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

(Receipts that have been acknowledged from month to month, and Disbursements, for the twelve months beginning January 1st, 1935, and ending December 31st, 1935.)  
Respectfully submitted, PAUL H. GRAEF, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
<b>Balances forward January 1, 1935:</b>		<b>General Fund:</b>	
General Fund	\$9,268.04	Salaries of Mission Staff:	
Poor Fund	260.33	Part and full time workers	\$18,437.20
Plaza Fund	455.18	Extension Department:	
European Fund	1,506.81	Salaries, advertising, traveling	7,390.78
THE CHOSEN PEOPLE	1,063.67	Reserves	5,000.00
Total	\$12,554.03	Office Administration:	
		Salaries of Office Secretary, Stenographers, Bookkeepers, including clerical help on THE CHOSEN PEOPLE and on THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL	5,279.40
		Frank H. Marston Building, payments	8,000.00
		Columbus, Ohio, Salaries, expenses, in establishing new Branch	1,611.79
		Miscellaneous Items:	
		Care and upkeep of Buildings; new heating plant; insurance, fire, liability, workmen's compensation; Chicago colporters and open air work; office supplies, including new equipment; items not properly chargeable to other funds	13,632.84
			\$59,352.01
<b>Receipts during 1935:</b>		<b>Relief to the Poor:</b>	
General Fund	\$66,881.46	Cash help to needy cases	2,143.57
Poor Fund	3,633.06	Literature Fund:	
Education Fund	546.95	Printing and distribution of tracts, purchase of Bibles and New Testaments, Yiddish Hymn Books	2,361.74
Literature Fund	2,742.75	Work Among the Children:	
Children's Fund	343.80	Sewing and work-room supplies, Socials, Outings, Daily Vacation Bible School	596.32
Dispensary Fund	1,110.65	Dispensary:	
Hewes Street Fund	832.75	Physicians, Medical Supplies	1,268.40
Plaza Fund	366.00	Hewes Street Fund:	
Philadelphia Branch	1,041.29	Maintenance and Improvements	1,063.14
Pittsburgh Branch	2,274.26	1st Mortgage paid in full	3,000.00
European Fund	5,504.85	Plaza Fund:	
THE CHOSEN PEOPLE	3,186.18	Maintenance, improvements	2,061.26
THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL	2,343.74	Philadelphia Branch:	
Total	\$90,807.74	Salaries, rent of 535 Spruce Street, and all other expenses	3,447.47
GRAND TOTAL	\$103,361.77	Pittsburgh Branch:	
		Salaries, rent of 1603 Centre Ave., and all other expenses	3,303.58
		Overseas Work:	
		Jerusalem, Soviet Russia, Poland, Riga, other European Fields, Special Relief Funds, expenses of Palestine Trip	6,349.72
		Education Fund:	
		Jewish Students supported in part or in full, at Bible Training Schools	675.51
		"The Chosen People":	
		Printing and mailing	3,531.46
		"The Shepherd of Israel":	
		Printing and mailing	2,453.11
		Total Disbursements	\$91,607.29
		Adjusted Balances, January 1, 1936:	
		General Fund	\$8,243.32
		Poor Fund	1,749.82
		THE CHOSEN PEOPLE	718.39
		Overseas Work	661.94
		Literature Fund	381.01
			11,754.48
			\$103,361.77

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, 1935, 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.

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## Salutation

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

Dearly beloved Friends:

Paul reminds the Thessalonians "Nor of men sought we glory." Ist Thess. 2:6. In the 4th verse he elaborates this principle by saying "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

And so it was that we prepared and sent out the Salutation in the January issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE; not without fear and not without trepidation. Imagine therefore our great joy when your letters came pouring in, letters from the very choicest of the Lord's people, friends who not only were anxious for the milk of the Word, but were also willing and able to feed on meat. These letters were filled with thank you's for the doctrinal elucidation of Romans 11:24, and expressed great appreciation for the fresh light given. One dear friend, for instance, wrote:—

Your salutation in the magazine which has just reached me is one of the strongest, most fearless articles I have ever read. God bless you for your courage.

From another letter we take also a few sentences:—

Just received THE CHOSEN PEOPLE and wish to say that I have not read an article more needed today than your salutation. Please, please print it in tract form. I could use fifty copies. Was about to send you \$5.00 for the General Fund but will make it \$10.00, the extra \$5.00 to help print the tract. Please let me know when it is ready if you decide to print it.

Just one more quotation and this time from our friend and brother of many years standing, Rev. Chas. F. Reitzel, of Altoona, Pa.

It is fine, and worthy of much larger circulation than that of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. It ought to be printed in tract form. I think I could boil it down sufficiently to get it in a four page tract, and sell the same for \$1.00 per 100 postpaid.

So, we have already given Pastor Reitzel permission to print the tract, and friends who wish copies of it can write to us and we will forward the orders to him.

But what we wanted to say when we started out, was a wholehearted thank you, and a God bless you to all of the dear friends who have thus honored us with their words of commendation. It is true, that we do not seek the flattery of men, nor do we seek to please men. But there is that human part of us which does receive encouragement and stimulus when a friend tells us "Your writing has been a blessing to me." Boswell tells of Samuel Johnson, that as he was lying on what was to be his death bed and was much fatigued, Boswell told him, "I have a letter here for you, very lengthy, and it might tire you to have me read it to you in full, but in general it is highly in your praise." Thereupon Mr. Johnson begged that the letter should be read to him in its entirety, saying, "The applause of a single human being is of great consequence." And so, we confess to such weakness, and if we have been of the slightest help to the least of one of the Lord's own, it puts a spring into our step, and helps us on our

way, rejoicing. So, once more, thank you, and above all let us give thanks to the Lord whom we serve, that He sees fit to unite us in this holy fellowship and mutual understanding of His Word.

#### THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT

But now we come to something totally different, for it is February, and for several years past it has been our custom to devote these February pages of Salutation to a comprehensive and yet brief summary of what the Lord has done for us during the twelvemonth of the past year. In this way we are able to place before our friends a sort of bird's eye view of the whole work, a glimpse here and a glimpse there, of the high spots of the year's experiences, and a setting forth of the many undertakings to which we stand committed in the Lord's good providence.

That saint of God, Dr. A. B. Simpson, once wrote a hymn, a verse or two of which quite properly describes the emotions of our heart as we stand and gaze objectively upon the work of the year that has just passed. The words of the poem are as follows:—

"The mercy of God is an ocean divine,  
A boundless and fathomless flood;  
Launch out in the deep, cut away the shoreline,  
And be lost in the fulness of God.  
Launch out into the deep,  
O let the shoreline go;  
Launch out, launch out, in the ocean divine,  
Out where the full tides flow."

And so this past year has been characterized by this one fact, that we have dared to launch out into the deep, throwing ourselves entirely upon the boundless ocean of God's providence and mercy. And be it said to the honor and glory of His name, that over and over again our experience has been that no sooner had we ventured out upon a new step of faith than the Lord gave us the unquestioned token of His approval and blessing, so that we were never far removed from the sound of His voice, "Go forward." And each time when we agreed to undertake a new responsibility in the spirit and example of Abraham, who "went out, not knowing whither he went," the Lord always honored our "going out," and funds for the new expenses seemed suddenly to come out of nowhere. And then we found ourselves rebuked because we had had even the slightest doubt but that these funds would surely be forthcoming, since we were doing only that which the Lord has unmistakably impressed upon our hearts to do.

#### THE OUTSTANDING EVENTS

We suppose that the outstanding events of the year for us are contained first, in the finishing and dedicating of the Frank H. Marston Memorial Building, every dollar of the cost being in our hands before the hour of dedication; and secondly, the writer's all too brief visit to the land of hope, the land of wonderful Bible prediction, the land of present day miracle—Palestine. Much has previously been printed in these columns concerning both these experiences, and we feel that more space should not be taken at this time beyond expressing once more our deepest thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus Christ for these two great events. We are finding ourselves more competent to deal with Palestine problems because of our having been there, and we are hoping soon that the Lord will lead us into a larger undertaking for that land, because so many of the German refugee Jews are trekking their way back. We do feel more and more the urgency of a Christ-like and a persistent Gospel approach to these Jews in Palestine on the basis of personal contact. Who knows what part we must play, in God's program, with this regathering people, by way of preparation for that remnant spoken of in Rev. 7, the 144,000 of the twelve tribes of Israel? What a thrilling thing it is to realize that we are to have so intimate a part with God in the fulfilling of these latter day predictions!

As to the Frank H. Marston Memorial Building, your hearts will rejoice, as ours have rejoiced many times, when we report to you that every square foot of this new building is occupied and used to the glory of God. Many times now our Monday night meetings are so crowded that we have no room, and our peo-

#### JEWISH NOTES

There is food for thought in an editorial which appeared recently in the *American Hebrew*; and while we would not agree with all that the article contains, we do feel that many of our friends would like to read it, for it is a rebuke to the Modernists and to the too-loose, professing Christians of the present day. The editorial is entitled, "What Would Gutenberg Say?" and reads in part as follows:

The four hundredth anniversary of the first Bible printed in English will be an occasion for international celebration of the place of the English Bible in life and literature. The Christian world is inclined to forget that what it reads is in reality the Jewish Scriptures, and that the homage accorded through the centuries to the Book of Books is indeed tribute to the Jewish spirit intrinsic therein. While there have been innumerable editions of the Bible, the ethical concepts, prophetic utterances and ancient annals remain essentially Hebraic. Dependence upon the Latin Vulgate Bible explains the presence of the Apocrypha in the English Bible. These non-canonical books were not in the Hebrew, indeed most of them never existed in the Hebrew at all, but were composed in Greek.

It would be well, if in the celebration of the 400th anniversary by Christendom, attention were called not only to the Old Testament and to the several translations into English by Jewish scholarship, but to the fact that the basic ethical teachings of Jesus were derived directly from Jewish sources.

Christianity, however, is prone to overlook this basic indebtedness and to give heed rather to the glosses than to the text! Witness the unwitting incongruity in the news item that the Sinaitic manuscript recently acquired by the British Museum and dating from the fourth century is to be bound in pigskin! This was selected of course, because of its durability, but a moral might well be tagged thereto. Jewish sensibility, the debt of the Christian world to the ancient spirituality of Judaism, are lost in the modern shuffle. Indeed, Gutenberg himself would be shocked to know to what base purposes printing has been put in

these days of Streicher's Stuermer and the other bigotries that beset us the world over in the plethora of print. Recently, the president of the Swiss Gutenberg Museum addressed a peace manifesto to the fourth international Printer's Congress at Utrecht, and in his address to printers throughout the world he paraphrased Gutenberg in these words:

"I, Gutenberg, invented for you the art of printing that you might implant in mankind a spirit of goodwill. I made it possible for you to give the Bible and Christian teaching to all nations in their own languages, that you might feel a brotherly love for each other. But what have you done? You have let loose wars and bloodshed! Such things must not continue. Annihilation will be the fate of the whole world. Printers, I, Gutenberg, gave you the printing press that you should promote civilization, peace and concord. Has this been your constant aim? Would the conditions in which the world finds itself today have been possible, if you had always placed your presses at the service of peace—the end I had in view in inventing printing?"

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The telephone trunk line from Jerusalem to Baghdad was officially opened on November 27th, when Mr. Hall, the Chief Secretary, acting for the High Commissioner who was ill, spoke to General Yasin Pasha el Hashini, the Prime Minister of Iraq.

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and bringing about their deliverance. So while God's name is not mentioned in the book, yet in a very real sense God is on every page of the book. Now here is the striking parallel, and corroborative evidence of the theory just propounded, that in the present day the Jews likewise are turned away from God, even their much boasted movement called Zionism is admittedly Godless. Yet who will doubt but that God is watching over every move they make, and that God has destined to redeem them ultimately out of the clutches of their enemies. Else such a chapter as Zechariah 14 is without meaning.



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. *In your Question Column could you explain about where "a lying spirit was put into the mouths of the prophets" and also where Christ says, "take no thought for tomorrow" as "the lilies neither sow nor reap," etc. for we (especially farmers) are compelled to plant ahead for a crop?* —MRS. E.

Question 2. *In Exodus at the time of the deliverance of the children of Israel, we read again and again, "God hardened Pharaoh's heart." In that case it hardly seems that Pharaoh was a free moral agent.* —MRS. H. P.

Answers 1 and 2. You refer to 1st Kings 22:23. Ahab as you know was a wicked king. Long before God ever took a hand in disciplining Ahab, Ahab himself had embarked upon a one way street, a spirit of disobedience to God, and a spirit that must end in destruction. God then permitted these lying spirits to deceive Ahab, for God had no other choice but to let Ahab accomplish his own destruction. It was the same, for instance, in the case of Pharaoh. Pharaoh hardened his heart long before God determined to destroy him.

As to your question having to do with our Lord's moral, "take no thought for tomorrow" (Matt. 6:25) may we say quite frankly that this is difficult of satisfactory answer. We, of course, recognize to some extent the explanation by some that it means that we are not to be over-anxious. But this explanation has never fully satisfied us, and has appeared to us as though it were begging the question. One reads for instance the parable of the talents, and therein one sees that the Lord commends the servant who reports, "Thou deliverest unto me five talents, behold I have gained beside them five talents more." Matt. 25:20. Certainly the servant who was able to invest five talents so as to make it produce five more, was obliged to do some thinking for tomorrow.

Perhaps the truth, or at least the important lesson that was intended for us to learn, is to be found in the fact that the Jews in the time of our Lord, having felt so keenly the oppression of Rome, and having been made cynical almost beyond hope by the blasting of the Maccabean dreams of a reconquest of their own land, had sunk to the lower levels of extreme grab-

bing for gold, and extreme anxiety over the future; to a people living in such fear by day, and terror by night, the Lord Jesus Christ came with the reminder that after all the mere physical accoutrements of life were hardly worth all this super-anxiety and super-worry. Certainly a child of God must use the faculties that God gave him so that he may provide for his family and for their needs. Among these faculties there is always the commendable characteristic trait of self-preservation, of knowing the times and the season, a time to plow, a time to sow, a time to cultivate, a time to harvest. One who ignores these things will find himself truly destitute and he will have only himself to blame, not God.

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Question 1. *Sometime ago I read a chapter purporting to be a lost chapter of the Acts. This was in a British-Israel book. To me it was plainly spurious. Could you give me any information on this?*

Question 2. *Why is not the name of God mentioned in the Book of Esther?*

—W. O. McK.

Answer 1. You are quite right. There are too many absurdities afloat these days, which lay claim to such nonsense as the sixth Book of Moses, the stories of the boyhood days of the Lord Jesus Christ, and now this "lost chapter" of the Book of the Acts. The British-Israel propaganda is doing much harm in these serious times, and we need to be on our guard against the unscriptural theories put forth by the proponents of this strange cult.

Answer 2. Many conjectures have been made as to why the name of God is omitted in the Book of Esther, but none has proven conclusive. The word Esther itself means "hidden." Some think that because the historical facts were taken from original Persian records, therefore the name of God was omitted. But we wonder whether there is not here another purpose:—During the reign of Xerxes, the Ahasuerus of Esther, the Jews were in a state of apostasy and had turned away from God. Yet in spite of such a disobedience, and in spite of the fact that God was not in their thoughts, we still find God in the background caring for them,

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ple must stand around the edges. Already our workers are crying for another enlargement and if the Lord tarry, perhaps we shall have to face this question again.

## AS TO POLAND

Space has been so scarce that we have not been able to print even a fraction of the news from our devoted missionary in Warsaw, Brother Moses H. Gitlin; a little bit we have printed from him, and from his colleague, also our missionary, Brother Moses Schiff. Be it said however that Poland offers the richest field for Jewish work in all the world today, and in these two consecrated young men we have about as choice and apostolic a pair as is to be found in all of Poland. One cannot help but think of Paul and Barnabas in this connection. In Poland our Jewish people are suffering almost as much hell agony as they have been undergoing in the land of Hitler; there is a cruel campaign of anti-Semitism continually being carried on; there have been riots in various places, and in some of the universities the students have molested and ill treated their Jewish colleagues, while in the field of commercial life thousands of Jews have lost their means of livelihood. Under such sad conditions our missionaries are able to come with a word of cheer, and the blessed news of the Gospel; and they are receiving a wide hearing with an accompanying reception of the Gospel message. From one who has been there recently we quote a sentence by way of a summarized picture:—

"The opportunities in Poland are indescribable, and it behooves us to be up and doing all that we can to lead our people in their search for a lasting security where their souls will find peace, comfort and strength. In these days of their great affliction, to whom can they turn but to Christ, the lover of their souls? There is a great demand for Bibles and suitable Christian literature in Poland."

Throughout the year both Mr. Gitlin and Mr. Schiff have crowded their hours with long journeys, sometimes in ox carts through the villages of Poland, and they report that literally thousands have come from the countryside to the appointed central places of meeting and have listened with eager hearts for hours and hours to the Gospel message.

## BIBLE INSTITUTE WORK

A year ago we hinted that if the Lord continued to bless the labors of these brethren in Poland, it would be only a matter of time before we would have to start a training school. Now it is our joy to announce that such a school is actually in the beginning of its career. A plan has been worked out which involves the renting of a large apartment in the heart of Warsaw, with the front room of a size to hold 30 or 40. Mr. Gitlin will live in the apartment with his family, setting aside the front room as the Gospel Meeting Hall, and setting aside further two other rooms for a rather unique piece of service. Out of the Gospel meetings he hopes to gather a sort of permanent student body of three Jewish Christian young men, who will live with him in the apartment, and receive from him and from Moses Schiff daily Bible instruction, much in the nature of a Bible School course. As fast as each young man gives evidence of competency, he will be sent out into the small villages to do evangelistic work; then another recruit will be taken into the apartment, and so we will continue to have three students in training.

After we had agreed to the above program, we were writing to a friend on another matter; and we mentioned the fact that we had just undertaken an enlargement of our work in Warsaw which would commit us to an additional expense of about \$1,000 a year. The friend wrote back immediately, without a word of solicitation from us, "I want to have half share in that expense, and you may count on me for \$500 for your 1936 budget for Warsaw." And again we thanked God, for once more we saw the working out of the very thing we have spoken of above, that no sooner do we take a step forward than He provides the money. It remains only that the second half of the increased 1936 budget for Warsaw shall come from our friends, and, without the least doubt in our minds, we know it will come. But all we want to say at this point is that here is a new privilege of prayer for our friends.

## THE NEW WORK IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

Another mountain peak which we must not overlook, as to the 1935 experiences, is the establishing of a new work in Columbus, Ohio, with Rev. and

Mrs. Oscar Wago as our missionaries. We already have spoken about this, and we think in this summarized report we will only quote from a recent letter which was written by Mr. Wago as a condensed report of his own experiences for the year:—

The ten months which we have spent in this city, have been a time of blessed experiences, and to Him be the glory, Who did it all. We stop for a moment to behold the great blessings of our precious Heavenly Father which He so richly showered upon us during the past year in our new field of labor. Our hearts are overflowing with joy and thankfulness for His gracious leading and for the wonderful things He has done for us. We are thankful for the way He led us to be co-workers in the blessed work done by the American Board of Missions to the Jews, and if we have done anything that was worth while, to God alone be the glory, Who has been pleased to use our humble service and testimony.

Not only did we receive a warm welcome on the part of our Christian brethren, but Jewish hearts and doors also have been opened to us, to the praise of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many of our Jewish brethren, whose hearts are hungry for a word of consolation, listened eagerly to our testimony, and the power of the gospel melted many hearts when we proclaimed the free gift of our Heavenly Father to His people, even Christ the Messiah.

Both Bible classes conducted by Mrs. Wago and myself were well attended, and our testimony was also carried into the market places and into Jewish homes as well. *The Shepherd of Israel* has become a regular visitor in many of these Jewish homes.

We consecrate our lives anew, at the threshold of a new year, and covet your continued prayers that our Lord and Messiah may use our humble service and testimony to His glory, in an even greater way than ever before.

The new undertaking in Los Angeles is of too recent origin for us to do more than just mention it in passing. We did tell about it in January, and so we will only say, please remember the Los Angeles work in your prayers. It is a seed of the Lord's own planting, and we shall watch it grow, with careful watering and cultivating. Pray especially for Mr. Johnston who with his little group of faithful followers is sponsoring the work; and pray for Mr. Zimmerman our missionary, whose health needs strengthening for the task.

The same is also true with regard to the new obligations we assumed as beginning with January, in connection with the South Side Work in Chicago. This work is supervised as a labor of love by our brother, Rev. S. Birnbaum, the head of the Jewish Department of the Moody Bible Institute, and through his voluntary connection with the dear workers who are laboring there so faithfully, we are cooperating both in money and in the supplying of all sorts of literature for the proper carrying on of the work. So this also needs a warm place in your hearts.

#### THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL

Once more this little paper is receiving the abundant blessings of God. One cannot help but think of Psalm 19:3-4, "There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

Not that we seek to praise ourselves, the Lord has taught us a long time ago that this is sinful, but that we wish to testify to His glory, and to strengthen your own hearts with greater confidence in the plough to which you have put your hand (Luke 9:62) so that you shall continue steadfast in the furrow, may we report again that from all parts of the world come the repeated testimonies that this little paper is just about the finest thing to be had as an instrument for Gospel approach to the Jews. The writer, in his journeys throughout the various parts of the United States, is rejoiced to meet in the various churches where he speaks, Jews who have come to the meetings, and who have at the close introduced themselves with the statement, "I receive your paper *The Shepherd of Israel*." We have no way of knowing how many of these scattered sheep of the house of Israel have actually made confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in the various villages where they live, and have

answer as to why you had felt the urge to send it. How blessed are the "wondrous works of God!"

I desire your prayers as I go from this wonderful service. Pray that I may prove faithful to Him of whom we can all say, "Great is Thy faithfulness."

#### A Nicodemus in Pittsburgh

Only a brief word this time, telling of continued blessings in Pittsburgh under the leadership of our faithful missionary, Brother John Solomon. Here are a few words from one of his letters:—

"We are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. You will rejoice with us to know that recently a prominent Jewish rabbi, whose name I must not mention, came to see me, and with him I had the privilege of a two hour conversation on the 80th Psalm, especially the verses 17 and 19. Yesterday, I received a brief note from the rabbi, in which he said, 'I have not forgotten our conversation.' It shows how the Lord is working in his heart and mind, and fulfilling Isaiah 55:10-11.

"Through the kindness of a friend of the Mission, the announcements of our services are broadcast twice each week. Last Sunday, we had some visitors that came from the east end, in response to the invitation of the air broadcast."

#### Bicycling in Latvia

From Riga, just a few paragraphs of recent reports. The bicycle has been doing faithful service in the work of giving out the gospel message far and wide. Here are some of the interesting incidents:—

I went across the river Daugava to the district called Agenskalus. There are not many Jews living there because it is the aristocratic German district where Jews were not admitted before the war. But several Jews have their shops there. I thought, therefore, that these few people should not be neglected but should hear the Gospel testimony also. It was a rainy day and the civil bridge was removed because of the moving ice. But I went

on my bike by the railway bridge and arrived at the place of destination quite wet. The Jews were very indifferent and accepted the magazine without resentment. But a good chance of testimony I had at an ironmongery. I had to shout at the very top of my voice, because the men made awful noise with their tools. While I was testifying the foreman smiled and said nothing at the very beginning. One of the mates protested: "You are not Jews, you are Christians, you believe in Jesus Christ. You have a different Messiah!" and so on. I admitted that we are Christians but of a special type. Then the man interrupted me again, saying: "Yes, I know, you are Baptists!" "Certainly we are, because our Scriptures demand that we should be such." The other men became attentive to hear how a Jew can be a Baptist. And I told them quoting Scripture, that the whole Old Testament gives testimony to the Messiah, the Lamb of God, who came into the world to die for the sins of men. I emphasized the passage in Daniel 9 about the Messiah to be cut off, that even the Messiah the Jews expect even today is the once crucified Jesus of Nazareth. "We Jews are not allowed to believe that!" the same boy exclaimed. "If you would analyze the Holy Writ more carefully than you do," I replied, "you would certainly see that you ought to believe it in spite of present Jewish unbelief. And more than that. The time is near when all Israel will believe in this wonderful truth!" The men became serious and began to inquire about our services and other questions. I gave them tracts which interested every one of them. When I had talked with them about an hour, the rain became less heavy and I went on my bike back to the city.

#### Have You Back Numbers?

We need certain old issues of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, to complete our files. Will you look over your old copies and see if perchance you have any of these needed issues? If so, please write us first, and we will gladly offer you a substantial premium for one or more, provided we have not received copies from others. The numbers we lack are as follows:—January 1912; May, 1912; November, 1912; December, 1912; January, 1913; February, 1913.



trouble when she sees slowly but surely the truth unfolding itself in the lives of those she serves? She has not yet taken an out and out stand, but we feel it will soon come. At our last meeting she asked for definite prayer, saying she too would pray about the matter. Six of this original group are baptized believers. Others believe, but have not come out for baptism as yet.

#### THE MESSAGE GOES HOME

On Wednesday we have a mixed group of all ages. Mothers leave their little ones in the lower auditorium where we have play, music and Bible story. Mothers often tell me with joy how their little ones had re-told parts of a story, or sung a chorus, at home. It is so blessed to be in the business of training a child in the way that he should go.

Thursday is another day of opportunity. Our Junior Sewing Circle meets. This department is divided into three classes, Primary girls, brought by older sisters, and two Junior age classes. A visitor after giving an object lesson to this group remarked, "I have not found such response anywhere." It is a delight to hear the prayers offered by these girls. Many possess a beautifully simple and child-like faith in their Messiah.

Friday has been our boys' day from the very start, it being the only day they are not required to go to Hebrew school. In this department there is great need for a consecrated boy's worker, one who will enter into their every problem as we enter into those of the girls. I have had joy in teaching both the handwork and Bible in this department; these rabbinically taught boys offer some interesting times in the study of the Bible.

#### MANNIE IS BORN AGAIN

In April, 1934, I wrote about a young man telling me of cherished memories of days spent at the Mission when a

little chap. I went after that young man. As I would meet him on the street behind a heavily loaded push cart of cabbages or piled up luscious grapes, I somehow wanted God to be able to count on him as his mother did, who told me one day, "Mannie always goes out with the push cart, he isn't lazy." I took my young men to Calvary Baptist Church one night, and there Emmanuel accepted the Lord as his Messiah and Savior. He did not hesitate to let his light shine; no man could doubt his new birth.

He enlisted sometime later with the C. C. Camp. What would this influence mean in his life? From Alabama came the word that he was a power for Christ there, gathering young men to go to a Methodist church in a nearby town. After his return, God wonderfully opened the way for him to go to the Moody Bible Institute. At Christmas he wrote me of his joys as a student, then added, "You may not know it, but during this past season, I have looked back at the days when you asked me to come to the Mission; and how you kept after me! I marvel at the way the Lord used you in leading me to His throne of Grace."

I rejoice in the fact that the children have been trained in real giving. We have resorted to no methods of raising money; but just in pennies gathered each week their gifts have gone around the world to Jew and Gentile in world Missions. A partial tabulation gives the amount as over \$120.

Space does not permit me to go into detail as to the many other avenues for service here. The contacts made through the adult worship services, the dispensary and the visitations, all constitute valuable opportunities. The Poor Fund, meager though it is, meets the dire needs of food, shoes, and clothing. I could tell many a story of how its supply has saved a sad situation. Could you have gone with me when, after I had prayed for a comforter to come in, and one actually did come, I delivered it to a home where two children lay ill, threatened with scarlet fever, you would have had the

joined local churches. These records and calculations we must leave to the Head Bookkeeper, who will balance the ledgers in that Great Day of general accounting.

Just a hint, if it be not letting out a secret ahead of time, to say that we are negotiating for a French edition of *The Shepherd of Israel*, for circulation among the Jews in France. Of this we hope to make fuller announcement later, the Lord willing.

#### THE WORK IN PITTSBURGH

Again has the Lord continued His manifest approval of the work in the hands of our modest and self-sacrificing brother, Rev. John Solomon, who together with his devoted wife, count no sacrifice too great, and no service too small, in their united labors. Every time we speak with a Jew in Pittsburgh, or from Pittsburgh, the invariable testimony is that Mr. and Mrs. Solomon have endeared themselves to the Jews there, have won their respect, and have worked themselves, as it were, into the very heart blood of the Jewish population; so that truly the Gospel of Christ from our Mission in Pittsburgh is not a reproach, but is loved and respected. And many are the Jews who, when they pass by the little unpretentious store which we call our Mission in Pittsburgh, say for it a hearty "God bless you."

Likewise to the Christian people have our workers endeared themselves. They write us over and over again of the Christlike and godly character of these two devoted servants of the Lord Jesus Christ and we have given thanks many times that He has somehow blessed us with just this sort of worker in every one of our branches. To this fact we owe the many blessings which the Lord has showered upon our united labors. In a peculiar way our testimonies are the testimonies of Jewish Christians to Jews, in their own language, with a heart that bleeds for their Jewish souls, a heart that understands as only one Jew can understand another. The converts here are hand picked, and the Lord has done a work of grace in each heart, for each has been established upon the rock, Jesus Christ.

#### THE WORK IN PHILADELPHIA

Nothing spectacular, but a faithful and persistent program of personal work, with a veritable retinue of consecrated volunteer helpers, this is the heart of the work so faithfully being done, day in and day out, by our missionary in Philadelphia, Harry Burgen. Of this young man it may truly be said, that he is instant in season and out of season. If it means that in order to reach a certain Jew he must get up at 4 o'clock in the morning, it is a certainty that Mr. Burgen will be there at 4 o'clock in the morning! As a prominent pastor said to us sometime ago, "I admire your missionary Mr. Burgen, and I wish I had his boldness and his loyalty; he has the stuff in him of which martyrs are made; he would give his life for the Lord Jesus Christ." And we thought what a wonderful testimony, and what wonderful faithfulness our Brother Burgen must be daily manifesting when such an unsolicited and spontaneous commendation is given to us by a pastor who had watched the young man and had seen him in action.

#### A CRYING NEED

And as we talk about Pittsburgh and Philadelphia there is also a sad note. In both places we have only small stores, none too pretentious in their outward appearance. When compared to some of the large churches, with their stone and marble fronts and their lofty spires, with thousands of dollars spent upon their beautification, these little stores of ours are very mean indeed. In fact we question seriously whether such stores are worthy of a true Christian effort to present the Gospel to the Jew. May not these lines catch the eye of some stewards of God who would provide specifically the money that will enable us to rent really first class buildings in each of these cities for the carrying on of the right kind of Jewish Mission work? Ought we to continue to handicap our workers by putting them in places where the average Jew cannot avoid odious comparisons with the expensive stone and marble buildings of some of the Christian churches? We think \$1,000 a year should enable us to rent a nice place in Philadelphia, and likewise in Pittsburgh. We are not clear as to the wisdom of buying property, as that would tie up capital funds which, in view of our Lord's nearness, it might be better to use immediately for Gospel proclamation. But if we limit ourselves to a thousand dollars a year for rent in each case no capital will be tied up. We pass on these needs to our beloved friends for meditation and prayer.

## THE HEADQUARTERS WORK

Here in the home base, we are busy every waking hour of the day, about the Father's business. We are a veritable beehive of activity, because from this Headquarters building there must go out the streams of life to all the places in the world in which we have a stake. We are, as it were, the heart, which must send the blood circulating through the arteries of our far-flung members. Friends who come to visit us express the greatest pleasure and surprise when they see how every square foot of space is being used constantly for the one purpose of making known the Lord Jesus Christ to the Jews of the world. We cannot speak now of the crowded meetings, the children's work, the work among the mothers, the Dispensary, and other labors carried on here in Brooklyn. These are apart from the administration of the Mission's affairs throughout the world, involving correspondence that sometimes presents a staggering load, decisions to be made that tax the most consecrated brains, so that sometimes one utters the cry, "Who is sufficient for all these things?"

But now this report has assumed unwieldy lengths and we will come to a halt, rather abruptly. Only one thing remains to be said, and that is that the new year is upon us and we take up the forward look. The year 1935 has proved to be the greatest year of our history, great in its spiritual results, great in its expansion program, and great in its financial support. The Lord is raising many new friends for the work, and is burning deeply the conviction into their hearts that the Gospel simply *must* be given to the Jews in these last days. As one dear friend wrote, "The time is getting so short, I feel that every dollar I have must be given to get the Gospel to the Jews before it is too late."

## "IN SUCH AN HOUR AS YE THINK NOT"

And so we turn to the year 1936 and we know it is already beclouded with wars, with rumors of wars, with perplexities, both in our own country and throughout the world. What the year will bring forth no one dares foretell. A Mussolini in Italy, a raging war of cruelty in Ethiopia, a Mediterranean shoreline fairly bristling with martial preparations, a Hitler in Germany breathing out savage brutalities, a Soviet Russia with a standing army of 1,300,000 and an air fleet second to none in the world, a Great Britain trembling on the brink of a war which if it comes must wipe out civilization—what a gloomy picture! But is it not in just that sort of gloom, in such an hour when we think not, that we shall hear the triumphant shout and shall be caught up suddenly to meet Him in the air? This event, for which the whole world groans, is the next thing on God's dispensational program; it is the only hope of the Church, it will be the only possible solution to the world's problems, and it is the one goal to which we, as your Jewish Missionaries, can look forward as the motivating power behind our Gospel testimony. If that hour shall come before this year is finished, what a wonderful year it will be! And how still more wonderful it will be that we, being united in the common task of seeking Israel's salvation, will be able to meet Him with exceeding great joy, because the nearer we have been coming to the end, and the more intense the age has been growing, that much more we have been faithful in giving the gospel to those whom He was not ashamed to call "these my brethren."

To that end may the Lord Jesus Christ unite us, every one of our readers, and every one of us who are your workers in the Lord, into a closer bond of friendship and Christian love as we seek for the short while that remains, to fellowship with Him in His heartaches for that Jerusalem which He longed so many times to gather about Him as the hen gathereth her chicks; and with Him may we look forward to that blessed day when these lost people shall cry out, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!" And may it be that we shall find ourselves able to say with that chief of all apostles, Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2nd Timothy 4:7-8.

Faithfully yours in His service,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

## Valedictory and Wedding Bells

On this page there appears what will be, in the Lord's providence, the last report from Miss Biber as a worker of our Mission. She leaves us for the commendable purpose of getting married! And of course, being human, we cannot object. She has labored faithfully with us for nearly five years, and the Lord's blessing has been evident in her undertakings. To the prospective husband, Rev. George Johnson, we extend congratulations; and to Miss Biber, we wish to express our earnest good wishes that the Lord who has led her through the years hitherto, shall continue to bless her and give her abounding happiness as the wife of a Gospel preacher.

## Sowing in Tears

By MISS M. HELEN BIBER

"Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God." Job 37:14. There are times in one's life when it is well to stand still and consider the wondrous works of God. This very thing is more surely done when one is leaving a cherished field to enter a new one. As I write my farewell message, I have the assurance that God, who brought me here four and a half years ago, is now leading me forth. These have been years of blessing to me, and I praise God for their privilege.

In my first message to the friends of the Mission I asked for prayer, definite prayer, that I might render effectual service to the salvation of many souls among the children of the Mission. I desire herewith to trace the mighty finger of God through these years, in answer to your prayers.

## REAPING IN JOY

The children's work has grown. Soon after I came, a reclassification was introduced and our children met

in age groups thereafter. There was a different class each day, and in that order I will review the work.

An intermediate group organized as Junior Fidelis Girls, meets each Monday. To this day we carry out a program of handwork, music and Bible study. This is a difficult group to hold because of the school interests and demands. There are many important sessions, especially when some Godless teacher in the public schools has taught that the record of creation in Genesis is not believed any more. We often have spent the entire period on this wonderful account of the beginning of the human family. And our girls have borne testimony to the truth, in spite of taunt and jeer. There are coming to the Mission today nine of the original class, though they are now in other departments. Each has confessed faith in her Messiah.

The Senior Fidelis Girls group was organized a month after I arrived in 1931. Though our number at times was few, we kept on, meeting without fail each Tuesday night. Today there are ten of the original girls still coming; three have married and have been transferred to the Mothers' department. I remember how difficult it was for me to handle two sisters. So contrary to my every endeavor was their attitude, that I thought I must dismiss them in order to maintain discipline. Prayer brought about a wonderful change in both, one that all teachers noted. Last fall F. came in, telling me that she would not be able to continue in the evening club because she was now attending night school; she asked if she might not come to the Junior Fidelis class on Monday afternoon, adding, "I cannot be without the Mission." So she comes regularly and helps me when I need her. Her changed attitude seems to be a desire to make up for all the trouble she once caused me. What teacher is not richly repaid for all her