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Salutation

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

Dearly beloved friends:

"Lift up your heads!" (Luke 21:28). When a battle waxes hot and the discouraged soldiers seem about ready to collapse, it is the wise captain who dashes to and fro among his men with that word of cheer which puts new life into them, and gives them superhuman strength for the last effort that brings victory. It was said of Napoleon that he could inspire even a dying soldier on the battlefield to rise with a new courage, born only out of that look in Napoleon's face, and to try to join again in the conflict with the enemy. "For that man," said one of Napoleon's soldiers, "I would go through hell itself."

And how much greater is the courage and inspiration that we receive from Him who is the Captain of our souls! For we too are in the thick and heat of the battle, and sometimes our courage seems to get pretty low as the combat wages fierce. Then it is that we hear the words of our Lord, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh!" (Luke 21:28).

"Lift up your heads!" If ever it could be said that perilous times have come, certainly it can be said today; the perilous times which prophecy associates with "the last days." These last days receive much prophetic mention both in the Old and in the New Testaments, and the ordering of a whole new cosmos is wrapped up in the startling events which follow after them. On the constructive side, there are such prophecies as Isaiah 2:2-3.

And Joel foretells that in the last days there will be a spiritual revival within the Jewish race itself, and that from within the heart of the Jewish race there shall flow perhaps the final stream of blessing to a Christ-rejecting Gentile

DOWN WITH GOD!

"Lift up your heads!" On the darker side the expression "the last days" is also connected with these perilous times. But it must be carefully kept in mind that the perilous times, accompanied by the distress of nations, the falling of many by the edge of the sword, and the rising of nations against nations, will have for their objective the tearing down, if that were possible, of God Himself from His throne. This Russia blasphemously and audaciously set out to do over ten years ago; for the heart-purpose of Communism is that God shall be dethroned, His name blasphemed, and His Word trampled under foot. Sometimes it takes a good while for the serpent to reveal his fangs, but when those fangs do show themselves, they are indeed horrible and loathsome to behold.

"Lift up your heads!" To tear God out of His heavens and to destroy His Word, these objectives make imperative one prior accomplishment. That accomplishment is the extermination of the Jew from the face of the earth. As long as there survives one Jew, so long can the Bible be proven to be the Word of God, and so long is God Himself proven to be supreme and infallible. And

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the Word foretells this very development. That is why we have the emphasis laid in Scripture upon "the time of Jacob's trouble." It is Jacob that will be the scapegoat of the world's hate and of the nations' desire to blaspheme God's name. The Jew must be eliminated if the peoples of the world are to be persuaded to believe the words of their dictators, that there is no God and that each dictator is a god in himself. This, in a word, is the doctrine of Herr Hitler and his Nazi hordes. It is likewise the doctrine of Stalin and Mussolini. And so we come to the heart of the world situation, and we begin to understand the motives and the reasons for what is now going on throughout the world by way of Jew-hating propaganda. Our own mails are now filled with the most vicious literature branding the Jew as the greatest scoundrel upon this earth. Some of the statements contained in these shameful sheets are so utterly false that one wonders at the sheer audacity of any human mind that could put such things in print. From our friends letters have also come, reporting that they too have received the most revolting literature against the Jews, so that their own sense of decency has been outraged. Those who write these falsehoods are shrewd enough to realize that they have to reconcile the Word of God, and indeed Christianity itself, with their demoniacal attacks. Therefore one of the newest fantasies put out by them is that the Lord Jesus Christ was not of Jewish blood!

YES. IT'S IN THE TALMUD!

Another cowardly assault upon the Jews consists of a circular giving purported citations from the Talmud, with the object of proving that the Jews have been taught to hate the Gentiles, to seek their destruction, to cheat them, to lie to them, etc., etc., ad nauseam.

Because these campaigns, hatched in Germany, will become increasingly intensive, and because many friends are asking us to say something in the situation, we feel that at least a brief answer should be given respecting these accusations. But we do not expect this to stop the strongly entrenched program of villification, because we realize the devil is behind it, and so it must continue until our Lord shall crush his head for all time. But to lovers of Israel, we feel we owe an explanation that will help them to expose these falsehoods.

We freely admit some of the quotations. Others are utterly false, or perverted, or taken out of their setting, so as to give them a sinister meaning. But let us admit them all, just for the sake of the present discussion, and that we may the more quickly come to the answers:

1st. Quotations can be taken from the Bible, set out by themselves, away from their contexts, and made to reflect viciously on God's character. Indeed, this has been a favorite method of infidels. It was the method used by Voltaire, Ingersoll, and by more recent blasphemers of the Word.

2nd. The Talmud is a very old collection of the sayings of rabbis of all ages and in all parts of the world. It contains much of devotional and inspirational commentary material on the Bible; and it also has much that is nonsense. Many times the rabbis quarrel among themselves in its pages, and the questions thus discussed remain moot and unanswered. The Jews in their captivities and dispersions were driven among all kinds of heathen peoples, and some of the pagan teachings became impressed upon the Jewish mind; so it comes that we find in the Talmud the stupidities of Persian philosophy, a bit of Hinduism, and some Babylonian sophistries. One rabbi, for instance, actually teaches that the human soul is sometimes sent into the body of an ox, or a horse, for punishment!

3rd. Do the Jews believe all they read in the Talmud? Most emphatically, no. As a matter of fact, most Jews never even see a Talmud, and know nothing of its content. Of the 4,500,000 Jews of America we give it as our sober judgment that not 1.000 have ever looked inside its pages.

4th. When the rabbis wrote their expressions of hate for the Gentile, the Iews were undergoing torture, massacre, drowning, rape, loss of worldly goods, all at the hands of Gentiles! Any human being, knowing nothing of that love which could say, "Father, forgive them," if put through the same torture and agony as the Jew experienced, would be moved to similar retaliation.

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your paper Gen. 49:24? The British-Israel people use this to prove their false theory. I know this for myself, but how can I refute their claims of kinship for the Messiah through Joseph? For our Lord sprang out of Judah as is plainly shown in other prophecies.

—MRS. A. N. T.

Answer. In announcing the blessing of Joseph, historically and prophetically, Jacob points out the wonderful providence of God, overruling all the troubles and difficulties in the life of Joseph, enabling him to keep his ground and not allowing his faith to fail. The spring of this strength and ability was the mighty God of Jacob. "From thence", from God, came to pass that Joseph was made the shepherd, the supporter and the foundation stone of Israel, the entire family of seventy souls from whom came all Israel. "For God did send me before you to preserve life." And again, "And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth." (See Gen. 45:5, 7). In this, as in many other things, Joseph was a remarkable type of our true Shepherd and the tried cornerstone of the Church of God. Here we have an excellent sample of the crookedness and deliberate distortions of the British-Israel Bible interpretations. Certainly the context is plain enough to any honest mind. And we know also that Scripture cannot contradict Scripture, and that the Scriptures cannot be broken. When therefore the genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ as given in Matthew 1, and as given again in Luke 3, so unimpeachably traces the record back to David of the tribe of Judah, think of what shameful brazenness one is guilty who sets himself up as a British-Israel propagandist, and deliberately seeks to wrest Scripture to mean what it does not mean.

Question. How long were the Israelites in Egypt? Some say over 400 years. Others say it was 430 years from the call of Abraham to the death of Joseph. So I would like to know how long they were in Egypt from the time Jacob and his sons went down into Egypt till the Exodus.

—MRS. G. F. R.

Answer. The actual time that the Israelites suffered affliction in Egypt was 215 years. The departure of the Israelites from Egypt is supposed to have been exactly 430 years from the call of Abraham in Genesis 12. But the birth of Isaac took place 25 years after the announcement of God's call to Abram, and since the seed is reckoned from Isaac, we then come down to the figure 405 years. But, in so long a term as four hundred years, the five odd years are not mentioned, and are really not important. Some scholars however have thought even these five years can be accounted for by beginning to reckon from the time of the weaning of Isaac, say at the age of five, when Ishmael, the son of Hagar, mocked him. See Gen. 21:8-12.

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5th. The Bible itself has imprecations and warnings of terrible destructions to come upon certain Gentiles. We suppose that in the last analysis it could be shown that nothing of an imprecatory nature appearing in the Talmud is any worse than the curses pronounced by God upon such peoples as the Moabites, the Assyrians, or the Hittites. What shall we say, then? Shall we hold God's Word up to ridicule?

6th. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. "By their fruits ye shall know them." The Torah (the five books of Moses) is what the Jews worship today. It occupies the holy place in the synagogue. To that code the Jew of today devotes himself, and by that code he tries to live-not by an outmoded Talmud. Now turn to your inward recollections and think of some Jew of your acquaintance, someone with whom you have done business; is he a hater of the Gentiles? Did he cheat you? Was he an undesirable member of your community? Was he not, on the contrary, often among the leaders of your town in philanthropic and charitable undertakings? Is not the memory of that great-hearted philanthropist, Nathan Straus, still fresh in the history of American benevolence? Was it not this great soul who freely consecrated his millions for the saving of countless thousands of Gentile babies of the New York slums by his development and free distribution of pasteurized milk in the sweltering, death-dealing heat of New York summers? Even when the milk trust planned to have him arrested and jailed, he stuck to his free life-saving stations in the slums of New York. Or take the case of Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, another outstanding Jewish philanthropist of the present generation. Rosenwald had a standing offer to donate \$25,000 to every colored Y. M. C. A. that would be organized in the United States, if they would raise \$75,000. And if our memory is correct, he was called upon some 18 times in his lifetime, to make good the offer. When he died, three-quarters of his fortune was left for charity. Not that we would boast of Jewish righteousness by works-God counts them as but filthy rags. But we must answer here a fool according to his folly. And this is a worldly answer to a worldly attack.

7th. Christian literature of the middle ages contains some pretty shameful examples of hate. The brutalities of some of the Reformers of the Renaissance period of church history would, if reproduced in print today, give a shocking picture of historic Christianity. And yet we all know how distorted such a picture would be.

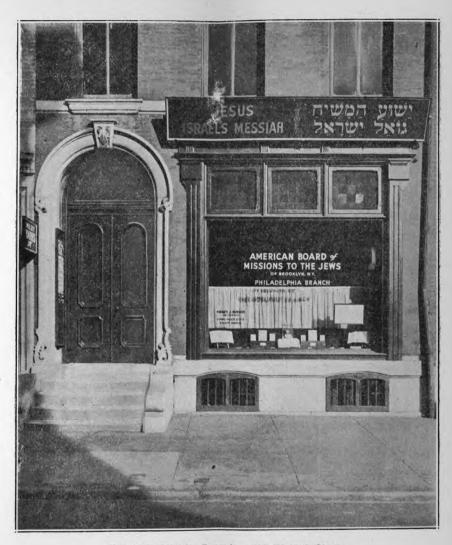
8th. The unfairness of the anti-Jew propaganda is still further accentuated when it is discovered that writings in the Talmud which reflect favorably upon the Jews, are deliberately ignored. For instance, over and over again the rabbis have written that "the righteous among the Gentiles have also a share in the life to come." So, a fair picture would be to let the Talmud speak for itself, in full, quoting the good as well as the bad. Only thus can one strike an honest balance. But, sadly enough, these villifiers of the Jews are not interested in anything fair or just, for the Jews.

Finally, we hold no brief for the Jew, or for any particular grouping of human beings. We only know that the Jew is in desperate need of the Gospel; that there is no other cure for the sin-cursed world of Jews and Gentiles than that offered by the Lord Jesus Christ. We know also that the Jew-hating propaganda drives the Jew away from Christ, because many engaged in this sad business profess to be Christians! We wonder if to these does not apply the solemn warning of the Lord, "It were better that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea." Luke 17:2.

But you, dear friends, do not need proofs or arguments. You know too well the supreme importance of giving the Jew the Gospel in these last hours of civilization's twilight; and it is only your standing with us, shoulder to shoulder, in the thick of the conflict, that gives our hearts the courage to continue in this ministry. "Lift up your heads! Your redemption draweth nigh!" Stay by us, pray for us, labor with us, "till He come."

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. Are we living in the thousand years, the Millennium?

Question 2. If this is so, when does the Bridegroom come for His Bride?

Question 3. When is the battle of Armageddon to be fought and does it mean that that will be the time of Jacob's trouble?

Qestion 4. What did Jesus mean in Matt. 24:41, 42? Does He have reference to 1st Cor. 15:51-55?

Question 5. When I read Rev. 20, I think if Satan is bound as indicated in verse 3, why is there so much crime, wickedness and deceitfulness going on?

—Mrs. M. B.

Answer 1. Not so that any one could notice it. Certainly a world filled with violence and greed and hate, cannot very well be called a world of millennial peace and glory.

Answer 2. The Lord will come in glory for His church, before the millennium is set up upon the earth. See 1st Thess. 4:16-18. The Church, or the Bride, is an ecclesia, a called out election from among the nations, and from Israel, this company being made up of "whosoever will."

Answer 3. The battle of Armageddon is to take place after the Church has been taken out of the world and the world nations will have conspired together to seize Palestine, to break the covenant of the Anti-christ with those Jews who will then be settled in Palestine. See Psalm 2, also Ezekiel 38.

Answer 4. The reference, Matt. 24:41, 42, has no connection with 1st Cor. 15:51-55. The Lord is speaking of the time of Tribulation, the terrible time of Jacob's trouble, when the urgency for seeking safety will be so intense and so unspeakably fierce; the parallel to such days is given by the Lord Jesus Christ by His reference to the days of Noah; that race of men knew nothing until the actual day that Noah entered into the ark, "and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away." The two men in the field, one taken and one left, the two women grinding corn, one taken and the other left, these references have to do with those men and women being taken off for slaughter in the fierce day of Jacob's trouble, such a time as never was and never will be again.

Answer 5. You are quite right, and the answer is of course that Satan is not bound yet; if by any stretch of the imagination there should be anyone so fatuous as to express the belief that Satan is bound, then I would say that it must be a very long and loose chain.

Question. Would you please tell me how you interpret Acts 13:48, "and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

—Miss M. C.

Answer. A better translation is that of Whittby, in which also Dean Alford concurs, "as many as were disposed to eternal life, believed." The meaning is that those who were determined for their own soul's welfare to seek for eternal life, such ones were happy to receive the good news of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, and believed. The picture here is that those contradicting and blaspheming Jews of Antioch to whom, and of whom, Paul and Barnabas were compelled to say, "Ye judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life," were undisposed to eternal life; they had no interest in it and did not want it. And now by way of contrast, the report is given that certain of the Gentiles were disposed to eternal life, and to consider themselves worthy to accept of the grace of God thus freely offered.

Question. "Watchman what of the night? The watchman said, "The morning cometh and also the night." It has always been a puzzle to me why the watchman added "also the night" when the inquirer was interested only in the ending of the night. I think this has a hidden prophetic meaning. If you see fit, I would like your explanation sometime in The Chosen People, which periodical I like to read. —S. S.

Answer. Is it not that we shall be reminded that while the radiant morning of millennial glory is on the horizon, it will only come after a night of dark sorrow and much suffering, that night being known as the time of Jacob's trouble, or the great tribulation? Night is used commonly as representing calamity, just as day-break represents joy and relief and hope. Perhaps Psalm 30:5 may give some illumination, for it reads "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Question. Will you please explain in

14,159 immigrant Jews entered the that the plan announced recently by United States from Germany and Austria during the first nine months of 1938.

(The Jewish immigrants constituted 79 percent of the German-Austrian total of 17,110 of both Aryans and non-Aryans which sought refuge on American shores from January through September, 1938. World immigration to the United States totaled 67,985, of whom 19,736 were Jews.)-From The American Hebrew, February, 1030.

In Holland, remarkable demonstrations of sympathy with the lot of the victims of Nazi repression were witnessed throughout the country last week, when an officially authorized collection was held. As a send-off, Dr. Colijn, the Prime Minister, broadcast an appeal urging immediate and generous support for those who had found refuge in Holland. In two days L75,000 is estimated to have been raised.

Dr. Colijn stated last week that Holland had done relatively more for German refugees than any other country. Since 1933 25,000 had been admitted, including 13,000 Jews and 4,000 of Jewish extraction. Of these, about 17,000 had remained in the country. Another 2,500 will be admitted and cared for in a camp near Rotterdam. The admission of refugees into Holland, now at the rate of about 1,000 a week, could not continue indefinitely, he said. The time was near when Holland, having accepted far more than other countries, would have to close her doors. He referred to Dutch Guiana, and said that because of its climate it could only take about 100 families .- From the Jewish Chronicle. December 9.

Every day the Jewish community of Berlin is furnishing the police with names of 100 Jews who are then given two weeks' notice to leave Germany. At present, this system is being applied in Berlin only. As it has been possible to obtain regular immigation visas only at the rate of 3,000 a month for all Germany, Jewish spokesmen in Berlin do not see how they are to get visas for the 3,000 Jews alone who must leave the country from Berlin, according to the new decree. The order brought great consternation to the Jews of Germany who had hoped

George Rublee on behalf of the Inter-Governmental Committee for Refugees, for an orderly emigration would give them time to find a haven and arrange their affairs.

As the names of the 100 each day are submitted they are then subjected to payment of taxes, their share of the four billion marks levy, the capital flight tax and a special levy for the support of aged Jews. These Jews are receiving passports but many of them cannot obtain visas.

All German and stateless Jews have been ordered to surrender all jewels, precious stones, and articles of precious metals to the Government. The articles include silver knives, forks, and other tableware. Compensation will be paid by the Government on its own terms .- From The American Hebrew, March 3, 1939.

According to recent official data there are 84,000 Jews resident in Italy. Since 1919 some 20,000 Jews from other lands have come into Italy for settlement there. Of this number fully 12,000 arrived after 1933, the year Hitler came into power. These are, therefore, largely German Jews. About 8,000 of the 20,000 arriving since 1919 have been naturalized as Italian citizens. In view of the new anti-Semitic laws all of the 20,000 Jews who have arrived since 1919 must leave Italian territory within six months.

The 3,522 Jewish families in Italy, out of a total of 15,000 families, who are to be exempt from the anti-Jewish laws, include families of men who have served in the armed forces of Italy. those who were early members of the Fascist Party, and who have been wounded or invalided while serving the Fascist cause. Jews may not become members of the Fascist Party, with the above exception. - Quoted by the International News Sheet, from The American Hebrew.

"During the past year more American Jews are returning from Palestine than are emigrating there." This statement is based on recent consular reports that have been submitted. At the present time there are approximately 9,500 American Jews in Palestine as against 10,000 a year ago.

Twenty-six Happy, Happy Years By HARRY J. BURGEN

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3. These precious words express exactly what is in my grateful heart as I consider what the Lord has done and continues to do. From my heart I thank Him too for the blessed assurance that having begun a good work in us He will certainly perform it "Until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6.

The Lord saved me twenty-six years ago. Then the Lord Jesus became my Light and my Salvation, the One whose precious blood cleanseth me from all sin. From that time I knew very definitely that He had a plan and purpose for my life. I followed on step by step. As I look back over these years in Christ, I bless Him from the depth of my heart. I too can say with the servant of Abraham of old, "I being in the way, the Lord led me." Gen. 24:27.

The agency used of God to bring me to Christ was The American Board of Missions to the Jews. Since confessing the Lord Jesus Christ it has been my blessed privilege to labor with these servants of His who are also His brethren according to the flesh. Most of my twenty-six years of life in Christ have been spent in this part of His vineyard. We praise Him and know that our labors are not in vain in the Lord. II Chr. 15:7; I Cor.

Until 1927 the work of the Mission was in the vicinity of New York. Our Philadelphia branch was the first opened elsewhere. You dear friends who are in touch with us know how the Lord has been enlarging our borders ever since. He has taken us throughout the length and breadth of this land and to many lands beyond the seas. Only eternity will tell of the multitudes of sons and daughters of Abraham who have been reached with the Glad Tidings of the Son of God. and of the many saved.

With the opening of the work in Philadelphia we were confronted with a great field numbering more than two hundred and fifty thousand Jews. Now there are many more. We located at 535 Spruce Street and re-

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK mained there for eleven years and five months. It would be utterly impossible to tell of the many, many happy days spent there in the glad service of our blessed Lord. He sent us seasons of refreshing. He allowed us to reach multitudes with the Gospel. He has let us know that many were saved,

> The witness has been carried on chiefly in three ways.

- 1. The daily reading room with its window ministry.
- I1. The visiting in homes, business places, markets, public institutions, indoors and outdoors, just everywhere.
- III. The use of the mail through which we reach many, near and far, whom perhaps we could not reach otherwise.

The Lord has blessed us with a faithful group of volunteer helpers. Some of these have been with us for years. They keep an open door, thus enabling me to be out visiting. God has prospered His blessed work through our unworthy hands.

After the years spent at 535 Spruce Street, the Lord provided new quarters at 717 Walnut Street. We had prayed for guidance and He definitely led us. It is much larger than the old place and gives space for other necessities. We moved on October 31, 1938.

On November 18th we held a dedication service. More people came than the place could possibly hold. There was not even standing room. The people filled the vestibule and overflowed to the sidewalk. Through the kindness of Brother George A. Palmer we were enabled to hold an overflow meeting which many attended. Mr. Palmer conducts the Morning Cheer Book Store and noon day meetings at 1109 Walnut Street. The dedication services made an indelible impression upon those present and will long be remembered. Saved Jews and saved Gentiles mingled their prayers with ours for Israel that they may be saved.

Much more could be told of God's doing through us by His grace and by the leading of the blessed Holy Spirit. May all be to the glory of the Father. the Son and the Holy Spirit. In the words of the Psalmist of old we too would pray, "Strengthen, O God, that which Thou has wrought for us." Psalm 68:28. May I ask your continued prayer fellowship?

"My Wife Can Follow With the Furniture"

"And they all forsook him, and fled." Mark 14:50. Not for the same reasons, but by the power pressure of Nazi propulsion, all the agents through whom we were carrying on our relief work among the scattered and destitute Jewish Christians in Germany, have now fled the country. For the sake of their own protection, we cannot here give names and places, but one of the brethren wrote us a letter from Amsterdam, which has in it such vivid imagery that we want our readers to get a glimpse of it. The language itself is unique in its quaintness. and if there is something of the humorous in the way the brother uses our English, we want you to enjoy that also, although the smile may come together with the tear. If you find it hard to understand some of the words or the ideas, just use your imagination as we have had to do. You will see in the letter he reports having had to pay 600 Marks by way of customs duty in order to leave Germany, these duties being levied on his clothing, his typewriter, and his watch, and these duties being taken only from Jews. Such robbery is indeed outrageous. but it is well for us on this side to understand at least a little bit of the sufferings that the Jews in Germany have to undergo, even if they want to leave that country of hate. So here is the letter itself or at least the greater part of it:-

I have very well arrived in Holland and dwell in (we purposely omit here the street and the city).

I had a beautiful journey in the airplane and the weather was quite calm. I have used the airplane, because the control in the train is too sharp. The Lord be praised, who has wonderful helped me.

Now I can write you more free, as it was possible from Germany. The 10. November I was caped and I came into the terrible concentration camp to ... near Berlin. What for a trouble I have had there, I cannot paint in short words. I shall it write especially. When I came after 6 weeks from the c.c., I was ill to death. Then I had for 6 weeks many work to prepare my emigration. This is now very complicate. At intervals I made visits,

sent the supports, which I still had from you, made my correspondence and received many visits.

The 200 Marks advanced money, and later the 80 Dollar, which Mr. Singer had sent to Mrs. B. for me, I could not accept, because I had made already my incometax return, and by a new declaration my emigration had been endangered and delaid. Therefore it was not permitted for me to accept this money. Therefore I wrote you: Send no money to Germany. because the travel ist finishing. I could not write you from Germany, how I meant that it was too dangerous.

I have had also another motive: because this money had been quite lost for me. One can nothing take with him, the rest of the money of jewish refugiees is taken on "Sperrkonto" (closing - account). and it is as well as lost. I thought to receive my salaries from November, etc. in foreign country, but it was too dangerous to write you this from Germany. The letters are controled, and Germany will have foreign exchanges.

It were very valuable for me to receive my salaries in foreign country, because I have lost all my savings in Germany and also my providing for age and must begin at the beginning. My last salary I have get in Oktober. Enclosed please find a sheet with the expenses of my emigration till now, and the other sums. I have made marks of interrogation, where I don't know, if you will compensate the sums quite or in part or not at all. You may decide it and I expect compensations only from your kindness.

In the next time, perhaps in 1/2 months I hope to be able to travel to Belgium and then my wife can follow with the furniture.

There are here 2 pastors, who can visit the non-arvans Christians and so I can hope that it is allowed also for me. So I could travel here, till I could go to Brussels. There is a great poverty here under the jews and the nonarvans Christians. I would be happy to receive not only my salary but also support for these poor, as vou have done in Germany.

IEWISH NOTES

The Committee for the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai and its allied associations there are making arrangements for the accommodation of more than 1,500 immigrants in a centralized camp in the Hongkew area, according to the Shanghai Times. This camp will be on the premises of the school at 138 Ward Road, which has been loaned by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

It will take about one month to put the Ward Road school into shape and it is felt that as many as 2,000 refugees could be taken care of in the school, but for the time being it is hardly likely that the number will ex-

ceed 1.500.

The situation with regard to the future is still extremely doubtful and the members of the various committees working on the problem are still at a loss to know how many more refugees will arrive in Shanghai during the next few weeks.

A newspaper to serve the refugees has already been established in Shanghai. This is, of course, published in the German language and is the newest addition to Shanghai's large group of international publications.

Considering the size of the problem and the suddenness with which it came to a head a few weeks ago, the committees in charge have performed remarkable work in taking care of so many immigrants. Mr. M. Speelman, who is in full charge of the financing side of the work, has devoted a great deal of his time to the problem and has never been too busy to assist others who are working upon it.

The Shanghai Municipal Council has taken the Jewish refugees problem under consideration and, in fairness to the organizations granting relief and residents in Shanghai in general, believes there should be a limit set on the number of immigrants arriving here. It was understood that a letter to this effect has been sent to the various members of the Consular Body and that action will be taken in the matter in the near future.-From South China Morning Post, Hong Kong.

A thousand Jews, mostly from Germany, sailed aboard the Conte Biancamano for Shanghai today. They will make their new homes in China .-From a Reuter Dispatch.

Coincidentally with the arrival of secular news telling of the mass immigration of refugee Jews into Shanghai, letters reached us from several missionaries in the Shanghai area, asking for immediate grants of Gospel tracts specially prepared for the Jews, but in the German language. So our Mr. Singer has quickly gotten to work on the translation of two of our most popular tracts, into German. They are, "What Is a Christian?" by Joseph Hoffman Cohn, and "Thirtythree Prophecies Fulfilled in One Day," by our brother Rev. Chas. G. Bauer, of Camden, N. J. By the time this copy reaches you, it is hoped we will have the tracts already at work in China. Please pray for the Lord's blessing upon the testimony of these printed messages.

Official Nazi figures recently published should vindicate the poor Jews of Germany before their calumniators. The Iews form only six-tenths of one percent of the population of all Germany, and yet official Nazi reports for the last year reveal these eloquent facts:-Out of a total of 28 sentences for murder, the number of Tews thus sentenced is 0. Infanticide 30 convictions; Jews, 0. Manslaughter, 67; Jews, 0. Homicide through negligence, 661; Jews, 4. Dangerous bodily injury, 4,569; Jews, 1. Slight bodily injury, 2,381; Jews, 7. Abortion, 2,179; Jews, 9. Damage to property, 1,315; Jews, 0. Criminal larceny, 116; Jews, 0. Serious theft, 3,071; Jews, 3. Minor theft, 17,188; Jews, 32. Embezzlement, 4,951; Jews, 20. Fraud, 10,263; Jews, 79. Receiving stolen goods, 1,853; Jews, 13. Forgery, 2,347; Jews, 13. Motoring offences, 3,891; Jews, 15. -From Trusting and Toiling, of London, England.

Shanghai, having been described as the only port in the world open to Jewish refugees, large numbers have flocked thither on German and Italian steamers to pathetically hard conditions. It has been called "the march of death" and efforts are being made to divert it.

It is stated that four more of the 5.000 Jews in Zbonszyn-where a great deportee camp of Polish Jews from Germany is-have gone mad, owing to the terrible conditions.

LAMA SABACHTHANI?

By Rev. Herbert H. Amster, Field Evangelist, American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc., temporarily loaned as acting Dean, to the Bible Institute of Washington, D. C.

"And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, the place of a skull...they crucified him...and about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matt. 27:33, 35, 46.

The crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, is from the purely human point of view, the greatest tragedy ever enacted. Yet those responsible for it were totally unaware of fulfilling prophecy. For Christ was not put to death by the will of either the Jews nor yet Pontius Pilate, but simply because He had come into the world for that very purpose! "... I lay down my life, that I might take it again. NO MAN TAKETH IT FROM ME, but I lay it down of myself." (John 10:17-18). This statement we have from His own lips.

The Messiah nailed to a cross! The stillness of the hour is rent by a cry from His lips, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" It is the desolate cry of the Son of God, forsaken even by His Father, as He bears a gigantic load of sin. The agony is all the deeper because He is not paying for His own sins (for He had committed none), but because He bore our sins, "The just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." (I Peter 3:18). In that hour He suffered for every sin man has ever committed.

God was fully satisfied with the work of Christ: The very moment of His death, Satan met his Waterloo. The law which had hung over man's head like the sword of Damocles, was nailed to the cross as well. "Mercy and Truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each

other." Psalm 85:10. Heretofore man's approach to God had been barred. Only through the high priest of the Aaronic line could He be reached. And only after a sacrifice had been offered. But when Christ died, the veil separating the holy of holies from the holy place was rent from top to bottom, forever giving free access to the presence of God. Christ, being made a high priest, has gone in, bearing the blood of His own sacrifice, and has been made the mediator for us. "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11.

A frightful earthquake followed, and many graves were opened. Christ was buried, but on the third lay He arose in mighty triumph over death. "He is not here: for he is risen, as He said." Matt. 28:6. In His resurrection He guarantees the resurrection of all mankind, the believers "to everlasting life" and the unbelievers "to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2.

On the day of Pentecost God introduced something new, "the church, which is His body." Eph. 1:22-23. At first it was limited to Israel, but soon Gentiles also came to believe in the Messiah of the Jews. When they came into the church in large numbers, they assumed control and soon overshadowed the Jewish identity of the church. We now witness the paradox that the church which has been taken over by Gentiles is indifferent to the spiritual need of the Jews and in some cases persecutes them.

Some Gentiles think that the Jews can get along without the Gospel, or else that if preached to them, they will all refuse it. Both are in serious error. First, the Gospel is a Jewish message, but it was taken from them by men; the Jews must hear the Gospel to be saved. And secondly, many Jews, upon hearing the Gospel, do receive it and so are saved.

All what I have written you, I have also communicate to Pastor F., with whom I am in permanent union. I asked him to give me some advanced money, which you will subtract me. So I can prepare my journey to Brussels.

With kindest regards and with great love and gratitude, I am, Yours faithfully in His service,

Expenses for my emigration till now:

179.40 Marks, for: journey, Hamburg-Amsterdam, baggage, visa, custom-house officer, passport, office for emigration, journey to British pass-office to Berlin, tram, etc.

603 Marks custom for dress, linen, typewriter, watch. This is only taken from Non-aryans!

Needless for us to say that we know our readers will pray for this brother as he is going to get a fresh start and build life all over again. Such tragedy should, and does, draw out from us our very heart of pity and compassion.

Statenlos! Where Shall I Go?

Poor, bewildered Jewish refugees still continue to surge through the streets and in the hovels and dungeon rooms of Paris tenements. Again come the reports from our devoted and sacrificial workers, of a ministry of Christlove among these indescribably destitute human beings, a ministry that God is honoring and blessing in ways too precious and too touching even to attempt to describe. Again we are privileged to pass on to you a few paragraphs from one of the more recent letters that has come to us from our dear faithful sister Mrs. Andre Frankel, nee Germaine Melon-Hollard:

The situation of the refugees here, is nearly the same as it was when I wrote last time. Meanwhile the number of them who are in Prison or in danger to be in, is more terrible. And new refugees from Austria cannot arrive in great deal, now, as the frontiers are carefully preserve, and regular Visum practically impossible to get.

One of our people, Eugene Stark, from Hungaria, expelled from

France after staying 6 months in Prison, had one week free to leave. During this time I asked the Police to give him longer liberty, in vue to arrange his departure in an other country, but instead of giving any answer, the Police took him and he is now again for six months in Prison! First, he wrote us terribly distressing and hopeless letters; but now, some change seems to be in his soul. Peace is coming, and perhaps conversion. In his last letter he asked Andre for baptism. We have to pray a great deal for him.

About Herschell Grynszpan who killed one secretary of the German Ambassade, we-at your request-asked the French Prisoner's Pastor to see him, as in France, only the nearest relatives can go to visit prisoners. This Pastor came twice at "la Sante" where Herschell G. is, but did not succeed to see him, as he was out of cell each time, and the Pastor thinks it is better not to try to see him any more, because of administrative difficulties - the Rabbin visits him regularly and in principle it is not possible for somebody else to come from other religion. It is a great pity! So, we shall send directly Gospels to Herschell G., by post. I am sorry not to give you better answer about this matter.

Now the use of your \$1000!! We are keeping a part of this money for special cases we shall help in the coming weeks. The other part was spent at once for several people, and the Christmas fete. Here are some examples:—

Korn: a married young man, refugee from Germany, in Paris with his wife and one child of 6 years of age. Mr. Korn has papers in order, as well as "registre de Commerce", so he can work. He is tradesman, and needed money for that purpose. We gave 1000 Frcs, as well as some hundreds francs for rent. They live very miserably, and besides, the father and mother of Mr. Korn arrived in Paris lately from Poland, old, without any money. We gave also money for their rent.

Slowik: 60 years old, refugee from Germany, has been Rabbin there many years ago, but left the synagogue afterwards and became manufacturer. His wife (protestant) is still in Germany, and wait there for a Visum to enter France, and join again her husband. Mr. Slowik is in Paris with papers in order, but without any money. We help him with food, and rent. All his work's instruments are in Paris, and several thousand francs are necessary to establish him. We are doing so.

Piotrkowski: refugee from Germany, who came first from Poland. He is married with a Protestant. They have a daughter of 8 years of age, in England for sometime in care of "the Mildmay Mission to the Jews". Pasteur Vincent baptized him, here, last October. (You may remember them, we came with you to see them last July). Both of them worked (He is tailor). But alas! they are now expelled from France, and in great danger to go to Prison at once if they do not leave. But where to go? It is the same question, day by day. The friends who take care of their child in England, will consider the possibility to take them there for sometime; and for the future, the only solution would be to send them in America. Mr. Piotrkowski could be a real help as "colporteur" giving Gospels, and speaking to simple and poor people. We must hope that a way will be opened for them, somewhere in the world; I believe so, although I am very anxious for the time being. We help them with food and money for rent, as they do not work any more, moving from a place to another, because of the danger to be taken by the Police. They keep courage and quietness in their terrible situation, and come here regularly.

Uberreich: (about whom Pasteur Vincent wrote you last November): 3 young people, sent by the Police at 20 Kilometres from Paris without papers or permission to work, and without possibility to stay at that place more than one month. They live in desperate situation. We help them from time to time, and we hope that later on the "International Hebrew Christian Alliance" will

send them in a Colonie (Columbia), but you know yourself, nothing is yet definite about this Colonie, and for the time being, this family is less and less strong, psysically and morally. But they are very religious people (all Jews) and asked Andre to come and see them to speak about Christianity. We hope they will find peace, little by little.

Feldmann and Zentner: the first is a non-Arvan Christian, refugee from Germany, 50 years old; who is married (his wife is still in Germany). He is a chemist-perfumer by profession. Zentner, young couple. He is Dr. in philosophy, and as he cannot work in his profession in France, he decided to cooperate with Feldmann, and they, 3, live and work together. We have, for that purpose to give about 3000 Frcs. Zentner is also good organist, and is playing every Friday night (where more than 70 people are coming now).

A. Bohm: a young man from Hungaria, expelled from France, agriculturist who will be send in Bolivie by the "H I C E M" Committee, if we can bring at least 3000 Frcs as contribution for faree expenses (It costs 11.000 Frcs altogether). As we see it is the only solution for him to go there, we are considering to give that money.

Few days before Christmas, Andre and I arranged food and clothes parcels, including 20 Frcs, and religious leaflets, and gave those parcels to 56 Families in their homes (Thanks to Mme. P. Hyacinthe Lovson's car!!) Those Families-110 people, including 31 children. And, in December 27th we had here the Christmas fete which was lovely. About 160 people came for the religious Meeting, and 140 stayed afterwards for the meal. We gave them, cocoa, bread, jam, cheese, bananas, etc., and cake made by one refugee himself. The religious Meeting was: Prayers from Pastor Vincent and Andre; then Canticles. Music (a young lady refugee from Vienna, my brother Horace, Mr. Zentner, and myself). (Bach & Handel). Pastor Henri

Monnier, great friend of us, and Dr. Lewis read both in French and German the Nativity Story. Pastor Vincent and Andre spoke few minutes, and after prayers the meeting was over. The atmosphere was deep and fine.

Just the "Chosen People" arrive when I am closing this letter. We are so happy to see all the news you give about Paris. I am glad you do not find my English too terrible. I always write English letters by myself, and I was afraid it would be a hard work for you to read it.

Better Than Christian Science

From a letter written to us by Rev. Oscar Wago, Field Evangelist, Ohio

In our own city, also, we see evidence of God's blessing upon our witnessing, and we rejoice to tell you of a very blessed experience. We had been witnessing of our precious Saviour for some time to Mr. and Mrs. Sol. G. of Columbus. These people are successful in business and are held in high esteem in Jewish society. Recently, however, Mr. G. has been seriously ill and given up by the doctors who attended him. Some of the relatives advised them to turn to Christian Science as a last resort, but Mrs. G. told them they preferred to put all their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and the prayers of their Christian friends. Mrs. Wago informed me of the very serious illness of Mr. G. and of the fact that the doctors had given up all hopes for his recovery. Because of this I asked special prayers in some of the churches in Michigan, and our blessed Heavenly Father heard and answered our petitions. A few days later Mrs. Wago reported to me the miraculous change in the condition of Mr. G., and that the doctors were completely baffled by it, when Mrs. G. boldly told them that the change came in answer to the prayers of their Christian friends. The doctors have discontinued the medicine and Mr. G. is up and around for the first time in many months. Please remember these dear Jewish people in your prayers that the mercies of God may be used to firmly establish them in the faith of our Blessed Redeemer.

A Challenge to the Church

Not the least part of the challenge that comes to the Church in relation to the Jewish people is the rising tide of anti-semitism in this country. Hitherto, America has been singularly free from organized anti-Jewish movements. What little we have had has been short-lived. Prejudice has existed, but has found little expression beyond the utterances of individuals. Now, however, anti-semitism has become a menace, not only to Jews, but to American ideals and the peace and harmony of our people. Jew hatred that has spread its blight over Germany, Poland, and other European countries has made its appearance in our own land. Nazi propaganda has planted its cells in many American cities. Other anti-semitic movements bear the brand, "Made in America." It is said that no fewer than six hundred centers of anti-Jewish propaganda exist to foster racial disabilities. It is the old, old way of meeting the Jewish problem, the way of hatred and oppression, the way of Pharaoh and Haman, of Torquemada and Pobiedonosteff. But it is not the Christian

The challenge to the Church is clear. Christians must rebuke racial prejudice and create Christian attitudes toward the Jewish people. We have in our hands the key for the solution of the Jewish problem. It fits every ward of the complicated lock. We possess a Gospel, born of infinite love for all mankind, which can subdue prejudice and ill will and conquer all aversions and hatreds. To apply that Gospel to the healing of the world's sorrows is the task of the Church. It must be applied to the healing of the age-long sorrows of the Jew. The place to begin is in the Church itself. Little progress can be made in commending the faith of Christ to His own people if those who are its witnesses deny its fundamental ethic.

This is a time of crisis for the Jew. It is a time of testing for the Church. If the Church awakes to its unparalleled opportunity, a work may be done here in America for Christ's own people far transcending anything that has been attempted since the days of the Apostles. Rev J. S. Conning in The Presbyterian.