

## SOMETHING WE DID NOT KNOW

We were surprised to receive recently the following letter from a long-time friend of this Mission:—

For the first time I read the story of your noble father's conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ, and his subsequent marvelous work in establishing the Mission. Until recently, "to the Jew first" meant to me, during apostolic days; now I see it still holds good in the present day. I took the book to our missionary meeting this week and as my contribution to the afternoon's program gave an abbreviated account of Dr. Leopold Cohn's life. The interest could almost be felt, the subject was so new. I never was taught anything about Jewish Mission work in all the years of my church life. At the close, the president stated that they had certainly received a new line of thought, and was just going to ask about the book when I handed it to her to keep.

During the years of prosperity I gave a Christmas and birthday gift to the Lord Jesus Christ in the form of a check to spread the Gospel to those still in the dark. This month my checks have started to come in again, and as I have never before sent a Christmas gift to enlighten the Lord's own people whose race He took upon Himself, I am sending it for your work in whatever branch you decide to use it.

We thought every reader of "The Chosen People" had at one time or another read the booklet referred to above, "A Modern Missionary to an Ancient People," the life story of Dr. Leopold Cohn. But it seems we were mistaken, and so we feel it a duty to ask earnestly, every friend of this Mission, to secure a copy and read it at least once, then pass it on. We have not the language to describe the blessing which awaits you after you have read this book, and the revelation it will bring you of things you never knew before.

Thirty cents a copy postpaid, and your money back if you are disappointed.

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

Ps. 121:4.



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## THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

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### General Information

The American Board of Missions to the Jews is a missionary society incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, to promulgate the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ among the Jews of America. It had its inception in 1894 when Leopold Cohn, then recently converted from Rabbinical Judaism, in obedience to the call of God, and in full dependence upon Him for support, established the beginnings of what has gradually developed, under God's leading and blessing, into the present work. Although the activities have steadily increased until now our needs are over \$75,000 annually, the Lord has never failed us. The Board has no guaranteed support from any human source; nor does it resort to worldly methods for raising funds. It exists as a testimony to the supernatural intervening power of the God of Israel Who has moved upon the hearts of His children to give.

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

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.

We covet your prayers and your sympathy, and we invite fellow believers to cast in their lot with us, taking fellowship in the great task He has committed to us.

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**Contributions** are acknowledged promptly. Donors' names are not published. Gifts may be specified for any department of the work, and will be used only as the giver may designate.

"A Modern Missionary to An Ancient People," the 64 page autobiography of Leopold Cohn, founder of the Mission is 30c. a copy.

## Annual Financial Report, American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc.

Continuing the Fortieth Year of the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews  
(Receipts that have been acknowledged from month to month, and Disbursements for the twelve months beginning January 1st, 1934, and ending December 31st, 1934.)  
Respectfully submitted, PAUL H. GRAEF, Treasurer.

### RECEIPTS

<b>Balances forward January 1, 1934:</b>	
General Fund .....	\$12,369.67
Poor Fund .....	214.57
European Fund .....	1,698.76
THE CHOSEN PEOPLE .....	619.90
THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL .....	159.60
Plaza Fund .....	258.70
Literature Fund .....	346.44
Total .....	\$15,667.64
<b>Receipts during 1934:</b>	
General Fund .....	\$56,479.11
Poor Fund .....	1,833.71
Education Fund .....	632.05
Literature Fund .....	1,381.65
Children's Fund .....	350.61
Dispensary Fund .....	1,262.89
Hewes Street Fund .....	881.84
Plaza Fund .....	1,042.00
Philadelphia Branch .....	626.80
Pittsburgh Branch .....	2,965.13
European Fund .....	5,358.48
THE CHOSEN PEOPLE .....	3,207.17
THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL .....	2,105.53
Total .....	\$78,126.97
<b>GRAND TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$93,794.61</b>

We hereby certify that we have examined the books and securities of the AMERICAN BOARD OF MISSIONS TO THE JEWS, INC., as to Cash Receipts and Disbursements, for the twelve (12) months ending December 31st, 1934, and our report with reference thereto is annexed herewith.

We further certify that we have examined the Cash on Hand as also Balance in Bank with Bank Statement, the totals of which are in agreement with the amounts indicated in the various funds.

We further certify that the vouchers for the expenditures were audited by us and found correct.

The Merchants Audit and Accounting Co.  
By JAS. O. MOTTERSHEAD.

January 15th, 1935.

### DISBURSEMENTS

<b>General Fund:</b>	
<i>Salaries of Mission Staff:</i>	
Part and full time workers .....	\$15,975.00
<i>Extension Department:</i>	
Salaries, advertising, traveling ..	7,804.63
<i>Reserves:</i>	
Transferred to New Building Fund, in Reserve Account, for 1935 Building Contract .....	15,000.00
<i>Office Administration:</i>	
Salaries of Office Secretary, Stenographers, including clerical help on "The Shepherd of Israel," "The Chosen People" .....	5,290.00
<i>Miscellaneous Items:</i>	
Salary of Janitors, electricity, gas, coal, paint supplies, renewing plumbing; cost of Financial Audits; Fire, Liability and Workmen's Compensation Insurance; taxes, legal expenses, advertising; colporters in Chicago; Open Air Work, Chicago and New York; New Stereopticon; leaflets and tracts for Christians, including honorariums to authors; stationery, office supplies, new typewriters; library additions, and all other items not properly chargeable to other funds .....	9,528.08
Relief to the Poor: Cash help to needy cases .....	\$53,597.71
<b>Literature Fund:</b>	
Printing and distribution of tracts, purchase of Bibles and New Testaments, Yiddish Hymn Books .....	1,957.01
<b>Work Among the Children:</b>	
Sewing supplies, Socials, Outings, Daily Vacation Bible School .....	705.42
<b>Dispensary:</b>	
Physicians, Medical Supplies .....	1,398.01
<b>Hewes Street Fund:</b>	
Maintenance and Improvements ..	1,311.00
<b>Plaza Fund:</b>	
Maintenance, improvements .....	845.52
<b>Philadelphia Branch:</b>	
Salaries, rent of 535 Spruce Street, and all other expenses .....	3,347.14
<b>Pittsburgh Branch:</b>	
Salaries, rent of 1603 Centre Avenue, and all other expenses .....	3,915.89
<b>Overseas Work:</b>	
For Jerusalem, Soviet Russia, Poland, Riga, other European Fields, Special Relief Funds, expenses of European visit .....	5,550.43
<b>Education Fund:</b>	
Students supported in part or in full, at Bible Training Schools ..	1,190.77
<b>"The Chosen People"</b>	
Printing and mailing .....	2,763.40
<b>"The Shepherd of Israel"</b>	
Printing and mailing .....	2,870.33
Total Disbursements .....	\$81,240.58
<b>Adjusted Balances, January 1, 1935:</b>	
General Fund .....	\$9,268.04
Poor Fund .....	260.33
THE CHOSEN PEOPLE .....	1,063.67
Plaza Fund .....	455.18
Overseas Work .....	1,506.81
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>12,554.03</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$93,794.61</b>

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## Salutation

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

*Dearly beloved friends:—*

The Preacher saith, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted. . . . A time to keep silence and a time to speak."

And now we have come upon the time when we must speak, and we are to speak of the everlasting mercies of our Heavenly Father and of the outpouring of His abundant blessings upon this, the work of His hands, and the work of your labors, throughout the twelve months that have passed. And we think of the testimony of the Shepherd of Israel, in Psalm 65:11, 12, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness and the little hills rejoice on every side."

And this is our own glad testimony as we seek to gather up into a summarized form the experiences of the last twelvemonth. And so, as has been our custom for several years past, a custom which our many beloved friends have seemed to appreciate greatly, we are setting aside this space to give you as fully as possible the report of the year's work as presented at the annual meeting of our Board of Directors, on January 23rd, 1935:—

### THE MOUNTAIN PEAKS OF THE YEAR

Perhaps the outstanding event of the year 1934, as we look back now and try to evaluate the many experiences that have come to us in these last twelve months, was our entrance into the European situation. As events have developed since last summer, it has become more and more evident that the Lord's hand was in the sudden decision that your Secretary should be sent across the water to gain first hand contacts with European Jewry. That has now proven to have been strategic, for it has put us almost directly in the center and in the very heart of the life-throb of Israel of the dispersion, and we have been brought face to face more vividly than ever before with our privileges and obligations to these lost sheep of the house of Israel in every part of the world, to whom we have been called in a ministry of Gospel promulgation. As already reported in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE last October, we were able to establish new channels and new means to enlarge our world-reach with the Gospel. There is no question whatever in our minds but that the Lord led us to the undertaking of the work in Warsaw with Mr. Moses H. Gitlin as our missionary and Mr. Moses Schiff as the assistant. We told also in the October number

of the wonderful way in which the Lord sealed for us the call of Mr. Moses Schiff. Later in the winter we received from this truly born again and consecrated young Jewish brother the following letter:—

*Highly esteemed Brother Joseph Cohn:—*

"It was a great and happy day to me when I received the glad news from dear Brother Gitlin that a cablegram came from you to engage me. And how have I praised my Saviour. Ever since I have been converted, in 1925, was it my great dream and longing for to be with and under the loving care of my spiritual father and teacher, dear Brother Gitlin. Now under your and his direction, and surrounded with so many friends of Israel which are interested in the Lord's work here, I hope to succeed by His grace.

I am particularly thankful to the dear Christian donors who undertook by the help of God to support us each month. I am praying for them daily, with thanksgiving. May our dear Saviour bless them in all their doings.

I am going today again for a six weeks' trip to Walin. I wish you would support me before the Throne of Grace, day by day."

We sent this letter to the dear friends who were led in such a miraculous way and without even a word or hint of solicitation from us to undertake his support, and these friends wrote back and told how deeply moved they were to realize how earnest and consecrated a Jewish Christian brother the Lord had allowed them and given them the privilege to support.

#### OUR FRIENDS WITH US

The responses of the many friends, when we announced the undertaking of the work at Warsaw, was indeed heartening, and the funds have been coming in steadily, so that every obligation we have undertaken in this connection has been fully met and even more. If this support shall continue from our friends in an ever increasing stream, as we truly hope and pray that it will, then it will mean that we must take the next step which is to establish in Warsaw a greatly needed Bible training School with Mr. Gitlin at the head, and with a competent teaching staff to assist him. The need there for this, and the field, is practically unlimited. This opportunity we all must make a matter of earnest prayer for this coming year, so that if the Lord shall tarry we may before the year has ended be able to report that this dream of Mr. Gitlin's has come true, and that the Lord's work in Poland will thus be given a free course and be unhindered.

In addition to the undertaking of the new work in Warsaw, we also established connections, particularly in Germany, for the forwarding of relief funds to the unfortunate and most pitifully destitute Jews whose conditions have been reduced to indescribable poverty because of the Nazi program of Jew-extermination. Our hearts have gone out especially to Christian Jews who have suffered along with the other Jews, and who have found themselves more helpless than any of all of those whom the Nazis have been trying to exterminate. It is to them especially that our money has gone, and it has been heartwarming to receive letters from the readers of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* telling how deeply moved these dear Christian friends have been by the need of these Jewish Christians. Equally touching have been the letters which have come to us from the other side telling of individual cases of Jewish Christian need which have been relieved by the few dollars we were able to send. The finan-

logic requires that we keep to the point, and the point in this chapter is as to whether the Mosaic law shall be applied to the Gentiles who are in the Church of Christ.

*Answer 3.* You are quite right, but this verse must be taken in connection with other verses, for instance, Acts 1:8, where the order of "to the Jew first" is unmistakably outlined, when the Lord Jesus Christ Himself gives to the disciples the parting instructions concerning their program of Gospel witnessing. The order is as you will see, first in Jerusalem, where the Jewish ecclesiastical headquarters were located; second in Judea where the Jews lived in their homes; third in Samaria where the Jews lived mixed with Gentiles; and finally, unto the uttermost part of the earth. Such verses as Romans 1:16, Romans 2:10, Acts 13:46, only accentuate and add new emphasis to the doctrine.

*Answer 4.* Again you are calling attention to the unfairness of some commentators in their refusal to grant the necessity of giving the Gospel to the Jews. They are quite willing to give "tribulation and anguish" to the Jew first, but not so willing to give "glory, honor, and peace" to the Jew first. The 11th verse, "There is no respect of persons with God" has direct connection with the 12th verse, "For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law." If the Jew is to receive tribulation and anguish *first*, then certainly if God is to be no respecter of persons, the Jew must receive honor and glory and peace "to the Jew first." This is only the most basic kind of justice and equity.

*Answer 5.* Why not seek the Lord's guidance as to what porportion of your missionary interests shall go "to the Jew first?" We have never ourselves even suggested a standard or a ratio, but we do have many devoted friends and lovers of our work who are giving to this Mission a large share of their stewardship money, on the theory that since the great majority of Christian people do so little, and in most cases nothing, for Israel,

they feel it is God's will for them to make up in this way for what the others are not doing. In such a policy one must confess there is merit, especially when one beholds with astonishment how almost next to nothing the great denominations are concerned in the salvation of Israel. It is as the Lord said when the poor woman emptied the alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on His head. The disciples had protested with indignation, "To what purpose is this waste?" But the Lord answered, "Ye have the poor always with you, but me ye have not always." Matt. 26:11. All sorts of reform and philanthropic and educational schemes are being continually heaped upon the churches, and it is astonishing with what eagerness some seize upon these thousand and one schemes that have a remote, if any, connection with the divine Gospel commission; but all too often the sad experience is that if the Jewish mission appeal were brought to these same churches, the response would be coldness and indifference, or the rather trite excuse, "We have too many other demands" Hudson Taylor, the great missionary to China, felt that he could honor God only in his life by going to the foreign field and consecrating all that he had for the Gospel testimony in China; yet Hudson Taylor also found himself under the divinely appointed obligation to give the Gospel "to the Jew first" and the record speaks for itself when we learn that upon the first day of January of every year, that sainted man of God never failed to write a check and send it to a Jewish Mission in London, with the notation written on the check, "to the Jew first." No, the Scriptures do not expect the entire Church of Christ in the world to reverse itself and give up foreign missions and go to the Jews only; there is no such teaching in the Word of God. On the contrary, it is a very reasonable assumption that if the Church of Christ would put the Jew first in her program, her foreign Mission enterprises would prosper abundantly above all that we can dream of, because it would then be that the Church is doing God's work in God's divinely appointed way.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. *Is there Scriptural warrant for British-Israel teaching? Has God any word for the seed of Jacob during this age different from what He has for the rest of mankind?*

Question 2. *Acts 15:14-17 seems to be regarded generally as a key passage charting God's program for this age and the following in three successive steps, (1) v. 14, (2) v. 16, (3) v. 17. How can it be shown that this is the way James understood the prophet's words to agree with v. 14, rather than the more simple way of taking v. 16 to refer to the great spiritual visitation of the Jews from John the Baptist up to and after Pentecost and v. 14 to be the fulfillment of v. 17?*

Question 3. *How does the expression "to the Jew first" quoted I suppose from Romans 1:16, show that that is God's order of evangelization? All I can see in it is a simple statement of the proved fact to which you call attention in your January issue—that the Gospel has greater effect—other things being equal—among the Jews than among the Gentiles.*

Question 4. *Commentators are quite ready with the obvious meaning of "to the Jew first" in Romans 2:9, I notice, but explanations are made scarce of the similar expression in the next verse. What is yours, please?*

Question 5. *If it is God's plan that primary attention be given to the evangelization of the Jews, how may an individual or church know what proportion of gifts and efforts shall be directed to that end? Would all the missionary agencies at work in the world meet the need of Jewish evangelization, and do you think God would have them largely turned to that purpose?*

—MRS. W. R.

*Answer 1.* No, there is no ground in the Word of God for the mistaken theories of the so-called British-Israelites. 1st Cor. 10:32 should clarify the issue to every child of God, "give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God;" nor does God deal differently in the present age with the people of Israel than with the rest of the world. It is all on the basis of whosoever will.

*Answer 2.* The interpretation to which you refer has been, in our judgment, one of the most unfortunate blunders of some so-called dispensational Bible teachers. From v. 14 these Bible teachers have mistakenly propounded the Scripturally untenable theory that this is the time for the gathering in of the Gentiles into the Church. Thus they have confused the times of the Gentiles which have had to do only with temporal power, with world dominion, and which really began with Nebuchadnezzar and will end with the great Armageddon battle—they have confused this with the Church of Christ. And by doing so they have unintentionally insinuated that the Jews are to be "let alone" in the present age! What an unwarranted and mischief-making theory! To this can be traced much of the indifferance on the part of Christians generally to Jewish work. Now a true rendering of the text, when taken in connection with the context and with all previous teaching in the Word of God on this subject, is as follows:—"God for the first time did visit the Gentiles to take out of them also a people for his name." Now compare this with such a verse as Acts 10:45, "They...were astonished...because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost." Certainly this is clear and conclusive, that the Church of Christ is made up of both Jew and Gentile, occupying equal positions before God. To say that Acts 15:14 is "a key passage charting God's program for this age" is strange logic and still stranger exegesis. The brethren are gathered together to discuss the problem of whether the Gentiles shall be required to keep the law of Moses. This is the only subject under discussion, everything else is subsidiary. James explains that God is now taking out from among the Gentiles also a people for His name, and when the Church is finally complete, that is, the full numbers of both Jews and Gentiles have been added to the Church, then the Lord will come and rebuild again the Tabernacle of David in Jerusalem. Since these are Gentiles that are now under discussion, and since only a few Gentiles are to be called out to the Church of Christ, and the rest of the Gentile world will finally be compelled to worship God in Jerusalem, at which time they will be compelled to keep the Law of Moses, then the argument is, let us not trouble them which from among the Gentiles are turned to God. Good

cial report which appears in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE gives a condensed statement of the monies we have been able to forward in this way. This Christian service we must continue to perform, our only regret being that the resources of our faithful supporters here in America have not been anywhere near sufficient to enable us to undertake a really large relief program. The Jews of America have raised several millions of dollars to relieve their compatriots in Germany, and it would be none too much, if somehow, in the wisdom of God, we were enabled to send even \$50,000 a year into the heart of the grief-stricken area of the suffering Jewish believers, the number of whom can be guessed at with reasonable correctness when it is remembered that there were over 60,000 full-blooded Jewish Christians in the German churches; while in addition there were over 200,000 in the churches of part Jewish blood. These have all been driven out of the churches, their only crime being that they possessed Jewish blood. We think of the awful charge which the Lord made against Cain when He said to him, "the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground" and we sometimes wonder how a merciful God can have such long patience with a people who have dared to trample down and blaspheme His holy Word and His unfortunate people as these Nazis have done.

### THE NEW BUILDING

Perhaps the next most important development of the year has been the necessity that has been put upon us to undertake the erection of a new building that will form a connection and really be a part of our present headquarters building. As we have reported many times in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE there has never been in all of our forty years of Jewish Mission work so great a spirit of earnest inquiry among the Jews as there is today, and as a result we have found our facilities here at the Mission building taxed to their utmost. These things we have placed before our friends of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE family, with results that have been heart-stirring. We have realized that not many of our people are of the class known as wealthy, but all are a consecrated people, and consecrated to the one task, that Israel shall receive in these last days of Gentile world misrule, a testimony concerning the Lord Jesus Christ; and they do believe that at least some effort should be made to make up to the Jew the wrongs of the centuries.

### WE ARE GOING AHEAD

So, the response to the setting before our friends of the need of the new building, became immediate, and the gifts rolled in, no large ones, but just dollar by dollar, and these gifts were sent over and above the usual gifts for the work in general, so that now when the year has finished, we are able just by this method alone to set aside \$15,000 for the new building. And so sure have all of us been that this is the plainest evidence of the Lord's will for us, that we have gone ahead with architect's plans. These plans have already been filed with the Building Department, and we are now inviting estimates from reputable contractors, so that by the first of March we fully expect to break ground and proceed with the building. We estimate that only about \$7,000 more will be needed for the complete building, and so sure are we that the Lord is going to send us this money, that we are going ahead, with the full approval of every one of you who are here tonight as members of the Board

of Directors, and we know that the bills will be paid in full when they are due, with not a dollar of debt upon the building. We have promised our many friends, and we have kept the promise, that if they will continue to forward the funds to us, even in the smaller amounts, we shall do everything possible to keep our budget for general expenses down to the lowest possible operating cost, and thus leave a balance to carry over for the building. So the Lord has blessed us in this undertaking, and we rejoice to believe that by late spring the building will be finished, and we shall launch a still larger and more effective work for Israel throughout the world than ever before. The architect is going to give us shortly a sketch of the proposed building, and this we will print in *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE*, perhaps in the March issue, so that all our readers will see it and know more concretely what we are doing. Many, many letters have come to us telling how our friends are praying for the money to be forthcoming for this new undertaking. Typical of the feeling of our friends towards this program is a letter from a dear lady who has been intimately acquainted with this work for fully thirty years, and who writes, "I am glad that you need a larger building and more room." Thus, she is trying to say that she considers even this need as being the undoubted evidence of God's blessing upon the work.

#### OTHER DEPARTMENTS

While the new building enterprise and the work in Europe have engrossed much of our thought and attention, we are not forgetting the many other departments of the work, and it is again a matter of great rejoicing to report from every department, without exception, only encouragement, and evidences of the Lord's abounding grace and mercy. From Pittsburgh comes regular word from our dear Brother Solomon; this faithful and self-sacrificing brother, and a faithful, heroic wife, who labors side by side with him, have continued through the year in a ministry that has won the respect and admiration and also the love of both Jew and Christian. Even Jews who are hostile to the Gospel message, cannot but express a feeling of love and respect for this humble servant of God who goes about day by day in a ministry of kindness and sympathy to his own brethren in the flesh. Likewise the many loyal Christians who have rallied about our work in Pittsburgh, have been unable to keep back their words of admiration at the Christlike way in which Mr. Solomon continues his work, undaunted in the face of opposition, undiscouraged by such things as would make the heart of many grow faint, but possessing only an abounding trust in God. The Lord has honored Mr. Solomon's testimony this past year so that he has had the joy of seeing Jews receive boldness from on high to confess the Lord Jesus Christ in public. In a recent letter to us he tells how our Mission Hall is located in the very heart of Jewish official life in Pittsburgh; a rabbi lives directly across the street from the Mission; in the same block is a school for Jewish children; one block away is the Irene Kaufman Community House and Jewish Settlement. And then Mr. Solomon continues:—

"Surrounded by all these enemies of the Cross, our Mission stands as a light-house. The banner of the Cross of Christ is held aloft in the face of friend and foe, and Christ is exalted. Our prayers and our aims and our objects for the year 1935 are that we may be of greater usefulness in His service, just to please the Lord in win-

ing." And an offering was taken, and to his utter surprise, the sum reached several hundred dollars. From that time on it was agreed that I should come every year, and that the church should place as a definite plank in its doctrinal platform, the Scriptural Missionary Program, "To the Jew First." And this was done, and year after year that church has plowed its money into this Mission, sometimes the total from the church and through its outside influences would reach two thousand dollars a year. Only eternity will reveal the large share this church has had in the up-building of this Jewish Mission work.

The depression came. I wrote, saying I ought not to come, his people were hard hit, not even the coal bill paid. His reply was, "You come, and you get every dollar you can from my people. When the time comes that we cannot afford a collection for the Jews, we will lock up the church doors and quit." And I came, and the offering was close to a thousand dollars, and God also enabled the church to pay the coal bill, and every other bill.

Once, sitting on the platform with me in Wealthy Street Church, he seemed somewhat depressed and deeply engrossed in thought, when suddenly he leaned over to me and said, "We Gentiles have much to answer to God for our treatment of the Jews. We have debauched and degraded them."

Once he came to help us in a program at Winona Lake. When it came time for him to go back, we asked how much his expenses were, and he named an amount which we knew was barely enough to pay railroad fare, and we expressed surprise, and said, "But your Pullman fare?" And that saint of God, fully seventy-five at the time, said, "Oh no, I just sat in the day coach all the way!" And we scolded him, and told him that at his age, surely the Lord wanted him to travel in reasonable comfort; and we had to force a promise out of him that he would make the long trip home in a Pullman Car. An honorarium for his services on the program, he simply would not take. "Use it for the work," was his simple command.

Good-night, beloved brother in the Lord. Soon it will be, Good-morning, over there.

#### A WORD FROM JERUSALEM

We do not often find room for extensive reports from our Gospel Gate in Jerusalem, under the faithful care of Brother Frank L. Boothby. But here is a letter from this veteran servant of Christ, which our friends will rejoice to read:—

*Dear Brother Cohn in the Lord,*

Grateful greetings to you and to all concerned in the Gospel Gate, Jerusalem, Palestine. Thankfully received by me was the letter from your secretary, and the sum of \$20.00 on October 24th—received in the midst of our great temporal needs on all lines. It is not for us to complain but to endure graciously the depressing lack.

I often hear the word *Todah* (Hebrew, for Thanks) in this gate room for a New Testament or a *Shepherd of Israel* paper received from my hand. I think we can truly say that during the course of a year an army of Jewish children ask for a *T'nach* (Hebrew, for Old Testament) or a *B'rith Chadasha*. When I am giving any one or more of them a New Testament, and I say, "Make a bow" most every child obeys. Jewish children going through this gateway from various schools and homes like to make a fleeting call. Oftentimes they resent acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah but we can not help praying for them according to their apparent need. The Lord will enlighten them.

This month the contract for the Gospel Gate Room has to be made for next year but the payment of rent is not fully required before April 1st, 1935. More New Testaments in Hebrew will be needed. If you may be commanded for some financial help in the way of my living expenses I shall be gladdened and set free from the anxiety of necessary debts.

Yours faithfully in the Lord's service until we wake in His likeness,

F. L. BOOTHBY.

We have already forwarded the money for the renewal of the rent for 1935 for the Gospel Gate Room.

## A PRINCE IS FALLEN

"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" II Samuel 3:38. Early in the morning of New Year's Day, our friend and brother Dr. O. W. Van Osdel, dearly beloved in the Lord, slipped away to be with the One whom he loved and served for nearly seventy years. Dr. Van Osdel had just passed his eighty-eighth birthday, when the call came. Up

to within a few months of his homegoing, he had been vigorous and busy in the pastorate of the Wealthy Street Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Mich. And somehow, like Moses of old, the Lord must have revealed to him his nearing departure, for it was he who asked the church to join with him in the choosing of a Joshua to be his successor. And no sooner had Pastor D. Otis

Fuller come on the field, in October, than Dr. Van Osdel took to his bed, from which he never again rose.

We cannot give in these few lines the slightest review of the life and labors of this great man of God. All we can do is to pay a word of tribute, and utter a feeble thanks to God for ever having blessed us with this man's friendship, love and confidence. We first met him, over twenty years ago, when we were young, wistful, and in



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a mighty struggle to gain a foothold in the hearts of God's people, for Israel. Those were hard days, dark ones, and sometimes heart-breaking ones too. We called on Dr. Van Osdel at his home, and asked the privilege of telling his people something about the work. He looked at me kindly, and said, "My boy, we are a struggling church, few in number, and we cannot give you any help; try some other church which

has money, and a large membership." To this I replied, "Dr. Van Osdel, I want no money, I want no large membership, I only know that your people are a Godly people, and I want to lay upon them the burden for Israel. You need not obligate yourselves in any way as regards money; I will say nothing about money, and I will make no appeal in any way." He seemed a bit doubtful about

this, but finally agreed that I should come, and I was not to say anything about money. So, on a Sunday night I spoke to the then small membership of the church. When I had finished, Dr. Van Osdel seemed strangely moved, and he arose and said to his people, "Mr. Cohn came here tonight without the promise of a single dollar, but I know you will all agree with me when I say that we must not let him go without giving him an offer-

ing souls for His kingdom, and that our lives may be fully consecrated to His service, not to miss a single opportunity in speaking or testifying of His saving power and His keeping power. We seek loyally to carry out the orders of our supporters in the Lord and we gratefully acknowledge the blessings we have received through the loyal support of all the members of our American Board of Missions to the Jews. God bless them."

Is it any wonder that the Lord is blessing so richly the testimony of the Mission when He has given to us such faithful and self-sacrificing laborers? Incidentally, this is a most wonderful combination, to have each employed missionary of our Board a truly consecrated servant of God, with the supreme motive of his or her life, "this one thing I do," and then to combine with that the host of devoted friends scattered in all parts of the world, who with their prayers, and their money, and their word of cheer, have made possible the labors of these consecrated workers. This is a worthy combination in the Lord's work, and it is to this that we must attribute the miracles which God has wrought in our behalf.

Likewise in Philadelphia our Brother Harry Burgen labors in season and out of season; the work there is rather unique and quite different from our other branches. Although there are not the large audiences, or the public meetings, Mr. Burgen goes from house to house. Sometimes, as he reports to us, he is busy with *The Shepherd of Israel* in the dark hours of the early morning, so that he sometimes delivers *The Shepherd of Israel* with the milkman! In his work, the stress is laid upon personal conversations, in the homes, in the stores, and the persistent pressing of the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the individual to whom he is talking.

## THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL

Again this little paper has rounded out a year of usefulness and blessing. Just to give you again the scope of the world reach of the messages of this paper, may we mention some of the countries into which the paper has gone regularly, either to a personal address, or in quantity to missionary workers who in turn have distributed them faithfully each month—Poland, Canada, Australia, Roumania, Palestine, Greece, England, Latvia, France, Denmark, Hungary, Austria.

In addition to these foreign countries, once more here in America we mention that at least 1,000 of our Christian friends are taking the paper in various quantities and are distributing the copies each month in Jewish homes, and they write us from time to time and tell us of the absorbing experiences they are having in their conversations with the Jews. As I am preparing this report, a letter comes from a Jewish Christian worker in Athens, Greece, and he tells us of the welcome which *The Shepherd of Israel* finds there. He also asks for a large supply of our tracts, prepared for the Jews, and he asks for permission to translate these tracts as well as certain articles from *The Shepherd of Israel*, in the dialect known as Espanole, which is the dialect of the Jews in Salonica. He says further, "The Jews of Salonica speak a dialect Judeo-Espanole, and the greater part speak French which they learn at the schools of the Alliance Israelite Universalle. I will also send a supply of your tracts to the Jews in Turkey, and also a few to the Jews in Yugo-Slavia. And, God willing, I shall begin shortly to send literature to the Jews in Bulgaria. Your

tracts I find good, and they will be useful for later translations into Hebrew, French, Greek, and Yugo-Slavian. Sometimes I visit Salonica where there are almost 55,000 Jews, and I go to the Synagogues there. I make some acquaintances and sometimes we have a discussion about the prophecies of the Messiah."

#### MINISTRY TO THE SAINTS

Again we have been privileged to carry on a service for the Lord's people by way of supplying them with thousands upon thousands of leaflets and tracts on various subjects of the Christian life, although most of them have to do with the Jewish problem. Once more the Anti-Semitic activities, some of them undertaken by men who call themselves Christians, have seemed to go over the country like a flood, and once more we must testify with great thankfulness that the Lord enabled us to take a valiant part in stemming this tide of Jew-hate. Considerable money had to be spent in printing tracts such as "Hands Off the Jews" by our good friend and brother G. A. Griswood; "The Jew and Christian Brotherhood," by Dr. George Wells Arms; "The Jew—God's Great Timepiece," by Otto Klink. Likewise we purchased other literature, and all of this we sent out almost like the leaves of autumn in every part of America; and it was a wonderful thing to receive letters from the Lord's people in so many parts of this country, thanking us for having opened their eyes and for having caused them to see the unspeakably wicked thing of helping forward in any way the campaign for hating the Jews. Likewise we have been able to help many of our friends with other tracts and with personal letters, which have met some of their most perplexing problems, both as to Scripture understanding and as to personal circumstances. It has been our privilege also at the Thursday meeting of the workers to remember in earnest prayer the special requests that have come to us from friends of the Mission, and again have our hearts been rejoiced so many times to receive letters telling how these prayers have been answered, and how much joy had been brought into the homes of the dear friends who had written to us in their hour of sorrow and need. A general idea of the nature of this sort of service can be had if I give you some figures showing the numbers of tracts, etc., that have gone out day by day, and the various sections of the country to which they have gone: over 45,000 leaflets of all kinds, to Christian people; over 7,000 tracts to, or for, Jews. All this only by mail, and to literally every corner of the world. This only gives the mailings of small quantity orders, usually less than half a dozen. But the large mailings, cared for by Mr. Englander, run into many thousands more.

Time and space make impossible the going into detail of every part of our work; we do this through THE CHOSEN PEOPLE in rotation month after month throughout the year so that our friends have a fairly good knowledge of the work and all of its branches, but it is not easy to sum up in one report all of these things. The Financial Account on page 14, if closely studied, will be a revelation as to the efficiency, economy and far-reaching stretch of the work in all of its activities. Hidden for instance in this financial report is such an item as the maintaining of colportage work in Chicago, where now two different sections of the city are canvassed regularly each month and *The Shepherd of Israel* left in the homes of Jews in those districts; and where the personal conversations that follow such visits are of the greatest value. Nor does the mere surface glance speak with any degree of eloquence of the Dis-

pensary work for instance, where last year we treated something like 5,600 patients, and through this treating we were given access into the homes for the Gospel testimony. It is impossible to estimate the ultimate good for the Gospel's sake that is accomplished in this way. Ever so often I personally run across Jews in various parts of America who come to me and tell me that they used to come to our Dispensary or they used to come to our Mission meetings, and the Gospel contacts made with them at that time prove to have been lasting.

#### THE MOTHER'S CLASSES

Nor does the report go into any details concerning the open air work of the past summer, which we helped to maintain both in Chicago and in New York, nor can we speak of the success of the Vacation Bible School under the able management of Miss Biber, Miss Rose, and Miss Collignon, who have been faithful in their determination to bring the Gospel claims home to the hearts of every child with whom we have been brought into contact. Nor can I speak of Miss Sussdorff and her amazing love for the mothers, mothers that she has seen grow up from childhood days here in the Mission, and who now rise to call her blessed and who come here on a Wednesday afternoon, week after week, year after year, and bring their little ones with them, so that they too shall form a rising generation, another and a larger host who will call upon the name of the Lord; to all of these Miss Sussdorff ministers with the fidelity and the love of a mother herself and into her ears they pour their heart aches, and their anxieties, and always they find a response and a willingness to come eagerly to their rescue. Nor is there room to tell of Mr. Englander and of Mr. Schatkin; of the crowded meetings on Friday nights and Monday nights; of the faithful preaching and faithful visitation. What a crown there must be awaiting such workers as these on that day when He shall make up His jewels!

#### NOT SLOTHFUL IN BUSINESS

Thus, in the words of the poet, "Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing, onward through life we go." And thus we have labored and are laboring in the glad hope of some day hearing our Lord's blessed words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." And we are not unmindful of the multiplied evidences of His footsteps upon the threshold. On the contrary, we are laboring all the more incessantly, because we want to be found diligent about the Father's business when He comes; for our further thought is that if He should come this very night, and take us all to be with Him, this Mission, articulated as it is, with the needs of a world Jewry, with its lines circling the earth, may be found of Him a worthy tool to be taken up by a group of the godly Jewish remnant of the Tribulation and used under God to continue the witness and testimony in that time of world distress when men will call upon the rocks and the mountains to fall upon them. For such an hour as that, we are more and more concerned. The Lord is calling us and our supporters, to prepare the foundations of a testimony to Israel. And in the meantime we shall do what the Lord told of the true Shepherd doing, we shall search and ever keep searching for that last lost sheep that, when finally brought into the fold, shall make complete the flock. Then shall we hear the sound of the trumpet that shall transport the full flock to the eternal folds of celestial glory. Then shall there be forever one fold and one Shepherd, even the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep.

To that end may God keep this Mission faithful, and its friends true.

Ever faithfully yours in His Service,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.