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Salutation

"We go to Salute the Children of the King" II. Kings 10: 13

My Dearly Beloved Friends:—

Upon the entrance of 1915, I greet you with good wishes for a blessed and joyous year. For the safe passage of this ominous New Year may I suggest to you as a motto, Micah 2:13, "And their King shall pass before them and the Lord (Jehovah) on the head of them."

CLAIM GOD'S PROMISES.

The above prophecy was primarily given to the Jews, pointing to their restoration. The Lord Jesus Himself being "the breaker" (first part of verse) will then destroy all their enemies and deliver them out of "the time of Jacob's trouble." But these words have a peculiar application for the true Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in their individual lives. It has a striking reference to John 14:23, where the Lord Jesus promised that He, the great King and the Father, Jehovah, (corresponding to the two persons in Micah 2:13,) will make their abode with us. It seems that now is the time when we most need this application. At no other time, since the Christian era began, has the Church of Christ entered a new year in which so large a part of the world has been so devastated by such a murderous holocaust. Every part of this world in its commercial as well as its moral life, has been shocked and rudely awakened. The cannon's roar in the countries at war is rising loud and sweeping across the countries at peace. It is ringing in the ears of leaders, statesmen and lawgivers. It causes them to apprehend greater calamity; it makes them ask in perplexity, "What is coming over us," and something makes them feel that the European conflagration is spreading and threatening to leap across the wide, deep ocean. The world may dread all these pending horrors, because it refused to submit to the righteous King. "They chose new gods, then was war in the gates." Judges 5:8. They may call themselves Christians, but their deeds in persecuting God's ancient people strongly deny their calling. They having murdered and killed them bodily and excluded them from the Gospel blessing, thus killing them spiritually, proclaim thereby that the God of Jacob is not their God and the Messiah of Israel is not their Saviour. But you dear friends, sons and children of the King, "Heirs of God through Christ," Gal. 4:7; "Joint heirs with Christ," Rom. 8:17, can surely claim God's promises in general and Micah 2:13 in particular, for the New Year.

Your support of the work of spreading the gospel among the Jews indicates the indwelling of the God of Israel in your hearts. Jewish mission work is a sure proof of love for the Messiah King of the Jews. You therefore need not be restless and tossed with the tempest of war. Behold your King is passing before you. The world's boat may be rocking and threatened by the raging waves, but in our boat, as in the one on the lake, our King is with us. He sits as King above the floods of wars and He will bid the storm to cease for you. Let us therefore with greater zeal continue the spreading of the Gospel among the Jews this year, diffusing His Word among them more copiously, and who can tell but we may in this way add the final touch to the great work of hastening His coming which will occur when the last of the remnant is gathered into the fold to complete the number required.

Yours most sincerely,

LEOPOLD COHN.

EDITORIAL.

The Keeper of Israel. For the busiest month in our history, we thank you. You have responded with a zest and a will that has been inspiring. We must confess that we approached the closing weeks of the year with the least bit of apprehension; everybody was talking hard times, every mission board was sending out signals of distress, and these conditions began to bear their impress upon us also. But we forgot that wonderful promise of Psalm 121:3 and 4, "He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." God has fulfilled this promise to the very letter, and with grateful hearts to Him, as well as with deep gratitude to you who have so nobly come to our help in answer to His bidding, we take up our tasks for the new year, renewed in hope, enlarged in vision, and enthused with the zeal of the Lord. For 1915 we want to have the very best year that the mission has ever experienced, and we want that the Word of God shall be preached in greater convicting power to His brethren in the flesh than ever before. With God's continued blessing and with your faithful co-operation we trust and believe that these things will be accomplished.

We may say for your joy that at this writing enough money has been received to close our books for the year without a dollar of indebtedness and with a small balance for the new year; and this is written three days before the end of the year, so you can see how wonderfully the Lord has filled your hearts with the spirit of giving at a time when giving, to the material world, was a thing that seemed audacious to expect. It again illustrates that He who has been watching over this mission from the days of its infancy, will

never allow it to suffer retrenchment or the disgrace which would inevitably come if we were compelled to go into debt.

Wise As a Serpent. How we wish that all Christians were possessed of just a little bit of worldly wisdom. We are living in the world and we must deal with it day after day; how important for us to know what weapons to use in such dealings. Christ Himself warned us on this point when he said, "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." It is this wisdom and this harmlessness that we need in this present wicked age. In response to our warnings we have received numerous inquiries from our friends concerning individuals who claim to be conducting Jewish missionary work or to be Jewish evangelists. Some have sent us literature which they received from such individuals and in one case where the individual in question is a rank wicked fraud, our correspondent remarked, "I cannot see how he can be a fraud when he writes such beautiful things, and his literature sounds so holy!" In these days of deceiving and being deceived, will you not bear in mind that the devil himself puts on the garb of a saint and tries to deceive the very elect. Let us give you one or two suggestions how you yourself can detect a fraud in Jewish work. The first thing for you to find out is whether the person claiming to do Jewish work has a group of responsible Christian men who are vouching for him; if he has, you ought to write to them and find out for yourself just exactly what they think of him. Secondly, you should search diligently to see if he gives an honest report of all moneys received and spent, or if he keeps these things hidden. We are told by the apostle to provide things honest in the sight of all men and this is one of the relentless tests upon which you should insist. It is an easy matter for a fraud to print an account of expenses and receipts, but you should find out whether some responsible people have vouched for that account. You will

also find that a fraud is usually vague in his statements and often extravagant in his claims; of such be very, very, careful. Find out exactly where such a one is doing his work and whether he really does have meetings for Jews. If there is the least suspicion in your mind it will be far safer for you not to give, than for you to encourage deception.

All these things we, as a mission, have faithfully tried to observe; we have, through God's grace, done our part in building up a work which can command the confidence of every thinking man and woman, a work which is carried on openly, concerning which you can find out every detail whether it be in matters spiritual or in matters financial; our books are open to any contributor to our work at any time. Any friend of our work or any prospective friend may write at any time to any representative Christian leader anywhere in this country and will receive a word of commendation concerning our work; this rule is almost invariable. We take great pains in things financial to acknowledge publicly through the columns of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE every dollar that is received, and this we do in spite of the protest of some friends who feel that we are wasting space in doing so; it is simply in accordance with our policy to provide things honest in the sight of all men. You can realize therefore what a disappointment and grief it is to us and to others, who like us have striven faithfully to maintain an honest work, to see our friends sometimes led astray and in their earnest zeal to do God's will become deceived by someone who ought not to have a bit of their confidence.

We are grateful to the many friends who have already made use of our Investigation Department and we want again to urge you, do not give to any Jewish mission appeal

until you know absolutely that such appeal is worthy. Write us freely concerning any inquiries you wish to make; we shall be glad to serve you.

Do You Need An Evangelist? We want to recommend a safe and sound Evangelist. We refer to our friend and brother, A. L. Aldrich, who together with Mr. Ralph Carr and other co-workers form an evangelistic party known as the Aldrich-Carr Campaign. They have been used of God in large tabernacle meetings. It has been our privilege to be brought into close contact with them, and to observe their methods closely. They are safe; Mr. Aldrich not only preaches, but he teaches the Word. He lays a broad foundation of Bible teaching and then after having built this foundation he is able to make an evangelistic appeal which the Lord honors richly. He knows his Bible so well that he has realized the important place which the Jew occupies in God's plan, and because of this Jewish work always has a large place in his preaching. He is the only evangelist today that we know of, who is making way in his campaigns, city after city, for a presentation to his audiences of the Jewish Mission appeal by outside speakers, and we believe that the reason for the abundant measure of the Lord's blessing upon his work is due to this, that he finds it in his heart to bless the seed of Abraham. Nor are we alone in this belief, for he himself feels that this is true, and hundreds of other Christian people who are acquainted with the facts know also that this is true.

We therefore recommend him to any pastor or church requiring the services of an evangelist, and we shall be glad to forward any inquiry which you may wish to send concerning future engagements, or you may address him direct, Rev. A. L. Aldrich, Vestal, N. Y.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK.

Another Baptism.

The brother who has been baptized since the last issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE is a young man of twenty-six, who formerly was a socialist. Although he was brought up religiously in Russia and read the Bible (this means to the Jew the Pentateuch and Psalms) yet he drifted into atheism and finally delighted only in socialistic and anarchistic books. He utilized every opportunity for talking in public about these "isms." Some time ago he thought he would visit the mission as he had heard people talk so much about it. After attending once he felt a desire to return and so kept on coming to our meetings until he professed belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is zealous and gives ardent testimonies at our Monday evening meetings.

The most interesting feature of his baptism was that it took place on Thanksgiving night when through the generosity of our dear friends we were enabled to give a dinner to 45 Hebrew Christians. As soon as we were through eating we opened a meeting for praise and thanksgiving to God. Nearly every one of the brethren was anxious to speak. There was a wonderful spirit pervading the hearts of all who were gathered that evening. The only Gentile Christians among us were the Misses Sussdorff and Bigelow who have been co-working with this mission from the very start, about 19 years ago. Miss Sussdorff in her brief talk recalled what hardships this mission had in its infancy but as the Word of God says, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." So it has been in our case. Thanks be to God that we can see now the fruitage of the appointed sufferings that we had to bear.

The testimonies given by the brethren were remarkable, for the utterances that they gave, forcibly testified that the Holy Spirit was dictating the words.

One man related some of his experiences after he had confessed Christ publicly. His fellow workers hated and persecuted him. When he patiently endured all these trials they asked the employer to discharge him. When called to the office and told that he must either quit the work or promise to give up faith in Christ, he boldly answered that he would not give up his belief in the Son of God, no matter whether the employer gave him work or not. Finally he was discharged but soon found a better position which convinced him that all the difficulties were for his best and he praises God for His goodness.

A boy of about nineteen who belongs to our little church and has been a member in good standing ever since he was baptized about a year ago, told us how he went to a small synagogue where a number of aged Jews were sitting, reading the book of Psalms. The Jews read their prayers and Psalms and the Pentateuch in Hebrew which the vast majority do not understand. The boy asked one of them whether he knew what he was reading and to impart to him some of the contents of the Psalms. The aged Jew became indignant and there followed a hot controversy during which the boy confessed that he believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour from sin. The old feeble hand flung into the boy's face several times. He said that he then literally fulfilled that which the Lord enjoined, "Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other."

A sister who was there with her husband, both of whom were baptized long ago, gave us a very striking testimony. She told us how much patience she had with her relatives who tried with all their cunning tricks to win her from Christ, but instead, some of them have been brought to join her in the faith of our Lord. She therefore urged every believer not to rest until they had brought their relatives to accept Christ.

One of the most touching testimonies was that of a young man who also related his sufferings for Christ's sake. He pointed out his younger

brother who sat beside him, who used to persecute him more than anybody else. When he sat down, the younger brother rose and with fear-dimmed eyes confessed that he had once hated his brother on account of his belief in Christ but since he began to attend our meetings he too became convinced of the truth and now both are loving each other and rejoicing in the salvation of the Lord.

Leadings of the Holy Spirit.

One evening I addressed the audience from Acts 4: 12, "There is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Illustrating my thought, I said, "In business and social life there are well established rules which govern people; rules which cannot be changed by any individual to suit his selfish desires. Where there are no rules there must be confusion and anarchy for what would become of our lives and property if there were not a government to establish rules and make us obey ordinances. The spiritual world is analogous to the material in the respect that it also has rules." It was shown that for a Jew to secure eternal life, or as they call it, the future world, there are a large number of ways and means to achieve that end. Some of the ancient rabbis taught that if the Jews only keep the Sabbath their sins will be forgiven them even if they had worshipped idols. Others again said that if they practise circumcision they will never be sent to hell, for Abraham always watches at the gate of hell and admits no Jew who is circumcised. The Jewish women again have three ordinances to keep, one being the lighting of candles on Friday evening in honor of the Sabbath, and they have been assured that the observance of the three will surely bring them to Heaven. But after all these and many others have been carried out by a Jew, when he dies his only hope is centered in his sons who repeat in the synagogue, morning and evening for a whole year less a month, that

short prayer called Kaddish, and thus gradually pull him out of hell. These and many other inventions have come to our Jewish people from the ancient rabbis and a thinking Jew gets confused for there seems to be no rule by which he can be guided in the right way. This sad state of affairs in the Jewish spiritual world is like a busy street-crossing, wagons, automobiles, street cars, and pedestrians all coming from different directions converging at one point, horses and people meeting face to face, a condition in which disaster must be the inevitable concomitant. So the government puts a policeman there to avert all accidents. He gives the command to every one which way to turn and it must be obeyed unchangingly. God also saw the confusion and contradictory ideas of our ancient rabbis and so gave one rule which must strictly be followed in order to avoid disaster and procure happiness. That rule is, "There is no other name"—no such name as circumcision, no such name as Sabbath, and no such name as Kaddish, but the name of Jesus His only begotten Son that can save us from our sins.

After we left the meeting a Jew of about 34 accompanied me nearly to the house and told me the following story: "Last week I went to a synagogue to repeat Kaddish for my dear father. While in the act of solemnly uttering that prayer an officer of the synagogue roughly threw me out. This he did because I did not pay fifty cents. I would have done so but I did not have the money. I became much discouraged and having heard of you I came to your meeting. How surprised I was when you spoke about Kaddish just as if you had known my thoughts and my experience. I have no doubt now that God has spoken to me through you. I am not going to believe any more in such things as Kaddish but I have put my trust tonight in Jesus in whom you believe."

This man felt so happy that he was raised to ecstatic joy saying that God spoke to him directly. He embraced and kissed me and gave glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Letters From Our Students.

The two young men who are studying at the Practical Bible School and of whom the faculty give good reports, have been writing us interesting letters. We quote small portions from them and give the pictures of the students as well. Our friends no doubt will be pleased to see their faces and read the words translated from Hebrew.

"The wisest of all men, Solomon, said, 'Rejoice, Oh young man in thy youth.' Ecc. 11: 9. Instead of this, I, in my youth felt sadness. Instead of being carried out among people by the spirit of youthful merriment, I stayed in my room thinking, 'What does it mean that we Jewish people who are the chosen of God are still in captivity and scattered abroad in strange countries!'

As I was brought up under the most strictly religious rules in Russia I did not dare think of getting in contact with educated Christian missionaries. But in America I secretly stole into the Mission, where I listened to the explanation of God's Word. I then perceived that a revolution was going on in my whole being and decided to give myself to a more careful study of the Bible. I meditated upon and scrupulously examined all those passages which I heard explained in the mission. Then came the unexpected. I was born again and knew that the Messiah is no other than Jesus of Nazareth whose arms, for a long time had been

stretched out to receive me. I threw myself into those arms, with all humbleness of soul, and knew that I was saved from my sins because the Lord Jesus took them upon Himself.

Then came an urgent thought which compelled me to decide once for all to go out and tell of this Saviour to all my brethren. I wanted to tear down that thick veil from their faces and bring them to the Lord Jesus. I am longing for the prayers of Christians that God will enable me to receive such an equipment as will qualify me to present the Gospel Message to my brethren of the house of Jacob. I am deeply in debt to the Williamsburg Mission and its loyal supporters for having led me to the Saviour and sent me to this Bible School. I will never forget the brotherly love and practical help which I have received from the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews.

Yours truly,
S. WARSHAWSKY."

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"As I was brought up to be strictly Orthodox, I used to think that I believed every word of the Bible. I daily repeated the thirteen articles of faith, one of which is, 'I believe with a perfect faith that all the words of the law and the prophets are true.' However now that I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ I can see how true Isaiah's prophecy was literally fulfilled in me, 'This people draw near me with their mouth, but have removed their heart far from me.' Isaiah 29: 13. Thanks be to God that through the Lord Jesus



S. WARSHAWSKY AND HARRY BURGEN

Christ I now understand God's Word in which I believe not only with my lips but with my whole heart. One of my companions once invited me to the mission and upon hearing the missionary mention Jesus Christ I became restless and disturbed the meeting. I repeated this several times until I was told to leave the meetings. Suddenly I became very sorry and tried to sneak in again, for something like a magnet was drawing me. Fortunately, I escaped the missionaries' notice and so came another time as I thought they must have forgotten my previous deeds. I began to pay the utmost attention to the preaching and at last the proofs adduced that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God pricked me hard. I took all the seven tracts on different occasions and read them carefully. Then I went to a Jewish store and bought a Hebrew Old Testament and compared the passages of Scripture referred to in the tracts and at last humbly and with a contrite heart I came to the mission and confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. My prayers go up to God daily for the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews and all the Christians who are interested in it. HARRY BURGEN."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. *What do the years 2520 signify? Is it the time of the Jewish National Rejection? If so, what was the date of the beginning and when does it close?* —L. M. Ashley.

Answer. There is no such number of years or days mentioned in the Bible. We suppose you refer to some scholar's conjectural discussions on the "Times of the Gentiles." Some assume that the Times of the Gentiles began with the capture of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. From that year until now 2520 years have elapsed. The termination of this period, they assert, will usher in the restoration of the Jews to their promised land. This they base on Lev. 26:18 where it was foretold that the Jews would be punished seven times for their sins. They take the expression "seven times" for seven prophetic years, allowing 360 days to the year, and counting a day for a year. The 360 prophetic days are

multiplied by 7 and make the 2520 years as the Times of the Gentiles to subjugate and tread down Jerusalem as a fulfillment of the "seven times" punishment. But these conclusions insofar as they are based on this one verse, Lev. 26:18, are erroneous. The Hebrew of Lev. 26:18 says "seven" and does not imply periods, but plagues. This is made apparent in verse 21, "I will increase upon you seven plagues according to your sins." Verse 24, "But if ye will not hearken," etc., enumerates seven different kinds of sins, (this is indicated in the Hebrew only) hence seven plagues according to the seven sins. A closer study of verses 14 and 15, in the original Hebrew and in connection with the greatest Jewish authoritative commentaries, reveals seven distinct sins, as follows: 1st sin, "Ye will not hearken," meaning, not studying; 2nd sin, "and will not do all these commandments," meaning, not doing; 3rd sin, "ye shall despise my statutes," meaning, despising those who keep these statutes," 4th sin, "abhor my judgments," meaning, despising wise men, judges; 5th sin, "ye will not do," Hebrew meaning, to interfere with others who want to do; 6th sin, "all my commandments," meaning to deny that the commandments are God-given; 7th sin, "ye break my covenant," meaning, to deny the Godhead by breaking the covenant. For these seven sins, therefore, seven corresponding plagues are promised; we see clearly now that the verse distinctly means seven plagues, and not seven "times." Besides, Nebuchadnezzar made four campaigns against Jerusalem, making an interval of about 20 years between the first invasion when King Jehoiachin was dethroned and the complete destruction of Jerusalem in the days of King Zedekiah. Which then is the starting point to measure The Times from? Again, the Lord's utterance: "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles," Luke 21:24, was made over 500 years after the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. After seventy years of captivity the Jews rebuilt the temple and the scepter of Judah was resumed and was not removed until Shiloh, the Lord Jesus, came. Gen. 49:10. Therefore, the times of the Gentiles began with the death of Herod the Great, who was the last king of the Jews.

JEWISH NOTES.

With the entrance of Turkey into the war the Jewish leaders have set about to consider securing Palestine for the possession of their people. They have been encouraged greatly by a speech of the Prime Minister of England in which he said that the Ottoman government itself has rung the death knell of its dominion not only in Europe, but in Asia. One leading Jewish newspaper says: "If the Ottoman dominion is to cease in Asia, Jews, at least, for their own sakes, ought to keep their eyes upon Palestine." Another writes: "These are truly days of destiny-heroic times which rise but once in a thousand years. And the Jews—the Jewish people? Oh, for one hour of Hertzfel, or that man of genius and imagination, Disraeli." Consequently mass meetings were held in large Jewish centers, London, Brooklyn and New York, devising means and ways how to present at the supposed congress which the powers will hold after the war, the Jewish cause and claim upon the promised land. Poor blind leaders, they pretend to look into the future when the war will be over, but are blind to see the Word of God which says, "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people." Zech. 12:2-3. If their eyes could see the trouble that is pending for Jerusalem before Christ comes again, as outlined in the word of God, they would not be so anxious to acquire the land. But, the Word of God must be fulfilled precisely in the way it was foretold.

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Many learned Jews make a great deal of the increase in the rain fall of Palestine. It began to increase in 1878 and unto this day has persisted with a larger fall each succeeding period. One of the Jewish papers commenting on this phenomena closes with the sentence, "Is this intended as a harbinger of the restitution of all things?" An American

Rabbi in giving his opinion that this is the beginning of the restoration of the Jews to Palestine takes the abundance of the latter rainfall as one of the strongest signs for this belief. He quotes Lev. 26:32, "And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it." The greatest Jewish commentary, Rashi, says that it is promised that enemies will not find any pleasure in the Jewish land. But now that the Jews are beginning to reinhabit it, God is causing the latter rain to return to that land in abundance. He would not allow rain to come for the benefit of their enemies, but He is giving it plentifully to His own people who are about to possess the land God promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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When the Germans took the city of Loenheim, France, the Commander-in-chief of the army ordered the city bombarded because some of the French civilians, out of loyalty to France shot at the German soldiers. Rabbi Bomberger effected a peaceful settlement in the following way: he put on his praying shawl and phylacteries which gave him an awe inspiring appearance and went out to meet the Commander-in-chief. He asked him not to ruin the whole city of honest people because of a few unruly Frenchmen. He further reminded the commander of the fact that God granted unto Abraham his petition not to destroy Sodom if he found ten righteous men there. He offered himself as a vassal and security that the people would give the city to the Germans in a peaceful way and no one would raise a hand against them. The Commander was touched by the appearance and supplication of the old rabbi and changed his order of bombardment.

Encouraging Incidents.

By MISS SUSSDORFF.

I want to thank all the dear children who sent toys for the little ones to play with at our Mothers' Meeting, for their thoughtfulness in providing us with such acceptable play things and their zeal in supplying our need. Your toys will help the mothers have a quiet time while we are studying God's Word and praying.

While recently visiting one home where I have called several times, I found the mother at last willing to listen to the Gospel. She finally asked, "If Christ was the Messiah, why did He not save Himself?" That opened the way for the story of the Cross and when I left she thanked me and took a tract. \

One of the little girls that come to our meetings with her mother told her mother that she feels in her heart that when she gets big she will "speech" to people like Miss Sussdorff.

At one meeting, during the time given for testimony, a woman who was with us for the first time, said, "May I say a word?" When permission was granted she continued, "My dear sisters, I am thankful for what I heard today and at the Sunday evening meeting. I have a boy of thirteen whom I took to two Hebrew schools, begging the rabbi to teach him Kaddish (a prayer for the dead) since his father was dead. I could not afford a Hebrew teacher I said, but they closed the door in my face. 'No money, no lessons in Hebrew.'

"Then I made up my mind to go to the mission and take my boy there. As I entered the door, some Jews standing outside, said, 'Don't go in there. They teach about Jesus.' 'It is none of your business where I go,' I replied. 'I have tried two schools, begging the rabbis of both to teach my boy Kaddish, but was refused. Now I am going to the mission,' and I am glad I came in here."

Christmas Festivities.

By MISS E. T. MARSTON.

The Christmas season was a happy one at the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews and all who participated in its pleasures send hearty thanks to those who made the good times possible.

On Tuesday afternoon, December twenty-ninth, the Sewing School girls and their friends greatly enjoyed a Christmas address by the Rev. Mr. Kyte of the Marcy Ave. Baptist Church. The girls themselves sang several carols and recited a number of Christmas poems in an especially intelligent manner. Two visitor friends also recited, to the great delight of their listeners and when the exercises closed with the gift of a book to each of our regular scholars and a box of candy to every one present, all went home most happily.

The mothers had their special occasion on the next afternoon. Mr. Englander gave the Christmas message and some of the children repeated their recitations of the day before. With singing interspersed all had a pleasant time and the babies greatly enjoyed their gifts of toys while the women had the unusual possession,—a box of candy.

The Special Service for our Evening Class of working girls was unusually well attended and it was a delight to see such a gathering, earnestly listening to God's Word. The visitors who provided music and addresses for the occasion were Miss Nobu Yoshida, of Yokohama; Raymond Howe, of Korea, and Miss Riis, a converted Jewess. All had a delightful evening and we pray that the results of the service may be vital, lasting, eternal ones.

The hearty, good fellowship and pleasant social features of all these occasions we believe are important factors in the value of the work and produce a spirit of real happiness and friendship.

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General Information

The Williamsburg Mission to the Jews is a missionary society incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, for the purpose of promulgating the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ among the Jews of Greater New York and the United States.

It is supported by the free-will offerings of God's children who, through a study of the Word have come to realize the importance of giving the Gospel to God's covenant people, "of whom as concerning the flesh, Christ came," and who desire to fulfill their duty by using us as their messengers and their channels of operation.

Our source of supply for carrying on this work is the Master, who has put us here and Whose is the silver and the gold. He has never failed us, and although our activities have steadily grown until at present our needs are about \$20,000 annually, the Lord has always supplied these needs. We cordially invite you to cast in your lot with us and have fellowship in this corner of the Master's vineyard, and we pledge you the faithful administration of what funds you place at our disposal.

Form of Bequest—"I give and bequeath to the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews of Brooklyn, N. Y., the sum of \$..... to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as defined in its charter; and I hereby direct that the receipt of the treasurer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

A Better Way—Is to give us your money while living. We accept such

moneys in sums of \$500 or more and pay you an income during life, the rate depending upon your age. We shall be glad to correspond with any of our friends concerning this matter; such correspondence will not obligate you in any way.

Gifts of Clothing, Etc.—We are in constant need of clothing for the poor who come to us. All such gifts should be sent by *express*, and marked plainly, No. 27 Throop Avenue.

Extension Work.—To help our friends make known among other Christian people the facts about this Gospel work among the Jews, we issue a number of special leaflets, at 25c. a dozen in assorted lots. Also we have prepared a program for use in missionary meetings whereby an afternoon or evening can be devoted to the Jewish work. We will furnish this program at \$1.00 the complete copy, or send it free if the society will, at the close of the meeting, take a collection for our work.

We have also attractive Mite Boxes. These give a brief resumé of the work, contain a picture of our building, and give interesting facts. We shall be grateful if our friends will bring this matter before their Sunday Schools and induce the scholars to take mite-boxes and at stated periods have them returned to the school and their contents forwarded to us.

Contributions—Are acknowledged promptly to the donor by an official numbered receipt and appear in connection with the same number in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. Under no circumstances is the name of any contributor made public. The annual audited account of the mission is published also in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE.

Investigation Dept.—To avoid regrets, we earnestly urge our friends not to give money to any alleged Jewish Missionary work or worker until they have thoroughly investigated the claims made by such persons. Numerous frauds abound in all kinds of Christian work and we are doing our best to eliminate them from the Jewish missionary field; we need your help and we ask you to send us any appeals you may get, so that we can make investigations and report to you on their merits. We offer this service to all of our contributors free of any charge, and we promise you absolutely unbiased and frank information.

RECEIPTS FROM NOVEMBER 21st to DECEMBER 31st, 1914.

ARTICLES RECEIVED.		HEBREW BIBLES AND TRACTS.	
Three packages clothing, Mrs. H. E. Green- grass; large cape, Mrs. L. C. Hooper; coat and shirt from a friend; package of clothing, Mrs. L. E. Fuller; Xmas cards, Delia Rietveld; barrel of clothing and toys, W. C. T. U. and Loyal Temperance Legion, per Mrs. C. C. Smith; 75 New garments, Flatbush Branch of the Needle Work Guild; 1 package clothing, Mrs. Hancock; coat and two bottles of pre- serves, Mrs. Rosa Clark; barrel of clothing, Women's Missionary Circle, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Margaret Hilyard, Secretary; box of clothing, Mrs. A. L. Andreasson; box of ladies' clothing, G. M. Burr; box ladies' and men's clothing, David Thomas; box toys, Mrs. C. H. Irving and class, package of clothing and shoes, Chas. H. Ridgeway; box of toys, Mrs. E. Bowen; two boxes clothing, Mrs. R. O. Lewis; 3 boxes writing paper, Miss Bessie Cash; one dressed doll, Mrs. L. H. Tavernick; box cloth- ing, A. E. Wood; two boxes toys, cake and candy, Miss Mabel Root; one package woman's clothing, Miss Johanna Mills; box clothing and toys, Star Missionary Society, per Mrs. E. A. Boggs; cards, toys and mittens, Kate M. Dud- ley; wearing apparel, Mr. Ridgeway; pair shoes, Mrs. Anna Harris.	16158 1.00 16162 5.00 16169 1.00 16170 7.00 16171 3.00 1618850 16189 1.00	1619150 16192 2.00 16193 5.00 16195 1.00 16214 2.00 16215 7.50 16216 5.00	16157 1.00 16373 1.00 15678 1.50 15734 5.00 15761 2.00 15780 2.00 1581025 15862 10.00 15891 1.00 15900 2.00 1591550
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Williamsburg Mission to the Jews



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MISS AUGUSTA E. SUSSDORFF,
Missionary.



Sunday Evening Class:

MISS A. E. SUSSDORFF, *Head Teacher.*

MISS GRACE BIGELOW.

Weekly Activities at Beth Sar Shalom

Sunday, Meeting for Girls - 7:00 P. M.

" Gospel Service - 8:00 P. M.

Monday, Converts' Meeting - 8:00 P. M.

Wednesday, Mothers' Meeting - 2:30 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.

Daily Except Sundays:

Consultation Hours: 10 to 12 A. M.,
for those desiring help of any kind.

Sar Shalom Dispensary, 2 to 4 P. M.

Building, general office, open all day.

Williamsburg Sewing School:

MRS. A. L. OGDEN, *Head Teacher.*

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MISS LOUISE POTTER.

MISS E. T. MARSTON.



Working Girls' Club:

MISS ELLA T. MARSTON.

MISS CLARA E. MASTERS.

MISS ADELE MASTERS.

OUR workers will gladly respond to any invitation to address Christian gatherings concerning the work of the Mission.

YOU are cordially invited to any of the Mission meetings, or to visit the Building at any time that you are in Brooklyn or New York. We will gladly extend you every courtesy.

To reach the Building, take Lorimer Street car to Throop Avenue, or Sumner, Ralph or Broadway cars to Walton Street; or, Broadway Elevated trains to Lorimer Street. From New York, take Broadway-Canarsie subway train at Chambers St. Station (Municipal Building) and get off at Lorimer St., Brooklyn.

God's Method for God's Work

For the new year, won't you try a new method? It really isn't a new method; it's as old as the Gospel itself, but we have forgotten, that's all. We have forgotten our Master's command, "Go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." We have forgotten the risen Lord's parting instructions, in Luke 24: 47. "Beginning at Jerusalem." We have forgotten Paul's teaching, "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation . . . to the Jew first." The Paul who spared not himself in order that Gentiles by his labors should have the Gospel; the Paul who said, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ, for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh," we have forgotten!

If I Forget Thee

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem," cried David, "let my right hand forget her cunning." Have you forgotten? Won't you put first things first for 1915? Won't you try God and see if He doesn't keep His promises? If ever the time was ripe for giving the Gospel to the Jew, that time is now, when all the world is plunged into the darkness of a cataclysm.

So, make a new resolve—let your first missionary offering of the year, go to the Jew first. Many of our friends are now doing this, year after year, and they are richly blessed in it—now, you try it this year! Just once! God loves that Jewish nation, He calls it the apple of His eye. Can you afford to be indifferent to that which is so precious in His sight? How best can you show your love for what God loves than by helping to give this people the true knowledge of their Messiah, soon coming to redeem them?

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