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JEWISH NOTES

By LEOPOLD COHN

Ever since the promise of God recorded in Gen. 22:17 that Abraham's seed will be multiplied as the stars of the heaven and the sands of the sea, the Jews have always been interested in the increase of their own people. Thus we find many Old Testament passages in which the people are numbered. The numbers of every tribe and the able warriors among them are recorded. Unto this day therefore the Jews have kept statistics of the numbers of the Jewish family (they all are considered one family). Dr. Rupin the noted statistician, gives the number of Jews in the world as 16,000,000. This number when compared with other nations, as for instance, Norway with 2,750,000, Denmark, 3,500,000; Bulgaria, 5,000,000; Greece, 6,000,000; Portugal, 6,000,000; Sweden, 6,000,000; Holland, 7,000,000; Belgium, 8,000,000; Hungary, 8,500,000; would make the Jewish people by far superior to all of them numerically. The difference is that the Jews are scattered all over the world, without a country and without a government of their own. However, this recent and large increase among the Jews when compared with the statistics dating

from the destruction of the Temple, is impressive. At the time of the destruction of the Temple by Titus there were left only 4,000,000 Jews; then came the wholesale slaughter of the Jews and their scattering over the world. This caused a great decrease, so that in 1170 A. D. we find only 1,500,000 Jews in all the world. In the year 1300 the number had increased to 2,000,000. In the year 1500 there was a decrease, for they numbered only 1,500,000. From the year 1500 to 1840 there was a gain of about 3,000,000, so that they reached the numbers they had at the time of the destruction of the Temple. Thus, during the 1800 years since the destruction of the Temple, the Jews really had not gained, but barely kept their own. But from 1840 to 1930 there was a tremendous jump from 4,500,000 to 16,000,000. The Jewish Prayer Book has a prayer which reads "From then until now we have been killed, slaughtered and butchered, we have been left a small number, stepped upon, kicked and bitten and lonely, robbed and wounded, distressed and trampled upon by the enemy's feet, soiled with the dirt of the earth, rejected and forsaken, torn by lions and bears, broken to pieces by all ravenous beasts." But, is there not something significant for the child of God to ponder on, that in these last days God has rapidly increased the population of Israel to the unprecedented total of 16,000,000?

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN

Shearing Samson's Locks. Even in the dark hour of world depression, may we express to you, every one of our dear friends, our earnest wishes and prayers for a New Year permeated with the joy of His presence, so that your experience shall be that of Psalm 30:5, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." And if it should so be that before the year 1933 shall have rolled away into eternity, we who are His shall have heard the sound of the trumpet, and shall have been suddenly caught up to be with Him forever, what a morning of joy that will be!

We are omitting the usual Monthly Letter by my father this month because of the length of the present Editorial article, and our conviction as to its importance in helping the child of God to understand some recent rather bewildering events. For the Church of Christ has been betrayed; and betrayed in the house of those who profess to be her friends: and Satan rejoices.

There is an organization, as our readers must know, which calls itself "The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America," and which boasts, but quite untruthfully, that it represents 20,000,000 Christians in America. This organization seems to aspire to the position of a perpetual and international Mr. Fixit. It dabbles in everything under the sun, and has a finger in every pie. It creates committees, and commissions, and investigations, and researches, and conferences, and throws out to the world its solemn pronouncements upon all and sundry subjects conceivable, with the finality of a pontifical encyclical.

For several years its titular head was the Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D. D. This is the Dr. Cadman who now conducts a syndicated newspaper column entitled "Everyday Questions," in which column he has repeatedly and frankly asserted that he is opposed to "proselyting"; that if you are a Jew, be a good Jew, and you'll get to heaven; if you are a Catholic, be a good Catholic and all will be well. Of course any ten year old child knows that this is treacherously false, but popularity is popularity.

In more recent days, the President of this "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America" has been the well known Bishop Francis J. McConnell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop McConnell last year presided at a specially arranged meeting in one of the Methodist Churches in New York, on the night of the Jewish New Year. The purpose was to pay a compliment to the Jews, and to tell them how important they were. Taking part, and sitting on the platform, among others, aside from Bishop McConnell, were a Jewish Christ-rejecting Rabbi, a woman Theosophist leader, a Mohammedan-worshipping Arab and a lawyer known for his Communistic sympathies. All these joined together in a "unity of religions" meeting, and each praised the other's religion as being so fine. But we noticed that when the Jewish Rabbi expatiated on the glories of the Jews' future in Palestine, the Arab was not quite so happy about it; for soon after, the Arab took his turn at the flattery business, but instead of flattering the Rabbi, he practically told him that the Jews should mind their own business and keep out of Palestine, which belonged by right to the Arabs! And right there the "unity" was terribly stretched—dangerously near the snapping point!

Well, we have digressed, but, may we hope, for the enlightenment of our readers? What we started out to tell you was that in recent days two im-

portant pieces of treachery to the Lord Jesus Christ have been perpetrated on the Church, and it is necessary that the children of light shall have their eyes opened and be fully warned as to the significance of these startling occurrences. May it not be that just as Delilah betrayed Samson and finally robbed him of his secret power, so the unbelievers of the present generation have leaped into the saddles of the Christian organizations of our country, and are determined similarly to rob the Church of her power? Is it not true that the secret power which the Lord gave to the Church of Christ is to be found in the fact of the Holy Spirit? And is it not true that the attacks that have been made in recent years upon the Church of Christ have been with the one objective, to remove the Holy Spirit from His place, and to substitute a materialistic and rationalistic system of religion?

THE FIRST BETRAYAL

We find it in an article which appears in the "B'Nai B'Rith Magazine" of March, 1931, on page 192. The article is entitled "Are Christian Missions Menacing Judaism?" It is written by a gentleman by the name of Rev. Everett R. Clinchy, who bears the imposing title of "Secretary, Committee of Good Will between Jews and Christians, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America." In this article Mr. Clinchy himself tells us, as Dr. James M. Gray recently pointed out, "I am a Presbyterian Minister in good and regular standing." Here are a few paragraphs from the article which will give you the gist of the discussion:—

But why does the Christian missionary feel compelled to approach the Jews? Has not the Jew the Bible, the testaments of the patriarchs, the teachings of Hillel, the writings of later rabbis, a knowledge of Laotze, Confucius, Guatama, Jesus, and all other lives? Added to the normal cultural impetus, the Christian missionary to the Jew has the conviction (sometimes bordering on the pathological) that he has the only way of salvation. This is what missionaries mean by their duty to preach the news about that one way. Put most naively, as the story is in Green Pastures, mankind went wild some time after God made Adam and Eve, and God started all over again by sending a flood and saving only two of every kind. Still man chose evil more often than good. God pleaded with them through the prophets. Many of the prophets the people killed. Then God despaired over man, and for a time God ignored the earth. Finally, however, this merciful God decided that he had not done enough, and so God sacrificed his Son, that whosoever should believe in him should have everlasting life. The Christian missionary, if he believes this promise, says to God, like Gabriel in Marc Connelly's drama, "O. K. Lawd!" And so the missionaries have gone out into all the world. The one who believes in supernatural Christology couches his creed in more sophisticated terms, to be sure, but the fact is that *he believes it*, and he feels that it would be a sin not to go about telling everybody about the Gospel. There are missionaries pleading with Oxford University unbelievers, Chinese students, Gandhi's followers, Unitarians in the United States, primitive Samoans, distinguished Japanese leaders, Modernist Baptists, and Jews, to mention only a few categories. I have a missionary friend who writes to me from China; he is praying for my conversion to his particular Christology. (I am a Presbyterian minister in good and regular standing.) The missionary approach is not an insult, as some Jews believe; it is a state of mind.

Does the Good Will movement prepare the way for proselyting? Just the opposite. Goodwill is an antidote for proselyting. As Christian Sunday Schools learn what Jewish prayers are like—what Jewish homes, and religious schools, and places of worship are doing toward American character building, does anyone suppose that they will want to destroy Judaism? Not a bit of it! These children will grow up a generation which will respect Jews as Jews. Again, as church young people's societies examine their prejudices, call in a Jewish leader in towns all over the country, and these Christian young people learn what

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By LEOPOLD COHN

Apropos of King Saul

Mr. Norman Alfred Worrell takes exception to my opinion on Saul's salvation given in the May, 1932 issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, on page 12. He insists that because of disobedience and the sin of witchcraft, etc., Saul's soul was lost.

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Question. *Do you believe there was any form of life—as we know it—on the earth prior to Gen. 1:2? If so, what scripture confirms your belief?*

—H. F. S.

Answer. Yes. The first clause of Gen. 1:2 which reads "And the earth was without form and void" reads in the Hebrew "and the earth became without form and void." The same word "hoy-sah" which is translated "was" occurs many times in the Bible and is translated "became." For instance in Lam. 1:1 that word "Hoysah" is used twice and is translated "become"—"How is she become as a widow, how is she become tributary." The Word of God says, "God Himself that formed the earth and made it, He has established it, he created it not in vain (without form and void, the same expression used in Gen. 1). He formed it to be inhabited." This shows that there was a population on this earth before it became without form and void. However, owing to terrible sinfulness, God permitted a calamity to come upon this earth which wrought chaos and destruction.

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Question 1. *Where in the Bible is it recorded that a man fleeing for his life hid in a cave? When his pursuers reached the cave, they saw that a spider had spun a web over the mouth of it, etc?*

Question 2. *Are we now living in Rev. 18 and Jer. 51?*

Question 3. *Is Isa. 18 a prophecy of America? If not, where in the Bible can America be found?*

—G. W.

Answer 1. Evidently you refer to 1st Samuel 24:4-6. But the story with the spider is not written anywhere in the Bible. It is only a tradition that Saul found a spider's web over the opening of the cave and by that he judged that nobody could have gotten in there recently.

Answer 2. No, the fall of rebuilt Babylon will take place toward the end

of the great tribulation. Rev. 18.

Answer 3. Some people have tried to make the 18th chapter of Isaiah refer to America. The Bible must not necessarily make mention of every country and every part of the earth specifically, without some reason.

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Question 1. *Will you please explain John 20:23?*

Question 2. *In Gal. 4:14 we have the phrase Christ Jesus. In Gal. 5:6, Jesus Christ. I was asked the other day if there was any reason for this.*

Question 3. *I mean in the one Jesus is first and Christ in the other. Does not Christ mean Messiah or King? Are we right in calling Him Christ when we are not Israelites? Should we not call Him Lord? I mean we of the Church.*

—Mrs. F. D.

Answer 1. This is in connection with the receiving of the Holy Spirit in verse 22. It is, therefore, the power of the Holy Spirit through the ministry and human agency of the disciples of Christ that removes or seals sin. This is illustrated in the case of Peter and Cornelius as representing the Gentiles, Acts 10:43; Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13:46-48, and Acts 28:25-29.

Answer 2. There is no difference between Jesus Christ and Christ Jesus.

Answer 3. Yes, the word Christ is Messiah in Hebrew tongue. The word Messiah means the Anointed One. So it is not improper for Christians to call Him by that Name, because it is Scriptural. However the name Lord, Saviour or Redeemer is the most fitting name for a saved one to use, as "My Saviour, my Redeemer, my Lord."

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Question 1. *According to Ezekiel 48:35 how long was each measure?*

Question 2. *According to Matthew 25:31 are these holy angels here mentioned heavenly hosts or the bride previously raptured?*

—A. B.

Answer 1. A measure or a rod is six cubits, and 18,000 measures specified for the circumference of the city amount to between 25 and 30 miles.

Answer 2. All the saints previously raptured will reign with the Saviour and participate in the judgments. This is not the judgment before the great white throne in Rev. 20:11.

Miss Sussdorff, sang, "I need Jesus, He is the sinner's Friend." They sang as though this need had been met in their lives and they were in possession of the one great answer to every problem in the home as well as elsewhere, namely Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

Time did not permit for all who desired to hear praise and testimony; one man, a firm believer, arose three times to testify, but each time was unsuccessful; afterwards he told me, "Well, Jesus saw my heart, it is all right."

Mrs. F. arose to her feet and stirred hearts as she related the story of her life. How after a worker had come to her home with literature, explaining the truth to her, her heart had softened, but for fear of her husband she begged the missionary to leave to avoid any harm. Now she was praising God for many years of service winning other precious souls. She pointed us to the days soon dawning when all the redeemed shall go forth to greet the Bridegroom and shall gather at the marriage supper of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Many Hallelujahs followed.

Immediately following, a tall finely built gentleman arose to his feet, the husband of the woman who had just spoken. He told of how the Missionary had nothing to fear for he had God with him, and when we are filled with the love of God and go forth to win others we have the strongest weapon of defense. He bore testimony to having been washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Mr. Burgen of Philadelphia spoke briefly and introduced one of his recent believers. This man praised God for the light that had dawned upon his sin-darkened, alienated heart.

Mr. Pritzky, stirred to the depths, recalled experiences of early Mission days when Satan's attacks were felt

continually. He related how on one occasion when Mr. Englander was speaking he seemed to sense impending disturbance so he took his place beside Mr. E., thus bearing witness that he stood by in the event of any violence. We were amused as he told how they took him for an Italian as they whispered among themselves, "Italianer, Italianer," and became subdued for fear of him. All this was introductory to a strong appeal for consecrated service in this day when Rabbis are studying the New Testament, when the name of Jesus is not the hiss and the by-word as it was in days past.

The mothers sang again, this time in Yiddish, "Bist du Rein in dem Blut?" "Are you washed in the Blood?" The Fidelis Girls also rendered two songs. "Tell it Today," was requested; also "Sweeter as the years go by."

Praise to God for His unspeakable Gift in Jesus Christ was the theme of each testimony. To their faithful undershepherd Leopold Cohn they paid tribute after tribute and to his able assistant Mr. Englander and faithful Miss Sussdorff and others whose service has been that of standing and pointing, saying "This is the way, walk ye in it."

You dear reader, wherever you are, have had a big part in the sowing of seed, with your gifts, your prayers. And as we are privileged to see the increase we praise God for you, without whose help we could not have issued the proclamation to upwards of two hundred and fifty people, "Come, ye thankful people, come!"

ideals, what earnest efforts for good living, what philanthropies, and what an intelligent and powerful religion Jews possess, does anyone think that these Christian young people will want to ask Jews to give up their Judaism? Not by a long sea-mile!

Certainly this is shocking, and we think little more need be said than just to print the actual fact. The point that this Presbyterian minister in good and regular standing wishes us to understand is that anyone who undertakes Jewish Mission work is suffering from a state of mind that borders on the pathological! And there have been trusting Christian people who have actually believed that the Committee of Good Will between Jews and Christians, of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, was an effort to bring the Jews to Christ!

THE SECOND BETRAYAL

Thus, having now witnessed this astounding piece of treason as regards the evangelizing of the Jews, it was not a very great step, and certainly it was only logical, for us to expect to witness before long, the same attitude in the realms of the Church's obligation to the heathen. And surely enough, the Christian world has been recently treated to one of the most devastating denouements that it has experienced in fully a thousand years. It has taken this country almost by storm. We refer to the recently and widely published reports and criticisms put out by a certain Appraisal Commission which seems to have been sponsored by another group called the Laymen's Missions Inquiry. It seems that several years ago a group of men got together and, as the New York Times reports it, financed largely by Rockefeller money, determined to make a first hand "investigation" of foreign missions. Who these men are and what is their relation to faith in the Word of God, we are not informed. But the main point is, that they have now given to the world their "report" and again we see the spectacle of the Holy Spirit being ruled out of the Foreign Mission enterprise, and a form of Godliness substituted, without the power of revealed truth.

We are told that the Christian missionary on the foreign field must not press the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation. Christianity must no longer make quarrel with the other religions of the East. To quote further from a summary review contained in "The Literary Digest":—

"Christianity must make cause with the other religions against a common foe . . . the materialism of which Marx, Lenin and Russell are the Arch Priests. It must no longer make appeal for heaven through fear of hell. It must promote heaven here on earth instead of deferring hope beyond the grave. The 'heathen Chinese' to borrow a phrase no longer current in hymn or prayer, is not eternally damned because he knows not Christ. He is one of God's children too. What has the west done that it should be the teacher of mankind?"

"There is no ground for a renewed appeal for the support . . . of these Missions in their present form and on their present basis."

Dr. John W. Bradbury in a recent review of this report, says:—

"This is a shot at the very foundations of our Missionary efforts . . . It becomes evident that the Appraisal Committee of the Laymen's Foreign Mission Inquiry has a type of mind that thinks of the supernatural as superstition, and conceives that the function of religion is in completing the unfinished world view of science . . . This is a survey of missionaries from the humanist standpoint, and as such it is antagonistic to all evangelical conception."

Mrs. Caroline Atwater Mason gives also a review of this Committee's report in the "Watchman-Examiner," and then ends with this ominous obsequy:—

"As we lay them down a shadow seems to fall across these Appraisal sheets. Can it be the shadow of a devitalized Christianity?"

Yes, dear sister, it is not only the shadow of a devitalized Christianity, but it is Delilah shearing the locks of Samson. It is Satan working his master-

piece of accomplishing the unpardonable sin, the sin against the Holy Ghost, eliminating the Holy Spirit from the realm of the supernaturally established Church of Christ, and enthroning in its place a materialistic anti-Christian world philosophy.

THE PRICE OF TOLERANCE

Nor need even our easy-going middle of the road orthodox preachers and layman be surprised at these developments, for they are just as logical as the statement that two and two make four. When hardly fifty years ago the ugly head of higher criticism and its later sister, which we call today Modernism, but which should be more honestly called just plain infidelity—when this two-headed monster finally was revealed, and a new generation was growing up under the new teaching that the Word of God was full of mistakes, we were only sowing the wind. And just as surely as night follows day, we have now reached a point where we are reaping the whirlwind. The pity is that these poor deluded "tolerant" Christian leaders and laymen followed right along like so many sheep and helped forward the infidelity by passing on millions of dollars for these men to use with shrewd prodigality in the building up of colleges, and universities, and hospitals and schools of science among these heathen nations; thus they intrenched themselves in such a way that now the mischief is done, and they cannot be ousted.

All of this is in accord with a carefully worked out program, and we have only seen the beginning of what is going to happen in the days to come. It is the whole world getting ready for that great Prince that is to come, the Anti-christ! And what fodder for infidels, and what joy to Christ-haters, all of these developments bring!

Now to the honest child of God who reads these lines, may we say with the fervor and intensity of the man who is trying to get out of a burning building, "Child of God, awake!"

Has not the time come for scuttling the ship, for a clean separation from those who are dishonoring the Word of God? What right have you as God's child to help forward a machine that is designed to destroy forever all faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? A machinery that tells us that the religions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism and Confucianism, are all to be placed side by side with Christianity and then the whole mass molted into one fusion that shall produce a religion for all! Can the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ be the God of Hinduism? What a shocking and blasphemous thought!

We know that these lines will cost us heavily. Every time we write an exposé of this kind and try with an honest conscience before God to be faithful shepherds to those who look to us for spiritual help, there are always the incensed souls who write us all kinds of abuse and "Stop the paper" and "No more money from me!" But this is a matter far more important than money, and we have found that God is never bankrupt. Our one responsibility is to be true, the rest we leave cheerfully and confidently to Him.

A NEW REFORMATION NEEDED

Would that God would raise in these days of darkness a Luther or a Calvin who would storm the doors of these messengers of the Evil One, tear down their strongholds, and then raise up a standard for the true children of God to follow! The parting of the ways has come and we call upon God's children to cast out this unclean thing from them and to stand loyal to the Word of God and to refuse to support any system in the foreign fields or in the home fields which magnifies man, worships science, and dethrones the Lord Jesus Christ. Better by far to let the colleges in the Orient and the hospitals and any other institutions of learning, rot on their foundations, close their doors forever, than to continue one day longer helping to undermine faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

And through it all we are more and more convinced that in spite of these acts of treason, God is going to turn the hearts of many, many thousands of His people toward a vigorous and unprecedentedly intensive gospel effort among the Jews. More and more we are seeing that in the Jew God has wrapped up

Before parting we agreed to meet the following Sunday morning at the Tenth Presbyterian Church. At the appointed time he and his father came. He had a bright smile on his face. He said, "Mr. Burgen I've taken your suggestion. I've done what you told me to do." "Have you then accepted Christ as your Saviour?" I asked. "Yes," he firmly replied. Upon my questioning him as to when he did so he replied, "Last Sunday, after the meeting at the reading room." Inquiring what he would do when asked about his faith in Christ by those who would oppose him, he said, "I shall tell them to come and see."

As Paul of old we too say, "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6.

The Thanksgiving Dinner

Again your generosity made possible the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, and several hundred of our Jewish men, women and children came expecting, and did not go away empty. So just this word of thanks to each friend who had a part in making possible the Thanksgiving Dinner. We know that if you had been able to be present and thus if you could have seen for yourself the pleasure and the high tide of spiritual joy engendered at the meeting, you would have felt repaid many times over for the sacrifice. So great was the need this year for the actual feeding of the people, that again we had the dinner in two sections, one on Monday night before Thanksgiving Day, and the other on Wednesday night. The first one was for the children, the second one for the adults.

The following lines we have taken from Miss Biber's report, which will give you an insight into some of the doings "behind the scenes":—

The first dinner took place on Monday evening November 21st, when the Mission was host to its boys and girls. Tickets had been given out to members of the Thursday Sewing School, the Junior Fidelis class, the Sar Shalom Boys and to the children of the Wednesday mother's class, until the total number served was 128.

A silent listener might have overheard some tell-tale remarks such as "This is the first real dinner I've had in a month," thus proving that not only was enjoyment brought to pass, but a real need supplied.

After the dinner the children gathered in the auditorium for an illustrated lecture, by Mr. F. B. Cowell of Camden, N. J. The children had been praying a week before, that his coming might be a reality. At the opening service they sang heartily the many choruses and songs which they knew so well. Seven children ranging in age from 8 to 12 years offered prayer for "The Mission; for all who helped to make this evening possible; for the good dinner and everything; for Mr. Cowell as he brings the lecture." Mr. C. used the E. J. Pace cartoons appearing in the S. S. Times; and having them attractively colored, the attention of the children was held throughout.

The enjoyable and profitable evening closed with the Lord's Prayer after which they all said their thank-yous and went home.

Other "thankful people," the adults, came on Wednesday evening. Freed for a few hours from the burden and worry of life, these mothers and fathers gathered from far and near for an evening of physical and spiritual blessing. After a splendid repast, praise and testimony followed.

The mother's group was called upon to render song. They arose and under the leadership of their faithful servant

Gospel meetings by distributing circulars personally or by mail. Providentially one of these circulars fell into the hands of Brother Goldenberg while walking through a market in a Jewish neighborhood. At the appointed time he came to his first Gospel meeting for Jews.

For six successive weeks he faithfully attended the meetings, listening most attentively. At one time when spoken to personally he remarked, "I am seeking the truth, but as yet I have not found it. I am not satisfied with the past nor happy with the present, and as for the future, I do not know." He gladly received the New Testament in two or three languages, as well as tracts.

A remarkable change was soon very evident in the life of this son of Abraham and a growing interest in the Gospel most apparent. Then came the happy day when he openly confessed his faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. This happy day when he received Him as his personal Saviour was a March 9. Thus the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6.

As soon as his attitude toward the Gospel and his acceptance of Christ became known to his family, they showed their sore displeasure. Again the Scripture was literally fulfilled, "A man's foes shall be they of his own household" Micah. 7:6, Matt. 10:36. Through these years in spite of persecution and much opposition, our brother has been bearing faithful testimony to Christ—our Lord and our God. He is witnessing both to his family and to others as he finds opportunity. We bless the Lord that our labors are not in vain in the Lord. It is with thankful hearts that we inform you that one of this brother's sons has recently confessed his faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the youngest son, John. He is twenty-one. A little over a year ago John lost his work. He is a baker by trade. He tried to find employment at anything possible, but failed. Things became harder and harder. He became so discouraged that, rather than be a burden to his people, he disappeared. He left a note saying that they would hear from him when he was in better circumstances. His going away caused his family much grief and anxiety. They heard nothing from him for ten long months. Often when Brother Goldenberg visited our reading room he would get away by himself in the rear of our place to pour out his heart to God in behalf of his prodigal son and the other members of his family. We have often prayed with him and for him that they all might be remembered in the multitude of His mercy.

One day, late last summer, a young man of very pitiful appearance stopped at our window and glanced at the literature. Upon invitation he entered. We saw before us a weary, worn and wasted youth, but did not recognize him. He asked me if I knew him. I told him I did not, but that he looked familiar. He then told me he was John Goldenberg. He said that his people did not know that he was in town. He promised to go home that evening however. Before leaving he took the offered literature. Although he came to our Gospel meeting and was troubled he did not accept Christ. He told me after the meeting that he wanted to be sure of what he was doing. He did not wish to say "Yes" because he was urged to do so, but because he believed from the heart. I then suggested that when he got home he would kneel down alone and pray to God to reveal the Truth to him as it is in Christ. Then if God showed him the way, to accept Christ.

the destinies of mankind. Let us not be betrayed by those who seek to flatter the Jews, but would really damn their souls to a lost eternity. This may be God's last call to the Church of Christ to help bring about a Jewish awakening that God may use as the final means of world revival. The world is thus shaping up for the Antichrist, let us be busy while it is yet day, for the night soon will come when it will be too late.

We have felt so keenly the importance of the crisis we have been describing to you, that we are printing this Editorial in place of the usual article we have been in the habit of writing each January, on the subject of, "To the Jew first." After all, can anything form a more powerful appeal to give the gospel to the Jew first, than the facts we have produced here with their inescapable indictments? How long will the Church of Christ continue to disobey His command with regard to the Gospel program? To you dear friends to whom has been given the revelation of God for these closing days of the age, may we again bring the message of other years, that once more you begin the New Year, God's way, the first gift in the first month of the year, literally "To the Jew first." Again will come to you a renewed experience of His blessing and approval.

Retrenchment. With saddened hearts we report for the first time in our history a program of retrenchment. Faithful have been our friends; and the letters that have come to us telling of sacrifices in giving, of self-denials, of heart-breaking losses, these letters have brought the tears to our eyes many a day. So our own friends whom the Lord has called as our helpers, have given and given and given until they have literally poured out their all. And so far the Lord has not seen fit to raise new friends to make up for those that have found themselves unable to help.

So we are driven for the first time to a cutting and a shrinking of our work. First we must close up the work in Detroit, and this has been arranged for beginning with the first of January. Second we are shortening the Yiddish paper *The Shepherd of Israel* so that beginning with January 1st it will be published only once in two months instead of every month. This is almost a tragedy. And we are doing all we can to effect economies of administration. It has sometimes been said of us that we can make a dollar go farther than anybody else, and some people have really thought that because we were Jews we had some special magic in that direction! But, we are no better and no worse than other servants of the Lord in other enterprises, and all we can say is that we have truly tried to make every dollar do one hundred cents worth of work for the Lord. But now even with all the economy we still must find more ways to economize and this we are doing as rapidly as we can. It remains only to promise our readers that all of these retrenchments whenever they become necessary, we shall consider only as being temporary, and that just as soon as the Lord gives us the first evidence of renewed financial support, we shall be ready at short notice to resume, and even expand more than ever before, so that of us it may be true as it was true of Job in his latter days, that after the years of leanness and suffering and trials, "The Lord turned the captivity of Job . . . and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before." Job 42:10.

So, dear friends, pray with us, pray for us, and just as the Lord will enable you to send your gifts we promise you that the dollars will be put to use once more in enlarging and extending¹ the Gospel testimony to Israel in all parts of the world.

Mrs. Chattaway Resigns. Some two months before we found ourselves driven to the necessity of closing the work in Detroit, our sister Mrs. Chattaway, who has been our missionary ever since the opening, felt that for personal reasons she must relinquish the work. We understand she is now taking some special work at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago in further training for future service in the Lord's harvest field. We wish to record our sense of loss in her departure, as well as our appreciation of the faithful work that she did for the Lord in Detroit. Our best wishes and prayers will follow her as she gives further time to preparation for the Lord's work.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Edited by JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN

Good News From Pittsburgh

The Spirit of God continues to work mightily in our Pittsburgh Branch. Behind the scenes there is a group of faithful prayer-helpers who uphold the hands and labors of our missionary, John Solomon, and this fact surely accounts for the wonderful way in which God is honoring the faithful testimony given there. The most recent trophy of the Grace of God there is a young man by the name of Irving Mandel, who has now confessed the Lord openly and was publicly baptized a few weeks ago. It was my privilege to see him recently in Pittsburgh, and to talk with him. He is burdened with the conviction that he must yield his life to the Lord's work, and while he is now giving daily testimony to the Jews, he feels the need of a thorough Bible training. Here is his own word of testimony:—

"In my distress I sought the Lord." During the month of May I passed

through hard trials, not knowing that God was dealing with me. I confided my troubles to another suffering brother, who advised me to go over to a place called, "Beth-Sar-Shalom," and see the head man Mr. Solomon, "may be he could advise you what to do." It was very hard for me to go to a stranger whom I don't know, to burden him with my hardships. Yet, as I could not see any other help, I went to the above named place. It was a Friday evening before the service. I wanted to go away but the preacher said, "Don't go away, wait, you will hear a 'Drosha,' a sermon. It will do you good." I accepted the invitation half-heartedly, because my heart was overflowed with sorrow and troubles. "God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." As soon as the service began with the lively singing, and as I am a great lover of music, I forgot all about myself, and my attraction was the songs and the Leader's lecture. For a short time I found myself in a place where the "Thorah" was read out of Leviticus. "It is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul," and similar



A group of helpers and believers in Pittsburgh. Mr. Mandel is second from the right, front row.

remarks from the "Sedrah." It looked to me in the beginning too old fashioned; it reminded me of my "Chedder" days. Yet the earnest appeal of the preacher left an impression in my heart never to be forgotten, and the warm handshake proved to me, here is a place worthwhile to come again. I am glad to tell all my friends that I was drawn with cords of love, each time nearer to "Beth Sar Shalom," and to the Minister, who is now my teacher and spiritual father whom I love, and through the work of God's Holy Spirit I became convicted that I am a sinner and need a Saviour. Also through the teaching of God's Word, I am now fully convinced that Jesus Christ is my personal Messiah and Saviour and I am ready to obey His command and to be in His will. My desire is to study the Lord's Word that the Lord may grant me more Light and Knowledge, that I may be a blessing and shine to others is my earnest prayer. Pray for me.

Yours in Christ,

IRVING MANDEL.

Who would like to help send this young brother to the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago for a course of training to prepare for work among the people of Israel? Ask the Lord if He wants you to have a share.

A Prodigal Son in Philadelphia

By HARRY J. BURGEN

In a former issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE a brief account was given of the conversion of Mr. Herman Goldenberg, a Hungarian Jew. At that time he was about fifty-seven years of age. We rejoice in the Lord and bless Him that He not only saves but keeps. (Matt. 1:21, Jude 24). We are glad to report that our brother continues to be a faithful witness for Christ, our blessed Redeemer. He is growing in grace and in the knowledge of Him by Whom came grace and truth (John 1:17).

There are, no doubt, many of our friends who remember the above account, but to refresh your minds I

will briefly state God's leading in our brother's life from his youth. Also I wish to tell something of the Lord's dealings with Mr. Goldenberg's family. Having come of a line of orthodox Jews who were outstanding pillars of the faith, Brother Goldenberg at the age of seven had already made considerable progress in learning. He continued to manhood studying rabbinical writings, commands, precepts, "doctrines of men" (Is. 29:13), but knew nothing of the Word of God except some of the Mosaic books.

Although he became a teacher he was neither happy nor satisfied. He remained in his native country until 1906 when he emigrated to America. He settled first in New York City. Later he moved to Collingswood, N. J. He remained there for fifteen years. It was in this little town that he raised his three boys. They prospered in material things but had little thought of God and no knowledge of our blessed Saviour.

During these years Brother Goldenberg came in touch with some Christian people. They showed him kindness and by their invitation he visited a church where he heard a Christian Jew. Through all this time he had never read the New Testament though he desired to do so. He did not know that Christ claimed to be the Messiah of Israel nor that the Lord Jesus was the One of Whom it is written in the volume of the Book (Psalm 40:7, Heb. 10:7). He had heard that in the larger cities there are missions to the Jews. While visiting in New York City he tried to find one but without success.

Then days of unrest and depression came. His business began to fail and continued to fail until he had lost all that he had accumulated. Under these circumstances the family was forced to give up their home. They moved to Philadelphia seeking to establish a new home. We advertise our weekly