

more and more upon God for wisdom and guidance and a broader vision of the possibilities for service in the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

Our Pittsburgh Missionary Visits Erie

From our good brother, John Solomon, in charge of our Pittsburgh Branch, comes a heartening report of a special visit he made to Erie, Pa. He writes us:—"Last month I received a letter from a dear Christian asking advice how best to win her Jewish neighbors for Christ. I wrote her that there are no two cases alike, and that only the Holy Spirit himself could teach us how to convince a Jew that Jesus is the Messiah and Saviour. I told her also that the best way would be for her to arrange a meeting in her home, and then invite the people, and I would come over for a day and speak to them. Accordingly she made the arrangements, and when I arrived at 2:30 noon Mrs. Blair and I first visited several of the Jewish homes. They were glad to see us. I promised to give an illustrated talk that very evening on the Jewish feast of Chanuka, and all of them promised to come. Believe me, it was a real feast; 14 Jewish women and one business man, Mr. R. were there to listen to the message, which I gave from John 10:22-25. From 8:30 until 12 midnight they kept me busy answering questions. Mr. R. said, 'I like to hear about Christianity.' It was a real shaking among the dry bones. Mr. R. said he comes to Pittsburgh each month and he will look me up."

Following this report from Mr. Solomon came also a beautiful letter from the dear godly woman in Erie whose heart God has so deeply touched with a love for Israel, Mrs. Thelma Blair. From her letter we take a few paragraphs, so that you may share with us, the joy and the thrill of her own experience:—

I am so very happy I can not refrain from writing you.

Mr. Solomon told me some time ago that he would come to Erie to give a lecture on Chanuka. If I would find a place and then invite some Jewish ladies whom I knew. So I began to get busy. I arranged a room in my home as a class room. I purchased a piano and folding

chairs, because I knew I would be using the room for just such a purpose in the future. I made up some invitations in the shape of Stars of David on colored paper and then I prayed and delivered them.

Mr. Solomon arrived Wednesday noon; he came to our home and we had lunch together. We needed some Chanukah candles, and I told Mr. Solomon I would take him to a place where I knew we could get them. We called on the Jewish lady and she was very glad to give me the candles free. Mr. Solomon had a very nice visit with her. I enjoyed myself listening. Then we called on another Jewish lady, one of the sweetest women I have ever met. She was overjoyed to see him and thanked me so much for bringing him to call on her.

The meeting started at 7:45. That is, the ladies began to arrive, but it was some time until they all were here and settled so we could talk. They were so surprised to see what I had planned. I say it took two years of work to get this far. There were fourteen Jewish ladies, one Jewish gentleman, four Jewish boys and six Gentile ladies. I gave a demonstration of my work with the children, "Visual Aid," and told them I would like to start a class for the children. They suggested Friday after school as that is the only day the children do not need to attend Hebrew School. Friday I start the children's class. Then, Mr. Solomon gave his lecture. It was grand, is all I am able to say, for words fail me. The ladies enjoyed themselves so very much. Not a bit of discord. They were all lovely to Mr. Solomon. Then we had Kosher cookies and tea. This was one of the most important times in my life. So much depended on that meeting.

Much prayer went up for it. Josef said he would be on his knees and asked the students at the school all to pray for us Wednesday night. Many others were praying as everyone knew how much it meant to me.

I want to start a ladies' class on Tuesday nights. Of course, if it is the Lord's will. I always remember what the Master said, "I am the vine. Ye are the branches. He that abideth in me shall bring forth much fruit, but apart from me ye can do nothing."

Sunday night I spoke to a group of adults in our Church. Mr. Solomon gave me an outline and I filled in. I spoke on, "What advantage hath the Jew." They all said they enjoyed it very much.

Your Co-Worker in Christ.

Jubilee Year for Mr. Englander

A TRIBUTE OF FELLOWSHIP

A memorable fellowship gathering of Hebrew Christians was held at Beth Sar Shalom on the eve of Thanksgiving Day, November 19th, on which occasion our beloved brother and fellow-worker, Philip Englander,

celebrated the 50th year of his discipleship of the Lord Jesus Christ; a special token of love and appreciation on the part of the brethren and fellow-workers in the Lord was also presented to him. Mr. Englander spoke briefly, and we are glad to give here a short summary of his remarks:—

It is with special joy that I am with you tonight on the eve of the Thanksgiving day this year. This Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the Jubilee year of my service and witness for my Savior the Lord Jesus Christ, and also my entering in of my three score and tenth year—the 70th year of my life. I want to give my testimony to the grace and goodness of my dear Savior through all these years of my life. Before I ever knew Him or ever heard of Him. He had already known me and guided my footsteps so that in due time I should learn of Him and come to know Him and be prepared for His service. And looking back I must confess that goodness and mercy have been following me all the days of my life.

There were many days of sorrow and heartache, many times of discouragement and failure. I often wondered why He, the great and mighty Son of God, should have taken hold of me, such a weak and poor instrument as I was.

Yet the Lord has held me by His hand—and brought me through—praise His holy name!

There were also bitter enemies to contend with—many a time I was in danger of life, especially in the pioneer days of our work—and woe to me had I not had the Strong Deliverer by my side whispering into my ear, "Be not afraid, I am with thee."

My gracious Lord has not only kept me all these years—He has also vouchsafed to me the privilege of seeing fruit of my labors. Many of you here, and others who are not with us here tonight, are the children which the Lord has given me. I thank Him for every one of you, and I also thank the American Board of Missions to the Jews for giving me this opportunity and the possibility to accomplish this by the grace of God.

After a touching hymn of parting, the happy evening, with all of its reminiscences and memories of days gone by, came to a close, and each of the brethren went out, thanking God that there was such a place as Beth Sar Shalom, and that the work of these 47 years has not been in vain, but on the contrary has been bearing an abundant fruitage and harvest.

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1. **HAVE YOU A JEWISH MISSION MITE BOX?** We have them and will gladly send one to you for 5¢. On the dining room table, such a mite-box would be a reminder to each member of the family that God still has Israel in His mind, that the Gospel obligation still is "To the Jew first." Then when the box is full, think of the joy of opening it and sending the contents to your beloved Mission, as a gift "from the family."

2. **"THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE."** This heart-gripping book by Dr. Louis S. Bauman still deserves, in our judgment, first place in the literature now extant concerning Israel and the dark days into which this world of ours has been newly plunged. If ever a book shouted the warning, "Breakers ahead! Take to the life boats!" this is the book. Get it by the dozen, scatter it over the country like the autumn leaves; God will surely bless this testimony and your faithfulness. The price is 35¢ a copy, \$4.00 a dozen, \$30.00 a hundred.

3. **"ARE THE JEWS GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE?"** Somewhat like the he-goat bouncing out from the west and touching not the ground (Dan. 8:5) has come this little book from far distant Africa; only, it is all in reverse. It is not a goat, and it does not come from the west, rather from the East; and it bodes no evil. On the contrary, it is all to the good. For it answers vividly, clearly, and with indisputable finality, the question which the Nazi demon has reared as a specter before the world of today. This book too should be distributed by the thousands, and we are only grieved that our supply is down to a few hundred. They are yours as long as we have them, for 50¢ a piece. As to size, printing and bookbinding, they are really not worth more than 25¢; but there has been the hostage to pay to Caesar, for these books have come from a long, long distant foreign shore; and the shipping companies, and the insurance companies, also have stood at the toll gate. So the best we can do is 50¢.

4. **THE CHOSEN PEOPLE QUESTION BOX.** This was an expensive undertaking, and we had to charge \$2.00 when the book first came out, to enable us to meet the first cost. But now, we are able to cut the price exactly in half, and hereafter it will be \$1.00. So many Book Rooms wrote us begging, "If only you could make the price \$1.00, we could sell so many of them!" And so here it is, and the price is \$1.00.

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Ps. 121:4.



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Salutation

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

Dear beloved friends:—

Heartening and humbling are the letters of approval you keep sending us. How can we thank you enough? "A word spoken in due season, how good is it!" exclaims the wise Solomon in Proverbs 15:23. And our friends prefer to speak the good word to us now rather than to wait until the ears of clay can hear them no more, nor the heart any more quicken its beats to respond to the "God bless you, my brother." And so be it; for what is more fitting than that we should encourage each other as we together walk in the shadow of a rapidly approaching blackness which threatens soon to cover the whole earth?

So, once more a thank you in His Name. And we will lean still harder on the guiding hand of the Holy Spirit, to direct our every thought and word, for His glory, and for the edification of His saints. One brother writes, "Your paper is getting 'gooder and gooder' if that is possible." Another wrote, "The November 'Chosen People' is by far the finest you have ever put out." But we think we ought to say that it is only as He controls our thoughts can we even hope to be of blessing to you; and it is only as you keep praying so faithfully and earnestly that He will grant the answers. Little do people know, generally, what travail of soul goes into the getting out of each issue of this little messenger. But God knows, and we are so joyful that He honors His Word.

And now the year 1942 is upon us. What it holds in prospect, no mortal can fortell. Truly the night is dark, and the night is also far spent. But the promise is, "The morning cometh!" Yes, the glorious morning of a Church caught up to be with her Lord forever. But, read on—"and also the night!" For after the bright morning of the Church's deliverance, there is going to be another night upon this doomed old world of ours, such a night of terror as never mortal saw before! But to us, who are His, there is the assured deliverance, and we walk by faith, and we say in full trust to Him, "One step enough for me."

To the keen watchful mind of the well-taught child of God, is it not becoming more crystal clear that the supreme task of the hour is to turn with a hitherto unknown intensity to the Lord's people, Israel? What else is the meaning of a world gone mad with Jew-hate, but that God is calling to the Church as forcefully as any calling can be done, "Comfort ye my people!" What else is the meaning of ships bringing back to our harbors hosts of our choicest missionaries from all parts of a heathen world now insisting, "Away with your Christ!" Do not these facts of themselves constitute the clarion call to literally bombard a distracted and hysterical Israel with Gospel truth?

And what means the fact that thousands of refugee Jews now in lands of exile, are uprooted from the old moorings, are shaken to their foundations, and, with hearts broken into tenderness, present to us the most fertile ground for Gospel seed that we have had in centuries?

THE BUTLER FORGOT

But we have forgotten! In our misunderstanding of God's program, we have made a program of our own. "The World for Christ!" has been the driving slogan of our "Kingdom" idea. And we have been hypnotized by the dream of world empire, ignoring the well-established Scripture fact that in this age God does not work that way; that it is the Holy Spirit which must do the outcalling, that we are only a feeble few who own His Name, that our incentive for world missions must be, not world conquest, but world testimony! That in that scheme of Gospel program, Israel must ever be held first in the thoughts of that Church. But we have forgotten.

And we think now of another one who forgot, in the long, long ago. He was a butler in the house of Pharaoh, and had been sent to prison for an offense against the king. There he was put in charge of that Godly Israelite, Joseph, who, you remember, had been thrown into prison by the scheming and thwarted lusts of Potiphar's wife. The butler dreamed a dream, and in his great perplexity and even consternation, he turned to Joseph, the man of God, for light and comfort. And Joseph told him:—

"Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place; and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. But think on me when it shall be well with thee and shew kindness. I pray thee, unto me, and make mention to me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews; and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon."—Gen. 40: 13-15.

When it shall be well with thee, show kindness, I pray thee, unto me! These were poor Joseph's parting words to a Gentile butler whom he had befriended. "Bring me out of this house," he begged. But tragic are the words of the holy record:—

"And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: . . . Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him."—Gen. 40:21, 23.

The Butler Forgot! Shakespeare makes King Lear say of his cruel daughter, "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!" And all through human experience, we have learned to place ingratitude at the head of the list of wickednesses. The Scripture does not say what blessings the butler lost because of his ingratitude, but we may be sure he must have paid many times the price for his faithlessness.

The Butler Forgot! Yes, but his forgetting did not thwart God's eternal purposes. God was at the helm, and He had determined that Joseph should be gotten out of the dungeon and be elevated to a position of power and blessing. The butler missed the glory, but God's purposes were accomplished just the same! It was the imperative business of the butler, the *very first* thing after his release from prison to speak a word for Joseph; but he forgot! The Church may also forget to obey God's solemn command, "To the Jew First," but it is she who must suffer for it, and it is she who must lose the blessing. But God's purposes cannot be frustrated—He will find other means of bringing Joseph out of the dungeon!

The Butler Forgot! Do you see one Paul, imprisoned in Rome, awaiting a martyrdom such as we Christians of the modern age of comfort and ease know all too little? What is he saying? "Remember that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh!" Remember, that "He is our peace who hath made

Out of the Mail Bag

As Others See Us

FROM a Canadian friend with whom we are cooperating in reaching every orthodox Jewish home in his city with an assortment of Gospel literature, comes a beautiful letter, and from it we quote a few paragraphs:—

I have a copy of the Chosen People Question Box, which I secured through Miss C. M. M., and I would like to tell you that it is a wonderful and instructive book. I have read it through more than thrice so far, and it has been a wonderful help to me in "Rightly dividing the Word of Truth;" it only proves over and over again, that if we want to be well grounded in the living word of our God and our Father, we must get our instruction from the Jewish standpoint first, and originally. I have surely received a wonderful blessing from this book, for which I thank God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ, and to Him be all the honor and glory.

Also would like to say, in view of the above remarks, that I met two young Mormon preachers one night on my way to our Gospel meeting, and I had a real talk with them, and centered most of the discussion around the Jew and pointed out to these young men that God transmitted His Holy Word through only one Race of people; these young men were completely caught off their guard. I told them that I am taking it for granted they are Bible Students, and I went right to the point every time. I believe they had their eyes opened through the personal testimony, and I do hope God will convict them and remove the blindness from their eyes and hearts. I thought I would like to pass this on, as it is from many of your marvelous tracts, etc., that we have been enlightened ourselves. And may God bless you in your wonderful service for His scattered, persecuted and peeled people.

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Dear Mr. Cohn:

Not very much time nor strength for writing but I feel impelled to tell you how very much I do enjoy "The Chosen People", and especially I marvel at all you do, though I know it is His strength.

If your recent articles on Prophecy are ever printed under separate cover, I would very much like to have a few that friends might be helped through them.

I want to be able to turn my little Annuity back into your work and thought it might be well to have it used in Los Angeles since the Brethren churches have that spot especially upon their hearts. It was wonderful the night Mr. Zimmerman brought several down for baptism. How I praise God for the Jews and how I do love them.

Marvelous indeed are His ways with you and the work there. And I know, even before I pray, that He will continue to richly bless and keep you.—L. E. W.

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Dear Friends:

Attached is personal check for \$—, for God's work among His own people. I heard another name for them recently, it is "God's Peculiar Treasure."

I do not know how I became interested in the Jews, whether it was from something your father wrote, or whether I read it in the Bible first; whichever way it was, the only time I am really glad I have a little to give, is when it goes to that work; and yet the present churches are to be supported. Take the one I attend. The atoning work of Jesus Christ is lightly spoken of, in fact is not necessary, we do not need a redeemer! Yet Jesus Himself, while here, commended the widow for giving to the Temple, and the worship there was not much different from the false teaching we receive now. I wish I could give more gladly to their support. I do not think we will have many more days to wait.—J. A. E.

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(I Cor. 14:8)

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both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us!" Remember, "You are debtors to the Jews. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their (Israel's) spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things." See Romans 15:27.

The Butler Forgot! What was the burden of Paul's life? Listen to words that should chill the very blood in your veins,

"For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ from my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises."—Romans 9: 3-4.

Anathema from Christ? So deeply seared into the heart of this all-out missionary and apostle was this divinely revealed conviction as to the importance to God of Israel's salvation, that he would even have been willing to sacrifice his very eternity, if only it would bring Israel's conversion! *But the Church forgot!*

The Butler Forgot! Yes, brother, the Church has ignored God's program, and set up its own meager substitute. And what is the result? Apostacy! It is tragic to witness the evasions of our Church leaders when it comes to the question of the Jewish Mission. With the liberals, or so-called Modernists, the argument is "Let the Jews alone! They have a good religion of their own!" And every time they mouth these false words, they are confessing to bankruptcy in their own spiritual life, and to treachery to the Gospel which they have ostensibly espoused and from which they are getting their living. And in the same moment they are earning the contempt of the Jews themselves! So, they neither please God, nor do they win respect for themselves!

The Butler Forgot! But God did not forget, and after for two long years He had given the butler the opportunity for what might have been the greatest blessing he ever would have experienced in all of his lifetime, God stepped into the picture and with His own mighty arm of deliverance, He brought Joseph out of the dungeon of despair and suffering, and elevated him to the place of world service, to the place where his far-sighted wisdom enabled him to bring deliverance and life itself to a land facing famine, starvation and death. And so we are going to see the same miracle repeated in the case of the larger Joseph as represented by the Israel of the world dispersion, and exile, and dungeon, and unspeakable suffering. When God in His marvelous patience will finally be satisfied that the Church, the butler who received from Paul, that devout and heroic prisoner in the dungeons of Rome, the words of release, deliverance and salvation, He Himself will once more bare His mighty arm. He will take a little handful of Tribulation Jews and He will do a miracle in and through them. He will elevate them to the place of blessing, and it will be these Tribulation Jews that will go through a world of sin and shame and sorrow, and will make known the unspeakable riches of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ! But alas and alack, the Church will have lost the blessing and the opportunity.

With the orthodox, or conservative, or Fundamental, group, we thank God there is a slow, but sure, dawning of light. Especially is this true where men have humbly and earnestly sought a fresh revelation of God's will for these days. More and more now, both churches, as well as individuals who are determined to be in His will, are obeying literally the order in Missions which God has established once and for all, "To the Jew first!" And in January, more offerings are made for our work than in any other month of the year.

Callous indeed, and hard-hearted, must be the one who, in this night of Israel's horror, can say glibly, "It is no more 'to the Jew first!' That happened a long time ago, but now it is over with. The Jew is no better than any one else!" But such a brother, strangely enough, fails to produce a single

"Thus saith the Lord," to support or fortify his unscriptural *fiat*. And he further reveals his own animus in that he resents the putting of the Jew in any priority position in the cycle of world-wide missions. But if God has done so, why should such a one quarrel with Him? And the further truth, as we have experienced it, is that when a Christian leader does persist in his evasive "there is now no difference between Jew and Gentile" you will find that the Jewish Mission has little, or *no*, place in his own category of Gospel promulgation! So, he contradicts himself, for he *has* made a difference, and he has made it in favor of the Gentiles! Perhaps this may be another reason why God said, "To the Jew first;" that, as Paul put it, the Gentiles might not become "wise in your own conceits!" So, perhaps the Lord established this rule also as a disciplinary measure to Gentile believers. One thing we do know, and that is, if this Mission of yours had not harped persistently and relentlessly upon this fundamental missionary doctrine, the Christian testimony and ministry to God's people Israel would indeed be in a woeful and tragic state in America today! And who is there to say that we have not been brought to the kingdom for just such an hour as this?

SATAN BELIEVES IT

Strangely enough, the men who oppose and try to contradict the once revealed truth and order with regard to Gospel preaching — "To the Jew First" — do not seem to realize that they are lending aid and comfort to the enemy of our souls. For certainly it must be a striking thought, if you have never given the matter attention, that Satan himself really believes in the doctrine of "To the Jew first." Yes, the devil believes this, and together with Hitler, practices it! Only they do this *in reverse*! For has not the Jew been always first in every explosion of world hate? Is it not upon the Jew that the devil has ever concentrated his fiercest fires? When the Pharaohs sought slave labor for the rearing of their pyramids, "To the Jew first" was the passion which possessed their wicked souls. "To the Jew first" likewise possessed the soul and body of such an arch fiend as Haman.

THE WORLD ON FIRE

As we write these lines, the shocking news comes of Japan's treacherous attack on our citizens and ships. And now, at last, we too are in the world holocaust. Our hearts are stirred, and out of the depths we can only cry out, "How long, oh Lord, how long?" And more than ever we need to comfort one another in the Lord; and more than ever must we intensify the Gospel testimony to Israel. In signs, in red lights, in signals so plain that they cannot be missed, God is fairly shouting at us, "To the Jew first!" And in the midst of these last dark hours of the world's Saturday night, we think of that beautiful picture of Malachi 3:16, 17,

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. . . . And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

"They spake often one to another." It is the picture of the walk of children through a dark vale, a black tunnel, and fear of the unknown possesses each of us. It is then we reach for our fellow's hand, and we speak "often one to another" and so we go on the journey reassured and with new boldness.

May it be so even now between our precious family of "Chosen People" readers and ourselves here as your servants. And may this January mark the greatest demonstration of love for Israel your Mission has ever known! This must be the answer of every child of God to the neglect, the indifference, and even the sneer, of the detractors of God's Book and of His people!

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dersonville, she came up, and remained for several weeks after. When I was down in Birmingham the next time, she told me this little story. She said, "You know after the conference closed, I made up my mind that I would spend all the time I could visiting the sanitarium. When I was in the sanitarium, so few people ever came to tell me about Christ." So she went every day from bed to bed, talking to people about the Lord Jesus, giving out gospels and tracts. "One day," she said, "I was coming onto the porch of the sanitarium when I saw a man sitting in a big chair, and there was something so forbidding in his appearance that I hesitated about approaching him. When he turned I saw that he was an aged Jew, and I shrank back. The next moment, the nurse came along and brought his tray. With one look at the tray, he turned to the nurse and scolded her fearfully. She snapped back, 'Well, if you don't like it, you can do without it!' The old man sat there grumbling and growling. Oh, how I would like to speak to him, I thought. I went over and sat down and said, 'Lord Jesus, tell me how to reach that dear old Jew. I would like to tell him of Thee. Tell me something I can do to win him, something to say that won't make him angry at me.'"

She walked over to him and said, "Didn't you like the lunch?" In righteous indignation, he bellowed, "Don't know how to prepare a meal here. They bring me pork chops. I can't get anything decent. I pay good money and get nothing but unclean food!" "I wonder if I could do anything for you. Would you care to have some chicken soup? I have some simmering on the stove in my apartment. I will run back and get it." "Chicken soup? I've been praying for chicken soup!" "To whom were you praying?" "I am a Jew. I have been praying to God." "To what God?" "To our God, the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob."

She brought him the soup, and then said, "Let me talk to you about some-

thing. You were praying to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob for chicken soup, and yet the Lord Jesus Christ told me to offer you some chicken soup. How do you account for that?" "What do you mean?" "You were praying to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and I sat over there and I was praying to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking Him if He would put something in my heart to make you a little more comfortable, and He told me what to do. How do you make this out—that when you pray to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Lord Jesus Christ hears you and tells me the answer?" "I do not understand that at all." That gave her the opening to preach Christ to him, and day after day for three weeks, she went to that dear old man, and told him many things. Finally, one day, he told her he had a surprise for her—a letter from his daughter, to whom he had written about the woman who brought him the chicken soup. "She is coming down from Pennsylvania to see you. My daughter is interested in Jesus Christ, and I want you to tell her about Him. She is coming at 4:00 this afternoon." "I'm sorry I'm leaving tonight." "You're leaving tonight? But where will I get any chicken soup?" "I do not know. I have to go, but I will meet your daughter, and talk with her." She met the daughter at the train, and found that she had read her father's letters with an open mind and heart, which led her to the Saviour. She kept up a correspondence with this girl, and one day she had a letter which said, "My dear Mrs. Wright: You will be delighted to know that, after all these months, the seed you sowed in the heart of my father has borne fruit. He has confessed Jesus Christ openly as his Saviour, and, next Sunday night, we are to be baptized, all because of that chicken soup that Jesus told you to give him."

I must close. I have talked too long, but I won't be bothering you again for a while so you must forgive me.

Our friends for the year 1941 have placed at our disposal more funds than ever before in all our 47 years of labor; and, in order to be good stewards of these funds committed to our trust, we have promptly passed on the money over the seven seas, and to the four corners of the earth. Someone has called attention to the fact that the Lord loves a cheerful giver and he notes that the word cheerful really means hilarious. And so it is that God loves a hilarious giver; well, we have tried to match that giving by a literally hilarious dispatching of the funds to immediate service for the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to bring quick relief into homes of distress and new hope to souls in the slough of despondency. All of which means that our friends have had the most efficient and effective administration of their funds, and we are grateful that God has used us in this way. But it also means that the Treasury starts the new year practically at the bottom of the barrel, and our lines must be laid for the year 1942; we will plan the spending and the activities and the new undertakings upon the sheer basis of what God will indicate that we shall do when He moves upon the hearts of our dear family of friends in their responses to these enlarged opportunities and intensified calls. We thank God that He has given us far horizons and we want to stretch them even farther than ever before, in His good grace and mercy.

Every January we devote these first columns to a fresh presentation of the foundation missionary doctrine of your Mission—"To the Jew first." And every January we announce, "The Lord's treasury is now open to receive the gifts of His people for Israel's salvation." And every January our devoted friends literally pour in their gifts, their prayers, their affectionate loyalty. May it be so once more now in January 1942, for we now make the announcement, "The Lord's Treasury is open!"

We stand astride a world on the brink of destruction. To us come the S. O. S. calls by cable, by letter, by desperate personal appeals, "In God's name, help us!" We are ready to spend a million dollars this year for Israel the wide world over, if God gives it to us to do so; and every dollar will be spent efficiently, effectively, and to the abundant glory of the Christ we serve. Perhaps this is the last January we shall ever have on this earth! Who knows? Perhaps this is the year that shall be crowned with the shout from heaven, "Come up hither!" If so, then, "Come Lord Jesus come!" Amen and Amen.

Ever gratefully yours for Israel's salvation,

Isaiah Cohn

P. S. I have written these notes on December 10th, mostly enroute between Detroit and New York. A week hence, the 17th, will mark the 4th anniversary of the day when my dear father, of blessed memory, placed in our hands the flaming torch he had so bravely carried aloft for over 40 years of missionary heroism, and left his worn-out body for that home eternal where the saints forever rest from their labors. What years these have been, and how he must rejoice as he beholds the marvelous ways in which the pioneer work of his hands has been established, and owned, and blessed of God. May it ever continue to be so until that day dawns when we all shall cast our crowns before the Lord Jesus Christ and join the celestial choir in the sublime hallelujah of Rev. 5:12,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

Incidents in the Work

A Hero Receives his Crown

Leon Awerbuch at Home with his Lord

IT is with deep sorrow and with a sense of personal loss that we record the Home going of our dear brother missionary, Rev. Leon Awerbuch, in London on August 16, 1941. For over twenty years he was the trusted and beloved leader of the Jewish Christian colony in Kishineff, Bessarabia. This was the colony originally established by the sainted and world famed Jewish lawyer, Joseph Rabinowitz. It was this Rabinowitz who had originally gone as a delegate to Palestine, there



Rev. and Mrs. LEON AWERBUCH
Taken in London

to discover a place of refuge for a Jewish colony, which he planned to organize from Kishineff. Upon asking in a bookstore in Kishineff for a dependable guide book to Palestine the New Testament was recommended as being the best of such books. Innocently enough he bought a copy and put it in his baggage for use in Palestine.

In Jerusalem one day he visited the site of Calvary's Hill. There he sat down and opened the New Testament and read the story of the Crucifixion. Immediately his life was transformed, he fell on his knees and then and there gave himself to the Lord Jesus Christ.

"I HAVE FOUND A PLACE!"

He hurried back to Kishineff, and the Jews—expecting to hear a full report of his visit to Palestine and his selection of a tract of land for colonization—gave him a large reception. Imagine their astonishment when he told them: "I have found a place of rest for all of our Jewish people, and that place is in the hollow side of our Messiah who was pierced on Mt. Calvary."

Out of this was born a remarkable Gospel work in Kishineff, which became noted throughout the world. Mr. Rabinowitz established a colony of Christian Jews; churches were built, and missionaries sent out through all parts of Europe. Upon the death of Mr. Rabinowitz it was Mr. Leon Awerbuch—who after a few short-lived interruptions—became the appointed leader, and for twenty years carried on a marvelous ministry among the Jewish Christians.

It was our privilege to fellowship with the Kishineff brethren through most of the twenty years. We purchased for them a plot which was dedicated for a number of uses. Among them was a portion set aside as a cemetery for Jewish Christians, another portion for a children's playground and picnic area, and on still another piece of ground is the tomb stone covering the place where rests the body of their beloved Rabinowitz. We also were able from time to time to send generous gifts to help in the carrying on of the work, until the war made further support impossible.

Shortly before the war began, Mr. Awerbuch was compelled to move to London, where he labored in connection with the Barbican Mission to the Jews. There it was our privilege to have had fellowship with him on numerous occasions. Through him we were able to carry on a ministry of Refugee relief in the London area. He worked unceasingly, day and night, to help his unfortunate Jewish brethren.

shortly before he went up to Mt. Nebo to die, in Deut. 32:18:

Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

He is looking on into the future, and he sees the sins his people will be guilty of, and He is going to deal with them in judgment.

THE SWORD HAS TWO EDGES

Now, will you turn to the little book of Obadiah, the smallest book of the Minor Prophets. In this book God is talking to Edom, or Esau; this was the nation that persecuted the Jew more than the others. See Verse 10. You see what God is saying here: "I will deal with mine own people, but if you manifest a spirit of utter indifference to their suffering, the day will come when I will deal with *you*." And this is just what I find when I look back over the pages of history. Look at Pharaoh. There he lies, dried up in his sarcophagus. He thought he could exterminate the Jews. One thinks of the day Haman thought to destroy Mordecai. Why did Haman's plot fail? Because through the Jew Christ was to come into the world. That was a master effort of Satan to keep the promise from ever being fulfilled, but God over-ruled events for His praise and glory. So it has been down through the centuries, and even today the Jew is being cruelly persecuted. Today there is a haughty man in Europe who declares that the Jew must be exterminated or driven out of Europe. But one day the Jew will still be here, but Hitler will be gone forever.

I want to read another Scripture found in Ezekiel 36:4-5:—

Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about; Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey.

God is speaking here of the attitude of the nations toward Israel. God is

speaking of what we call "anti-Semitism." In other words, every nation that is lined up against Israel, God is going to Judge.

Now, will you turn to Romans 11:1,

I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

In spite of their sin, God has a great number that He has taken out of Israel today who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. But as to the nation as a whole, what is His plan concerning them? Look on further down in the chapter, to verse 11,

I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

Remember what Moses said, "I will move them to jealousy with those which are no people." Deut. 32:21. In other words, the day is coming when God is going to bring Israel back in, and as a nation restore them. The day is coming when this people shall be brought back to the Lord; but in the meantime, God holds every nation responsible as to the way they treat His people, Israel. Many of us, as individuals, have shown such a hard, un-Christlike attitude towards the Jew. In so-called Christian lands, Jews have been persecuted, broken down, and as they walk down the street, Christians have shouted after them, "Christ killer! Christ-killer!"

CHICKEN SOUP HELPS THE GOSPEL

I wish I might acquaint you with a dear lady I knew down in Birmingham some years ago, one who had suffered from tubercular trouble, and had to go away from her home to a sanitarium up in the mountains. After some months, when the doctors could not do much, she finally became reconciled to her condition. As she lay there she began to see how wasted her days had been, and at last she yielded herself to the Lord, and said, "If it pleaseth Him to raise me up and give me back my life and strength, I will be through with the world and will give myself to His work." The Lord wonderfully restored her and one summer when there was a conference at Hen-

God's Answer to Jew Haters

(An address given by Dr. Harry Ironside at the Buffalo Conference of the Board of Missions to the Jews, on Wednesday, October 15th, 1941.
Condensed, drastically, and more's the pity!)

PART II—(Conclusion)



Dr. H. A. Ironside

You will say, "But after all, has not God given the Jew his chance, and has not the Jew spurned it?" Look at Jer. 31:35, "When the sun is blotted out of the heavens, if the moon and stars cease to shine, then I will disown the people of Israel!" But as long as orbits continue in their places, God will acknowledge this people as His own. And now, verse 36. Inasmuch as these conditions have never been met, the people Israel remain before Him, and some day are going to be brought into fulness of blessing.

Turn back to Deuteronomy 7. Many people say, "Well, if God wanted to choose a people, why on earth did he choose the Jew?" The implication is—"Why did He not choose a people like us? We're so much nicer." Why did He choose the Jew? And here the implication is that the Jew is just about the limit. But you know what the Book says, "There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek." Well, you say, there are certain characteristics about the Jew that one dislikes, but I think it would help you if you could find out what the Jew thinks about you.

Not long ago I was called to Dallas, Texas, to preach at the funeral of my eldest son, who had started a training school for negroes, and I said to the pastor, "Now, listen, we must have the negroes there. I know how it is in the south. Negroes do not gather in the same church, but we must have the Negroes. After my son has given his life for their salvation, we could not have a service without their presence, and if we can't have them there, we will have two funerals, one for the white folks, and one for the negroes, but I am going to have the Negroes."

He said that would be all right. It would be a new thing, but we would do it. When I got there that day, there were 100 Negroes and 200 Whites in the house. One of the negroes said to me, "You know, I never could stand white folks. I never could believe a white man was sincere, but I met so many white preachers who knew the Word and how to present it that I finally came down to your son's school, and Doctor, I came to believe that your son was the blackest white man I ever saw in all my life." That was the biggest thing he could say.

THE COMPLIMENT IS RETURNED

There are some people who are bitterly prejudiced toward the Jews who, if they only knew it, are looked at by the Jews in the same manner. We are all alike when it comes right down to it. There are mean Gentiles and mean Jews; there are grasping Gentiles and grasping Jews; there are Gentiles that would cheat you out of your eye teeth, and there are Jews that would cheat you out of your eye teeth. There are Jews and there are Gentiles who would lay down their very lives for those whom they have learned to love. The men of God in the Bible were almost all Jews. Why did God choose the Jew? Were they so much better than others, and if so, what happened to them since? Read Deuteronomy 7:6:

For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

I do not know how many times I have heard the statement, "God has never said the Jews were His chosen people." Never said so? "*The Lord chose you because He loved you.*" God loves to take up great sinners and make of them great saints. Listen to Moses speaking to these people just

ren. But at the same time the burden of Kishineff pressed heavily upon him. The good woman, who was his helpmeet through the years, Mrs. Marie Awerbuch, worked valiantly with him side by side, herself broken in body and spirit but never a word of complaint, only cheer and encouragement.

From Mrs. Awerbuch we have received the report of Mr. Awerbuch's Home going, and we print the letter hereunder.

Dear Brother in Christ:

The moment I was afraid has come. My dear, dear friend, my all I had on this earth is now with the Lord. He will suffer no more, and no calumny or calamity will hurt him anymore. I cannot tell you how I feel, just pray for me please. He was only fifty six years old, but the doctor said that he is worn out. Certainly not by years. Three days after his birthday, when he was in bed I noticed that his face was changed; he could not talk well, and that was the other stroke. He was conscious to the end. The next afternoon he asked me for a piece of paper as he wanted to write something. It was very difficult for me to decipher his writing, but I managed it. It was in Hebrew: "The Lord Jesus Christ is Victory." When I read it to him he said, "Yes, that is for you and for me." That small piece of paper is such a treasure to me.

The next night he became very restless and at three o'clock in the morning he asked for a friend with whom he used to have fellowship. We phoned this brother and he came. My husband could talk fairly clear and said, "I have taught others to be ready to stand before the Lord; I myself am ready, my place is prepared for me in heaven, but feel so sorry for my dearest friend, my wife." Then he cried. In my heart is such a big unanswered Why? Why is that the Lord's way?

He was ill six months and oh, how patient he was—always thinking of others. Everybody who came to visit us could feel the presence of the Lord. One day we read our Scripture portion. It was the verse: "Make haste my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices." He said: "I can smell heavenly savour. How I love the Book of Solomon. It seems to me as if I am sitting with my Saviour under a tree, having conversation with Him, otherwise it would be impossible for me to bear all I have been through." My joy, my pleasure, was to help my husband, and when I saw he was content and pleased with it, that was my best reward.

May the Lord reward you for all your Christian kindness.

With Sincere Christian greetings,

Marie Awerbuch.

Since receiving this letter from Mrs. Awerbuch it has been in our mind to

help her. We are considering whether to appoint her to London, to work among the Refugees, or to bring her to America where she will be able to help in our Refugee work in Brooklyn. Whichever the case, please pray that God will guide us in placing Mrs. Awerbuch where she can serve her Lord and be happy.

A Thank You Note You Will Enjoy Reading

From one of our refugees has come again a beautiful note of appreciation of what the Mission has meant to her. She is the one who, you will remember, upon the occasion of her baptism last year, told, with joy illuminating her whole face, that the experience of her baptism, "was just like a wedding." And recently she received word that her aged father nearly eighty years old was suffering unspeakable tortures in Vienna, and so she has been moving heaven and earth to get him over here. To us she came for an Affidavit of Support, a document highly prized and sorely needed. Some faithful friends of ours on the Pacific Coast sent such an affidavit to us and we gave it to Mrs. Hirsch immediately. Next day came this letter from her:—

Dear Doctor Cohn,

If I had to enumerate, how many good deeds you have done to us day by day, no paper would suffice; my heart is full of gratefulness to you. Again today I have to thank you so much for the affidavit, all those financial things I have lost, really were nothing in comparison with the precious jewel I have found in my own heart, the true belief in our Saviour and Messiah, who has saved me from so many dangers and again and again wonderfully answers my prayers. I really with all my heart trust and believe in Jesus Christ who is present and near, whenever I pray to him.

I praise God and I am so thankful to you because you are really God's helper on earth.

Thankfully yours,

SOPHIE HIRSCH.

In Due Season We Shall Reap

By MISS DOROTHY ROSE

Monday afternoon is Mother's Day in the Coney Island Mission. All of us look forward to the afternoon together and one by one the women are bringing in new members. The first hour is spent in sewing, but in the informal conversation Miss Sussdorff and I find many opportunities to speak a word of encouragement or make plain some question about the Bible that perplexes. At three o'clock our song service begins, and songs with a clear gospel message are used. More and more the mothers are learning the power in prayer, and week after week they bring their requests to the class. The answers to prayer have encouraged them and some have learned the lesson of daily casting their care on Him. Over a long period of time a solid foundation has been laid teaching the fundamental Bible truths of men's sin, his need of atonement, the prophecies concerning the Messiah, and God's revelation of Himself to the people of Israel throughout their history. The last term we studied the book of Matthew and saw how God fulfilled His promises. Each mother was glad to receive a gospel of Matthew with lovely Jewish pictures in it that made it very attractive. The response to the Bible study has been very satisfactory and a good number are reading their Bibles at home. The daughter of one of the mothers is in my Thursday Intermediate class. One day after the regular meeting she told me that she believed in Jesus and then added, "My mother does too." This same mother took a New Testament to her sister-in-law who read it and found it very interesting. Before long she too was a regular member of the Mothers' class.

Monday evening I go back to the Headquarters Building for T. A. O. Girls. Some one reminded me that Taoism is a heathen religion, and questioned the use of the name; but no one needs to worry. T. A. O. stands for Trust and Obey, a name we have come to love. Over half of the girls have been coming to the Mission for a long time and a number are sincere believers. Their chief need is to grow strong in the Lord and the only way to be happy in Jesus is to Trust and Obey.

"FOR MY TRANSGRESSIONS"

There was one girl especially that God laid upon my heart. Ruth is a high school graduate about 20 years old. She has come to the Mission a number of years, but she did not seem to accept the truth at all. In fact she made it a point to distract the attention of the other girls. She is an intelligent, refined girl but would do such childish things. She would sing the songs with us but some nights would deliberately sing one or two words behind the others. I prayed earnestly that God would lay hold of her, but some nights it seemed hopeless. It was in April that she gave the first indication that the truth was dawning on her. In a discussion following the lesson she said, "Our date system of B.C. and A.D. is evidence that Jesus must be the Messiah." Then one night in May our lesson was on Peter's confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." That night questions just popped out of Ruth. Even the girls in the class recognized a change and commented that Ruth was getting interested. For our memory work we were memorizing Isa. 53:1-6. Ruth hadn't even tried hard, and the last meeting for the summer arrived. I told the girls I would give them until the end of the week to memorize the verses and to qualify for a scripture plaque reward that I was giving. That night the question of personally accepting Christ was pressed home. Ruth acknowledged that she was thinking of it and was more than half way persuaded; but she would not accept Christ that night. When she left I said, "Ruth, don't procrastinate. I will be praying for you." On Friday of that week I was shopping for the Mission. When I returned I learned that Ruth had been there to see me. Not long afterward she came again and told me she had memorized Isa. 53:1-6 and wanted to say them. My heart leaped for joy. I listened to her say the verses and then she said, "Let me say them again. I love to do it." I said, "Say it again and put the personal pronoun in place of 'our'." He was wounded for my transgressions." But she didn't want to do it. I told her, "I am not trying to get you to say something you do not believe, but just say 'my' and see how it sounds and perhaps your heart will respond and you

Jewish Notes

THE second question is, Why did Hitler make merciless torture, persecution and destruction of the Jews central to his Nazi programme?

The first reason is that, in order to inflame passion for his leadership in putting a humiliated and bankrupt Germany on its feet, Hitler had to have a scapegoat. The Jew was cursed as a Communist in order to inflame the bourgeois and the capitalist against him. Simultaneously the Jew was lampooned as the international capitalist financier, the enemy of the worker, in order to rouse the frenzy of labour against him. Yet the fact is that there was not a single Jew on the Board of Directors of the two governing financial German institutions, and that the colossal post-war capitalists were purely Aryan—Krupp, Hugo Sturmer and Otto Wolff.

Hitler's most poisonous venom has always been vented on the German Government that ruled between the end of the Great War and the Nazi Revolution, and he blames the Jew for its rottenness. The fact is that the government in that period had nineteen Cabinets with a total of two hundred and fifty ministers; and that in all these there were only five men with any Jewish blood and their total tenure of office was less than three years. The Reichstag in the year before Hitler made his revolution had two Jews among six hundred and eight "Aryan" members.

Hitler had constantly called the German Jews traitors in the last war. That fact is that 96,000 Jews, out of a total population of 555,000, served in the German army, and that of these 12,000 died in battle and 55,000 received military decorations.

Hitler has one sound reason for hating the Jews; but this he never mentions. The reason is that the Aryan creed is a distorted and malign copy of the Jewish doctrine of the "Chosen Race". That doctrine has been the core of steel that has kept the Jewish people alive through thousands of years of persecution. Hitler in his doctrine of the glorious German people predestined to world domination was bound to fight the Jews.—BASIL MATHEWS in *We Fight for the Future*.

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Apropos of the above quotation from Basil Mathews, we wonder if there is not another thought that may have a bearing on the problem:—If these are the last days and if on that account Satan is exceptionally busy because he knows his time is short, is it not a part of his program for these end-times to accomplish the complete deception of the world's nations by way of counterfeiting God's revelation to mankind? In other words, there is to be the Anti-christ who would set himself up to be God, there will be the false prophet, who will simulate all the functions of the true prophet, a sort of counterfeit Holy Spirit, directing his dupes to worship the false God, the anti-christ; there will be also the counterfeit sacrifice in the temple, such as was the other counterfeit of which history tells us when Antiochus Epiphanes blasphemed and desecrated the holy temple by sacrificing a sow. And now in line with this, here we have the development of the Nazi blasphemy. This has recently been exposed not only by the President of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt, but also by the leading newspapers of America. It consists of the openly and brazenly declared intention of the Nazis to establish a new religion in the world after they have supposedly conquered it. This new religion is to have Hitler, Thor and Wodin as the triune godhead. Soldiers of the poor Nazi boys who now die deaths of horror have engraved upon their tombstones, if there is time for such a decency as a tombstone, the words "He died in the faith of Hitler!" Then there is to be a Cross, but this Cross is to be, if you please, that symbol for which the world has now learned to have its full contempt, the swastika. Then there is to be a Bible, and it is none other than Hitler's disgusting spawn of a demon possessed brain, the book known as *Mein Kampf*! And then to make the counterfeit complete, they are going to have a chosen people! And of course this people is none other than the Aryan race in whose veins there flows blood of such superior chemical compound that it establishes the "aryan" race as the supreme vehicle in the world for world government. Can demons go farther than this?—J. H. C.

Questions and Answers

Question 1. *Peter and his fellow apostles were to disciple all nations and yet about 7 years later Peter declared it was unlawful for a Jew to come to a Gentile. Acts 10:28. Then how strange that Peter and his fellow apostles agreed that they would go to the Jews and let Paul take the responsibility for the evangelization of the Gentiles. Gal. 2:9. Can you reconcile this agreement with the so-called "great commission"*

Question 2. *In the light of Luke 18: 31-24, do you believe the twelve apostles preached the same Gospel in Luke 9:6, which the apostle Paul declared in 1 Cor. 15:1-4?*

Question 3. *What do you believe the word of God means in 11 Timothy 2:15, "rightly dividing the word of truth?"*

—M. A. B.

Answer 1. The second half of the verse you quote, Acts 10:28 seems to us a sufficient answer to your question, for it reads, "But God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean!" This chapter gives us indeed the story of how the door was opened by God for the Gentiles to receive the Gospel. For nearly 15 years, prior to the conversion of Cornelius, the Gospel had been moving entirely among Jews, and it was the grounding of the early Gospel testimony on these Jewish foundations that gave such malicious impetus to the later promulgation of the Gospel throughout the Gentile world. We dare even say that it was the momentum engendered in those first fifteen years of Jewish Christian apostolic proclamation of the Gospel that gave the Gospel such a far-flung reach for these last 1900 years. It was only after the decadence of Jewish Christian influences in the early church, when the Gentile membership became dominant in the affairs of the Christian Church, that we have the pitiful story of the Dark Ages growing out of the rise of the Romish dynasty. Of course, it is also true that those Jewish fishermen and peasants of Galilee were extremely race conscious, and you remember what a powerful vision it had to take to wake up Peter to the realization that the Lord Jesus Christ meant ex-

actly what He said in Matt. 28:19, "Go therefore and disciple all nations."

Answer 2. In essence, yes. The second verse tells us that our Lord sent the 12 "to preach the Kingdom of God." That Kingdom is still the unfulfilled promise made under oath by God, but it is to be fulfilled in His own time and manner. In the larger sense therefore, while we are preaching the Gospel of the grace of God through the Lord Jesus Christ, this also has for its ultimate goal in God's purpose, the establishment of God's kingdom. Only of course the commission of Luke 9:6 has in view the Jewish nation as such, and practically offers them the Jewish Kingdom, the Davidic throne, right then and there, if they will accept the Lord Jesus Christ as the legitimate occupant of that Throne. The Lord Jesus Christ had not yet been crucified, there had been no atoning sacrifice made, so of course these 12 could not have preached Calvary's Cross. But this is rather immaterial, because if they had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ the same ultimate goal would have been accomplished. But of course we are dealing here with a rather dangerous academic speculation. The truth is that He was the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world. In other words, there are no after thoughts with God, and long before the human race set foot upon this earth, the Cross was an accomplished fact in heaven. You may call this fatalism, or some may call it Calvinism, but we are here face to face with God's foreknowledge, and when we have said this there is nothing more to do.

Answer 3. To our mind this injunction has always meant just what it says: the true interpreter of God's Word will not confuse God's program for the Jews, His program for the Church, His program for the Gentiles who reject Him ultimately. 1st Cor. 10:32, we think, throws a little light on this question, for here the Holy Spirit does classify the great divisions of the race of mankind with whom God is dealing, for we read here, "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Church of God."

will really believe it. Ruth had on a new diamond ring—the symbol of her engagement. She turned to me and said, "Miss Rose, that is just what my friend said to me when he asked me if I loved him. I wasn't sure, and I couldn't say it. He told me, 'Just say, I love you, and your heart will tell you if it is true and I will know if you mean it.'" That was God's opening. I said, "Ruth, Christ loved you and is eager to have you answer 'I love you' and accept Him as your Saviour. Just say, He was wounded for my transgressions, and your heart will tell you if it is true and Christ will know if you mean it." Right then and there she repeated the verses and accepted Christ as Saviour. The experience was like a tonic to my soul and compensated for the many times when the work seemed fruitless and I was a bit discouraged. Ruth went with us to camp this summer and one night in devotions she prayed aloud for the first time. She confessed in her prayer that she believes and asked God to keep her in the Way for years to come. Pray that God will hold her fast and that she will be true to Him.

Wednesday is Red Letter Day—or Mother's Day, at the Mission. This is the class Miss Sussdorff and I love so much and for which we work together. Over seventy-five are enrolled and our weekly average attendance is between forty-two and forty-five women. Our class is supposed to begin at 1:45 P. M. but many times before we have had time for lunch the mothers begin to come. The Mission to them is a place of fellowship and quietness. One day the women were discussing a woman who comes in spite of opposition and trouble at home. One mother spoke up and said, "She probably comes for the same reason I do. I find comfort and peace at the Mission."

The mothers bring their little ones with them and they are cared for in another room while the women for a time can lay aside their burdens and have friendly fellowship around the sewing tables. At 2:45 P. M. we all go down to the auditorium for our worship service. A number of mothers who do not come for the sewing do come in time for the Bible lesson. We sing our songs both in Yiddish and English and the older women especially love the Jewish songs they

learned in the early days of the Mothers' class. In the Bible lessons we have taken up a large variety of subjects but as an under-current in them all, you will find the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah and their fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

BUNDLES FOR BABIES

In connection with this class, I want to tell you about our Treasure Chest. In it are lots of lovely little baby things. We have many lovely little ones in our Mothers' class and new ones continue to make their appearance. When a new little one arrives we go to our Treasure Chest and make up a package of all the things we have on hand. What a blessing that bundle is in many homes where the baby arrives with little or nothing for it to wear. I look forward to unpacking the bundles of baby things that are sent in by different missionary groups. At present we have a need for baby dresses and slips. We like to include one or two of them with the flannel nighties that they use every day.

Then too we have a room that we refer to as the Old Clothes Room. Its contents are amazing at times. One box comes with things in it dating from the gay nineties but the next will have used clothing all clean and mended and ready to use. Then once in a while we get new things and so there is always suspense as we open these contributions. The room has proved a blessing to many. One mother just a short time ago came and told me of her little girl who had been in the hospital for nearly two months. The social service planned to send her to a convalescent home but on a home relief budget she could not get the required clothing. I didn't think we had a thing to fit but a new box answered her problems. A coat from a snow suit, a new dress and an unbleached muslin nightgown made her very happy.

By many ways and means we try to show the love of God as we present to these Jewish men and women, boys and girls the way of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. The responsibility for giving God's Word faithfully rests upon us with increasing weight and we want to depend