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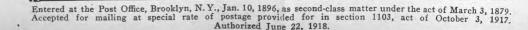
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"We go down to salute the children of the king" - II Kings 10:13

Dearly beloved friends: -

The word Easter occurs nowhere in the Bible. The mis-translation of Acts 12:4 has been corrected in the Revised Version to read Passover, for the Greek word here is Pascha. The word Easter comes from Eostre, or Ostara, the Teuton goddess of spring. So, every time we use the word Easter we are referring to one of the pagan idols, in whose name celebrations were observed and practices were indulged in of degrading character. Thus we trace another footmark of Romish corruption of God's revealed truth. It was Emperor Constantine who revolted against the Passover observances of the resurrection, by stating, "It seems very unsuitable that we should follow this custom of the Jews.'

But Rome has always been shrewd in adapting from the heathen as well as from the old Jewish ceremonial whatever accourrements of gaudiness could be made to fit into the sensuous and glamorous display calculated to bedazzle the ignorant and superstitious. And so the simple memorial of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ becomes the Christ-Mass; and the tree worship of the Norse heathen becomes the Christmas tree of the Romish system. And the sacred symbol of the Paschal Lamb sacrificed for us, becomes the occasion for snatching from the heathen the idolatrous celebration of Ostara, with its colorful appeal.

LEAP YEAR CONFUSION

But now to come to Easter. It so happens that in this year of 1940 the Jewish Passover comes just about one month later than the Good Friday and the Easter of the Church. And this brings up the question of calendars and of the authenticity of the Resurrection memorial. If the Lord Jesus Christ is the real fulfillment of the Passover type, and if He is, as John called Him, the Lamb (Paschal lamb), which taketh away the sin of the world, then of course the death must perforce have taken place on the eve of the Jewish Passover. Much as Constantine and his successors may have hated the Jews, there is no getting away from this fact. The first fifteen Bishops of Jerusalem were all Jews, and under their administrations, the Resurrection memorial was always celebrated concurrently with, and merged into, the Jewish Passover holidays. But after the brutal accession of Rome to the control of the early Christian Church, the Resurrection memorial lost its ancient Jewish character and assumed more and more the character of the Teutonic and Slavonic spring festival with its pagan rites and festive symbols. The Quatrodecimani, that is the Christians who adhered to the 14th day of Nisan as the time of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, were then condemned as heretics; so early in her history did Romish hate for the Jew begin; and that hate spread to a point where it included also the Christian Jew. And at this point we find the departure as to reckoning of the so called Easter time; from now on Easter was to be connected with the vernal equinox of the sun, and the Jewish system of the lunar calendar was set aside. This gives us the background for the present year's difference of a month between the heathen Easter, adopted by the church, and the Jewish Passover, established by God. This year 1940 is Leap Year, both in the calendar that is used by the world in general, and in the Jewish calendar. The Jewish calendar however runs an extra month to the year instead of an extra day; so that this year in the Jewish reckoning will have thirteen months. The Passover this year, the 14th day of the month Nisan, falls on April 22nd, while the Easter of the Church falls on March 24th.

RESURRECTION SUPREME

"But we see Jesus." Hebrews 2:9. Whether beclouded by pagan obscurities or whether forgotten in Jewish symbolism, we into whose hearts God hath shined to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2nd Cor. 4:6) we have become the beneficiaries of the greatest and the most awe-inspiring miracle of all history, the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from among the dead. Take away the resurrection and the structure of the Church of Christ will collapse. You cannot build a church upon a dead Christ. All infidels know this, all Christ haters know it, all atheists know it, all and sundry who have tried, and will continue to try, to destroy the Church of God, all these have known this basic fact. That is why, we suppose, that the resurrection has been the storm center around and against which the furies of the demons of hell have hurled themselves for these 1900 years.

"ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES"

Paul tells us in 1st Cor. 15:4, "He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." But, while the Old Testament prophecies are reasonably replete with detailed and understandable indications and descriptions dealing with the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ up to the hour of His death at Calvary, there is confessedly little to be found having specific bearing on His resurrection. What few passages there are cannot of themselves be made to prove in clear cut fashion, the prediction of the resurrection. In other words, a Jew living at the time when the Lord Jesus Christ was carrying on His labors in Palestine, could not discern clearly from the Scriptures the specific doctrine or prophecy that the Christ after being dead and buried would have to rise again. It was different with the other evidences of Christ's Messiahship; there were abundant Old Testament references to this. When Herod inquired of the rulers of the Jews where the Messiah was to be born, they could answer him immediately, and with full confidence, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet." When Philip located Nathaniel to tell him the good news, it was in these words that he spoke, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth." And so through all the synoptic records the sayings and doings of the Lord are linked up over and over again with Old Testament prophecies.

But when we come to the fact of the resurrection, a different condition faces us. The idea of a resurrection of the body was foreign to the main strata of Judaism. The Pharisees believed in it, but only as a faint hope. They connected the resurrection with the advent and reign of the Messiah. The thought was that if the Messiah were to reign upon the earth, there ought to be many more to share in that glory than just those who might be then living. And they connected this hope with such passages as Isaiah 26:19 and Daniel 12:1-4.

"I WILL RISE AGAIN"

But the Pharisees and Sadducees denied that the Lord Jesus was the Messiah—they utterly rejected His claims. He did not fulfil their requirements of piety and good works. Therefore, since He could not be the Messiah, He could not rise from the dead. If once He did rise from the dead, His Messiahship would be authenticated, and they as Israel's rulers would be discredited. And they remembered His words, "I will rise again." And they were suspicious that the disciples, sensing the supreme value of a Messianic resurrection, might frame-up a resurrection by stealing the Body of the Lord. He simply could not

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And so these two wave loaves were the shadow of things to come, for they portrayed the two irreconcilable elements in the world, Jew and Gentile dwelling side by side, in peace, in harmony, in full joy, because only through the common fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ can such peace be obtained. "For to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace." And that must forever be the only basis of peace, between Jew and Gentile, through the blood of the Lamb, not through compromise, and not through "forgetting our differences."

Now as to the leaven:—is not here to be found the answer for all time to those earnest believers who in their

two loaves of bread; to understand this Lord, have fallen into the doctrine that unique exception in the sacrificial laws, we as human beings in the present one needs to fall back upon the types church day can and should attain sinless perfection? Is not here in these two loaves, representing Jew and Gentile in the Body of Christ, His Church, to be found the eternal truth that so long as we are living upon this earth and dwelling within the bodies of our earthly humiliation, so long will leaven be in those bodies? It is the constant struggle of which the Holy Spirit tells us through Paul, who cried out, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" In other words, the body is mortal, it has in it the leaven of corruption, and so long as we live in this body there will be always the two factions at war. "the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." It is only as the redemptive goal toward which we have been forever sealed (see Ephesians 1:13, 14) and which is the "earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possesssion," is finally attained, that 1st Cor. 15:53 will be fulfilled in us, "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." Then it will be true that in our incorruptible bodies there will be no more sin, and no more leaven; and then indeed will be fulfilled the promise, "death is swallowed up in victory."

> Ouestion. Will you please explain Mark 9:24? If one believes, how can there be any unbelief?-Mrs. M. W. H.

> Answer. Does not the very wording of the exclamation by the father of the demon-possessed boy reveal a true picture of our own human frailty? Is not belief itself relative? What the father was trying to say was possibly something like this, "This thing of casting out demons is a hard thing to explain or believe, out of my human experience; but I do want to believe and I do not doubt thy power to do this, but there are still some misgivings left in my thinking, and so Lord, I do believe, but help thou what unbelief there remains in me."

rise again. Any such thing must by its very nature be a fraud. So we have the cautious move of Matt. 27:62-64:-

"Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate. Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead; so the last error shall be worse than the first."-

"After three days I will rise again!" Here then we may find the secret of the manifestly perplexing problem that has been presented. Is it not this:up to the last hour of the Lord's human existence here upon the earth, subjected to all the frailties and temptations of the human frame, up to that last hour, to the very moment when He cried out, "It is finished!" the things that He had done, the sufferings He had gone through, the words He had spoken, all these were the subjects of predictions on the part of the Old Testament prophets. But the actual miracle of bringing Himself to life again, and taking His Body out of the sealed tomb, that, once His earthly body had satisfied all the requirements of the law and the prophets, was an act and a miracle which He alone, as God, and no one else, must authenticate! Up to the time of His giving up His spirit, all the things He said and did could properly have been spoken about Him by others; and in His appeals to the masses of Jews and their leaders, He kept emphasizing over and over again "Believe me for the very works' sakes." Whatever He did was to be in fulfillment of something that had been spoken about Him before, clearly, definitely, specifically. But now we come to something new to those Pharisees, with their weak hope of a resurrection. He is telling the Jews a new thing to be done upon the earth, and that new thing is to be done by Him:-

"For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."-Matt. 12:40.

"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again."-Matt. 20:18-19.

So now the Lord Jesus Christ puts Himself on record and gives to the Iews not only the evidence of the Old Testament prophecies as fulfilled by Himself in His daily life and works, but He puts on the records something new, and by this new thing His eternal Godship shall stand the test. He repeats this astonishing sign in John 2:19, 21, 22:-

'Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said."

And thus all the links have been forged into a perfect chain of evidence: the Old Testament prophecies told clearly what would be the life and the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, and those things were fulfilled in Him to the letter: He came along and picked up the chain of evidence, and added to it those links that had to do with the final demonstration of His power and glory. But from this point on, the Lord Jesus Christ authenticated Himself by predicting His own resurrection from among the dead, and making that the final standard of the test of His Messiahship and of His deity. "I will raise it up." It was not an outside power that brought Jesus from the dead, it was a power within Himself, an internal dynamic, because He was God. Here was the most powerful of all testimonies that could have been given to the Jewish leaders. Assuming that they had reasonable doubts as to His Messiahship during the time of His THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

ministry on the earth, here at last was one overpowering evidence that could brook of no denial. This Man had said of Himself, "I will raise my body again!" This is something no man ever had done before in all history, nor since. And so the fact of His resurrection took from the Pharisees and Sadducees every excuse for rejecting Him as God.

But, this does not mean that the Old Testament scriptures are utterly devoid of references to the resurrection. On the contrary there are several, with which we shall presently treat which give certainly a reasonable adumbration of this most dynamic of all world miracles, the resurrection. But here is the point of emphasis; it seems to us that the proofs to be adduced from the Old Testament can only find their fullest effectiveness if and when the searcher for these proofs be first of all a born again child of God! It is to the true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ that He promised His Holy Spirit, and of that Spirit the Lord said, "He shall glorify me; for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you." John 16:14. And Hebrews 11:6 tells us,

"But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

It is only therefore as the Holy Spirit takes the Old Testament backgrounds and sheds His searchlight upon them that we can see the beautiful workings out of God's redemptive program, prepared from the foundation of the world. But to him who has not been born again, to him who does not know what it means to have the abiding presence of His Holy Spirit, all these things mean nothing, and have no validity as evidences. Is not this interpretation clearly proven by such a verse as John 20:9, "For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead?" In other words the Scriptures were there, but it required the illumination of the searchlight of the Holy Spirit to point out these Scriptures to them. Of themselves, they could not have discerned those Old Testament prophecies. It is the story of the Ethiopian chamberlain who when Philip asked him, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" had to reply, pathetically enough, "How can I, except some man should guide me?"

And now with the help of that Holy Spirit, we seek and find in the very first book of the Bible, the Book of Beginnings, Genesis, which is the small bud which gradually opens up into the final and magnificent flowering of all revealed truth in the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ—in that book of Genesis, we find the illuminating foreshadowing of the resurrection in the story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, throws this searchlight upon that record:—

"Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure."—Hebrews 11:19.

The sainted Hebrew Christian scholar, Dr. Adolph Saphir, has this to say in connection with Abraham's faith in making ready to offer up Isaac:—

"But Abraham believed again, as at first. Isaac's non-existence was no difficulty to him when the promise first came; and now Isaac's death is no difficulty. God could bring him again from the dead. This Abraham believed as the only solution of the difficulty; for God's Word must be fulfilled; and since Isaac is to be offered up, the Lord God Almighty will surely raise him from the dead... Abraham received back Isaac in a figure—a figure of the resurrection of Jesus, the consummation of Israel's history; resurrection-life after death and burial; the pledge and source of our incorruptible, undefiled and unfading inheritance."

So you see how the unbeliever, a man of the world, a philosopher of finely spun pagan cobwebs, could not possibly understand such an Old Testament prediction. These things are mysteries to the uninitiated and they are beyond understanding, excepting on the part of those who have been born again and to whom therefore are freely revealed the mysteries of God's secret workings.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. The King James version of Gen. 3:15 reads, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." I noticed the Douay version differs, I cannot quote exactly, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; SHE shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise her heel." How does the original read?—R. G. D.

Answer. Here is the literal translation: "HE shall bruise (for) thee the head, and thou shall bruise (for) him the heel." If the translation in the Douay version reads, "SHE shall bruise thy head," then it is wrong, for the Hebrew word itself is clear, and is the masculine form. Such eminent Hebrew scholars as Ainsworth, Boothroy, Poole, A. Clarke, all unite on the statement that the word HE should be used instead of the word it. Likewise the last two words of the verse, "his heel", is correct and under no circumstances can the Hebrew original be twisted to mean "her heel."

Question 1. What is the difference between the great tribulation and the wrath and judgment of God? Is it the time, or the kind, or severity?

Question 2. Will the last trumpet sound before or after the great tribulation?

Question 3. Is it the same trumpet St. Paul mentions in 1st Cor. 15:52, and the one mentioned in Rev. 11:15?

Question 4. How can it be said that Christ suffered from the foundation of the world when it is said in Heb. 9:26, that he did not need to suffer more than once in the fulfillment of the time?

—Miss A.O.

Answer 1. The wrath and judgment of God have been visited upon evil doers over and over again in the history of God's dealing with mankind. The great tribulation will be the time when God's wrath shall be concentrated on the nations of the earth, for their disobedience to Him throughout the centuries. In this great tribulation, Israel will be the victim of the efforts of the nations to destroy her; therefore we

find the period of the great tribulation sometimes referred to as the time of Jacob's Trouble. See Jere. 30:7.

Answer 2. The last trumpet, to summon the Church for the Rapture in fulfillment of 1st Thess. 4:16 will sound before the great tribulation. The antetype is to be found in the Feast of Trumpets, when the trumpets are blown, and the dark days of Israel's troubles are ushered in. The Lord has promised that His Church, His mystic Body, will be taken away from this earth before the great tribulation is ushered in.

Answer 3. Yes, the trumpet referred to by St. Paul in 1st Cor. 15:52 is the last trump that will precede the Rapture. There are four blasts of the trumpet blowing required in Tewish law. The first is called the "Tekiah", then that is followed with a second blast called the "Shebarim:" then comes the "Teruah." The fourth and final trumpet blast is called "Tekiah Gedolah" or "long Tekiah." It is to this final blast. the "last trump" that Paul has reference. We must not confuse this last trump with the trumpets of Revelation, chapters 8 to 11. These trumpets are seven in number, and they are spaced over the period of the tribulation here on this earth, a time when the Church will not be here at all.

Answer 4. The argument is that Christ's sacrifice is of a different order than the daily sacrifices of the Mosaic covenant. The Mosaic covenant required a continual process of sacrifices. uncounted thousands of bullocks and goats and sheep, having had to be offered. But Christ's sacrifice was made once for all; if Christ had to be offered over and over again for every sin that the people committed, "then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

Question. If leaven is a symbol of evil, or of a corrupting force, why is it used in Lev. 23:17?—M. S. B.

Answer. This is the offering of the wave loaves, at the time of Pentecost, fifty days after the Passover. It is the only offering among all of the sacrificial oblations ordained by God in which leaven is used. In every other

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this atrocity. It is reported that the land near Lublin, which has been assigned for this purpose, is the worst in Poland, but that is relatively of no importance. If it were the very best soil available in Europe it would in no wise mitigate the savage and deliberate intention of Hitler to destroy what is left of the Jews in this way.

Jews are summoned to leave for Poland on 24 hours' notice, are allowed to take with them only 300 marks and such clothing as they can carry with them. They are robbed of all they possess, deprived of furniture, property of all kinds, jewelry, etc., which are appropriated by the government. They are jammed, in the dead winter, into open cattle cars and treated like cattle. Consequently there are thousands of suicides.

The Kishineff massacres in Russia horrified the world and were stopped by world public opinion, but they "were merciful compared to what Hitler is doing—and doing without the knowledge of the German people or those of other nations, as no news is printed of it."—Capital Journal editorial, Salem, Oregon, January 16, 1940.

Jew hate in America seems to be flourishing. Seventeen men were arrested here in New York a few days ago by the Federal Government. They

were members of an organization calling itself the "Christian Front." In general they appeared to be of the lower stratum of life, ignorant and rather rough. The Government officials found in their possession and in secret caches considerable supplies of guns, ammunition, bombs, and explosives of various other kinds. It appears that they were involved in some plot to "seize control of the United States Government", a rather fantastic ambition. But, chief among their objectives was the destruction of the Jews in America, and evidence was found showing that certain prominent Jews already had been marked for destruction. As one editorial writer put it, these members of the "Christian Front" apparently had not drawn very heavily upon the teachings of the Beatitudes or the Sermon on the Mount. But evidently they considered themselves "Christians." One Coughlin, a Roman Catholic priest in Detroit, who has won notoriety through his radio exploitations, was suspected of having affiliations with this organization. When first questioned by newspaper agencies he denied all knowledge of his connection with these people, and denied even having heard of them. Later, when he was faced with the damaging evidence taken from some previous statements in his radio broadcasts, he admitted that he knew about them, and that while he had no organic connections with them. he would and did endorse their move-

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General Fund	\$18,227.38
For Relief to the Poor	175.83
For Literature Fund (Bibles and Tracts)	250.69
"The Chosen People" (Subscriptions)	468.00
For "The Shepherd of Israel"	149.50
Dispensary Income Account	54.25
For Work Among the Children	48.00
For Hewes Street Account	55.00
For Students' Education Fund	74.20
For Philadelphia Branch	297.05
For Pittsburgh Branch	257.50
For Columbus Branch	137.18
For Los Angeles Branch	288.82
For Buffalo Branch	89.00
For Seattle Branch	98.36
For Work Overseas, including Relief Funds	3,714.25
Transmission Fund	2.50

Total for All Purposes

Another Old Testament scripture foretelling the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is to be found in Psa. 16:10,

"For thou wilt not abandon my soul to hades, Nor give up thy godly one to see the pit."

Again we have to face the fact that only to the initiated child of God will this passage be made clear. It is buried in one of the Michtam Psalms, a Psalm of reflection and meditation. And out of the stillness of the calm and security and confidence that David rejoices over in these verses of meditation, comes this revealing ray, as from a heavenly searchlight, saying to us, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hades." It can safely be conjectured that no Jew, even among the greatest scholars of the Pharisees in the time when Christ was upon the earth, could have taken from these verses of Psalm 16, the predicted doctrine that Christ would rise from the dead; but a thousand years later, a poor ignorant Galilean fisherman, a despised Jew, rose before a huge throng in Jerusalem and gave out, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the following announcement:

"For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."—Acts 2:25, 26, 27.

And once more the Holy Spirit was vindicated, for He took of the things of Christ, and showed them to us; and we who are living two thousand years this side of the resurrection can rejoice in what that resurrection holds out to us. For because He liveth we too shall live forever. This blessed truth was revealed to Job many centuries before the resurrection:—

"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."—Job 19:25, 26, 27.

And so it is that the Holy Spirit through Paul gives voice to that triumphant oratorio, "Oh death, where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

And so may the coming Passover season, the memorial of our Lord's death and resurrection, bring to all of us renewed joy, and a new appreciation of what the resurrection means. It does not mean rolling eggs on the White House lawn. Nor does it mean that we shall buy rabbits nesting in a basket full of chocolate eggs. The children of God do not do these things. But it does mean that we shall rejoice in the knowledge that the empty tomb gives us the assurance that some day we too shall come up out of our graves and shall be taken up to be with Him, to the mansions which He is now preparing for us, there to reign with Him forever.

A THANK YOU FROM THE HEART

Your response to the February issue of The Chosen People with its financial report, was a tonic to all of us. May the Lord continue to keep us united in our service for Him. And may this year 1940 prove to be the greatest in our history. When we realize how faithfully and sacrificially our dear friends stand by us, through the very thick of the battle, it affects every fibre of our being and puts new energy into all the tasks that He has committed to us. What is most needed in this work, is patient, persistent, and believing prayer. So, beloved friends, above all, pray for us.

Ever gratefully yours in His service,

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

We Salvage Refugees in America By HERBERT SINGER

Quite a number of Jewish Christian refugees from Germany come to our Mission soon after their arrival in New York. They have letters of recommendation from our friends abroad, asking us to care for them. As a rule they face difficult problems. When they reach the shores of America they are absolutely without means: all they were allowed to take with them from Germany was 10 Marks, \$4.00. In most cases they have affidavits from their Jewish relatives, and they expect to stay with them. But sooner or later the immigrants, if they are believers in the Lord Jesus, find it practically impossible to live with their relatives. They cannot read the Bible in their homes; they are not allowed to talk with them about the Saviour. In other words, there is a great gulf which separates them from their people; and so we have the opportunity to help them. We help them to rent a room with a Christian family, and we also support them until they are able to earn their own livelihood. However, the financial help which they receive from us is not the main thing. We also give them the Bread of Life in our regular meetings and in the special German Bible Classes, which we recently established for German refugees.

THE FATE OF REFUGEES

The joy and gratitude of these refugees, who lost everything in the old country and who were suffering under the scourge of Anti-Semitism, is great. They scarcely can believe that they are now in a country where they are allowed free speech and can enjoy the liberties we have here, where they can walk through the steets without being molested by Jew haters.

SOME CASES

Bro. S. was a manager in a large department store in Vienna for more than twenty years. After the "Anschluss" he lost his position, and he could not get any job since then, because he was a non-Arvan. He came in contact with our Mr. Lichtenstein at the Swedish Jewish Mission in Vienna. In a short time he accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour and confessed his faith in baptism.

Through the efforts of the "Society of Friends", a Christian in the State of Ohio provided him with an affidavit. Several weeks ago he arrived in New York, and we rented a room for him, because he could not and would not live with his Jewish brother here. Mr. S. came to our services regularly and was a blessing to others. He did not want to bother the man who gave him the affidavit, but he notified him of his arrival and thanked him for his kindness in making it possible for him to come to America. However, that Christian man, who had never seen Mr. S. before, wired him that one of his friends would meet him in New York and take him to Ohio, where he will take care of him. Bro. S. praises God's gracious and marvellous guidance.

Mr. and Mrs. T. and their little son recently came from Vienna. Mr. T. is a Christian Jew and his wife is Arvan by birth. He mastered several languages and was an outstanding man in Germany as a lecturer. The press often gave him publicity, and I saw a number of papers and magazines where his picture appeared. He was well-to-do in Germany, but when he left the country he had to leave everything behind and come here penniless. His wife immediately accepted a place as maid, and since she has to live where she works, they can see each other only once a week. You can imagine how they feel being separated. Their nine-years-old boy is boarded out with friends in a near-by suburb. Even though Mr. T. has excellent recommendations he has not been able to find any work so far. He already wrote several hundreds of letters asking for any kind of work, but he received no reply. When he came to us his money was nearly gone and he was very discouraged. When our Mr. Cohn told him that we would allow him a sufficient sum every week until he could earn support for himself and his family, he broke down and wept. After so many terrible disappointments this unexpected good news was too much for him to contain. Mr. T. is attending our meetings and is praising the Lord for what He is doing for him.

Mr. and Mrs. U. are only young Christians. They are believers in the Lord and are soon to confess their faith through baptism. They also

IEWISH NOTES

Under the heading of "A Note to Mr. Hitler", the Washington Times-Herald, printed in its December 22nd, 1939, issue, a striking bit of news, which if the Nazi Fuehrer had ever even the faintest trace of human decency, should melt his heart. But with his demoniacal and brutal savagery, we suppose that facts of this kind will roll off his back as the proverbial water from the back of the duck. Here however is the item which was quoted also in our Brother Einspruch's excellent little pa-

per, "The Hebrew Lutheran":—
"The man who saved 577 of your sailors from death when they obeyed your order to scuttle the Nazi luxury liner. Columbus, is a Jew. His name is Harry A. Badt, and he was born in Tyler, Texas, on September 22, 1884. He commands the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa by commission from the Government of the United States to defend freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom of movement of a free people. Would any of your men on the Columbus have rescued Captain Badt had they found him where he found them?'

Some 300 German-Jewish ex-servicemen, exiled in this country, lately expressed their gratitude to England in the following words:-"People of Great Britain, we thank you for the hospitality, liberty and justice which we enjoy as your guests, for the right to live which you have given back after years of darkness. And when we say, 'People of Great Britain, God bless you!' these words are a promise which we shall translate into deeds. We promise you to live our lives modestly and honourably. We promise to bring up our children in such a way that there will be no need for you ever to regret that you have opened the gates of your Motherland to us."

The Home Secretary told the House of Commons that arrangements have been made whereby refugees will be allowed to assist in harvesting during the summer and autumn months on payment of the regular wage.—Trusting and Toiling, London, England.

* I have been most of my life in Palestine, and believe me I cannot recognize it any more. No peace like it used to

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be, never any more. Near the house of each one of us we wake up by the noise of an explosion, especially lately. Even in Tel Aviv, on Government property. This was the only place where Arabs could not throw bombs and now the Jews themselves are doing it to destroy Government property as a protest for the "White Paper."-From a private letter written by a Jewish Christian girl to Mr. Cohn.

The event of greatest importance in the Jewish world at this time is undoubtedly the fact that Palestine has been completely closed to immigrants for the next quota period. The reason given by the Colonial Secretary in the House of Commons is the fact that a large number of illegal immigrants, chiefly from Poland and Rumania, have entered clandestinely into the country, thus filling up the quota for the next six months. Up to 75,000 Jews will be allowed to enter during the five years from April 1st last. If this illegal immigration continues, the Jews from Central Europe, who are in greater need than their brethren elsewhere, would be crowded out, as no more than the stated number can be admitted.

The decision is a hard blow to the thousands whose only hope of existence was the national home in Palestine. They have a right to it as they possess already the visas, but owing to the misdeeds of others are now debarred from it and are exposed to the concentration camps and brutality awaiting those who have not left Central Europe by a definite date.-Trusting and Toiling.

Writing in the New York Times, Oswald Garrison Villard, well-known author and editor, who has just returned from a long visit to Germany and other belligerent countries, says that Hitler has not stopped the forced migration of the Jews of Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland to the so-called "Jewish state" in Poland, which will be a huge ghetto, the greatest concentration camp in history and under present policies will become "one vast charnal house."

Already epidemics of typhus and other contagious diseases are rampant among the people jammed without food or money into the district. Mr. Villard

For sadistic cruelty-yes, for deliberate wholesale murder—I know of nothing in history to surpass

as the Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world, for their salvation. The first two were a young man and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. U., who had come to us from Vienna as refugees. They had already learned somewhat about the Lord Jesus Christ, from our missionary there, Mr. Emmanuel Lichtenstein; they had been inspired and moved by his Christlike life and character; but they had not really grasped the full meaning of Christ's redemptive work for them. And so Mr. Singer and Mr. Birnbaum spent a good deal of time with them in unveiling to them some of the real treasures of the storehouse of God's revealed Truth as found in His Word; and in a few weeks they accepted the Lord with full trust in Him, and then they requested baptism, that they might confess him openly. After the baptism, both were so happy, and could not thank us enough for the Christian love shown to them, and the kindness in having brought them to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The third one was a brother of about 50 years of age. For several years he has been asking for baptism, but always we have refused because his wife has been bitterly opposed to him, and threatened to make much trouble for him and for the Mission if we should dare baptize him. He kept insisting and insisting, until a few days ago Mr. Englander called to see the wife to try to get her to withdraw her objections and her hostility. You may imagine Mr. Englander's complete astonishment when the wife turned to him and said, "Go ahead and baptize him; but if you wait three or four weeks, I will come to the Mission too, and be baptized together with him!" Thus, the Spirit of God had been working with the wife all these months and we knew nothing about it. But. Mr. B. said to us, "I do not want to wait a month for my wife to come and be baptized with me; supposing I should die in the meantime, and then I will have gone to heaven without having obeyed the command of the Lord Jesus Christ." And so we baptized him alone, and shall await a little later on to baptize the wife.

The last one of the four, is a dear girl of 14 years of age. Sometime back one of our workers came into that home, and found the mother in a distraught condition of nerves and mind. To her we were privileged to bring the comfort of soul which comes from the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and she confessed the Lord and has been one of our faithful members ever since, always rejoicing in the opportunity to give a testimony for the Lord. And now her little daughter decided to follow the mother's footsteps, and Miss Fuchs asked her one day to write a little note telling why she wanted to be baptized. And so here is the note that this bornagain child wrote to us:-

I would like to be baptized because I love the Lord with my. whole heart and want to obey His commandments. It was in His commandments that all who believe in Him should be baptized just like He Himself was. Baptism is a picture of what happened to Him. He died for our sins and was buried and arose. When I go into the water it is just as if I was buried with Him and arose with Him. He did something that no one should ever forget. Everyone should believe in the Lord the way I do. I owe everything to the Lord. The mission taught me everything I know about Him so that I understand it and I thank them very much.

And so we take courage, and go on with our work, always looking to Him to bless the seed, and to allow us once in a while the joy of beholding and of reaping a little harvest.

came to us with good references from our Vienna missionary. Both of them are good artisans and they make every effort to earn their livelihood. They already have some connections with business men and hope to be able to support themselves very soon. Until they can earn more money we are helping them, and we know that such practical Christianity means much to them, and strengthens their faith. We pray that their love for Christ may grow and that they may prove a blessing to many others.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR GERMAN REFUGEES

On Wednesday, December 20th, we invited a number of refugees for a Christmas fellowship. Our mission hall was decorated for the holiday, and 42 guests took their places at the table. For most of those refugees it was the first Christmas in this country. We had a blessed time, and we believe that everyone will remember this happy occasion for a long time. After Mr. Cohn welcomed the guests, I was privileged to give the Christmas message from Titus 2:11, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,' and a few others spoke briefly. We sang the old and beautiful Christmas carols in German. One of the refugee girls recited the Christmas story. An original poem in German, especially written for this occasion, was recited by the same refugee girl author. The program was rounded out by beautiful musical selections. There was a fine Christmas spirit throughout the meeting, and all who came were happy and grateful to the Lord.

Helping Jewish Refugees in Palestine

Disillusionment is working its havoc. Thousands of Jews, fleeing the horrors and savageries of Central European desolations, overran the frontiers of Palestine, in their desperate search for a place in the sun. Through Syria they tried to smuggle in, through Lebanon, up from Egypt, across from Persia, and most frequently of all, directly from the Mediterranean. It is reported that many ships are still drifting about the Mediterranean, each loaded to the rails with hundreds of these poor helpless creatures, scanning eagerly

the coast lines of Mediterranean shores, for a possible unpatrolled gap, into which their little ship might slip unobserved, and thus land their heartweary cargo of human derelicts. It is thought that there must be between 15,000 and 30,000 Jews now in Palestine, who have smuggled themselves in illegally. These came with high hopes, having been led to believe that in Zionism and in Palestine they were coming to the Utopia of their dreams. But stark realism has faced them, and they are a most pitifully disillusioned lot. Your Mission is doing what we can to come to the help of these poor miserable and destitute human beings, but what we can do seems so small in the face of the appalling need, that we find ourselves bewildered and staggered. Outside of Jerusalem, we have no missionary work in Palestine of our own. But we have been privileged to cooperate with other missionaries, and to be used in God's hands as a help to them in their relief work. From one of our dear friends in the Haifa district, comes the following letter which will give you a little insight into what is going on:-

Dear Mr. Cohn:-

Many thanks for yours of the 22nd Nov. received here on the 9th Dec. which is very quick for the present time. Thank you for the draft enclosed, being in place of the one returned to you on the 9th Sept. Again many thanks. You can be assured that we are able to make good use of it. Every day we have cases of refugees to deal with, and many of them are most difficult. They find that Palestine is not the Land of Promise, which they had hoped it would be, but we trust that they may come to know Him, Who was the Redeemer, born in the

You may be interested in knowing that in the past four months, that our sales of Bibles, New Testaments and portions have amounted to over 2500 books. This is besides a number of Bibles and New Testaments which we have given away gratis. On the part of some there is a real interest in the Word. We are grateful, for His Word by His Spirit

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can speak, when the human voice might only give offence.

Again many thanks, and as this will be reaching you about the Christmas Season, with it goes our heartiest greetings for a blessed and happy time, and for His rich and abundant blessing in the coming New Year should He tarry.

With grateful thanks, Yours sincerely,—B. D. R.

"Christ With Me In Prison"

(This is a part of the touching story of one of our refugees, who was a famous physician in Germany and who is now being helped by our Mission as he struggles to support himself and his family in South America as a photographer. The following letter was recently received from him, in which he tells of God's tender dealings with him, of heartbreaking experiences and of prison life).

Dear Mr. Singer:

You asked me where and when I became a believer in the Lord Iesus Christ and when I was baptized. I shall gladly answer your questions. I was born of Jewish parents but I never had any religious training. The old Jewish religion never attracted me. neither did I find the true Way of Salvation in the thirty years of my early life. Of course, I searched for the truth all during my youth but I had a stubborn character and did not want to surrender my own independence. I never earnestly sought the right way, and therefore nothing could be done for me. My wife is an Aryan by birth, brought up in a Christian home. Throughout the years of our married life she suffered in her conscience because of the fact that we were not united at a Christian altar. Thank God that we have had the opportunity to do so since then.

COUSIN BECOMES MINISTER

I have a cousin who belongs to the German nobility, a former officer in the German army who was seriously

wounded in the war of 1914. After the war he studied theology and became a minister. When I became acquainted with him in 1917 his personality made a deep impression on me. He spoke to me about the Lord Jesus and I learned a good deal but I was not ready yet; that was not to come for many years. I lost contact with my cousin for many years until by coincidence, as I thought at that time, I learned of his address and wrote him at once. That was during the winter of 1934-35. His reply and his following letters to me made an indescribable impression upon me and my wife. The following Spring I visited my cousin in Switzerland. He tried to show me the way to Christ. but there were still difficulties which I could not overcome; rather, which I did not want to overcome. The foundation was laid but I did not build upon it. A year later I wanted to be baptized. The German minister refused to baptize me because I was a Jew. Instead of going now to the Confessional Church I again turned away. The Lord Jesus gave me two opportunities to accept Him, but I neglected both. However, praise be to Him that He came to me again, but now in such a way that it was impossible for me to evade.

CHRIST BY MY SIDE

I was surprised and suddenly arrested by the Gestapo in March, 1937. Then followed three court trials, imprisonment and again the Gestapo. Now the time had come when my pride was broken so that the Lord could begin His work in my heart. During the first week of my imprisonment my wife brought me a New Testament. I grasped at it like a drowning man grasps at a straw, and the Lord opened my eyes to the Truth. For two long years He was with me daily. I was conscious of His presence hour by hour. All dur-

ing that frightful time I felt in my soul that Christ was by my side, even though I was in prison. In all of my life I never felt as free as I did during those two terrible years behind the walls. According to the German law I could not be baptized during my imprisonment. I was looking for the hour of my release, not primarily in order to be reunited with my familv but in order to be publicly united with the Lord in baptism. The time came when I was finally privileged to confess my faith in Christ by baptism. At the same time my dear wife and I were remarried, this time according to the Christian faith.

WIFE MAY SOON LOSE JOB

You also asked about our present condition and in which way you can help us. We arrived here four weeks ago. We had only a little money, but fortunately my wife found a job. However, our money quickly dwindled away: every immigrant who arrives here, spends nearly all his money getting settled; and that was true in our case as well. Our savings did not last very long. After paying all expenses of establishing a small store we had \$15.00 left. The worst is that we do not know when my wife will lose her job, because her German employer is the leader of the N.S.D.A.P. (Nazi Party) here, and his business is getting worse and worse. We are awaiting with considerable anxiety the day when she will get her notice. I already owe some money for rent, and I don't know how I shall pay the rents for apartment and store when they are due. I will then have to pay \$68.00 which is now an enormous amount for me. Besides this I need a 9 x 12 cm camera and a tripod for my business. I want to buy a used one but cannot get one here. It is now impossible for me' to buy these things because they are too expensive. I do not have even enough money to

buy the essentials of life such as food, and therefore I cannot even afford to buy a camera at second-hand. If you could possibly help us in any way we would deeply appreciate it. I wouldn't dare to come to you again with such a request if I did not believe that it was God who brought me in touch with you and the American Board of Missions to the Jews. This gives me the courage and I know that you will not think that I am too forward.

I have asked you to help me, I do not mean merely in a material sense. I am greatly in need of your prayers. And now, please accept my hearty thanks. I know that words alone mean nothing. My wife and children also join me in my greetings and expressions of thanks. May the Lord bless you!

We Baptize Four

Always space is our enemy. So many things are happening in your Mission work all the while, that the pages of your little paper cannot begin to contain the stories of these happenings. Converts baptized in Los Angeles, in Ohio, in New York, in Vienna, and in the many other parts of the world where we have our share of Gospel testimony, these must go unreported in our columns, only because there is no room.

But here in your Headquarters building we had such a beautiful baptismal service on the morning of the Lord's Day, February 4th, and the Spirit of God was so manifestly present with us, that we feel we must report that to you. Mr. Birnbaum was with us, and gave a heart-warming exposition on the First verse of the 23rd Psalm.

Four candidates presented themselves for baptism, thus to confess publicly their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and their acceptance of Him