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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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**Budget.** Under God's leading and blessing, the needs of the Mission have grown to over \$100,000 annually. The Lord has never failed us. We have no guaranteed support from any human source; nor are worldly methods of raising funds resorted to. The Mission exists as a testimony to the God of Israel Who has never failed to move the hearts of His children to come to our help.

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## JEWISH NOTES

The Report and Recommendations of the Palestine Royal Commission, together with the British Government's Statement of Policy, issued on July 8, have aroused interest that has dwarfed other Jewish news for the time being.

The Commission's conclusion, after seven months' careful investigation, that partition of Palestine into three territories—Jewish, Arab, and British—was the best action to take in the circumstances, a conclusion accepted by the Government, is certainly a fact of outstanding importance in Jewish and world history.

The Commission's expert assembling of detail as a basis for the Report and recommendations is considered a masterpiece. In a leading article of the "Jewish Chronicle," the following tribute appears:—

"Nevertheless, we should like to offer an appreciation of the devotion the Commissioners have given to their task, to the brilliant survey they have produced—the Report has been described as perhaps the greatest State paper of its kind since the Durham Report on Canada—while as a piece of literature it will rank high. But the recognition of these merits does not carry with it an acceptance of the Commissioners' conclusions."

It is necessary to read that Report to get a true picture of the increasingly hard task that has faced the Government and of the present state of affairs in Palestine.

The recommendations made by the Palestine Royal Commission constitute a facing up to a hard position with a considered proposal in preference to allowing a state of affairs that is developing unsatisfactorily to proceed.

Keen disappointment has been expressed by both Jewish and Arab responsible opinion. The "Jewish Chronicle" has referred to it as "The Royal Commission's Nightmare Scheme."

Quoted in the House of Commons on the occasion of the Debates, were the following pathetic passages from the statement of the Chief Rabbi for Palestine, Dr. Isaac Hertzog:—

"On the banks of the rivers of Babylon our forefathers, exiled from Zion—virtually a *not* her name for Jerusalem and also a synonym for Palestine—solemnly swore: 'If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning.' With what tenacity have we clung to that oath throughout centuries of exile. In joy and sorrow, in the house of the

mourner, at the wedding feast, under the nuptial canopy, at the burial service, we have never ceased to remember Jerusalem.

"In our prayers, private, public, thrice daily, and in the Grace after meals, we pray for Jerusalem. The inspiring service of the Passover, held in every Jewish home throughout the world, and the solemnest service of the Synagogue on the Day of Atonement, both conclude with the exclamation, 'Next year in Jerusalem.' It is impossible to overstate the spiritual significance of Jerusalem to the Jews.

"The Jewish mind is focused on that magic name, 'Yerushalayim,' which never fails to stir the Jewish heart to the uttermost. An Englishman could perhaps think of England without London, an Irishman of Ireland without Dublin, even a Greek of Greece without Athens, but to the Jews, 'Eretz Israel,' the land of Israel, with Jerusalem is unthinkable."

Besides the excision of Jerusalem from the envisaged Jewish State, other defects of the scheme from the Jewish standpoint include the exclusion of the Gaza region, the closing of the Negeb, the cutting off of both the Daganian Colonies, the exclusion of the Rutenberg electric works and the Dead Sea Concession, and the tribute required on behalf of the envisaged Arab State.

Students of God's prophetic Word can hardly do other than regard the new development affecting Palestine as of immense importance.

Out of the Great War grew the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate. The development of Mandated Palestine has been a conspicuous characteristic of the post-war age, and it is becoming the centre of gravity of world interests, and of no little intrigue from some quarters. The projected change in respect of Palestine is a fundamental one, and will doubtless usher in a new era of fulfillment of prophecy and preparations for the final happenings.

The Word of the Lord, of course, abideth sure; and there is ultimately to be a whole land, true to the boundaries God promised to Abraham, for a repentant and converted Israel, gathered in from all nations by the Lord Himself.—*Trusting and Toiling.*

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## Salutation

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

## Dearly Beloved Friends:

In His precious name we greet you, after a silence of four months. The words of Psalm 119:65 are in our hearts and on our lips as the testimony of our experience these past summer months, "Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according unto thy word." For He indeed did deal well with His servant, and with your servant, during a journey that was admittedly fraught with danger. Protection, care, guidance, journeying mercies and blessings, all these were vouchsafed unto me as a direct result of the countless prayers that followed my every step of the way, prayers of true faithful friends of this Mission in all parts of our country. Many letters came assuring us that faithful prayer would be made in our behalf regularly each day, and sometimes several times a day. One dear brother wrote that he could say with the utmost truth that not a waking hour has passed but that your unworthy servant was in his heart and prayer. Is it any wonder then that the Lord watched over us and brought us back safely?

## NOTHING LIKE IT

As you may expect, my journey was not only a dangerous one, but one filled with sadness and sorrow. It seems as though sorrow piled itself upon sorrow, and without end. I think of the sad words of Lamentations 1:12, "See if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger." Truly, Israel is undergoing such distress and agonies as she has not known since the time of Titus. And the persecution now seems worldwide. We can of course recognize that this may be the rapid approach of the terrible time of Jacob's trouble, and that Israel is being prepared to suffer the most terrible punishments that have yet been meted out to her. But with that recognition, may we, as born-again followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, always remember that to us has been committed the ministry of mercy. We are the ones in whose hands God has placed the responsibility to show to the Jew in his hour of agony that tenderness of heart and that understanding of mind which will bespeak us the true messengers of His redeeming love. Our motto is always, "The love of Christ constraineth us." II Cor. 5:14. Vengeance, punishment, these things are God's prerogatives, and God's alone. Ours it is to bring the message of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, to bind up the wounds, put oil in the bruises, speak a word of love, and help gather that mysterious remnant from among Israel as perhaps the final additions to the Church, His Body, as the last hours approach in the present dispensation of grace.

## THROUGH YOUR MERCY

It was in this spirit and with such a background that I undertook my journey across the water this past summer. After a few days spent in London, I made directly for Germany; I must confess that I started out with misgivings and

faint heart; some of the things which we had written in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE this past year or two I knew might not have been palatable to the Nazi officials, and I feared that perhaps my name had found its way on the Nazi blacklist. So it was with trembling that I sat in the train as it approached the German frontier. I was fully prepared of course to be refused admission to Germany, in which case I was hoping that the worst that could happen would be that I would be turned back and compelled to retrace my steps into Holland. My fears were soon dispelled however, because the officials looked over my American passport and I was allowed to continue my journey. I have followed, in each of the countries visited, the instruction of Romans 13:1, "Let every soul be subject to the higher powers," that so long as I am a guest in a foreign country the only proper thing to do is to obey to the last detail the laws of that country; otherwise I ought to leave the country and go elsewhere.

I had blessed fellowship with our missionary, Rev. Otto Samuel, and together we worked out plans for further carrying on of our relief work under his ministration. He is doing a remarkable and unique piece of work, one that has been needed beyond all comprehension. So valuable is the work that has been done through this brother, that special mention of it was made in the report of the German section of the International Missionary Council's Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews. This committee especially commented on the most unusual character of the work we undertook to do through Mr. Samuel, and urged that such work be copied and duplicated many times by other missionary agencies. His ministry is restricted to the Christian Jews of Germany. These Christian Jews, sometimes called non-Aryan Christians, are scattered in all parts of Germany; they have no central body for fellowship and for mutual encouragement. Until the Hitler uprising they were in the various churches, some of them deacons, elders and in other places of leadership. But now they have been driven out and many are living virtually in hiding. Some of them are in pitiful conditions of poverty and privation, but they bear their burdens bravely, and put their trust in the Lord. It is among these that our Mr. Samuel is carrying on his ministry. He now has a list of over one thousand of such believing Jews, in the various cities where he visits, particularly in the northern part of Germany. Into these homes he goes, as a sort of visiting shepherd; a few words of cheer, a reading from God's Word, a season of earnest prayer, committing once more the family and its dear ones to the divine care of Him who sees and knows all their sufferings, a little money slipped into the hand as evidence of our practical fellowship, in accordance with the injunction of I John 3:17, and Mr. Samuel is on his way to the next family on his list. Often the sympathizing tears must flow, but the hearts are being knit closer together, and the Lord is being glorified.

#### NAZI STAR ON THE WANE?

A spirit of gloom, it seemed to me, was apparent everywhere I went. I mean even among the German people themselves, totally apart from any Jewish suffering. There was lacking the spontaneous gaiety that I saw last year during the Olympic celebrations. I was riding one day with a high-up news correspondent, German born, German reared, and German through and through. He and I were the only ones in the compartment. A startling news-break was in the making, involving the cancellation of a previously planned trip by Hitler's representative to a conference with Anthony Eden in London. So important was the impending event, that this news correspondent was immediately taken from his previously assigned task and was rushed to Berlin to be on hand at the special conference at the Chancellory with Hitler presiding. The young man eyed me up and down for a long time, and when a train inspector came through, and for some reason I produced my American passport, this young man saw that I was an American citizen. Then he opened conversation with me, cautiously at first. When he found that I had no prejudices either way, that I was quite unwilling to voice condemnations of Hitler, that I was neither a spy nor an inspector of any sort, he seemed relieved, and then told me much of the inside workings of the Nazi regime. He explained how he himself was so disgusted with Hitler and the Nazi hordes. He claimed that the majority of

through all parts of Philadelphia. To the husband and the family who remain we can only say that our grief mingles with their own as we say to ourselves, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away."

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Miss Irma Collignon has felt the call of the Lord to labor among the neglected children in the schools among the mountain whites in Kentucky and adjacent States. In recording our loss at her going, we also extend our heartiest good wishes, and the assurance of our prayers that the Lord will bless her in her new field of work, as He has blessed her in the days gone by.

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Miss Ella Schroeder of Pontiac, Michigan, comes to us to fill the gap of Miss Collignon's going. She is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, and has for some time past been doing visitation work among the Jewish women in Chicago, under our support. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Pontiac, her pastor, Dr. H. H. Savage, being also a long-time friend of this Mission. We

bespeak for her the prayers of our friends. We shall hope later to have a few words from her pen.

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Our Mr. Englander plans to hold a Hebrew class every Friday night from 7 to 8 o'clock. Christian workers who wish to gain at least an elementary knowledge of Hebrew are invited to attend. There are no fees. You will need to buy one or two inexpensive text books. The classes will begin on Friday, October 1. Following the Hebrew class there will be the regular Friday Night Gospel Service, in our main auditorium, and the friends who attend the class are invited to remain.

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Brother Harry J. Burgen of our Philadelphia work has had a pamphlet printed telling the simple story of how the Lord found him and led him through these 20 years of Christian life and service. The story is so fascinating that The Sunday School Times recently printed it in two installments. To cover the cost of printing and mailing, you may have a copy for 10c. Just ask for the life story of Harry Burgen.

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For "The Shepherd of Israel" .....	594.10
Dispensary Income Account .....	360.50
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For Hewes Street Account .....	257.50
For Students' Education Fund .....	214.25
For Philadelphia Branch .....	472.37
For Pittsburgh Branch .....	1,525.34
For Columbus Branch .....	1,258.45
For Los Angeles Branch .....	681.67
For Buffalo Branch .....	346.71
For Work Overseas, including Relief Funds .....	5,351.87
Resettlement Fund .....	667.25
Transmission Fund .....	80.00
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you," and they prayed for God's blessing and a safe journey. On the way, as one bus turned to the left, a car nearly hit it. The children in the second bus saw the prevented accident, and exclaimed, "God took care of them. That's because Miss Collignon prayed before we left." How true! Prayer has power! Our people have shown real growth in their faith in prayer. This rejoices our hearts.

So with a clear day, a fine time, and a safe return, we ended the summer activities of our Beth Sar Shalom family.

### Jewish Mothers Also

BY MISS DOROTHY ROSE

I am happy in the service of the King,  
I am happy, oh, so happy;  
I have peace and joy that nothing else can bring,  
In the service of the King.

It was my privilege to teach the Memory Work period in the Daily Vacation Bible School. "The Bible and How it Came to Be," was chosen as our theme in order that our mothers, boys and girls might have a better understanding of the origin and preservation of the Bible through the centuries.

The story of how God kept the Bible text through the centuries when the scrolls were copied by hand is a most interesting one. We learned that by study of these ancient scrolls scholars have been able to prove that the Bible as we have it today is authentic. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would teach the disciples all things and bring all things to their remembrance and so we can rest assured that the New Testament also is inspired of God.

### THE WORD ETERNAL

The story of the translation of the Bible into different languages is a thrilling one. We learned of Bede, John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, Martin Luther and their willingness to suffer persecution and even death that the common people might have God's Word in a language they could understand.

After the General Assembly we divided up into classes and I taught the Mother's Class. Only 40 minutes of our two and one-half hour session

were devoted to handwork, and in it the mothers embroidered table cloths. When the table cloths were all finished and on display on the closing day they really were lovely and the mothers were happy to have them for their homes.

### REMARKABLE ATTENDANCE

We have a fine group of Jewish women and there were 29 enrolled in the summer school. To come morning after morning for five weeks meant hard work and sacrifice for some of them. It is no easy task to carry the responsibilities of a home and attend Bible School regularly for five weeks. God abundantly blessed their faithfulness and proved His faithfulness many, many times in answered prayers. One mother has been bowed down with family troubles and the burden was too heavy. But in the summer school God has helped and she is learning that His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

This summer class was not marked so much by new decisions for Christ as it was by spiritual growth in the lives of believers. The study of the Names of God gave wide opportunity to teach that God is the All Sufficient One and can meet every need of His children. In our prayer time different mothers learned to stand and pray before the class. It was hard for some, but beginning with sentence prayers made it easier. Some pray in English and some pray in Jewish, but we rejoice that God hears all.

At the close of the school we devoted one class period to testimony and praise, and the mothers told of what great things God has done for them individually. Surely all of us can say, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1.

### Notabilia

With sorrow we report the home-going of our dear friend, Mrs. J. G. Williams of Philadelphia. It was in her home that the Ladies' Prayer Group met every week, and it was in her home that a scriptural love for Israel was always taught. From this home there went out as from a powerhouse, the currents of Jewish missionary interest which literally vibrated

the German people were inwardly bitter towards the Nazis and their program of impoverishment, but that their power was so tremendous, their savageries and cruelties so severe, that the poor people were living virtually under a reign of terror. Some of this I had already discovered for myself, but it was a surprise to have it come from the lips of a German, and a German in such a position in the news world.

### "MY SENSES ARE BLUNTED"

I think there is no need to multiply illustrations of individual Jewish suffering, for we already have told you much about this, and you will understand I am sure, without my going on to more details. Perhaps I should say only that it was a blessed privilege that I was able to distribute funds in generous measure to many cases of individual need.

One of the missionaries explained to me, "Against the anti-Semitism in Germany we are totally powerless; but we can help the pitiable victims in a simple and direct way. I am a bad describer of these distresses, for the daily sight of the needs of hundreds of tragic cases has blunted my senses. I cannot describe the sufferings of many faithful Christians, Jewish believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose only sin is that they are not only of the spirit of Christ, but also of the blood of Jesus. I am thinking of a Jewish woman who was happily married to her Aryan husband, a physician. To this marriage there were born two children. Shortly after the revolution, this woman wrote to a magazine to tell of her unhappy days, and in the letter she expressed the hope that at least for her children there might be a happier future. For this, her husband instituted divorce proceedings against the wife. They were divorced for 'People cannot expect that this man should live further with this woman'. Then, to add terror to terror, they took away the two children from her, for as a Jewess she is not allowed to educate such children—they must be brought up under the Nazi training of Hitler worship. The poor woman is allowed to see her dear children once in two weeks, and then the children ask, 'Mummy, why are you not with us?'. She then tried to commit suicide. The Salvation Army became interested in her and now she believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, and is happy in her faith in the Saviour, in spite of her mental and physical sufferings."

### METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION

This is just a fair sample of what is going on in Germany, with homes broken, families separated, hearts aching, and many going insane while others commit suicide. One's heart cries out, "How can God be so patient with such savagery and cruelty?"

In general I followed the principle of giving the larger sums of relief money directly into the hands of either our own missionaries or other missionaries in whose judgment and integrity we have the fullest confidence. They are on the field and they know better the needs of each individual family than I would know. So, my own distributions were limited to such cases where I was able to visit in the home and bring a personal word of greeting and comfort.

I went through Germany twice on my present trip, and then Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, and Budapest in Hungary. In Vienna the suffering also was extreme and pitiful. Many of the German refugee Jews have overrun into Vienna and are seeking shelter there. Likewise in Prague, there are many refugee Jews in great want and suffering.

### THE CLIMAX IN PARIS

But I think the most tragic of all my experiences came when I reached Paris. In Vienna I had seen distress of body and soul; there I had sat in session day after day for a week with other missionary leaders to study closely the Jewish mission problems confronting us; there we came to grips with the mechanics of what to do and how to do it. A rather interesting and intimate contact with European ideas of restricted liberty was made manifest to us when we found in our assembly government officials in mufti uniform, on guard lest

anything were said derogatory to the government in power. Likewise in Budapest I sat for a week in session with mostly Christian Jews who were leaders from their respective mission fields; our first meeting was in the dining hall of the hotel, which had been cleared for chairs. Imagine our surprise and excitement when the hotel proprietor came in, interrupted the proceeding and announced that the building had been surrounded by the police and that we were virtually under arrest! It seems that we were guilty of having held a gathering in a public hall, which was how they classified the dining room of the hotel, without having secured permission from the Police! A hurried telephone communication to a prominent Jewish Christian lawyer downtown, a former district attorney in the city of Budapest, and a member of our group, brought him to our rescue, and in about an hour we were released; we adjourned to the meeting rooms of the Scottish Mission to the Jews, where under the protection of a church building and a religious meeting place, we were allowed to proceed with our deliberations.

#### A CITY OF FORGOTTEN MEN

But now in Paris I found myself suddenly at grips with the problem of stark poverty, of human despair such as is not possible to describe unless one had the gift of a master writer. Here in this great city there are still over twenty thousand German refugee Jews. They are truly the forgotten men of the world. They are classified by one word, perhaps the saddest word that a human being today can hear in this world of war, of nationalism, and of preparing for war. That word is "Statenlos." It means, a man without a country. They are in Paris illegally, they have no passport, no visas, no rights of citizenship anywhere in the wide world. As any number of them said to me, in personal interviews, "There is nothing left for me but suicide."

Among these families the Lord is giving us a wonderful ministry of Gospel testimony and of material alleviation. I must pay tribute to the noble-hearted men, Pastor Henri Vincent, and our own missionary Rev. Andre Frankel; and I pay further tribute to a devoted little Jewish woman, who loves the Lord Jesus Christ with all her heart, and who is a companion in manifold labors together with the two brethren just mentioned. Her name is Mlle. Salomon. She not only spends and is being spent in her daily errands of mercy and love in these unspeakably miserable tenement rooms, but she also does the editorial work on the French edition of our Yiddish Gospel paper, *The Shepherd of Israel*, known as "Le Bergere d'Israel." These dear friends have labored faithfully in season and out of season, and through them our Mission has been enabled to conduct a marvelous piece of work in Paris, a work which has won the admiration and respect of all who have witnessed the methods and the results. The Pastor and his people have allowed us to use their church, the Eglise Evangelique as the headquarters of the work of the American Board of Missions to the Jews in Paris. In this center our activities are carried on. So important has become this center for Jewish work that its name and fame has spread throughout France, into Switzerland, into Belgium, and as far as Holland. From these places Pastor Vincent is receiving continual requests for copies of *Le Bergere d'Israel* for distribution among the Jews; also they are asking for advice as to the way to approach the Jews in their respective countries. A further striking testimony to the importance of the work in Paris was the fact that recently when the Mildmay Mission to the Jews, of London, collected some special funds for relief to German refugee Jews, and sent their representative, Rev. Peter Smoljar, to Paris to distribute a small allotment there, Mr. Smoljar made his way promptly to our headquarters at the Eglise Evangelique, 123 Avenue du Maine, and there called upon our workers to advise him and work with him in the distribution of the money.

#### THE ONLY COMFORT WORTH WHILE

Two meetings are held each week, and the Gospel is preached without compromise. I spoke to a gathering one night, made up of about fifty men. It is hard to describe the peculiar feeling at the pit of one's stomach when one stands

#### INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

##### Vacation Blessings

BY MISS IRMA COLLIGNON

"My scholars all for Jesus—this be my earnest prayer,  
For they are souls immortal, entrusted to my care.  
For each the Master careth, I long so much for each,  
Grant, Lord, the heavenly wisdom, these wayward hearts to reach.  
Lord, be in every lesson, bless every faltering word  
My trembling lips may utter, to bring them to the Lord.  
So fleeting are the moments of opportunity  
O, Jesus, Lord and Savior, bring all my class to Thee."

With these words ever before us, and rejoicing in the fact of I Corinthians 3:9, "For ye are God's fellow-workers," we entered upon the preparation for our Vacation Bible School. Our only testimony is this: "He is faithful who promised." What blessings we as teachers and scholars have experienced cannot be adequately expressed on paper.

The Theme of our School was "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—which was, which is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8. Short object lessons on all phases of Christian living were presented, or time given to praying for special requests, sickness, and missionaries. God proved His faithfulness by answering many of our prayers, especially by healing several of our members who were ill.

#### LEARNING ABOUT OTHERS

The daily surprise period found the school eagerly anticipating something new each day. Their hopes were satisfied with a story, a blackboard talk, a missionary speaker, a special feature by one of the classes, or some information about the five colors of people on the earth, around whom we centered our missionary giving.

Singing always is a time of joy in our midst. Miss Judith Fuchs, so efficient with the little tots, taught us many new choruses. One of the best-loved was:—

"Jesus is the sweetest name that I have ever heard,  
Sweeter to this heart of mine than any other word.

When He speaks, my soul delighteth, for I love Him so,  
Yes, Jesus is the sweetest name I know."

God's greatest blessing comes from the direct study of His Holy Word. We built up a series of twenty lessons on the theme—"The Nature of God Revealed in His Names." By this course we were able to present God in all His fullness, thereby giving each individual a greater conception of His many attributes. From the Old Testament names of God, we went to those in the New, showing how the Lord Jesus Christ is the only fulfiller of each name. These lessons strengthened the conviction that the Messiah is not only the Son of God, but Very God of Very God. "Doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness" were all emphasized in these valuable studies of God's names.

#### PARTING BLESSINGS

The blessing of God again fell upon us as we gathered at the close of each morning, to bring our gifts to Him and to ask His benediction on us as we parted.

If there is inspiration in numbers, the mothers gave it! A group of over twenty women came faithfully during the entire five weeks of school. They also won the attendance contest. Mothers in Israel—God bless them!

It so happened that all the girls of Intermediate age, whom it was my privilege to teach, were saved. Several expressed their amazement that God could have so many sides to His nature; others, that they had never understood the meaning of the Three in One until this summer. May this knowledge bear fruit in their lives!

Very few of our children are unsaved. We know, also, that many of the mothers are true believers in the Messiah. Pray that they may grow in Him.

#### GOD TAKES CARE

The final shower of God's blessing came on August 5th when He pleased to give us a lovely clear day for our outing to the beach. Two full busloads of happy women and children enjoyed a time of recreation and fellowship at the bountiful hand of our loving Father. Before we left the Mission, we sang "God will take care of



## ARE WE APPROACHING ARMAGEDDON?

I saw in Germany train after train loaded with war tanks, guns, cannons, soldiers, a great many of them bound for the Spanish war fronts. I saw in Berlin scores and scores of Japanese army officers swarming like bees around German official buildings. I heard on all sides only talk of war, war, war. And while I was seeing these preparations for murder on a scale hitherto unknown, the Bishop of Jerusalem was telling us in Vienna of the forthcoming report of the Palestine Committee. A few days later the report came out, and again we were startled. We cannot say much here with regard to the Palestine partition proposal, but on another page we give our readers a reasonably comprehensive picture of the proposal. The only point we wish to emphasize is that once more the Jewish Zionist leaders have received a staggering blow. Their hopes of a quarter century are suddenly blasted. If only they would realize that they cannot trust to man, that only in God is there hope for deliverance!

We believe that this new proposal will only hasten the great Armageddon war. In spite of all the enthusiastic boasts of the Zionists, the truth is they have not possession of Palestine. Even among some of our Bible teachers in America, there has been the tendency to believe that the Jews are now restored to Palestine. This is not so. But may it not be that now, since the Jew may be deprived of much of the land that he thought he had, the way is only made ready for the appearance of that great monster, the Anti-Christ? It is this Anti-Christ who is to make a covenant with the Jews, according to Daniel. And may it not be that the Anti-Christ will use his suave promise of Palestine possession as a bait with which to lure on the gullible Jew into the signing of that covenant?

## STILL GREATER CONQUESTS

We are continuing to plan an ever larger program of Gospel testimony, both here and abroad, for the coming months. Much important news we cannot give you because of the lack of space. But we will try to bring you it in future issues of the paper. In the meantime, how can we thank you for the way you have stood by us throughout these summer months with prayer and with gift and with precious words of cheer and encouragement? These months have been not only astonishing in our spiritual enlargement, but also in the way you have supported us financially. They have been the best summer months by way of income that we have ever experienced, and our office has labored hard to keep up with correspondence. To Him be all the praise and glory, and to Him we look for continued help and blessing and encouragement. The time is short, and every indication is that our testimony may not have a great while before it, but that while it exists it is of the utmost importance to Him who has put us here, and Who has committed to us the task of a world wide testimony to Israel in an hour when darkness is settling rapidly about us. May we all be found faithful unto the end.

Ever gratefully yours in His service,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

before these men and realizes that every one is staring into a hopeless future, when even tomorrow the strong arm of the German police may reach out to the French immigration office and demand his return to Germany, a return which can mean only one thing—death. I felt as though I were talking to a group of men in the death house. I read to them out of the 40th chapter of Isaiah, "Comfort ye my people." I told them how there were many followers of the Lord Jesus Christ in America, both Jews and Gentiles, whose hearts were bleeding for them, who were praying for them and who had also sent money to help them in this hour of distress. I even ventured the assertion that perhaps the Lord has allowed these troubles to come upon them just for the sake of bringing them to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that if this were so they could even thank God for the suffering. And I was astonished to notice, as soon as I had said this, a strange light shine out from a number of the faces in the audience, and I heard, to my further astonishment, a number of most fervent "Amen's." Upon making inquiry later on, I learned that these men had already confessed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and several had been baptized in the church by Pastor Vincent. Both Pastor and people have been very slow in administering baptism; they have preferred to err on the side of caution because they wanted to be doubly sure that there had been a real work of grace wrought in the hearts of these new believers.

At the close of my talk, we had a short period of testimony, and our hearts were stirred to their depths when we heard man after man arise and say that in spite of the despair that faced each for tomorrow, they thanked God that they now had something in their hearts which no amount of gunfire and no amount of German persecution could take away—they had found that most precious thing of all, salvation and eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ. One brother, with ringing voice, and with tears pouring out of his eyes, fairly shouted in the closing climax of his testimony, "Tomorrow they may send me back, me and my wife; and that means I will have to face the firing squad; but all of that is nothing to me when I know that the Lord Jesus Christ has redeemed my soul and that I will be forever with Him!"

## A DOLFUSS LOYALIST

An investigation showed it was even so as he had said; he had been a member of the Austrian Stahlhelm, in Vienna, at the time of the notorious Dolfuss plot; he was a loyalist to the Austrian government, and when he overheard the plot to assassinate Dolfuss, he had felt it his duty to report the matter to his superior. This he did, with the result that he was branded a traitor by the Nazi forces and a price put upon his head. He escaped to Paris, where he has been in hiding until now. In the meantime the Nazi government had discovered his whereabouts and as he is still under German citizenship, at least officially, the German government sent a requisition to the French immigration office, that this Jew should be extradited and returned to Berlin. This of course has only one meaning, that he will be shot as soon as he returns. In the meantime the Lord had directed his steps to our Mission, and he had found the Lord Jesus Christ.

## WHEN STRONG MEN WEEP

I sit at a table all day, together with Pastor Vincent and Mr. Frankel. The streams of refugee Jews pour in; all day we meet each one personally, bring him into the room, and then go over his problems with him. Hardened as we have become to these cases of distress, it is yet not possible for any of us three to hold back the tears as we sit there horror-stricken, while harrowing details of each one's experiences are unfolded before our eyes. Pastor Vincent told me that his own church members would come to meet some of these refugees and they, too would cry. As I went back to my room at the hotel at night, it was not possible to find sleep; for all night long, in horrible nightmares, would march before me in regimental ranks these armies of men, their faces like those of hunted animals, men in their prime already broken down with age, age which came from the night of terror through which they passed. I found myself ask-

ing, "Who is sufficient for all these things?" and I realized that only God can solve these seemingly hopeless problems. I finally told our workers that I could no longer come to talk with the men, it was entirely beyond my strength and nerve resistance.

#### GOD BRINGS REVIVAL

Pastor Vincent told me that since his church has undertaken this Jewish work in cooperation with us, they have actually experienced revival blessings. There has been a new awakening of power in the church, a new life of sacrifice, and a new devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. I was rejoiced to hear this from his lips. It only confirms what the Lord promises for those who truly love and bless the seed of Abraham. Pastor Vincent told me of a Jewish woman and her husband who had found the Lord Jesus Christ and had insisted on baptism so importunately that it was finally administered. They have a little baby, and the Jewish mother had heard, or perhaps seen somewhere among the liturgical churches, that they baptize babies. So she begged the Pastor to baptize her baby, to make sure he would be a Christian! The Pastor told her that they never do such a thing at his church, that they only baptize, as the Scriptures teach, upon confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that the baby was entirely too young to make any such confession—it could not even talk. But the woman was unhappy, and begged and begged that something be done to make sure that her baby should be a Christian. Finally the Pastor said, "I will tell you what we will do; you bring the baby to church next Sunday morning, and at the close of the sermon I will explain to my people, and then we will hold a little dedication service for the baby and we will consecrate the baby to the Lord, and you will agree to bring him up in the fear of God and in full trust for salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ."

So this was actually done; on the following Sunday morning both father and mother were there with the baby and at the close of the sermon the Pastor explained to his audience the situation, and then proceeded with a simple, but beautiful and heart-touching service of dedication. Mr. Vincent told me that there was not a dry eye in that whole auditorium. He himself was so overcome with emotion that he could hardly carry out the service.

Strong able-bodied men sat over against me during those days of individual conferences, men who used to be leaders of affairs in Germany. Men in whose faces I could see evidences of dominating personalities. These men broke down and cried like children. When strong able-bodied men will do that, we may know that they are desperate. "It is not easy for me to come here," one said to me, "I used to earn ten thousand marks a year in Germany, but now this suit is the last one I have; I came to Paris with eight suits, I sold them all, one by one until I have only this one. My wife and mother are in Germany, I cannot bring them here and I cannot go back to them. I am starving, and the only way out for me is suicide."

#### OUT OF PRISON WALLS

Another one presents to me his release papers from a French prison. He had been an architect in Berlin, and had escaped to Paris. Being "statenlos" he was arrested by the French police for having no visa and no passport; he was sentenced to a jail term of sixty days. While there he earned by labor the sum of fifty-five francs, about three dollars in our money, and this money they gave to him when he was dismissed from the prison. On the dismissal sheet they had written the information that he must leave France within ten days, and if he did not do so he would be subject to arrest once more and then to another term in prison. We gave him a little money and advised him to go to Marseilles, an important shipping center in the south of France. From this port steamers go to all parts of the world. I told him in whatever way he possibly could, he should get on a steamer and work his way across the Atlantic, or across any other ocean, and land somewhere in a new world. I asked him to write me as soon as he got into a new country, possibly South America, and that I would then put him in touch with any friends that we might have in that particular

country, perhaps some missionary workers; and among these he would find a haven of refuge. He seemed to take on a new lease of life when I showed him a way out of his problems, and he left the room with a spring in his step. I am hoping to hear from him. He is only thirty-five, seems to have a brilliant mind and was really eager to hear the Gospel story, and to receive a New Testament in the German language.

#### TENEMENT SQUALOR

The tenement houses in which these refugees live are indescribable for their filthiness and miserable conditions. Our missionary calls these tenement rooms "miserable holes" and this is a fair description. We went in these homes, if they can be called homes, and saw conditions that staggered us. In one room we found a mother with three children. There was a single bed in the room and on that single bed the whole family sleep. She stood there with her face like marble, with eyes that could no longer weep, the weeping had gone out. She held in her hand an official document from the French police. Only two hours before they had come to this miserable hole of a room and had seized her husband and packed him off to the train to be shipped back to Germany. He had suddenly turned into a hopeless maniac, his reason having left him because of the agonies through which he had gone. And since he was German, the French government shipped him back, to a morally certain death. And there stood the mother tragic in her daze.

So I could multiply story after story, and they would all have the same monotonous theme—stark poverty and stark despair. What other hope is there in these cases, if we did not have the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to bring comfort to the broken heart?

#### THE MOST FAVORED OF ALL LANDS

And so I came back to America, and I knew that we in America do not know what poverty is, that if our people could once see what I saw, they would thank God every night that their lot has been cast here instead of across the water. Conditions in our country, of course, are serious, and we have much of distress and trouble here; but these are little annoyances in the face of the crushing desolation throughout Europe. And I also thanked God that to us has been given the call to exercise at least a little ministry to these victims of savagery and hate and greed. May we continue to be faithful to our trust.

In further answer to the prayers of our friends, I found on my return that the Lord had indeed watched over the Mission in the home land, and had given us many, many tokens of His divine blessing and protection. In every Branch the spiritual tide is high, our testimony is being owned and blessed of God in a way that sometimes puts to shame our littleness of faith. We must realize more and more that the shout of the King is with us, that we are doing battle for the Lord, that He has called us into the arena of world events for such a time as this, a time pregnant with overwhelming possibilities. Elsewhere you will find reports of the work, and you will thank God with us. What is going on today in the world, wars, unrest, distress, confusion, these are the surest signs that we are nearer the time of the end than many think. Then add to this, the unmistakable evidences of a spiritual awakening among the Jews, and the signs become all the more impressive.