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Salutation

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

Dearly beloved Friends:

Over and over again the words of Psalm 116:12-14 keep repeating themselves in my mind:—

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people."

We cannot help thinking of these words of praise as we now stand as it were upon the top of the mountain and look down upon the steeps over which the Lord allowed us to climb during the fulsome and hectic year of 1938.

The Psalmist prefaces his song of salvation and thanksgiving, with the confessional of the 10th and 11th verses, "I have retained faith, when I spoke; I am very sorely afflicted. I have said in my despair all men are liars."

This Psalmist knew what it meant to suffer, but through all of his suffering he kept his faith in God, and having realized that man at best is deceitful, he exclaimed, "All men are liars." Is this not in keeping with the teaching of Romans 3:4, "Let God be true, but every man a liar"? And from that experience, having fully come upon the realization that man cannot be trusted, he came into the blessed experience of the faithfulness of God. And so with a heart welling over with such gratitude and tenderness as is to be found in that peerlessly beautiful Shepherd Psalm, he exclaims, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" And he answers the question by the touching reference to the cup of salvation, a ceremonial observance of the Jews to this day, when the cup is raised aloft and drunk amid thanks for the manifold and rich salvation already experienced. And so, the way to thank God for mercies and blessings received is to continue to serve Him, and bless His name for the marvelous salvation that He has brought to us through His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

"THOU REMAINEST"

So these are the feelings with which we approach this annual review of the ways and by-paths into which the Lord has led us these past twelve months. For we too have experienced not only once, but many times that our trust must not be in man, who too often fails us, and proves untrue to us. Then having realized the foundation fact of this Scripture truth, we experienced next that the Lord became our salvation, and He took up our cause, and literally heaped upon us blessing after blessing, privilege after privilege, opportunity after opportunity, until our measure of service has been "pressed down, and shaken

together, and running over." Sometimes it is true, as it was in the experience of St. Paul, that we "were pressed out of measure, above strength, inasmuch that we despaired even of life." 2nd Cor. 1:8. But we also learned, as Paul did, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God, who raiseth the dead.

It is hard to know just at what point to take hold of the review of the year's work. If therefore this report strikes you as not being in logical sequence, you will, I know, bear with us and allow us to ramble along in our own way, and I am sure we will arrive at our destination ultimately, although it may be by devious detours.

I suppose it is only right to tell you in the beginning that the homegoing of my dear father remained the dominant overtone in the year's symphony for all of us in the carrying on of the work of the Mission. Although for several years before he had been able to do very little active work in the Mission, yet his presence with us was always an inspiring and motivating force; and when he was gone, somehow there was a noticeable let-down in the incentives that had been stimulating us on in the doing of the Lord's work. This loss of driving force continued until it began to dawn on our consciousness that the truth of Hebrews 12:1, if allowed to saturate our systems, would provide all the incentive needed; for was it not true that he had joined that great cloud of witnesses which compass us about? And these witnesses, for the moment invisible to us, are eagerly and with the utmost interest, watching us as we take up the torch where they have put it down, and seek to run "the race that is set before us."

FULL STEAM AHEAD

And so the new year of 1938 had not advanced very far before we found ourselves once more with spirits attuned to the will of God, and all our energies absorbed in the carrying on of the tremendous tasks which He had committed to us. The bonds of affection that gave such quick demonstration of their existence between ourselves and the host of loving and faithful friends whom God had given to us, had no small part in restoring the morale and the determination and the courage to go on, and for such loving friends, we shall never cease to give thanks to the Lord Who put us here and Who gave these friends to us.

From the objective viewpoint I suppose the thing that stands out above everything else for the year 1938, is the shameful record of Nazi outbreaks and brutalities against the Jews, the rape of Austria, the wholesale arrests of innocent and helpless Jews; the driving of these poor Jews, like cattle, into brutal and vile concentration camps. These things have been seared into our consciousness as with a hot iron, and I suppose will remain there as long as we live. All this, in the spring of 1938. Then in the fall came the second thunder-clap, and this time it was the sudden and well planned uprising all through Germany against the Jews, early in November. Came tales of horror unspeakable and indescribable. Much of what went on we will never know, because of the very strict censorship. Jews by the thousands were committing suicide. Others escaped whichever way they could, across any frontier possible. Leading business men were thrown into concentration camps to be tortured, while the state seized their businesses and placed them in charge of Nazi commissioners. In Austria during the four months succeeding the *Anschluss* some 7,000 Jews committed suicide. In Vienna alone they were averaging 100 to 130 suicides per day. Jewish shops were robbed, day and night "visits" to Jewish homes were made by the Brown Shirts, the notorious "cleaning squads." What takes place between four walls in Jewish homes seldom leaks out—people keep silence to avoid worse things to follow. In the uprising in early November, known as the German "frightfulness," a well planned pogrom was carried through all over Germany. Many people were killed, much property destroyed, and 82 of the finest synagogues were burned. Thousands of Jews were evicted from their homes, Jewish hospitals were cleared of patients, Jewish orphanages closed up, and children turned out. Over 35,000 Jews were

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. In the genealogy of Christ according to Matthew and Luke, please explain to me why is it reckoned from Joseph's side when we are concerned with Mary?

Question 2. According to Gen. 46:27, Exod. 1:5, Deut. 10:22, there were seventy souls that went to Egypt. But in Acts 7:14 we read three score and fifteen souls. I know God's Word is true. Please explain the difficulty to me.

Question 3. In Exod. 9:6 we read that all the cattle of Egypt died. In Exod. 9:19 they are told to hasten in their cattle.

Miss M. D.

Answer 1. The Hebrew law always counted the descent from the male side only. So it is necessary to show that from Joseph's side as well as from the genealogy of Mary, the Lord Jesus Christ came directly from the family of David, and the tribe of Judah. Even though Joseph was not the human father of the Lord Jesus Christ, yet it is important that he shall be proven to have the royal right to the throne.

Answer 2. Your difficulty lies in your failure to note in Acts 7:14, the phrase "And all his kindred." This reference is to the wives of Jacob's sons. Thus, it is true as Gen. 46:26 tells us that the souls which came with Jacob into Egypt were sixty-six "besides Jacob's sons' wives." In verse 27 we have the sons of Joseph which were born in Egypt, making two, then Joseph himself, making three, then Jacob making four, or a total of sixty-six plus four, which would be seventy. Now add to that those included in Acts 7:14 "and all his kindred" and we have seventy-five.

Answer 3. Pharaoh felt that since the children of Israel were his chattel, all their belongings were his as well. He reasoned in his own mind that if God would destroy the cattle of Egypt there would still be available to Pharaoh the cattle of the children of Israel. So it is quite reasonable to understand that in verse 19 Pharaoh had already taken possession of much of Israel's cattle, so as to replace the cattle that had been destroyed in Egypt. We are witnessing much the same thing today in Naziland where the Hitler government is literally taking by force the property earned and owned and slaved for, these many, many years, by the Jews of Germany.

Question 1. How did Moses get a body which the disciples could see when

he appeared on the Mount with Jesus before the resurrection?

Question 2. How could the Lord Jesus be born of a woman and yet not have the sin that we all have from Adam? Please do not think I believe He did have it, the very thought is horrible, but I would like to understand if possible.

E. L. A.

Answer 1. The resurrection promise involves that the person resurrected shall never die again. Elijah raised the widow's son, Elisha raised the Shunammite's son, the Lord Jesus Christ raised Lazarus. But all of these died again. When the Lord Jesus Christ arose from the grave, it was never again to die. God produced Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration, but that is not of itself any evidence that Moses had actually been resurrected to a deathless eternity. You remember when the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, so great were the convulsions of nature that darkness was upon the earth, there was also an earthquake, rocks were rent, and finally graves were opened and many bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of the graves and went into the Holy City and appeared unto many. Those who were thus resurrected were not resurrected to eternity, but without question died again, as did Lazarus and the others we have mentioned above.

Answer 2. The sin of Adam, in Scripture usage, comes down from the male line. All genealogies in Bible records are passed along through male descent. The mother does not impart to the child the sinful nature of Adam. It is doubtless because the Romish priests did not understand this basic Bible truth, that they fell into the error, that you now suggest, that through Mary there could have come the sinful nature of the Lord Jesus Christ; and this accounts for that foolish doctrine invented by the Romish system, known as the Immaculate Conception of Mary. * * *

Question. Will you please explain the first part of 1st Timothy 2:15.

—Miss G. L.

Answer. Concededly, this passage presents difficulties. Shall we not take it that in every experience of life the born-again child of God shall look to Him for preservation, just as we look to Him for guidance and protection in our every day walk? And then, having trusted to Him, we shall say with the fullest confidence, "He doeth all things well."

arrested, 8,000 in Berlin alone. This ghastly spectacle that shocked the whole civilized world is only a sample of worse things that we must expect, unless the Jews are rescued from this inferno, and from the grip of these satanic forces.

WE DO WHAT WE CAN

In the midst of these terrible things your Mission and your missionaries were not asleep; we were faithfully and industriously reaching out our hands of sympathy and love across the water, and with your money we were sending both by cable and by letter, relief funds to bring at least temporary help in the hour of tragedy and desperation. We are still doing this, as you will have read before, in The Chosen People of previous issues. The work of relief in our Paris Branch alone makes heartaching reading, but it also gives tonic to the soul, because at least we are doing something in individual cases to bring not only the Gospel testimony, but also with it a bit of that Christlike ministry of which James tells us in the 2nd chapter, 14th to 16th verses. Our friends came nobly to our support in the hour of need, and with astonishing single-mindedness and sacrificial giving, you did what we asked of you, you poured in your money so that we would not have to go around begging for it, nor organize campaigns and financial solicitation schemes. It would be an unspeakable pity in these twilight hours of civilization when God surely is about to turn once more with favor upon Zion, that we who call ourselves by the name of Christian, should fail Him when it comes to the desperate need of His own covenant people, Israel. And truly enough, you have not failed Him; on the contrary, you have strengthened our hands, and we go forward with sails full set, a program of relief work and Gospel work across the water for the year 1939, that must only redound to His praise and glory.

YOU MUST READ BETWEEN THE LINES

This is a general survey of our work abroad; we cannot say too much, because we need to be discreet in the giving out of information, owing to the risks involved in so many directions. We can however speak freely of our work in Paris, a work which the Lord has marvelously owned and blessed. We speak also of our dear Brother Gitlin in Warsaw, Poland. Here there has been no German refugee problem, because German Jews have not been able to escape into Poland, nor indeed would they have done so even though they had been enabled. Poland has become its own center of Jew hate. Poverty in Poland has been a chronic condition for a good many centuries, and we suppose the Jews there are about the poorest in the whole world. Among these Jews Mr. Gitlin has been carrying on a ministry of Gospel preaching as well as temporal relief. The policies and methods pursued in Warsaw are *sui generis*, a piece of work uniquely patterned by Mr. Gitlin and his good wife, along lines which the Lord has allowed them to develop, lines peculiar to the needs and environment of the situation in Poland. Mr. Gitlin has reached out in every direction, and has given unstintedly of his time, and talent, and experience, not only as our missionary, but he has served perhaps a score of other causes, and has ranked easily among the leaders of the evangelical movement of all Poland. On a number of occasions the rising tide of Jew hate has seemed to threaten to close down the work in Warsaw entirely; on several occasions we mentioned this possibility in The Chosen People, and many of our friends began praying about it. Up to the present time we are happy to report that Mr. Gitlin has been allowed to stay on, although of course there are no guarantees for how long. Last year he was assaulted in an open street in Warsaw, by some of the Anti-semitic hoodlums, and was seriously disabled for a number of weeks. In his modesty he never said a word to us about it in his reports; but last summer when I was in London, I heard about it from another missionary worker, and then I spoke to Mr. Gitlin, and he rather reluctantly admitted the assault, but seemed to make light of it. However I learned that he was still suffering from the effects of those blows and beatings. How much he needs the prayers of our people; and we also must ask for definite prayer

as to the future of the work in Warsaw. There were a good many conversions throughout the year, and a number of baptisms. It had been hoped that I would personally be in Warsaw during the summer of 1938, and there were I think a dozen or more candidates waiting baptism at my hands. But I was unable to make the trip, owing to health and travel difficulties, as I would have to go by a round-about way so as to avoid Germany and Austria.

"JERUSALEM! JERUSALEM!"

We might also mention our Brother Boothby in Jerusalem, who is in a most difficult and bewildering field of labor. But this aged brother has been faithful in his attendance at the Gospel Gate Room and he reports hundreds of Jews coming to his little room to ask for New Testaments in the Hebrew and in the English languages. Converts in Jerusalem it is practically impossible to claim. The Jewish inhabitants are made up of the extreme, fanatical orthodox Jews, and of extreme, racially-conscious Zionist Jews. In either of these factions if a Jew should choose to confess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, he would be literally torn limb from limb. The Arab makes no distinction between the Jew as a Jew, or the Jew as a Jewish Christian. So all we can do there, and this of course is highly important, is to sow the seed, give testimony to the Jews of the coming Christ, and thus attempt to prepare those that are now in Jerusalem for that awful day of the Lord—perhaps as some of those Jews see the day approaching, they will turn their hearts and seek salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ before it is too late.

Aside from the work in Jerusalem, we have no other missions or missionaries in Palestine, but we are in happy fellowship and cooperation with trusted Jewish Christian brethren stationed in various parts of the Holy Land, and affiliated with British missionary societies. Through these brethren we have been able to forward funds for relief distribution among the freshly arrived German Jewish refugees, who have been seeking desperately a place of shelter in Palestine after their escape from the European shambles. Here, as well as in Europe, our Missionaries and our relief distributing agents, are instructed by us continually to give first consideration to such Jews as have been known to have given a good account of themselves as soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WE ARE OUT OF GERMANY

In Germany all of our relief distribution outlets have now been abandoned. Practically everyone of those with whom we have been corresponding and through whom we have been sending funds for relief, was arrested, and we think that most of them have been released and have escaped to Great Britain, Holland, Sweden or France. Slowly, information is trickling in to us of their whereabouts, and we are trying to piece together our shattered organization across the water. Through our Mr. Singer here we are now sending some money directly to individual Jewish Christian families in various parts of Germany, who were personally known to him during his twenty-five years of labor in Hamburg. We continue in Austria, because there our connections are with the Swedish brethren. We have also been hoping to do something by way of recolonization. At the moment there is not much to report; however, we are not waiting for a wholesale scheme to develop, but we are going ahead with individual cases just as fast as we can do so without undue delay, and yet without undue rashness. From time to time we will report in *The Chosen People* of our progress.

THE HOME FIELD

And now coming back to our own country where we have our roots, and from whose soil there have sprung those branches that reach out in an ever life-giving nurture to all the parts of the world where the Lord has led us, we gaze upon a view that only brings cheer to our hearts and praise to our lips.

not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." He continues: "Since I accepted Christ, I have found this to be true. Things come to me from sources that I never expected or knew about."

"JESUS WAS NOT A BEGGAR!"

Things are started now! Another fellow calls out, "How can this be so? Wasn't Jesus a beggar, and He was supposed to be righteous?" Another fellow, who accepted Christ only eight days before, says, "No, Jesus was not a beggar. He did not have to beg when He could and did feed five thousand people from five loaves and two fishes." Another young man remarks, "That was spiritual, and not a literal feeding." It is now my privilege to explain that if he will read carefully the record, he will find that Jesus took the five loaves and two fishes, and "looking up to heaven, he blessed and brake; and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full." (Matt. 14:19-21.) I also mention that God is the Creator of the universe. He causes everything to grow. We say it takes four months to grow a crop; well God can speed up the growth and produce a crop in ten minutes or less. Did not God feed the Israelites with manna that fell daily except on the sabbath? No, nothing is impossible with God.

I give them my testimony, how I was in search of the truth, not theory or beliefs or ideas of men, but the Truth. The Scripture says, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." "If any man willet to do his will he shall know of the teaching, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." I searched and found, because I followed the plan provided in God's Word.

"A ROCK UNDER THE JEWS"

The hour passes swiftly in testimonies. Not sentimental talk, but ringing statements that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is a real, live, practical blessing in their daily lives. One who accepted the Saviour only six weeks ago, says, "Jesus Christ put a rock

under the Jews. He is a lasting foundation." That is the way he expresses it.

And there is no time left for a preaching message. Mr. Zimmerman rises and asks if there is anyone present who has not accepted the Messiah, but would like to say a word. A young Jew, who has come in for the first time, says, "I have never been in a place like this before. I have never heard anything like what I have heard tonight. I have a different attitude now. I surely will read what you have given me." (He had received a Gospel of John, such as is given to every Jew who comes for the first time, if he will read it.)

While there was no message, this has been a very profitable service and one that leaves upon us an impress that shall endure; for out of the depth of the hearts of these Christian Jewish young men have come living testimonies of a real experience, a "know-so" salvation. They are new creatures in Christ Jesus.

After a hymn and prayer, the boys are fed in the adjoining kitchen, and those who need a bed for the night are given a ticket which will entitle them to one. We take our departure feeling that it was truly good for us to have been there.

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As I have scanned the faces of many congregations, in various churches where I have been, I have found very few young men present. At our Mission, we have twenty-five or more at every service. There are now four men who have asked to be baptized. Pray for the work, oh, pray earnestly and believingly. Give, that these boys might be fed and given a bed, that many more will find the Lord Jesus Christ dear to the hearts as their Messiah, while Mr. Zimmerman so ably shows Him to them from the Old Testament. The Lord Jesus Christ is lifted up before them, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." He gave His life that they might have life, and might have it more abundantly. Pray that many of these precious souls might find that life everlasting, which is found only in their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Christmas in Kishineff

From a letter written to us
by Rev. L. Awerbuch

Thank you very much for your kind letter from the 2nd Dec. and for the check for the brethren in Kishineff. We will forward the money tomorrow, and we hope it will arrive in good time before Christmas. What a help it will be to them, and what a joy to us. Christmas time in Kishineff is a great opportunity to have very crowded meetings, children and adults as well. They all listen to the story of our Savior very attentively, when our choirs (mixed and children's) are singing the beautiful Christmas carols in four languages: Hebrew, Yiddish, Roumanian and Russian. The Christmas holidays last in Kishineff from the 24th Dec. to the 6th January and every day the meetings are overfilled. Before Christmas there is a very busy time to prepare all the little gifts for the tree to put on and after to give it to the children. That is the happiest day, the last day. Our little ones help us very diligently, and everybody is thinking to bring joy to others. It was my best time to see the hands working and asking me: 'show me, please this;' 'I can not manage that, will you do it for me;' 'tell us, please, about Christmas when you were a little boy.' And after, we have sung together. Oh, how much we love them.

We are so sorry, our dear fellow-workers Mr. and Mrs. Tarlev have lost their youngest baby, a boy about two years old. He was their sunshine, and his death was very hard for them, but they have written us, that the funeral was a real blessing to all, especially to the unbelievers, because they could see that believers have hope in eternal life through our Lord and Savior.

A Visit to Los Angeles

By Mr. E. S. DAVIDSON

You often go to lectures and listen to travelogs. How about taking a trip yourself? I should like to take you to an evening meeting in your Los Angeles branch, Beth Sar Shalom, House of the Prince of Peace. I know you are praying for the work and are giving of the Lord's money to maintain it, therefore you want to know what is going on. For your encouragement, come and spend one evening there, by means of my word picture.

It is Sunday, November 6, at 7:30 P. M., and we look in upon a group of Jewish young men that fills nearly every available chair. Here and there are a few Gentile Christians, lovers of Israel—all gathered in the Mission. The service is opened with Gospel singing. It is the custom to let these young Jewish fellows select whatever hymns they like best. They always choose the old, best-loved ones, such as "The Old Rugged Cross", "Jesus Paid It All", and "What a Wonderful Saviour is Jesus My Lord". In order that as many as possible may hear their favorites, we sing only one verse of each, except when the spirit of the hymn so grips their hearts that they request a second verse. Such singing! You would not find any heartier voices raised at the peppiest young people's meeting in the land. Half an hour flies by, and we must close the song service, as we sing their prayer hymn, "Nailed to the Cross", and follow it with prayer by one of the workers.

Mr. Zimmerman usually brings the message after the prayer. But this night one of the boys asks if they might have a few brief testimonies first. Brother Zimmerman smiles agreeably and says, "That will be fine. Who'll be first?" A handsome, well-educated young Jew gets up and tells that he has lived in expensive hotels, traveled in first class trains, and has also traveled in box cars and slept in flop houses, but that he has never had such peace and joy as he now has since he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, as his personal Saviour less than a year ago. He then quoted Psalm 37:25, "I have been young and now am old; yet have I

For God indeed has blessed us here in the home field also, and has crowned every effort of each worker who has enrolled under the banner of your Mission, with abundant evidences of His approval and blessing. We would need a paper four or five times the size of The Chosen People if we were to report to you all the details of the Lord's dealing with each of our Branches and workers. We do try throughout the year, month by month, to give you a picture here and there of the work done in these Stations, but perhaps we ought to say frankly that no one can get any adequate idea of the astounding scope of the work as carried on through these branches, and the innumerable activities that never get into the pages of our reports, unless one reads and studies carefully the accounts which appear in The Chosen People regularly each month, and then in addition one would need to visit each station and spend a week or two to witness at first hand the methods and activities of each plant; that would indeed open your eyes.

BIRD'S-EYE GLIMPSES

So in this report we must content ourselves with very brief references to each of the Branches:—The Headquarters building of course continues to be the nerve center, the power house. Here, we are happy to report, our workers are a family knit together in joyous fellowship in the Lord, seeking only to do that which will further the Gospel and bring honor and glory to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Mr. Englander continues in charge of the Friday night Gospel services, while the Sunday night meetings are devoted largely to testimonies by our own believing Jews. These public services have been more largely attended during the last year, on a general average, than ever before in our history. On a number of occasions we have had to bring in every available chair, and then the overflow had to stand around against the walls. Converts there have been in good numbers. I have personally during the year on the first occasion baptized some seven persons, and on the second occasion five. There are quite a number now waiting baptism, and we hope soon to have a service for them. These baptisms however do not in any way measure the number of converts nor those who found the Lord here and went elsewhere for baptism and for church membership. We have been exceedingly careful as to baptising converts so that those who do receive baptism at our hands are picked on the basis of having had a genuine experience of the new birth, and having given evidence of suffering for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Mothers' Meetings under the faithful care of Miss Sussdorff and Miss Rose continue to be a constant marvel not only to us in the Mission, but to the increasing number of friends who come to visit us. They go away saying they have never seen anything like it. Miss Rose has also developed a splendidly growing work among the young people, many of them already believers, but needing shepherding and deeper instruction in the Word. These young people are mostly employed in shops and offices, have been for the most part brought up here in the Mission from childhood; they range from 18 years of age to about 25, and we are encouraging a fellowship among them, on the basis of young men and young women meeting together for the study of God's Word, and for a social half hour following. From this group we hope to build up future leadership in the Jewish Mission field.

Miss Judith Fuchs, one of our young Jewish Christian girls, brought up with us from the earliest days of her childhood, has now finished her training at National Bible Institute, here in New York, and is giving full time service in the work among the children. Her brother Daniel, also brought up with us from childhood, is giving us part time for work among the boys, and the other part he is spending in further studies at the Biblical Seminary of New York.

A new work was undertaken two years ago in Coney Island, one of Brooklyn's most densely populated Jewish districts. One of our Mothers' Group had moved from our neighborhood out to Coney Island, some ten miles away. She continued to come to the meetings here however, although it meant an hour

and a half travel each way. One day she suggested to Miss Sussdorff and Miss Rose, "Why not come out to Coney Island and start a Mothers' Meeting there? I would be glad to let you use one of the rooms in my bungalow." And so the work started, and lo and behold, this baby of two years' growth has become one of the most vigorous members of our many Branches. In fact it is growing so rapidly that someone suggested it must have elephantitis! The little bungalow is literally bulging with the crowds of women that come to the mothers' meeting, on one day; then the girls who come on another day to the sewing classes, and then still another day the boys come under Daniel Fuchs' tutelage. The crying need here is for a building of our own; a place to rent we cannot get because of the peculiar and rigid requirements of the building department in such a closely populated section. And then also practically all the property is owned by small Jewish home owners and they will not rent for such a purpose as a Jewish Mission. Even if the owner would like to do so there are other tenants in the building who would make it very, very uncomfortable both for us and for the owner. We are literally at our wits end to know what to do with the Coney Island situation, but we remember also that man's extremity is God's opportunity, and so we all are looking patiently to Him for a solution to this very pressing problem. It would be a shame to retrench in a field where God has given such manifest blessings. We can remain where we are for a few weeks or months longer, but the bungalow is on the market for sale, and when sold we will have to move out.

Going to Philadelphia, we find our Brother Burgen instant in season and out of season, toiling day and night, never growing weary, and always in his face and in his every fiber we seem to read the words, "This one thing I do." As was reported last fall, we were able to move the Philadelphia Branch to new quarters at 717 Walnut Street, and already this move is proving to have been of the Lord's doing; for we are contacting a great many more Jews than we ever did at Spruce Street, and the hall is so located that Christian people are taking more and more delight in visiting Mr. Burgen and spending an hour or so with him, and at the same time getting a little rest from the day's shopping or business. Again here also there have been a number of remarkable conversions, some of which have been reported in *The Chosen People*, and others will be later on.

PITTSBURGH NEEDS ENLARGEMENT

In Pittsburgh Brother John Solomon and his dear wife plod along with unflinching industry. They have endeared themselves to the noble circle of Christian friends that have rallied around them as volunteer workers in the Pittsburgh testimony, and God has poured out His blessings upon the united labors of these friends. The need in Pittsburgh still continues for a new location, which should include a larger building than we now use, with room for the development of work among children and women, beside the regular Gospel services for adults. We need to be much in prayer that the Lord will bring to us a speedy solution in the Pittsburgh need.

Coming to Buffalo we have there our Brother Machlin engaged in a piece of work that is somewhat different from any of the other Branches. In this city we occupy our own building at 206 North Park Avenue, which as reported in *The Chosen People* we were able to purchase when we undertook the work there. This building is located in a better class Jewish neighborhood and so the approach must be along lines different from what we adopt in a Mission like ours here in Brooklyn where our immediate neighborhood happens to be one of the poorest of all Brooklyn. The work in Buffalo therefore reaches out to the Jews with a direct appeal for Bible study on the basis of the ordinary requirements of culture and education. And so, high school girls are being contacted and the adult Jews, and discussion groups are being held; out of these efforts there is developed the Gospel appeal, and Mr. Machlin has reported to us a number of most interesting conversions.

The other day I asked one of our office workers to let me have a list of all the individuals who received full or partial support from this Mission during the past year, both missionaries engaged exclusively in Gospel work, as well as office help and physicians in our dispensary. The list that was given to me fairly stunned me, for it contained no fewer than 75 names! And I think that for the sake of the record it ought to be put down here in print, and so here it is:—Philip Englander, Bernard Schatkin, Herbert Singer, Samuel Modell, Daniel Fuchs, Arnold Ray, J. Hoffman Cohn, Augusta Sussdorff, Dorothy Rose, Ella C. Schroeder, Judith Fuchs, Dr. Robert Schatkin, Dr. Charles Levein, Helen Pithman, Edith Olson, Victoria Divizia, Martha Leclercq, Yvonne Abbott, Hilda Engiman, Rose Pellegrino, Ellen Clift, Ruth Burgess, Irving Kugler, Edmund Janss, Edith Snow, Mrs. Ruth Garvey, Irma DeSimone, Kathleen Ryan, Margaret Buchanan, Ed. Nyberg, Thomas Clarke, C. Gamarra, Richard Murphy, H. W. Simmons, Mrs. H. W. Simmons, Harry Burgen, Ellen Todd, John Solomon, Helen Minkler, Elias Zimmerman, Herbert Amster, Herman Juroe, Mrs. H. D. Juroe, Herman Centz, A. B. Machlin, Elfriede Mann, Samuel Marcott, Oscar Wago, Anne C. White, Emil Gruen, E. Davidson, Coulson Shepherd, Moses Gitlin, Heinrich Poms, D. A. Lowy, Henri Vincent, Andre Frankel, Mlle. Salomon, Mme. Germaine Melon-Frankel, Frank L. Boothby, Otto Samuel, Immanuel Lichtenstein, Heinz Leuner, F. J. Plotke, Emmanuel Woods, Esther Shernow, Hilda Koser, Abram Zegel, Raphael Hofman, Joe Berkowitz, Emanuel Grynberg, H. Kolokow, Klaus Friedberg, Paul Rothenberg.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a setting forth of how your money was spent for the year 1938. We do wish our friends would take time to study that report, for it is a human document of itself, rich in its revelations of how the monies which God has put into our hands have gone out over the world and have taken on human flesh, and have ministered to suffering saints and to wayward sinners alike. As we look over the report ourselves we can only say "How marvelously the Lord has wrought for us!" And we can only say to you our beloved friends that we are grateful beyond any expressions of language, for the confidence and trust you have had in us, and we have tried so hard and so faithfully to give ourselves in abandon to the Lord's work, with the understanding that we are your servants in the Lord, and that we must bend every nerve and every effort to make your dollars stretch even beyond the one hundred cents of elasticity, in the use of them to further the work of the Mission, and to bring honor to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. That we have succeeded to any extent is due entirely to the Lord's blessing upon us; and we say once more that no results are worth getting, apart from a dependence upon Him for every thought, for every move, for every plan.

And now this report must be brought to a close quickly, for already we have gone far beyond our allotted space. May we just say in closing, the night is far spent, and we are now over the hill, and hurrying rapidly into that fast approaching hour when we shall hear the shout from heaven and shall be taken up to be with Him forever. This is the only sane interpretation we can put upon what is going on in the world today. And so, to that common task of being found busy in a ministry of faithful labor for His beloved people, Israel, up to the very last moment before He appears, may we now consecrate ourselves anew, pledging to each other the common bond of true love and fellowship in the Lord, and a true pushing forward of that which will honor Him and bring glory to His name.

Ever faithfully yours in His service,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

Mr. Zimmerman of our cooperation in securing the larger quarters, and we must pray that the Lord will move upon the hearts of some of His stewards to come forward with the larger sums needed for such an undertaking.

In Seattle our dear Brother David Cant was called home to be with the Lord last spring. A faithful brother in the Lord, he was beloved by all those who knew him in Seattle, and he has left a void difficult to fill. Temporarily, Miss Anne Catherine White is helping us by her various contacts with the Jews, and we hope before long to visit Seattle and organize a larger work there through the local group of Christian friends who have had for a good many years a warm abiding love for Israel.

There remains to be mentioned our field evangelists, Brother Herbert Amster, Brother Herman B. Centz, Brother Elmer S. Davidson, and also Brother Emil D. Gruen, whom we are hoping the Lord will lead definitely to settle in Iowa as itinerant evangelist for that State. We also must mention Rev. Bernard Schatkin, who has done yeoman service here in the Metropolitan area, in his visits to the pastors and the churches to acquaint them with the work and to enlist their prayer and sympathy; all of this in addition to regular work in the Mission, at the preaching services, and visitation in the homes. There is also Mr. Herbert Singer who came to us from Hamburg, Germany, as a refugee nearly two years ago, with hardly a word of English to his credit. Today he is talking English beautifully and has endeared himself to the German Christian people of America as well as to our entire staff. He is also engaged in the editing, together with Mr. Gruen, of the German edition of *The Chosen People*, this edition being known in the German as *Zion's Freund*. This little paper has already made its way into the hearts of many of our German friends in America; and we would bespeak for it an even larger circulation if our friends will only make it known to others.

OUR PUBLICATIONS

And what shall we say of the ever widening ministry of *The Chosen People*? How our hearts melt when we receive from so many of our friends such touching letters of thanksgiving and appreciation because of the ministry of inspiration, information and blessing that this little paper brings into their homes. These things only humble us and make us realize that we are but instruments in God's hands to be used in any way He sees fit, whether it be to testify to the Jews concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, or to minister to the saints in a labor of enlightenment and mutual fellowship. The circulation of the paper has increased steadily, and yet without any efforts on our part to stimulate such circulation. It is only as one friend tells the other, that the paper becomes known. Many times during the last year our entire edition was exhausted within a week after it was first mailed, and then we had to order reprints quickly to take care of the unprecedented demand.

And this is also true of our Yiddish-English monthly Gospel paper for the Jews, *The Shepherd of Israel*. If only such a paper could speak! What it could tell of the experiences it goes through when it is delivered into the thousands of Jewish homes over the world! It is a paper unique in the entire earth, there is nothing like it to be had anywhere; and from all parts of the world there come to us the demands from missionaries and from Christian laymen, asking in ever larger amounts, for more and more and more copies of *The Shepherd of Israel*. If this Mission did nothing else but just send out *The Shepherd of Israel* each month that alone would justify its existence. And this could be said of any of half a dozen of our various departments; and yet each of these departments is only a small part of the whole. We ourselves sometimes stand in awe as we gaze upon the work objectively and see what an astonishing reach the Lord has given us. We stand much as Moses did when he saw the burning bush, always burning but never quite consumed. For so indeed has God made this Mission, a burning bush, and we can only gaze in wonder, and reverence, and then say from the bottom of our hearts, "Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

And now we go on to Columbus, Ohio, where our dear Brother and Sister Wago have been planting the roots of an abiding and effective piece of work, both among Jews and among Christians. One of the prominent pastors of Columbus told me at Winona Lake last summer, "Just for your Mission to maintain Mr. Wago in Columbus, if only he does nothing else but walk down the principal street of our city, and back home again, that is a benediction and a testimony that is beyond all price and beyond words to describe." In other words the man himself radiates the shine and the glory of the presence within him of the Lord Jesus Christ; and just to look at him is to receive a testimony of itself. It is a matter of sorrow to report that Mr. Wago was stricken last summer, and for a number of weeks his life was despaired of; but recent reports are that he so much improved that the doctor allows him to go out into the street and go downtown, and back again. Shall we not pray that in the Lord's good will he may be restored to full strength and mental vigor? It may surprise some of our readers to know that Mr. Wago is now over 70 years of age, but the Lord has given to him what we have sometimes spoken of jokingly as the secret of perpetual youth, for he appears to the average person to be not more than 50 years of age.

Westward we go, and we stop for a few moments in Des Moines, Iowa. The Lord saw fit early in October to take Brother Juroe to Himself. And now while there is a vacancy here Mrs. Juroe is filling in as best she can by doing visitation work among the Jews' homes. A year ago we added to our field staff a young Jewish Christian brother, Rev. Emil D. Gruen, who at that time, was and at the present writing still is, in Philadelphia. Shortly we are sending Mr. Gruen out to Iowa to spend a few weeks there in the hope that the Lord will indicate to us clearly whether Mr. Gruen is to be the successor to Mr. Juroe. Will you also keep this before the Lord when you bring to Him the various needs and problems of your Jewish Mission? To Mrs. Juroe and her little ones we need to extend every word of sympathy, and we hereby do so, and wish for her only that she shall be comforted in the hour of her great sorrow, and even through the tears she shall find herself able to say "He doeth all things well."

"DIVERSITIES OF GIFTS"

Now a far jump to the extreme west coast, and we find ourselves in Los Angeles. Here again is a work different from all the others of our Branches. Indeed this is one of the secrets explaining the Lord's blessings upon the work, that in the ever enlarging staff of workers that the Lord is giving to us, "there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord, and there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." 1st Cor. 12:4-6. All of which means that we have ever tried to recognize that no two individuals are the same, and that it is folly to try to pour all men into one mould. We have tried to recognize that every worker has his own personality and his own ideas of how best to do the Lord's work, and as far as possible we have allowed each worker a freedom along these lines, which we have been so happy to note has been not only appreciated by them, but has been more than justified by the results. And so we are all one family but no one is in bondage. We have full liberty in the Lord. All that we demand is that the worker really knows what the new birth means, and truly stands upon the Word of God as the only infallible and inviolate rule of life. When such a worker comes to us with a God-given call to engage in Gospel work among the Jews, we have an open door, an open heart and an open mind.

And so it happens that in Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman are carrying on a work among young Jewish men, many of them homeless and jobless. These young men jam the hall to overcrowding, week after week, night after night, and from all reports that we get, it is a unique experience to spend an evening in that Mission. Here again is the cry for enlargement, more room, an entire building; we have assured (Continued on page 12)

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AMERICAN BOARD OF MISSIONS TO THE JEWS, Inc.

(Receipts that have been acknowledged from month to month, and disbursements,
for the twelve months beginning January 1st, 1938, and ending December 31st, 1938.)

Respectfully submitted, PAUL H. GRAEF, *Treasurer*.

RECEIPTS

Balances forward January 1st, 1938:		
General Fund -----	\$7,098.01	
Poor Fund -----	542.13	
Literature Fund -----	165.96	
The Chosen People -----	222.13	
Resettlement Fund -----	1,523.82	
	<u>9,552.05</u>	
Revolving Fund (Debit Balance) -----	670.00	\$8,882.05
Receipts during 1938:		
General Fund -----	95,860.67	
Poor Fund -----	2,380.37	
Education Fund -----	531.67	
Literature Fund -----	1,578.14	
The Chosen People -----	4,036.80	
The Shepherd of Israel -----	1,513.98	
Philadelphia Branch -----	1,517.78	
Pittsburgh Branch -----	3,228.47	
Columbus Branch -----	1,902.36	
Buffalo Branch -----	3,083.32	
Los Angeles Branch -----	1,107.87	
Overseas Fund -----	30,466.44	
Resettlement Fund -----	3,063.20	
Dispensary Fund -----	743.20	
Children's Fund -----	351.42	
Revolving Fund -----	210.00	
Hewes Street Account -----	542.00	
Transmission Fund -----	81.00	
Receipts for 1938 -----	<u>152,198.69</u>	
Total -----		<u>\$161,080.74</u>

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We have examined the books and securities of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc., for the year ended December 31, 1938.

We have verified Cash on hand and Balance in bank with Bank Statements—the totals of which agree with the amounts indicated in the various funds.

Receipts from investments have been verified and all vouchers for expenditures were audited and found correct.

The Statement of Receipts and Disbursements is, in our opinion, true and correct and as appears by the books of the Corporation for the year ended December 31st, 1938.

Respectfully submitted,

The Merchants Audit and Accounting Company,
Jas. O. Mottershead.

January 18th, 1939

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund:—	
Salaries of Mission Staff:	
Part and full time workers -----	\$14,729.74
Extension Department:	
Field Bible Conferences, Salaries of General Secretary and Field Assistants, Traveling expenses, Conference publicity, etc. -----	17,746.27
Reserves:	
Special appropriation out of 1938 Funds for Emergency Reserve -----	10,000.00
Office Administration:	
Salaries of Office Secretary, Stenographers, Bookkeepers, Editorial workers, including clerical help on THE CHOSEN PEOPLE and on THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL -----	9,833.50
Miscellaneous Items:	
Salary, Janitors; care and upkeep of buildings; fuel; Fire, Liability and Workmen's compensation insurance; office supplies, including new equipment and machinery; advertising; honorariums to speakers and writers; purchase of two cars for our missionaries; items not properly chargeable to other funds -----	20,103.93
Printing of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE QUESTION BOX and special printing of THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE -----	2,086.10
	<u>\$74,499.54</u>
Relief to the Poor:	
Cash help to needy cases -----	2,473.35
Literature Fund:	
Printing and distribution of tracts, purchase of Bibles and New Testaments, Yiddish Hymn Books -----	3,193.26
Work Among the Children:	
Sewing and work-room supplies, Socials, Outings, Daily Vacation Bible School -----	1,348.42
Dispensary:	
Physicians, Medical Supplies -----	1,066.40
Hewes Street Account:	
Maintenance, Taxes, and Improvements -----	756.33
Education Fund:	
Jewish Christian Students supported in part or in full, at Bible Training Schools -----	3,060.26
Philadelphia Branch:	
Salaries, rent of 535 Spruce Street, moving expenses to new location, new equipment -----	3,982.50
Pittsburgh Branch:	
Salaries, rent of 1603 Centre Avenue, and all other expenses -----	3,577.26
Columbus Branch:	
Salaries, rent of 712 South Hague Avenue, and all other expenses -----	3,635.60
Los Angeles Branch:	
Salaries, rent of 2005 Brooklyn Avenue, and all other expenses -----	3,743.70
Buffalo Branch:	
Salaries, and expenses in purchase of Buffalo property 206 North Park Avenue -----	5,450.45
Overseas Work:	
Jerusalem, Soviet Russia, Warsaw, Germany, Paris, other European Fields, Special Relief Funds -----	16,343.19
Allocated for 1939 Overseas Relief Work and Colonization -----	15,000.00
Resettlement Fund:	
Expenses in resettling German Jewish refugees ---	1,328.01
Revolving Fund:	
Advances to Missionary workers -----	375.00
"The Chosen People":	
Printing and mailing, including German edition ---	5,523.69
"The Shepherd of Israel":	
Printing and mailing -----	2,875.19
Transmission Fund -----	81.00
Total Disbursements -----	<u>\$148,313.15</u>

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Adjusted Balances, January 1st, 1939:

General Fund -----	\$9,894.43	
Poor Fund -----	449.15	
Resettlement Fund -----	3,259.01	
	<u>\$13,602.59</u>	
Revolving Fund (Debit Balance) -----	835.00	12,767.59
		<u>\$161,080.74</u>