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Salutation

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

My dearly beloved Friends:—

Peace be unto you, even the peace of the Lord Jesus, the King of Kings, be upon you. He is the only one who can give us this most-to-be-desired of all gifts; for as the Scriptures says, "He is our peace." Eph. 2: 14.

To BID YOU GOOD-BYE.

Following our long established custom of suspending the paper during the summer months this issue is the last one of this season. With this copy the paper closes its twenty-first year of existence. God willing we resume its publication in the fall and you will receive a copy early in October. Then it will bring you interesting news about the summer work, for the mission does not stop its activities although the paper ceases to visit you during the warm weather. Even when the writer was single handed, this work, with the exception of one summer, never experienced a cessation. Now, since the Lord has given us a number of helpers, there is no occasion for suspension. Therefore while we bid you good-bye until the fall, we call your attention to the continuation of the work, in which, by the grace of God, we are investing our unceasing and indefatigable labors, in season and out of season, in winter as well as in summer. To do this we need your continued prayers and practical assistance.

SOME DO, BUT OTHERS DO NOT FORGET.

We know that some people are apt to forget when the paper does not appear to remind them of the work. But we depend upon those friends who have become partners with God and with us in this Gospel work. They participate with us in the griefs and joys, the struggles and victories. They have the same purpose and aim in view as we have, namely to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ among His brethren in the flesh. They have been led by the same Spirit who has led us, to arduously forward this sacred cause. Thus being guided alike by the same Divine power, our thoughts and actions must be of the same manner and must run in the same direction. This is not a theory or hypothesis. Having had some wonderful experiences along this line during my twenty-two years of missionary work I know this as a principal or product of my observations. To illustrate; a widow in great need applied to us for help. We prayed. A few days later a friend whose mind was directed about the same time by God sent us money, "to use for a poor widow." We had to take care of a friendless girl and were looking to God for the supply and next day a letter reached us containing a contribution with the special direction to use it for some poor Jewish girl. These are not isolated cases. The Holy Spirit reaches every individual believer with the same blessed touch; He binds us together, and we are sometimes so controlled by Him that we think and act in the same manner. Therefore I can confidently say that our partners will not forget.

SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDED.

Not only are we longing for your prayers on behalf of the means needed for the running expenses of this large gospel work but mainly for a lively realization of God's promise that His word, preached and taught by us, your workers, shall not return unto Him void, that we may see fruitage and that the name of our righteous Saviour may be glorified. Especially do we ask your earnest prayers for the two new branches just opened and for the two new workers referred to on another page.

Yours very sincerely,

LEOPOLD COHN.

EDITORIAL

When You Make Your Will. May we press upon you our earnest expectation that in your will you provide for a liberal bequest to this mission in which you have been so interested and to which you have given so liberally in life? We are convinced that when Christians realize the tremendous importance which God puts upon the Jewish work they will never consider a will as complete or even as honest in God's sight unless it provides for a Jewish missionary bequest. The danger of putting off matters of this kind is really serious; recently several of our friends have died and when their wills were probated there was not a dollar left for this work; and yet these very friends had frequently stated that they intended to make a will providing for the Williamsburg Mission. But somehow the time slipped by, and they never accomplished it. While this has meant a great loss to the work, because they used to give liberally in their life time, yet our trust is in the Lord, who has always made up the lack. However, we cannot help but feel that a great opportunity is lost by any friend who fails to make proper provision in ample time.

And after all, what greater thing can you do for the Lord than to provide as your last Christian act upon this earth a substantial gift for the carrying of the gospel to His own brethren? It seems to us that this is very much like making a large deposit in the bank of Heaven just before you go, so that it will await you up yonder when you arrive. We are glad to tell you that we have received recently a number of bequests and several are now in process of settlement, but we look forward to the day when these bequests instead of being the unusual shall be the natural expectation. Won't you, dear friend, make this a matter of earnest prayer,

and if we can help you with any suggestions please write us.

Your Summer Package is Ready. For a number of years we have prepared each summer a package of special literature which our friends have very kindly taken and distributed among Christians during the vacation season. We have done the same thing this year, and have prepared a package consisting of 12 copies of "The Chosen People," 12 copies of the leaflet, "To the Wild Olive Tree," 12 copies of the folder, "Williamsburg Mission to the Jews," and 12 copies of "The Responsibility of the Church in Relation to Israel;" the retail value is about \$2.00, but as before, in order to urge our friends to send for these packages in large numbers, the price will be \$1.00 post paid. Please write us at once on this matter and the package will go forward to you without delay.

The Larger Vision. We are deeply grateful for the continued loyal and generous support which you are giving us month after month, and we want you to feel that this confidence is well placed; the day of the larger things for the Jewish Mission is surely coming; you have doubtless noticed in our own work how rapid has been the expansion. This is due entirely to the fact that you have made this possible, under God, and we want you to feel that just as rapidly as you place the resources in our hands, just so rapidly are we ready to take the forward steps, one by one, in the establishing of a work of which you and we alike shall always be proud, and thank our Heavenly Father. This is your work, your investment is making it what it is, and it must be your future help that is to bring it to its largest achievements.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jer. 33: 3.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Prov. 29: 18.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Two More Baptisms

On the first Monday evening of April, two persons were baptised in our little church Beth Sar Shalom. One of the two was Mrs. Goodman, whose husband's conversion and baptism we gave in the March issue of "The Chosen People." While Mr. and Mrs. Goodman lived in Russia they were brought up as strictly orthodox Jews. She hated Christianity because she believed that it was to blame for the cruelties and miseries which the Jews in Russia have to stand. Whenever a pogrom was issued against the Jews and they were robbed and killed without cause, she always associated these murders with the author of the so-called Christian religion of Russia. There was never in her heart the least sympathy for Christ or a good thought about the Christian religion. When they arrived in America a few years ago they saw here a different spirit and so she forgot her deep rooted hatred for anything that was called Christian. She was not glad when her husband told her that he believed in Christ, but she could not help it and she watched him with suspicion, as she thought that since he had become a follower of Christ he would be an enemy of the Jews, but to her surprise she noticed that her husband improved a great deal. He became a better husband to her and a better father to their little children. She began to wonder how that religion could make a better man. This caused her to become interested enough to read the New Testament which her husband had repeatedly asked her to do. In a remarkable way her heart also changed when she finished the reading. Instead of that awful hatred which once dwelt in her heart she now felt love. Especially did she feel a great love and spirit of devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ

who, as she learned, gave His life for her that she might be saved from her sins. After a time of meditation and prayerful thinking, she too decided to join her husband in the new faith and finally was baptised according to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The second one whom we baptised was a man of about 26 years, who is married and has three children. His name is Mr. Viener. He has a fair knowledge of the Bible for from a child he liked to study the scriptures in the Hebrew language. While studying, he came across passages which he did not understand and so would ask some Jewish teachers for an explanation of these verses. Once he asked his teacher to explain the second Psalm. "Who is meant by 'thou art my son'?" But his teacher rebuked him and forbade him to ask any more questions of that type. This was enough to silence and discourage the youth who did not dare make further inquiries. Once he passed our building on which he read the signs announcing the meetings and so came to a service and was very much interested in the preaching. Subsequently he had personal interviews with us, during which he asked all those questions to which he could get no answer when he was a little boy. When they were all satisfactorily settled he was very glad to understand the Bible better than ever before. Then came the struggle in his heart whether or not to acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ, heeding not the hatred and persecution such an acknowledgement would incur among his own brethren. At last he was led by the Holy Spirit to overcome all these weaknesses of the flesh. He decided to confess the Lord Jesus Christ publicly by baptism, which was done as mentioned above. The only thing that troubles his mind at present is that his wife is not a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. He desires to have the prayers of God's people on her behalf.

Lengthening Our Cords

It is with more than usual gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we can report to you this month the establishment of another new department of the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews. This is a Reading Room, which was opened officially on the first of May. We print on this page a photograph of the room with a view of our new Tailoring Industry next door.



PHOTOGRAPH OF TAILORING INDUSTRY AND READING ROOM

Notice the signs in the Reading Room windows; these are changed frequently, and contain sermonettes in Yiddish, which are eagerly read by the Jews who pass by

For a long time, in fact ever since our building Beth Sar Shalom was erected, we felt the great need of a Reading Room as a regular adjunct to the work, where the Jews could come and go at will throughout the day, sit down, and read Christian literature leisurely and thoughtfully, a thing impossible in their homes or shops. There was no room in our building where this could be arranged

satisfactorily, nor did we have the means to engage a special worker who could apply all his time to this purpose. Throughout the successful Jewish missions of Europe, the reading room has proven of the greatest value in reaching the Jews; here they can gather in groups, sharpen each others wits by brilliant arguments, study the literature best suited to meet their own intellectual objections to Christ

and finally come into close social contact with our Christian workers as well as other Jewish Christians.

Across the street from the mission building was a very suitable store for this purpose; we felt that the next step we should take in the enlarging of our activities was to establish a reading room in this store; at the annual meeting of our Board in January, it was agreed that if we could

raise the money needed for this extra department in addition to our regular yearly budget, we would then be justified in going ahead with the plans. To our great joy, through a very remarkable series of providences, the entire amount needed to finance the reading room for one year, \$1,500.00, was received by us from several very generous friends of the work, and in addition \$100.00 over the prescribed amount, making a total of \$1,600.00. With this evidence of the Lord's approval upon our plans we at once went ahead, rented the store, equipped it and engaged the new worker, the Rev. Victor Sternherz, a Jewish Christian brother of culture and lovable Christian character. It is estimated and it is our earnest hope that through this department we will be able to reach during the year not less than 15,000 new Jews, with the gospel message, Jews who would not otherwise have heard about the Lord Jesus Christ. We want you to bear up in your prayers this new department of the work especially, that the Lord may bless it richly, and that many souls may be won to Him through this agency. To us has come the message of Isaiah, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isaiah 54:2. We have lengthened the cords, and we know that He who has led us thus far and in whose strength we have lengthened these cords, will also continue in giving us friends like yourselves who will stand by and strengthen the stakes.

Continuing the Campaign

You will remember the unique achievement of last year when through the generosity of a dear Christian lady in Massachusetts we were enabled to send out 10,000 letters to 10,000 Jewish families of Greater New York City, calling their attention to

the claims of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ upon them. The results were so satisfactory that this lady has decided to let us continue the work again this year, with some modifications and enlargements. Some time during June and July the plan is to send out 5,000 letters to 5,000 Jewish families in Brooklyn only, and these will be sent at the rate of 5,000 a week, for six weeks, or a total of 30,000 in all; this means that the same 5,000 families will receive a series of six letters, these letters arranged in logical sequence, each one bringing a direct message of the Gospel and yet the whole six co-ordinated so that they form a short course in Christianity. In connection with these special letters there will be tracts enclosed and also each letter will contain an offer to send a New Testament to any Jew who requests it, free of charge. The total expense of this new campaign will approximate \$1,500, met entirely by this one Christian lady. We need very much your prayers that the Lord will bless this union of Christian capital with Jewish Christian propaganda and in October we hope to report some of the interesting results of this remarkable campaign.

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it. Ps. 68: 11.

For thus saith the Lord; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. Jeremiah 31: 7.

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Isa. 40: 9.

Incidents by Philip Englander

In my daily visiting among the Jews the Lord has given me some open doors which previously had been closed. One of them was the opportunity to converse with an aged patriarchal-looking Jewish brother who is a Hebrew teacher. When we discussed some subjects in the New Testament which he had read, tears came to his eyes and he said to me "There is a great deal of truth in it. I am going to study it more and more." When I left him he exclaimed "Oh, would to God that all the Jews would study the truth in this book."

Another one of those who on previous occasions refused to see or talk with me is a young Jewess who is highly educated and is also a teacher. She was getting ready for school the morning I met her and was somewhat in a hurry. I noticed a Zionism button in her tie and remarked that I too have a great longing for Zion as I am praying that the Deliverer shall come to Zion. This enlisted her interest and we had some lengthy conversation during which we discussed the Messiahship of Jesus. Her parents expressed some pride in the fact that their daughter could beat a missionary in an argument but in the end she confessed that the Jews have made a mistake in rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ. They invited me to come again.

A young couple who used to be prejudiced, refusing to hear a word about Christ, have now changed, for they show an interest in Him whom they once hated.

One morning a fine looking Jew having the appearance of a rabbi, came to see me and asked for a copy of the New Testament. Upon my inquiry as to his reason for being so anxious to secure the book, he answered, "I received a leaflet from you on which some verses from the Old Testament and from the New Testament were quoted." The verses were as follows:—Psa. 118:22, 23, Isa. 28:16,

Matt. 11:28, John, 3:14-16. "I would like to read those verses," said he, "for I have a desire to study these things." I spent nearly an hour with him explaining various passages of Scripture from the Old Testament and showing their fulfilment in the New. He was so touched that he exclaimed with deep feeling, "Oh how great are the mysteries hidden in that book."

Incidents by Miss Sussdorff.

The blessed promise of Jesus, "Lo I am with you always" has been specially precious to me this past month. How often it seems that the Light of the World will never shine in some of these darkened lives, when suddenly a change comes and what a glimpse of His love we get. Recently at our Bible Class, we had a wonderful testimony. One of our mothers, a believer, told us, that when her husband came home late from work the previous evening, he said to her, "Aren't you going to the meeting?" She answered, "Oh, it's after 8 o'clock. I will not go, besides you have not had your supper." "Never mind, I'll get my supper and take care of the children, go quick to the meeting and when you get back, I will tell you all about something that happened today." When she returned she told him about the sermon, and how Mr. Cohn preached on the Passover Lamb and the blood and its significance, always a fresh and blessed subject. Her husband listened very attentively, and then she said, "Now tell me your story." "Well what do you think! Today, an Italian brought a Bible to the shop. The book is 200 years old, and some of the men laughed at him. I asked him to read to me, and he read about the Passover, and of Moses and Abraham and Isaiah, and I was so astonished. He said to me, 'You poor Jewish people! I have God and Jesus, you have nothing.'" Then this husband said, "Oh my wife believes in Jesus. She has a Bible and reads all

these things to me that you have read." As he was telling this to his wife she said, "Do you remember all I read to you?" "Of course I do," he answered, "and it must be true. Jesus is the Messiah." I have often talked to this man, and he seemed to get a glimpse of the light and then go back to his old ideas.

On the afternoon of Good Friday, I accompanied several of the mothers and children to a church where the pastor gave an illustrated sermon on the crucifixion, and this man that finds it so hard to come out boldly, came home from business at 1 P. M. very tired but he prepared the dinner, cleaned up the kitchen and waited on the two youngest children, so his wife and oldest daughter might go to hear the sermon. He also allowed her to go out in the evening of the same day to our meeting. The Lord is working slowly but surely in the heart of this man, and one of the best evidences is his conduct in his home and toward his family. Pray for him dear readers.

A young girl who came to the Mission through the kind attention she received in the dispensary, and who opened her heart to me while waiting her turn to see the doctor, has seen the Light and Jesus now is her Messiah. Her testimony at the Saturday morning Bible class did our hearts good. She told us that when she was a child she lived in Russia and her parents took her to visit some friend in the country and she went out of doors and soon was lost in the woods near by. There was a very dangerous marshy spot there and she was making straight for it, frightened and crying, when a Russian woman who was gathering wood, caught her in her arms, and held her safely. She struggled to get away, but by this time her parents and friends saw her in the distance and as the woman called to them, hurried over to her. "Oh we are glad to get our child back again safe," they cried. "Now" she said, "that has been my spiritual experience. I wan-

dered for years in the wilderness of socialism and unbelief, being sick and without relatives and friends until I was desperate, when Jesus caught me in His arms and held me until I stopped struggling and now I am resting in Him."

Among the Girls

Work among the Jewish girls of Brooklyn seems to require an unlimited amount of patience, perseverance and faith in God. Doubtless missionaries from all quarters of the globe would claim these same facts to be true of their particular field of labor so we are thankful that the Lord supplies the needed grace for such situations to every city and country where His children are engaged. But because these things are true it devolves upon all the Church of God to earnestly pray that the Holy Spirit may accomplish great things. Therefore, "Brethren pray for us."

Our Sewing School has continued throughout the winter on Thursday afternoons and we have been glad of the opportunity to tell the story of Christ and His love to a number who have listened quietly and with earnest attention. It would be difficult to estimate the number of girls who have attended our Schools since their commencement but many hundreds have been with us and have heard the Gospel. Some we know have truly accepted Christ as their Messiah and Lord, others we trust are secret believers, while countless others have simply listened and passed on, but we believe are prepared for the day when "they shall look upon Him whom they have pierced" and will then acknowledge His Lordship.

These conditions are true of the older as well as the younger girls and we long that many more shall come to the place of definite belief and joy in the Lord. We have had some very happy occasions on Thursday evenings this winter and hope the truth preached will bring rich results.

—Ella T. Marston.

JEWISH NOTES.

The Jewish Passover this year was celebrated during the eight days beginning with April 18th, and ending April 26th. This is usually the happiest among the many Jewish holidays as it is in memory of the deliverance from Egyptian bondage when the Jews obtained liberty and became a nation, the people chosen of God. On the first evening of Passover there is a feast with many ceremonies in every Jewish family. The poorest person partakes of a banquet and four cups of wine. Some new clothes must be bought for that occasion no matter how scarce money may be, and visiting and joyful receptions always take place at that festival.

This year, however, the Passover was not celebrated with such joy as usual. It is estimated that fully 20,000 Jewish families in Greater New York have had relatives killed in the war in Europe. As they sat down to the table the first evening and brought the wine to their lips, many a tear dropped into the cup. In the midst of the memory of liberty gained a sob would break forth at the thought of the dangers to which many loved ones were exposed and at the awful sufferings and hardships they were enduring. Looking into the cup of wine as it sparkled, the vision of an agonizing son or an outraged sister or the last despairing look of an old father would present itself. Who could drink it joyfully?

Fewer Jewish girls with showy dresses were seen on the streets of the Ghetto this year. Smaller crowds of Jews flocked to the moving picture shows and theatres. Sadness, Sadness, all over Judea in Greater New York.

This sadness was also noticeable a year ago but then there was some hope, for the Russian Czar had made some promises, Germany and Austria had uttered words which raised the hope of the persecuted Jew, and England too had made some promises. In that way the sadness was allevi-

ated to a great extent, but now there is nothing of the kind. None of the powers is making any mention of giving Palestine to the Jews or of improving the condition of the oppressed people. Nathan Strauss, the Jewish philanthropist, recently said, "I have done much for the war sufferers; I gave them my profits and part of my capital and still I feel that I have not done much. Sometimes suddenly I wake up in the middle of the night and I think I see the women and children of our brothers dying out there while we are making money here."

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It is announced that England and France have decided to send back to Russia all fugitives. 63% of the Russian fugitives are Jews. Some prominent Jews in England who protested against this move have been arrested. Since last February no Jew who wants to leave England for America receives a passport.

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In some papers a poem written by Mr. Zangwill of England, was published in connection with the Easter holidays. Mr. Zangwill in his poem laments the situation occasioned by the war. "The author of the Christian religion," the poem says, "is deserted by His followers." Then he calls the Founder of Christianity to come to the Jews where He will feel at home because the Gentiles do not understand Him. The Jewish papers of New York have criticized him severely for conveying the idea that the Jews would be willing to accept Christ.

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and have separated you from other people, that ye should be mine." Every true believer in Christ is under the new covenant of grace. In this sense every true Christian is holy, separated from wickedness. Hebrews 12: 15-16 explain the word holiness mentioned in verse 14. "Without holiness," meaning, without separation, from defiling practices, no man can see God; he cannot commune with Him in peace and holy fellowship, in this world, nor be admitted to see Him in heaven.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Aprpos of a question which we printed last month dealing with the Sabbath, we received a letter from our dear friend and brother, the Rev. O. W. Van Osdel, D. D., of Grand Rapids, Michigan, which so clearly represents the Christian viewpoint on this subject, that we print the letter hereunder:—

"I notice that the question of the Seventh Day—The Sabbath—is up again in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, and the editor answers that the Gentiles may keep it if they wish to. I wish the editor had used the opportunity to put in a word for the glory of the Risen Christ. Christians are a Heavenly People, a Resurrection People, and it seems to me that they are departing from their high calling when they undertake to observe the memorial of the Earthly People. The Seventh Day Adventists are very busy trying to get Christians back under the Law. They teach that all those Christians who do not keep the Seventh Day will be lost. Let us do what we can to keep Christians, a Heavenly People, under Grace."

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Question 1. *I see that you believe that the evangelization of the world will be completed by the Jews after their conversion. Will you please tell me what Bible texts support that theory?*

—MRS. O. J. BOWSER.

Answer 1. There are many passages of Scripture to that effect. Some of them are as follows: "God shall bless us, (the Jews). And all the ends of the earth shall fear him." Psa. 76: 7. "If the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?" Rom. 11: 15. Also Acts 15: 12-17 sets forth this truth very clearly. "God at first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name." Then, declares the word of God, "After this I will return and build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down," etc. For what purpose? "That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles," etc. The mission of the Church of Christ under this dispensation of grace is not to convert the world, but to gather out from among all peoples those who will form the Body of Christ. When this Body is completed, God will turn to the Jews, wake them up, convert them, and through their conversion and preaching all the ends of the earth will be brought to Christ.

Question 1. *Is there any Bible passage to show that there will be an opportunity for repentance after death?*

Question 2. *Will there be an earthly Kingdom that will continue forever? If so, how will it be a Jewish Kingdom?*

Question 3. *Will people that die, not having the spirit of God, be raised with earthly bodies for a second chance?*

—MRS. N. M.

Answer 1. There is no such passage in the Bible. But there are some to the contrary; "He that believeth not is condemned already." John 3: 18.

Answer 2. The kingdom will be neither Jewish nor Gentile, but it will be the kingdom of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Answer 3. They will be raised for judgment and righteous condemnation pronounced in public.

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Question. *Please explain why it should be recorded in Mark 11: 13, last clause, "for the time of figs was not yet," if the Master expected to find fruit to satisfy His hunger.*

—D. D. KEELER.

Answer. There are several difficulties in this incident. First the one you adduce, second it is not in harmony with Luke 13: 8, "Let it alone this year also," third, it was not lawful to take another one's property. But a thorough acquaintance with the Biblical laws which governed the people in this matter will clear up and do away with all these and other questions on this subject. In Leviticus 19: 9-10, the Jews were forbidden to wholly reap the corners of their fields and the gleanings of their harvest. In Deut. 24: 20 we read "When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again, it shall be for the stranger," etc. From this the Talmud in volume Chulin 131 infers that the law of leaving the corners of the harvest field for the poor applies also to all fruit trees. In Leviticus 26: 20 we read that the trees also were to be cursed in case of the peoples disobedience. It is said in the Talmud Pes. 53 and elsewhere, that Bethphage was that part of Bethany where late figs grew, the gathering of which was last of all in Judea, namely about six weeks before Passover. The word Phage means in Hebrew, unripe figs. The Lord Jesus was looking for the lawful provision for the poor, namely the corner with the remaining figs, for the rest had been gathered about a month ago. When He found none and when it was recog-

nizable that no other poor person had visited the tree before, He cursed the tree because of its owner's disobedience to the law.

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Question 1. *In Eph. 5: 5, what does covetous mean in the original?*

Question 2. *Please explain what Paul means about being angry. Eph. 4: 26.*

Question 3. *What does Peter really mean by the word virtue? 2 Peter 1: 5.*

—J. H. LAUSCH.

Answer 1. "Thou shalt not covet" is the tenth commandment. It forbids all desire and lust for things which others have. "O that such a man's house were mine! such a man's estate mine!" Covetousness is the beginning of all the sin that is committed. To this lust Paul refers in Rom. 7: 7 saying that he had not known the evil of it, if that commandment, when it came to his conscience in power, had not showed it him.

Answer 2. Paul refers to Psa. 4: 4, which is literally: "Be angry and sin not." This is a prohibition of anger and of its wilful continuance. It means, do not sin by being angry. He adds, "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath," in allusion to the last clause of Psa. 4: 4 "Say (what you do say) in your heart, upon your bed, and be still." It suggests reflection, repentance and submission.

Answer 3. The Hebrew word for virtue means fortification, strength, army. The meaning is that faith requires fortification against doubts which are apt to assail one. Virtue is to faith what a bulwark is to a rampart. Nahum 3: 8, Isa. 26: 1, 2 Sam. 20: 15. "Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 1 Cor. 10: 12.

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Question. *Is there anything in the Bible about "The lost ten tribes" that we hear about? Where do they get such an idea?*

—MRS. GARNETT.

Answer. The origin of that idea is in 2 Kings 17. There you will find that the Kingdom of Israel, comprising ten of the twelve tribes, was overthrown by the Assyrians. The ten tribes were then taken captive and made to settle in heathen countries, far away in Halah and Habor and in the cities of the Medes.

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Question 1. *Could you help me in any way in reference to this great war? Do you think that our dear Lord is opening*

up the way of His return as spoken in Matt. 24?

Question 2. *Kindly explain 2 Chron. 7: 14.*

—MR. JAMES WEBBER.

Answer 1. If we read aright the signs of the times, this war is the beginning of the end of this dispensation. This subject was treated at some length in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, of November, 1914 and January, 1915.

Answer 2. This passage as well as Lev. 26: 40-42 and Zech. 12: 10 refers to the end of "Jacob's trouble," the great tribulation, when the Jews as a nation will accept the Lord Jesus Christ upon His return with the saints.

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Question. *Will you please give a short definition and explanation of the "Kingdom of Heaven" or as it is in Greek, Kingdom of the Heavens?*

—W. J. MAHON.

Answer. Some passages of Scriptures refer to the "Kingdom of God" while others speak of the "Kingdom of Heaven." The former sometimes refers to the spiritual kingdom of the Lord in the hearts and lives of those who have been born again. The latter has a number of aspects. Matt. 13. However, in a prophetic sense, both these terms have reference to the visible Kingdom of the Lord Jesus when He comes the second time.

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Question 1. *What is meant by Hebrews 12: 14, "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord?"*

—MRS. A. R. RANDALL.

Answer 1. Holiness or sanctification are words which stand for separation. The first note-worthy mention of holiness is found in Ex. 19: 6. There, upon granting the Israelites their charter by which they were incorporated as a people to serve God only, the Lord calls them "a holy people." In the tenth verse, "Go unto the people and sanctify them," the same idea is conveyed, for it is the same Hebrew word (kadash). That this sanctification meant separation is shown in verses 14, 15. Again in Lev. 19: 2 after Israel had been warned in the preceding chapter against the abominations of the heathen, God told them, "Ye shall be holy." Also the same is found in Lev. 20: 26. After another warning against the manners of the heathen, God told them, "And ye shall be holy unto me, for I the Lord am holy,"

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