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Object—To reach the entire field of world Jewry. Mission stations are being established 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.

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

Ps. 121:4.



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JEWISH NOTES

Israel Saphir, a learned Jew of Budapest, was converted to Christ in 1843 at the age of sixty-three. His son Philip, who lived but a few years and died of physical weakness, started the schools out of which grew the great educational mission of the Scottish Church in Hungary. Another son was the brilliant and spiritual London preacher, Adolph Saphir, famous as an expositor of Scripture. One sister, Maria, was the wife of a clergyman greatly used, and mother of the novelist, Maarten Maartens. The younger sister, Johanna, was wife of C. A. Schoenberger, for fifty-three years missionary to the Jews in the great capitals of Europe. Their daughter, Mrs. Herman, was author of important devotional works, "Creative Prayer," "The Meaning and Value of Mysticism," and the like.—*Ernest Gordon*, in an article entitled "The Seed of the Righteous," in *The Sunday School Times*.



"I will confess that there is nothing of which I am more afraid at the present time than the growth of anti-Semitic feeling in England. I regard it quite literally as a filthy disease, strictly comparable in the mental and spiritual sphere to black typhus in the physical sphere. For just as typhus, though it is a specific infection which is due to a definite microbe and must be caught, if one is to suffer from it, from someone who has it, nevertheless has its predisposing conditions—namely, malnutrition, dirt, poverty, cold and misery—so anti-Semitism, while it is a specific mental disease and must be caught from someone who suffers from it, also has its predisposing conditions which are curiously like those that favour typhus, being ignorance (a kind of malnutrition of the mind), hatred, poverty, unemployment and misery.

"No people can drink deep of the cup of hatred without being poisoned, and when the Jew no longer offers a target for hatred, some other object will be sought and found.

"No one is fool enough to deny that there are bad Jews. There are bad men in every nation. But no city, perhaps, has had more to thank Jews for in the past than Manchester, or more to hope from them in the near future. In music alone what do we not owe them?"—*Artifex*, in the *Manchester Guardian*, Manchester, England.



There are in Palestine today 400,000 Jews who speak their own language, who possess their own schools, their university and their industries, according to a statement made by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Dr. Weizmann headed the British Research Laboratories during the war and made TNT available to the allies.

"There is not a railroad, there is not a ship on which there are not people of all ages going to Palestine; and these people have achieved something which we ourselves did not believe possible twenty years ago," Dr. Weizmann said. "Fifty years ago Jewish colonies were begun in Argentine and Palestine at the same time. Today, after a century of labor, there are in Argentine about 6,000 Jewish families, while in Palestine there are 400,000 Jews.

"What is the reason for this difference?" he continued. "It is that in order to reconstruct a country it is not enough to have land, but first and foremost a soul, a creative force is needed. Every Jew is aware that to go to Palestine is to 'return' to Palestine, and it is because he returns to Palestine as of right that we can make no concessions in the vital question of immigration." —*New York Sun*.



Nothing that has happened of late has thrilled Austrian Jewry so much as the news of the arrival of the Duke of Windsor in the castle of Baron Eugene de Rothschild to rest. They believe that this constitutes a blow to the anti-Semites and a reply to the Nazis that English royalty, at any rate, does not consider the Jews inferior people.

The Duke of Windsor also sought the professional advice of the Vienna Jewish ear specialist, Professor Neuman, which provoked the Nazis to an outburst of temper.



The Archbishop of Canterbury in his New Year's message, made an attack on anti-Semitism, warning his fellow-countrymen against its perceptible growth in England. He said: "I trust we may be spared the shame of giving any sort of encouragement to the discreditable prejudice which has led to cruel persecution in other countries and especially in Germany, of a race to which our Savior in his human life belonged."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. *How would you explain Jeremiah 25:33, "the slain of the Lord," in contrast with verse 31, "He will plead with all flesh?"* —MRS. R. J. W.

Answer. The expression, "He will plead," is wrongly translated. The Hebrew word is *Shaphat*, "to be judged." The meaning is that in the Lord's controversy with the nations and with His covenant people, He will be vindicated, or He will be justified, among all flesh. The world will see a reason for His severe punishments, and will understand that He is righteous in His judgments.

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Question 1. *Exodus 30:38. What is meant by "cut off from his people?"*

Question 2. *When we speak of the Ark as a type of Christ have we scriptural authority for saying that gold represents His Diety and wood His humanity?*

Question 3. *Did the High Priest who entered the Holy of Holies once a year push aside the curtain separating the two rooms or was it rent? I know what took place in the temple.*

Question 4. *A dictionary says nothing was known of the Ark after the capture of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, but do you think Rev. 11:19 means that the Ark is now in Heaven? Please tell me something about this verse. We tried to study the Book of Rev. and found so much of it so very hard to understand. I shall be very grateful to you if you will help me with these questions.*

—L. S.

Answer 1. To be cut off from his people means just what it says, that the transgressor of that commandment would for all time lose his status as a Jew and as an heir to the Israelite covenant.

Answer 2. No, there is no direct Scripture authority which gives a sound basis for teaching dogmatically that the gold of the Ark represents the Lord Jesus Christ in His divine nature, and that the wood represents the Lord Jesus Christ as man. These are only beautiful suppositions put forward by various Bible students. We believe profoundly in types, but we also recognize that there is a danger in overdoing such types.

Some of these things we love to talk about among ourselves as the Lord's followers; but it is not always wise to present them as Gospel truth to a public audience composed of unbelievers as well as believers.

Answer 3. No, the veil of the Holy of Holies was not rent when the high priest entered once a year. The high priest had to draw it aside sufficiently to enable him to enter. This veil divided the holy place from the most holy place. See Exod. 26:33. The priests, the sons of the high priest, Aaron, ministered in the holy place; the congregation of Israel had no access to the holy place. Aaron, however, as the high priest, was the only one ever allowed to enter the most holy place, and then only once a year. Now when the veil of the temple was rent in twain, at the time of our Lord's crucifixion (Matt. 27:51), the evidence is clear that God Himself did this by His own act. The veil was "rent in twain from the top to the bottom." Josephus tells of cases when this veil had been damaged at various times during the history of the Jews, and it had always been repaired. Hebrews 9:8 gives the deeper significance for the need of this veil, "the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest." But from then on there was no need of a human priest to stand between the sinner and God, but access to God is to be through that everlasting High Priest, a Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Answer 4. History records that Nebuchadnezzar took one of the vessels of the old temple. See 2nd Kings 25:1-16. See also 2nd Chron. 36:7. This latter verse states that Nebuchadnezzar put these vessels in his temple at Babylon. What St. John the Divine saw with regard to Rev. 11:19 was that there is undoubtedly a heavenly temple, and a heavenly worship; and that it was from this tabernacle and temple, which are in heaven, that the earthly tabernacle and temple were copied. You remember that God, in giving Moses instructions for the building of them, said "Look that thou make them after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount." Exod. 25:40. Hebrews 9:23 would corroborate this conclusion because the writer calls the earthly buildings copies or likenesses of the things in Heaven.

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Salutation

"We go down to salute the children of the king"—II Kings 10:13

Dearly Beloved Friends:

For us, February is the month when we take stock. We try to step aside, to stand away at some distance, and look objectively upon the work of the year. It is much like what Moses did when he saw the bush burn with fire, and yet the bush was not consumed. Moses said, "I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." And so with the miracle of the work of the American Board of Missions to the Jews. Like Moses we find ourselves ever and anon standing aside to "see this great sight." For miracle is the only word which can adequately describe the existence and the far-reaching work of this, your Mission. Only the direct miraculous working of God Himself has preserved your Mission through the years of persecution, through the years of trial, and now, in recent days, through a tidal wave of anti-Semitism such as the world has not seen since the Spanish Inquisition. The only explanation that we can find, as we seek here and there for the answer, is that the Gospel testimony to Israel in this eleventh hour of world history is exceedingly precious to Him; and He is preserving us even as He preserved the ark as it tossed about through the stormy waters of the forty days of flood.

We think very much, as we look back over the last year, of the experience of David of old, when under the guidance of the Holy Spirit he wrote,

"How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee." (Ps. 139:17, 18.)

For who can count the many, many thoughts of God towards us during this past year? And who can count His many providences in multiplying the numerous opportunities for our labors, and in safeguarding our performance of them?

In trying to give a summary of the crowding events of the year, it is difficult to know where to start and what to select. We cannot attempt a complete enumeration of the year's work. We never issue what is called an annual report. We have never striven for numbers and for impressive showings by way of tabulated figures, and impress this thought on the minds and hearts of our workers. God is not necessarily in large numbers, or in the loud noise of self-praise. We have felt led to emphasize the development of individual character; we would rather see the love of the Lord Jesus Christ implanted in the heart of one child, than see a thousand persons crowding into a meeting just for the sake of having a thousand people at a meeting. But, strangely enough, while this has been the underlying motive of the work, the Lord has honored us by giving us not only converts, but He has given them to us in large numbers; so that it is true (and this we say without boasting but only for your encouragement and to the honor of the Lord Jesus Christ) that this Mission, together with its branches, has consistently the largest audiences of Jews, week after week, of any similar undertaking anywhere in the wide world. This is a broad statement but it is quite easily substantiated by facts as we have them in Continental Europe, Great Britain and America.

FIRST IN OUR THOUGHTS

As we look over the events of the year, the one thing that towers in importance above all the rest is the tragic fate of the Jews of Germany—nearly one hundred thousand of them driven out like cattle and living, God knows how, on the borderlands of France, Holland, Belgium, Czecho-Slovakia, and Poland. The stark tragedy of this condition has stirred the hearts of all of us; it has even shocked the entire world. A few, but only a few, have found shelter in Palestine. Even there, in the land which is theirs historically and spiritually, this past year has witnessed the massacre of scores that went back trustfully, seeking a place of rest for their weary feet.

HELP TO THE HELPLESS

We have already told you of our visit last summer to Germany and to German refugee Jews in the lands adjacent; and we have tried to describe to you the unspeakably pitiful conditions existing there. To those needs you have responded in a way that has gladdened our hearts, and we have been able to bring help to many a despairing Jewish home. We made sure this help was given in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that it was given exclusively to those who had been for a good many years His faithful followers. To them even the church in Germany had proven untrue, and they found themselves suddenly out of the church, derelicts, untouchables, and hopeless indeed. The Jews, as such, would have no dealings with them, for were they not Christians? And were they not therefore traitors? The churches would have nothing to do with them; for had they not been ordered by Reich Bishop Mueller to eject all members from their churches who had the slightest taint of Jewish blood? And since the very life of the churches depended upon the will of the Führer, and the salaries of preachers likewise depended upon the Führer's Reich Bishop, could they dare disobey these cruel orders?

The report of these sad conditions among the Jews touched many a tender heart among our devoted Chosen People family. Such letters as the following began pouring in upon us:—

"My heart aches as I read the accounts of those poor suffering Jews in Germany."

"I found the tears pouring out of my eyes unbidden as I read The Chosen People this month, and I felt I could not eat another bit of food until I had done all in my power to give help to those who are helpless."

Thus our treasury began to be filled with the touching gifts of friends from all over this country. These friends gave evidence that James 2:14-16 is a very real principle in their lives.

RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS

Especially touching was the condition of one family which we described, whose yearning for escape from the land of oppression gave birth to the idea that if only they could get to South America, they could start life afresh, and build up in a new country their wrecked home and life. To our appeal for this family the responses came immediately, and we cabled them to go. But there have been technical delays, such as hard-to-secure visas, so that as we write these lines they have not yet started. It is only a matter of days, however, when the family will be on its way to Montevideo in Uruguay. By the time these lines reach our readers, they will, we believe, have landed in Montevideo. A letter has come to us from the husband, containing expressions of gratitude and love for this thing that we have been able to do, and giving us also assurance that so long as they live, they shall always be true to the Lord Jesus Christ, and give their testimony for Him. This one removal, or resettlement, has cost us over \$1,000, and you will notice in the annual financial report which appears on page 13 that we have carried forward for the new year the full amount received for the Resettlement Fund. From this amount we will have paid out more than \$1,000 for this one family. Other monies still continue to come specified for the Resettlement Fund, and just as fast as sufficient money accumulates we will start work on helping another family. We hope to continue in this way just as rapidly as our funds allow.

Forty-second 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, 1936, and ending December 31st, 1936.
Respectfully submitted, PAUL H. GRAEF, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
Balances forward January 1, 1936:	General Fund:
General Fund \$8,243.32	Salaries of Mission Staff:
Poor Fund 1,749.82	Part and full time workers.... \$16,311.20
Literature Fund 381.01	Extension Department:
THE CHOSEN PEOPLE... 718.39	Salaries, advertising, traveling.. 4,538.25
Overseas Fund 661.94	By Transfer LOUISE TAYLOR
	LETCHER TRUST FUND 4,500.00
	By allocation for 1937 Overseas
	Expenses and German Refugee
	Disbursements 15,000.00
	Office Administration:
	Salaries of Office Secretary,
	Stenographers, Bookkeepers, Ed-
	itorial workers, including clerical
	help on THE CHOSEN PEOPLE
	and on THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL 7,311.60
	Miscellaneous Items:
	Salary, janitors, care and up-
	keep of buildings; fuel; Fire,
	Liability and Workmen's com-
	pensation insurance; rent of
	Southside Witness in Chicago,
	participation in Chicago Open
	Air Work, office supplies, in-
	cluding new equipment; adver-
	tising, burglary protection, re-
	decoration of main auditorium,
	honorariums to speakers and
	writers, expenses of Bible Con-
	ferences; items not properly
	chargeable to other funds 16,537.26
	\$64,198.31
	Relief to the Poor:
	Cash help to needy cases 2,369.11
	Literature Fund:
	Printing and distribution of tracts,
	purchase of Bibles and New Tes-
	taments, Yiddish Hymn Books... 2,406.32
	Work Among the Children:
	Sewing and work-room supplies,
	Socials, Outings, Daily Vacation
	Bible School 881.73
	Dispensary:
	Physicians, Medical Supplies 1,322.49
	Hewes Street Fund:
	Maintenance and Improvements.. 506.07
	Philadelphia Branch:
	Salaries, rent of 535 Spruce St.,
	and all other expenses 3,428.11
	Pittsburgh Branch:
	Salaries, rent of 1603 Centre Ave.,
	and all other expenses 3,045.61
	Columbus Branch:
	Salaries, rent of 1039 E. Broad St.,
	and all other expenses 3,405.41
	Overseas Work:
	Jerusalem, Soviet Russia, Poland,
	Riga, other European Fields, Special
	Relief Funds 14,174.85
	Education Fund:
	Jewish Students supported in part
	or in full, at Bible Training Schools
	"The Chosen People":
	Printing and mailing 3,125.77
	"The Shepherd of Israel":
	Printing and mailing 2,630.22
	Los Angeles Branch:
	Salaries, rent of 2005 Brooklyn
	Ave., and all other expenses.... 1,989.66
	Transmission Fund..... 183.35
	Total Disbursements \$105,047.17
	(Concluded at foot of left-hand column)
Receipts during 1936:	
General Fund \$77,669.67	
Poor Fund 2,247.11	
Education Fund 463.85	
Literature Fund 2,638.98	
THE CHOSEN PEOPLE .. 3,131.07	
THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL 2,244.58	
Philadelphia Branch ... 1,335.18	
Pittsburgh Branch 2,635.25	
Dispensary Fund 956.35	
Children's Fund 627.29	
Overseas Fund 13,007.89	
Resettlement Fund 1,423.62	
Hewes Street Fund ... 497.25	
Columbus Branch 4,919.75	
Los Angeles Branch .. 1,056.33	
Transmission Fund 185.35	
Receipts for 1936 \$115,037.52	
Total \$126,792.00	
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, 1936, 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 15, 1937.	
(From right-hand column)	
Adjusted Balances, January 1, 1937:	
General Fund \$17,356.03	
Poor Fund 1,627.82	
Literature Fund 613.67	
THE CHOSEN PEOPLE... 723.69	
Resettlement Fund... 1,423.62	21,744.83
	\$126,792.00

Mr. W. A once well-to-do German, who owned a factory in Frankfort. Mr. W. claims to have come out of Germany because his factory was boycotted, he being a Jew. Lives in Paris with his wife and child, in a very poor hotel, rue Saint Sebastian. No resources whatever. The family goes on in the agreement that the man looks after the rent, 60 frs. a week, and the wife after the food. To find the money for the rent, Mr. W. goes from place to place asking for money, and the wife works in some homes a few hours a day. Mr. Frankel every Saturday night goes and pays 20 frs. to the hotel keeper on the rent, and hears the complaints of the man who says that the other 40 frs. are seldom paid, and threatens to get rid of his unwelcome roomers. Mr. W. comes to the Bible meetings and he came into relation with Mr. Frankel at the restaurant where we send people for meals.

Mr. F. Jewish German refugee, very sick and shattered. After several visits to the hospital, we sent him the doctor who arranged to have him sent to a sanatorium near Paris.

We might quote several other interesting cases. A certain L. Jewish Christian refugee, distinguished, who was a business man in Berlin, and actually in France without resources, and who begins to come to our meetings, and was several times at the Church meetings, although knowing very little French.

SUICIDE PREVENTED

One of the most painful cases with which we had to deal is the case of a certain man called S., who has come

to us from the beginning and whom we have helped the best we could. He was condemned in Germany, and escaped being put into jail by coming to France. He is well known by our friends, some of whom visited his family in Frankfort this summer. Having no papers, no money, speaking only German, he declared several times that he would end his life. We succeeded in preventing him from doing so. Not allowed to stay any longer in France, he was finally put into jail where he served a week's sentence for not having left the country without delay. It was in jail after his trial before the French court, that Mr. Frankel found him after searching for him several days, after he had disappeared. He was granted a new delay until the beginning of November.

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When an article is being written on the work in Paris, it should contain the expression of thankfulness of the people whom we help and who are so happy when even a few francs, which mean life for several days, is given to them. Since I wrote the above report it may be added that the number of Jews coming to the mission is increasing every week, and at such a speed that we presume one afternoon a week will not be able to listen to all the distresses. At the same time the attendance at the Friday night meeting is also every week increasing.



Four of the ten recent baptisms in Warsaw.

RELIEF TO CONTINUE

We are also planning a rather liberal schedule of relief expenditures for the year 1937. The responses from our readers were so generous that we felt it would not be wise to disburse all of these monies as fast as they came in. We have thought it wiser to adopt a rationing program, thereby making sure that a given number of families can count on receiving regular monthly help out of these funds, for a year to come, rather than for all of the money to be paid out at one time to a larger number of families and then to find ourselves unable to continue the help. If the Lord tarries, and if He so wills, I shall be planning to spend a longer time, either late this spring or in the early summer, among the refugee fields in Europe, so that I may organize on a larger scale the efficient distribution of these funds and the adequate handling of individual cases that may require special attention. A letter that has come on this very day from one of our trusted Christian Jewish leaders in Germany, speaks touchingly of our "magnanimous gift" and adds, "I am deeply grateful to you. Many poor people will bless you for your help."

Another letter in the same mail, but from a different part of Germany, contains these words of appreciation:—"From the bottom of my heart I thank you for the generous gift, through which I was enabled to help thirty Hebrew Christian families. I really do not know whose joy was greater—mine, or those who benefited."

A FULL-TIME WORKER FOR GERMANY

We have also engaged at full-time salary the services of Rev. Otto Samuel who will represent us in doing itinerant work throughout Germany as our missionary and relief disbursing agent. We will tell more about him in a future issue of The Chosen People and hope also to give his photograph and the story of how he found the Lord. He is going to carry on his activities in connection with the Paulus-Bund, which is a union of some 80,000 non-Aryan Christians who have sought by joining forces to help each other with a word of cheer and with mutual fellowship in the hour of suffering.

THE HOME BASE

Perhaps a word from our youngest baby would be encouraging. We refer to the work in Los Angeles under our faithful missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Elias Zimmerman. This work is hardly a year old, but it is wonderful how the Lord has blessed that undertaking from the very first day. A recent letter from Mr. Zimmerman contains so much encouragement that we must quote at least one paragraph:

We had a very fine little Christmas program at the Mission last Wednesday evening. The Mission hall was crowded with Jews to the very door, some even standing. It was a wonderful sight for a Jewish Mission, but it was still more wonderful to hear so many Jewish young men sing those Christmas carols so lustily and heartily. We had a Christmas story and discussion, and at the close we presented each one with a bag of candy and cookies. Some friend of ours gave us the candy and Mrs. Zimmerman baked the cookies. There was a fine Christmas spirit through the entire evening, and somebody happened to remark about the difference between this Christmas and the Christmas of a year ago when the Mission had been open for about a month with scarcely a Jew present. When we thought of it we thanked God for encouraging our hearts, and we prayed for His continued guidance and help.

From Pittsburgh likewise come continually soul-stirring reports from dear Mr. and Mrs. John Solomon. These workers have won the respect and love of all who know them, both among Jews and Christians.

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

The faithfulness to duty on the part of Mr. Solomon is constantly remarked about by Christian friends, although he himself will never open his mouth in his own praise. When last year he was called upon to pass through the valley of the shadow of death, and both husband and wife went out to the cemetery

and there laid under the sod their beloved boy, a rather touching incident was part and parcel of this sad experience, an incident of which I knew nothing until one day in Pittsburgh some intimate friends told me. The body of the beloved boy lay in its coffin in the front room of the Solomon home; it was Saturday afternoon, and the funeral was not to be held until Monday. On Sunday, however, Mr. Solomon had an engagement to preach in a church some 25 or 30 miles away. Without even the slightest thought of his own heartache, he made no effort to postpone the engagement, but he went for that Lord's Day service. The local pastor knew nothing of the tragedy in the Solomon home, until several days later when he saw Mr. Solomon in Pittsburgh. He asked Mr. Solomon, "How could you have had the strength to come out to my church when your boy was lying dead in your home?" To which Mr. Solomon replied, "My duty to the Lord comes before all personal matters."

A recent letter from Mr. Solomon is worth printing here, at least in part:—

Praise the Lord! We have closed the year 1936 with rich blessings. Dear friends have inspired us daily with their prayers and gifts; united we have preached Christ to lost souls with blessed results.

We are entering the New Year, 1937, encouraged, knowing that He "Who has begun a good work in us will perform it to the end," when He shall come and receive us to Himself and we shall hear His "Well done." Until then His word to us is, "Go forward."

Pittsburgh greatly needs enlarged quarters. May it be that some steward of God in the Pittsburgh area, a brother or sister of large means, will be led to provide a suitable building for the Pittsburgh work?

INSTANT IN SEASON AND OUT

A word concerning Philadelphia. The work of our dear brother, Harry Burgen, is not the kind of work that makes spectacular headlines. To him the Lord has given a special talent for the personal approach to the heart of the Jew. So this devoted young man is busy day and night contacting Jews with the Gospel. He never misses an opportunity to say a good word for the Lord, and his testimony has been given in the most unexpected of places, and sometimes under the most unusual circumstances. If he rides in the subway, he seeks to sit next to a Jew if possible. If he goes to a store to buy something, he selects a Jewish store; if he sees in the newspapers an unusually tragic account of a disaster in some Jewish home, be it a thousand miles away, he sits down at once and writes a letter to that Jewish home, showing the Jew how the tragedy of his life can be turned to joy, through the Lord Jesus Christ. He literally sows beside all waters, and he follows the exhortation of Ecclesiastes 11:6—

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

Many a time both "this and that" have prospered, and Mr. Burgen has had the joy of seeing the fruit of his labor in places where he thought there never could be fruitage. Just a few days ago I was in Philadelphia, and one of these harvest sheaves, a son of Israel, and now also a true child of God, was present at the meetings which I addressed. He came to me at the close with glowing face, and told me how six years ago Mr. Burgen first approached him, and has been at him ever since, until lately the Lord opened his eyes and he has come out into the full joy of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. He can never have done with speaking of Mr. Burgen's patience and persistency.

In Philadelphia, too, we are in need of a building so that we may carry on the much larger work which Philadelphia literally cries out for. There are a great many scattered Jewish believers throughout the Philadelphia area, and it would be a great blessing to them if we could have a reasonably large and modern Jewish Mission building as a rallying center for themselves and their families. Some of them, we are ashamed to say, are reporting to us that they are not having the happiest time in their various church connections; they complain of prejudices and misunderstandings, and they crave a gathering place where they can have mutual fellowship one with the other, because they understand each other's problems and difficulties.

tions. If he finds it absolutely necessary, he is allowed to give something immediately. As a rule, however, it is understood that he makes an inquiry to make sure of the truthfulness of the stories that are told. Every caller is told that help is given by us in the name of Christ, invited to come to the meetings, and receives a Gospel or a paper, or some Christian literature. Several people who have come to receive money, have become attendants at the Bible meetings, although no obligation has been placed upon them to do so.

After Mr. Frankel has made an inquiry to make sure of the situation of the refugee that has come to him, he examines with me that situation, and we decide the kind of help which is the best that we can render—help for rent, for getting official papers, help for food, shoes, etc. It is almost impossible to help find work, but in several instances we have helped a man to secure some goods and earn his living selling them. As far as possible we have not given money, but meal tickets, tickets for lodgings at the Salvation Army houses, tickets to buy shoes. When help is necessary for the rent, we have paid it directly to the landlord. And so for the papers from the police, and for the doctors when we send them to some home, and the medicines. In order to give these tickets we have made an agreement with two restaurant owners, from whom we buy tickets for meals at a low price, frs. 3.50; with a shoe factory, which at a low price, with a ticket gives away shoes, which we reimburse each month. We also give clothes; we collected some for that purpose and have some at our disposal in the Church.

IT WORKS TWO WAYS

When people need the visit of a doctor, either they come to the dispensary of the Church, or we send them a doctor. The doctor we send is a German

Jewish refugee, who having no legal right to practise in France, works under the responsibility of a French doctor, but is very poor. Helping the sick people, we help at the same time the doctor. Help in money has seldom exceeded frs. 15 at a time. However, in some instances we have given a larger help, when we thought such a help would enable a man either to earn his living or bring him out of a very bad position.

It would perhaps be of interest to know some of the cases which we met since we began:—

Mr. B. Druggist in Germany, expelled because a Jew, and engaged or living with a Christian girl. Both came to Paris where they live together. Pitiful misery. The man became sick, diabetes and rheumatism, largely due to misery. No work of any kind, and no legal right to find work. Came from Germany with some money, soon exhausted. We gave him several times some help to prevent him from starving, secured for him a pair of shoes, occasionally helped pay his rent. We expect to get them married soon. He comes regularly to the Bible meetings. Begins to feel the evil of his situation. His companion also came to the meetings; not long ago she came to Mr. Frankel showing a great deal of moral distress, and wept abundantly. Mr. Frankel had the occasion of praying with her. We feel that a religious and moral work is being done in the heart and soul of these two people.

Mr. K. Came from Frankfort, where he had already been in relation with Christian Jewish Mission. His wife and two children with him. Was singer at the synagogue. Tries to earn his living as pedler. His wife works also a little in several Jewish families. Very poor. We had the occasion of paying once the rent which was due for a week. We helped also to secure some goods for his little trade. Mr. K. comes regularly to the Bible meetings. Mr. Frankel came in relation to him while distributing the "Berger d'Israel." Although he is that type of man that finds a great pleasure in arguing and discussing everything, we feel that he may be slowly coming to a confession of Christ.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Helping Refugee Jews in Paris

(Extracts from reports of Rev. Henri Vincent, our Honorary Director for Paris. Lack of space compels us to omit many items of interest, as well as a larger category of cases.)

Since the visit which Mr. Cohn made in Paris, last July, the Jewish mission here has steadily proceeded in its work of evangelization and relief among the emigrated Jews from Germany.

During the summer Mr. Frankel has gone on in his work of colportage, visiting regularly the Jewish quarters of Paris, where the spread of the "Berger d'Israel" (French edition of The Shepherd of Israel) enabled him to establish new and numerous personal contacts with Jews.

The Mission begins to be well known among the Jewish population of Paris. Of course, if some of the Jews seem sympathetic to the work, it encounters also contradiction and even open hostility. This hostility, met especially by Mr. Frankel during his visits, does not come only from the older Jews shut up in their tradition, but also from the younger Jews, who, no longer attached to the religion of the synagogue, show a passionate and exclusive interest in political or social questions. The work is rendered more difficult by the fact that the Jews who have come in recent years from Germany and Central Europe are quite often in a very pitiful material condition, and more interested, of course, in bread and lodging than in spiritual questions.

In spite of the difficulties, Mr. Frankel has been able to deliver the message of the gospel to a certain number of people, mostly men. Our Friday evening meeting has gathered for the study of the Bible an average attendance of 12 to 15 people.

The "Berger d'Israel," in addition to being given away by hand in Paris, is being sent to several people in France,

even to some ministers who give it away to Jews who may happen to be in their localities.

SPIRITUAL RESULTS

In July we had the joy of seeing the conversion of a young Hungarian Jew, called Iellinek. We feel his conversion was real. Unhappily, Mr. Iellinek had no regular papers to stay in France, and went back to Hungary. Mr. Frankel gave him letters of introduction to Mr. Foldes in Budapest and to Mr. Illes.

Several other Jews have gotten the habit of attending the public worship of the church on Sunday morning, which proves the interest they have in religion.

Of the people to whom we have been able to preach the gospel, some have come in touch with us through the distribution of the "Berger d'Israel," some have come through friends, some because they were known before by Mr. Frankel. Among those who have come more recently, some have come because they knew that they would find near us some material help.

The "Berger d'Israel" has been issued regularly each month except in August. With the money we shall spare on that number we expect to print a small tract giving the essentials of our faith to give to all callers, in addition to a copy of the paper and a Gospel.

I am glad to give here a word of appreciation of the consecration and earnestness of Mr. Frankel, who in the work proves to be a really devoted as well as able Christian leader.

RELIEF WORK

In connection with his work of spreading the gospel, the task of delivering some material aid to the Jewish refugees has been given to Mr. Frankel, under my general supervision. Every Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Frankel receives the people that come and listens as they explain their sad situa-

RECRUITING NEW FORCES FOR THE BATTLE LINE

Because we realize the importance of building up the younger generation of Christian Jews to take the places of leadership in the days to come, we have done much this year by way of giving encouragement to student workers. In Chicago we have been supporting several Jewish students, particularly under the care of the Moody Bible Institute; and Prof. Birnbaum has given these students a sort of West Point training, by assigning them certain visitation work in the various Jewish sections of Chicago. This work too has been much blessed, and Mr. Birnbaum has written from time to time of the effective labors of these faithful students. Through their co-operation we distribute some 2,000 copies each month of The Shepherd of Israel besides many thousands of our various tracts both in Yiddish and in English, all of them specially written for the Jewish mind.

Also, we have been able to pay the rent for the Headquarters location of the Southside Witness to Israel; and here two faithful and consecrated young women have labored to give the Gospel to the Jewish homes in the Southside territory. Miss LeBar and Miss Martin have cheered us many times with reports of their ministry, particularly among the Jewish women; and many a Jewish woman has blessed these dear sisters for their ministrations of love in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

In the Ohio territory, our faithful missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Wago, continue to hold the confidence and love of Christian churches and Jewish homes alike. To Mr. Wago the Lord has given such a positive and sure testimony that the Jew who listens to him finds his opposition literally crushed, and he stands in amazement as this faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ unfolds to him the riches of salvation through Israel's Messiah. Town after town, village after village, is being visited by this modern Barnabas, as one preacher called him. He spends the Sunday in one of the churches, and then goes out on week days visiting the Jewish homes in that town, endeavoring to connect the church with the Jewish homes, so that the church may do some follow-up work after he has gone.

THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

Again your headquarters building has been a beehive of the most industrious activities. From this headquarters building have gone out our lines to all the earth. It is here that plans are made, it is here that the dynamo sends out its currents in all directions both in America and beyond the seas. We had thought that when we had finished the Frank H. Marston Memorial Building, we would be well cared for, for at least ten years to come. But again we are crowded beyond all limit, and again we seek larger accommodations. The quantity of literature which goes out from this building would stagger you if we should tabulate in detail the amounts and the destinations. People who come to visit the Mission from distant points are bewildered when they see what a vast work is being accomplished. One such friend who came a few months ago, having travelled some 1,500 miles for the one purpose of seeing the Mission in which she had been having a part, both by prayer and by gift, for over 15 years, after being here only a few hours, seemed utterly dazed, and exclaimed, "My, I never dreamed it was even half of what it is! I knew it was good work, but now that I have seen it for myself, I am going home happy, and all the money I have to give for missions will hereafter go to you." She stayed with us three days, and wonder followed wonder as she saw how busy every worker was, how carefully the day's work was outlined for each of us, and how faithfully the work was administered.

THE STORY CAN NEVER BE TOLD

What shall we say of all of the work here in Brooklyn? Room in this paper would never be sufficient to tell of all that goes on. We can only report to you from time to time a few of the outstanding occurrences, so that you may know what is happening and what the Lord is doing by way of blessing

your seed-sowing with us and your fellowship of prayer and money. We ought to say, however, as a matter of fair dealing, that the Lord has given us a most loyal group of workers. These workers in every instance came to us, not of our choosing, but of His very definite sending. That is one of the reasons why they have fitted so beautifully into the pattern of this mosaic which the Lord is making for us here. We have no drones in this hive. We have a reputation which sometimes sounds worse than it is, of being slave drivers; but the truth is that every worker gives one hundred cents' worth of labor in the Lord's vineyard for every dollar that we spend. This we consider only right, as administrators of the money which our friends have put into our hands. And because we are all active and industrious, the Lord gives us these wonderful results. We omit the details of the work of Miss Sussdorff and Miss Rose with the mothers; of Miss Collignon's work among the children; of Mr. Roberts' among the boys; of Mr. Englander and Mr. Schatkin in preaching and home visitation. Of the details of their work and the miles of streets and stairs traversed, we omit only because we have no space. But from time to time in these columns there does appear an article from each of these workers, and those of you who are accustomed to read between the lines must have many times understood the heartaches and the soul travail of our missionaries as they have labored day after day, caring nothing for bodily comforts or for physical weakness, intent only on giving forth the Word of life to souls that are hurrying on to eternity. We also mention nothing of our Dispensary, although this is one of the very important parts of our work, where five or six thousand patients a year come to our doors, men, women, children, sick with bodily ailments, to whom we are able to give not only that which will relieve the aches and pains of the body, but that which is the cure for sickness of the soul—the Word of life—a cure far more important than all bodily cures put together.

THE WORK ABROAD

Of the German refugee work we have already spoken. Concerning Warsaw, under the care of our Brother Gitlin, we have given rather extended reports in The Chosen People these last few months. Suffice it to say that from authentic testimony, in addition to my own personal eye witness, we have in Warsaw one of the finest agencies for gospel work to be found anywhere. The work in Paris continues also under God's blessing to meet with marked favor. Our dear brother, Pastor Henry Vincent, while busily engaged as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Paris, still finds it in his heart to give us of his time, thought and energy, as honorary director for our work there. With him is Brother André Frankel, a Christian Jew, a brother beloved in the Lord, of whom Pastor Vincent speaks only in the highest praise. A word should also be spoken concerning another dear devoted Jewish Christian, a lady of culture and attainment in the world of literature. We refer to Mlle. Salomon, who is a member of Pastor Vincent's church, and who gladly donates her time and talent for the preparation, editing and publishing of The Shepherd of Israel in the French language. It is printed in Paris each month, is entitled *Le Berger d'Israel*. It not only has a circulation among the Jews of Paris, but in other towns in France, Switzerland, Belgium, and places where the French language is spoken and where there are children of God interested in reaching the Jews with the Gospel.

THE TESTIMONY IN PALESTINE

In Palestine likewise our missionary is faithfully contacting individual Jews and distributing New Testaments, The Shepherd of Israel, and special tracts. Mr. Boothby is advanced in years, is not in robust health, and we need to pray that the Lord will strengthen his body, and also that the Lord will raise up for us a young man that can be appointed to labor with him, to do an important work of itinerant witnessing, especially among the Zionist colonies, in the Haifa and Safed districts of Palestine.

OUR PUBLICATIONS

Lack of space prevents any lengthy report of the continued blessings which attend the editorial ministries of our two monthly publications, The Chosen People and The Shepherd of Israel. How our own hearts have been cheered

with hundreds of letters that come in a flowing stream, telling how The Chosen People has been a means of grace and blessing. One friend, for instance, who has been a constant reader of the little paper for fully thirty years, graciously calls it "a little reporter of great things." Other friends tell us that the moment the paper is received they drop everything, no matter how important, and read the paper from cover to cover without missing a single word. Some of them even read it over again, and find it hard to wait for the next number to come. Still others tell us that this is the one paper that they cannot do without. Such words of appreciation, you may be sure, do not go amiss, and our hearts are warmed as we read these precious letters of encouragement, and we give thanks to Him that we are allowed such a ministry to His saints.

And so also with The Shepherd of Israel. From all over the world the testimonies come of the blessings which these little Yiddish papers bring to Jews, both believers and unbelievers.

And then, our tracts; we do not like to parade statistics but we suppose these tracts of ours throughout this last year would run into the millions of pages. The point is that the Lord has given us an incisive understanding of the Jewish mind, and has led us in the writing of many tracts, and in circulating them widely. It is nothing unusual for us to print an edition of 10,000 copies of one tract and then have the supply exhausted within a week.

"HITHERTO"

And so we come to a close and our hearts would sing out "Ebenezer, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We confidently believe that as He has helped us "hitherto" so He will continue to do until He shall call us to be with Him. It is the assurance of that beautiful hymn written by John Henry Newman, "Lead Kindly Light," the third verse of which reads:

So long Thy pow'r hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

To the friends who have been with us these many years, who have suffered with us, who have borne with our many short-comings, who have rejoiced with us, wept with us, may we once more repeat the invitation that Moses gave to his father-in-law, "We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel" (Numbers 10:29). Our files are crowded with the letters from our many dear friends, who testify that the Lord indeed has blessed them and crowned their years with the riches of His mercy, from the day that they began to fellowship with us in behalf of Israel's salvation. So may we continue together, drawn even more closely than ever before into a common bond of Christian love and unity, until the day break and the shadows flee away.

Ever gratefully yours in His service,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

P.S. A wonderfully blessed Bible Conference January 26th. Dr. Gregg spoke on "The Esthers and Mordecais of 1937" to an enthralled audience. Dr. Ironside spoke on "What I saw in Palestine." The hall was crowded beyond all capacity. It was Dr. Ironside's last advertised address before sailing for England. He expects to return Tuesday, March 16th. And he promised to speak again for us on that very night, the Lord granting safe journey and prompt docking. So, this early notice; keep the meeting in mind and prayer; come if you can; and tell others.