spirit has found the hearts of those who are poor in this world's goods, but rich in grace, within His reach. Joseph, the humble prisoner, and Bezaleel, a very humble man were filled with God's Spirit. Likewise, whom did the Lord Jesus Christ reach but the poor and humble ones? It is so now. The Holy Spirit has been calling for people to help preach the Gospel to poor, blind Israel, but whom has He reached? Mostly the poor and humble ones. Many friends have expressed precious words in letters so that we are fully convinced that the Holy Spirit has reached their hearts which are aching with the desire to put up the building for us; but the silver and the gold is not theirs.

WROTE TO CARNEGIE.

One dear saint was so anxious to help this Mission that she wrote to Mr. Carnegie, asking for funds for our enlarged house. While we are not expecting any reply to this appeal, yet we see that the heart of the writer is in

the possession of the Holy Spirit. Another one sent us a ring which was a birthday present from a dear friend. Although she valued the present deeply, and could hardly part with it, yet the Holy Spirit in her heart overruled, and she sent it for the building. Another one wrote that he had a collection of old coins which, it is thought would bring in some money, if sold to the right party. It is difficult to part with such antiquities, yet he is willing to offer them up to the God of Israel. This and many other like incidents show that the Holy Spirit is working on both sides in bringing the crowds of poor Jews to listen to the Gospel and in reaching the hearts of some of the dear Christians to take those Jews into the fold of their Master and Saviour.

A DREAM.

Another one writes, "My heart is full of joy and praise that He has thus directed my heart in the cause of His people, Israel. About two years ago, I had a dream one night which I shall never forget, for it was from the Lord, though, at the time I did not know just what it meant. I saw two little Jewish girls praying to Jehovah, and at that moment the power of the Holy Spirit fell upon me, and for one brief moment, I suffered with him (Jesus) in agony of heart and soul, because the children did not know Jesus. O, how blessed that moment! How precious its memory! I did not then know anything much about the Jews, but step by step He has brought knowledge and opened His precious word to me which is sweeter than honey. I love Him, I love His people. I felt that I wanted to tell it to someone of His brethren who might understand that my love for His people was a gift from my Saviour."

A business man in New York called me to his office and told of the large amount of money which he had laid aside in stocks as the Lord's money from last year's increase. "I do not know of any other work than yours which can claim this amount," said he thoughtfully.

This confirms our belief that He that keepeth Israel is presiding at Beth Sar Shalom, working mightily, calling His blinded people to the light, and directing His enlightened children to help lead these neglected brethren to their Saviour who is the Light of the World. What a privilege is yours to let your heart be reached by the Holy Spirit.

Yours in His service,

—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 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."

A Clipping.

The following clipping from a religious magazine will explain itself and will be of interest to our readers.

"The subject of missions to the Jews is not generally understood by Christian people. There are deep-seated prejudices and the belief widespread prevails that Jewish missions are unsuccessful and that very little results are achieved in that particular field. When we study the facts, however, we find that Christian work among the Jews has produced three times as much as from other non-Christian people.

"The number of Protestant converts among the heathen and Moslems during the past missionary century was 2,000,000, or one to every 525 of the present heathen and Moslem population. The result of Christian work among the Jews for the same length of time was 72,000 who accepted Protestant baptism out of a population of about 11,000,000. This would be one to every 150 of the present Jewish population. The same degree of success among the heathen and Moslems would have shown 7,000,000 instead of 2,000,000, three times as many Jewish converts under the Gospel ministry as among the heathen, and therefore no mission field of modern times, by comparison, has been so successful as the Jewish.

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"Missions to the Jews in America are few and far between. The Jewish population has increased from 1,000 in 1812, to about 2,400,000. New York has the largest Jewish population of any city in the world."—*Exchange*.

Losses in the Mail.

We have repeatedly warned our friends against enclosing money in letters without registering the same, ever since two or three years ago, when two letter-carriers were caught in the act of pilfering our mail. During the last month, we received a number of complaints from friends, stating that they had sent money in letters which had not reached us. These losses may be a lesson to other dear friends so that they shall make remittances either by money order, check, or registered mail. We are always prompt in answering every letter that comes, so if you do not hear from us by return mail, be sure that something happened in delivery, or that the wording of the address on the letter was incorrect. It is best to at once institute an investigation.

Finances.

Last month shows a much smaller total on the left page of our cash book than on the right one where the expenses are recorded. The very probable reason for it may be in the fact that our annual account went out at the beginning of last month, showing no deficit, and so friends must have thought that we are all right without their contributions. We are sometimes treated like that little boy who was told by his father that if he asked for a penny he would not get it because he bothered him, and if he did not ask for it, then he did not need it. We often wish that the work of the Lord could be carried on without money, but we might as well wish for a house to be built without bricks or stones. The work needs every cent that you dear friends can afford to give for the cause of the Lord in our hands.

Incidents in the Work

Words of Gratitude.

We thought that it would be of interest to our friends to see in *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE*, the photographs of the two young men who have been sent to the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. The one on your right is Ralph Young, twenty-two years of age, while the other is Isadore Schwartz, twenty years. These young men have written several letters since their stay at School, expressing gratitude for having been sent there, as they greatly enjoy the fellowship of the other Christian young men students, so in addition to their pictures, we are quoting messages from them that you may thus become better acquainted. One reader of our paper who lives in Chicago and has met these boys, writes that he is greatly pleased with them and concludes with the remark, "Send us a few more young men like these."

"Dear Readers of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE*:

"My heart goes out in gratitude and thanksgiving for the great privilege God has given me of studying for His service in this great Christian school. I am especially indebted to the readers of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* for their kindness and love in supplying the means whereby this could be brought about.

"May the God of Israel bless you all and keep you until the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours in His service,

—I. SCHWARTZ."

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"The grace, mercy and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. I thank my God daily for the great privilege of studying in this Institute, and of preparing for service in co-partnership with my Saviour and Master, all of which has been made possible by you, dear generous-hearted Christians. This is indeed a constant joy to me, but I also realize the solemn responsibility which rests upon me to "make good," or in other words, to fulfill the obligations and requirements which are always expected from a man who professes to be not only a believer in and follower of Jesus Christ,

but also His apostle. In this connection, I want to say that it is no easy task which confronts me, and I, therefore, earnestly solicit your prayers that our God may strengthen me for the great message which He wants me to deliver to this world, and to Israel especially, and that He may uphold me in the time of trial, for the enemy, the devil, is strong and persistent, and strictly looks after his own business to lure astray. But I Cor. 10: 13. In the short time that I have been here, I have learned to love the Book of Books, especially for the wonderfully sweet Words of Jesus that it contains, and also for the great prophecies of the future of Israel which its prophets from Isaiah to Malachi so wonderfully portray.

"My heart is full of enthusiasm and fire to go out and give my life to God that He may

use me in the salvation of Israel. I feel that to the great majority of the Jews there has never even come the knowledge that there was a Messiah Jesus, or who He was, or what He came into the world for. The time has come when God is calling out many from among Israel to proclaim the Gospel to Christ's brethren in the flesh. For God is calling out the remnant!

"Now, the God of Jacob bless you all, and give you His peace and joy which the world cannot give you, is the earnest prayer of,

Your brother in Christ,

—R. A. YOUNG."



Two More Baptisms.

On Monday evening, the 19th of February, two more of the converts showed an earnest belief in the Lord Jesus Christ by confessing Him publicly by baptism. It used to be an impossibility to bring a Jewish woman to a meeting in the Mission, but now we have them by the scores in every audience, and this time both of those who were baptized were women. One was the wife of a convert whose baptism was reported a month ago, and expressed hopes that soon his wife too, would join him in his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have now realized our hopes, for she has given her heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. The second to be baptized was a girl of about sixteen years. She has been in our Sewing and Sunday

Schools for a long time and wanted to be baptized and show her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in a definite way. She has thus set an example to others of her age who have outgrown our schools, and are now working in various places of labor and business, and we trust that many others will soon follow her and do likewise.

A Jewish Infidel Converted.

At one of the Monday evening meetings of the last month, we had perhaps, the most blessed and pleasant service of all the whole winter. It was occasioned by the presence of a Jewish brother who, until not long ago, lived a life of agnosticism and infidelity. He is a Jew, and his wife a fine Jewish lady, whom I baptized a year ago in Beth Sar Shalom, as reported in *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* at that time. He did not oppose his wife's belief for he was liberal enough in that way, partly because he loved his wife so dearly that he would not think of interfering with her convictions and causing her worry and annoyance. But he was bitterly opposed to anything religious with regard to himself.

His wife, however, led a consistent Christian life. Once she invited another minister and myself to their house for dinner, and I was delighted with the dear little children whom their mother had brought up with such good Christian knowledge of God and the Scriptures. Everything in the house savored of godliness, but the husband looked like a thorn among roses, with regard to his absolute hatred of the idea of accepting the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of his soul. His wife asked me, on another occasion, to have a conversation with him. I did so, but left without hope of his conversion, for he said that he had no time to read the Bible, as he had too much business to attend to. His head was full, however, of all the agnostic ideas; he doubted everything, but not being able to disprove any Scriptural statements, when I gave him a proof of the truthfulness of the Scriptures, or the Messiahship of the Lord Jesus, he would always simply say, "How do I know it?" Therefore, I was discouraged, and had no hope that this man would become a Christian, but his good wife, a genuine daughter of Abraham, having inherited the strong faith of our forefather, did not give up hope, but kept on praying and praying for her husband's soul. To her great delight, during last summer, he began to read the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit worked in his heart, giving him no rest, until he came humbly to the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ and confessed Him publicly. He now leads a Christian life and both husband and wife, united in their faith, rejoice that they are likeminded.

On two different occasions they visited our church meeting and told the story of his conversion. The husband himself, stood up and

gave our congregation a long talk in which he told us of all his previous infidel ideas, and how the Lord had brought him from darkness to light, and how he loves the Lord Jesus Christ with all his heart, and now sees that he was a fool all his life, in that he a Jew, and a descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, should have denied the living God. He said he could not understand now, where his brain was turning that time. All the members of our congregation praised God and took courage.

Jewish Notes.

The Jews in Greece are in a very sad condition spiritually. There are about eight thousand in the whole country, the majority living in five towns, but the population of only one town has a Jewish school and even that they are not able to support without the aid of the government. This is not because the Jews are very poor, but that they are so indifferent to religion that they do not care to maintain religious institutions. In order to improve this condition, a Jewish congress is to be held this Spring at Athens.

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During the beginning of February, Russian officials displayed the highest degree of cruelty to the Jews of many towns in that cruel country. Under the laws of limitation, as to where the Jews may, or may not reside, the officials went out without authority to all the Jewish families falling upon them at midnight, and dragging them out of their beds, old and young, men and women, and, bringing them to the police station, sent out of town, even the Jews who had the right to live in the place.

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In all Russia there was only one Jewish judge who had held office for thirty-five years, and even this one, although highly esteemed by all people for his honesty and uprightness, has been deposed this year for no other reason than that he is a Jew. The town where he was executing righteous judgment for thirty-five years, is called Saratov. Recently, the town honored him on the completion of this term and the papers paid him high tribute. The publication of the honor and praise that the Jew received was repeated by one paper and another, until the Russians were incensed and, filled with jealousy and indignation, deposed him.

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The Emperor of Germany sent a special message to Mr. Yadlovker, a Jew of Orthodox parents in Russia, to ask him to come back to the Opera House in Berlin, where he had been singing for some time. He had left for the Metropolitan Opera House of New York, where he was given a larger salary, but the Kaiser was so charmed by the talent of this young Jew, that he condescended to beg him to return and offered from his own pocket, the difference in the salary.

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Convinced by the Word.

As our readers will remember, we used to have almost no women in our mission audiences, but now the Lord has caused many to attend, and sometimes they form nearly one-fifth of our number. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for the comparatively many who have been converted and who are now showing even greater love for the Lord than the men. One of our most outspoken converts is Miss Klein, whose picture we herewith give, and who writes as follows:

"I thought my dear sisters and brothers in Christ would be interested to know how I, a Jewish woman, came to believe in the blessed Saviour. First of all, I want to explain to you that I come from very strict Orthodox Jews. My father is a rabbi in Europe. He was in this country twelve years ago, and would not stay here because he said that everything is "trafe" (religiously unclean) in this country; even the stones were "trafe." I have a cousin in New York that does big business and he is so religious that when he gets mail on Saturday, no matter how important it may be, he will not open it, nor will he handle any money on Saturday.

"The way I came to my belief in Christ, was

by going to brother Cohn's Mission. I happened to work with a Jewish lady that is a very earnest believer in our Lord Jesus Christ. She was baptized by brother Cohn, and asked me to come with her to the Mission. I went and heard brother Cohn speaking about the prophets, prophesying hundreds of years before, about the coming of Christ, and he told where we could find it in the Old Testament. I went home and read and found it was true, so kept going to the Mission for quite some time, and reading the Bible. Then I started to read the New Testament and read the great teachings of our Lord and Saviour, and O, dear

Sisters and Brothers, I cannot tell you how I felt to think that I had missed all these years the great joy and happiness that our dear Lord has in store for us, for I know now that there is no peace without belief in Christ, our Lord. I was baptized by brother Cohn some time ago, and am happy in the blessed Lord Jesus Christ. My only sorrow is that I cannot give the same happiness to my Jewish sisters and brothers, but I pray to my Heavenly Father for them that their eyes may be opened the same as mine, and I wish all Christian sisters and brothers would pray for them.

Your sister in Christ,
—SADIE KLEIN."



Jewish Notes—Continued

The Westminster Gazette, of London, recently contained a sharp rebuke to the English Government, which has been largely copied in the Jewish papers. England sent a group of members of Parliament to visit Russia, but, of course, not one Jew could be included in the commission, as Russia does not allow any Jew to enter her sacred borders. The question was put sarcastically, as follows: Is not Herbert Samuel, a Jew who is the Postmaster General of England, honorable enough to be admitted to Russia? Is not Rufus Isaacs, the Attorney-General of England worthy to be admitted there? At the time that England and Russia show such friendliness and love, cannot England see the great offense since her highest officials are considered by Russia unworthy people who will soil their country by their presence?

Four hundred Jewish families living in Amur, Russia accepted Buddhism in order to escape the cruel edict of the Russian Czar, which prohibits Jews from residing in certain towns and districts. Buddhists are allowed to reside everywhere in Russia. The Jews, not willing to accept the Greek Catholic religion which has been so inhuman toward them, prefer to become Buddhists, for Buddhism never persecuted the Jews. The Governor of the State, who was intent on driving the Jews out of his jurisdiction, is now inquiring at the Senate in Petersburg, whether in this case the Jews are to be left alone. There is a strong opinion that the Russian government will issue a new law excluding Buddhists from the privilege of residing everywhere.

The Jewish Wailing Place.

BY EMMA L. MILLER.

Written after visiting Jerusalem.

Have you seen the Place of Wailing,
 Seen the Jewish Place of Wailing,
 Just outside the temple gateway on the wall?
 If you have not, then you know not,
 All Jerusalem can show not,
 Half the gloom that settles o'er you like a pall.

Have you heard the women wailing,
 Heard the Jewish women wailing,
 As they came to weep upon the sacred stones?
 Have you seen them bow in anguish,
 While their spirits faint and languish?
 Have you heard their sad and melancholy tones?

Have you seen the men a-coming,
 And their sacred books a-thumbing,
 While they conn their saddest passage o'er and o'er?
 Have you heard them in contition
 Pour their souls out in petition?
 Shall their cry rejected be forevermore?

Have you seen the youth and maiden
 With too early sorrow laden,
 Coming from afar with older ones to wail!
 Coming with the aged mother,
 With the kindly elder brother,
 While he fastenes to the wall the sacred nail?

Have you seen the children coming,
 Seen the little children coming,
 Robbed of all the gladness of their childhood's dower!
 While upon the wall a-leaning,
 Do they understand the meaning
 Of the plaintive tones they utter by the hour?

O the losses of the nation,
 Temple, city, land, and station,
 With the scorn of all the earth upon them poured,
 Must they always mourn in sorrow?
 Shall there be no glad to-morrow,
 When the favor of the Lord shall be restored?

O our hearts were filled with pity,
 Nothing in the Holy City
 Seemed so hopeless, so dejected, so forlorn,
 As these Jewish people weeping,
 And their loss in memory keeping,
 Shall there be no resurrection morn?

When they shall accept the story
 Of the Lord of life and glory,
 And acknowledge Him of Jewish parents born;
 When they turn to Him believing,
 There shall be a glad receiving,
 Then shall come their promised resurrection morn.

An Evening Sewing School.

We have long felt the need of some special work in connection with the Mission, for older Jewish girls who have outgrown the day Sewing Schools and are now in business. Just how to make this attractive and at an hour suitable to the needs of all, was quite a problem, but a plan has been suggested which we are trying and seems to be quite successful.

Once in two weeks on Thursday evenings, we invite the girls to come directly from work and meet us for supper at the Mission building. The convenient little kitchen connected with the Sewing School room proves to be just what we need and makes it possible to serve a simple, nourishing meal free of cost, without too much labor. A long table is spread in the adjoining room and here we gather at seven o'clock, for a real homelike occasion. The food is chosen carefully with reference to the girls' tastes and with thought of economy, and thus far we have found that we can serve such a meal for nine or ten cents apiece.

After supper comes an interesting Bible study by one or another and since most of these girls have been previously taught in our afternoon schools and are older, we can speak more definitely and in a less childish way. The supper dishes are then cleared away, and washed by some, and then comes our sewing hour. Some of the girls are making garments for themselves, some are learning to hemstitch, while others are learning various kinds of embroidery, but all are enthusiastically occupied until we have to insist on their leaving for home. Often, we sing hymns as they sew, for they are glad to be reminded of their old favorites.

We are rejoicing in this new opportunity to continue work for these girls and give them the chance to learn more of God's Word. At the first meeting six girls were present, at the most recent, fifteen, and each time some one comes and asks if she may bring a new girl to our next gathering. So we hope to grow and be a greater blessing than before to those whom we can thus reach.

As the Spring advances, whenever we think of our girls' work, we think of the Fresh Air Farm and hope, if it is God's good pleasure, that we may again be able to invite all our girls to have the benefit of a country outing. There will be a few necessary repairs, etc., to the buildings this year, but the principal need will be for money to carry on the running expenses of the place. We are counting on our friends to enable us to again go forward.

—ELLA T. MARSTON.

Questions and Answers.

Question 1. *Will you please explain what John meant in Rev. 2:3-5 when he spoke of "thy first love?"*

2. *What is meant by "that great city" in Rev. 17:18?* Mrs. Mary Byrd.

Answer 1. "Thy first love" means that delight and love created by the gratitude towards God which was kindled in the heart at the first taste of God's pardoning mercy through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. The rebuilt Babylon which will be the headquarters of Antichrist "the man of sin". That city was the mother of idolatry and opposition to God in Nimrod's day, and will again become the centre of the wickedness all over the world and of all commerce.

Question. *What do you understand by Babylon in Rev. 17:5. "And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the great?"*

Mrs. O. P. Leh.

Answer. The same as in verse 18 only a different representation. First that system of abomination is Babylon in mystery only, having various centres all over the world, then it develops into the centralized and organized rebuilt Babylon.

Question. *What is the significance of Isa. 7:15, in connection with verse 14?*

Miss Lavina Ish.

Answer. Though the child be born in a miraculous way and should rightly be called Emmanuel, yet He would not live like an angel, but be fed like other children, by the diet of butter and honey customary in those countries. "In all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren." Heb. 2:17. The translation: "That He may know" is not correct. The Hebrew is "Until His knowledge of rejecting evil" meaning that His being like other children will last for a short time only, for He will early display His wonderful knowledge, referring to the same word in Isa. 53:11 "by His knowledge." It also indicated to Ahaz that after four or five years the time in which a child is thus being fed, there would be a full end of the two kings Peah and Rezin who really died in four or five years after the prophets message. See II Kings, 16:9 and II Kings 15:30.

Question. *"Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?" Isaiah 60:8. May we not conclude that the prophet refers to the present day airships in verse given above, and also infer that their real purpose is to carry the Jews to Zion quickly when Jehovah*

Answer. Verse 9 is the answer to verse 8. The ships carrying the Jews with rapidity of motion will resemble, when at a distance, a cloud driven by the wind, and a flight of doves returning to their young. It cannot be erroneous to apply it to the air-ships in a secondary sense. *calls them?* Benj. Watkins.

Question. *To what tribe do the Jews of the present day belong, as the lost ten tribes have*

Answer. The Jews of the present day belong to three tribes, Judah, Benjamin, and Levi, who never returned? F. M. Flournoy.

returned with Ezra and Nehemiah. There is a great deal of truth in the argument of Anglo-Israelism in identifying the English people, and the whole Teutonic race, with the ten tribes.

Question 1. *Did the Roman Catholics get their idea of praying for souls in purgatory from the Jews?*

2. *How old is the custom?*

3. *Is there any scripture for it?*

4. *What is the origin of it?*

Answer. The Roman Catholic Church which in the council of Trent declared the Apocryphal books canonical, based their belief in purgatory and prayers for souls upon 2 Macc. 12:44-45. There it is plainly stated that souls after death pass through an intermediate state in which they may by some intercession be saved from doom.

2. It was developed by the Church Fathers into a dogma. See Origen on Ps. 37, Homily 3. During the third century, the mass for the dead corresponding in the Synagogue, to the Kaddish, was used in the Church.

3. The great Rabbi Shammai in the first century before Christ taught this doctrine from Zech. 13:9 and 1 Sam. 2:6.

4. The idea of the purging fire through which the soul has to pass is found in the Zend-Avesta (Bundahis, 30:20) which is supposed to have been written by Zoroaster about 600 years before Christ.

Question. *Did the Levites in the O. T. give the Tenth or were they with the Priest exempted?*

T. C. Gebauer.

Answer. They were exempted; for the tithe was given by those who possessed land and the Levites had no such possessions.

Question. *Does Ezekiel's vision of dry bones have reference to the final resurrection of the Jews that have died in the ages past or does it refer to the gathering together of the Jews that are living at the time this gathering is to be done?*

William McGuire.

Answer. It refers both to the reawakening of the living Jews as a people, from weakness to strength and from sin to spiritual life, and also to the resurrection of the dead in the last days.

Obituary.

On December 30 1911, occurred the death of Mrs. Cannarisa Snyder, wife of Deacon L. B. Snyder, of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, at Isle, Pa.

Her life was one of faith and consistency in all things. She was ever working in a quiet, unobtrusive way, and with a pure heart and free will, accomplished much in all departments of the church.

For several years, she had been deeply interested in the Jewish Mission, at Brooklyn, N. Y. giving liberally of her means to its support. Through her efforts, the Mt. Zion Church became linked to this noble cause. In the Missionary circle, she was an active and valued member.

In loving memory, we submit this tribute of respect, in behalf of the Women's Missionary Circle. Pres. (Mrs.) E. R. STAMM.

Receipts from January 6th to 18th, 1912

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Mrs. I. M. Ross	.50	Mrs. Bertha Jensen	10.00
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