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As the object of the American Board of Missions to the Jews is to reach the entire field of American Jewry, it is our desire and purpose to establish Mission stations in such important Jewish centers as may be in greatest need of a Gospel testimony, consistent with the Lord's will, as evidenced through His provision of workers and funds. This work of national evangelization of the Jews is further being accomplished by our Field Secretaries, who come into personal contact with Jews in their travels; also by means of letters, tracts and Gospels mailed to selected lists of Jewish names in practically every city and many towns of the United States; and finally by our Yiddish-English monthly paper, *The Shepherd of Israel*, which has a large circulation among the Jews in all parts of the world.

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page 2) the Board also maintains a Home for Jewish Christians. The plan of work for all stations calls for the maintenance of Gospel meetings for adults and children; a medical department to assist poor Jews; a Poor Fund, to enable us to relieve the distress of deserving Jews and to give a practical demonstration of Christian love; a Literature Fund for the purchase of Hebrew Bibles and Testaments and to print tracts in Jewish. Mr. Cohn has written eight Jewish tracts which God has used to the conversion of many.

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Question. *I have been told by a professor of Yale that the prophet Isaiah wrote only part of his book, that is to chapter 40. Who wrote the latter part?*

—Mrs. H. B. S.

Answer. It would be interesting to hear that professor name the author of the second part of Isaiah. We know that the entire book was written by Isaiah. When the Lord Jesus preached in the Synagogue at Nazareth we are told by St. Luke 4:17, that they gave Him the book of Isaiah and He found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." This text is found in Isa. 61:1, which is the latter part of the second half of the prophet Isaiah.

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Question 1. *Who are the Sons of God? Gen. 6:2.*

Question 2. *Please explain Heb. 6:4-6.*

Question 3. *Please harmonise Hebrews 11:5 and Hebrews 11:13.*

—W. A. K.

Answer 1. In Job 1:6 we find the expression "Sons of God" referring to the angels who do God's will and are beloved of Him as His children. The Hebrew for sons of God means, children of God, and is applicable to godly people who believe in, love Him and live

in accordance with His pleasure. In this sense, the words "Sons of God" or rather children of God, are used in Gen. 6:2. Those that were religious and counted as children of God became corrupt as a result of marriages between them and the godless. The word "men" used in the clause "daughters of men" is in Hebrew "adam," meaning earth, which is used for those who have become alienated from God. Marriages between children of God and those who are His enemies have always been the most effectual means of decaying the very vitals of godliness, and have incurred the curse of God upon them.

Answer 2. This passage refers to any person who has been enlightened in and convinced of the truth of the Gospel, with respect to the way of salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ, and rejects willingly and deliberately, the doctrines of the Gospel. However, it does not refer to one who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as a great sacrifice for sin and acknowledges faith in Christ as the divine revelation, though he may have unfortunately backslidden from any degree of God's salvation.

Answer 3. The words "these all died in faith" in verse 13 do not apply to Enoch mentioned in verse 5. The proof is found in the clause "not having received the promises." Enoch had not received any promise.

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

## Salutation

*Dearly beloved Friends:—*

By the time this reaches you the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ will have passed. However, it will not be entirely inappropriate to convey to each one of you our sincere wishes for this joyful season, for the believer in the Lord Jesus feels joy in the heart, not only upon a set day or season, but upon every remembrance of that most wonderful victory over death of the Son of God. Whenever we reflect upon His great triumph we feel like exclaiming with Moses, "I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously". Ex. 15:1.

### PAST AND FUTURE

One of our converts asked if there is a hymn which describes the glorious things believers will enjoy when the Lord Jesus comes to meet them in the air. This brother is one of those who "love His appearing", 2 Tim. 4:8, and likes us to sing about it at our services. As we reflect upon the past when our Lord Jesus Christ purchased our pardon with His own precious blood and rose up from the grave on the third day for our justification our hearts are made glad and happy in His triumph. And when we turn and gaze into the future, discovering on its near horizon the return of our victorious Lord and Saviour in glory, we feel an emotion of ardent happiness inexpressible. Our joy of salvation given by His work in the past, is not severed from the great delight He will afford us in the future, for they blend in our hearts, thrilling our spirits, over the recorded promise of God to His children.

"For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, besides thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him." Isa. 64:4, 1 Cor. 2:9; Rev. 21.

### A SIGNAL-LAMP

There are strong reasons why we, of the present generation should anticipate a near realization of all the promises involved in the second advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to all the signs, as the return of a large number of Jews to Palestine, the current apostasy in the Church and the falling away, etc., etc., there is one outstanding signal-lamp, arranged with slides of various colors, as red, green and white, which indicate danger, caution and safety.

The Jews are that signal-lamp. In their movements, caused by God's dealings with them, we read certain portentous tokens. At present the hearts of the Jews are trembling. Their anxieties are great, for they are surrounded by serious troubles on all sides. To give our friends some idea of the present situation of the Jews, we quote here from the *New York Times* the following article:

Economic anti-Semitism has placed millions of Jews in Europe on the brink of disaster and starvation, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, chairman of the executive committee of the American Jewish Congress, declared in a report he read yesterday at a meeting of the committee in the Hotel New Yorker.

Dr. Tenenbaum said economic anti-Semitism was rampant in Eastern and Central Europe, and was a more destructive weapon than mere anti-Semitic agitation. He declared surveys in the European countries have disclosed widespread suffering among the Jews.



The survey, he said, had revealed a revival of the anti-religious persecution in Russia. In Lithuania, he declared, the plight of the Jew was most deplorable, and "alien legislation" was designed to aggravate still further an intolerable situation.

He read from the report that in Poland 3,000,000 Jews were facing economic disaster. He added that many Jews in Poland had committed suicide because of intolerable conditions.

In Roumania, "much has to be done to satisfy even a modest conception of Justice so far as the status of the Jewish population in the political and economic field is concerned."

Of Germany, he said: "The Jewish population, numbering 600,000, formerly one of the most prosperous branches of Jewry, has become destitute, intimidated and submerged in bleak despair. Jew-baiting and Jew-beating are the order of the day. Synagogues are being defaced, cemeteries desecrated and, in the province of Thuringia, a special clause has been inserted into the prayers of school children, supplicating the Divine Power to keep out of the sacred soil of the German Republic the 'alien races,' avowedly Jews."

"In Hungary, Jews have been dismissed en masse from productive establishments."

Dr. Salomon Flink of the City College of New York delivered an address on "German Jewry Today."

Bernard C. Richards, executive secretary of the American Jewish Congress, reported that the organization had been concerned with anti-Semitic manifestations in the United States. He also said the congress was participating in a joint conference with other organizations on the subject of discrimination in employment, as well as investigating on its own initiative, through its various committees, discrimination against Jewish college students and in employment.

#### WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

Now, please read Jer. 30:5-7.

"For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: It is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it."

It is therefore clear that the present inimical attitude of the peoples of the world toward the Jews is a sort of preparation for "the time of Jacob's trouble." God is working mysteriously His wonders to perform. It would hardly be appropriate to suddenly turn the hearts of the people against the Jews, as it were, over night. So He prepares the way gradually. God has always been accomplishing His plans and wonderful works in a way hardly noticeable by human beings. "Jacob's trouble" is, according to the Scriptures to take place during the "Day of Jehovah", "the day of the Lord". Isa. 2:12; Joel 1:15; 2:1; 1 Thess. 5:2. It is the time of the great tribulation under the dreadful reign of the beast of Rev. 13. Otherwise we can hardly understand the spirit of hatred displayed by all peoples and nations against the Jews. From a human point of view the Jews ought to be highly esteemed and respected. It used to be the strongest argument of the Zionists that if the Jews settle down in their own country, Palestine, and establish there the great Hebrew University, they will get great prestige, be considered of great importance among nations, and will not be persecuted any more. Now all these things with regard to gaining a home in Palestine and the Hebrew University have been realized, but where is the prestige? The Jews have produced some of the so-called greatest men in the world, like Einstein, etc., and from that standpoint alone they ought to command great respect. It is therefore plain that this Jew-baiting is by permission of God in preparing the way for the great day of judgment and tribulation which will take place after the Church is caught up. This certainly signifies that the end is near. Then there will be no more opportunity to preach the Gospel to Jews. Now is the time to do so.

Faithfully yours in His service,

LEOPOLD COHN.

*Answer.* You will notice the word "about" in both passages. Some time, about half an hour or so, must have passed between Pilate's delivery of the Lord, referred to in St. John 19:14-16, and the crucifixion.

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Question. Please explain I. Cor. 15:29.

—G. DeB.

*Answer.* The Jewish converts at that time impressed upon the minds of the Gentile converts at Corinth the Jewish tradition from which there had not yet been time for them to get weaned. The custom was and still is among the Jews for the sons to repeat a daily prayer in the synagogue for their deceased parents, and if there are no sons, a stranger is hired to do so. Talmud Sanhedrim 104b teaches that the son by his meritorious deeds can justify his dead father for whom the deed is done. Judas Maccabee offered sacrifices for those that died in the war. 2 Hasm. 12. In this sense the Gentile Christians at Corinth adopted the rite of being baptized for the dead parents believing that this would help their parents' souls in heaven. Now the apostle asks them, if they do not believe in anything real in life after death, if everything is ended with the death of the body, why then be baptized or try to do any service for the dead since there is no hope beyond the grave? Thus, he proves that their own actions instructively prove that there is a life beyond.

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Question 1. How would you go about working with a few Jews you know, Christianizing them?

Question 2. What is an Orthodox Jew's way of knowing he is going to Paradise?

Question 3. Was David saved before Psalm 51?

—J. H.

*Answer 1.* We have a little tract entitled "Personal Work Among the Jews" treating on the subject. Please write asking for a copy and it will be mailed to you.

*Answer 2.* The ancient rabbis prescribed quite a number of ways and means. One school of rabbis taught that repentance and good works of a Jew

create for him an intercessor in heaven, and if there are nine hundred and ninety-nine accusers and the one intercessor pleads for him, he is saved. Shab. 32a. This is a wrongly based on Job 33:23-24, which refers to Christ. Another, "the works of benevolence become agent of peace between God and the sinner, B. B. 10a. These and many other invented theories could not satisfy the Jews whose later rabbis placed some new speculations before the Jews, in order to calm their troubled consciences. For instance one of the many late views is that a son by repeating daily in the presence of ten Jews, a short prayer called Kadish, saves the dead father from hell fire, in about a year's time. Nevertheless, there is not a Jew in the world who can say definitely, "we know that we have passed from death into life." I. John 3:14.

*Answer 3.* When David appeared before Saul to propose that he be allowed to go to kill Goliath, Saul said to David, "Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for thou art but a youth." But David made answer by telling Saul a story, "Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him . . . The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." So the answer to your question is that certainly David was saved before the terrible incident repented of in Psa. 51, otherwise God could not have helped him slay the lion and the bear and later on Goliath.

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Question. Please explain Joel 3:21.

—D. R.

*Answer.* In Verse 19 there is a two-fold accusation against Egypt and Edom, robbery (violence in English) and murder (blood). In verse 21 God tells us (literal Hebrew) "even though I would hold them guiltless for the robbery, I will not absolve them for their shedding of blood." The Hebrew word (nekasi) (e as in here, a as in day, si, as in sing, accent on second syllable,) is of the same root as in I. Kings 2:9, "thou shalt not hold him guiltless." Also Ex. 20:7, "will not hold him guiltless."

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

There are some things I would like to know.

Question 1. *The great Red Dragon; who is he?*

Question 2. *The Wail in heaven; what is it?*

Question 3. *The Antichrist; who is he?*

Question 4. *The counterfeit trinity?*

Question 5. *The Mark of the Beast; what is it?*

—MRS. I. M. Z.

*Answer 1.* The Hebrew for dragon is "tanin." It signifies sometimes whales, or large fishes and at other times venomous serpents. Gen. 1:21; Job 7:12; Isa. 13:22; Jer. 9:11; Ezek. 29:3. In Ezek. 29:3, Pharaoh is called dragon on account of his great wickedness. In the New Testament the dragon refers to the devil. Rev. 12:9. On account of his great strength and bloody cruelty against the saints he is called "red dragon."

*Answer 2.* There is no wail in heaven. Rev. 1:7, "and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him" is not in heaven, but on earth, at the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, as it is also foretold by Zeck. 12:10. Again Rev. 18:9-15-19. "the merchants . . . shall stand . . . weeping and wailing," likewise will take place on earth during the tribulation under Antichrist, when rebuilt Babylon will be destroyed.

*Answers 3 and 4.* Antichrist is the "man of sin" 2 Thess. 2:3, and the dreadful beast. Rev. 13:1-10. The devil will dwell bodily in the serpent, and will therefore be able to do wonderful things. the devil himself counterfeits the Father dwelling in His Son. The second beast of Rev. 13:11-18, will counterfeit the Holy Spirit. This antichrist will be revealed soon after the translation of the saints I. Thess. 4-15-18.

*Answer 5.* See Rev. 13:16, 17. Those who refuse to follow the Lord Jesus now will be compelled to worship the beast, Antichrist, and be distinguished as the follows of the devil by receiving a mark on the most prominent part of the body, "their right hand, or their foreheads."

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Question 1. *As the Jewish Calendar seems to be double, one sacred and one civil, the first beginning in the spring about*

*March and April (Ex. 12:1, 2; Dent. 16:1) and the civil year beginning in the autumn with the seventh month of the sacred year, was not the civil year an after arrangement which came into use after the sacred year?*

Question 2. *Do you suppose the time of the sacred or Bible year coincided with the records of the days of Noah? And do you think the flood then began on the 17th day of Zif, the second month and the ark was grounded just five months—150 days—later on the 17th day of the seventh month? Compare Gen. 7:11, 24:8:3, 4.*

Question 3. *Is it not a wrong innovation for the nations to take steps as they are planning to do, to change the months and years so as to disturb the regular weekly cycle by introducing their blank day scheme? The Bible recognizes only twelve months in the year. Compare Esther 3:7; I. Kings 4:7; I. Chron. 27:1-15.*

—S. H. C.

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*Answer 1.* Yes. There are different opinions as to the reason why they adopted the system of dating the new year in the autumn. The Greeks, Babylonians and the Persians began the year in spring, while the Semites in general began the year in autumn. In Jewish literature the autumn new year is called "the regnal year." Josephus, "Ant." 1:3 Para. 3, writes: "While Moses appointed Nisan to be the first month for the sacred festivals and other solemnities, he preserved the autumn reckoning for transaction of business." We believe that the word of God is true and all those various opinions to the contrary are not true. The Jews, for some material reasons had to imitate their Semitic neighbors.

*Answer 2.* Yes. There are those who argue that on an autumn reckoning the flood would coincide with the beginning of the rainy season. This would limit the power of God to a natural course. God is able to bring a flood in spring as well as in autumn.

*Answer 3.* It is wrong. We hope it will not be carried into effect.

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Question. *Is the sixth hour in Luke 23:44 and John 19:14 the same time of the day?*

—G. T. M.

## EDITORIAL

**The Pope Goes on the Air.** "The Prince of the Power of the Air" takes on a new meaning since the Pope started to broadcast. Such a fuss, such a blare of trumpets, such an advance barrage of cleverly planned newspaper propaganda, all are the cumulative evidences that Rome is still Rome, and that a foolish mob-crazed world is fast preparing itself for the terrible days of the Beast.

And then the Pope's "Greetings" to the world! Just listen to a few sentences:—

"We are the first successors of the Prince of the Apostles to whom it has been given to speak to all nations and to all places."

"We, having guidance of God on earth of all those who are on earth, it behooves us to speak to those of the Catholic Church."

With all vehemence, we spue out of our mouth every word of this false arrogance; and we can only say as did Michael the Archangel, in his dispute with the devil, "The Lord rebuke thee."

And the tragedy is, that so-called Protestantism, with its many organizations, its great leaders, its delusions of world power, dares not open its mouth. Nor does there arise a Luther once more to hurl defiance to a usurping Romish Hierarchy. On the contrary, the very "leaders" of Protestantism, to whom Christians look for protection, are often to be found in the ranks of those who shout the loudest in praise of "our brethren of the Latin communion." But you never hear Rome talk of "our brethren of the Protestant communion!" Rome is positive, Rome never has any doubts, and Rome declares, "We have the guidance of all those who are on earth."

And the newspapers! What volumes of praise their columns carried concerning this broadcasting event: "The greatest event in history;" "Pope stirs the world in first Broadcast," and other similar headlines filled front page columns in practically every newspaper in America. And the Pope himself, surrounded with all the trappings of royalty; the finest Radio station in the world, a gift of Marconi; the fanfare of trumpets, "His Holiness" comes! What does the Lord Jesus Christ think of all this? He who was born in a stable, and died a shameful death on the cross!

So the mob is being shrewdly trained and prepared to worship the Beast in that day when the devil is let loose upon the earth. This is all as foretold in Scripture. The end cannot be far away. "Lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh."

**Birth Control.** Now comes a new pronouncement by the so-called "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America," this time giving "guarded approval" to the theories of Birth Control. Such a piece of effrontery as this ought to give pause to those who are continually harping upon the desirability of a "United Protestantism." For here you have a self-constituted group of determined men who announce to the world that they represent "over 20,000,000 Protestants;" and yet so far as we can learn, not one Protestant denomination has ever delegated to this group a single power of representation!

And the pity is, that so far as this affects the Jewish work, it must be understood that to the average Jewish mind, which knows nothing of the intricacies and chicanery of organization methods in America, this self-assertive "Federal Council" does really come as a "United Protestantism." And the Jew really thinks that all the Protestants are in favor of Birth Control; while, contra, all the Catholics are opposed! And the Jews know their Bibles well enough to know that many children are a blessing, and not a curse.

It is your fault, dear reader, if you knowingly support movements which only undermine the Word of God, and bring His cause to shame. Practically every denomination is giving an annual appropriation, tucked away somewhere in the "Budget," to this "Federal Council," which speaks great things. It is your business if you are a faithful steward of the Lord's money to find out whether your denomination is giving a single dollar to such an organization, and if so, you cannot as a true child of God, give your approval.

"There will be plenty of money for the Jewish work," wrote a dear friend recently, "when the Lord's people realize they have been giving to the wrong things." And what a wealth of truth is in that little sentence! For, isn't it just the giving to the wrong things



that has sapped the life blood of the Church? It's worth thinking over.

**A Jew in the Vatican.** As we go to press, the *New York Times* has today printed on its front page the following remarkable incident: Naftali Fried, a white-bearded Jewish fish and vegetable merchant from Polonia, a small Carpatho-Russian town, who has achieved some repute as a Hebrew scholar, today received an appointment from the Pope to go to the Vatican as librarian of the Vatican's Hebrew library and as Hebrew instructor to the young priests attached to the Holy See.

Mr. Fried accepted this post, unusual for a Jew, on the understanding that the Vatican would provide for him a kosher kitchen, permit him to abstain from work on Saturdays and Jewish holidays and make arrangements to provide for him a religious quorum required for Jewish services. To these conditions the Vatican has given its consent, and Mr. Fried will shortly leave for Rome, together with his family.

Some months ago the Vatican decided to reorganize its Hebrew books, particularly on modern Hebrew literature and rabbinical literature, and to appoint a librarian. The Vatican communicated with Dr. Emanuel Friedman, dean of the rabbinical seminary in Frankfurt, Germany. Realizing that no recent graduate of the seminary would fill the Vatican's need, Dr. Friedman began searching through his old records and came across Naftali Fried's name.

Before the war, Mr. Fried, a poverty-stricken young man, had sought admission to the seminary, and Dr. Friedman had dissuaded him from coming to Germany and prevailed upon him to remain in his local rabbinical seminary. In the meantime Mr. Fried was writing scholarly dissertations and sending them to Dr. Friedman for approval. When the request of the Vatican came, Dr. Friedman recalled Mr. Fried and communicated with the Vatican.

After an exchange of correspondence between Mr. Fried and the Vatican, which was entirely in Hebrew, Mr. Fried agreed to accept the position on the terms named.

**As a comment** on this remarkable report, we may say that there is an old Jewish proverb which reads, "When you need the thief, you may even cut him down from the gallows."

And the English adage which corresponds to that is, "Necessity knows no law." So when the Pope needs an outstanding Hebrew scholar he takes the hated Jew. And, conversely, when the Jew is hungry, he will eat even pig. Sometimes people find it hard to believe that the Jews will ever worship the Antichrist, or that they will be willing to compromise with the Gentile nations as to who shall be the idol for worship. But even from this incident with the Pope's Library it is evident that when the Jew is driven to a point of necessity, he will abandon, at least for the time being, all principle.

**Enough.** We rejoice to report that so generous was the response to the story of the conversion and baptism of the two young men in Atlantic City, that enough and more has been received to pay all the expenses for the entire year of 1931. Certainly this is wonderful evidence of the Lord's approval of the step we took in sending these boys to the Moody Bible Institute for training.

One of the young men, Mr. Orenstein, however, found it impossible, because of his scanty knowledge of English to continue at the School, and he found also the English course too hard for him. So he has returned to Atlantic City to resume his secular work and he will testify for the Lord Jesus Christ as he has opportunity day by day. This leaves the other young man, Mr. Ben Kolton, who is continuing faithfully in his studies and in his daily testimony to Jews and to Gentiles. Reports from the School are very encouraging, and we feel that this young man will make a worthy servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The money which we have received will be used toward the expenses of Mr. Kolton, and there will be some left over which will be applied to our other young Jewish convert, Charles Feinberg, who, you will remember was brought to the Lord Jesus Christ through our Pittsburgh Mission. He is also in preparation now for the Lord's work, having had a university education. We are arranging to send him to Evangel Theological College in Dallas, Texas. The president there is a dear friend, Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer. Will you not please pray for these two Jewish young men that the Lord's blessing continue upon them and that they will both become faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

larities, than from any given and accurate data." In an article in *The North American Review*, vol. 23 (1826) pp. 72, 73, Harby asserted that "in the New England States there can not be more than three or four hundred in all; in Pennsylvania, about the same number; in New York, about nine hundred and fifty; in Virginia, about four hundred; in North Carolina, about four hundred; in South Carolina, about one thousand and two hundred; in Georgia, about four hundred; in Florida, thirty or forty; in Louisiana, about one hundred and making a large allowance for the scattered and unknown, I think six thousand the maximum."

Mr. Morris D. Waldman spent four months in Europe studying the political and economic situation of the Jews in Central and South Eastern Europe. About the middle of last month Mr. Waldman reported the results of his four months' study, to the American Jewish Committee. In the course of his trip to Europe he visited Roumania, Austria, Hungary, Germany and other countries. The Jews are the greatest sufferers from antiminority discriminations practiced by Russia, Poland, Turkey and Lithuania, and most of the Governments in the area he toured. He said that the equality of rights accorded by the Peace treaties to persons belonging to such minorities has been little more than nominally achieved.

At a banquet given in honor of Mr. Ussishkin, one of the Zionist officials, as a farewell fete, the New York Jews that were present pledged to purchase a 40,000 dunam tract of land in Palestine (about 10,000 acres). The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

In addition to the continuous reports coming to the American Jewish Com-

mittee about Anti-semitism which has placed millions of Jews in Europe economically on the brink of disaster and starvation, there has come a new report of Anti-semitism in America. At a meeting of the Hias (an institution to help Jewish immigrants) Mr. La Guardia as an invited guest delivered an address in which he said that the State Department has joined with the American Congress and the Ku Klux Klan to back a bill which will reduce the immigration 75% and is especially designed to block Jewish immigration. He stated further that a prejudicial anti-Jewish, feeling, which has become an obsession exists in Washington. Poor blind Israel, they read in their law of Moses, Deut. 28:37, "and thou shall become . . . a byword among all nations," etc. "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" And yet they do not want to realize that the Word of God is being fulfilled in them, but thanks be to God for the Remnant.

A Jew in Paris donated anonymously 325,000 francs, for the purpose of spreading Jewish truths through the publication of books and tracts on the Jewish religion. Consequently there has been organized a publication society for that purpose. This is a challenge to Christians all over the world.

The leading Jewish paper in Russia called "Emes" has expressed strong disapproval of the efforts taken by individual Russian Jews to usher in the Passover celebration. The Jewish Tribune remarks, "It is a sad commentary on human weakness that the very partisans who protest against 'an opiate of the people' are themselves so thoroughly drugged with their own credo as to urge the destruction of every other human value."

## JEWISH NOTES

The Jewish Tribune reports that Anti-Jewish feeling has been evidenced in Montreal. A newspaper kiosk on a busy street of Montreal bears the inscription "Buy your papers from French Canadians, do not buy from Jews." This is the first of the municipally controlled kiosks which have recently been established by the city. This act is interpreted by many as a move to drive Jewish news vendors off the streets. The Jewish Eagle, a local Yiddish daily newspaper, is demanding legal action against the city authorities responsible for this offense.

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Much criticism has been hurled by some Jews because of a statement attributed to Dr. John R. Mott of the Inter-national Missionary Council. Dr. Mott had expressed the kindest of feelings towards the Jews but also had insisted that "missionary work among the Jews was a duty in spite of all protests." Of course in saying this, Dr. Mott was uttering the only logical statement that he could make if he is to be at all a true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ because the one command which the Lord gave to His disciples was "Preach the Gospel to every creature" and of course the Jew comes under that category.

But this has aroused the temper of the Jews and they are accusing Dr. Mott of insincerity and they are protesting against what they call the "proselyting propaganda of the International Committee on Christian Approach to the Jew." Rabbi Schulman said that "until absolute equality of the dignity of Judaism as a religion is acknowledged by the Christian Church, there can be no talk of a good will movement."

On the other hand a Mr. Clinchy who has some affiliation with another so called good will movement towards the Jews, which is fostered by the

Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, takes up the cudgels in defense of the Jews, and by the same act evidences treason to the Lord Jesus Christ, by making the public statement, that "for Christians to talk about expressing good will towards the Jews, and at the same time plan to annihilate Judaism through proselyting, shows a total ignorance of the laws of human behaviour."

Poor deluded Jews! And poor cowardly so-called Christians! If these Christians really knew the Gospel and knew the Lord Jesus Christ, they would also know that of course these Jewish leaders do not want to have the Gospel preached to themselves nor to the mass of Jews. They hated the Lord Jesus Christ, shall they do less than hate us who are His followers? Is it not strange that these "good will" professionals do not understand or rather will not understand that the Jew without the Lord Jesus Christ is just as much lost as is the poor heathen without the Lord Jesus Christ? For the Holy Scriptures of God tell us that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

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It is interesting to read statistics with regard to the number of the Jewish population in the United States away back in the earliest years of their settlement in this country. As precision in this matter is impossible, we must take the statistics in the form of estimates. Several such estimates were made at the beginning of the last century. In 1818 Mordecai M. Noah figured 3,000, while Solomon Etting, in 1824, estimated their number to have been doubled to 6,000. Two years later in 1826, Isaac Harby stated that there were "not more than six thousand." This estimate was derived "rather from comparative corol-

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

## Our Detroit Mission is Dedicated

By MISS EUNICE PERKINS

On Sunday, March 8th, the Detroit Branch was dedicated at a beautiful afternoon service. One week previous to the dedication, a three day conference was held in the Temple Baptist Church, made possible through the generous hospitality of Dr. Johnson and his people.

The first meeting of the conference, the afternoon of Sunday, March 1st, was a most heartening beginning for the series.

When we arrived, some few moments before time to open the meeting, the large auditorium was fast filling with interested friends and the very atmosphere seemed charged with an eager sympathy for the great cause which had brought us together.

Then we heard the masterful address by Mr. Joseph Cohn. The people listened almost breathlessly and were incidentally receiving instruction that was new to most of them, which will bear fruit, we trust, in all our lives in behalf of Israel. It was a great meeting.

On Monday night, Mr. Zimmerman was the speaker at our Conference, telling, by request of the audience, the story of his conversion in Russia and his subsequent banishment by his father to America. It was a powerful address and we would have been glad if Mr. Zimmerman could have remained with us throughout the Conference but we are trusting that he experienced travelling mercies on his journey westward in his new car. May God continue to bless him!

Tuesday night another splendid meeting, with Mr. Cohn speaking to a large audience; and Wednesday night was the greatest meeting of them all. Dr. Johnson presided; his prayer meeting had merged with our meeting and the Spirit of God, even the Holy Spirit, seemed to pervade the

whole vast assembly and to be doing His work in all our hearts. After Dr. Johnson spoke briefly, but so fittingly, as he always does, Mr. Cohn answered conclusively from God's own Word the question which was the subject for the evening, "Is God through with the Jews?"

The Detroit Secretary, "yours truly" was called to the platform that last night after the speaker had finished, and voiced very briefly a note of praise to God for what He had done and is going to do, and also a plea for much prayer for the new Mission.

The people responded nobly with their gifts, especially in these times of limited means for nearly everybody; and we believe they are not forgetting to pray for us. Please do not forget.

On Thursday, Mr. Cohn went with me to call upon the dear invalid lady to whom we referred in the March number of this magazine. This lady, a young matron, had been given some money by a wealthy friend, with which to add to her own comfort and pleasure in her affliction; but she had given it joyously to our Mission as the greatest possible contribution thereby to her own pleasure, insisting that she was sufficiently provided with all the necessary comforts. She is the type of "cheerful (hilarious) giver" whom "the Lord loveth." We are asking Him that the deepest desires of her yielded heart shall be granted soon, as may be according to His best love and wisdom.

Such a busy time as we had getting the new rooms ready for the Dedication! But Sunday arrived a wild stormy day, streets clogged and slippery with heavy wet snow; in spite of which, however, the little hall was filled with kind friends, some of whom came long distances. Our rooms were clean and bright and attractive, especially attractive because of two large bouquets of Spring flowers, one of which graced the window seat in the



midst of the display of literature, the other smiling down from on top of the piano. These flowers were furnished by the same dear invalid friend. How grateful we are for the gift of the lovely piano and the platform and the special donation toward hymn books and to the dear brother who gave his time and service to help secure our chairs and deliver the platform!

The Rev. Roy Ewing Vale, D.D., the new Pastor of the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church, had perhaps the busiest Sunday since he has come to Detroit. He was scheduled for five meetings, yet he would not permit us to call him gracious when he came at our request and gave the special address at the Dedication service. He told us we were conferring a favor on him by asking him. We shall not forget his sympathetic, encouraging, earnest message and we pray for him and for the great church over which he is the under-Shepherd, located in the midst of the district in which our Mission labors. We wish that every Church Pastor would have the kind spirit and the big heart toward Christ's work in behalf of Israel, that Dr. Johnson, Dr. Vale, Rev. Aldrich and Rev. Kehrl have evidenced.

After the singing of two hymns, Mr. Cohn called on the Rev. J. N. Kitching, Mennonite minister, another staunch friend of Hebrew evangelization, to lead in prayer. The message by Dr. Vale followed, after which Miss Kingsley sang that searching hymn, "What are you doing for them?" Mr. Cohn spoke briefly, then gave those in the audience opportunity to speak, some of whom responded. Announcement was made of a prayer meeting at the Mission for every Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, several people promising to meet with us, then in the closing prayer, Mr. Cohn dedicated the rooms to Our Lord Jesus Christ to be used as He directs in His service

to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

Sunday afternoon, March 15, a Young Jewish girl was received into full membership in the Metropolitan Methodist Church, only half a dozen blocks from the Mission. Some of the most spiritual ladies in the Church are intimately interested in this dear girl and she counts us of the Mission her friends.

One of the volunteer workers has a class of five Jewish women who have asked to study the Bible with her. These are cultured women, college graduates who seem to desire not merely intellectual gratification but to learn to truly know God. How we should pray for them and for her who directs their study!

We hope to start classes for the children and the mothers this week. More about this, later.

And so, our new Mission has been launched on the sea of the religious life of this great city.

Because nothing worth-while is accomplished by might nor by power, but only by the Spirit of the Lord of hosts; and because, knowing our absolute and utter weakness, we are leaning hard upon Him; we are expecting great and mighty things of the Mighty One and we are confident He will not disappoint us.

"Then will I go unto the Altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy." Psalms 43:4.

We cannot close this report without voicing special thanks to Dr. Albert Johnson and the people of Temple Baptist Church, who opened to us wide doors of hospitality, at great sacrifice to themselves; to Pastor Roy M. Aldrich of the Central Presbyterian Church; to Pastor Kehrl, of Beulah Baptist Church; and to Dr. Vale. All of these brethren have given us a hearty and loving "God speed," and all are with us in prayer and sympathetic fellowship.

### "A Pocketful of Money"

From far off Brazil comes such an interesting letter that we must give it to our readers almost in full. It is a personal letter written by a friend who used to live here in Brooklyn many years ago and knew intimately in those early days many of those who were the nearest and dearest to us here in the Mission. This dear child of God has been doing, as the Lord has given strength and ability, missionary work particularly in reaching the unevangelized in South America. But in doing that work she has not forgotten the privilege and the opportunity of reaching also some of the lost sheep of the House of Israel. She writes us some remarkable experiences in this direction, and we want our readers to share in the blessing of the letter with us:—

*Dear Mr. Cohn:—*

Thank you for your letters of April 1st and 2nd, enclosing that beautiful message by Mr. Sutcliffe. After reading it, my heart rejoices because God has caused me to, at least, pray for Israel and that is part of my life. Mr. Guberman and others who work in Israel are much on my heart, and I should be more than glad to help materially and substantially if He enabled me to.

On ship board some years ago, the Lord converted a young Jewish law student who was on his way to a health resort in Germany.

On another voyage, after addressing the passengers, a sad looking man said to me, "Madam, you say that Jesus Christ is a Friend. I surely need a friend. I am an English Jew, and a musician. I invented a new piano and went to New York to sell the patent, spending all my savings and hoping to become rich. No one was interested. I lost everything. My wife and children in London are destitute. I am only able to return to England because a charitable man paid my passage. I go home empty handed, my life is a tragedy."

Conversing further, he accepted the Lord Jesus, with tears, and went his way.

The day the ship was entering the Mersey, he came to me and said joyfully, "Do you know what my Friend Jesus Christ has done for me? Last night, hearing that there was to be a concert and that there was no pianist able to play song and violin accompaniments I volunteered to play them. The concert was a success and they were so pleased with my playing, that they took up a collection for me and now I go home with a pocketful of money."

On still another voyage, while addressing the people, I noticed a puzzled looking man. Next day he came and spoke to me on deck, and asked for a conversation. He was French and did not understand one word I had said, "But" he said, "I could see that you were talking on a subject that you are strongly convinced about. What is it?"

"Christ" I answered.

"O, I don't believe in Christ, I am a Jew!" I asked, "Are you a true Jew? Do you believe Moses and the prophets?"

"Of course" he said. Then I got a Bible and opened to a prophecy and asked him to read it out loud. He did so, and said he did surely believe that. Then I opened the New Testament to the fulfillment of that prophecy and he read that aloud too. So, one by one, he read prophecy and fulfillment.

Next day he came again to converse.

Each day, more Scriptures.

Some days later he said, "I am much troubled—I can't sleep—I don't eat. But I am not ill."

I said, "God's spirit is troubling you and showing you your Messiah and Redeemer."

Later he said, "I am perfectly convinced that Jesus Christ is our Messiah."

"Then, receive Him."

"Ah" said he, "that is the trouble! I love sin too well and do not want to give it up. I am going home to Paris and I want to enjoy life."

The day he landed at La Pallin I again exhorted him but he shook his head and put his fingers in his ears and so bade me goodbye, running away.

With greetings (to all the dear servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, who labor with you in His name)—according to Hebrews 13:20, 21, I am

Faithfully yours,

K. H. Y.