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**"He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."**

Ps. 121:4.



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## Salutation

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

*Dearly beloved friends:—*

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!" Psalms 107:2. Overwhelming and heartening beyond expression were the speedy and spontaneous responses flooding in upon us after the Midsummer Letter had reached the hands of our faithful friends. We were both humbled and encouraged, and we still continue to give thanks to our Lord for this privilege of fellowship and service, the privilege of helping many a pilgrim who is seeking so earnestly to stay on the road to the heavenly Jerusalem, and to turn neither to the right nor to the left. So many of the letters were just pouring over with words of thanks that the Lord had given us courage to refute boldly some of the errors that now seem to be rampant more than ever before in the history of modern times. We wish we had the space and a little less modesty, to print here at least a few excerpts from the letters that have come. But the Lord knows about them, and we for our part are thrown back upon His resources, that He may ever keep us faithfully plodding along the lines He has set out for us. If He has called us to shepherd so many of His dear ones who have turned to us in these darkening hours of a closing and hectic age, for help, for illumination, for comfort, and for a right dividing of His Word, we count it a privilege. It seems passing strange that, having begun only as a witness to Israel concerning her long-looked for Messiah, we are finding ourselves farther and farther out in the depths of witnessing also to those who from among the Gentiles have been brought into the great fold and to the loving care of the great Shepherd. Why this should be, we do not know, but as long as He gives us the strength, wisdom, and vision we shall do our utmost to discharge the opportunities spread before us.

### THE CONFUSION CONCERNING OUR LORD'S BLOOD

Perhaps the most striking part of our Midsummer Letter had to do with our dear friend and brother, Dr. M. R. DeHaan, of Detroit, and with his tragic errors concerning the blood lineage of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many of our readers have told us that they are earnestly praying that this brother will soon see the error of his strange ideas, and of their far reaching consequences for evil; and we know that if he once understands the mistakes he has made, he will immediately retract everything and once more be in the Lord's perfect will.

Perhaps the confusion with regard to this blood delusion can be resolved, if we get to the foundation fallacy on which Dr. DeHaan seems to base his ideas. The fallacy lies in the first premise, which may be fairly stated, we think, as being the unscriptural idea that the human blood has in it something impure or sinful and that the penchant for doing evil stems from "polluted" blood.

Now as a matter of fact, *no change whatever, either biological or chemical, took place in the blood which flowed in the veins of Adam and Eve, on the day when they sinned by disobeying God's Word!* There is not a syllable in all the Word of God from which there can be drawn the slightest inference that in the blood of the human being there is pollution, or sin, or the bent for evil! It is the failure

to recognize this basic truth, or the willful denial of this truth, that has made possible the absurd fantasies of these recent erroneous teachings. We had to rub our eyes, for instance, when we read that the reason God used animal sacrifices and did not use human blood was because animal blood was unpolluted and pure, while the human blood was sinful! It does not take much scholarship to know that the use of human blood was a vile practice among the heathen in Bible times. The Lord was compelled to drive these heathen nations out of Palestine because of this brutal practice in the orgies of the worship of Moloch and Ashteroth. And because those savages did such revolting things, the Lord admonished Israel against them; for only He has the power over human life.

More startling still was the grotesque assertion by Dr. De Haan that when God breathed into Adam the breath of life, He breathed *His blood* into Adam's veins! And never a word of Scripture to prove so preposterous a declaration! Of course, there is none.

#### THE HEART IS ENMITY AGAINST GOD

Of what then does human perversity consist? Let us repeat, certainly not in the blood. What then makes the human race a fallen race, and in what does that fall consist? Once more the Scriptures are clear as crystal, and one does not need to search far for the answer. The truth lies on the surface as you go through your Bible; it takes no abstruse theologian to bring it out from any hiding. The sin of Adam consisted of pitting his will against God's will! Certainly there was nothing in Adam's blood that was polluted so that it would make him sin; and in our veins today there flows the same blood that flowed in the veins of Adam, still unpolluted, still of the essence of the blood with which God originally created Adam. But as we read the story of the serpent talking to Eve, what do we find? The question that the wily old Satan asked of Eve was, "Hath God said?" And from that time forward it was the open rebellion of the human will against God that brought into the world its mischief. When David sinned, it was not anything in his blood that caused the sin. It was in the lust of the eye, it was in the will power and the conscience of the man. And when the Lord Jesus Christ spoke to the Jews in the streets of Jerusalem, He had not a word to say about blood pollution; but the accusation was, "And ye will not come to me that ye might have life." John 5:40. Again the seat of the opposition was in the will, not in the blood. You have it in the Book of Acts, when Peter preached the sermon on the day of Pentecost. He had probed deep into their consciences, he had hit upon the foul cancer of their disobedience to God's command, until we read:

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren what shall we do?" Acts 2:37.

"They were pricked in their heart!" Once more we have the will power established as the seat of opposition toward God's will. All through the Scripture the heart is used as the symbol of our conscience or of our will power. The Psalmist tells us, "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God." Paul tells us that "if thou shalt . . . believe in thine heart that God hath raised him (the Lord Jesus) from the dead thou shalt be saved." Nothing here is said about "blood pollution." It is the conscience, the heart, the will power. And so with the fall of Adam, the human race suffered a moral collapse which had nothing to do with the blood.

#### MAY WE CLOSE THE INCIDENT?

Now, is it too much to hope that this explanation will settle the matter and close the issue so far as we are concerned? It seems a pity that we have to take time and space to refute such simple errors, and it seems a still greater pity that Bible teachers of standing should be misled in such strange ways. No matter what may be claimed by way of any revelation or vision from God, we must always remember that God must not ever be given credit for "visions" or "revelations" that are contradictory to His own once-for-all revealed Word of truth. The Book must always remain the last and final measuring stick for any "new" revelations. The test is found in Isaiah 8:20, "To the law and to the tes-

becoming more evident with each passing day. Should not your Jewish Mission be in a position by virtue of a nationally strategic location, to be able to grapple with the problem in all of its fury and subtlety?

#### HIS IS THE SILVER AND THE GOLD

Yes, it will take a lot of money, perhaps as much as \$250,000. But we have long ago learned that when God is in any of our undertakings, He will see it through no matter what the money cost may be. There is still a faithful remnant in the Church, and these true servants of the Lord Jesus Christ know that as the closing hours of this age come ever and ever more swiftly to their climax, the more important will it be that our money shall be thrown with utter abandon into the heat of the furnace as the final measure of the world's iniquity comes to its head. So what better investment will there be for the Lord's money in these last days than that we shall intensify the testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ to Israel? We have been a means of blessing to many thousands of believers, and as you rally about us the closer because of the coming danger may it not be that the Lord will use us for more effective blessing and inspiration than ever before?

On these principal avenues that we have mentioned, hundreds of thousands of world Jews tramp almost twenty-four hours a day. The traffic is there, the hearts are heavy, the eyes are sunken in grief, the body is racked with pain; think how the Lord could use our show windows on Fifth Avenue to bring comfort and the rays of the Messianic message to thousands of the Jews in New York, Jews who may be for the moment in a temporary wave of economic prosperity, but who behind all the screen of affected self-satisfaction have a void and a desolation within. And we must reach out to these people. Who knows what golden harvest awaits us in this hour of world disintegration?

This would not mean that we would abandon 27 Throop Avenue. Too many precious memories linger in our hearts, to allow us to do that. But it would mean that while we would maintain the Mission testimony here, we would also move across the river and establish what might well be the most important Jewish Mission Station in all the world in the strategic days ahead.

What say you? Shall we establish a new fund, and call it the Jubilee Fund? Shall we call the proposed building in New York, if and when the Lord should give it to us, the Leopold Cohn Memorial Building? Would you feel free to rally about us in this new forward step for the year 1944? Would you undertake this new privilege over and above what you have been giving to the Mission and its regular work, so that none of our present funds shall be made to suffer because of the new enterprise? Do you feel with us, that since the Lord has given us the vision, the message and the judgment, and the respect of many thousands of Jews, that we ought to take full advantage of the times and opportunities, and press on with our message? Upon your response will rest our decision as to the next step. All that I have written will have to be considered most carefully and prayerfully by our Board of Directors, who at this moment, have not had this matter brought before them. I am only putting out the fleece! If we should receive as little as \$100,000 extra over the next eight or ten months, to be used specifically for this new undertaking, we would take that as God's orders to us, "Go forward!" We turn this matter over now to your hands, to your hearts, and to your prayer lists: we have no arrogant pre-conceived will of our own. We simply pass it on to you as it has come to us, and we feel perhaps we ought to say that we believe the whole thought has come to us as from the Lord Himself. We shall wait with eager interest your thought and response in the matter. Any gifts for this purpose must be plainly stipulated "For the Jubilee Fund," so that in the event it should not be successfully consummated we will be able to identify your gifts and refund them to you. Better send no money, but just tell us what you will plan to do in the event of our going on with the undertaking.

#### WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

And now a word as to the time clock in the prophetic kaleidoscope of the moment. Our friends eagerly look to us for some little word of encouragement



and some little clue that will help them to understand better what God is doing in the world today. So little space remains to us now that we cannot say much; nor indeed would we desire to say much, because no man living knows what tomorrow may bring forth. We have been saddened to notice with what cocksureness some Bible teachers preach and write, and we have lived to feel sorry for some of the things that these too sure brethren have written in days gone by. We would far rather be on the safe side than to make bold speculations not warranted by clear cut Scriptural teaching. A few prophetic indexes we do believe are worth looking at for a moment—First of all we would strongly suggest that watchful eyes be kept on the silent man of Moscow, Joseph Stalin. It was at the risk of being charged with disloyalty that we sometime ago cautioned our readers not to be too optimistic about Russia being our ally. It was not pleasant to be rebuked for so frank and realistic a view of the facts. Nor was it encouraging to read certain Bible teachers who had suddenly changed fronts and were actually writing about "our heroic allies, the Russians!" And yet we know, and every Bible student certainly ought to know, that God's eternal and inescapable pronouncement is "Behold I am against thee, O God!"

We wonder seriously whether we are not approaching the era fore-shadowed in Joel 3:9-14.—

"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye nations, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the nations roundabout. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near the valley of decision."

If this be so, then the 16th verse of the same chapter is of terrifying and heart-rejoicing significance; terrifying to the world of Gentiles, but heart-rejoicing to the Church of Christ. For the verse reads, "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem . . . the Lord will be the hope of his people and the strength of the children of Israel." Also, if this be so, it may well be the preparation for the on-coming collapse of all nations, which will take place after the Church has been taken out to be with her Lord. The pronouncement is certainly clear enough in Rev. 6:4, where we are instructed concerning the functions of the rider of the red horse: "Power was given to him . . . to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another."

#### "DESOLATIONS ARE DETERMINED"

It certainly looks to every reasonable mind that peace is rapidly disappearing from the earth. Our own statesmen are beginning to confess that the United States probably faces an era of wars, with the possible allowance for an occasional truce. The man to watch is Stalin. Another one to watch is the Pope. First a word about Stalin:—just in the moment when the allied powers had dreamed vain dreams that Russia was an ally and a friend, and was united with us in our vision for world peace, comes an explosion which has shaken the world. The explosion is a sort of climax to the steady refusal on the part of Stalin to meet with the other heads of the nations in mutual conferences. Casa Blanca found the Russian chair vacant, Quebec has witnessed the Russian chair vacant; not only did the silent man of Moscow absent himself from the conference of Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt, MacKenzie King, T. V. Soong, Cordell Hull and the other plenipotentiaries, but he did not even do the gentlemen the honor of sending someone to represent Russia. While these bewildered figures were still cogitating and puzzling and speculating as to what could be the meaning of all this, a thunderbolt was unleashed by the announcement that Stalin had recalled Maxim Litvinoff as his ambassador to the United States and had likewise recalled the Russian ambassador to Great Britain. It has been shrewdly suggested by some of our top

leaders here in America that this latest action by Stalin is simply the most recent demonstration that Stalin is cutting himself loose from Roosevelt and Churchill as to both war and peace policy.

It seems more and more probable that Russia will emerge from this war the strongest power in Europe and Asia. How Stalin will use that power, that is the question which is literally terrifying the minds of the world's leading statesmen. God has the answer, plainly written in His revealed Word, but these statesmen are too smart, and they know too much, to be so "childish" as to consult what God has to say!

A word about the political intrigues of the Romish Church. It has never been made clear why our President should have sent an ambassador or representative to the Vatican at Rome. Every time accusations are made that Rome is seeking world power and is dabbling in the affairs of world nations, out come the arrogant and strident voices of Rome, deliberately lying to the people of the earth by repeating over and over again the canard that the Romish Church claims jurisdiction only in spiritual things, not temporal. And while they are making these false claims with their mouths, the political machinery of the Romish Church, the most brutal and relentless organization that ever the world saw, sweeps right on in a determination to dominate world politics. The latest pronouncement was in the newspapers only two or three days ago that the Romish Church is demanding that the Pope shall be given a seat at the Peace Table! Keep your eye on Rome, for she is the harlot that sits upon the seven hills, singing to the world her siren song, "I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow." Rev. 18:7. Somehow in the kaleidoscopic machinations of world history, Rome seems to be always in at the kill, and somehow comes out with the booty in her jaws. But, of this harlot, God tells us, "Her sins have reached up to heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities . . . she shall be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her." So we see the mystery of iniquity coming to its full. It is enough indeed to strike terror to men's hearts. How we need to flee in safety to Him who alone will be our shelter in the dread hour speeding with the swiftness of a cyclone upon this earth of ours!

#### THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND

One turns from all of these dreadful scenes to our own American drama, thinking and hoping against hope that somehow our shepherds, our leaders, our pastors, will see the handwriting on the wall, and will shout the warnings from the housetops, "Repent!" But no, our own preachers, far too many of them, are adrift upon the sea of "world betterment," lost in the chimera of a "new world" that is to come up out of the present world war! Some of these befuddled minds consider this only another notable struggle in the history of the emancipation of the race! The other Sunday, Rev. Harold A. Cockburn, liaison officer between the Government of Great Britain and the Protestant Church of America, preached at the First Presbyterian Church of New York City. The poor man, like a horse in the harness pulling the plow, just went along in the same old rut of philosophical dreams, and presented to an audience which the *New York Times* reported as having filled the historic church, and as having been composed of some of the ablest minds of our city, the old exploded dreams, the old hackneyed phrases, the old twaddle, that "we are building a new and better world," that Great Britain and America must stand together after the war, etc., etc. One paragraph perhaps gives in the most condensed form that we have seen in recent days, the gist of this world philosophy; and we quote it verbatim:—

"The mark which we must seek is the bringing in of Christ's Kingdom on the earth, the making of a Christian world, the building of a new and happier life on the foundations of the brotherhood of man."

Poor deluded man! This is the sort of husks that the Lord's people are being fed when their every nerve fibre is crying out to God for bread, for food,

and for a fearless and honest interpretation of God's will for each one of us. What a tragedy!

But, enough of all this; there is a brighter side, and that is the sure promise of our Lord, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28. From all of this morass of world disaster, from all the blackness of midnight defiance against God, there is to come first of all the sure fulfillment of the promise that we who are His shall be caught up to be with Him in the air; and then there is to come redemption and restoration for God's beloved people, Israel. The true Church in the present hour is gathering out *individuals* into His body; but in the day when Israel is redeemed and restored, she will be redeemed as a *nation* and she will lead the cavalcade of world *nations* into the presence of God. Then we will have redeemed Israel doing nationally what the Church has been doing *individually*. Do you see what it means for us to comfort Israel, to befriend Israel, to love Israel, to evangelize Israel? These are the bright stars which illuminate an otherwise black sky overhead. I have mentioned these things in an earnest desire to help our readers to understand a little better the desperate and bewildering hour in which we live. So many keep begging us for help as they grope in the wilderness of confusion and error.

#### THE GOD OF HEAVEN WILL PROSPER US

And now about the work of your Mission; the pages that follow will give you joy after joy as you see how the hand of our Lord has been upon us for good; we cannot begin to tell you all of the activities of the far-flung reaches of your work, but we do our best to give you a glimpse here and there of the high spots of the work. So read on, and join us in thanksgiving that our Lord is using us in this hour for such blessing and service to Jew and Gentile alike. The Winona Lake Assembly was truly a mountain peak of blessing, and streams of refreshing have gone forth from those meetings to all parts of our country. The summer work for our children was a great underpinning for the teaching of the Word for the year to come; the open air meetings, the regular Gospel services, all of these have been marked with heartening success and divine approval. Financially, you have been abundant in your unstinted pouring out of your gifts into our Treasury, so that we have been able to go ahead on full steam, spending and being spent in order that our Lord's name and His salvation shall have free course in the world. We have wide visions of what we must do on the day that peace is declared; large resources will be needed, the demands that will be heaped upon us at that time will possibly tax every reserve that we have. All of this in addition to our desire to open up a work on Manhattan Island in a location that will suitably represent the love of the Lord's people for Israel. But we have a great God, and He has more money than we can possibly need. So we just leave it there, with the knowledge that we shall not be hindered. Upon everyone of our readers we count far more heavily than you may think; your prayers, your remembrances of us, your financial response, all these things furnish the wherewithal, the sinews, with which we are able to carry on.

Ever devotedly your servant in Israel's behalf,

*J. Hoffman Cohen*

## Incidents In The Work

### TWENTY-SIX HAPPY DAYS!

By Miss Dorothy Rose

**R**ATIONING, food cost, help in the kitchen and a multitude of other problems, material and spiritual, loomed up as dark clouds on our horizon as we planned our 1943 Summer Camp. Mr. Holmgren, the owner of Camp Hananeel, wrote, "I do not need to mention the difficulties we will encounter in many ways, but we have full confidence in the Lord's gracious deliverance in it all as we seek to serve Him." Now as we look back we can say with hearts full of gratitude—"Great is Thy faithfulness."

#### ON OUR WAY TO CAMP

A little seven year old girl continually asked questions. "Miss Hatch, will there be trees at camp? Will I see animals? Will I like it? Will I sleep with my friends?" It was her first trip away from home and we were praying that she would not be homesick. No need to worry; for on the way home, 12 days later, she was as talkative as ever. "Oh, I'm really going home. You know, camp was so beautiful you couldn't even think of home. Can we come to our Girls' Club tomorrow, Miss Hatch?" Great was her disappointment when she heard she would have to wait until September. Needless to say this young Miss enjoyed her first camp experience and she is just one example of how fifty girls felt about it.

#### MANY PROBLEMS TO MEET

We knew that it would not be smooth sailing all along. Some children had come from homes where there is active opposition to the Gospel. Others had been left to themselves to believe as they chose. Still others who are believers were faced with the responsibility of openly acknowledging their convictions before others.

One teacher reports, "One cry I will never forget, came from a 13 year old girl: 'Miss Koser, I want to believe in Jesus. I do think He is the Messiah of Israel, and that He died

for my sins—but I'm afraid of what my parents will say when I get home. They don't believe it and warned me not to accept Him.'

Another asked, 'Miss Koser, do you mean that only those who believe in Jesus will go to heaven?' On hearing the answer 'Yes', she continued, 'Do you mean that my father who is a good man and never hurt anyone, won't go to heaven if he dies?' With sorrowful heart, I had to say, 'No, he won't go to heaven unless he believes, because it is not by our goodness that God accepts us.' 'Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.'

"The Holy Spirit worked so marvelously that His Presence could be felt. At the beginning the girls wouldn't pray and I didn't urge them. As time passed, they began praying aloud in Jesus' Name. One girl refused to pray, but one day she said, 'I'll pray, but I'll only say, Now I lay me down to sleep. Nothing else'. I answered, 'You pray from your heart, that's what the important part is.' Several days passed, and she came saying, 'Miss Koser, I've added something to my prayer. I now say, O God send Jesus, the Messiah back again to earth soon.'"

#### "WHY AM I JEWISH?"

Miss Gitlin, counsellor for the 13-15 year girls, writes: "In the evening in that quiet hour of twilight when Nature herself seems to be seeking repose, we gathered for a group discussion. A story of some believer, often a Hebrew Christian who had lived victoriously, meeting the same problems that the girls now faced, provoked their questions. 'Tell me, why am I Jewish?' 'Well, because your parents are Jewish.' 'Oh, I don't mean that, I'm talking about religion. What makes me really Jewish in that?' With this God-given opportunity the counsellor explained something about the 'Jewish Religion' of Old Testament





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times. As the sacrifices, laws and ordinances were mentioned the girls saw that now no longer could one be truly Jewish in *that* sense. 'So what can we do?' was the natural question. The answer pointed to the One who fulfilled the Law and the Prophets and brought in the New Covenant—the completed Judaism."

Miss Singer, counsellor for Primary girls writes: "We have come to the close of a busy day. Before me sits a group of tired but happy girls. They are all ready for bed, but gather to listen to their bed-time story. Their faces are eager and full of expectancy and from every direction I can hear the question, 'What story are you going to tell us tonight?' As I finish, many hands wave in the air and they ask, 'Why did Jesus have to die?' 'Did the Jews nail Him on the Cross?' 'I believe in Jesus although others have told me not to', one little girl confesses with happy face. Nearly all have prayer requests; and although there were only two willing to pray the first night, each one had prayed by the end of camp. The Lord worked in their hearts and brought many of them to a confession of full faith in Jesus as Saviour."

#### MISCHIEVOUS CHERUB

It is surprising how angelic a mischievous little boy can look, clad in

pajamas, all washed and ready for bed. Several nights I listened in as Miss Koser told her Primary boys their story. The truth was summarized in words that could be counted on their fingers—an aid to memory. God is love—3 fingers. God is watching me—4 fingers. The Lord is *my Shepherd*—5 fingers.

Mrs. Holmgren said, "Perhaps the most impressive sight to me in camp was one evening when I visited this class. The teacher was repeating with the children their daily Scripture lesson. She told them a story in which the Gospel was applied to them in a most thrilling way and as she closed with a fervent prayer the solemn 'Amen' from the children was very real. The rapt attention during the lesson, the questions asked, gave one the assurance that the Word of God in this case would not return void, but will accomplish that unto which it was sent."

Many of the most vivid memories of camp are the contests and races. Field day was full of excitement. One little boy won, much to his own surprise, and was so overwhelmed that he cried repeatedly. "I wan the race, I wan the race!" Prizes added to their incentive, but the children as a whole showed good sportsmanship.

Strangers on the beach stopped to witness the swimming races as the chil-

dren tried their level best to win. Many races were neck and neck, and the cheering spurred them on.

Nearly every boy and girl in camp competed in the ping pong and checker tournaments, and the winners surely were entitled to the laurels that were given to the champs. Berry picking ranked high in favor with boys and girls and one day in competition the boys brought in 14 quarts of huckleberries.

#### EXCEPT HE STRIVE LAWFULLY

One thing that both boys and girls looked forward to was the Treasure Hunt. Clues tacked on trees and bushes led them up and down paths, through the woods and finally back to camp. Most of them ran all the way, trying to be the first one home. It was then that some learned a lesson that will stand them in good stead all their lives. It isn't the one who reaches the goal first, but the one who obeys the rules along the way. "If a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully." 2 Tim. 2:5. Some who skipped half the directions and followed the leader were bitterly disappointed when they found there was no prize for them.

Even with Red points to consider, we had hamburger or frankfurter roasts for boys and girls. After the eats were over we sat in the glow of the dying embers and Mr. Holmgren sharpened our wits with a Bible quiz. To top it off we sang choruses until our clocks cried out, "Time for bed."

#### BAD BOY REPENTS

But even with such good times there were those who had time to be naughty, reports Miss Hatch, counsellor for Junior girls and boys. "Peck's Bad Boy" walked out of the story book into real life in my group. He was always into mischief; he would giggle during a time when he should be serious; he would start the pillow fights; he was sure to duck a boy in the water. One night, toward the end of our camp period he was extremely naughty, and had

to be severely reprimanded. He was reminded of all his past acts of mischief which invariably ended in trouble. He became very quiet and sober. During the devotions many of the children prayed. Suddenly he asked if he, too, might say a prayer. He then prayed from the bottom of his heart and with much earnestness, 'God forgive me and my sins. I want Jesus the Messiah in my heart.' What a joy to hear this boy pray. We can only hope that as the days go by he may constantly be reminded of this, his first prayer in Jesus' Name."

In the morning after our housekeeping tasks were done we gathered in the chapel and through song, prayer and the reading of His Word, we worshipped God. At this time we memorized Scripture. Listen to Mr. Fargo, counsellor for the oldest boys, as he speaks:—"Great have been the blessings that God has bestowed upon me in the ministering of the Gospel, but one of the greatest joys to come to me in His service was to see the radiant confidence and joy in the faces of many of these Jewish boys as they quoted from memory Psalm 1 and Isaiah 53:4-6. To many of them they were the words that had revealed to their hearts the glorious truth of God's love for them through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, their own Messiah."

#### THE JOY OF PARDON

I will add that a large majority of girls and 100 percent of the boys memorized these verses. It was in this morning meeting that I had the opportunity to teach all the groups as I explained the meaning of the memory verses by a fitting illustration and application of Bible truth. Most of my time was spent in the dining room and general supervision of camp, and so this opportunity brought me joy. One morning a little boy on the front row listened intently as I pictured a man faced with

a record of all the sins of his life. At first the man was fearful, knowing all was true, but then with joy he saw the word, "Pardoned! The Blood of Jesus, the Messiah, cleanseth from all sin." "What is written on your record, pardoned or guilty?" I asked of the group. Absolutely unaware of those around him, M. looked up at me and from the depth of his heart said, "Pardoned."

Another morning our verse was Isaiah 53:6. Just a few days before one little boy had run away from camp because things didn't go his own way. After a real search the straying sheep was found in the nearby woods, much to the relief of all; but such disobedience had to be punished. As I saw him listening to the verse, I told them that we had all wandered from God's camp, seeking our own way. God sent the Messiah to seek and to save us, and bring us back to Him. God loved us so much that He even laid upon the Messiah the punishment we deserved for our sin. That boy will probably never forget the illustration; but please pray that he will believe the truth of the verse.

After the morning worship, each group went to classes for the Bible lesson. The things of Nature were used as a background for a Bible story. The wasp taught us of the deadly sting of sin; the caterpillar and moth spoke of being transformed by the power of God; the Sun and Moon reminded us that we have no light of our own, but that Jesus, the Light of the World, will shine through us if we are willing. We pray that God will open their hearts to understand.

#### HOMEWARD BOUND

All good things come to an end; the last suitcase was piled into the station wagon and 29 boys were following their counsellors down the road, through the woods to the station. One young man lingered and gave a last look around and said, "Gee, I

like this place. I wish next summer would come in a hurry!"

#### Our 1943 Winona Lake Mountain Top

What shall we say, and what can we say, to describe adequately this year's Winona Lake Conference on Prophecy and the Jews? Superlatives do not tell the story, although everyone voiced over and over again the conviction that this was the finest gathering we ever have held, the most spiritual, the most blessed, the largest in attendance, the most far-reaching in its influences. We are coming to think of Winona Lake as did the Israelites of old about beloved Jerusalem, the city "that is compact together: whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord." (Psalm 122:3, 4).

And so once more the Lord's people came up to Winona Lake, and for a week we counselled together, prayed together, sang together, rejoiced together, fellowshipped together, all in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### WE BAPTIZE FOUR

One of the impressive and beautiful experiences was the baptismal service on the shores of Lake Winona. Two of our Jewish friends who had come to the Conference begged for baptism, both of them having only recently come out for the Lord Jesus Christ. As in the days of Philip, the Ethiopian Chamberlain, we were made mindful of the fact that, "Here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" (Acts 8:36). As soon as we announced to our audiences that we were to baptize these two new converts, several friends who had been members of their own churches for a good many years, came to us and stated that they felt they had never been baptized on the basis

of a believer's confession, and they begged us if we would also baptize them. Which we did, and it was indeed a wonderful assembly that gathered on the shore to witness this solemn and impressive scene. On page 21, you will find a snapshot picture of the baptismal service.

#### HOW OTHERS WERE BLESSED

It may be well to let you read some other reports and impressions of this great Bible Conference, and we will print them as part of this article. But first we must once more pay our tribute of gratitude to the brethren who manage the affairs of the Winona Lake Assembly, for their continued generous hospitality and the wide open door given to us. Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, the Executive Director of the Winona Lake Assembly, has said many times that he feels the Lord has been especially blessing Winona Lake because Winona has been helping the Jews. Mr. Arthur W. McKee and his dear wife just outdid themselves in helping us at every turn, with the music, with special favors as to the grounds, with extra service at the hotel, so that the delegates were unlimited in their praise for these courtesies and for the extra care.

Some sixty-five Jewish Christians in total were in attendance, and their presence was a marvelous witness to the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our friends from many parts of the country came, and the united fellowship was indeed a foretaste of that eternal day, when in the celestial glory there shall be no more Jew and no more Gentile but we shall all praise Him together as members of the great blood-washed throng.

Grateful appreciation is also due to the nationally famed brethren who ministered to us: Dr. W. H. Rogers, Dr. L. Sale-Harrison, Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, Dr. Charles Feinberg, Rev. Herman B. Centz, Dr. J. Hoffman

Cohn, and others. All these brethren, like the blacksmith at the anvil, were in one accord as they hammered out the eternal truths that God has revealed to us in His Word concerning His eternal purposes and concerning "things present and things to come." It was a never to be forgotten privilege to sit at the feet of these men; for they gave us veritably a seminary course in Bible truth.

But now here are some of the testimonies from others. The first one we will give is from our Jewish Christian brother, Rev. A. L. Sergent of Montreal, Canada:—

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him He shall direct thy paths." Surely He did direct my path; for, a week before the Conference I did not know whether I should be able to attend; but the Lord opened the way.

Truly I can say, 'It was good for me to have been here.' The Conference has been much more than a spiritual uplift. Winona has been a fellowship, a bond of unity between Hebrew and Gentile Christians, a place where friendships are cemented, where brotherly love and true interest in the problems of each individual is graciously manifest.

What can I say of the Conference itself? It was spiritual manna for hungry souls. The unfolding of God's plan for Israel and Israel's divinely appointed place in the world, illuminated the messages from prophecy. As missionaries told of their work, hearts were both saddened and gladdened. Saddened because of lost opportunities; gladdened because God had poured out His blessing in bringing so many to a knowledge of sins forgiven through the shed blood of His Son, the Messiah. The Question Hour was a means of rich blessing, for it was here that the questions raised by the messages were answered.

It was the Hillside Testimony Hour which made our hearts really burn within us. The hour when the Hebrew Christians told of their conversions and how God had called them to the work. The means of conversion were so varied that all realized that of a certainty God's ways of dealing with His children are past finding out.

For centuries the songs of Zion have been beloved by Christians. Here they become more precious as their messages were brought by those who were wholly consecrated to the Lord's use. No one could ever forget the poignancy of the sorrow expressed in Psalm 137 as the words of Psalm 22 were sung by a recently converted Hebrew. Today this song of sorrow is still the heart cry of the children of Israel.



It seemed very fitting that the rites of baptism should be administered at this Conference by Dr. Cohn to two of the Hebrew Christians and two of the Gentile Christians. I am sure the prayers of many will follow them throughout the coming days.

It was felt that there was a great need in these days for a closer tie between Hebrew Christians scattered throughout the world. The organization of the American Fellowship of Christian Jews was formed at a meeting held in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Machlin, at Winona.

What is to be the outcome of the 1943 Lake Winona Conference? I think I speak for all who were privileged to attend when I say, "May God make each one present a consecrated praying partner of this beloved American Board of Missions to the Jews and also a zealous proclaimer of God's plan, 'TO THE JEW FIRST.'"

From Miss Jean Mathieson, a dear sister in the Lord from Hamilton, Ontario, comes this testimony:—

"As in the days of old when the manna nourished the children of Israel so were we spiritually fed. Who of us can forget the messages brought to us concerning the place of Israel in prophecy? Surely the challenge will not go unanswered in the closing hours before the time of Jacob's trouble—'To the Jew first.'"

Perhaps the greatest inspiration of all came to us when we listened to the personal testimonies of our Hebrew friends! Many times we were shamed as we examined our own Christian lives. We had no hardships or sufferings to endure yet, it seemed as if this very ease had lessened our zeal for witnessing. Did our hearts not burn within us as we listened? If not, we must be spiritually dead. May the prayer of those who attended the 1943 Lake Winona Conference be for the ensuing year:—'MAKE US, O LORD, THY WATCHMEN IN ISRAEL.'"

Now a few others might be pressed into brief sentences just to show with what unanimity our friends received blessing from these meetings. Here are a few selected at random:—

"Being immensely interested in prophecy and knowing that one cannot touch the subject without considering the proper relationship of the Jews, I felt this Conference would be of much benefit. I truly testify that it has been a blessing and only wish I could have been here for the entire Conference."

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"Came to Winona for a vacation. Received a wonderful blessing. Meetings were wonderful. Enjoyed the type of

meeting throughout the day. May God richly bless you in your work."

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"May God richly bless you. Will be praying for you. Have felt the presence of the Spirit in your meetings."

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"We have thoroughly enjoyed and profited by these Jewish Conferences. The spirit of the workers is very sweet and helpful. The things of greatest blessing were the testimonies of the Jewish workers, the music by the Jewish singers and the immersion service at the lake front."

And so we bid another fond farewell to Winona of 1943, and already we are looking forward, in the Lord's good will, and if He carries, to a 1944 Conference that will reach new heights of inspiration and blessing.

### Our Refugee Work

By REV. HERBERT SINGER

It is encouraging and strengthening to our faith to see our Jewish friends attending our refugee meetings regularly; they like the spiritual atmosphere of our gatherings; they love to sing hymns of praise and prayer and to listen to the messages of Salvation through Christ. Most of them are receptive to the Word of God, and not a few among them are sincere seekers after the truth.

Our place in Brooklyn became too small for the constantly increasing numbers that attended our meetings, and we felt that an additional location in Manhattan should be found for our work. Manhattan for some reason or other, became the center where most of the German refugees congregated. We made this important matter a subject for prayer, and the Lord answered our prayers. Dr. Taylor, the pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Manhattan, Amsterdam Avenue at West 92nd Street, offered us a beautiful room in the Parish House. This

offer was made not only after the unanimous vote of his deacons, but it was accompanied with the promise to help us in our work by inviting and visiting Jewish people in the neighborhood of their church. We were glad and grateful for this new and great opportunity to serve the Lord among the Jews in New York.

### ONE BRINGS ANOTHER

The attendance of our Bible Class in Manhattan was good from the very beginning. As a result of our prayers and personal work a number of Jews came to our opening meeting who heard about the Lord Jesus Christ for the first time in their lives. I wondered whether these newcomers would return the following week. But they did come, and moreover brought others with them.

To the regular visitors of our meetings in Manhattan belong Dr. K. and his wife. Dr. K. was one of the best known physicians in Vienna, and he has now a good practice in New York. When I visited them in their home and spoke to them about salvation I was thankful to notice that they were eager to hear the Gospel message. They were thankful when I prayed with them and for them. Mrs. K. is busily inviting her Jewish friends to our Bible classes. A short time ago she asked me for two German Bibles which she gave to two of her Jewish friends, urging them to read the Word of God. Though Dr. and Mrs. K., as far as we know, are not yet born again, yet the Holy Spirit is powerfully working in their hearts, and I would like to ask our readers to remember this Jewish couple in your prayers that the Lord may bring them fully into His Kingdom.

I often receive letters from our refugees in which they express their joy and gratitude for the spiritual help, fellowship and friendship in our meet-

ings. Here are some quotations from letters which I recently received:

Mrs. W. who has been in this country for three years and who regularly attends the Friday Bible class, writes:

"I want to thank you wholeheartedly for the wonderful hours in your mission. Every Friday night Bible Class is an outstanding event for me. From your messages and from the spiritual atmosphere of the classes I receive strength, comfort and inward joy, and I want to assure you that I am deeply indebted to you."

Dr. G., a Refugee physician, who comes to both of our meetings in Brooklyn and Manhattan, says:

"To me the new branch in Manhattan means more than only a change of location and enlargement of the work, it is a refreshing for my soul. In these evening hours you are giving us a real Gospel message. I know from others and from my own experience that, when the meetings are over, we are going home spiritually enriched and strengthened in our faith. I am imploring the Lord's blessing upon you and our refugee groups for the salvation for many souls."

Let us unite in prayer that the Holy Spirit may mightily work in many Jewish hearts so that they may recognize and accept Him, of whom the Apostle Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."

There are thousands of Jewish refugees in this land who are lonesome, longing for rest and peace and fellowship. And there are still many of them who have never heard of the One who came to earth to take away our sins. It is our aim and purpose to bring the Gospel message to as many as possible of them. The field is large and ripe for the harvest. Let us pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into the field.



# Out of the Mail Bag

## As Others See Us

I received a copy of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE several days ago and have never read a publication with such interest. While I like Christian publications, sometimes I fear there is a "sameness" to some of them, but THE CHOSEN PEOPLE certainly knows how real the Lord can be to His own and it has inspired me to ask the Lord that I may live as closely to Him as I might. The problems I once thought were mountains, have become veritable molehills in the light of the Jews' problem.

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Rev. Elias Zimmerman,  
2914 Colorado Blvd.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Zimmie:

It is with great pleasure that I convey to you the following motion made by the directors at their conference last week:

"That we authorize the Secretary to write a letter of commendation to Brother Zimmerman for the splendid work done in the Jewish Mission and in the itinerary work which he has done during the past year."

It would have done your heart good to hear the splendid words of appreciation and praise which the directors gave at our session. One director said, "The funds which our churches have raised for taking the Gospel to the Jews is the key to the wonderful blessing which we have received during the past year." Now you will have to admit that that is some statement. It merely conveys in simple words the deep conviction that abides in the hearts of our leaders today.

We trust that you had a safe journey home and that you are ready for your winter's work. May our Father God abundantly bless you and Sister Zimmerman and sustain you by His grace, until our Lord returns.

Most faithfully yours,

R. PAUL MILLER, General Secretary,  
Home Missions Council, the Brethren  
Churches of America.

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Instead of buying any Christmas, am sending my gift to the Refugees for to help give them a little "good news" in this sad hour for them.

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Please send me some more tracts. Please send me a few of each one that you have and I can order those needed most. This is to include those tracts intended for both Jews and Christians, as I am using both. Would ask that you include about 200 pledge cards like the inclosed sample also a copy of the tract as mentioned in the Midsummer Letter, "Was Jesus Born a Jew?"

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Please send me 100 of the tracts "Was Jesus Born a Jew?" as soon as they come from the printer.

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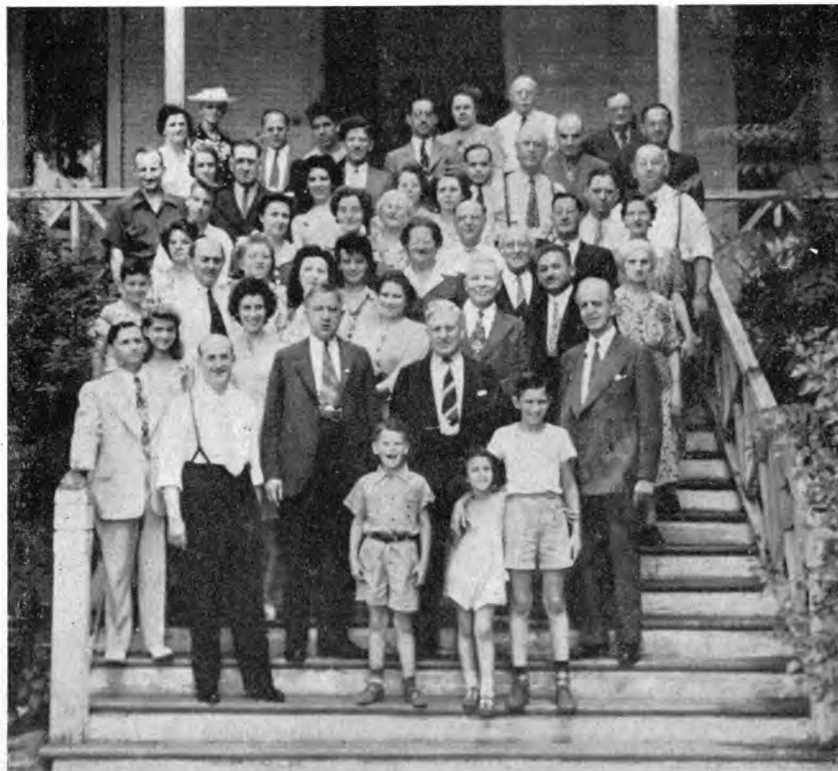
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