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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

Dearly beloved friends:

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people." Psalms 116:12-14.

For our nation, this is the season of thanksgiving. One day is appointed officially by our President, which is called Thanksgiving Day. Sadly enough, it has degenerated into a day of feasting, too often a day of gluttony, and a day of revelry. Too often, if our long-suffering Creator is remembered at all, it is with a perfunctory ritual of thanks, and then all is forgotten until another year rolls by.

But to the born-again child of God, Thanksgiving Day is a continuous all-year-round life. For every day we give thanks to our God, and every day we rejoice in His grace. Even in the midst of depression, and losses, and perplexities, we rejoice. The humblest home, with only a soup-bone on the Thanksgiving dinner table, becomes a palace with a regal feast, if only He is our unseen guest, and if He is the Head of the home. His presence it is, that glorifies any environment, and the lack of His presence dims the most brilliant luster of even a king's castle. He who possesses the Lord Jesus Christ in his heart, has a peace, a security, a joy which nothing in all the wide world can supplant. Job, his cattle gone, his money gone, his children gone, every material possession gone, and his very body covered from head to foot with horrible boils so that he loathed himself, was still able to say, "He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head. He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone; and mine hope hath he removed like a tree. For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:9, 10, 25, 26.

SATAN AT HIS OLD GAME

We are led to stress these thoughts particularly at this time because we have been receiving letters from some of the dearest friends of the Mission, telling of soul agony that can only be traced to the evil work of that Wicked One who soon shall have a period of full sway on earth. These temptations and trials are of such a nature that we cannot help but be the more profoundly convinced of the fact that the coming of our Lord is startlingly close at hand. The temptations to which we refer have been along two general lines, both of which must be traced directly back to the question Satan asked the original progenitors of the human race, in the Garden of Eden, "Hath God Said?" In other words, the effort is to break down faith in God and in His Word. Here, for instance, are a few sentences in a letter from a truly consecrated child of God, whose life has been an unimpeachable testimony to

his new birth: "I am in a fog. Every day I live in fear that I am a lost man, that there is no salvation for me." And from another letter, these few words: "I used to look forward so eagerly for the Lord's return; but now I dread to think of it, for it holds a horror for me; somehow I fear I shall be left when He comes!"

OUR CONFIDENCE

And we have answered over and over again, "It is surely Satan doing his utmost to destroy what little faith there may be on earth." But we know that Satan is powerless to snatch the soul of even the least of the Lord's own. The sure promise is "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." John 10: 28-30. In the words of the old and beloved hymn:

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, tho all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

The question reduces itself to the elementary fact of God's power. Not whether any one of us can hang on to God, but whether God can hang on to us. Was it not God that hung on to Abraham, rather than that Abraham hung on to God? And how much hanging on have the Jews done thru all these 1900 years? Very little. And yet God has hung on to them with a death-like grip that simply will not let them go until He has them once more as His people in Jerusalem! And if He has fulfilled, before the eyes of this unbelieving world, His pledges to Abraham, and to Isaac, and to Jacob, shall He not be faithful to those who have put their trust in Him? May we say, in the Lord's words, "Oh ye of little faith?"

FREE WILL NOT VIOLATED

When first you gave your heart to Him as Lord and Savior, something definite and radical happened: You were born again, in accordance with our Lord's declared truth, "Ye must be born again." John 3:7. That birth was in the spiritual realm, but just as valid and real as in the material world. You became a member of God's family, at first a babe, and then slowly growing up in the Grace of God. Now, nothing you can do, after this transaction, can ever change the fact that you are His child, sealed for eternity, to everlasting life with Him. You can't be unborn. It may be argued that this blessed truth robs man of his free will. But this is not so. You did exercise your free will on that day when you definitely accepted Him on the terms laid down in John 3:16. This was an honest transaction, just as much so as if you sold someone a piece of ground, gave him a deed, and took his money. You could never again claim that land, for it has passed out of your possession forever, and for a consideration. Yet you would never claim the loss of your "free will" because you could never again use the land you sold! It is true that when we are His children we sometimes disobey Him, and we do things far short of His glory. But for that He chastens us, from time to time, but never does it jeopardise our salvation. Hebrew 12:5, 6. And also there are degrees of reward in heaven for our works done here in the flesh as His servants or stewards. But again, this has no relation to our eternal salvation. Some one may raise the question at this point, "Then a Christian may sin all he want to, live a wicked life, and still be saved?" No, dear brother, a Christian who has been born again, will always love to do only those things that please Him. This is how we may know he is a Christian. Not all who profess His Name, are truly His. And only that great day will reveal who are the sheep and who are the goats. In the meantime, the law of the Kingdom is that the tares shall grow side by side with the true wheat until the great Reaper shall come for the harvest.

ISRAEL AN EXAMPLE

If there were "ups and downs" with God, surely Israel would have been destroyed many centuries ago. But no, Israel is called His everlasting nation: because God is the everlasting God. And so long as God preserves even one Jew in the world, so long will you have the sure evidence that He will not fail you.

So let us give thanks this year to the Lord of glory for His amazing grace to us-ward, seeing, as He enables us, with the eye of faith, the invisible; seeing those things which endure, and forgetting those beggarly elements that wax old like a garment and soon are cast away. The Lord has provided lavishly for your joy, for your assurance, for your peace of mind. Help yourself, it is all there for you, and it is all paid for. A story recently caught our attention, of a young man in Boston who had worked hard and saved carefully, until he had enough money for a long-hoped for steamship trip to New Orleans. The fare was so costly that he felt he could not afford to pay for his meals in the ship's dining room; so he took along quite a supply of crackers and cheese. This diet he lived on, until the last day out, when somewhat fed up on crackers and cheese, his stomach yearned for the luxurious fare of the ship's dining room. So he decided he would treat himself just to this last meal, and eat a first-class dinner, which he did. On his way out of the dining room, he stopped to pay his bill, when to his utter chagrin he was informed by the steward, "There is no charge; the price of your steamship ticket included all your meals!" So, brother, if you are not eating bountifully of the provisions God has set for you in the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the fault is your own—they are all paid for, help yourself. The Lord Jesus paid on the Cross for your full passage across the sea of life into Eternity, including all meals.

OUR OWN THANKSGIVING

We shall hope, to have some sort of recognition of Thanksgiving day at the Mission. If we should decide not to have the usual Thanksgiving dinner, because of the overwhelming crowds that come so eagerly, then we will substitute with cash gifts to our neediest families, so that at least on this day every mouth shall be fed. We count on your usual generosity, and will disburse just as liberally and as widely as you will enable us to do, to His honor and glory. As you see, from the reports of the work, poverty and distress are all about us, and this is also a part of our ministry, to help feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and see that the poor have the Gospel preached to them. We will do likewise for our Branches in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and overseas, if you will so enable us.

The work is continuing to have the evidence of our Lord's approval and blessing, and only lack of space prevents our giving you a "superfluity of abundance" by way of incidents and detailed reports. Keep on praying much for us—that is our only dependence. Without the prayers of His people, we must fail.

May this Thanksgiving season, therefore, be one of true thankfulness because we are nearer than ever to the event for which the whole creation groaneth—the shout of triumph when He comes for His own.

Ever faithfully yours in the fellowship of waiting for the adoption,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

The Hand of God on Our Pittsburgh Work

We visited Pittsburgh a few weeks ago, and were gratefully rejoiced to see how freely the Lord is pouring out the riches of His grace and blessing on our work there. Our missionary, John Solomon, has endeared himself to both Jew and Christian alike, and is greatly beloved. His humility and modesty in the Lord's work has won



REV. JOHN SOLOMON

for him the friendship and cooperation of a host of consecrated Christian people, and many of these are enrolled as volunteer workers in various activities of the Mission. Among the Jews, his whole-souled integrity of purpose and his devoted loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, have won for him respect and trust.

The Pittsburgh branch is now enjoying the full tide of the Lord's blessing. Our friends will remember that it was through this branch that our young brother, Charles Feinberg, found the Lord Jesus Christ and is now in

his closing year of study at the Evangelical Theological College in Dallas, Texas. Another convert of recent times is our brother Oscar Wago who has made steady progress in the Gospel. He is now assisting in the publication of the magazine "Christ Life", published by the Howard Banks Estate, and the Lord has blessed him in this connection.

Another recent convert is a young Jew who has made open confession in the last few weeks and who is now undergoing great trials, and needs our prayers. He has had two years of college education, is married and has two children.

From a recent report sent us by Mr. Solomon, we quote a few paragraphs so that our friends will have a glimpse behind the scenes and will see also what is the secret of the marvelous results obtained through the testimony of the Pittsburgh work:—

"Twice each week, on Friday evening and on Sunday afternoon a group of faithful workers meet regularly at the Mission hall, 1861 Rose Street. A half hour is spent in prayer, interceding in behalf of 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel', that the blessed Holy Spirit may melt their hearts, and bring a real conviction of their lost condition as sinners and their need of a Saviour, and reveal unto them Jesus Christ; the only Saviour and Redeemer.

As a united band of workers we march out to the usual street corner on Center Avenue. The singing of hymns brings the Jews near. Those in the very neighborhood take their seats on their doorsteps, and near the windows; others stand around us and listen very attentively to your Missionary as he speaks in the Yiddish language, followed by testimonies from the workers. Mrs. Solomon also speaks in Yiddish.

The monthly prayer meetings are the dynamos that kindle the hearts of the workers and friends of the Mission with the flame of the Holy Spirit to win these Jews for Christ. We usually invite ministers to address the assembly of the Mission. Two visit-

ing ministers have recently inspired us with their messages; Dr. Reid from Cincinnati and Rev. Wm. R. Newell of Florida, who preached for us twice; the Mission was packed to full capacity."

Another extract from a report of Mr. Solomon reveals how the Lord is using him not only through the Mission hall services, but also in responding to special calls for isolated and widely distributed cases of need:—

"Rev. W. M. Douglass, Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, asked me if I would not speak to a Jewish neighbor. He said, 'I have tried to speak to him but have not succeeded; will you come over and speak to him.' Arrangements were made to meet the Jewish gentleman at the Pastor's study. Each with Bible open, a number of scriptures were read, a message from heart to heart brought conviction, the Holy Spirit touched this Jew's heart. That very evening at almost 12 midnight this brother knelt down for the first time in his life, with us, in prayer unto Him to whom 'every knee should bow, and whom every tongue should confess as Lord of all'.

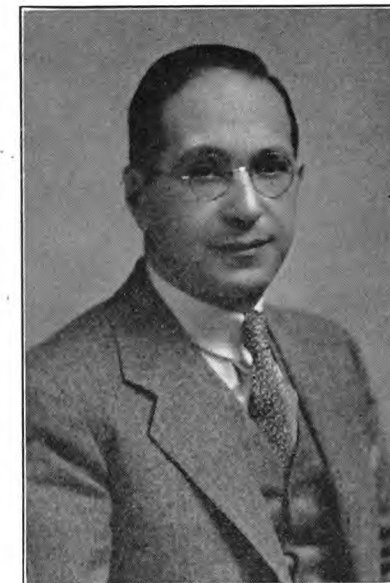
"Visiting around the Jewish neighborhood, I came in contact with a Jewish family estranged from God, and without hope in this world, so bitter were they against any religion that they would not listen to my invitation or message. Calling on them again and again I have learned since that the husband was ready to commit suicide that very night, but my few words had changed his mind and encouraged him that there is yet a hope for him and for his family and now he attends our Mission services ready to learn what the Lord Jesus Christ has for him and for his family."

Oscar Wago's Testimony

In connection with the conversion of our brother, Oscar Wago mentioned above, there has fallen into our hands a report of the testimony this brother gave last summer while he was attending the Bible Conference at Erieside, Ohio, conducted by our friend, Dr. Herbert MacKenzie. It seems that some interested friends

who were present when Mr. Wago gave his testimony took shorthand notes and later transcribed them, and we were given a copy of these notes. We are sure you will want to read the words of testimony, and so we will give them to you herewith:—

This is, indeed a happy occasion to see such a great number of Gentile Christians gathered together, whose



OSCAR WAGO

hearts are moved by the interest of winning the Jews to Christ. Just a year ago I stood before you, a three month's old baby Christian, to testify for our gracious Lord, Jesus Christ, and after a year's happy experience among the Jews, my brethren in the flesh, I today again testify that the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus is the same today as ever before.

I reaffirm with a "HALLELUJAH" that Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and praise the Lord that the attitude of the Jews of today has changed altogether from that of yesterday. It is my conviction based on facts, and practical experience, that

the masses of the Jewish people of today are turning towards Christianity and are listening to the Gospel of Christ as never before in the history of Judaism. The Jews of today, Orthodox or Reformed, have lost their former self-assuredness, they are sensing that something is brewing around them, and that the very ground under their feet is losing its solidity, therefore instinctively they are looking around for help and for a way which will lead them out from the threatening uncertainties of the future. The Rabbis have lost their grip on the Jews, which they held so firmly for centuries. Their influence even in the synagogue is less today than that of any minister of any denomination, and there is not a single outstanding leader among them whom they could or would follow.

The inborn instinct of the Jew, which has been mightily developed through the centuries of persecutions, is telling him that his future in so-called Christian countries is most uncertain, and because they are blinded and do not know their Messiah and my Saviour, as a way out of their precarious situation, many are turning to Atheism or Bolshevism. They know no better way, and today as never before, it is the duty of Christian people to help them out of their dilemma and show them the only right way which leads to the Lord Jesus Christ. But alas, it is with a feeling of great disillusion that I see the Church failing altogether in putting forth effort and using its God-given opportunity of soul-winning among the Jews.

While I represent the Pittsburgh Branch of the American Board of Missions to Jews, in the absence of Rev. John Solomon, I do not speak in any official capacity, but as a recent convert, led to Christ my Messiah and Saviour, by our beloved Brother Solomon. I feel it my duty to speak about

the wonderful work done by this Mission among God's Ancient People, and raise my voice that the Command given by the Captain of our Salvation, to bring to all nations, and to the Jew first, shall be carried out.

It will possibly be unpleasant for you to hear, among whom are many prominent leaders of the Church, but I have to put it straight before you, with the love towards my Jewish brethren, as the Lord put it in my heart, that you are not doing your duty towards the Chosen People of Jehovah. I have heard excuses for not bringing the Gospel to the Jews, but at best I can't say anything more for them than that they are unfounded. I have heard from many that the result of Jewish Missionary work is not in keeping with the money and effort expended, yet the truth of the matter is that the ratio of Jewish conversions, as compared with heathen conversions, is 7 to 2 in favor of the Jewish work, that is comparing the two fields, the money invested and the population of each. Also I have heard that the Jews would not listen to the preaching of the Gospel, but that they resent it sometimes violently. What a ridiculous statement that is! Hundreds of thousands of Jewish converts are the testimony that even in these days "there is a remnant according to the election of grace." In my own experience, as a young Christian, I am convinced that this excuse is without any foundation. As a regular attendant of the Open-Air Services of the Pittsburgh Branch of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, I rejoice to see that the Orthodox and Reformed Jews of that section of the City not only turn out in great numbers, and listen attentively and reverently to the Gospel message of Brother Solomon, whom most of you know personally, but enjoy the songs and testimonies as well; and many of them call at the Mission after

the service to inquire and to ask for literature. The indoor services are well attended by both Jewish believers and by Jews who would like to know more about their Messiah.

It is true, and I myself know of cases where the Jews not only objected to the Gospel, as it was put before them, but often violently resisted any preaching. Shall I blame only the Jews for this? Let me tell you, as a Jew, whose "heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved," the blame of these unfortunate cases or unfruitfulness of the work can be traced right to the doorstep of some of our so-called zealous Missionaries to the Jews, to their gross ignorance of Jewish psychology, to their impatience, and to their offensive methods. I am speaking from experience. I am thinking of a certain case which happened in one of the Missions to the Jews in a certain city of America, where a bowl of blood was put in the Mission window to call the attention of the Jewish people that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin." The intention of the Missionary, no doubt, was good, but how ignorant of Jewish nature and history that Missionary must have been, for the blood of the slaughtered ox placed in the window might have recalled many unfounded and unjust blood accusations for which the Jews have been severely persecuted and killed by the thousand, but would certainly not remind them of the blood of Jesus Christ shed on Calvary for the remission of their sins. Don't you see how even the best intention can do untold harm if not applied in the right way? Or another case where a certain missionary exhibited pictures ridiculing and condemning the Jews.

So if you ever hear the cry that a Jewish Mission is not effective and fruitful, take my word, that the "field is white unto the harvest" but the rea-

son for the fruitlessness lies in the way of the working-method itself.

Another factor in the fruitlessness of some of the Missions in regard to Jewish conversions, is the impatience of some of the best Christian people. It is amazing how some good Christians grow impatient and give up all further efforts if the Jew with whom they are dealing does not accept Christ after the second or third interview. I would like to ask some of those Christians and some of you who are listening to me, here, how many years it took till you accepted Christ, with all your Christian home surroundings and innumerable Churches preaching the Gospel? All was in your favor, and no persecution threatened you, as it does every Jew who accepts Christ. I praise the Lord that He was not as impatient with you and with me as we are with those Jews whom we would want to accept the Light.

Let me conclude with this; the divine order "ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," and the preaching of the Gospel "to the Jew first," and then to the Gentiles, has never been changed except that the Church has changed it against divine will. And if you pray for the salvation of China, India, Africa, and all the heathen, may you not forget to pray first for the "Peace of Jerusalem."

Pittsburgh's Urgent Need

We have given large space this month to the Pittsburgh work because we want to make a special plea to our Pittsburgh friends and friends living in the Pittsburgh district, to pray earnestly that the Lord may give us larger accommodations for Pittsburgh. There is only one room, which is in the form of a store, and this room is crowded to the doors week after week.

We ought to have a building with at least two separate floors, so that the work among women and children can be developed and carried on separately without interfering with the Reading Room and with the other activities for the adults. Will you not pray that the funds may be provided either for the purchase of a special building or for renting a suitable place? A few of the closer friends of the Pittsburgh work are much exercised over this great need, and they are holding prayer meetings regularly, to plead with God that He will grant enlargement to the work by giving us the roomier quarters that are now found imperative. Will you join them?

Who Has a Piano?

Our Philadelphia Branch is in need of a piano. The old one is so worn out that it is not worth repairing or even tuning. If any of our Philadelphia friends should have a piano to give to the Lord's service, will you not communicate with us, or telephone to Mr. Burgen directly at the Philadelphia Branch, Lombard 7725.

After Everything Else Failed— Jesus

Miss Sussdorff in her report of the summer work with the mothers at the Daily Vacation Bible School, included a letter she received from one of those mothers. This letter speaks volumes and needs no comment from us:

"This is not a story of mere words, but a story of a person's faith in God.

"Six years ago I was in my second year of nursing, when I was taken ill through overstudy. For weeks I was in bed, not eating or sleeping, only talking of things that never happened. For months I did not know what I was doing. I would sit for hours at a time and just stare. I paid a visit

to a very good friend of mine, a doctor of high standing. He advised me to take up art, which I did, but as time went on, I changed from one thing to another. I was so restless I could not stay long at one thing or another.

"I was getting bad again so I went to another doctor. This time I was advised to get married. I did. In the meantime a friend of the family paid us a visit. Our talk came around to myself. I was asked why I did not try to do something for myself. My husband was having a very trying time with me. So my friend took me to Beth Sar Shalom. I started in January, 1933, and have been going ever since.

"Now I am at peace with myself. I do not know what would have happened to me if I did not learn about our Saviour. I feel as if I were reborn. The Mission teachers have been kind enough to give me a Bible. At 6 o'clock I stand every morning, facing the window and read the words of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. And I start the day with a smile on my face and a prayer on my lips, for the One who has taken me out of the Devil's playground."

This is the kind of work that we are privileged to do day after day. A unique feature of our Daily Vacation Bible School is that the Mothers' Classes of the winter are continued throughout the entire summer as a component part of the Vacation Bible School. These mothers bring their children and thus we have the whole family daily taught the Word of God. Miss Sussdorf says, "Some had six children to get ready for the School before they could come. Still they came in time for the morning worship. How they loved the songs, and how in their homes afterwards they would sing 'Calvary covered it all' and 'He Lifted me'. One mother told me of her joy to watch her boy and girl study the memory verses at home each night. It was this girl who told her mother she would like to be a missionary."

JEWISH NOTES

The Jewish Holy Days began on September 20th and concluded with October 13th. In order, they were, the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast of Trumpets is also called by the Jews, Rosh Hashana, or the New Year. Strangely enough, this is not the New Year which God appointed for the Jewish Calendar. But the rabbis have made these changes without Scripture authority. Exodus 12:2 gives God's appointed New Year, which corresponds to our April. No Jew, either rabbi or layman seems to be able to give a satisfactory reason for the setting of the Jewish New Year Day in the fall. This particular feast should be called scripturally, the Blowing of the Trumpets, and indeed the Jews do blow the trumpets on this so-called New Year's Day which began the year 5694.

According to tradition, New Year's day is the day of judgment for all the world, when God writes in a book the fate decreed for every Jew for the year to come. The Jewish New Year greeting is "May you be written and sealed for a good year."

This year the celebration of these solemn fast days, was tinged with such sadness and grief as has not been known among the Jews in many a year. The Synagogues were crowded and there seemed to be among the attendants a deeper spirit of awe and solemnity than usual. The events throughout the world, the persecutions in Germany, the life of terror in Roumania, the blasting of all religious sanctions in Soviet Russia, these developments have sobered the Jewish mind. All of this may be a part of the Lord's preparation of the Jewish nation for the part it must play in what will be the most tragic event of the world's history.

Conditions throughout the world seem to be getting worse rather than better. As usual the Jewish nation suffers the most. A dependable report from London, tells how the failure of the World Economic Conference has crushed the hopes of the European nations and that the undercurrents of feelings are surging forward and may break out at any time in a world war, alongside of which the last war will appear as a pigmy. Meanwhile the suffering of the Jews in Europe is appalling and growing worse daily. These sufferings, the report tells us, are beyond description; starvation continues to spread on a colossal scale and so desperate is the situation that dead bodies of children are being used for food. The report further states that conditions are beyond one's imagination, and that only actual experience on the ground can enable one to appreciate the circumstances. The Jew, under these bitter conditions, is unloved and unwanted. He shares in all the ills and woes, with the added torture of a potential expulsion as a foreigner, and the knowledge that no other country wants him. In the heart of Jesus, however, there is a place for the Jew, and those followers of the Lord Jesus Christ who are today giving at such sacrifice for the support of Jewish Mission work are as the salt that helps to modify and to mitigate the unspeakable horrors that we face. There must be a special reward in that Great Day of Rewards for those who in the midst of world distractions and pressure from every side, still have the determination to help those people whom the Lord Jesus Christ has loved, and of whom He came.

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In response to many inquiries may we state emphatically that there is no truth whatever in the so-called Protocols that have been once more revived for the purpose of arousing hatred

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against the Jews. There is no space in these columns to give all the evidences with regard to this disgraceful matter, but we thank God that our friends have sufficient confidence in us to know that when we make a statement of such an important character as this one, we do it only after a thorough investigation of the facts. We will be the last ones to defend a bad Jew, but by the same token, we want to be among the first to protest when millions of good Jews are being deliberately besmirched, and the fires of race hatred are being fanned anew. This is a shameful business to be engaged in.

A Jewish writer has recently prepared a manuscript going somewhat at length into details of the fictitious "documents" called the Protocols and in his manuscript he makes some rather interesting comments. He reminds us for instance that the credulity of the unthinking part of the public is outstanding. There is no accusation against a minority group so absurd, he tells us, but that it will find belief in the minds of some. In the middle ages when all Europe was smitten by the scourge of black death, it was charged that the Jews poisoned the wells of Europe! This resulted in massacres all over the central part of Europe. The victims of this hallucination were numbered by the thousands, and it never occurred to the crazed public that the Jews were drinking the water from these wells the same as all the other townsmen and villagers, and that the Jews died from this terrible scourge just as the others died!

Again, it has been charged over and over in these past thousand years, that the Jews used Christian blood on the Passover, and although three different popes issued proclamations that after a thorough investigation they found there was no truth in this charge, yet it has been repeated time and again since, even to a very recent date; and countless thousands of Jewish lives

have been massacred because of this wicked falsehood.

Now with regard to the so-called Protocols, it is claimed that an organization known as the "Wise Men of Zion" formed a conspiracy to destroy the governments of the world, all social order, all Christian faith, and all civilization. The absurdity of such a charge is of itself sufficient to deny it any credence. But, to put the matter before our friends categorically, let us say once for all, that as a result of the most rigid investigation on our part, we find (1) there is not now, and never was, in any way or form or manner, such an organization as the "Wise Men of Zion." No Jew ever heard of such an organization, no Jew knows anything about it, and it is rather sardonic and sinister for some of those who are publishing this libel, to dodge the issue by saying naively that even the Jews themselves do not know of this secret order, but that it really exists! (2) There is no one man or set of men that can even claim to be the representatives of the Jews of the world. The Jews have no Bishops, no Cardinals, no Popes and no Congress; since the days of Titus the Jews have no Sanhedrin. There is not even a chief rabbi of the world. There is no union in Jewry upon any one point. Even the Zionist organization contains only a small per cent of the Jews of the world. Among the Jews there are non-Zionists and there are Anti-Zionists. The Jews have in their system of religion the Orthodox faith, the Conservative faith, and the Reformed faith. Each congregation is sovereign in its own affairs. Every synagogue picks its own rabbi and determines for itself what particular form of Judaism it will observe. There is no more unison of action among the Jews of the world than there is among the Protestants, let us say. It is only where there is a bitter persecution of the Jew in any part of the world, that the Jews everywhere are aroused to give aid to the suffering, and to correct the evil. If they did not respond under such circumstances, they would certainly be less than human.

Thus it takes only a knowledge of the inner workings of Judaism to realize how silly and sinister must be any

propaganda that goes on today with the objective of making the Jew out to be the greatest scoundrel in the world. We hope our friends will rebuke such propaganda.

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A total of 6312 Jews went into Palestine during the first three months of 1933, according to figures of the Jewish Statistical Bureau. The persecutions of the Jews in Germany have given impetus to the immigration of German Jews to Palestine. The Jews in convention in Chicago a few months ago at the end of a sad, vehement, and tragic recital of the suffering of their brethren in Germany under the Hitler terror, voted to raise at least \$10,000,000 for a fund to help Jews to migrate from Germany to Palestine. They gave a spectacular performance, or Pageant called "The Romance of a People" that was first presented at A Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago when some 4,000 Jewish men, women, boys and girls participated as actors in the great drama of the Jewish nation from the days of Egypt up to the present time. The proceeds of these performances are to go to this special fund to help bring refugee Jews from Germany into Palestine.

The Mark of the Beast

In response to numerous and sometimes anxious inquiries, we would state

that the NRA is not the "Mark of the beast." This identifying symbol will be used after the Anti-Christ will have made his appearance on the earth, and after the Church will have been caught up. All of these current movements toward dictatorship however show how the world is being gradually prepared for that greatest of all fiends that is to come upon this earth. Were such a beast to come suddenly, the world would reject him. Undoubtedly we are at the base of the image of Daniel, the iron mixed with the clay, that is, the iron of dictatorship mixed with the clay of mob arrogance.

Another question in connection with the NRA which friends have been asking us, is whether the Lord's people can with clear conscience sign any of the NRA codes. Our feeling is that Romans 13:1-4, will apply to this specific problem. Regardless of the spiritual condition of any of the world rulers, we must obey so long as the obeying does not touch upon our direct relationship to God. Ultimately these rulers will have to give account to the Judge of all nations for their conduct. Even if Scripture had revealed nothing concerning a day of judgment to come, every circumstance of life leads to the inevitable conclusion that there is a time and place when injustice shall be corrected and wrong be made right. Thus it is that Paul tells us through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit "every one shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:12.

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For General Fund	\$2,521.88
For Relief to the Poor	60.30
For Literature Fund (Bibles and Tracts)	84.79
"The Chosen People" (Subscriptions)	237.25
Dispensary Income Account	116.75
For "The Shepherd of Israel"	95.53
For Plaza Branch Account	100.00
For Philadelphia Branch	39.50
For Pittsburgh Branch	67.17
For Hewes Street Account	23.50
For Work Among the Children	16.50
For Work Overseas	25.75
For Students' Education Fund	14.00
Total for All Purposes	\$3,402.92

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. *Please explain 1 Cor. 13:10.*

Question 2. *Please explain 1 John 5:6-8.*

—H. B.

Answer 1. If we take the Scripture verse "the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ" (Gal. 3:24) the illustration will be clearer. When the schoolmaster has finished his task and brings you to the full knowledge of truth, you no longer need the schoolmaster, for now you have the Truth itself. So it is that 1st Cor. 13:10 tells us, "But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." When the end is once attained, the means will be abolished, there will be no need of tongues, and prophecy, and inspired knowledge in the future life, because then the Church will be in that state of perfection, complete both in knowledge and in holiness.

Answer 2. It was the beloved disciple who witnessed the opened side of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is he who tells us in his Gospel that water and blood came out from that pierced side. The water is for the washing or cleansing of the sinner, and the blood is for the atonement which takes away the guilt of the sinner who believes. Verse 7 does not appear in the oldest manuscripts, and among conservative scholars this verse is being generally omitted. Going therefore to verse 8 we have the confirmatory teaching of verse 6, that here upon this earth the Spirit dwelling in us bears witness to each true believer that by the water and the blood his redemption has been accomplished. Thus, these three, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood agree in one, that is, in the testimony of our accomplished redemption.

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Question. *Does the rider on the white horse in Rev. 6:2 indicate war or does it, as some think, mean a great revival?*

—H. G.

Answer. Some teachers have made the rider on the white horse represent the Lord Jesus Christ, but we cannot agree with this interpretation. Nor can it have any reference to a revival. When the events foretold in this chapter take place, the Church will already be with the Lord in glory, and upon this earth will be tribulation, and wars. In Rev. 19:11 we have another rider on a white horse, but this time it truly is the Lord Jesus Christ,

for here the rider is called "Faithful and True and in righteousness he doth judge and make war." We identify the rider in Rev. 6:2 with the Antichrist, or some leader that may be associated with the Antichrist, for as the context of the entire 6th chapter shows, the program is one of destruction, peace taken from the earth, famine, death, conditions so terrible that the people of the earth "hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the Throne." The fact that the horse will be a white horse must not confuse us, for Satan has always tried to counterfeit the true Gospel. The little horn of Dan. 7:8 is most probably the rider on this white horse.

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Question. *Near the end of the Old Testament I thought I read "a curse on those who burned the dead." Am I right? I have searched diligently many times since and have not found it again.*

—C. C. B.

Answer. Perhaps you refer to Amos 2:1, "Thus saith the Lord; for three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned the bones of the King of Edom into lime." See also Jere. 7:31, Jere. 19:5.

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Question 1. *Would like to have your explanation of Exod. 10:2.*

Question 2. *Also Isa. 63:17.*

—M. E. M.

Answer 1. Exodus 10:2 is typical of the importance which the Lord Jehovah placed upon the indoctrinating of the children in the homes by the parents. Compare also the solemn warnings and commandments given in Deut. 6:6-25. What a responsibility is placed upon the parents, and how sad that in the average American home, the commandments given to the old Jewish families are so flagrantly ignored.

Answer 2. As to Isa. 63:17. This verse is a part of the prayer which the Jewish remnant will make in the day of the great tribulation, when they see the nations gathering about and making ready for their destruction. In that hour they will turn to God in penitence.

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