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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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points out that this expression should read, four "living ones." The Sea of Glass, again having its original Jewish root, harks back to the sea, or laver of brass in Solomon's Temple, used by the Priests for washing. Now it has become a Sea of Glass because there is no more need for washing, the sins are washed forever, once for all, in the blood of the Lamb. The four Living Ones represent the various attributes of God; the lion for His majesty; the ox for His strength; the face of a man for His divine intelligence; and the eagle for His swiftness in the execution of justice.

*Answer 3.* Yes. The rider on the white horse is not the gospel being preached, but it is a man-made effort to produce peace upon the earth, without acknowledging the Lord Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace, through whom alone can come permanent blessing, just as we have had in recent years the Carnegie peace movements in which world peace has been proposed many times, but without the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Answer 4.* We connect the souls under the altar, when the fifth seal is opened, with the prophecy given by the Lord Jesus Christ to the Jewish believers in Matthew 24:9, "Then shall they deliver you up, and shall kill you, and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." We think that these martyrs will be the Jewish remnant of the tribulation days.

*Answer 5.* Most certainly yes. We have been astonished at the short-sightedness of even some certain so-called

Fundamentalists, who have tried to champion the Word of God and the records of the Book of Genesis. Some of these champions, perhaps, in a desire to keep up an appearance of "scholarship" with certain infidel scientists, have actually made concessions to the extent of asserting that each day of the six days of creation was a day of one thousand years! Now it does not take very much erudition nor very much common sense to point out several facts in connection with this unjustifiable policy. The Scripture is very clear, "And the evening and the morning were the first day." Again and again is this specific order repeated, "The evening and the morning were the second day," etc. Just preceding this accounting of evenings and mornings is the clear-cut statement, "God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night." Some have claimed that through the early chapters of Genesis the word year really means a month. Following this reasoning, we find, for instance, that Seth lived 105 years and begat Enos. According to these month-for-a-year scholars, Seth was 105 months old when he begat Enos, which would figure a little less than nine years old. He must have been exceedingly precocious! Again, when the Lord commands the Israelites to keep the seventh day, it is the same word that is used in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis. Would these friends then claim that the Sabbath Day is one month long? You see how ridiculous we make ourselves when we try to twist the Word of God to suit our own ideas.

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## Salutation

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

*My dearly beloved friends:—*

Only a few lines of greeting this month, by way of a personal word; there is such a budget of good news to give you by way of reports of the work in so many parts of the world, that we feel we must give space to that. Last month the news reports were crowded out, and we feel that our friends love to know of the Lord's dealing with the actual Gospel message through our hands. We believe that any well taught child of God will realize upon reflection that the Lord is calling His Church, in these last days, to a realization of the stupendous opportunity He is opening, for Israel's evangelization; a land to possess, which until recently has been entirely overlooked by the Church, even by that mystical inner circle within the Church organization, who are truly His. To us, the Lord is surely beckoning that we shall seize the opportunity, and herald what may be the last message to Israel before the final world cataclysm. As we write these lines a letter comes from a dear friend, to whom it would seem the Lord has given an understanding of these foundation facts, and from the letter we quote the following paragraph:

"In running a clothing store I come in contact with these lovely people of Israel. I think at this time in all my life I have never found them so eager to listen to the Word of Jesus. There is truly something happening in this world. I never in my life saw the Gentiles so cold. When you talk religion to Gentiles they usually brand you as having something wrong with you. I do find a great willingness to listen on the part of the Hebrew.—H. M. D.

And now, how can we thank you, our dear friends, for what seemed like an overwhelming response of love and sacrifice to the poignant appeals of the October paper? Certainly we know that at least on the part of our friends there is a fountain of love for Israel, which bubbles with waters of refreshment, ready at all times to give out its streams of blessing to these benighted people who just now are in such a condition of sorrow and despair. This fountain has only one source, and that is the One Who humbled Himself and came to this earth, allowing Himself to be born of a Jewish maiden, to take on the flesh of the seed of Abraham, and to inherit the blood that flowed through the veins of him who was called the friend of God, down through the ages until it found its finest courses in the body prepared for our Lord Jesus Christ by God the Father.

Most of our friends have not the money resources to enable any one to respond largely to the great needs facing the work at the moment. Therefore our friends have been saying to us, "We cannot give the large sums, but we can just stretch a point and do a little more than we have been doing."

## A BLANKET OF SNOW

A friend wrote a letter to Miss Biber, which said so clearly what we are trying to say in these lines now, that we want you to see it:—

"I have just read THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. I see they need a lot of money; it is so little I can do, it puts me in mind of a snowflake, so small, but if you should get a lot of them it will make a blanket; so I will send a snowflake to Mr. Cohn soon."

With such a word of encouragement, and with the evidences coming to us every day that many friends are sending in their snowflakes, we are led definitely to proceed with the building extension here in our Headquarters location. We are going ahead with the architect's drawings, the thought being a two story building to take care of our meetings for the mothers, for the sewing classes, for the boys' work, and for the older girls who are now in the business world. All of these departments have been sadly cramped, and must have expansion. If you, our many friends, will just continue with us as you have been doing, in faithful prayer first of all, and then with just a little bit extra by way of your gifts, as the Lord may lead and enable you, we are going to try very hard to adjust our finances so that there will be enough over and above the current needs for the time being, to care for the expense of the new undertaking, which expense we think will be about \$20,000. It will all require good housekeeping, but we are prepared to do our share, knowing that you will sustain us, in the Lord. We know this is the Lord's will for us at this time, and so we are going ahead, for we cannot fail if we are in His will.

## THE SPIRITUAL HIGH TIDE

The Thanksgiving Dinner we are hoping to have again this year, on November 28th, Wednesday night, as in former years. In this also we count on your usual fellowship in prayer and gift. This Thanksgiving event has come to occupy a pre-eminent place in the spiritual life of the work. It is an annual occasion that really marks the spiritual high tide of the year's work, and to our halls there flock at that time, not only the families among whom we minister locally, but those who have received blessing here in years long since gone. Thus our converts, our children in the Lord, come again to their home, sometimes they are here from Chicago, from Pittsburgh, from Boston, but they all know wherever they are located, that on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving the reunion is held, and if they cannot be here bodily they are here in spirit. So, we ask you to remember us at that time especially in prayer that the Lord's rich blessings may be upon the gathering, and that through it streams of blessing may flow for many months to come.

May your own thanksgiving season be doubly blessed, and in these days of evil, and trial, and distress, may the shadow of the Almighty, the El-Shadai, brood over your household, and literally insulate you and your dear ones from the surrounding gloom.

May Isa. 32:2 be made very real to each one of our precious family at this time, "And a man (the Lord Jesus Christ) shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and as a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Ever faithfully yours in His service,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

P.S. A beloved friend in Great Britain has been offended by our use of the word heresy in the last May issue, and we are truly sorry to have used any language that has given offense to His elect. It was done unwittingly. The reference was to those who did not see eye to eye with us in the matter of our Lord's return before the Tribulation.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

*Question. Will Christ and they that are going to reign with Him be on this earth? Will Christ be in Jerusalem? Some people think He will be in Heaven, and not on earth? If God's people are going to be on earth in the thousand years, and in the end of the thousand years, when the earth will be destroyed, as is foretold in 11 Peter 3:12, where will God's people be?—L. C., also identical question from L. B. K.*

*Answer.* The promise of Luke 1:32 is, "The Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David." As David's throne was located in Jerusalem, there can be no question as to where the Lord Jesus Christ would be when He returns. It is of course possible, as some expositors have held, that King David himself will be resurrected and will be made to rule over Israel from the Throne in Jerusalem. This would be in accordance with Ezekiel 3:24, "And David, my servant, shall be King over them." But even in this reference, it is not impossible that "David my servant" may refer to the Lord Jesus Christ. If, however, David himself shall rule from Jerusalem, that could well be by way of a regent or a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ. Great Britain, for instance, has a Viceroy for India; we ourselves have a Governor-General for the Philippines. Yet, it is still true that King George rules India, and it is still true that the United States rules over the Philippine Islands. The end of the thousand year period, when this earth shall be dissolved, may well find its problems fully explained in the light of John 14:2-3.

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*Question. Should appreciate an explanation of Gen. 4:7; also reason for "Lord" written in capitals at the close of the same chapter.* —U. P.

*Answer.* Here is reasonable evidence that the Lord already had imparted to Adam and to Eve the basis of forgiveness of sin, which is, by the shedding of blood. In the Hebrew text, the statement, "And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door," is more correctly rendered, "And if thou doest not well, the sin offering lieth at the door." The word used here is *chattath*, which word you will find used over and over again in the Pentateuch, and in the other uses in the Pentateuch the translators have given the correct rendering, "sin offering."

Whenever you find the word Lord in

the Old Testament printed in capital letters, you will know that in the original Hebrew the word itself is Jehovah. Other names, God and Lord, which appear in small letters, with only the first letter a capital, are in the Hebrew other expressions, such as El, or Adonai.

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*Question 1. At what point in the Book of Revelation do you think the first resurrection will take place?*

*Question 2. What do the four and twenty elders and the four living creatures, mentioned in Revelation, fourth chapter, represent?*

*Question 3. Is the opening of the seals in Chapter 6 yet future? If so, does the going forth of the white horse and his rider represent an era of gospel preaching?*

*Question 4. Are the souls seen under the altar when the fifth seal is opened those of past or future martyrs?*

*Question 5. Were the years of Genesis of the same length as ours?—M. L. F.*

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*Answer 1.* We understand the Rapture, which also includes the first resurrection, (see 1 Thess. :15) takes place at the end of the third chapter, the rest of the Book of Revelation is still future.

*Answer 2.* This passage only emphasizes the Jewish character of the Apocalyptic revelation of God. All of these future events are steeped and saturated with Hebrew Old Testament allusions. In this case, any Jew has only to recall that in the original Temple, David appointed twenty-four elders to represent the entire Levitical priesthood. Dr. Daniels in his monumental work, "The Theocratic Kingdom," propounded the doctrine that the Church in its final destinies will emerge a restored and regenerated Jewish kingdom, which will be carried out along the patterns of the Old Testament teaching. This is an interesting suggestion, and at least worthy of thought, especially in these days when some of our Bible teachers seem to be possessed with a determination to throw out from the Word of God, especially from its eschatology, everything that seems to them to savor of "Jewishness." It is possible in this particular reference to think of these twenty-four elders as representing twelve for the tribes of Israel, and twelve for the Church, as shown forth by the original twelve apostles. Now, with regard to the four "Beasts," Dr. Harry Ironside

## JEWISH NOTES

Once more we suppose the Jew will be blamed. For, here in New York State an unprecedented situation exists. The two candidates now running for governor of this, the greatest state in the Union, are both Jews. The present incumbent is Herbert H. Lehman, a banker of independent means, so that office holding has no special allurements to him so far as personal gain is considered. He has made a good governor during the two years that he has been in office, as the successor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He won on the Democratic ticket and came in on the Roosevelt landslide.

Now the Republicans have put up for the gubernatorial campaign to run against Governor Lehman, Robert Moses, also a man of independent fortune, and also a Jew. Now those who are given to Jew-baiting and to the attitude that the Jews are in a plot to control the world, will please consider the fact that neither of these Jews sought the office of Governor, but in each case the party leaders sought these Jews! Is it not a strange reflection that in a state with a population of nearly twelve million people, the party leaders were unable to find one Gentile whom they thought sufficiently competent and worthy of nomination for governorship? And peculiarly enough neither the Democratic nor the Republican political machine has the least trace of Jewish influence or Jewish control. We report this, not to praise the Jew, but to throw light on innocent circumstances which may be used later on for the purpose of engendering more hate against the Jew.

It is pathetic to observe the vacillating policy of some of our Orthodox editors on the question of whether or not the Jews have been persecuted in Germany, and on such matters as the Protocols. Some have published letters from sincere German pastors who assert that all reports concerning mistreatment of the Jews are lies and that the Jews are still in business and enjoying the patronage of the Gentiles. In a land where the press is controlled and much news is suppressed, it is not to be wondered at that many Christian leaders do not know all that has been going on outside of their own

localities. These wholesale denials, however, are foolish when surrounding lands are over-run with Jews who have been refused an opportunity to earn a living in Germany, and when it has taken hundreds of relief workers and much fund-raising to minister to those who have suffered untold abuse. The present Hitler policy of killing off any suspected enemy without trial, speaks volumes as to what may have been done to hated Jews. That many of them were Communists, we have no doubt, but the Nazis have not confined themselves to rooting out Reds. They have been trying to force racial doctrines down the throats of the German people. Only a month ago a hand-picked battalion of 200 Nazi doctors was sent on a tour to preach to the German people the delectable Nazi doctrine of race. The Jew, according to these teachings, is not worthy to exist.—*Prophecy Magazine*, KEITH L. BROOKS, Editor.

There was something quite modern, indeed startlingly so, and even American, in an advertisement which appeared in a recent issue of the *Palestine Post*, coming from Jerusalem. The advertisement is a display notice with a heading, "TRAFFIC NOTICE," then it reads as follows:—

"St. Louis' Way and Princess Mary Avenue will be closed to through traffic on Saturday, September 22nd, 1934, for a period of approximately four weeks, while sewers are being laid.

Jaffa Road from general Post Office to the old Municipality will be opened to two-way traffic during this period."

Makes one rub one's eyes, doesn't it, and rather a job to imagine all of this in the Land where the Lord Jesus Christ trod on foot for thirty-three years.

The same issue carries advertisements of Kelvinators, Royal Type-writers, American fountain pens, and Wrigley Chewing Gum! These business men seem to give better attention to their interests than the Church of Christ does to the Gospel.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK  
We Are Led To Poland

Our October issue was overcrowded. So we had no room to report to our friends what really was, in our judgment, the most important immediate outcome of my trip to Europe. While we established channels for the forwarding of relief funds to such centers as will be most effective, and while we have rejoiced to forward these funds which have come to us so generously in response to the indescribable needs, yet the Lord unquestionably led us into a further step which is of a more permanent nature and which provides a channel for a larger promulgation of the Gospel than we have hitherto accomplished in Europe. We refer to the engagement of Brother Moses H. Gitlin, to be our missionary, with headquarters in Warsaw. The engagement began officially with September 1st, and already reports have come from Mr. Gitlin telling of the Lord's blessing upon his itinerant journeys in behalf of the Gospel. We hope to have room to give you some of these reports in future issues, but just now we want to introduce Mr. Gitlin to you and tell

you a little bit of the Lord's leading of both him to us and us to him, in the engagement which was undertaken.

## FOUND THE LORD HERE

Moses Gitlin is a convert of this Mission, having not only found the

Lord here, but also having been baptized in the Mission. In the May, 1913 issue of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* there appeared a paragraph giving a report of Mr. Gitlin's baptism, which now, twenty-one years later, appears in the light of a prophecy. Here is the paragraph:

One of the three that confessed the Lord Jesus Christ by baptism was a young man of over nineteen years of age and of rare gifts. He is full of zeal for the Lord Jesus Christ, is a convincing speaker, and in many ways is a young man concerning whom any person of judgment can prophesy that the Lord will do great things through his instrumentality.

When he was baptized the last Monday evening of April, the opposing Jews got hold of him as he left the meeting and wanted to do him bodily harm. Fortunately, a convert noticed it and hurriedly told us about it, so that several ran to his rescue. The young man calmly remarked that he would have been glad if they had given him a good beating so as to make him sick for some time that he might feel the suffering of the



MOSES H. GITLIN

Lord Jesus Christ, who felt far more pain in His body for his sins.

After Mr. Gitlin took his stand so boldly in public for the Lord Jesus Christ, he went to the Moody Bible Institute for training for the Lord's work. After that, under the gracious and generous auspices of *The Sunday School Times*, Mr. Gitlin was sent to Poland and to Russia there to do a work of evangelism that has had few parallels in the history of modern missions. Over thirty young Jews alone were led to the Lord Jesus Christ through Mr. Gitlin's ministry, most of them having gone out again as workers to give the Gospel testimony. Some of them have already achieved distinction in missionary and educational work.

#### THE CALL COMES TO US

But through reverses over which Mr. Gitlin had no control, the whole work underwent a series of discouragements, so that eventually Mr. Gitlin found himself alone without support and without organized connections. When he heard that I was coming to Europe he arranged for a meeting when a number of devoted Christian men were also present. These different brethren confirmed my previous understanding that Poland was the most important Jewish missionary field in the world today, apart from America, and that in Poland there are now some three million Jews, many of them refugees on the German border. I also found out that Moses Gitlin was known throughout Poland as a most courageous and self-sacrificing Gospel preacher.

#### THE DEW ON THE FLEECE

Considering the whole situation, I realized the opportunity for our Mission to do a new and most valuable work, and so promised Mr. Gitlin that I would take up the matter with our Board in America as soon as I returned. This I did, and our Directors agreed to enlarge our borders by taking on the support of Mr. Gitlin who will now represent us in Poland, doing aggressive evangelistic

work. While in London, Mr. Gitlin also told me of a young man, a convert, who had helped him in Warsaw. Moses Schiff by name, whom he described as a highly educated Talmudical Jew who was especially qualified to labor with him as his assistant.

When I reached home, by a peculiar providence of the Lord's direction, there was a letter waiting for me from a friend in the West, asking if we did not have some specific thing that he could undertake to do as his share of the Jewish mission work. I wrote him at once, telling him of Moses Schiff, and not long after came a letter from this brother, with a remittance for the first two months' salary, which was undertaken by the little church of which he is a member, and with the instructions that we engage the young man and that his little church would undertake the salary in full! So we cabled Mr. Gitlin, "Engage Moses Schiff immediately as your assistant," and there we saw the tracings of God's hand working for us even before we knew of the need.

#### AS A DOVE TO ITS WINDOW

Now we present Brother Gitlin to our readers; many of you already know about him from the splendid reports that were published in past years in *The Sunday School Times*, and you will rejoice that he has finally come, as a dove, to his original home, and now is one of us, a co-worker and a fellow servant with us of the Lord Jesus Christ. In a recent letter he tells us of how much both he and his wife have rejoiced in the Lord at this evident ordering of events and what an honor they both consider it to be associated with the American Board of Missions to the Jews, the halls and rooms of which are held by both of them in such sacred memory and respect.

The salary we should send Mr. Gitlin as a minimum, ought to be at least \$125 a month. With the shrinkage of the dollar in Europe even this \$125 is only equal to about \$69 of our money as it was valued in purchasing power

dish and I interpreted into Latvian. The Jews behaved very quietly, just three or four men left the room during the message. Mr. Smoljar addressed both nationalities. To the Jews he explained in an original manner the relation of the Old Testament to the New similar to the relation of a foundation to the erected edifice. Also the necessity of faith for personal salvation similar to the opening of window curtains to admit the light into the room. He exhorted the Gentile Christians to live a life of consecration. The unbelievers as well he reproved of their sinful lives that give a bad example to the Jews who think they are Christians and a reproach for Christianity at the same time. After the service, the Jews thronged the platform for the literature we were distributing and to ask new questions. It was late in the night when we left Gostini to arrive at the inn where we stayed.

#### SALVATION BEFORE BAPTISM

The next morning, July the third, we left for Jekabpils. There we spent the day in visitations and talks. At the Baptist Chapel we had a service the same night. First we went to a shoemaker, Bernstein, who accepted us very kindly. His wife was very interested for the saving truth and inquired of the conditions to join our Christian circle, etc. She was worried by the question of baptism which is the principal point of offense among Jews. Mr. Smoljar said that baptism is really necessary, but salvation must be first. Then baptism, according to the Bible, is something different than the conception Jews possess concerning it. Then we went to the ironmonger, Mr. Zilberman, an old learned Jew, who accepted us kindly and gave to Mr. Smoljar an excellent hearing. Mr. Smoljar proved, by quoting a series of passages from Scripture, the importance of salvation from the bondage (using the term "Goluth") of sin, which must precede general salvation of Israel. Mr. Zilberman said that everything Mr. Smoljar said was all right, but where he started about Jesus of Nazareth, all was useless. Mr. Smoljar explained that we know how irritating the name of Jesus is to the Jews, and we could certainly preach a doctrine that might please them, should we be out for worldly fame, but we suffer reproach gladly, because we know it is to be the truth, for which we live and die.

#### THE BOOK OF THE PROPHETS

Mr. Smoljar warned the man to be serious on things that concern the fate of his own soul. Mrs. Zilberman was very rude and advised her husband to expel Mr. Smoljar out of the shop. Her husband was too wise to act that way and desired to continue the discussion. He asserted that Scriptures do not say about Jesus anything. Mr. Smoljar pointed to Isaiah 53, the first verse. The man did not know anything concerning the chapter nor the verse. Mr. Smoljar asked to bring the book of the prophets, and when Mr. Zilberman brought the book, he opened this wonderful chapter and besought him to read it. We left the shop, Mr. Zilberman sitting and reading the book of that wonderful prophet.

An interesting talk took place at the home of Mrs. Godfried, a widow, a Jewess, with four children, whereof three are working and sustaining faithfully the home. She herself is a sincere truth-loving soul. We were kindly accepted at her home and Mr. Smoljar had an opportunity for testimony we rarely have in the Mission field. The lady and her son listened very attentively to the message of salvation, but she could not grasp what meaning Christ has for Jews. When she heard concerning sin and redemption, she told how wonderfully God helped her after the death of her husband when her children undertook energetically to care for the home so that they suffered no need or distress whatever. She could not see where the sin would lie in all this. Mr. Smoljar explained to her very plainly that it was really God's help that carried her through all the troubles, nevertheless we do not always deserve God's help, and notwithstanding all we received from Him, we are lost if we do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Her son is a total infidel, but she has an open ear for the Gospel. The Lord opened her heart too."

In a recent letter, Mr. Schwartz asks urgently if we cannot supply him with a bicycle, as that would save money now being spent for railroad fares, and would also prove more convenient in getting around from town to town. In this way, his time would be better conserved. We wonder if one of our readers would not like to provide this bicycle? We think it can be purchased in Riga for about fifty dollars American money.

into nearby suburbs and villages, with Riga as Headquarters. One of these journeys was taken recently with Pastor Peter Smoljar to accompany him. Of this missionary tour, Mr. Schwartz says, "These days are to be classed as the most outstanding experiences of my whole missionary career under the auspices of The American Board of Missions to the Jews."

We have space for only a few paragraphs taken at random from the reports:—

"In three of these places we had gospel services as well as personal conversations, all being enriched by the influx of new power. In Plavinas we stopped for a talk with a watchmaker to whom I used to testify at previous occasions. Mr. Smoljar remarked that he was the first time in that town since he resided in Latvia, and was exceedingly happy to do the important work here he is doing elsewhere as well—the preaching to Israel the salvation they missed. Mr. Smoljar was not surprised at the watchmaker's reply that he did not value this sort of doctrine and continued in a more enhanced tone that nobody can value a thing that is not examined and scrutinized. We Hebrew Christians took pains to look carefully and honestly into this serious question, the result being blessed assurance of the truth which is in Christ in spite of so wide-spread prejudice. During the testimony the barber of the neighboring shop entered with his family and joined the company of listeners. Soon there entered an old bearded Jew. He evaded the message, saying he was out for "bread"; he wanted not to be disturbed in his business and when he settled everything with the watchmaker he left the shop. We remained with Mr. Smoljar and continued to expound the word to four persons until our coachman reminded us to board the droshkey for the town Gostini.

#### MUSTN'T EXPECT SUCCESS

Gostini is a town inhabited by about 1,500 Jews. We arrived there in the afternoon, going immediately around testifying. I introduced Mr. Smoljar to a young man who listened to the message in the street at previous occasions. He himself was somewhat in a hurry, but a woman that stood nearby reacted on the words of Mr. Smoljar. She said that Gostini was not the place where Mr. Smoljar should expect any success. Mr. Smoljar brought out in a wonderful way that

it was God whom we serve, and if He gave us a commission we are to carry it out irrespectively of whether there are visible results or not. To the talk there joined several other women and two young men; these latter accompanied us to the next place of conversation. On the way Mr. Smoljar enthusiastically emphasized to the two young men the urgent need of Israel to accept the Messiah. At another spot there sat on a bench a Jewish gentleman whom we addressed. Mr. Smoljar pointed out that many problems in the sphere of science, economics, and even politics demand serious attention. The more does the serious question of the salvation of Israel and all humanity deserve consideration of searching minds. About fifteen Jews, young men, girls, older people gathered, listening to Mr. Smoljar's testimony, interrupting with all sorts of remarks and questions. The Jews marveled when they heard that Mr. Smoljar is already twenty-eight years a follower of Christ, and that there were many a proposal made to him to leave the Mission for the sake of a more profitable business, but he did not, because he was firmly convinced that the message he preached was true, and the service he rendered the only one worthy of sacrificing one's life.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH FILLED

After the several conversations we had in the main street we went to the Baptist family where we were about to stay till the Gospel service. The Baptist minister secured on my letter a hall, the largest one in the town, and the necessary permission of the authorities required during the time of the martial law. At his home we were kindly served with a cup of tea and bread and butter. When the time arrived we went through the main street again, inviting Jews to the meeting. While the Baptist minister started the meeting with hymn and prayer, Mr. Smoljar stood in the yard talking with a group of some twenty Jews who listened with respect. Only one gentleman demonstrated his boldness by accusing Mr. Smoljar of selfish motives which guided him in his service. Mr. Smoljar said he was used to similar assaults and discarded all arguments of this gentleman by a series of facts and proofs that left an excellent impression. It was time to begin the service. There were gathered both Jews and Letts. The number of Jews exceeded 100. Mr. Smoljar spoke Yid-

three or four years ago; and of course our friends know that this is not a munificent sum when one must provide for four children as well as for oneself and the dear wife who is so efficient a help.

So this is the report, and again we know you will rejoice and thank God with us; and above all, pray; pray for the Lord's further seal of approval upon the new undertaking; pray that an abundance of funds shall be provided so we may enlarge the work in Poland, pray that a new harvest of souls shall be gathered because of this new undertaking.

#### "There Was a Division"

While we gave you a rather brief report last month of the Daily Vacation Bible School, may we give you a further echo just that you may have a deeper insight into the privileges and picturesque experiences that we encounter almost daily in the ever-absorbing work the Lord has committed to our hands. We refer now to the report of Miss Dorothy Rose. She tells of the classes in the various forms of hand work, and then she dwells at length on the most important part of the work, which of course was the faithful teaching concerning the Gospel of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. Here are some paragraphs taken from her report, and we only regret that lack of space prevents giving you more:

The lesson period in the classes was given over to the study of the Gospel of John. In all the teaching one aim was in mind—to show that Jesus is indeed God manifest in the flesh, the Messiah and Saviour of the world. Now, as in the time of Christ, the claims of Jesus bring a division. Repeatedly we find in John such statements as this. "Many of the people therefore when they heard this saying said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?—So there was a division among the people because of Him." Some when they hear the Word

of God receive Him gladly. Others say, "... thou, being a man, makest thyself God." John 10:33.

At the close of the school opportunity was given for a written expression of the individual's personal faith or attitude toward Jesus Christ. In my class we followed the idea involved in the question of Jesus to His disciples—"Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?" And again—"but whom say ye that I am?" Each paper had these printed questions. 1. What had you heard or been taught about Jesus before you came to the Mission? 2. What do you believe now about the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you believe in Him as your own Saviour? Did you accept Him in the D. V. B. S. this year, or did you believe before?

The variety of the answers to the first question is accounted for by the different environments from which the girls come. A number were brought to the Mission by their mothers when little children. Others had no contact with the Mission until very recently.

The following are some of the answers. 1. "Before I came to the Mission I never heard of Jesus. I thought He was the Christians' God and should be dreaded by all Jews." The second part of her answer is, "I believe that He is the true Messiah. I know the Scriptures are correct in their statements and I do believe in Him as my personal Saviour. I believed on Him during the Monday classes."

2. "I had been told and made to believe that Jesus was not the Messiah. I had never believed until a few weeks at the School. I am now convincing my mother that He is the true Messiah and I am sure she will come to the Mission this fall." This fifteen year old girl came to the Mission for the first time this summer and has already been a witness and brought her mother to the closing D. V. B. S. program.

3. "I have heard very bad things said about Him. For instance, He was hung on the Cross because He used to fly around in the air by saying a few words and people used to throw stones on Him because they thought He was insane. I believe now and always, that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Saviour and Son of God. I believe that He is my true personal Saviour. I accepted Him in D. V. B. S. way before this year."

4. "When I was a very small girl I came to the mission. I really never got a chance to know what the people say against Him. Here in the Kinder-

garten class I learned about the Lord Jesus Christ. Of course I know what the unbelievers say, but I believed already that Jesus was my Messiah and no one could change my mind. He has answered prayer for me and there is now a real joy down in my heart."

But the "division" was manifest in the class too, for one girl wrote, "I don't believe in Him, but I think He is the Messiah." On our outing I had opportunity to talk with her and found out what she meant by that statement. She said, "I think He is the Messiah but He tried to make Himself equal with God." She was willing to believe that He was a prophet or even a good man, but as of old she would not believe, "Before Abraham was I am." But while one rejected, others accepted and so pray for us that we may preach His Word faithfully and help to win that remnant according to the election of grace.

#### "The Truth Shall Make You Free"

By HARRY J. BURGESS, Philadelphia

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. When we are asked by those interested in Israel how we approach the Jews with the Gospel, we cannot always answer in a definite way. We have no stated methods, but we seek to use every opportunity to witness for Him, Who is our Light and our Salvation, the One of Whom it is written in the volume of the Book.

In Philadelphia which is our appointed field there are 335,000 Jews. We do not confine our efforts, however to our own field, but reach out in all directions as far as we are able. In this we are helped by the prayers and support of God's people.

During the warm weather we have open air meetings. During the rest of the year one of the main channels of witness is the reading room. In this we have been blessed with a loyal staff of volunteers, many of them Gentiles. These workers are ever ready with a word to the weary or curious, who are attracted by the window display. Scriptures, tracts, signs, etc., are arranged so as to catch the attention of passers-by. Thus, both Jew and Gentile are attracted and the Good News is proclaimed in sincerity and truth, with the desire and prayer that God's name be glorified and sinners be converted unto Him.

#### THE CONSTANT REMINDER

Directly over the door is a sixteen foot sign. On this the words "Jesus the Messiah, the Redeemer of Israel" are displayed in gold leaf letters in Hebrew and in English. This has been a silent witness for seven years.

In these ways multitudes of our people have heard and seen the precious name of Jesus, the Name which is above every name, the Name at which every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Christ the Lord. Phil. 2:9-11.

It would be utterly impossible to even begin to relate the many experiences and opportunities we have had in making Christ known. Nor could we tell how often we have been refreshed and encouraged by His grace as we hold forth the Word of Life. Phil. 2:16. We have seen people who were walking rapidly on the other side of the street, suddenly hesitate, then cross over to get a better view of our window display. They are then approached with Gospel literature and many come into the reading room seeking further information. Those who are laboring with us in this part of His vineyard are: Miss Ellen Todd, Mr. Isaac W. Feiser, Mrs. Walter Mayne, Miss B. Irons, Miss K. White, Mrs. George Glasgow, Mrs. C. W. Munroe and last, but not least, Miss Maud Trough. We have the fellowship too of the faithful prayer group which meets at the home of Mrs. Williams. Also the cooperation of Brother Walter Merkh and his household has been a great blessing and encouragement. These are all volunteer helpers and the Lord is continually adding to our number. We bless the Lord for these of God's people who first gave themselves (II Cor. 8:5) to the Lord and are now desirous by life and testimony to make Him known.

#### WE GO WITH THE MILKMAN

Through our Yiddish-English monthly Gospel paper, *The Shepherd of Israel*, Jews in many lands are being reached with the blessed Gospel story. This paper comes from our headquarters in Brooklyn. For our work in Philadelphia we get 2,000 copies each month. Some of these are being distributed in the thickly populated Jewish neighborhoods. This is done in the early hours of the morning. We work side by side with the milk men and the bread men. They are serving food for the physical body and we, by the grace of God, are

serving food for the soul. The reason for these early hours is that we can sow the seed unmolested and are not hindered by some of our poor benighted people who still think they are doing God service when, in their blindness, they continue to reject the Gospel message. But God has crowned these humble efforts, in great measure, with success for which we praise Him.

One Jewish man, under whose door the paper was left, found that for twenty-five cents he could buy a New Testament in Hebrew, Yiddish, or English. He sent us a dollar asking for a New Testament and a subscription to the paper. This caused us to praise the Lord and greatly encouraged us.

It is true that not all are Jews in whose houses the literature is left. But we try to select strictly Jewish neighborhoods. If some papers fall into the hands of Gentiles they are good for them also, for the paper is written in both Yiddish and English. From the following you will see that one of these silent messengers fell into the hands of one of the "other sheep" (John 10:16) and how glad we are that it did.

#### HALF AND HALF

One late afternoon, in addition to a number of other callers, a young couple came into the reading room. The young man was a dark, fine looking fellow. The young woman was fair and not at all Jewish looking. His opening words were, "I should like to get some information." Not knowing who these people were, nor what information they were seeking, we were at first a little cautious. Although we are not a secret order, and having nothing to hide, we have learned to be careful, for sometimes enemies come to spy and report those seen at the mission and do other mischief, etc.

Inviting them to take seats I asked what information he desired. "I want to know," he said, "if a Christian Jew has to observe dietary laws, holidays, customs, traditions as taught by Orthodox Judaism?" Well, this was getting interesting. In further conversation he told us that he was a Jew, but the young woman, his wife, was not of the stock of Abraham. She was of German-American extraction and had been brought up in the Lutheran Church. He was a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, having trusted Him as His personal Saviour two years before.

He and his wife were legally married, but his mother refused to recognize the marriage. She was an Orthodox Jewess and she refused to be reconciled with them unless the girl became a Jewess and they were married by a Rabbi and observed all those doctrines of men. (Isa. 29:13) mentioned before.

At once I thought of the words of our blessed Saviour as found in John 8:36. "If the Son therefore make you free, ye shall be free indeed." I told him that as a believer in our Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour from sin he had been set free from all man-made doctrines and precepts, and that he was not to yield to such unscriptural and unprofitable demands. He was to continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (11 Pet. 3:18) who loved us and gave Himself for us.

#### A WISE MOTHER-IN-LAW

We were interested to know why they came to us since they lived a great distance from the Mission. He told us the following interesting and encouraging little story. "My mother-in-law," he said, "resides at French Street." (This is a neighborhood which is 90% Jewish. *The Shepherd of Israel* has been distributed there many a morning. The paper contains not only the Brooklyn address, but that of all the branches of the Mission). "One morning she noticed *The Shepherd of Israel* under her door. As she glanced through it she found the address of the Philadelphia Branch. Seeing what its message was she advised us to come here for help."

We are glad for the life of this devoted mother and for the wisdom and faithfulness she showed in sending her children here. We certainly were glad to see these welcome visitors. We are glad too that the paper fell into the hands of the girl's mother rather than the young man's mother. We have sent Gospel literature to his people. We rejoice in the Lord and bless Him for the assurance that our labors are not in vain in Him. (1 Cor. 15:58).

We lack space to enlarge on other ways in which the Gospel is spread. At some later time, I trust, I shall have opportunity to do this.

#### Mr. Schwartz Needs a Bicycle

Continued reports come to us from Joseph Schwartz, our Missionary in Riga, Latvia. They tell of crowded days of witnessing, many journeys