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Salutation

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

My Dearly Beloved Friends:

I am glad to salute you again with the earnest prayer that the Lord who is our defence, the Holy One of Israel who is our King and has exalted us in His righteousness will cause you to steadily walk in the light of His countenance. Amen. Psa. 89:15-18.

COMPASSION FOR BLIND ISRAEL.

While writing this, my people all over the world are observing their yearly ten days of repentance beginning with New Year's day, occurring this year on September 12. On that day, as usual, they chanted in every synagogue in the traditional, disconsolate melody, the words of Psa. 89:15, "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance." The sad and foreboding tones are very suggestive; they indicate the fact that the people have no knowledge of either joy or light. What a piteous spectacle! consider this people's original destiny, their once close fellowship with God, that God called them "my son", (Ex. 4:22) that they were the ones among whom God Himself condescended to dwell, and yet unto this people, "blindness in part is happened!" This same people has been wandering for nearly two thousand years through a maze of ignorance, darkness and superstition, having no ray of that light which would lead them out into the "old paths" of righteousness. Is there anything sadder? "Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow." Lam. 1:12. The situation is such that every heart must overflow with feelings of compassion for this blind people. Paul's heart was touched by Israel's tragedy and his agony over it was expressed in that remarkable utterance, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren", Rom. 9:3. The very heart of God is so affected over his peoples' blindness that in referring to the time of Israel's restoration by Himself He says: "I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman—and I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not." Isa. 42:14-16.

OUR GREAT PRIVILEGE.

What a blessed privilege therefore is yours and mine, to be used in God's hand for the

carrying of the Gospel light to this people. By the grace of God and through your help we were enabled to take to the farm this summer about seventy girls who belong to our different mission schools. The Light of the world was presented to them by daily instruction from the word of God which is able to make them wise unto salvation. The value of such a work for Jewish girls, each with a large circle of relatives, and with the possibility of becoming wives, and mothers of families, is inestimable. Some of the details of this department will be found on another page.

The meetings in the city at our headquarters, Beth Sar Shalom, have been blessed of God throughout the summer. With the exception of two weeks, when through a generous gift, our co-worker Mr. Englander was able to take a vacation, the meetings have been held every week as usual. Crowds of men and women have filled the meeting hall and listened to the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The dispensary has been attended very largely, so that the physicians could hardly care for all the patients. Our students in the Moody School in Chicago are doing well, according to the testimony of other people there. Thus we are full of gladness over God's blessings upon your noble work of helping us to let in the light among my benighted brethren. However, comparing what we are able to accomplish in this little corner, with God's great plan of redeeming the whole house of Jacob, there is a constantly growing conception of what might be done and an ever-increasing desire to enlarge our borders. A Talmudic maxim says: "One who has a hundred, desires to have two hundred." As it is in the material, so in spiritual things; "mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead." The enlarged building which requires \$250,000 is most essential to accomplish a triumphant work. We also need more workers in this God-blessed mission field.

If our dear friends would only realize their opportunity and privilege of co-laboring with us, giving themselves to prayer on behalf of His ancient people and then helping to raise the much needed money, what a glorious work the Lord would do through our hands. Then we would have His promise of "greater works than these" fulfilled in our midst and the name of our Lord and Saviour would then be glorified through and in us as His followers.

Your servant in the Gospel,

—LEOPOLD COHN.

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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 New Year.

THE CHOSEN PEOPLE now enters upon its 18th year of service. While the majority of our friends have come to us within recent years the paper itself and the very important work which it represents are by no means experiments. Under the gracious guidance of our God this work has taken first place in this country. It is the only Mission to the Jews that has been under one management for so long a time, and from its very inception. Nothing spectacular or sensational has marred our development but our growth has been steady, slow and sure, for we have laid our foundation upon the Rock, even our Lord Jesus Christ, and we have always striven to be guided by the motto "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God and his Righteousness." It is therefore with much thanksgiving that we can come to you at the beginning of a New Year, knowing that we have the full right to your confidence and knowing that if we shall continue to co-labor together, each one of us doing his or her share, the Lord will continue to bless our united efforts for the extension of His Kingdom and that perhaps sooner than we dream of, we may see a most wonderful awakening among the more than one million Jews of this great city. Let us strive to make this the very best year in the history of the Mission.

God's Cure for Poverty.

This is the title of a leaflet which we are enabled to offer to send to any of our friends in small or large quantities, because of the generosity of a dear friend whose modesty forbids our mentioning his name. This leaflet is writ-

ten by our friend and brother and forms another one of the series of Tithing Literature with which we supplied you last winter. It is one of the best tracts on the subject we have seen, one of its chief advantages being that it is written by a man who himself has tested the truth of what he writes. Usually people think that Tithing is simply a theory proposed by ministers and individuals who have never put it into practice themselves. But this leaflet comes from a man who has put God to the test and knows whereof he speaks. He is a business man who has actually taken the challenge of God as regards the tenth as a purely business proposition and has made money by simply taking God at His word.

We shall be glad to furnish these leaflets in any quantities upon receipt of sufficient postage to cover the cost of mailing which would figure about one cent for ten copies. We especially recommend them to pastors for distribution among their congregations.

Our Missionaries in Training.

We are receiving very encouraging reports from the two young men whom we are maintaining at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and we feel that the Lord will use these young men mightily in the days to come.

The money which our friends contributed for their support at the school is already exhausted and we hope that this notice will catch the eye of some one who will realize the opportunity of keeping these future missionaries for another year in training. The cost for the two boys for the coming year will be between \$300 and \$400.

Incidents in the Work

With the Girls.

There are so many things to tell you about our school girls on the farm that if I were to write all the thoughts that occurred to me while seeing them enjoy the good things provided, while listening to their singing of Christian hymns, watching them play, overhearing their conversations about Christ and witnessing their private study of the Bible, this paper would have to double its size and contain nothing else. The fact that we gained the confidence of Jewish parents who allowed their children to be under the care of Christian missionaries, under their teaching and entirely under their influence, is in itself a strong reason for thanksgiving to our wonderful Saviour who alone can do such mighty works right in our midst. It takes one who *knows* the Jews and their bitter attitude toward Christianity in general and the Jewish Christian in particular, to appreciate this wonderful change which is nothing short of a miracle. So the girls' presence with us on the farm fifty miles away from their parents, living with Christians for weeks, even if we do not consider the Bible teaching but only the fact of their staying with us, causes and justifies the joyful exclamation, "But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory."

The military manœuvres held during August, in Connecticut, were in the vicinity of our farm so that we came in contact with some of the soldiers of our regular and State troops. A number of those soldiers were Jews and they expressed their great surprise at Jewish girls being with us. One of the Jewish soldiers, very bigoted and ignorant, said to our girls, "Shame on you girls! you stay with an apostate." To this one bright girl answered: "But this apostate does not eat pork and you do; shame on you!" On another occasion when I talked to the Jewish soldiers about Christ, one soldier in his argument made a remark to one of the girls who listened to the discussion and took her stand for Christ, which elicited from her the following words: "I like better a young man who loves Jesus."

The most interesting and profitable part of the fresh air work was the daily meetings we held for the girls. They consisted of the singing of hymns, prayer and Bible study. The Scriptures were opened to the children showing from the word of God the different aspects of the Lord Jesus, His birth as foretold, His manhood, Godhead, His suffering, death, His precious blood as an atonement for our sins and His resurrection and ascension, etc. They appreciated all of it very much, some of the older girls giving expression to their feelings by exclaiming: "Oh this is very interesting." One girl said: "If my cousin, the young lawyer could hear all this, he too would believe in Jesus." Altogether we had a very blessed season of serving our great King and part of our people the Jews. Please pray for

these girls that they may remain steadfast in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and that they may be used in God's hand for the conversion of many of their own people.

Jews' Confidence in Missionaries.

A most remarkable incident which occurred this summer has brought to light the fact that when the Jews come to know the life and character of a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ they will trust him more than their own rabbis. The incident was as follows. A very young daughter of Jewish parents fell into grievous sin which greatly distressed her whole family who could do little but cry bitterly day and night over the terrible shame. The father of the family some years ago professed his belief in Christ and the daughters had attended our Sewing School. So when the parents realized that they must confide in some reliable person who would give them wise advice they immediately decided to go to the missionary as they could not trust any of the rabbis or other prominent Jews. Therefore the father and the oldest daughter traveled all the way to Connecticut to see me and ask for advice.

Upon hearing the heart rending story I deeply sympathized with him and gladly helped him as the Lord gave me wisdom so that his heavy burden was somewhat lifted. The father said to me, "I have travelled fifty miles and spent a good deal of money in order to see you about this matter, as we have no confidence in our rabbis, but we do trust you under God."

Incidents by Phillip Englander.

From the crowd of patients that came to the Dispensary one afternoon, a young woman asked my help thinking I was one of the physicians. She had been suffering for a year and had visited several physicians but as she had not improved she came to us since she was told that our physicians were the best; they did not look for money, for the Mission carried on the dispensary out of love for Jesus. I asked her if she loved Jesus, telling her that Jesus had healed many sick ones and could still do so. At this she asked: "If He loves us as you say, why does He permit me to get sick?" To this I answered: "It may be that God has permitted sickness to come upon you in order that you could come here and find and accept the Lord Jesus as your Saviour." Then I read to her Isaiah 1, showing that there is a greater sickness in her spirit than in her body. She said thoughtfully, "I would like to come to your meetings and learn about Jesus, but my husband, what can I do with him? He does not want me to change my belief." Then suddenly another woman jumped up from her seat and said angrily: "And if your husband would allow you, would you become an Apostate? Your grandfather and your grandmother and all your family have not apostatized and yet you are willing if your husband agrees. You are a nice Jewess!"

The poor woman did not know what to answer to this so I took her part and told her, "Did not Abraham, our Father leave his father Terah's religion and why should we not change if God wants us to do so? Look at the religious Jewesses like Mary Magdalene and Martha and many others who were more religious than you are who followed and loved the Lord Jesus Christ." I read for them Matthew 9:20-23 and the whole crowd of men and women listened very attentively and promised to forget their prejudices and read our tracts and come to the meetings.

THEY MADE ME JUDGE.

One Saturday morning a Jew came in to visit me. He was so very nervous and confused, that he could not even tell me what he wanted. His wife immediately followed him and hardly did she say "Good morning" to me before she began to curse her husband. "I will not give you anything to eat," she shouted. I will not look after your wash, I will not do anything for you until you come to the Synagogue. I do not want to live with a Gentile." This trouble had originated with a visit to our meeting when they heard the preaching of the gospel. Remarks were made then about the Lord Jesus having gone to the Jewish Synagogue and worshipped God. It was also pointed out that the Lord Jesus said to the Samaritan woman that the Synagogue or Temple is not essential but that a man can pray anywhere and God will hear him. The wife had been impressed with the fact that Jesus too went to the Synagogue, while the husband adopted the idea that he could pray anywhere. Agreeing to abide by my decision they came to have the difficulty settled so she turned to me saying "Didn't you preach that Jesus went to the Synagogue?" and the husband said "Does not Jesus say that I can pray anywhere?" She answered, "I want you to be an honest man like the missionaries and like Jesus and do as Jesus did." "Yes," said the husband, "I know you want me to be crucified like Jesus and then you will get rid of me." After a long argument I succeeded in making peace between them and they went home rejoicing.

THE ANGRY JEW PACIFIED.

One day as I was in a street car I noticed one of my old acquaintances talking with some Jews. He had been my intimate friend in the old country but after fifteen years of absence he did not recognize me. When I told him my name he was very glad to see me and almost kissed me. We started a conversation and the first thing that he asked was whether I was as religious in this country as I was at home and whether I use the phylacteries etc. When I explained my beliefs he became very angry and did not want to listen to any other explanations but condemned me at once and acted as if he wanted to kill me. The Jews who are always fond of peacemaking, stepped between us and persuaded my friend to listen to all that I had to say. I read to them in

Hebrew the 53d Chapter of Isaiah and several other passages from Scripture to show them that I was right in my belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. It took me quite a long time to bring them out of their prejudice to a favorable position toward Christ and His missionaries, so that I rode on in the car far beyond my destination. At the end they promised to come to the meetings and we parted with a hearty hand-shake.

A BACKSLIDER REPENTED.

The first day of S'leechoth, that is a few days before New Year, I boarded a car which was packed with Jews. I began to question some of the Jewish people and asked where they were going, and whether it was a movement toward Zion. One of them looked at me with some disgust and said "Don't you know what day this is? We are going to the cemetery to visit our relatives." "Why on this day?" asked I. "Because," he said, "New Year's day is coming and we need God's mercy to forgive our sins and to bless us with a Happy New Year so we ask the souls of our relatives to be our mediators and ask God to have mercy on us. Then said I: "Why do you pray to the dead who are just as sinful as you, why not go to One who is alive and who came for the purpose of praying for sinners" (Isaiah 53-12). Then several of them began to curse me and shout: "Away with him. Push him out." I quoted to them several passages from their own prayer-book which showed Jesus as their Messiah and their mediator and that in His Name the Jews offer a prayer on the very day of the New Year at the time that they blow the Ram's Horn.

While I was talking I noticed one Jew wiping his eyes and later on he told me in secret that he too was once a believer in Christ but on account of being compelled to make his living among the Jews he had denied Christ. Now he promised to make a sacrifice and to come out for Him.

Summer Work for Children.

BY MISS ELLA T. MARSTON.

Another season of our Father's goodness and care, with additional opportunities for service for others, has passed happily by and we thank Him for the privileges given us. We also would thank the friends who sent sufficient money to carry on the Fresh Air home at the farm in a comfortable way so that all who wished to go, of the regular attendants of the Sunday, Evening and two Sewing Schools had a happy trip in the real country.

Our plans and arrangements were, in general, similar to last year but in many ways we discovered how to improve our methods of administration and in this direction we hope we may never stand still. With each different set of children we also had entirely different conditions and dispositions with which to deal and so, in some ways, an infinite variety of situations. Most of the girls were good, and very few unruly, but with the exception of



A GROUP AT THE FARM.

one or two homesick ones, all united in a desire to prolong their stay in the country and in appreciation of the good things given them, the last party of girls even went so far as to send in a petition to the teachers asking that they might stay another week since no others followed them.

Daily Bible teaching, the first and the most important reason for our country home, was carefully continued, the desire being to give definite knowledge of the fundamental truths of the Word of God. A simple model of the Tabernacle lent new interest and gave opportunity for very pointed Gospel lessons.

Sixty-four different girls were given the outing, a decided increase over last year when we had only forty-three, but owing to the need of more helpers and a house appropriate for our use, we were able to keep each party with us for only a week. This we hope to change another season and for this reason we appeal to our friends to make possible a new home, absolutely simple but suited to our needs. Here we could keep the girls for at least ten days thus giving them additional Bible instruction and greater pleasure and benefit from the country. Considering the matter impartially we believe this to be a real need of the work and should be glad to give further details to any one desiring them.

Feeling that the view point of another worker would be of interest to the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE it is with great pleasure that I quote the following words written by Mrs. A. L. Ogden, for a number of years one of the head workers in the Williamsburg Sewing School:—

"There is considerable discussion about methods of education in the current magazines and papers. Though our girls' department in summer is called 'Fresh Air Work', yet it is essentially educational and our aim is the correlation of the Old and New Testaments. Many of the Jewish girls are ignorant of their own prophets. We teach them to study for

themselves, to compare scripture with scripture, showing them why we believe that Jesus is their Messiah.

Is it worth while? all this trouble and expense, to take children out into the country for a few days? Remember that the Jew does not trust the Gentile any more than the Gentile loves the Jew. We have gained much when they trust us with their children. The summer work is an important part of our entire system for, 'a little child shall lead them'. From one to four of a family going back home to tell how Christians live will make a tremendous impression and will probably do more than a winter of Sewing School.

In the winter we have them for an hour and a half, once a week, giving part time to sewing and part time to singing hymns and Bible instruction. Last winter, once in two weeks we had the girls who had outgrown our sewing schools, in the evening. The summer outing continues the Christian teaching and makes an all the year round work of instruction.

At the farm we have opportunity to be helpful along quite varied lines. Regular meals, with a few suggestions about table manners, clean beds with two sheets and pillow slips, instruction as to how to make beds and keep their rooms in order, to kneel at night and thank our Father for His gifts, to understand the difference between Jew, Gentile and Christian—these are a part of our daily teaching. One little girl said to me on the last night, 'O, I don't want to go back to my bed at home. I want to see my parents, but—'

Our rule is to give rewards, not punishments, and to have a spirit of cheerfulness, helpfulness and general good will toward all. Out of sixty-four that were in the country for one week this year, I believe that fifty could and would stand a good examination in Bible truths and decent living.

And they brag of their gain in health. This is our method of education. Does it pay?"

Jewish Notes.

A Jewish girl by the name of Sarah Wald, of Brooklyn, fell in love with an Italian and was ready to marry about two years ago. Her father, a very religious Jew, objected strongly, saying that he would rather see his daughter buried than marry a Gentile. The girl not wishing to break the hearts of her parents told her lover that unless he became a Jew they could not marry. The Italian readily agreed and after the necessary ceremonies for the conversion were performed, they married and lived happily for three months. Then the converted Italian began to quarrel with his wife and entertained his Italian friends, drinking with them, singing and carrying on, things to which the Jewish girl was not used. Her protest made him more ugly and he beat her so cruelly that she miscarried. Still with Jewish tenacity the poor woman clung to him. Then she gave birth to a son whom she wanted circumcised according to the law of Moses but he refused saying: "I do not want a sheeny child." Then the relatives took the Italian to the Catholic church causing him to denounce Judaism and go back to Catholicism. Now there is a suit for divorce between the two and each one hopes to have the child in their special care. From this the Jewish editors conclude that no Christian who becomes a Jew for the sake of a girl will ever be a true one.

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The President of the Chinese Republic has appointed Mr. Emil Fisher a Jew from Vienna who has been living in China for a long time, as one of his ministers. Jews comment on this largely, pointing out the difference between a heathen country and Russia which is a Christian nation, showing that the Jews can have more liberty and respect among the heathen than among the Christians.

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Sir Matthew Nathan who is a Jew, has been appointed a representative of the British Government in Egypt. This is the first instance since the days of Joseph that a Jew has had charge of the affairs of Egypt.

Questions and Answers.

Question 1. *In Genesis 6:2, Who are the Sons of God? Are they the same as mentioned in Job 1:6?*

Question 2. *In John 20:19-23. How did the Lord enter in where the disciples were while the room was closed?*

N. R. White.

Answer 1. In Genesis, reference is being made to religious people of that time who are commonly called in scripture "Sons of God or Children of God". The word "Man" used in the clause "Naughters of Man" is in the

original, Adam, (meaning earth — earthly) which is used for such as have become alienated from God and are corrupt and apostate. The marriages between godly people and those of corrupt inclinations brought down the curse of God upon them. This really marks the union of the godly line of Seth, and the godless line of Cain. In Job the Sons of God means the "Angels of the Lord who are His servants and do His will always."

Answer 2. We do not know; this constitutes the miracle, for the doors were shut. In His glorified body, He could enter anywhere.

Question 1. *What was the ancient mode of Baptism?*

Question 2. *Who is the mysterious Babylon referred to in Rev. 1:5?*

Question 3. *Who is the beast referred to in the thirteenth chapter of Revelation?*

Question 4. *What book does it mean where it says, "and another book was opened." Rev. 20:2*

O. E. Meade.

Answer 1. This question was answered a number of times in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE of May, 1909, Page 7; November, 1909, Page 7; February, 1910; April 1910 and January, 1911.

Answer 2. It means that system of abomination which will have centers all over the world and finally be developed into centralized and organized Babylon which will be destroyed at the coming of the Lord after the manner foretold in Isaiah 13 and Jeremiah 51.

Answer 3. Anti-Christ who will introduce a new universal religion before the coming of the Lord. To that person our Lord referred when he said that if it were possible the very elect would be deceived by him.

Answer 4. That book is called the "Book of Life" because it contains only those who have been born again, regenerated believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who have everlasting life—those who are not found in that book no matter how good or virtuous they have been, will be lost.

Weekly Activities at Beth Sar Shalom.

Sunday, Meeting for Girls	- - -	7:00 P. M.
" Gospel Service	- - -	8:00 P. M.
Monday, Meeting for Converts	- - -	8:00 P. M.
Tuesday, Sewing School at Brownsville	-	3:30 P. M.
Thursday, Sewing School	- -	3:45 P. M.
" alternate; Class for working girls,		7:00 P. M.
Friday, Gospel Service	- - -	8:00 P. M.
Saturday, Children's Service and Social	-	3:00 P. M.

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