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Salutation

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

Dearly beloved friends:—

"Am waiting so anxiously for your report on the New York Congress meetings; have been praying daily, and sometimes twice a day, for a great outpouring of the Lord's grace upon this testimony." This is the essence of hundreds of letters that have been coming to us from our faithful friends; and it is difficult to tell you what such letters have meant to us by way of encouragement and inspiration to go on further to achieve new victories for the Lord's honor in these tragic days of world history when in the tumult of world conflicts He is ruled out.

And so, because of the eagerness with which so many of you are waiting to get these first reports of the meetings, we are breaking the custom of over forty years' standing; for all of these past forty years and more the February issue of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* was the Annual Report Number, and it contained the accounting of our financial stewardship; and, in more recent years, a general survey of the year's work of your Mission in its headquarters and its branches in all parts of the world. But now we will set aside this established practice and will devote this February issue to telling you as much as we can about the Congress; the Lord willing, we will give the annual financial reports and the general world survey of your Mission's activities in the April issue. We are setting aside the March number as a sort of Resurrection number. In doing this, we believe we are following closely the wishes of the majority of our friends. And so, we turn to the gathering up of some of the outstanding features and experiences of the great Second New York Congress on Prophecy:

It was a great saint of God who used to say, "Expect great things from God, and you will get great things from God." And certainly we proved the validity of this advice, for God indeed crowned our labors and our faith with glory, and honor, and blessing, even beyond what we had dared to hope for. And the friends of Calvary Church likewise were in expectation of a genuine visitation from on high. Let me quote first of all from *The Calvary Messenger*, the weekly bulletin of Calvary Baptist Church. This is the paragraph which Dr. Ayer, militant pastor of the church, and faithful friend to us, put in the bulletin on the Sunday on which the Congress opened, December 5:—

Calvary Baptist Church extends a hearty welcome to the Second New York Congress on Prophecy, under the auspices of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc. We remember with gratefulness to God the first Congress of last November. This year's Conference gives evidence of being as auspicious and as pregnant with as much Biblical influence and blessing. Dr. J. Hoffman Cohn, General Director of the Board, has assembled a splendid group of speakers, men of unusual ability, and leaders in their field of thought. Excellent work has also been done in the choice of topics. Too many times these Prophetic Conferences are but a hodge-podge of prophetic ideas; but a glance at the topics for this program will show consecutive thought and progress

in ideas and interpretation. Special emphasis is laid upon the Jew and the post-war period, and beyond. It is an especial joy to have our good friend and brother, Arthur W. McKee, splendid soloist, song leader par excellence, in charge of the music. No religious meeting ever drags when he is around.

And Sunday morning, December 5th, dawned, a beautiful day, no snow, not even what could be called really cold weather; the opening hymn was an accurate setting forth of that which was to be the all-pervading theme of the Conference:

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is light;
That He Who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Perhaps not all of the audience understood the far-reaching implications of these words, because too many of us have been bottle-fed on "spiritualized food," and to our irreparable hurt we have come to think that when we sing about Zion we are singing about the Church, and the "glorious conquests of the Church." But Zion means Israel, it means God's beloved and chosen seed of Abraham, and those who understood the meaning of the hymn knew full well that the words spoke of a day to come when Israel indeed shall become the great missionaries of the world, when through a restored Jerusalem, righteousness shall flow over the earth as the waters cover the sea.

DR AYER FIRES THE OPENING SALVO

Then came the opening sermon of the week, and Dr. Ayer once more gave evidence of his mastery of the mysteries of prophetic truth. The subject assigned to him was "Watchman, What of the Night?" and for nearly one hour Dr. Ayer laid out the foundation upon which the entire week of the Congress meetings were built; and everyone realized that we were in for a week of intensive and profound study of God's Book concerning "things to come."

From that time on it was a succession of hour after hour, day after day, of the hardest kind of spiritual toil and labor. It was exactly as Dr. Ayer had said in his paragraph of expectancy, "Too many times these Prophetic Conferences are but a hodge-podge of prophetic ideas; but a glance at the topics for this program will show consecutive thought and progress in ideas and interpretation." And so it proved to be, for each speaker only served to rivet with ever-increasing power the messages that had gone before, until a veritable pyramid of unimpeachable prophetic truth had been reared.

Now for a few sidelights and then we will give you some opinions of others, more competent to judge than we ourselves; the audiences in general were not quite as large as what we had a year ago, but astonishingly large in the face of the many greater handicaps and obstacles. Those who know New York and its idiosyncrasies, marveled at the way these audiences continued day after day, morning, afternoon and night, practically every person having Bible and notebook, many of them preachers who had come from distant points, had left their parishes and their studies that they might for one short week dig deep into the unsearchable riches of God's revealed truth. We learned that December is about the poorest month of the year in which to hold a gathering of this sort. Yet the attendance was an astonishment to seasoned New Yorkers. The general spiritual quality of the people was fully up to the high level of last year.

Now let me give you some impressions of a few Christian leaders who participated with us in the meetings, and whose years of experience in the Lord's work gives them a keen insight into matters of this sort. It has been our glory to count these brethren as our choicest of friends, and through the years we have often sought their counsel, and have not been disappointed. A great many letters have come since the Congress meetings containing the

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TO THE CHILDREN OF GOD IN GRACE — GREETINGS:

We, assembled in the SECOND CONGRESS ON PROPHECY, in Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, December 5 - 12, 1943, hereby place ourselves on record as giving grateful thanks to our heavenly Father for His mercy, grace, providence and guidance in the call to the Congress, for His evident blessings upon each session and speaker, and for the marked unity which has characterized our deliberations.

We are united in affirming that the return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only hope of the Church and Israel and the Nation, and that the earth cannot be delivered from the bondage of corruption until Christ the King establishes His rule and Kingdom by His visible and corporeal presence.

Inasmuch as this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc., under the kindly auspices of which we are assembled, and in recognition of the remarkable missionary achievements during these years under its sainted founder, his successors, and by the loyal support of God's people, in carrying the glad tidings to Israel of many lands, and also strengthening many churches in the truth by loyal and consistent exposition of the "Faith once for all delivered to the saints."

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that we register our unbounded thanks to God and His people for the accomplishments of this God-appointed agency, and that we pledge ourselves to prayerful co-operation with it for the continuance and extension of this distinct and emphatic New Testament ministry in anticipation of the opportunities that will present themselves to the Church of Christ in the Post-War period, which, we believe, will prove to be the gateway to the coming of our Lord to earth in victory and righteousness.

We believe the present hour offers strategic opportunity to reach Israel for Christ and to set in motion a work that will come to fruition in Israel's testimony when the Church is gone to be with her Lord. As we take advantage of this opportunity so shall we worthily celebrate this Jubilee.

Signed,

W. H. ROGERS, Chairman,
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most enthusiastic and sometimes, we thought, fantastic praise for the meetings. And for all of these letters we still give thanks to the Lord Who made this program possible; but we also ask Him to help us keep our feet on the ground. We have selected just three or four, and these from brethren who were able to adopt an unbiased and objective attitude toward the meetings. Here, for instance, is a letter from our beloved brother, Dr. W. H. Rogers, a friend tried and true, a friend who has borne with us in the fiery furnace of persecution. Dr. Rogers was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York City, but is now pastor of the First Baptist Church of El Paso, Texas. Here are a few paragraphs from the cheering letter he wrote when he got back to El Paso:—

I am more than ever convinced that such a gathering should be held annually under your auspices because of its uniqueness as well as its accumulative results. It seems to take us back to New Testament times when Christian Jews made such a tremendous impact upon the Gentiles of the first century of the Christian era. I am convinced that the influence of such a Congress will spread far and wide and carry spiritual power to the ends of the earth.

I do feel, however, that it would be better if we had the conference next year in Philadelphia or Chicago. A great many people would be reached who could not come to New York. I commend you for your faith and your arduous labors to make such a Congress possible and successful, and, I hope, permanent.

You will be interested to know that while traveling from Dallas to El Paso, a Jew by the name of Rothstein sat in the same compartment with me. He was a discharged soldier who had been seriously wounded in Africa in the battle of Hill 609. In the course of the conversation I presented to him your pamphlet, "Justice to the Jew," and he read it with considerable interest and made some pointed comments which gave me the opportunity to present Christ to him. After a clear presentation of the plan of salvation, I then gave him your other pamphlet, "To the Wild Olive Tree," and then had the joy of leading him to Christ. Your pamphlet provided a good method of approach.

And here are a few words from Dr. L. E. McNair, Pastor Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Florida:—

Now as to the Congress, it was a period of marvelous power and blessing. We all know the Lord was in our midst. The testimony was graciously honoured. The results we cannot now estimate. You will hear of what has been accomplished for a long time to come. And your great Mission, I am so glad I had the precious visit. God is certainly using you in a marvelous manner. Let me ask you to call on me any time you can use me in your great work and I shall be most happy to serve you.

To go to the other swing of the pendulum, here are a few letters from the man in the pew; sometimes we call him a layman; but these are the people who are the backbone of the church. Their letters reveal a grasp of Scripture teaching concerning Israel and the practical implications involved, even far more than might be expressed by many a preacher:—

I enjoyed the Congress on Prophecy in the Calvary Baptist Church in New York. It was a God-given privilege to attend. Came home determined that whenever I could I would encourage the people of our church to give the Gospel to the Jew first. In fact, I taught that in connection with the teaching of the Sunday School lesson yesterday. I'm determined to give to them prophecy as our church doesn't give it. I know why I love prophecy; because the Jews are the center of it, and I love the Jews.

The past week has been a blessed one indeed to my heart, and I praise Him that He brought me, gave me the great privilege of hearing the thrilling and helpful messages He gave through His servants. The old, old truths are ever new and always more to learn.

We both wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your gracious provision for us, giving us another opportunity to fellowship with the brethren of the conference. I am sure that only eternity will unfold the actual blessing which came to many. My only regret is that

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I was unable to take in every part of it. Now may the Lord provide for you the real rest for mind and body that you so much need. We know the coming months will require your very best under the special anointing of the spirit.

And here are a few more pastors, including some who participated in the Congress meetings.

In the first place let me thank you personally for the part you had in arranging the recent Congress of Prophecy. I am not alone grateful for the many fine informing addresses I heard, but for contacts made with men of God, some of whom were not on the program. I came home with a profounder reverence and a greater love for the Bible. I feel that I have taken a forward step while in attendance at the Congress.

I am certainly glad that I did not miss your address on Sunday afternoon. It made a profound impression upon me, and may God bless you for it. I wish some of my people might have the opportunity of hearing you. If your way ever takes you near Rochester, please let me know. We'll try to have you detour through Rochester.—Rev. David Haglund, Rochester, N. Y.

Here is one from Dr. R. S. Beal of the First Baptist Church of Tucson, Arizona. This was his first time at the New York Congress on Prophecy; he was thrilled by what he saw, for he never expected anything like this:—

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your wonderful Christian courtesy and for your beautiful gracious spirit. I do not know how any one could have shown more of Christ in his every word and action than you, and I want you to know I deeply appreciate it. I do not know when I have enjoyed anything more than the Conference and its blessed fellowship. I am grateful for the choice places you gave me on the program. God bless you a million times over.

From our good friend of Bible School Park, New York, Rev. Francis L. Holden, comes this word of cheer:—

It was surely one of the great privileges of my life to attend the CONGRESS ON PROPHECY last week. Wish I might have been there from the beginning.

The South was well represented by way of participants, but not as large as we would have liked; there was Dr. McNair representing in a way the Presbyterians of the South; and there was Dr. Yearby speaking in a large measure for the Baptists of the South, especially those who have come to know the deeper truths having to do with our Lord's return to this earth, the restoration of Israel to God's favor, and the establishing of the Throne of David from which the rule of righteousness is to pervade a redeemed earth. A letter came from Dr. Yearby after he reached home which cheered our hearts and from which I will quote a few paragraphs, because it shows how this great and good man of the southland was affected and impressed by the meetings.

I arrived home from the Congress just in time to preach last Sunday morning. The train was late and the service had started before I arrived. I brought the message that I gave to the Congress and gave some report of the Congress. All this went out over the radio. Frankly, I had a great deal more liberty in my own church than I did in the Congress. I regretted that I was so bound to the manuscript as I spoke there.

I cannot begin to tell you what this great meeting meant to me. Neither can I thank you adequately for the privilege and honor you gave me in having a part on the program. I am fully aware that I received far more than I was able to contribute. I trust the meetings closed on Sunday with great triumph. God bless you and reward you for your untiring efforts in putting on this meeting in these difficult times.

Sunday evening, I gave a more extended report of the Congress, and some impressions I gathered from contacts on the trip. Our people seemed to appreciate it. I trust the influence and blessings from the meetings will be used of God to the edification and enrichment of many lives. Again, may the Heavenly Father bless you and your associates more abundantly and reward you richly for what you have done in making this meeting possible.

From another brother of the South, beloved for many years in his friendship and support of your Jewish Mission, Dr. Bunyan Smith of the Third

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Calling all Jews, and with all Jews, all Christians; and with them, Messrs. Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, Chiang Kai-Shek, and all lovers of freedom! We ask the question, What about the Fifth Freedom? Or in other words, What about freedom of all Jews from persecution: freedom of all Jews from anti-Semitism and a recognition of the Zionist ideal of a Palestinian homeland? These questions must be answered; they are not now being answered. Now is the time to face the issue. What better place than in the Prophetic Congress held under the aegis of a Jewish-Christian organization?

THE MISSING NOTE IN THE ATLANTIC CHARTER

On August 12, 1941, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill with their Staffs met somewhere in the North Atlantic on a large gray United States Man-of-War. On August 14 they announced to the world the so-called Atlantic Charter which they promised was the program and desire of the United Nations for the post-war world. Briefly these four freedoms are as follows: Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear; Freedom of Worship, and Freedom of Speech and Expression. With these four freedoms every true Christian and American agrees; for they are given to us by God's Holy Word, and also in our Bill of Rights as found in the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States. But there is a missing note in this Atlantic Charter, for there is no mention of this most vital problem, one of the most vital facing our world. Hitler claims the Jew is the crux of his problem. He is a liar and a murderer, energized by Satan; but even in his lying he has uncovered an age-long truth. The Jew is in the world, unassimilated by the nations and as such a problem. God's hand is upon him, and his plight and suffering and future present a condition for which the Atlantic Charter should have provided. Their omission so to do reveals that there must be a necessary change in Governmental attitudes and procedures. Some attitudes of Government have been deleterious to national morale.

"This has been one of the principal defects of national leadership. Morale demands clear, firm, and honest decisions. It needs the assurance that the leaders are resolute and adequate. It was not encouraging to have Mr. Nelson say nine months after we got tangled with a world in flames that he was NOW going to get tough.

How much the nation's morale has suffered from the appeasement policies of the State Department is hard to say, but the damage has been considerable, and many thousands of honest and patriotic citizens have felt that the Department's policies these last ten years have dishonored and enfeebled the national tradition. The Department's anti-Semitism, its cruel, reactionary policy toward political refugees has been perplexing and depressing. The sight of America intimidated by the braggart Mussolini into conniving at the assassination of Ethiopia and sabotaging the League of Nations' one great attempt to preserve international decencies, was a new and dispiriting spectacle in American history. Our share in the pitiful tragedy of Spain will long be remembered with shame. The sending of hundreds of thousands of tons of scrap to Japan and, what was worse, the assent to the trickery by which far more of it than the President's decree intended or warranted continued to reach Japan; the farce of Saint Pierre et Miquelon, and of Martinique — all these have contravened and tarnished American ideals which are at the roots of any high and sustained morale."

Let the President, the State Department, speak with clarity and finality on these questions, but especially on this Jewish question; for we are convinced that nothing would build national morale quicker than a definite answer to the question of Jewish freedom and a Palestinian Homeland. This may be the answer to the ever-increasing wave of anti-Semitism and racial unrest. A good beginning here might lead to the solving of other racial problems. The Atlantic Charter is not enough!

(To be concluded)

Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, came a beautiful letter after he returned home, and we are going to give you most of it, because it speaks so much from a heart of true affection and loyalty:—

We are at home again with our children and with our church. We are happy indeed to be at the Lord's work again as committed to our hands, but we can truthfully say that every moment of the time spent in the great Bible Conference was one packed with untiring interest.

We believe that you were led of the Lord as you secured the great company of Bible scholars who assembled for the purpose of revealing the deep things of God.

We shall never forget your exceeding kindness to us. Your personal supervision in securing our home while there was one of beautiful Christian courtesy and also the personal interest you took in securing the room for the visitor.

No messages delivered in this great Conference were more deeply appreciated than the ones you delivered relative to your own people and the Gentiles in these end times.

We shall always treasure the rare opportunity we had at the "Kosher" dinner. It was delicious, abundant and fully satisfying. It was presided over by dignity and true Christian grace. It was a delight to be in the fellowship of such a fine company of Christian friends. And then our visit to the American Board of Missions to the Jews was one of entrancing interest. We have read of it and prayed for it and thought of it many times but it was a thrill to the heart to be able to go and see the program delivered in interest of the Jewish mothers, and to see the general arrangement of the fine program of Christian service you are rendering to the Jews of New York daily, and not only to the Jews of New York but to the Christians and Jews throughout the wide world.

We shall ever hold a large place in our hearts for you and your work as the years unfold with ever-enlarging fields of activity. With sincere gratitude for every kindness you extended to us and with a prayer for your work.

From Dr. John W. Bradbury, Editor of the WATCHMAN-EXAMINER, and editor-to-be of the new book which will proceed from these meetings (the new book will be entitled LIGHT FOR THE WORLD'S DARKNESS), has come a careful appraisal of the meetings and their far-flung consequences. He says, "All things considered, the Congress was a remarkable achievement. I think you can feel that the investment of time and means in the Congress was very well worth while. Had the times been normal, I am quite sure that we would not have been able to house the audiences in the auditorium at any time of the day." Then speaking further concerning the publication of the first book, THE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY, he says something which reveals with the brilliancy of a searchlight what was in our minds originally when first we undertook to give out this testimony with no uncertain sound, over a year ago:—

I believe that since the publication of this book, the divided and confusing testimony among premillennialists appears to have stopped. This is something I had been praying for for years. I am happy that your Board has been the means of this much needed correction.

And this is exactly what we had hoped for all along, that the Congress meetings would serve as a stabilizing anchor for God's truth and would be a rebuke to certain ones who have arisen in recent times with all sorts of fantasies, wild theories, and destructive interpretations of prophetic truth, to the point that many of the Lord's sheep have been tossed about hither and thither, not knowing whom to believe or where to turn. In such an hour God called your Mission into the breach, to hold up a standard, and to stay the advance of the enemy.

VALEDICTORY — L'ENVOI

We cannot better close this section of our report than with another quotation from Dr. Ayer, the host of the Congress. This is what he said in the Church Bulletin on the closing Sunday, and we feel that nothing could be added or taken away that would embellish or strengthen these trenchant and statesmanlike summaries of what happened during the week:—

The Second New York Congress on Prophecy comes to a close with today's services. We have had a great Conference and multitudes have been blessed. The "Sure Word of Prophecy" has been spoken; the light of truth has been made to shine in a dark world.

One conviction takes precedence over all others—a conviction based upon the splendid messages brought by the many servants of God who have stood in this pulpit during the past eight days—that God never leaves Himself without a faithful witness. Never has there been such great apostasy in the Church of Christ as now. Never have men turned aside from the Word of God to their own plans, both in the professing church and in the nation. Never have the multitudes been so deluded in an hour when they so greatly needed the sure Word of God. **THE PROPHET PROPHESES SOFT THINGS AND THE PEOPLE LOVE TO HAVE IT SO.**

Yet we have heard the voice of God speaking through His servants and we have noticed that in every nook and corner of our land, God has His faithful servants whom the people could hear if they would. From Maine to Oregon, from Ontario to Texas—in every great center of the continent—there is a voice speaking for God, expounding the Word. In spite of the many sheep in wolves' clothing, that occupy professedly Christian pulpits, God has kept a witness alive and a light burning so that men shall be without excuse in that day if they turn aside from truth to fables and from light to darkness.

We thank God for this Conference. We are grateful to the American Board and to its general chairman, Dr. J. Hoffman Cohn, and those associated with him; and we pray God's blessing upon them as the witness to God's suffering people in these last days.

And now we want to come to some other considerations having to do with the implications and results of the meetings. First of all there came to us something wholly unexpected, but we are sure it was ordered of the Lord; we had arranged for a luncheon on Thursday, which we had whimsically announced as a "Kosher" dinner, simply because the Jewish Mission was giving a dollar dinner for the bargain price of 75 cents! To our astonishment, one hundred and eighty-one friends sat down to the luncheon. Dr. Ayer was drafted on rather short notice to be master of ceremonies, and while we know full well the warning of the Scripture, "Lay hands on no man suddenly," yet we violated this injunction with no evil consequences, but on the contrary with the utmost delight and gratification to all who were present; because Dr. Ayer certainly made a remarkably versatile and alert master. Our good friend and brother, Rev. Hyman Appelman, who was at the time holding meetings in Newark, New Jersey, came over and joined us at this luncheon. It was here that the surprise took place, for suddenly arose Dr. Rogers who requested to be allowed to present a resolution to the gathering of this notable company, among some of the greatest spiritual leaders of America. The resolution was read, and in a split second was sponsored, and then voted unanimously as being one of the sequences that must flow out from this Congress session.

The resolution paid glowing tribute to the work of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, rejoiced in the fact that we are now in our Fiftieth Year of service for the Lord, and urged that the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ shall take advantage of the great opportunity presented of giving the Gospel to the Jew in this strategic hour of world history, through the far stretched channels of your Mission. So important and statesmanlike was this resolution that instead of printing it as part of this Letter, we are giving it a setting by itself on page 21, entitled **S. O. S. TO THE CHURCH OF AMERICA**. Read it, use it wherever you can, and then give thanks to God with us for this further seal of the Lord's rich blessings and approval upon our united labors in the Gospel for Israel. We do believe in our inmost hearts that a new day is dawning for your Mission, a day that will count more for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the helping to bring about a speedier end to the days of this Age of Grace, than ever we have known before. God grant that it may be so. We mention this only because we feel that attention should be called to the fact that a Congress on Prophecy does not necessarily mean a sort of self-satisfied and smug, introverted feeding of one's self. Such criticism has been made too many times in days gone by. But here we gathered for the study of prophecy, and while the

in practically every other realm of science; but space does not permit the mention of these. In the light of such facts, which of us would deny that we are indebted to Jews for this benefaction? Many Jewish men and women today proudly wear the uniform of the United States and the Allied Nations. Records of heroism are being written daily. The Christian is above all others especially indebted to the Jew, and because of this ought to demand action upon this Fifth Freedom. There are two very definite reasons. Firstly, because through the Jew has been given to us our divine revelation in the Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testaments. It is the Hebrew disciple Peter who gives us a statement of this indebtedness:

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Pet. 1:20, 21.

Today we accept with eternal gratitude this gift of God's recorded revelation, made possible to us in the main by Jewish men, chosen of God as channels through which His Holy Spirit could work. Secondly, every Christian (by that we mean every believer) is eternally indebted to the Jew for his divine Redeemer. Again, it was a Jew who declared:

"Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh." Romans 1:3.

Christianity without Christ is a nonentity. Every Jew knows this, and while he is not willing to accept the Christian view of Christ, he must recognize with us the debt that is ours to his race.

THE DIGNITY OF OUR TRADITIONS

There is something that is common to all Americans, whether Jew or Gentile alike, which demands such action; and that is our democratic tradition. This tradition is and always has been that all men, regardless of race or creed, are entitled to freedom to live and to be free from persecution and hatred at the hands of any of their fellow men. When this tradition is set aside, democracy has disappeared, and with it the Christian philosophy of life and liberty. Therefore, if democracy is to continue in the purity of its traditions of freedom, we demand that it speak on this question.

We must further demand action upon this Fifth Freedom because we believe it is essential to post-war planning. It has been said that:

"real understanding of the Jewish problem and its solution is indispensable to intelligent planning for a better world, because the fascist and reactionary forces have found that the Jew is the most vulnerable point of attack in their political offensive against democratic governments and the institutions of democracy. So long as the Jew remains a problem, so long will democracy—and liberty and justice and decency—be menaced by those who are willing to exploit the hatreds and prejudices of two thousand years, which now form the inner image of the Jew to the masses of men."

Surely the realization of this one fact among all other important facts proves indisputably that such action is essential to all post-war planning.

It was Jan Masaryk, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia, who, when speaking in New York on June 18, 1942, said:

"Unless the Jewish problem is taken in hand by those who are going to shape our future as one of the major and most important ones—unless this problem is tackled and settled to the satisfaction of the Jews, and decent Christians alike—unless the cancer of antisemitism is removed from national and international intercourse—unless the Jews are allowed to voice their just and irretrievable rights at the very moment the negotiations for lasting peace begin—unless all this is done, we will have lost the peace."

Yes, we may win a war and lose a peace. However, beyond all these we must demand it because we believe it is essential to a United Nations victory. Without a full and complete recognition of this Fifth Freedom, we are without at

CALLING ALL JEWS! or WHAT ABOUT THE FIFTH FREEDOM

(Ezekiel 20:33-35)

By C. GORDON BROWNVILLE, D. D.

(This is the address which electrified a great, notable and historic assembly at one of the sessions of the Second New York Congress on Prophecy, held in Calvary Baptist Church, December 5-12, 1943. The speaker was the distinguished pastor of Tremont Temple Baptist Church of Boston, Mass. Because of the far-reaching and strategic import of this momentous pronouncement, we dare not condense the manuscript, but are printing it in two parts. This is Part I. The second part will follow next month, the Lord willing.)



Dr. Brownville

THIRTY centuries ago in Egypt thousands of Jews sat in mourning, and with bowed heads cried unto God for deliverance. On March 9, 1943, a repetition in some degree of that former experience took place. Forty thousand men and women at two separate observances of deep mourning sat in Madison Square Garden and bowed their heads. The lights went out even as in suffering Europe, where two million Jews already have been slain by the hand of Hitler and where four million more await the same terrible fate of the oppressed. Before a high Ark surmounted by a replica of the Ten Commandments which the Lord handed down to Moses, and of the eternal light, two voices intoned:

"The corpse of a people lies on the steps of civilization. Behold it! Here it is! And no voice is heard to cry halt to the slaughter! No government speaks to forbid the murder of human millions. . . . But we here tonight have a voice; let us raise it. Perhaps the dead will hear it and find comfort. Perhaps the dying will hear it and find hope. Perhaps the four freedoms will hear it and find their tongue. It is the voice of prayer."

Not only does the voice of these forty thousand Jews rise up in prayer and in demand for action, but the voice of every true Christian ought to be joined with them. What about the Fifth Freedom? Should we, as Christians and as a Christian church, not unite our voice with Jews everywhere in demanding action upon this Fifth Freedom by the United Nations? This freedom has to do with the United Nations' promise to the Jews (and the words "Jew" and "Israel" are used here interchangeably) of freedom from future persecution and the recognition of Palestine as a national Jewish homeland. As Christians and Americans we ought to demand this action for the following reasons: because we have recognized our indebtedness to Jews in the many blessings which they have given to humanity.

CAN WE EVER REPAY THE JEWS

Civilization as a whole has benefited from these, and this fact no one can deny. Think for a moment as mention is made of some Jews who in one field of scientific research alone have brought untold blessings to the millions of earth. In medicine alone: Erlich by "666" has saved thousands from the ravages of syphilis; Wasserman has given the reaction test for locating it; Trabo gave digitalis; Stricher discovered cocaine; Einhorn, novocaine; Minkowsky was the co-discoverer of insulin; Flexner found a serum for meningitis, Marmoreh for streptococci; for typhus, Besredha; the father of bacteriology is Ferdinand Julius Cohen; discoveries in the classification of blood must be credited to Karl Landsteiner. The first meeting to consider the American Red Cross was held in the home of Adolphus Salomon; and when the International Red Cross convened in Geneva, the United States was represented by Clara Barton and Mr. Salomon. Beside these, we find that Jews have brought blessing to humanity

work of the Mission, with its appeal for the sympathies and fellowship of the Lord's people, was scrupulously avoided by us, yet these brethren insisted that the missionary incentive for Jewish work should be made one of the major issues of the gathering. Our determination was from the beginning that the Congress shall be an instrument in God's hands to reaffirm His prophetic truths; that the Mission and its work was not the subject to be considered, that God had His own ways of providing friends and money for the work, as He has done through the years that have gone by. And yet with these basic lines drawn by us in the very outset, and rigidly adhered to as far as we could possibly do so, the Lord overruled our plans, and brought out of the Congress a new conviction as to the tragic need of Israel for these last days.

SOUL-WINNING HAND IN HAND WITH BIBLE TEACHING

Something else needs to be said here also; these brethren were not only concerned with presenting prophetic truths for these last days, but practically every speaker drove hard in his emphasis on the lost condition of mankind, and over and over again pleaded that if there should be any unbelievers in the audience, such should immediately accept the offer of salvation while the Day of Grace is still with us. No one can ever forget the closing Sunday night when Dr. Beal gave the invitation, with tender plea, so that hearts were melted in that vast audience; the same thing Dr. Beal did Sunday morning, and letters have come to us to thank us for the ministry of that stalwart giant of the faith. And so the Congress gatherings presented a fully rounded out ministry of truth; there was prophecy, there was the missionary stress, and there was evangelism, all three interwoven inseparably.

AN AUDIENCE ELECTRIFIED — "CALLING ALL JEWS!"

Nor was this all that proceeded out from the Congress meetings; for one afternoon we were honored with a brilliant address by the famous pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. C. Gordon Brownville. His subject was, "Calling All Jews—What About The Fifth Freedom?" With bewildering and heart-stirring clarity as well as emotional strength he outlined the problems of the Jews as now they are forced to go on bended knee to the nations of the earth, to lead with gaunt faces, with lean bodies, with broken hearts, that they shall be allowed a place in the sun when this war is finished. Dr. Brownville urged with impassioned fervor that this Congress go on record to say that the nations of the world shall give Palestine to the Jews when this war is finished. "No people," cried Dr. Brownville, "have a right to the land excepting the Jews!" He had hardly finished the last word of his address before Dr. Powell of Tacoma, Washington, jumped to his feet, and with visible emotion offered a resolution which was quickly seconded and adopted by a rising vote of the entire gathering, that every Christian should immediately begin to bombard the senators and congressmen in Washington, the Cabinet member, Mr. Roosevelt himself, with insistent and repeated demands that these statesmen shall take every action possible to see to it that the Jews shall have Palestine when the war is done. The address (Part I) of Dr. Brownville appears on pages 14-16 of this issue.

And this resolution we must now pass on to our readers, that you all may take it to your hearts and ask God what shall be your action. It is true, and admitted by Bible students, that the going-back of the Jews to Palestine of itself will never solve their age-old problem; we know full well that in the Lord Jesus Christ alone is the answer to all Jewish heartaches. We ourselves as your Jewish Mission have told our Jews many times that they must not count on Palestine of itself to be the panacea for their ills; that, on the contrary, God has foretold definitely that when the Jews go back to Palestine it will be to face that most terrible of all times that history ever

knew, "The Time of Jacob's Trouble," the great and frightful seething pot of the unspeakably monstrous Armageddon war. At that time only one-third of those who are in Jerusalem will be left, the others will be slaughtered. So we always emphasize with our Jews that it is far wiser to accept the Lord Jesus Christ now and have the sure promise of everlasting life and the peace of sins forgiven, and the joy of the Christ life than to wait for the uncertainties of a Palestine upheaval.

GOD'S FOREKNOWLEDGE VINDICATED

But we suppose it is a good deal like the record of God's dealing with Pharaoh; ten times God sent messages to Pharaoh, ten times Pharaoh had the chance to say yes to God, ten times he refused; and all that time God knew Pharaoh would refuse, Moses knew it, Aaron knew it, and yet God kept on in His infinite long-suffering, to hold out the offer of peace and favor to Pharaoh. So it is now, we are preaching the Gospel of salvation to Israel, and yet we know that the Jews *as a nation* will not accept the Gospel until after the Time of Jacob's Trouble, but that some individuals will; and those individuals will be the ones to make up the remnant that is to complete the Body of Christ for His coming; but the great bulk of the world nations, Jew and Gentile alike, will plunge themselves into the abyss of God's wrath and judgments, in spite of all the messages that God sends them. It is like the experience of the Israelites in the wilderness, when the children of Israel lusted for flesh, and God sent them huge battalions of quails (See Numbers 11:31-34). And we read this heart-breaking record:

"And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague." Num. 11:33.

And now we turn to Psalm 106:15, and there we find an illuminating piece of spiritual truth that sets out in bold silhouette a method which God sometimes uses in dealing with his rebellious children:—

'And he gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.'

He sent *leanness* into their souls! What good will it do the Jews to get Palestine, if it should mean later on "leanness in their souls?" What good will it be to develop it, to make it a garden of roses, to make it the joy and envy of the world, if only all that shall bring about the gathering of the world nations who will seek to destroy that which has been the dream, the vision, the two-thousand year longing of Israel?

WORKING WITH GOD

But, we do have the sure word of prophecy; and that prophecy tells us that the Jews will go back in unbelief; and out of such coming back will spring the most terrible war that ever the world saw, alongside of which the present unspeakable holocaust will appear as a mere rehearsal. But looking beyond this immediate prospect, we see the glory of God established upon the mountain top, we see all nations flowing to Jerusalem, we see the Throne of David in celestial beauty, we see righteousness enthroned and established upon this earth. So if our joining hands now will bring about such a glorious climax to world history, will hasten that brilliant consummation for which all hearts yearn with longing indescribable, then we shall strike hands with the Jew and we shall do all in our power to secure for him possession of his land. But it will be like the mother allowing her child to play with the matches, and telling him, "I know you will get burned, but it will be a good lesson for you."

He was just of an age with my father, and I still remember the last time they talked together here in the Mission building: Dr. Gregg seemed to look on the future prophetically, and he discussed his age with my father, and then he said, "Whichever one of us goes first, will wait for the other up there." And so now they are together again, and will have time through endless ages to talk over those things which were the delight of their hearts to talk about when they were down here.

And so, the ranks of the old pioneers are rapidly thinning out; we face new days, new times, a new generation, new methods, new ideas. Who will rise to take the places of these that have gone? The old foundations are still the best and the most dependable. The poem has it, "Change and decay in all around I see, O Thou that changest not, abide with me."

From One Of Our Boys Across The Sea

Dear Dr. Cohn:

I was very much surprised and delighted to receive a Christmas package from the "Mission". May I express my sincerest thanks for same. A package from "home", and I certainly count your Mission as "home", is always a welcome occasion for a serviceman overseas, especially when it contains such good candy. Thank you very much indeed, Dr. Cohn.

Today is Thanksgiving Day. We celebrated the day with a really excellent turkey dinner with all the trimmings! This year, however, Thanksgiving Day means more to me than a good turkey dinner, it means a sincere prayer of thanks to God for His blessing and guidance of my path as Uncle Sam's soldier.

I haven't seen action yet, but I am prepared and willing to do my share for Uncle Sam if it will contribute to the final defeat of the enemy. May God watch over me and bring me safely back into your midst.

A Merry Christmas to you, Dr. Cohn.

To Our Friends In The Maritime Provinces

Our field evangelist, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, is planning to spend the months

of June and July in the Maritime Provinces and Eastern Ontario, to do deputation work in behalf of the Mission. Mr. Fuchs is a child of the Mission, having been brought up under its care and guidance. His ministry in the States has been richly blessed. Wherever he has gone we have received enthusiastic reports concerning his work. Some of his subjects which have been especially blessed of the Lord, are: "The Kinsman Redeemer"; "The Bride of Jehovah"; "No More Sea"; "Comfort Ye My People".

Mr. Fuchs will be happy to respond to invitations to address gatherings of the Lord's people as the doors may open. If you desire to have him speak in your church please write him at once so that there shall be no disappointment in meeting your needs and conveniences of dates. Address Rev. Daniel Fuchs in our care.

Second Congress Book

Yes, a book will be published, the Lord willing, containing the principal addresses of the 1943 Congress on Prophecy. The title will be "Light for the World's Darkness." The price will be \$2.00. Publishers will be the Fleming H. Revell Company who published the first book, "The Sure Word of Prophecy." The editor will be Dr. John W. Bradbury, who also edited "The Sure Word of Prophecy."

But now comes the rub! We have no idea as to *when* the book will be ready for distribution! You will be patient with us, we are sure, while we will do the very best we can. War conditions are working havoc with the publishing business. Paper is one of those things put under priorities and rations, labor is sometimes just not to be had. We suppose it may be reasonably safe to say that we hope to have the book in hand before May of this year, but even that is not a guarantee.

If you wish to send your order now, you may do so; enclose \$2.00 and we will give you proper credit, and then as soon as the book comes to us, we will mail it promptly. Or, you might wait until we make formal announcement in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE that the books are ready for sale.

sum per month. The Board of Deacons and Trustees have already voted on it favorably. The congregation is to pass on it in a few days.

So by the time you read this, God willing, we may already have moved to our new location. We, therefore, earnestly covet your prayers for God's guidance and blessing upon our new and enlarged undertaking.

JEWISH SOLDIER BOYS THANK GOD FOR THE LOS ANGELES MISSION

(The "Zimmies" are continually receiving letters from their "boys" at the front. Here are two samples).

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Zimmie:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I correspond with you. And as I read your letters, they tend to help the situation by giving me more comfort. No matter which way it turns out

I am glad I happened to walk into your little Mission, into one of the Lord's places of the Holy Gospel of Christ, and to know and find out that there is a God and that the only way to contact Him is through His son Jesus Christ. I am going to say again and again, and repeat it over and over that if it weren't for the Lord, I wouldn't know what to do. Prayer has helped me very much.

Please write more about the Mission and its workers. May God end this terrible mess very soon. Regards to all.

With God's love,

A.....

Dear Zimmies:

It sure made my heart glad to hear from you. And I thank God for believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. He has done so much for me already. Just to know He is present is a comfort to me.

Your letter was most enjoyable reading. We ought to pray 24 hours a day for your Mission and your kind of missionaries, and also thank God for those who are preaching the Gospel with untiring efforts to those who do not know Him. I am glad I know what it really is to believe in God,

and that it is only through Jesus Christ our Saviour that we can know Him.

We are on maneuvers now, but only for a short time. My face was so dusty from the trip that if I should happen to sneeze there would be a smoke screen in front of me.

Greetings to all,

K.....

Harriss H. Gregg Now With the Lord



Dr. Gregg

ANOTHER stalwart warrior of the Lord's forces has laid down his armour and has gone to the land where war has ceased for all time, and where the celestial hosts sing adoration to that name which is above every name, the Name which is the subject of praise on the lips of uncounted millions of angelic hosts.

We were honored that we could call Dr. Gregg our friend. The Jews, and the cause of Jewish missions, never had a more devoted friend and lover than this brave soldier of the cross. When he was pastor in Flushing, one of the New York City suburbs, it was nothing unusual for my telephone to ring some especially hard morning of work, and when I lifted the receiver my heart was thrilled to hear the vibrant and glowing voice of Dr. Gregg, just oozing with sunshine and cheer, and out from the telephone would come these words, "Is that you, Joe? I just wanted to call you up and tell you that I love you!" And this was the kind of friend he was. Once when he gave an address at our Mission on a Friday night to a large Jewish audience (he used to love to come here to talk to the Jews) we slipped him an envelope in which we had placed a check for a modest sum, by way of showing our appreciation for his overabounding kindnesses to us (and we knew also that at that time he was undergoing severe financial testings) but imagine our surprise when he passed the envelope back to our hand, and said, "No, thank you Joe, use it for the Mission, and I hope it is a million dollars!"

So we suggest that every reader who can see these matters eye to eye with us will now begin to bombard the city of Washington from all parts of America, begging, pleading, insisting, that our lawmakers shall go on record that the Jews shall have Palestine. From the standpoint of world nations, certainly justice is on their side, and certainly they have a right to be allowed to work out their own racial destiny on a pattern that best fits their temperament. We propose to print in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE the address given by Dr. Brownville, at least in condensed form, and then you will see what we are talking about. On pages 14-16 appears the first instalment. It is so immediately important that we feel sure Dr. Bauman will forgive us for postponing the second part of his address to April. Likewise we will print other addresses from time to time as we have done before, so that our readers will be fed continually from the springs of God's own refreshing streams.

And now we are back to earth, and a huge deluge of letters and Mission details face us as we sit behind our desk; and we ask only that our friends shall bear us up patiently in earnest believing prayer that the Lord shall give wisdom and strength for the almost superhuman tasks that lie ahead. For your Mission is indeed marching step by step with God, and working with Him to bring about His eternal purposes upon this earth through a restored and redeemed Israel. In a remarkable and mysterious outworking of His plans your lot has been cast in with ours, and we march step by step, each one helping the other, until we shall see His glory accomplished through our humble but faithful services.

The JUBILEE fund is a marvel; you are responding beyond our feeble hopes, and all we can say is a deeply grateful thank you. We are able to set aside \$80,000 from 1943 gifts for the Jubilee Building Fund for 1944. We are negotiating for the purchase of a building which we think is without equal in all Manhattan Island for our purpose, and this sum will make a satisfactory first payment on any building we may purchase. But negotiations are necessarily slow, we want to buy at the very lowest possible dollar, and the sellers want the highest possible price. And so it is a slow process; we realize that the Lord's money must be diligently handled, and we are doing business for Him. So you continue in your patience with us, and soon we will be able to make some announcement that will warm the hearts of everyone of you. What blessed letters have come to us from friends who have been thrilled with the possibility of a Manhattan location for your Jewish Mission, especially in these strategic and dramatic days of a closing age. Keep on with us, beloved friends, continue in your generous outpouring of gifts as you have been doing and you will be surprised what the Lord will do for you, and what wonderful victories are ahead for us in the days to come. We are the vanguard of the Lord's advancing host; we are truly of the apostolic succession, for were not the first apostles our own kin and blood? We go forth therefore to do battle for the Lord, and we send out the challenge of the old beloved hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War, Who Follows in His Train?"

Ever gratefully yours in behalf of a scattered and bewildered Israel,

J. Hoffman Cohen

P.S. For the hundreds of beautiful Christmas cards which came to my desk from so many precious friends, may I in this way express to you all the deepest gratitude of my heart. The good wishes, the assurance of your prayers, the knowledge that you are thinking of me, these things help far more than can be realized, to cheer the heart in the midst of the burdens and the heat of the day.

Incidents In The Work

LOS ANGELES, 1943 — "WE ARE TROUBLED"

(A heart-moving report from our Los Angeles missionary,
Rev. Elias Zimmerman. Something to pray about)



Mr. Zimmerman

THIS has been a hard and discouraging year in our work here in Los Angeles. This was principally due to two factors: The nature of our work in previous years, and the war situation. For a number of years our activities have been principally among Jewish young men, among the many homeless and friendless and unemployed boys, who flocked to Los Angeles during the depression years. The Lord led us in that work, we rejoiced in that work, and God wonderfully gave His approval and blessing upon it. Literally hundreds and hundreds of those homeless Jewish boys from all walks of life and all parts of the country had the good tidings of salvation proclaimed and preached to them. The seed of the Gospel was sown in their hearts, and the claims of Christ as Savior and Redeemer were presented to them. True and practical Christianity was demonstrated to them in deed and word, by kindness and love, at a time when they were in great distress and need, when they were hungry, homeless and friendless.

Many were moved by the power of the Gospel and made public confession of their acceptance of, and faith in, the Lord Jesus Christ as their Messiah. The bolder spirits went all the way with the Lord and were baptized at the Church of the Open Door of Los Angeles and several of the Brethren Churches of this city and Long Beach, Calif.

And so I am sure we will be pardoned when we indulge a bit in looking back and thinking of those happy times when our Mission was crowded with Jewish young men, and the hall rang with the lusty singing of those beautiful gospel hymns, and the place was busy as a bee-hive.

THE RED HORSE RIDES!

Then came that dark and memorable day — Pearl Harbor! It meant WAR. It caused havoc with our Mission, and it tore our work in shreds. Many of our boys did not wait to be called to the colors. They enlisted and volunteered. Others were drafted later on. Only a few, the unfit, were left behind.

We soon saw the handwriting on the wall as far as our work among the boys was concerned. We realized that we must change the nature of our activities. This we did all along ever since we plunged into the war. We have been seeking to reach the local Jews, giving out many thousands of the Shepherd of Israel, literature, tracts, New Testaments; we also conducted street meetings, in addition to our regular Gospel services indoors on Wednesdays and Sundays. And while the work has been hard, and at times just heartbreaking, yet we can say with the apostle Paul, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair. Persecuted but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."

WE ARE ENCOURAGED

In spite of all the difficulties and hardships, the Lord has been good and gracious unto us. Now and then the Mission is pretty well filled, and the hall again rings with the singing of gospel hymns. Now and then we receive a letter from our soldier boys; or some of them stop off to see us, as they pass through the city to the different training camps, or on their way to the South Pacific. And they make our hearts glad by telling us that they have never forgotten the things they had heard and the kindnesses which were shown to them in the Mission. These things give us a lift, and we feel that the work had not been in vain, that it had been worth while indeed. Now and then our hearts are encouraged by an unusually good and successful street meeting, even though we may be cursed, reviled, called all man-

ner of evil names, and even threatened with bodily harm and injury. The Lord has also given us some souls for our hire. A number made public confession of their faith during the year, and three, two Jews and one Gentile, were baptized recently in the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles.

OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our Thanksgiving dinner this year was perhaps one of the best we have had in the Mission. The three long tables—end to end through the entire length of the hall—were beautifully decorated with berries, fruits and vegetables. And we had real turkey with all the trimmings. Between forty and fifty were present. We had good singing, splendid violin music by a talented Jewish Christian artist, and blessed testimonies and thanksgiving expressions by every one present. Then we closed with a Thanksgiving message on "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits," especially the benefits we received from and through our blessed Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

WE LOOK FOR A NEW LOCATION

Since we have changed the nature of our activities, we have realized more than ever the need of a different location and a better equipped building. Many of our difficulties and discouragements have been due to the fact that we are poorly located and poorly equipped for the kind of work we are doing. For one thing, some of the local Jews have come to look upon our Mission as a rescue mission for down and outers, for those in distress and in need; and so they are ashamed to come in. Then the entrance to the Mission is too conspicuous for other Jews who would like to come to the services. The Mission is on the main street, and so some are afraid that they are being watched and reported and talked about when they visit the Mission. On several occasions we were asked by some Jewish women if we had some side or back door so that they could slip in without being seen. One day I persuaded a highly cultured and intelligent Jewish mother and her daughter to come to the service at the Mission. I drove up in front, and when they stepped out of the car they stood there on the sidewalk not knowing

whether they would walk in or go back home. I could see in their behavior that they were embarrassed and confused. They were anxious for me to drive them back home. And it took a good deal of persuading on my part to get them to come in, but only after they looked around on every side and made sure that nobody saw them enter.

We realized the need of moving our Mission to another location for some time now, and we have been looking around in the meantime. It is not easy to say, to say the least, to find the proper building at the right location. We found many buildings that we could use, but they were poorly located. And when we found a good location there was no building that we could use. At last, however, we did find just what we wanted. The building and location were just what we have been looking for—just a half a block away from a beautiful little park, where many Jews gather and congregate during summer and winter. This would have made a fine fishing ground for us. We were going to buy the building, but by the time we got ready and meant business, the owner of the property went up with the price several thousand dollars, and finally took it off the market for fear of inflation.

THE LORD OPENS A NEW DOOR

This left us with the choice of either continuing at the same location in spite of the difficulties and hardship, or to accept an offer from the Calvary Baptist Church to move to their building. This church is ideally located for Jewish work and is well equipped. Thousands of Jews have moved and settled in that part of the city and the Gentiles moved away. The congregation has dwindled rapidly until they have only a little handful left.

We tried to buy the Calvary Church, but evidently they are not yet ready to sell. It is an independent Baptist Church, thoroughly fundamental in belief, "earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" and deeply interested in Jewish Missionary work. All concerned seem to agree that it is an open door from the Lord.

Arrangements and details are now being worked out whereby we shall rent or lease a goodly part of the building for three years at a nominal