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## Salutation

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

*Dearly beloved Friends:*

"I bring you good tidings of great joy," was the message which the Angel of the Lord brought to the trembling shepherds on the first Christmas night nearly 1900 years ago. And the heavenly chorus echoed "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace." Luke 2:8-14.

But how much joy and peace was there? Not long after this wonderful event we read the heartbreaking account of Herod's slaughter of the innocents. The record is, "Herod.... sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under.... In Rama there was a voice heard, lamentation and weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." Matt. 2:16-18. Seventy years later came Titus who besieged the city of Jerusalem, and finally battered down the walls until literally not one stone remained upon another. The temple in the city lay in smoking ruins. Over a million people had perished within the city walls. Uncounted thousands of Jews were sold into slavery, many went to the mines and quarries of Egypt. All the markets were glutted with Jewish slaves.

## SMILING THROUGH THE TEARS

And yet the Angel of the Lord promised joy, great joy. Nineteen hundred years have come and gone, and he would be rash indeed who would say that there is joy in the world today. It is nation rising against nation, it is brute force placed on the throne and worshipped, it is God being defied, His name being blasphemed, among the nations of the earth. What is the answer to this strange paradox? Let us look to another incident which may throw light upon the problem:—

"And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Luke 2:25-30.

A ray of light begins to shine in, for here we see that Simeon, just and devout, had joy. To put it in brief, there is joy to the individual in whose heart has shined the love of God through the Lord Jesus Christ; but there is sorrow and confusion and bitterness of spirit to all others, nations as well as individuals, who reject the only true source of joy that God has placed in the world. See how fully the Lord Jesus Christ anticipated all this so many times in His teaching and prophetic utterances to His disciples. Take for instance such a prophecy as this, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have over-

come the world." John 16:33. And so it was that history witnessed the martyrs going to their terrible deaths, some by hanging, some by being burned alive, some by slow tortures enduring over days of unspeakable agony. But we read that these martyrs died singing praises to the Lord Jesus Christ and thanking Him for the salvation made possible through His death at Calvary. They had a joy of which the world knew nothing.

And we think of what the poor Jews are now suffering across the waters. We read a story a few days ago in the Bulletin of the American Committee for Relief of German Christian refugees, and we thought it was such a good illustration of the paradox of joy in the midst of sorrow that we are reproducing it herewith:—

Peter was a little boy in Germany. His father was a German pastor who had married a Christian lady of Jewish birth. One day at school the teacher went around and separated some of the children from the rest.

Peter noticed that all these children were Jewish boys and girls. They were made to sit in a part of the school by themselves. When they left the school to go home the other children shouted after them, called them names and threw stones and mud at them. "Dirty Jews! Christkillers. Murderers!"

Peter felt very sorry for these Jews because his father had always taught him that God loves everyone. Jesus had shown His great love by dying on the Cross for all, and his father had taught him that to be a Christian means to be kind and loving always to everybody.

Some time afterwards, to his great surprise, the teacher came to him and several other boys and girls, and told them they must go and sit with the Jewish boys and girls.

"But why?" asked Peter, "I am not a Jew."

"Oh yes, you are. Hitler says you're a Jew because your mother is a Jewess."

"But Mummie's a Christian. I know she is; she prays with me every night to Jesus. Jews don't do that."

"You're not an Aryan," said the teacher, abruptly.

"Aryan! What's that?"

"You're not a pure-blooded German. Your mother is a Jewess, therefore, you are a Jew. Go and sit where I told you."

Very much puzzled by all these names, Jew, Christian, Aryan, German, Peter went over and sat with the cowering Jewish children, who by this time were absolutely crushed by insults and ill-treatment. Going home that afternoon Peter learned for the first time what it means to be a Jew—his clothes were covered with filth, and his cheek cut by a stone flung at him.

"Mummie, am I a Jew?" he sobbed, as he rushed into his mother's arms with the howls of his school-fellows ringing in his ears. "Yah! Jew! Christ-hater! Murderer!"

As Peter's mother bathed her little boy that night and saw his tender flesh covered with bruises, tears welled up in her eyes and a deep pain filled her heart as she thought it was on her account he bore these bruises and insults, and she was powerless to help him. Then she said:

"Jesus Himself was a Jew, darling. It is because you are of the same blood with Him that you have to suffer, He suffered too. Be proud and glad that you are like Him, and are bearing suffering because of Him."

A strange joy came into Peter's heart: a new pride thrilled him. "Like Jesus and you, Mummie. I'll try to bear it all for Him and you."

His mother buried her lips in his hair, and held him lovingly to her. "God bless you, my darling. I cannot save you, I can only help you to be brave," she whispered to herself.

## FROM OUR BOOK ROOM

### "Father, Why Do They Hate Us So?"

Dr. Louis S. Bauman gives the masterful answer to this question, in his newest book, "The Time of Jacob's Trouble." We read it with the tears falling, unrestrained, on the pages. This should be a *must* book on your list. We wish we had the money to pay for the free distribution of 100,000 copies among the people of God. We can only say, God bless Dr. Bauman for his bold, fearless stand for the truth. The little Jewish girl in Berlin climbs into her father's lap, and asks tremulously, "Father, why do they hate us so?" And to the basic scriptural answer, Dr. Bauman addresses himself.

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above and from God. So again the Lord explained to poor bewildered Nicodemus, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." John 3:8. That is, the new birth is a mystery from above which cannot be explained on any natural grounds. To Nicodemus the Lord said, "Ye must be born again" and thus we have once more the intimation that being born again is the same thing as being born of God, as both come from above.

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Question 1. *I am taking the liberty of asking concerning Israel. What is the difference between the Church and Israel, we being grafted into the "vine"?*

Question 2. *Also the meaning of keeping covenant to a thousand generations.*

Question 3. *And what were the laws spoken of that man thought to change?*—Miss M. G.

Answer 1. God has three classes of people upon this earth, Jew, Gentile, and the Church of God. See I Cor. 10:32. The Jew remains a racial entity, and the Gentile forms a racial entity. In their normal human existence upon this earth, God sees only Jews and Gentiles. But, there is something new in the world which our Lord came to establish in accordance with such a passage as Ephesians 2:11-16. That new thing is His Church, that Church which He promised to Peter He would build upon that

divinely revealed confession "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Whenever a Jew humbles his pride, confesses his sin, repents and turns to the Lord Jesus Christ as his individual Saviour, that Jew experiences something which God calls the new birth, and he becomes a child of God, a new creature in Christ, a member of the Lord's Body, the Church. Likewise, whenever any Gentile humbles himself and accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as his only Saviour from sin, he also is born again, and he too becomes a new creature in Christ, a child of God, a member of God's family, and a part of the Lord's body, the Church. And thus in the Church, there is neither Jew nor Gentile, but all one in Christ.

Answer 2. We do not know of any better explanation than the verse itself. The meaning is intensified by the use of the thought of infinite duration of time. God is a God who cannot lie, and so Moses reminded the Israelites in Deut. 7:8, 9 that God loved them and that God must keep the oath which He had sworn to the fathers, because God keepeth His covenant to a thousand generations.

Answer 3. This prophecy (Dan. 7:25) speaks of that monster to come, the Anti-Christ, into whose hands will be surrendered the rule over the earth. He will overthrow all orderly form of government, He will make havoc of all established law, and there will be literally a reign of terror upon this earth. That is why he is called in Scripture "the lawless one."

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And so poor little Peter also had joy, the joy of sharing with the Lord Jesus Christ His own passion and suffering. And we remember a year or two ago being in our Paris Mission Hall and seeing those poor distressed and wretchedly conditioned Jewish refugees arise one by one and testify to their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We still see one before us, trembling with an emotion that seemed to grip his whole soul and body, as he stood there and told how he expected any day that the arm of the Nazi law would soon reach out to him in Paris and take him back to Berlin, where a sure and brutal death awaited him. Having told all this, his voice rang out with clear resonance, "All this means nothing to me: the only thing that counts is that I thank God every day that He used this persecution and exile as a means of bringing to me the knowledge of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, and now I know no matter what happens to me, I have eternal life and shall be forever with the Lord."

#### HOW MUCH WE NEED THIS JOY

And so beloved reader, may this joy be the possession of all of us in these days of the reviving of such cruelties and barbarities as the world has not known since the days of Nero. To us must come across the space of the years the assurance to always, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." It is not a far fetched hope to believe that our redemption is nearer than we think. Before this world can go completely into a collapse, we have the promise that He will come and will take us up to be with Him, and we shall reign with Him forever and ever. What a wonderful Christmas season this would be if He should so come.

#### OUR OWN COUNTRY—SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Beloved friends, will you forgive us if we speak now quite plainly? Not without grief have we noted the rapid rise in Jew-hating propaganda in our own country, a country which from its very inception boasted so justly of being a home for the persecuted peoples of the world, a home to which any could come and find shelter. But now strange currents seem to cross and criss-cross the streams of our national life. We write these lines on the eve of the national elections; here in New York State a Jew is running for election as Governor for the fourth consecutive time. For three consecutive terms the popular vote was overwhelming in putting him back into office. But this time there has been injected into the campaign a whispering gallery propaganda, "He is a Jew!" While we doubt whether such an underhanded attack will succeed in defeating Mr. Lehman, yet it is well for Christians to know and to note well what is going on. We have seen printed circulars which appear to be widely disseminated, in which the Jew is made the subject of the most vitriolic and shameful attacks. And the cowardly nature of these attacks is best attested to by the fact that the name of those who are responsible for these circulars are lacking.

We mention all this, not because we favor Mr. Lehman as governor, nor because we favor any Jews as Jews. We never dabble in politics, and we never interfere with racial issues. But it is well for the child of God to be forewarned and to understand just what is going on when the back-wash of European demonism rolls itself upon our own land. The answer to all this lies in just one person—Satan. We quote from Dr. Louis S. Bauman's book, "The Time of Jacob's Trouble", as presenting the most scriptural explanation of the Jew-hating phenomenon now presenting itself before us:—

"If anything could prove the existence of a personal devil, anti-Semitism is that thing. In no other way can you account for it. Within the purpose and permissive will of God, Satan still sits upon the throne of temporal dominion in this world (Luke 4:5, 6), and will continue to sit there until the voice of the Seventh Angel proclaims that "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ" (Rev. 11:15). His power, however, as in the case of Job, is limited by God. Satan hates the sons and daughters of Jacob with a fury that knows no bounds. To him, a Jew is as a red rag to a bull. He knows that Israel gave us the Book he despises—the Book that is his undoing. He knows

that a Jewish womb gave body to our Lord and Saviour. He knows that the precious blood that was shed for our cleansing—the blood whereby we overcome him (Rev. 12:11) and are freed from his dominion, was blood out of the heart and veins of a Jew! He knows that "Salvation is of the Jew" (John 4:22). He knows that when a certain Jew receives the "sceptre (that) shall not depart from Judah" (Gen. 49:10), and "builds again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down" (Acts 15:16), that chains will become his bracelets, and the abyss his habitation (Rev. 20:1-3). He knows that even now "he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12) in which to empty the vials of his sulphuric wrath upon the supreme objects of his displeasure and of his hatred. Therefore, his frenzied hate and madness made manifest through instruments that are his own."

And, dear friends, this plague of anti-Semitism is actually spreading like a cancer into the very body and vitals of some of our churches, even reaching in certain cases to those whom we may describe as the higher-ups in Christian leadership. One renowned Bible teacher a few weeks ago stated in a public meeting in the presence of some of our workers, "This is not the time for Jewish conversion, this is for the Gentiles."

Is it not only right for us to present these sad but highly important facts to the friends of this Mission, so that they shall be prepared to meet the onslaughts of future attacks? Because, mind you, this thing, if allowed to continue, will finally seize upon the Jewish mission testimony as the last victim of its attacks: we do not wish to be considered alarmists, but let us beware lest the time come when the Jewish mission will have to fight for its very existence. To that end we ask every friend of this Mission to consecrate himself and herself anew to the cause of Israel's salvation in these last days. Let us rebuke promptly the slightest evidence of Jew-hate whenever it shows its head. Our reward will be sure in that day when He shall come to make up His jewels.

#### "GOD HELP ME TO YIELD MYSELF"

In the midst of all these sad things it was refreshing to receive a letter a few days ago from our beloved friend, Dr. Louis S. Bauman, whom God has used so wonderfully in recent months to stir up the church with a new vision of love and duty to the Jew. Dr. Bauman, in writing to us on some other matters, included this paragraph:—

"If there is anything under the stars that shine that I can do to ease, to the slightest extent, the pains that are coming upon Israel all over the world, God help me to yield myself to it. I believe that we are witnessing the birth pangs of a new age, and the new age will be the age of Israel's glory. God bless you Brother Cohn. Command me if I can be of any help to you in any way for your great work."

And so this is the motive that we would leave with you as a Christmas message, a motive that should actuate the heart of every true child of God, "If there is anything under the stars that shine that I can do to ease the pains that are coming upon Israel, God help me to yield myself to it."

On other pages you will read of God's continued blessing upon the work. Our meetings here in the Brooklyn headquarters building are filled to capacity. There has never been, in the memory of the workers, a time when the spiritual tide was so high as it is now with us. From our other branches come similar reports. May this not be the precursor of that longed-for day when all Israel shall be saved? And may it not be that these remarkable signs of spiritual awakening are the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees? There is much here for the child of God to think about, because if this be true, then soon it will also be true that, "Then shall the Lord go out before thee to smite the host of the Philistines" (II Sam. 5:24). Is not, therefore, the Jewish mission privilege a wonderful thing for the child of God in these days?

Ever faithfully yours in His service,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Question.** *Was Luke a Gentile physician-evangelist and was he a member of the first Church at Jerusalem? Have understood that it was all Jewish.—A. B.*

**Answer.** Luke was a Jew. We know that some Bible scholars claim that he was a Gentile, or perhaps half a Jew. But in the absence of any authoritative word with regard to Luke in the Bible itself, we prefer to take Romans 3:2 as being unfailingly conclusive. The question is asked, "What advantage then hath the Jew?" And the answer is given, "Because unto them were committed the oracles of God." If there had been even one exception, such as Luke being a Gentile, would not the Holy Spirit have put in this verse some such statement as, "with the exception of Luke who was a Gentile"? There is no clear Scripture statement to prove that Luke was a member of the Church at Jerusalem.

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**Question.** *What does the word "Methuselah" mean? One says that it means "Son of the dart." Another says it means "When he is gone it will come." Which is right?—G. G.*

**Answer.** There does not appear to be ground for rendering the word Methuselah, "Son of the dart." The word itself breaks up into two parts, METHO and SHELACH. We would give the name, therefore, in free translation as meaning "after he is dead, He will be sent." The setting of this interpretation we would suggest somewhat as follows:—When Eve gave birth to her firstborn son, she remembered that God had promised her a Redeemer of the seed of the woman, and she believed that this son was that Redeemer, and called him Cain, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." But she was mistaken, for Cain was not the Redeemer. However, the hope of the Redeemer persisted generation after generation. Then came Methuselah, and tradition has it that he was a righteous man, having been brought up under the faithful teaching of his godly father, Enoch. The Jewish legends tell that he was so pious that he composed 230 parables in praise of God. They say that he delivered the world from thousands of demons, the progeny of the ungodly union of Adam with that she-devil, Lilith. To some of that generation it appeared as though he were

actually that Redeemer for whom they were looking. But now comes the application of the name, METHO SHELACH, which would mean that Methuselah himself was not the Redeemer but that after Methuselah should die, would come the Redeemer, or the Redeemer would be sent. Without taking undue liberties with the interpretation of the Word, we could legitimately amplify the translation by saying, "after he (Methuselah) will die, then He that is to come will be sent," referring possibly to the Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Question 1.** *What is the meaning of Proverbs 22:26, first clause?*

**Question 2.** *Please explain the pronoun "it" mentioned twice in Ps. 132:6.*

**Question 3.** *In I John 5:1, first clause, does it mean "born again" or "born from above."—C. E. T.*

**Answer 1.** The striking of hands has reference to the individual who for himself incurs debt when he knows that he will be unable to pay the money when due. So the teaching of the whole verse is that we ourselves should not go into debt for our own purchases nor are we to undertake to guarantee the obligations of someone else.

**Answer 2.** The reference is to the Ark of the Covenant. It had been taken out of Shiloh by the Israelites to the battle of Ebenezer, and had fallen into the hands of the victors. The Philistines, however, gave back the ark, and for twenty years it remained in Kirjath-jearim, in the house of Abinadab. See I Samuel 7. King David, while living at Bethlehem Ephratah, had heard of the ark as being greatly neglected; and, since he was to be king, he felt a natural urge that the ark should be restored and placed in a position worthy of its name. And so, when he became king, he sent out messengers to find the ark; and it was found at Kirjath-jearim "in the fields of the wood."

**Answer 3.** It means both. How can one be born of God if he is not born from above? Peter made his confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And the Lord Jesus Christ told him, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Therefore, this new birth was from



ourselves through other people's eyes, and so we print hereunder the report as written by Dr. John W. Bradbury in "The Watchman Examiner". It was entitled, "A Visit to Buffalo", and reads as follows:—

"The annual Bible conference of the Hebrew Christian Mission of Buffalo was held in the Prospect Avenue Church, October 3-9. Rev. George A. Cole, the pastor of the entertaining church, was a thoughtful and generous host. During the first two days Dr. C. Gordon Brownville of Tremont Temple, Boston, stirred the hearts of those in attendance and one Hebrew young woman surrendered to Christ.

"The following day the conference appreciatively heard Dr. W. H. Rogers of the First Church, New York City. The next two days the conference was supplied by Superintendent J. H. Cohn of The American Board of Missions to the Jews. The Buffalo work is a part of the American Board and it is directed by one who is well known among his Baptist brethren, Rev. Abraham Machlin.

"The Buffalo mission has now its own property where Bible classes and religious services are regularly conducted. It is situated in the heart of a Jewish residential area and it is bearing fruit in the conversion of men and women continually.

"As the speaker for the Sunday, being free in the morning, it was my privilege to preach for Dr. J. Palmer Muntz at Cazenovia Park Church. (Dr. Muntz is our local Treasurer for the Buffalo work. Ed.) Dr. Muntz assured me I would find a crowded church but I could not foresee the congestion which the packed audience presented. Actually some of the young people were compelled to sit on the window sills. It was an unforgettable experience to preach to so appreciative a people. Dr. Muntz is a much beloved pastor. His church is happy to have him engage in an extensive ministry outside of his pastoral duties and their consideration of him is generous indeed. Dr. Muntz not only

conducts evangelistic meetings and Bible conferences but he is first associate to Dr. W. E. Biederwolf at Winona Lake, Indiana.

"We gathered in the Prospect Avenue Church, Sunday afternoon and evening where goodly audiences responded to the appeals of Rev. Messrs. Muntz, Cole and Machlin. The gracious consideration given my messages was a real heart warming. It is without any doubt true that such soul-saving work as Mr. Machlin and his co-workers of the Hebrew mission are doing draws together a supporting body of good Christian people who manifest earnest devotion to the cause of witnessing to the Jews concerning their true Messiah and our mutual Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."

#### The End from the Beginning

This is the title of a new book from the pen of our beloved friend, Dr. W. H. Rogers, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York City. It is exactly what the name would suggest, a panorama of prophecy, and it establishes the unimpeachable character of the Word of God by means of the argument from fulfilled prophecy. We wish we had room to give a complete review of the book, but we know that just the name of Dr. Rogers as author is enough guarantee of its inspirational and didactic value to make unnecessary a lengthy commendation of the book. Chapter 5, "The Prophetic Pledge for the Jews" is a valuable contribution to the literature of Israel's place in God's prophetic program. The appeal here for a place for the Jew in the missionary program of the Church is powerful and convincing.

Another illuminating chapter on present day prophetic conditions is chapter 9, "The Prophetic Panorama of the Seventy Weeks." Here Daniel's predictions are elucidated and interpreted in the light of what has been happening in recent times.

The book has 300 pages, the price is \$1.50, and we are glad to notice that it is published by Dr. A. C. Gaebelien. Orders may be sent to us at 27 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Hitler at the Bar of Justice — A World Outraged

CIVILIZATION has been crucified. We had hardly finished our December letter to the family of "Chosen People" readers when suddenly came reports that sent terror into the hearts of all civilized nations. Naziland had run amuck. Frenzied mobs, with fiendish hate for the Jew, a hate fanned into flame by the Propaganda Ministry in Berlin, and by the demonized goadings of Streicher's Jew-hating *Der Stuermer*, suddenly sprang up in all parts of Germany, and a reign of terror, such as has not been known to civilization since the days of Russian pogroms and Spanish Torquemadas, ensued.

A half crazed Jewish boy, seventeen years of age, by the name of Herschell Grynszpan had escaped from the inhumane savageries of the Nazis, and had found shelter in Paris. There, the memories of what he had suffered in Germany, and the realization that his mother and father and brothers and sisters were still in the land of the Nazis, and were still suffering the same torture, so worked upon his emotions and upon his nerves that in a moment of madness he got himself a gun and shot Ernest Von Rath, third secretary of the German Embassy in Paris. It was this incident that was seized upon by the Nazis as the excuse for the wild and unprecedented outbreak against the thousands of helpless Jews throughout the land.

Innocent men, women and children were beaten mercilessly, old men and women, helpless girls and boys, unarmed and unwarned. Jewish stores, little stores, where the desperate Jew was putting up his last struggle to eke out a pitiful living in the midst of a hostile and murderous Nazi population, these stores were looted, windows smashed, the merchandise brazenly taken away; and if the Jew dared open his mouth in protest, he was set upon and beaten until protests were impossible. For the space of fourteen hours this reign of terror continued until the agonies and shrieks must have reached heaven itself; and then propaganda Minister Goebbels sent out a radio broadcast requesting an easing up of the reign of looting, robbing, and even murder.

#### SUICIDES BY WHOLESALE

Jewish families in their entirety were committing suicide the week of November 8th to 15th, a week that will remain seared into the memories of the Jews forever. These suicides were by Jews who used to be important in the fields of banking, law, manufacturing, etc. They had been waiting and hoping for some turn of events which would enable them to get out of Germany with at least a little of the money they had worked so hard these many years to save. But now everything was in collapse, and they saw no way out but suicide. This was preferable to being driven like cattle to the Dachau concentration camp, for treatment such as has not been accorded even the most

brutal criminals since the time of galley slaves. Suicide was better than to see their wives and daughters raped, and their children beaten and left to a future of unthinkable agony in Germany.

So terrible were these outbreaks, that immediately a world, stunned with the shocking reports, aroused itself from its lethargy, and indignation meetings were held spontaneously in all parts of America, and in Great Britain. On Monday night, November 14th, a national radio broadcast was given, during which such universally known men as Herbert Hoover, Alfred E. Smith, Harold Ickes, voiced the outraged conscience of the world. President Roosevelt also gave out a statement from the White House, denouncing the German government in language as sharp as had ever been employed by a president against the course pursued by a foreign government with which the United States had friendly diplomatic relations. A part of the President's statement was as follows:—

The news of the past few days from Germany has deeply shocked public opinion in the United States. I myself could scarcely believe that such things could occur in a twentieth century civilization.

Even the official German daily newspaper of America, the *Staats-Zeitung*, found it necessary to come out in a repudiation of the Nazis and what they stand for. The *New York Times* quotes from an article in the *Staats-Zeitung*, entitled "Cold Terror."

"The terrible events of the last five days can hardly be erased from the minds of mankind. The hopes we had, often against our better judgment, have proven themselves to be false. The excesses of the mob, destroying property, maltreating people, are now being followed up by a cold terror, which, in its consequences, will be much more horrible than the brutal acts themselves, committed under the pretense and official palliation of 'spontaneous reaction.'

"We do not believe that the German people, that our relatives and dear friends, are participating in the horror mankind has witnessed. We condemn the murder act in Paris, as we are condemning all violence, all excesses. Because we believe in the inherent decency of the German people, we herewith protest against the dark powers that use this murder as a welcome excuse to let loose the lowest instincts against defenseless people, trying to cover up these wanton acts with phrases like 'indignation of the people' which bear the stamp of the Ministry of Propaganda."

Great Britain, the United States, and several other nations, immediately got together in council, and have been busy working on some program that will deliver these helpless Jews, as well as many Catholics and other victims of Nazi hate, and place them in some unoccupied or sparsely populated section of the world, there to start on a new lease of life. As we write these lines today, the papers report that British Guiana has been suggested as a possible place of refuge. The thought is that Great Britain will furnish the land if the United States will furnish the money.

We rejoice daily to come in contact with many sincere seekers after the truth. Our task is two-fold: to help them materially and to point them to the Lord Jesus Christ. I do the best I can with the Lord's help, and I ask that you remember me and this difficult but great ministry before the throne of grace.

#### Blind Mother Love

(By Rev. Moses H. Gitlin, in charge of our Branch in Warsaw, Poland).

"They have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." Romans 10:2. Our sister, Deaconess Helena Judynska found much grace in the sight of her superiors. After only six months of work, she received two weeks vacation which she is spending with her spiritual parents. She looks fine in her uniform. She told at one of our girl inquirers' meetings about her life and work, and some of the girls began to dream of following her example.

One of these girls is Cywja. She came to us nine years ago when we first organized the fresh air colony in Radosc. A few years later, under the influences of other missionaries to the Jews, she turned to the Lord, and boldly witnessed about Him. This brought upon her persecutions. She was ridiculed and beaten, but she continued to live at home, hoping that some day she may be enabled to get away into a Christian environment. When our deaconess came, Cywja revealed to her that she had been dreaming of becoming a deaconess, and praying that God might help her to realize her dream.

We presented her case to the Director of the Home, and she was received as a candidate.

Knowing that her parents would resist her, Cywja made her plans in discretion. She left her home on a Sunday morning, taking nothing except the clothes on her, and her birth certificate. Another missionary agency helped her to secure the outfit. She stayed with us that day and night in our home, and the next morning she left for the Deaconess School. We prayed for her safety, and sought to act with caution.

#### ACCUSED OF KIDNAPING

On Tuesday morning one of our inquirers who worked with her, telephoned that Cywja's mother and sister

were in the shop and that they are on their way to make an attack on us. At five p.m. the mother and sister came. The mother was worn out, unwashed, uncombed, shabbily dressed. She was all broken up. In a most pathetic way they began to demand that I return them their daughter. They gave me no chance to explain the matter and would not believe that the girl was not with us. They got terribly excited, and threatened with police. A half hour later came the policeman and told me that I am charged with kidnapping a young girl. I presented to him my credentials and explained the matter, giving all the required data, and he left, satisfied.

The next day came again the mother with two of her daughters. They were in a different spirit. Mrs. Gitlin was home and sought to show them sympathy as a mother. They softened still more, and allowed us to talk to them. We explained to them about their daughter's faith and her wish to serve God. We availed ourselves of the chance to present to them the Gospel. They would not take our suggestion to write to the girl, but insisted on going to where she was.

The mother went to that city some 400 kilometers away. On the threat of committing suicide she influenced the girl to return home. Cywja came to see us. She is broken in spirit, but has taken now more courage to witness about the Lord Jesus, and prays for courage to take up the cross, and follow the Lord wherever He may lead her.

#### "Let Another Man Praise Thee"

A FRIEND SEES OUR  
BUFFALO WORK

Solomon tells us, "Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger and not thine own lips."

And so it is that we were happy to pick up a few days ago a copy of "The Watchman Examiner", the leading Baptist fundamentalist publication in America, and find a report telling of the visit of the Associate Editor, Dr. John W. Bradbury, to our Branch Mission in Buffalo. It was the occasion of the annual Bible conference which Mr. Machlin had arranged, and Dr. Bradbury was among the invited speakers. It is sometimes good to see



Christian deaconess would visit us, but she did not come and we learned that she had to resign because she is Jewish. Disappointment after disappointment! But we trust the Lord and in Him we find comfort and strength.

One's heart cannot but cry out, "Oh Lord, how long?" And we have no weapons at hand with which to fight these demon forces, except the one weapon which the Lord gave to us, and which He Himself used so many times—believing, persistent and unceasing prayer. Let us avail ourselves of this privilege in the present crisis for the people whom God still loves.

#### Heart Agonies in Vienna

Latest reports are that our Mr. Emanuel Lichtenstein is still able to continue in a limited way the work in Vienna, although it is feared that he will not be allowed to keep on much longer. From a recent report we select a few important paragraphs so that our readers can get a little inside view of some of the conditions we have to meet in this newest center of Nazi brutalities:—

The tasks in our mission work increase from day to day, and the stream of Jewish people, applying for help, becomes larger every day. We know that we would not be able to solve these tasks without God's help and support.

We receive many letters from Jews and Hebrew Christians, who already have left Austria, and most of those letters are very touching. It is very encouraging to learn that our help to those people was not in vain, because they now understand that it is most important to trust the Lord, who alone can give them real help in their distress.

Here are some quotations from letters which Rev. Hedenquist, Mr. Uberreich or myself received.

"The daily fight to earn a livelihood" writes Brother K. T. from Switzerland, "is very hard now, but certainly it is a trial of faith. One thing is especially hard for me, to ask for material help. I do not doubt that all my needs will be supplied through my Lord and Saviour. Every day we read the Bible together with our Pastor and discuss it around the table.

This brings us comfort at this time, which still is very gloomy".

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"Heartiest thanks for your letter. You can not imagine what joy it brought me. It is a great encouragement indeed to know that the home church remembers me, even though I can no longer do anything for it."

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"It is very quiet here, and that is pleasant. We are able to recuperate in these surroundings, and this is what we need. Believe me that we miss very much our precious mission meetings which we had in Vienna."

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"Master and mistress do not know German, and I don't speak English. However if every immigrant had as good a time as we do, it would be a wonderful gift of grace from God. I am sorry not to be able any longer to attend your edifying services in Vienna, but be sure that I am still with you in spirit. At this time I want to express my gratitude from the bottom of my heart for all the love, kindness and help, I have received in your mission."

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"One thing I miss here and that is our services and the fellowship with our brethren and sisters, which I loved dearly, but we can also pray privately. The main thing is to be sure we have the Saviour. I know that He is mine, and I have surrendered my whole life to Him. As He guides I will follow Him. I pray for all the dear ones in Seegasse whom I left, and I also ask you and them to remember me in prayer."

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"Many thanks to you and Mrs. H. I am thinking very often of you and the pleasant hours I spent in your home and in the Mission. A short time ago, I took part in communion and was thinking of all of you."

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We receive many such letters. All of them show us the love these people have for Christ, and they also show that these sons and daughters of the people of Israel are on the right road, the Way that leads to God.

#### WE ARE ON THE ALERT

But, the immediate purpose of our writing is to notify our friends that we are not asleep. Letters have been pouring in upon us expressing such sorrow of heart, such agony of soul, in behalf of a world Jewry which stands bewildered and benumbed, that our own hearts have been stirred to their depths to realize that you are so close and so responsive to the suffering of Israel. Many are asking us what are we doing in the matter? And we want to answer now:—1st, We are sending relief funds into Europe as rapidly and as efficiently as we can. 2nd, The International Hebrew Christian Alliance, with headquarters in London, with whom we have been in friendly cooperation for several years past, has received word from the Government of Ecuador, that they are willing to set aside enough land to take care of 100 Jewish families, each family to be given 100 hectares of land. This is equivalent to about 247 acres. The land is represented as being suitable for growing cocoa, coffee, sugar cane, cotton, nuts, and fruits. Each family that enters Ecuador must have \$1,000 cash, so that the government may be assured that they can live until the land begins to produce.

Also, there is a possibility of some similar settling to be done in the island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean. And there is a little encouragement with regard to the Argentine and to Uruguay.

Therefore we make bold to announce once more our Resettlement or Colonization fund. We have already committed ourselves to the International Alliance up to the sum of \$15,000. If we could have the ears of all America in this heart-breaking need, one million dollars could be raised and used over the next six months just for this colonization plan alone.

#### ONE WAY OF RELIEF

We place this before our readers as a practical plan in the present emergency. Our program will be to restrict the expenditures exclusively to the families of Christian Jews. As we write these lines we are considering sending our Mr. Singer, who spent twenty-five years in Hamburg as assistant to Pastor Frank, and who therefore knows the German Jewish problem as very few would know it, to Ecuador to make a study of the land that is being offered, and report to us on the wisdom and the probable success of the undertaking. We already have two Jewish Christian families in Ecuador whom we helped to go there from our previous Resettlement Funds, and these families have been blessed of God. They not only have been successful in breaking

up the virgin soil, and establishing themselves economically, but they have been at the same time evangelizing the natives. So in this way we have done a twofold work; we have helped establish Jewish Christian families in distress and we have given the Gospel through them to hitherto unevangelized peoples.

Dear reader, this is an S O S call for an Israel in the throes of death agony. The time is short, the call may never be given again. We take our lives in our hands in printing these pages. For we know the intrigue and the espionage of the Nazi system which is spread like a spider's web over America. But like Luther of old, here we stand, we can do no other, so help us God!

#### HEROIC GIVING IMPERATIVE

The need is so desperate that it calls for giving far beyond what we have ever dared ask our readers before. It calls for a heroic outpouring of love and sympathy for Israel battered and shattered. We stand ready to serve you; our every energy, our every talent, our every experience of these many years of Mission work, all are now laid at your disposal for an immediate program of relief and deliverance. We are ready to brave perils, if only we can be used of the Lord in these last days to bring a little cheer and a little Christian testimony to a Jewish nation that stands perplexed before a silent Christianity.

And so, we have felt led to write these words at the last moment of going to press, because we wanted you to know that we are doing everything possible to meet the emergency. As we said before, we are not asleep. But we must have a literally bulging treasury if we are to go ahead untrammelled and unhampered in any immediate work of salvaging the wreckage in Germany today. We must not spend our time in trying to raise money; money must flow in unto us in an ever enlarging stream that we may pour it out again to bring blessing and comfort to families who now sit in the shadow of great sorrow.

If you can, get extra copies of this issue of "The Chosen People," and give them out among your friends, wherever you feel the Lord might stir a Christian heart to a new sense of responsibility. Let there be special meetings held in churches, in Christian homes, wherever godly men and women gather, and let there be a time of agonizing prayer to God that He will send deliverance; we promise you for our part that we shall go the limit in every effort to meet the crisis of the hour, as God shall help and guide us. In Him only is our hope, and Israel's hope; and to Him we look for guidance in this hour of confusion and sorrow.

#### INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

##### Inside Germany

Information has come to us by way of London, and through other sources, that a considerable number of Christian Jews have been arrested in Germany, and taken to the brutal Nazi concentration camps. Among them was our beloved brother, Dr. Arnold Frank, a veteran missionary in the service of the Lord. He is over eighty years of age, the very soul of Christian love and kindness, and we may well imagine what terrible suffering it must have been for him to have been suddenly swooped down upon, mercilessly seized and then thrown into the concentration camp with all its cruel practices. Also, it is reported, another of the Jewish Christian brethren through whom we have been distributing funds in Germany, Mr. Poms, has been likewise seized and thrown into a concentration camp. The latest word is that Pastor Frank was released, and left immediately for England, in a state of physical and nervous collapse. A letter has come to us in a roundabout way, written in Germany and was sent out, as you will note when you read it, at great and serious risk, a risk that might even involve death. Here are the important parts of the letter:—

I received your letter today and I am answering it at once. Whether or not there is a danger in my writing the following I do not know and do not want to know, for what I am reporting to you is nothing but the truth.

On September 13, Pastor F. arrived in Hamburg from his vacation-trip from Switzerland. On the following Thursday, when my wife went to church for Bible class, she found that the church was closed. No one knew the reason. The sexton was not at home, and she was told by other people that the church was closed because of danger of war. On the following Sunday the church was open and Rev. S. took the pulpit. When the service was over, I learned that both of the two ministers were arrested. Since that time the church is closed again. Later I learned that the two ministers were accused of giving money to D. in order to help

him to escape. The daughter of Pastor F. rushed by airplane from England with two English lawyers, who went to Berlin. They succeeded in obtaining Pastor F's release after ten days imprisonment. However when he reached his home he suffered a physical break-down. Some days later Pastor M. was also released.

They are no longer permitted to speak in the church, neither are any Hebrew Christians allowed to do so. Pastor F. and his daughter left immediately for England, otherwise he might have been arrested again. Pastor M. has to leave Germany within six months.

The Mission is closed and sealed and all books and documents are confiscated by the police.

You can imagine how shocked we were when we learned that bad news that our dear and good Pastor was arrested. Now we are betrayed and sold. Our situation becomes more and more unbearable. I am absolutely broken down in nerves, cannot sleep any more and have many headaches.

A short time ago I came home very sick and I hardly was able to climb the stairs. The following day I went to our doctor who is a member of the Methodist church, where our children are attending Sunday School. Because I am a Jew, this physician was afraid to certify that I was not able to work.

Hitherto I did not receive any relief from the Government, because I have a small income as a disabled ex-service man; but a short time ago the official in charge of the welfare office told me that I would get a small allowance. Naturally we were very glad for this good news, but this joy soon passed, because a few days later the official informed me that I would not get the allowance because I am a Jew. When I told this to my wife, she cried, not because of the money, but because of the injustice.

My wife is also broken down in nerves. If we only had the good fortune to leave this country! Miss B. wrote us that a Jewish