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"He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

Ps. 121: 4.



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## Salutation

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

My dearly beloved friends:—

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ". 1 Cor. 1:3.

### THE SECRET OF APPRECIATION

We are glad to greet you once more through these columns. It has been heartening to receive so many letters from our readers this summer telling how much they miss the little paper during the months of cessation; one friend complained that it was "a long time between meals". We are satisfied that this attitude on the part of our friends is due not so much to any special merit of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE as it is due to the fact that within your hearts there burns a divine love for the cause which THE CHOSEN PEOPLE represents and to which it is consecrated. Both the paper and its readers are united on the missionary principle that the Gospel shall be given "To the Jew first", both are intent upon fulfilling that divine injunction and thus our paths have come together, and in the spirit of Psalm 85:10, "Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other".

### FOLLOWERS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

The Apostle Paul gives one of the reasons why he was so mindful of the Thessalonians at all times in thanksgivings and prayer, why he was convinced of the sincerity of their faith and why he was so desirous to see them, by saying, "And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord". 1 Thess. 1:6. Had not the Thessalonians believed in St. Paul's teaching and continual practice of "to the Jew first" they could not be called his followers. But they did believe and accept it as an essential and holy principle given of the Lord through the Holy Spirit. Therefore Paul declared his great love for the Thessalonian Christians, and with ecstasy he exclaimed "For ye are our glory and joy". Likewise you, dear friends, who have cast your lot with us in the Gospel work among the Jews are true followers of St. Paul and of the Lord. You are a continuation of Paul's teaching and activities. In joining us in the task of preaching to the Jews "Christ and Him crucified" you have joined hands with the apostles and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself in their work of sacrifice and service in their endeavor to save Jewish souls. We can see before us in review the long and endless chain of Christ's and Paul's followers to which chain every one of you is adding a link by preserving in these last days of a great falling away, the holy principle "to the Jew first and also to the Greek".

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On another page you will find a brief account of the ratification of the mandate of Great Britain over Palestine, by the council of the League of Nations. This means that practically all the powers of the world have deeded over Palestine to the Jews for the establishment of their homeland in the country of their ancestors. This is God's doings and one cannot help exclaiming in the words of Psa. 77:14, "Thou art the God that doest wonders, thou hast declared thy strength among the peoples". These new political conditions in the world cannot be interpreted as meaning a change of attitude in the world toward

the Jews, for we have heard recently of keener anti-Semitism, more outrageous persecution and more cruel pogroms against the Jews, all over Europe, than ever before in Jewish history. Therefore the granting of the Holy Land to the Jews was not born of love or sympathy for the still persecuted and hated nation. But this is that which God spoke by the prophets that He would, in His own time, bring them back to the promised land. He also declared His purpose in doing so, viz., He would gather them into Jerusalem in order to bring them there "into the midst of a furnace" and again to "blow upon you in the fire of my wrath". Ezek. 22:19-23. In Zech. 12, He explains the nature of "the furnace" and "the fire of wrath", namely, just when the Jews will be settled there and established as a nation, a condition similar to the one in the time of the Lord Jesus Christ, Jerusalem will be "in the siege,—all the people of the earth will be gathered against it". We are also told in the succeeding chapter, verses 8 and 9, that as a result of that siege which is identical with the "time of Jacob's trouble" in Jere. 30: 7, "two parts therein shall be cut off" and only a third shall be left. This third will then turn to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ supplicating Him to send down His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus, their Messiah and deliverer. Then it will come to pass that "they shall look upon me whom they have pierced". Zech. 12:10. Thus every one of a discerning spirit, considering these wonderful things which are passing before our eyes must realize that this ushering in of new conditions is against the trend of human nature. It is nothing else than the preliminary steps toward the fulfillment of those, and many other, prophetic utterances mentioned above. Do not these things inspire every follower of Christ with the serious thought that the end of this dispensation is near, "even at the door"? Ought we not therefore to redeem the time and endeavor to reach every Jew with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as a witness and a warning? The old adage, "strike while the iron is hot" must have its application in this respect also; preach the Gospel "to the Jew first" while you have the privilege of preaching, for soon the Gospel dispensation will close and the opportunity will be lost forever.

#### ANOTHER WAY

There is another way of following Paul and that is to report to the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ the work that is being done by those who go out into the field of labor. You will find an example of such a report in Acts 14:27, "And when they were come and had gathered the church together they rehearsed all that God had done with them". We are therefore pleased to report that we have had a season of gospel work during the summer which is, humanly speaking, promising good results. We have held Gospel meetings in both the Headquarters and in the Plaza Branch. The meetings have been well attended. There have also been crowds of patients visiting our Dispensary. We also had an outing for the mothers and the children of our schools.

There is also a new feature which is doing a great and blessed work. You remember we reported to you that the electric sign on the roof of the Plaza Branch, is seen by thousands of Jews who read the message it carries, saying that the Lord Jesus is the true Messiah. More recently, through the generosity of Mr. Vernon Cutler, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, we were enabled to install in the show window of the Plaza Branch a Cutler Automatic Stereopticon. This machine is so constructed that we can place in it some eighty slides containing Scripture verses and Sermonettes and these slides rotate automatically, showing a new slide at intervals of about twenty seconds. This machine has been operated during the summer by our friend, Mr. Nutchey, and the crowds which have been drawn to the front of the Plaza Branch building on each night when the machine was in operation, have been certainly encouraging, as you will see from a report by Mr. Nutchey on another page.

You will find in the following pages much cause for encouragement and thanksgiving, and as you read them I want to ask you to give thanks with us, and then let us all put our shoulder to the wheel to help make this fall and winter a truly blessed season of harvest for the absent Householder, and thus shall we be faithful husbandmen unto Him.

Yours faithfully in His service,

LEOPOLD COHN.

#### EDITORIAL

**Anniversary.** As we greet you once more through these columns after our usual cessation of four months, we are reminded that we are now twenty-seven years old. With this issue we enter upon the 28th year of the publication of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. As we look back over the vista of years that have gone by, our hearts are filled to overflowing with gratitude to God; truly He has dealt marvelously with us, and truly can we say from our hearts, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." For the year to come we know that every friend of the Mission will join us in prayer that it may be the best year of our history, and that His Name shall be honored and glorified by our united labors and testimony.

**New Workers.** We welcome to our staff of salaried workers, Miss Mary G. Davidson, of Providence, R. I., and Miss Elsie Wells, of Boston, Mass. Miss Davidson is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, and feels that she has been definitely led of the Lord to take up work among the Jews, particularly among the children. Miss Wells is a graduate of the Biblical Seminary in New York, and she will devote her time largely to the work at the Plaza Branch, doing visitation and having charge of children's meetings, mothers' meetings and the reading room work. We ask your earnest prayers for God's richest blessings upon both these young ladies as they begin their labors with us to make known the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ among the Jews of this great city.

**Mrs. J. O. Buswell.** In our Extension Department we are glad to announce the coming of our friend, Mrs. J. O. Buswell, whose late husband was for so many years a staunch upholder of this work. Since childhood

Mrs. Buswell has been interested in the Jews and their place in God's program and has given much time to Bible study along these lines. She will, therefore, be ready to give Bible lectures on topical lines or on some particular book of Scripture, or will address meetings concerning the work of this Mission. Should any of our readers be interested to take advantage of this opportunity of having a gifted speaker on some of these subjects, please write us and we will try and arrange for Mrs. Buswell to come to you. There will be no financial obligation for such meetings.

**A New Series.** With this issue we are starting a new department in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, to be entitled, "A Roll-Call of Jewish Christian Notables". We will try to give each month a short biography of some Jewish Christian celebrity who was a faithful witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is thought that such a series of biographies will be of great interest to our readers, and we would suggest that they be cut out for future reference and possibly for future use at some missionary meetings.

**Culture at the Bar.** The University of Harvard has recently come into the limelight of focused publicity; it seems that President Lowell issued an official statement last summer to the effect that Harvard University might be forced to limit the number of Jewish students in the undergraduate body. This announcement caused a wide sensation throughout the country and drew particularly the fire of Jewish leaders. One of these leaders, Mr. A. A. Benesch, a Cleveland lawyer and a Harvard alumnus, entered into a correspondence with President Lowell with the object of not only protesting against the threatened restrictions, but also of trying to have the matter dropped completely. In the interchange of letters which followed, President

Lowell made the following statements:—

"There is, most unfortunately, a rapidly growing anti-Semitic feeling in this country. In many cities of the country the Gentile clubs are excluding Jews altogether, who are forming separate clubs of their own. Private schools are excluding the Jews, I believe, and so, we know, are hotels. The question for those of us who are connected with colleges is, how can it be combated there—how can we cause the Jews to feel and be regarded as an integral part of the student body. Anti-Semitic feeling among the students is increasing, and it grows in proportion to the increase in the number of Jews."

The thing which interests us most in connection with this incident, is not whether Harvard is justified in limiting the number of Jewish students, or whether Jews have been in any way wronged by such a proposal; as a matter of fact our own private opinion is that it would be a desirable thing for Harvard to restrict the percentage of Jewish students, largely because the Jews form only three or four per cent of the population of America, while our understanding is that almost forty per cent of the undergraduate body at Harvard is Jewish.

The striking feature however lies in the quotation we have given above, in which Dr. Lowell admits that at Harvard, the very seat of culture in America, there actually does exist an alarming anti-Semitic feeling. What a confession for Culture and Education to make! For it must be remembered that Culture and Education, with capital C and E, have been strutting about like pouter-pigeons for many years, blatantly shouting, "Through us is there salvation for the world, through us will come world peace and international amity." And many are the deluded persons, like the late Mr. Carnegie, who have been caught in this snare and who have

thrown away lavishly their millions of dollars for so-called Education which leaves out a God and a Saviour and a Bible. And now what is the result? After all of these centuries of polish and veneer and assumption of broadmindedness," the leading university of America confesses publicly that culture has been weighed and found wanting.

What a contrast to this do we find in the world-inclusive declaration found in Col. 3: 11, "Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision no uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but Christ is all and in all." By and by the Jew, so long fooled and humbugged by false hopes and by the pursuit of illusive philosophies, will come to his senses and realize that only in the Lord Jesus Christ will he find true freedom and full liberty; he will find that only in the true Church, the body of Christ will he have equality, and that no one in the body of Christ will ever propose restrictive measures to limit the percentage of Jews in His body. This is exactly the opportunity which every Christian individual and every Christian Church in America has today, to show to the Jew in your own town and on your own street that in your church and in your heart there is plenty of room for him and indeed that there is a burden upon your heart based upon a compelling urge, that this Jew be brought into the fold of Him who promised that some day there shall be one fold and one Shepherd.

**A Correction.** After THE CHOSEN PEOPLE went out last May, it so happened that Mr. Bryan was re-invited to speak at the International Sunday School Convention at Kansas City; in our May issue we stated that the original invitation had been withdrawn. We are glad now to give the more complete information.

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

### The Summer Outing

By MISS A. E. SUSSDORFF

We held our annual picnic at Coney Island, Monday, July 10th, and it was enjoyed and appreciated more this year than ever before. Every other year, when the busses were filled with happy mothers and children, we had to leave behind seven little children who live on the next block to the Mission. They would watch the other mothers and children crowd in the busses, and as we drove off their tears would flow, and with hands to their faces, they would walk off, because their father would not let them or their mother go; and year after year, my heart was saddened; and as I would be watching the happy children bathing in the ocean, or taking off shoes and stockings to paddle in the water or play in the sand, I could only think of the family that had to stay behind. But, oh! this year they were allowed to go, the mother and seven children, one a boy. We furnished shoes and dresses out of the supply that had been sent in by our kind friends, and what a big bag of good things to eat this mother had to have for this big family. The fresh sea air sharpened their appetites, and the happy time these children had will not soon be forgotten. And when the ice cream came, my, how good it was. We had a section of a large tent, where we could sit and be together. The mothers who did not care to go down to the water were made very comfortable under the tent, and all day the teachers just went about watching so that no one would be hurt. Then, when it was time to go home, the busses came to take us all back to the Mission, and as the different ones left for home, they came to me, and said, "Oh, thank you for everything today. We had a lovely

time." Now dear friends, you have made this wonderful day possible for our mothers and children; I so often wish you could enjoy seeing how your gifts of money and garments are being used to brighten the lives of these little ones. We had about one hundred and twenty-five mothers and children attending the picnic, and three extra helpers who kindly offered their services for the day. No mishaps marred the occasion and all went home happy.

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God has been answering prayer in many instances, in a wonderful way. The husband of one of the members of our Mothers' Class, would not go to the Mission, and would not even read a tract; but he allowed his wife and children to attend the meetings. Recently, he became very ill, and had to go to the hospital. One day his wife brought the New Testament to him, and said, "Read this, it will pass away the time". Well, he read it, and some tracts too, but has not been to any meetings since he has come home from the hospital. On leaving the hospital, another patient, a Jew, who saw him reading this New Testament, asked for the book, and he gave it to him. I would ask our friends to pray for this sick one, who took the New Testament, and for the man who gave it. His wife has been praying, and we have joined her in prayer, that her husband might accept Jesus as his Saviour, and in one of her testimonies she said, "If only my husband would believe, we would both be baptized, but he threatens that if I am baptized he will leave me." Pray for me that I may deal very wisely and patiently with this family.

### The Plaza Branch

From MR. NUTCHEY'S REPORTS

Pictures have been shown on the screen of the Automatic Stereopticon

at the Branch each Tuesday and Thursday evening until 9:30 o'clock. Usually, a number of persons gather around the window when the lights are turned on and the motor started. Occasionally a contest between parent and child takes place, the parent requiring the child to leave the window and the child insisting on remaining, with a victory scored about equally on the side of the parent and child.

"Buster" from the Beauty Parlor scored a decided victory over his Papa, who rather over-reached himself by showing anger and finally began to order the people away from the window. In this he did not succeed either, and in beating a final retreat for the evening he remarked very ungraciously that "if he was not a married man he would soon put the mission out of business."

There has been a decided increase in interest as manifested by a greater number stopping to make up larger companies of people to look at the pictures. On one occasion there were fully fifty people on the sidewalk in front of the Mission looking at the pictures. A lively discussion followed in the Yiddish language. I offered them copies of the paper, "Shepherd of Israel" which all received except one agitator, who refused it. The conversation appeared then to turn on the subject suggested by their reading the paper. The agitator took a copy of the paper from one of the others and began to explain its contents, apparently trying to show that it was not so. I was not able to determine what it was they were discussing, but felt that God's word as given in the paper was subject to the divine promise, "My Word shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Another evening I was occupied with a number of men who gathered

around, when a young man asked me for a copy of the "paper." A woman stood behind him and heard him ask for the paper, and seeing him take it and begin to read, touched him on the shoulder, saying she was going straight home and would tell his mother. The poor fellow became so embarrassed that he began tearing up the paper into small pieces and dropping it at his feet.

The children continue their interest and ask when we are going to change the pictures. They appear to get a good deal of pleasure out of guessing whether the next exposure will be a picture or a sermonette.

#### By Philip Englander

Another season has passed by, wherein we were privileged to behold His goodness and manifold blessings in our work, testifying to the saving knowledge of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Everywhere, in their homes as well as in the shops, on the street corners, and in business places, all over we have found right-minded people who would listen to our message of a personal Savior, based on the Old Testament Scriptures.

True, we had some bitter opposition to endure, yet we have always heard His blessed words, "Fear not, I am with Thee." Glory to His blessed name.

Visiting a tailor shop, right in the Jewish district, I found it was the slack season, and as they had no work, the men were playing cards (without money of course) just to pass the time. As I stopped near by for a moment, I was asked whether I would like to join them. "No," I said, "my time is too valuable for that. If you are willing to put the cards aside, I will show you a much more profitable way to spend your time." The

game soon ended, and I gave to each one a tract to read.

While reading them, one man supposed to be the presser, asked me in a very bossy tone, "How dare you give such stuff to Jews, haven't we troubles of our own?" "Yes," I said, "and that's why I brought you this to relieve you of your troubles. Christ said in Matthew 11: 28, 'Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls.'" "Rest," he exclaimed, "rest in your Jesus! Don't you know what rest we Jews always had since He came and because of Him?" "No," I said, "it's not because of Him, and it is not since He came. As a nation we always had troubles long before Christ ever came. Troubles with Haman, troubles with Pharaoh, and troubles with Amalek, which were only because of our sins, as foretold in Deut. 28: 15-68, and that's why Christ came to take all our sins and punishment on Himself. But," I continued, "if we still have trouble it's because we have not accepted the ransom He paid for us and consequently we ourselves have to pay it."

These simple words calmed them to such an extent that they intelligently listened to the whole plan of God for the Jews, especially through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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When visiting a family, whose son was cured in our dispensary, I offered to the householder some of our literature to read, and when he looked at it, he gave me a sharp look, and said, "You people gave a book of that sort to my son in your dispensary. He brought it home, and I almost killed him for it, and now you are bringing me another one like it. Did you make a conspiracy to try and convert my family?" "Have you read any of our books," I asked? "No," he sharply answered. "Then how can you judge

without knowing what's in them?" "Is not Jesus in them," he exclaimed! "Yes," I said, "but Jesus is also in this Christian country, and you choose to live here, rather than in non-Christian Russia, where they would massacre you. If so, why then are you so angry at that name?" "We are Jews," he said, "and that's all." "So much the better," I insisted, "because the Jewish Bible, and the prophets, spoke of Him as the Messiah."

At that he quickly hurried into another room and I sent up a word of prayer for further guidance, but to my surprise, he brought in a part of the Bible, the Pentateuch, saying in a softer tone, "Here is the Bible; show me even one place therein, speaking of Jesus." I asked for the whole Bible, which he hadn't, but he gave me also the book of Psalms, wherein I showed him, while standing, (he wouldn't sit down with me) what the second Psalm says of the Messiah, bringing evidence from the eighth verse, that it means nobody else but the Lord Jesus Christ, who is even called in the twelfth verse, the Son of God. He looked, and looked, once at me, and once at the Psalm. Oh, how he wished at that moment that this second psalm had never been in existence.

Mr. D. was really ashamed of himself, and finally we both sat down and discussed several Messianic prophecies. Some of those prophecies he remembered by heart. Yes, his anger thoroughly disappeared. He took two tracts and put them deep into his pocket, and the word sown went deep into his heart. He even shook hands with me, before leaving. Truly God's works are wonderful.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." —Isaiah 1: 18.

## JEWISH NOTES

On Sunday, July 23d, the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America issued a proclamation calling on all of the Jews of America to celebrate "the greatest event in Jewish history since the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, the ratification of the mandate by the Council of the League of Nations." This means that all the nations of the world have practically approved of and accepted the program of the late Dr. Theodore Hertzl, formulated at the first Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland, twenty-five years ago. A few of the objects of that program were, to create for the Jewish people a publicly, legally assured home in Palestine and to strengthen Jewish sentiments and national self-consciousness. At that time Dr. Hertzl said, "This may be a dream, but if you will it, it will be no fairy tale." In the estimation of the Zionists all this has now come to pass, and therefore there was joy and shouting and merrymaking among them all over the world.

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The Jews have been greatly stirred up over a statement issued recently by Harvard University regarding the number of Jewish students to be admitted in the future. The Jewish papers denounced it as an indication of anti-semitism, and contended that such discrimination against the Jews is un-American. They declared that they were not fighting for the Jewish students whose education was denied them in Harvard University, for those students will obtain education elsewhere, but what they were after was "Americanism". Institutions of learning, they said, can only flourish amidst democratic surroundings. We thought we saw an opportunity to use these incidents for the furtherance of the Gospel among the Jews, and so in the September issue of "The Shepherd of Israel" we asked those Jewish editors what Americanism they themselves

are showing when they persecute a Jewish Christian, and what consistency they exhibit when they incite their Jewish readers against a converted Jew.

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Since the assassination of the Foreign Minister Ratinow, a Jew, anti-semitism in Germany has been growing to a still larger extent and more bitter than ever before. Prof. Einstein, the author of the theory of "Relativity" had to flee from Germany owing to serious threats; and he is still in hiding. A number of prominent Jews are booked for assassination in the near future. Germany's rabid anti-semitism was expressed in a poem recently written and published in Germany, which runs as follows:—

Lord God, again let Moses come,  
That he may lead his brethren home  
Into the Promised Land.

Then let the sea once more divide,  
And like two walls on either side,  
Ordain that it should stand.

And then when it is surely seen,  
That all the Jews are in between  
Then let the sea upon them fall,  
That peace at last may come to all.

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The Soviet Government has been also persecuting the Jews; Jewish schools have been forbidden, and nearly every phase and tenet of the Jewish religion have been outlawed. Some rabbis who stood up in defence of their religion have been sentenced to two years in prison. These religious persecutions were laid before the League of Nations for consideration, and it was reported that the League was going to make an investigation. All the leading rabbis, therefore proclaimed the 23d of August to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer. An appeal was also sent to American Jews to do likewise.

Ever since the time of the Middle Ages, it has been a custom among the Jews to proclaim a fast whenever they were undergoing horrible persecution.

In the year 1171, the blood accusation was brought against the Jews of Blois, a city in northern France, and on Wednesday, Sivan 20th, (May 26) 1171, thirty-four Jews and seventeen Jewesses were burnt at the stake. Rabbi Jacob Tam, of Rameru, a grandson of Rashi, decreed that the day on which the martyrs were put to death should be observed as a strict fast and a day of mourning.

In the year 1240, Donin, a French Jew converted to Christianity, brought charges against the Talmud before Pope Gregory IV. The Jews were compelled under penalty of death to surrender their copies of the Talmud. The Talmud was put on trial and four noted rabbis of northern France were ordered by the king to hold a public disputation with Donin, whose Christian name was Nicholas. The four rabbis summoned were Yechiel of Paris, Moses of Coucy, Jehuda ben David, of Melun, and Samuel ben Solomon of Chateau-Thierry. The disputation lasted three days, during which time the Jewish congregations fasted. The commission condemned the Talmud to be burned, but the order of execution was not carried out until a Friday in Tammuz (June, 1242) when twenty-four carloads of the precious tomes were brought together in one spot in Paris and publicly burned. The day was set aside as a fast and for years after pious Jews commemorated the anniversary of the burning of the Talmud by fasting.

Gonzalo Martinez de Oviedo, who had been a poor knight, was the recipient of the favor of King Alfonso XI of Castile, through the intervention of Don Joseph of Ecija, who stood high in the esteem of the ruler. Gonzalo, who subsequently became minister of the royal palace and Grand Master of the Order of Alcantra, in 1337 conceived the plan of depriving the Jews of their wealth and expelling them from Castile. Don Moses Abudiel

heard of this plan and he called upon the Jews to institute public fasts.

The Black Death, the terrible plague which began in 1348 and ravaged Europe for three years, was laid at the doors of the Jews, who were charged with having poisoned the wells as well as spreading other poisons. The unfortunate Jews were subjected to the most terrible persecution and again they took refuge in fasting.

About a century later, in 1421, from September 8 to 11, which occurred between Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur, the German congregations assembled for solemn mourning and fasting and again for three successive days after Succoth in that year because of what Jews suffered while the Hussite war was raging.

Then came the days of Chmeilnicki (1648 to 1651) and Jews were made to suffer horribly. Once again they turned to fasting and prayer. And even in modern times in periods of great stress, the rabbis decreed special fast days.

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The American restriction on immigration has diverted to Argentine a large flow of persecuted Jews from Europe. The founder of Jewish settlements in Argentine was Baron De-Hirsch, who spent vast sums of money in buying land in the above named republic and settling Jews there. Since then the Jewish immigration there has been increased so that now there are 100,000 Jewish people, most of whom are land tillers. But now, as a result of the American restrictions, the Jewish population there has been growing rapidly so that it is estimated there will be over 300,000 Jews there very soon.

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The Reformed rabbis of America, at their last convention decided that women may be ordained as rabbis. There is no limit to the liberties which reformed Jews are taking with regard

to Jewish traditions. According to the Orthodox Jewish religion, it requires ten men to make possible the performing of prayers in the synagogue; and a woman cannot be counted as a person in such a quorum. But these Reformed rabbis do not care for these sacredly held traditions of the Jews; they not only have done away with the requirements of the quorum, but now they have admitted women to become teachers and preachers in the synagogue. Those Reformed Jews always try to imitate Gentile practices; in this case they have imitated the Salvation Army; but they are not very consistent, for they do not want to imitate the Salvation Army by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour!

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Prof. Albert T. Clay has discovered a small clay tablet which conclusively proves the Hebrew origin of the story of the flood as told in Genesis. The higher critics have been harping for a long time that Moses took that account from the Babylonians, and that he paraphrased the code of Hammurabi. The conclusion of Prof. Clay is that the story of the flood was a part of the religious narratives of Abraham's people long before the Babylonians took it over into their own traditional lore. Thus Prof. Clay's labors throw new light on the earliest stages of the history of modern western religions. It shows a pure Hebrew origin for the Hebrew biblical story and provides a new chapter to

the dramatic history of the people of Noah. The tablet is written in Hebrew in Cuneiform.

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Louis Stern, senior member of the great department store firm of Stern Bros., New York, died in Paris, on June 23rd. He was seventy-five years old. For many years he was identified with the Reformed Synagogue, Temple Emanuel, on Fifth Avenue, but in 1908 he resigned from the Board of Trustees and membership, because he had been unjustly criticized in a sermon. He was charged with breaking the ancient traditions of the Jewish faith in permitting his daughter to marry a Christian, Baron de Grafenried. What a strange combination these reformed Jews are. Toward women they are so liberal that they admit them into the pulpit, and toward men they are bigotted to the extreme.

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A Jew by the name of People Perutz, died recently, and left a will in which he charged his children as follows: "I desire my family to maintain the traditions of our forefathers for centuries past for honest and straight dealing. None of our ancestors were engaged in the business of usury, and that pursuit should be strictly avoided by my children. They should remember that they have grown up in the religion of Judaism and that it is my intense desire that they should continue to live up to the principles of an enlightened and self-conscious Judaism".

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For General Fund .....	\$15,677.80
For Relief to the Poor .....	493.50
For Literature Fund (Bibles and Tracts) .....	152.74
"The Chosen People" (Subscriptions) .....	965.80
Dispensary Income Account .....	644.55
For Work Among Children .....	89.50
For "Shepherd of Israel" .....	1,359.47
For Plaza Branch Account .....	522.00

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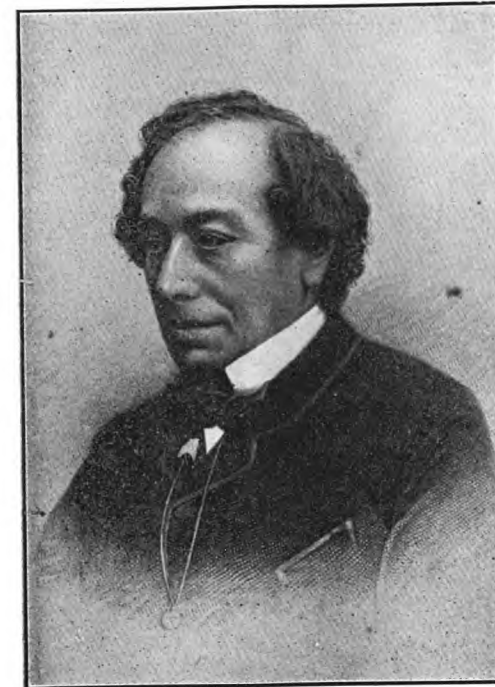
## A ROLL CALL OF JEWISH CHRISTIAN NOTABLES

### I. Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield

Benjamin Disraeli was born in London, on December 21st, 1804, and died there April 19th, 1881. There are so many biographies of this distinguished statesman that we will not need to dwell very much upon his political career because we are more interested in these brief stories in the Christian testimony of the various celebrities concerning whom we shall write. Suffice it to say that Lord Beaconsfield was one of England's greatest sons and statesmen, and the greatest ornament of the Jewish people of modern times; it was Disraeli who achieved politically two of the greatest triumphs of modern history, the establishing of Queen Victoria as Empress of India and

taking over of the Suez Canal for England in such a way that it has given England ever since an unshakable grip on the eastern trade and has enabled her to occupy the most strategic positions in the safe-guarding of her vast interests throughout the world.

Disraeli was the first Jew to be ad-



Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield

mitted to Parliament. So great was the feeling against the Jews that this victory can only be considered as a most remarkable one; when he made his first appearance in the House of Parliament, the word "Jew" was hissed at him from various parts of the great hall; rising to his full height, his body bent forward in great emotion and his index finger pointing

scorn to those who had cast the sneer, he exclaimed, "Jew! Yes, I am proud to be a Jew; for while your forefathers were painting their bodies with the poke berries they found by the River Danube, while they were drinking the blood out of the skulls of their enemies they had killed, while they were savages in the jungles, my forefathers were worshipping the living God and singing the psalms of David. You will not hear me now? But the time will come when you will hear me, and you will hear me gladly." And true enough the time came in the career of Beaconsfield when not only his peers heard him gladly, but Queen Victoria lavished upon him honor upon honor and all England fairly worshipped him.

At the early age of thirteen, Disraeli accepted Christ and confessed Him by being publicly baptized in the Anglican Church, shortly after the death of his grandfather. As he grew up and became more engaged in the pursuit which he had chosen for his life calling, that of statesmanship, he never lost opportunity to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. He was an ardent church member and wrote many tracts and books in which he tried to show both to the Jews and to the Christians that the only hope for the Jewish nation lay in their accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Indeed it was Disraeli who established the national support for the Anglican Church because he felt so keenly the importance of maintaining in the nation a strong Christian indoctrinating agency. Just a quotation or two from the voluminous output of his pen in his aggressive defense of Christianity, will be interesting to our readers:—

"Christianity is completed Judaism, or it is nothing." Page 287, Douglas' Forty Thousand Quotations.

"Christians may continue to persecute the Jews and Jews may persist in disbelieving Christianity, but who can deny that Jesus of Nazareth, the

incarnate Son of the most high God, is the eternal glory of the Jewish race." From the Life of Lord George Bentinck.

"The pupil of Moses may ask himself whether all the princes of the house of David have done so much for the Jews as that Prince who was crucified on Calvary. What success did they anticipate from their Messiah? The wildest dreams of their rabbis have been far exceeded. Has not Jesus conquered Europe and changed its name into Christianity? All countries that refuse the Cross, wither." From Lord George Bentinck.

The life story of Lord Beaconsfield has a peculiar interest for us because it has become notoriously true that whenever one talks to a Jew or a so-called reformed Jewish rabbi concerning Jewish Christians of the type of Disraeli, one is immediately confronted with a general and blatant denial that there ever was a Jew of any prominence who became a Christian. Doubtless many of our own readers have met this argument. A well known Reformed Rabbi here in the east has a stock lecture which he insists on giving whenever he finds victims willing to listen to him, in which he always brazenly makes the false assertion that "there never was a Jew converted in all history who amounted to anything." But here we have an actual historical fact as to the life and religious faith of Benjamin Disraeli, a fact which cannot be controverted by any amount of brazen denials. And the best way to meet these denials is simply by presenting the facts and allowing these facts to speak for themselves. Disraeli's name will live forever, not because of any innate ability that he may have had, but solely because he was a believer in and a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?" Romans 11: 15.

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The work is carried on locally and nationally. Locally, two stations are now maintained in Brooklyn, (see page 2). Meetings are held for adults, and for children. A Medical Department is maintained to assist poor Jews. The Poor Fund enables us to relieve the distress of deserving Jews and to give a practical demonstration of Christian love. The Literature Fund is used for purchase of Hebrew Bibles and Testaments and to print tracts in Jewish. Mr. Cohn has written seven Jewish tracts which have been used of God to the conversion of many. A complete schedule of the local activities will be found on page 2.

Nationally, our efforts are directed to the evangelization of the Jews throughout the United States. This is being accomplished by means of our field secretaries who come into personal contact with Jews in their travels, by means of thousands of letters, tracts and Gospels mailed by us to

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