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Object — To reach the entire field of world Jewry. Mission stations are being established in such important Jewish centers as may be in greatest need of a Gospel testimony, consistent with the Lord's will, as evidenced through His provision of workers and funds.

Field Missionaries. The work of evangelizing the Jew is further being accomplished by Field Missionaries who come into personal contact with Jews.

Evangelization by Mail. A work of growing importance and one in which we have been the pioneers for many years past, is the use of letters, tracts, Gospels and Testaments mailed to selected lists of Jews in practically every city and many towns of the United States. The Shepherd of Israel, published monthly in Yiddish and English, has a circulation among Jews in all parts of the world.

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Salutation

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

Dearly beloved friends:

You just can't please everybody. February is the month when we try to put before our devoted friends and fellow laborers a sort of panorama of the Lord's dealings with us during the year that has passed, so that we all can survey objectively the wonders of the things which the Lord has done for us. And so we can number our days and recount the many blessings which in His abounding mercy He has bestowed upon us. But sometimes a taking of inventory comes to be a little commonplace and unless the child of God is able to envisage the tracings of the Lord's miraculous dealings, the whole picture is blurred and the strategic function which the Jewish Mission testimony is to play in the divine program for these last days, becomes not only hazy but even overlooked entirely. Just as truly as the sun shines we are on the King's Highway, our hands clasped in the hand of Him Who has loved and still loves Israel with an everlasting love. And under such divine oversight we are instruments in His hands for the carrying out of His eternal purposes, ordained from the foundation of the world.

And so a year ago, we tried something different in the way of this annual report, by asking a number of our missionaries to give us a brief message so that our precious friends shall have a better insight into the inner workings of so vast an enterprise as your Jewish Mission has been appointed to carry on.

The results were far beyond our expectations. But, as we started out in this letter, we found that we could not please everybody. Imagine our embarrassment and heartache when we received letters that read something like this:— "Why did you take all that precious space to tell us of those missionaries and what they were doing? We know that you are doing a tremendous work, which covers the entire world, and we know that your missionaries are faithful and we know that we have in your management one of the finest and most efficient administrative organisms in all the world; it is for these reasons that we give you our support in prayer and in gift. But I look forward so much each month to getting a message from the Book. As I turn to open the pages of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE each month, my heart is hungry and the comfort which I get from your little paper I get nowhere else."

This is the gist of a number of letters that came with this general underlying complaint. But over against such letters, there came others; and these seemed to be overflowing with appreciation and thanksgiving. Their general content was, "I knew you were doing a stupendous work but certainly my eyes were opened when I began to read those short reports and I began to see the vast outreach of your faithful and persistent testimony. I had no idea to what extent my little contribution was being stretched and used of God in so mighty a Gospel proclamation!"

AT GRIPS WITH THE DEVIL HIMSELF

And these latter messages and congratulations did outweigh the comparatively few who had wanted to eliminate these reports and to put in their stead a little more opening up of the precious truths of God's revelations for us in these last days of a world in convulsion. And that is why we take courage now to do this same thing all over again. Once more we wrote to our heroic staff, many of them battling on the frontiers of desolation, at grips sometimes with the very devil himself, insolently disputing title in the No Man's Land of souls in despair, not knowing which way to turn. And we have received the responses that we had hoped for and now we want to give them to you, briefly of course. We have tried to salvage the most interesting parts of each of the reports sent to us by our workers. As you read these reports, we know your hearts will rejoice. Once in a while a tear may fall, but always through everything you will praise the Name of our Lord for the outstanding blessings that He has poured out upon us who co-labor with you in the proclaiming of the Gospel message to an Israel that is soon to face the most desperate hours of all her long sad history. So read on:-

Our dear blind brother. Alexander Marks, writes:-

The past year has been one of rich blessing and our work in New York has aroused great interest among our Jewish people. So successful have our efforts been that certain Jewish leaders have begun a campaign of opposition and persecution, just as they did at Antioch. A Jewish group printed cards saying, "Beware of the tricky missionaries who are soul snatchers." These posters were placed in the store windows in our area; but they did us no harm; on the contrary they gave us valuable free advertising and many Jews have come to our Mission who had never heard about us before.

Many Jewish students come to us here at the Mission; also we frequently have rabbis at our preaching services; all eagerly accept tracts and New Testaments. It was my privilege to spend eleven weeks in Canada preaching the Gospel. A number of Jews attended our meetings; two Jewish ladies told us that I was the first Christian Jew they had met. And we were able to present to them for the first time the claims of the Lord Jesus. We rejoice in the wonderful things God has done for us during 1947.

Our faithful friend and brother, Pastor Henri Vincent, finds time out of his busy life as pastor of the leading Baptist Church of Paris, to give honorary direction to our blessed work there. He has been associated with us from the first day of our testimony in Paris, and he has marveled, with us, to see how the Lord has added blessing upon blessing to the untiring labors of the missionaries who co-labor with us in that strategic field. Pastor Vincent writes:-

This year has really seen a revival of the work in Paris. After the liberation, it is only slowly that it has begun again. All the Jews that used to come to our Mission have been scattered, or are dead. Slowly others have gathered. New contacts have been made. Through the faithful work of our missionary, .Mr.

Out of the Mail Bag

As Others See Us

\$_____ my tithing, that has been gathering through the summer. I am sorry I never heard from you or about your Chosen Work before. God Bless You. May I take a little of your time to testify to His Presence? This money was such a worry to me because I had pledged it, and here it was just being moved from drawer to drawer in the desk, and such a temptation to use for every day needs, and I was afraid I might use it for that. So I prayed to our heavenly Father to send me a sign, to whom should I give this money. My husband is only a railroader, so you see money is very precious to us; and my tithing is a sacrifice, and as such it had to be used for a very deep necessity. Well, Sunday morning, I tuned in at the very end of your Broadcast. I did manage to get "God's Chosen People" and the Broadcast Station. Why, I said to myself, "Those are the Jews", and instantly I caught the answer, "My tithing!" It is so little, but with God's blessing it is His wish that you use it. I have nothing to say as to what you do with it. I can only thank Him for giving it to me so I can give it to one of His Chosen. Isn't this a fact. there is not one Christian of any faith or sect who has not been originally or rather first touched by Jewish influence? The Bible, the Prophets, the Disciples, and God's Son Our Jesus, first, last and always. Thank you and forgive me for overflowing in my gratitude to be a small ember in your great work. Can I make a suggestion? Will you please print, "We are praying daily for you" before the message you have the New Testament in Yiddish and printed - on your leaflets. Let the world know that you are praying for Anywhere is O.K.

FNCLOSED find money order for it. When one reads the little challenge first, it arouses a hope instantly, and you can also close it with "God bless you". We, the world, need such comfort today. You will grow with God's blessing. I ought to be ashamed to tell you how to run your affairs, but I too need your prayers.

The splendid work that you are doing in God's vineyard is a constant joy to me. Enclosed is a gift to further your efforts. I read your periodicals with great interest, and a feeling of deep gratitude floods my soul as I note the result of the working power of the Holy Spirit. May God give you courage, strength and faith to continue steadfast in this cause and may rich blessings fall upon you, is my sincere prayer.

Am enclosing \$_____ for your mission, praying God will bless many souls. There is much I could say in praise of your courage and faith in these trying times, but all I will say now is, God bless you.

When I get THE CHOSEN PEOPLE I always wish I had money. But if I did I might not want to give; so I will just ask our dear heavenly Father to put it into the hearts of those who have to supply all your needs in this wonderful and great work you are doing. "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." God has said of His Word, "It shall not return unto me void". I wish the little I am sending could be used for printing Hebrew. But it is all to His glory.

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The publication of the "Berger d'Israel", French edition of The Shepherd of Israel, has been resumed, after an interim of 7 years. A monthly letter, "Tous Unis", has started a fellow-ship among Christians and Christian Jews, and the circulation has now reached 600 copies.

Ministers and churches have been aroused to their duty of the Christian Churches towards the evangelization of the Jews. God has blessed us largely, and is giving us several conversions. May His Name be praised!

From our sister in Des Moines, Iowa, Mrs. Esther Juroe, comes a challenging word. She carries on a brave and heroic testimony, and has won the respect and gratitude of many Jews in Des Moines:—

One of the things that rejoices my heart most in Jewish missionary work is to see Christian Churches open their doors to the Jews, and meeting together, as they did in the synagogues in the early church.

The Lord permitted this to take place again this year. During a meeting held by Dr. Feinberg, some Jews came into a Christian Church to hear the Gospel proclaimed. We do not know the full extent to which the Lord uses the testimony of our brother, beyond the confession of one Jewish man; but as I have further contacted the Jews in calling, I know it created a stir. We do thank the Lord for such a "stirring up" that caused the Jews to think on this matter of salvation, and for one who is giving visible evidence of a change from darkness to Light. Truly this has been a miracle of God!

If God can bless the feeble efforts of one little church to reach a few Jews, what could He do if Christian Churches would really give themselves to this task for Israel in their midst, resorting to the methods of Paul, a chosen witness to the Gentiles?

Paul's heart's desire and prayer was that Israel might be saved. Romans 10:1. This desire of his heart caused him to seek the Jew wherever he went. "Paul as his manner was, went unto them....." Acts 17:2, and when in Rome in chains, he could not go to them, he called them unto himself. Acts 28:16, 17.

Again from Paris; our Pastor Andre Frankl writes:-

The year 1947 was full of grace and blessing for us in France. It marks a new year for all our work in Europe.

In 1944, from the hard trial of the war, we were less numerous, but we knew as never before that He Who preserved us through the world catastrophe would use us now for His Glory.

By the time of the liberation we were left about twenty in number. At the end of 1947 we have now grown to several hundred people in Paris, and almost one thousand in France. We have been happy and proud of our dear and beloved director, J. H. Cohn's visit here, and we are sure, that, following his wise advices, we were so glad to hear, we are progressing in grace, and that greater things will be done in the future through us by the Lord.

Our meeting-room is too small now and must be enlarged to receive all the people who come to hear the Lord's words.

Our Mission in Paris is the heart of all our work in Europe. From here, it is easier to penetrate into some European countries which are shut against American influence. And I have been honored in being given to build again our network of religious testimony in nine foreign countries in Europe, beside France. During my travels, I could notice how the Lord is faithful and how the Jews' hearts are more open to the Gospel now than before the war. Yes, there are still slaves of the ancient bondage of Israel. And there are still, or rather there are again, some branches newly cut which are to be grafted on to Jesus Christ's olive-trunk. Pray for us, brothers and sisters, so that we may answer Israel's call, and spread the knowledge of salvation among our own people.

Perhaps no Christian worker in Philadelphia is more universally loved and respected than our own Harry Burgen. Preachers and laymen alike have THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

spoken to us with tears in their eyes, concerning the devoted and selfeffacing labors of Mr. Burgen. In season and out of season, this consecrated brother is literally wearing his life out in the Lord's service. We take a few paragraphs from his report:—

The path has not always been without heartaches, disappointments and discouragements. We can literally say with the inspired writer "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing." II Cor. 6:10.

We cannot possibly begin to relate all that transpires here at this God-appointed Gospel agency. Jew as well as Gentile, rich and poor, men and women, are being dealt with personally concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

A Dr. Louis O., (a dentist), a Jew, came from Massachusetts to Philadelphia to attend a dental convention. Taking a stroll one evening, he found himself in front of our Mission Hall. He had been attracted by the large sign over our window in gold leaf lettering, "Jesus, Israel's Messiah", in Hebrew and English. We were holding our weekly gathering for prayer, ministry of the Word, and testimony. As we were about to leave (almost 10:00 p.m.) we noticed a man reading. Miss Shallcross, one of the workers, hurried out and offered the stranger literature. This was the means and beginning of witnessing for Christ to this son of Abraham. He had many questions to ask, as he had never before known there was a mission to Jews, nor had he ever met a believing Jew. We talked with him until a late hour, telling him the good news of salvation. He was reluctant to leave. What a blessed opportunity that was! Before parting he gave us his personal card, and to this day we follow him up regularly every month with our Yiddish-English Gospel paper, *The Shepherd of Israel*.

Many come in asking for the poem, *The Jew*, and for the various tracts on display in our window. You may rest assured that they always get more than they ask for. By God's help we give them a Bible measure, which is a "good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over." Luke 6:38. We want to do it as unto the Lord, remembering that with the same measure that we mete, it shall be measured to us, for His glory and the saving of souls.

In the Rocky Mountains too, we are not without a testimony. Mrs. Oscar Wago has endeared herself to Christian and Jew alike as she humbly and patiently testifies and teaches:—

As we reflect and praise God for the many blessings so richly bestowed upon us during the past year, we are especially mindful of our many good friends who have not only unstintingly given of their means, but whose hearts are heavy with sorrow for suffering Israel, and join us, daily, at the throne of grace for her salvation.

We thank God for our faithful Hebrew believers, who are united with their many Gentile Christian friends in bonds of happy fellowship and joyful service to the Lord. One of them is spending her second year at Bryan University preparing for Christian service; another is taking a course at Denver Bible College; still another is busily engaged as Sunday School teacher, the Lord having used her to lead a goodly number of children to accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. Judy and Gail, too, are growing in grace and taking precious opportunities to lead their schoolmates and friends to Christ; not forgetting our dear Brother and Sister G. who are also among the faithful worshippers, and as an Elder of Grace Calvary Church, Brother G. is giving joyfully of his every talent to the cause of Christ.

Field Evangelism is one of our important methods in reaching out to both Jews and Christians all over the land. Many Jews wait, in the small towns, for the annual visit of our secretaries, and they seem to enjoy so much the meetings in the various churches. They feel embarrassed to go to the churches generally, but when a Jewish Christian comes along, how happy they are to come. *Rev. Emil D. Gruen*, himself the son of a Jewish missionary father and mother, is one of our field evangelists. He writes:—

FROM OUR BOOK ROOM

TRACTS FOR JEWS

We have them. They are brief, to the point, and attractively titled. They are written from a background of fifty years of experience in reaching the Jew with the gospel. The subjects grip the Jew with curiosity. For the most part they are written by Jews for Jews, and 194 with a God-given native understanding of the Jewish mind. They treat with the difficulties the Jew finds by way of the stumbling blocks mentioned in 1st Cor. 1:23, such as the Trinity. The Virgin Birth, the Atonement. Here is the list: By REV. LEOPOLD COHN, D. D. A Dialogue Between a Jew and a Christian, Yiddish-English\$0.05 What is His Son's Name? The Voice of Him That Crieth. Cain and Abel, WHAT EVERY JEW SHOULD KNOW: 2 Was Abraham a Jew? Inc. Don't Go to Jerusalem, By J. H. Cohn, English only .02 3. , JEWS, Son, Remember, By J. H. Cohn, 4. 5. Of Whom Does Isaiah 53 Speak? Yiddish only05 THE ż "The Rabbi Told Me So."05 6. 7. 23, 0 8. An Open Letter to a Rabbi, York By Rev. L. Abramowitch, 2 MISSIONS eet, New Y Thirty - three Prophecies Fulfilled in One Day, By Rev. Charles Bauer, English only .05 10. Street, 11. Do Christians Worship Three F4 Let's Hang the Hamans! By J. H. Cohn, English only 12. 0 BOARD C West 72d .05 13. The Meaning of the Jewish Holy Days, English or Yiddish .10 14. Behold, the Virgin. By Leopold Cohn, English or Yiddish05 15. Daniel's Seventy Weeks, Eng-AMERICAN 236 16. The Broken Matzo, English05 17. The Wonderful God of Israel 18. "I Believe in Science."02 These tracts are available to friends of Israel. But please avoid waste in unwise distribution. AMERICAN BOARD OF MISSIONS TO THE JEWS, Inc.

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"AT EASE IN ZION"

heart of the blessed Savior was at rest in Zion when He looked on that city and wept? Do you consider that His heart is satisfied now with the desperate spiritual condition of Zion? How can we be so at ease in Zion.

ing, when Israel is dying without the knowledge of Him who is their life and light and eternal glory? The Dear reader, do you think that the Lord continues throughout the days. months, and years so rapidly passing to woo us to carry forward this service so near and dear to His heart. Writ large on the heart of the Savior is the word "Zion." Is it on yours? He still loves them. Do you?

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As I look back upon the year just past, I thank God that in my faltering and humble way He has permitted me to be such a witness. As I have travelled, or when I have been here in our headquarters building, there have come to me many opportunities to witness to my people of our Messiah. I thank God for these opportunities, remembering His promise, "My word shall not return unto me void."

Then too, I thank Him for the great privilege of presenting the challenge of Israel's need for the Gospel from the many pulpits I have visited this past year. I am humbly grateful to you, dear friends, for permitting me to come to your churches and fellowship with you. I pray that the Lord will bless our having been together to the furthering of His Gospel work among Israel. May God richly bless you and yours in this new year.

In Canada, we head up in Hamilton, with dear Brother Jones of the Bible House, as our Honorary Treasurer. Miss Isabel Smith continues with unabated zeal and true Christian affection for Israel, to knock on Jewish doors, and the doors open to her, and she finds abundant entry.

The Montreal Branch, is under the care of a brother beloved in the Lord, who because of his espousal of our Mission, soon heard the tocsin of battle, and found himself on the firing-line. Rev. Stanley Stock is the busy pastor of the Madison Baptist Church, but he made time to sponsor a Jewish work there, and it was he who organized the first Committee to affiliate with us in the testimony there. And how God has honored his courage and self-abnegation! The missionary there now is Mr. G. Vanderlip, a Holland Christian who has a divinely given love for Israel. We brought him to New York last summer, to get a first-hand saturation with our headquarters activities. Our missionary among the women and children is Miss Gladys Midgley, of Oshawa, Ontario. Limit of space compels us to postpone her report to a later issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. But here are a few paragraphs from Mr. Vanderlip's letter:-

Fresh in my mind is my recent visit to New York City. It has been my pleasure to be there from the 27th of October until the third of November. Dr. Cohn gave me a warm welcome and in introducing me to the staff of the Mission, used this expression, "Mr. Vanderlip has come to New York to spy on us and our work; assist him in every way."

It was indeed a great joy to see so many happy faces, of born again Jewish people. Very often my question, "How are you?" was answered with a "Praise the Lord, fine." Hearty handshakes and shining faces, gave evidence of the inward work of grace, and the report I brought back to Montreal was a good report. In our three branches in New York, we have a splendid group of faithful workers, laboring in wonderful cooperation, bringing the Gospel to the hungry hearts of God's ancient people.

In the last meeting I attended, Dr. Ralph Key, (a real friend of Israel) from the Rutgers Presbyterian Church, spoke to us on the topic: "The meaning of Discipleship". About 70 or 75 converted Hebrews were present. We had a real good time. When the meeting was over, refreshments were served, and as I listened to the conversations, my thoughts went back to the precious Word of God: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord harkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His Name." I am sure that night some things were written down in His book.

Under the caption, "We Are Encouraged", our good brother, Rev. Elias Zimmerman, sends a testimony of blessed experience in our Los Angeles Branch. Incidentally, and importantly, Mr. Zimmerman is rounding out 30 years of service for the Lord as one of our co-laborers:-

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A Jewish missionary often feels discouraged and disheartened. The need is so great, and the field so vast. The progress is often so slow, and the iron curtain of ignorance, prejudice and unbelief is so heavy and impenetrable.

The Jewish missionary does not have great audiences to inspire him, he does not see mass conversions to thrill him. And often the abuse and hatred he suffers from his own people is so keen that he feels he has indeed much reason to despair and be discouraged.

When we begin to feel that way, the Lord again and again puts us to shame for our little faith and our little courage. The other day at our street meeting, a Jewish Christian, who only recently accepted Christ, stood by our side. He helped us all he could. After the meeting he asked if he could accompany me home. For almost two hours he poured out his lonely heart. And before he left he thanked me again and again for letting him unburden himself. He said that I will never realize what a blessing it was to him just to be near and let him talk. Poor fellow, he was lonely and hungry for Christian fellowship. At the following meeting at our Mission, the same man stood up and gave a thrilling testimony. He thanked and praised God for this Branch and he was never so happy in all his life as he has been since he came to the Mission and since he has come to know Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour. When he sat down, another man stood up and gave his testimony. He was a refugee, a former teacher in Berlin; he often travels fifty miles from a nearby town to attend our meetings. He also praised God for our Mission in Los Angeles. And in his broken English he told briefly of his six years suffering and agony in a concentration camp in Germany. His wife and family killed, and he left alone, he said that life would not be worth living if it were not for his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And several days later a Jewish young man came to the Mission for the first time. He was quite nervous. Evidently it was the first time he visited a Jewish Mission. He told us his father was a rabbi, which perhaps had something to do with his nervousness. But at the close of our meeting he almost literally begged us for some Christian literature and especially the Word of God. He said he had to have spiritual food and did not want to live and die like an animal. We were deeply touched by his earnestness and hunger for the truth.

And so while we may have some reason to be discouraged at times, we have far more reason to rejoice and praise God for the privilege of ministering to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And yes, to thank and praise Him for this Branch of the American Board here in Los Angeles, and for the great family of friends of The Chosen People who are supporting us with their prayers and means.

From Buenos Aires, our so faithful missionary, Rev. Emanuel Lichtenstein, grandson of the world famed sainted Rabbi Lichtenstein of Budapest, writes so heart-gripping a letter, that we just must let you read all of it:--

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.' With these words of Revelation, Pastor J. M. Armbruster, President of the U. L. C. reminded us that this 10th year of Mission labors since the death of the sainted founder, Dr. Leopold Cohn, has brought us richer blessing in the Argentine station than any preceding year. Looking back over 4 years of work in your Mission in wartime Vienna and 6 years in Buenos Aires, I can see the Words cited above confirmed, and find the "works of Dr. Leopold Cohn following him" in the ever growing results also in the local Mission. Hardly a month has passed in which one or more children of Israel did not ask for instruction, and the number of conversions has been unusually large. We are becoming ever better known, not only in the Metropolis, but also in the surrounding province. After twenty months of instruction by correspondence a man came from more than 1000 miles to request baptism. Various baptisms have been performed by me in the interior. Many thousands of tracts and leaflets have been distributed, in German and Yiddish, and several tracts of the Central Mission have been translated and published in Spanish. Our lecture programs have been listened to by larger audiences than ever. Our announcements are continually appearing in the daily papers which are read by the immigrants the word translated here "excellency" means pride or arrogance; in Amos 8:7 it clearly refers to God Himself as the object of Israel's glorving. In our text here it must refer, as being parallel to palaces, to the sanctuary and all that constituted the glory of the nation Israel. See Psalm 47:4 and Ezekiel 24:21. The palaces, which were places of corruption and storehouses of plunder from the poor (3:10, 15), would suffer the stroke of God also. In the next two verses we are given a vivid picture of the plague such as usually followed war in the East, as elsewhere even to modern times. The prophet desires to show the comprehensive sweep of the judgment, so he assumes a house in which ten men live, and states that they shall all die. The number is a round number (Leviticus 26:26; Zechariah 8:23) but indicates a large house. What a fearful contrast, then. do we have here to the conditions portraved in verses 4 to 6 of this chapter. There we have pictured for us luxury, licentiousness, and indifference, while here we have fear, stark tragedy, and universal death. How widespread the plague will be is noted for us in verse 10. When one's next of kin, to whom the duty of burial belonged, would come to carry the corpse out of the house to burn it, he would find but one remaining out of the ten who lived there formerly. And that last surviving one hidden away in the innermost recesses of the houses fearfully awaiting the hour when the plague would carry him away also. In ancient Israel in accordance with the words of Genesis 3:19 burial was the accepted method of disposal of the dead. In this the New Testment doctrine of the body concurs. Hence cremation was considered wrong and not countenanced (see Amos 2:1). But when God's judgment falls upon His people, there will be so many

dead that they will not bury but burn them. The cases here and I Samuel 31:12 are exceptional cases. Here cremation is resorted to in order to prevent contagion; in I Samuel it was done to obviate further dishonor of the bodies of Saul and his sons by the Philistines. When asked if there are others alive, the remaining occupant of the house will say there is none. Immediately he will be told to hold his peace for fear he would mention the name of the Lord in announcing the death of the others in the household, or in praising God for his own deliverance. Punishment will so work fear and despair in them all that they will refrain from even the mention of the name of the Lord (which should be their sole refuge in such an hour) lest further wrath come upon them. By the command of the Lord both the great house and the small house will be smitten. From early times it has been suggested that the great house refers to the kingdom of the ten tribes and the small house to the kingdom of the two tribes. Although it is true that the Assyrians did break up the first and begin the work of destruction in the second, it is better to see here a reference to the judgment of God which will touch the homes of the rich and poor alike. See 3:15.

FALSE CONFIDENCE

Amos would now show how impossible it is for them in their sinful state to expect the protection, prospering, or blessing of God. Taking a figure from the realm of the rustic, he asks whether it is customary for horses to run upon a rock, or whether oxen are used there to plow. This is no more possible than that their evil deeds should issue in their blessing. How can they expect the favor of the Lord at the very time they are committing deeds displeasing to God?

warning signs in the fate of other godless nations. See Nahum 3:8. While such a view is entirely possible, we believe the prophet is probably pointing to the aforementioned nations and asking whether they (the nations) were better than these kingdoms (Judah and Israel)? The answer is negative, for none of the surrounding nations was comparable to Israel. Amos shows that they are rightly called the chief of the nations, because they are not lacking in greatness to any of the prosperous nations about her, in fact, excels them. Their border was not greater than that of the people of God. The prophet says, Look at these others and see just how favored (chief) you are.

LUXURY AND SIN

Being chief of the nations how did Israel respond to the favor and blessing of God? With aversion and with desire to avoid the wrath of God they put far away the evil day, the day of God's punishment for their evil deeds. Compare Ezekiel 12:22, 27. When men put off the day of God's reckoning, they always feel free to indulge themselves in all manner of violence. So it was in Israel. Note Ecclesiastes 8:11 for this important truth. The violence was manifested most clearly by the sitting of the unjust judges in judgment. While these judges were harsh in judging others, they were soft, indulgent, and licentious. Stretching themselves full length (so the original) on beds inlaid with ivory, they feasted to their hearts' content on the choicest and fattest of meats. Self-indulgence was given free rein. Here was extravagant and careless living in the midst of oppression and poverty. Indulgence of every appetite was the order of the day. And what would revelling be without song and wine? In Samaria they were not lacking either. Their the hand of the enemy. In Hosea 5:5

songs were idle songs; they were mere nonsense. The drunkard is known by his song. The ungodly leaders in Israel devised instruments of music for their special occasions and feastings. In this they were paralleling the genius of David, the great master musician of Israel. His ability was directed toward the praise of God; theirs was employed to celebrate the impious revelries in which they were engaged. David honored God with his music; they hishonored both God and man. Music which is degrading is a sure sign of an incipient national decline. How we need to heed this word in our own land! See Nehemiah 12:36 for the prowess of David in music. The hours of debauchery would not be complete if wine did not find its place among the celebrants. The regular cups were insufficient for their insatiable appetites, so they drank wine from bowls. It is the same word as for the bowls used for sacrificial purposes to catch the blood and then sprinkle it. Numbers 7:13. When they should have been sitting in sackcloth and ashes over the affliction of their people, that is, the low spiritual condition of the kingdom, they were anointing themselves with the most costly oils instead. In time of mourning (see II Samuel 14:2) anointing was suspended.

CAPTIVITY FORETOLD

Those who were first in prominence and sin will be the first in punishment and captivity. Going with the first captives will make their shame all the more conspicuous. The revelry, the discordant noises and screeching, of the carousers will pass away. The Lord swears by Himself (compare 4:2) that, since He abhors and hates the excellency of Jacob and his palaces, He will deliver over the entire city with all it possesses to from Europe. A Spanish edition of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE has been begun with the title: EL PUEBLO ESCOGIDO. The Shepherd of Israel has been distributed where English and Yiddish are read. Outside of the gatherings in our Mission. I have been preaching in Spanish, German and Hungarian in the various churches of the United Lutheran Church, and I rejoice at being permitted to preach to Jews and Gentiles alike.

This year 1947 was one of the most difficult ones in consequence of the rapid, and continual rise in the cost of living, so that we were often pressed by worries of a material and administrative kind. Our beloved General Secretary, Dr. Joseph Hoffman Cohn, multiplied greatly his loving exertions, which we have always gratefully felt throughout the ten years. Many times the future seemed to be so dark that we were tempted to think that we could not carry on any longer, but the Lord of all missions was at our side in all difficulties, in worries of a material kind as well as in spiritual difficulties. Looking toward the future in unshaken faith in our Lord Jesus, I should like to ask all the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE to increase many times their prayers as well as their gifts of love also in the coming year, which will be the 54th in the blessed history of the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

It is the heartfelt wish of our Buenos Aires circle of friends of the Mission, that the Lord of Hosts may strengthen the hearts and the hands of those to whom we must always look for assistance, to our General Secretary, Dr. Joseph Hoffman Cohn, who by his recent trip to Europe and Palestine has applied his tireless energy to give help and hope in the Name of Jesus to the children of Israel under such a cloud of bodily and spiritual tribulation, and also to the friends and protectors of the Central Mission in New York, especially the staff and Board of Directors, so that by His divine grace and power our work, which is His work, may be carried on from strength to strength until the final victory is gained.

Out of a heart that knows the agony of separation from loved ones, of persecution for Christ's sake, of taking his place without the wall, to suffer His shame, and to bear His sorrow, our brother Philip Cogan, also a child of the Mission, and now helping Mr. Burgen in Philadelphia, writes:-

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?" Jeremiah 32:27. The Lord has permitted me the ministering of His Word to my brethren after the flesh in the city of Chester, Pa. He has opened many doors for me and His Word has reached some open hearts and receptive minds. Some have made definite confessions of the Lord Jesus as their Messiah and their joy is manifested when I visit them and they anticipate receiving new truths from God's Word. Though some are not coming out openly in their confession, there is no doubt about the sincerity of their belief. For a Jew to confess openly the Lord Jesus means to break with all the home ties, the ones who are near and dear to his heart, as I experienced in my own life: for to this day I am rejected by my own wife and children, relatives and friends. Not only have I found open doors in my visitation, but I have also met with opposition, rebukes, and insults; yet the joy of the Lord is my strength, a joy that the world can never give, nor can trouble, sorrow, and persecution take away. As I abide in Christ, I know that these persecutions are not touching me without first touching Him, and touching Him the "bitter" has been made "sweet". Please pray that the Lord may give me much wisdom, tact, and grace to conduct myself as before the eyes of the Lord and to witness to what I know of the Lord Jesus.

From Rev. Herbert Singer, in charge of our work among the Refugees, and at grips with the soul agonizing problem of the naked and starving who stretch out hands of despair to us from across the water, we have this word of comfort :---

As I review our activities during the past year, I may say with the Apostle Paul that our work has been "Instant in season, out of season." With the generous response of our friends we were able to carry on our help-campaign in Europe, and a constant stream of food and clothing packages went to our distressed Hebrew Christian brethren abroad. We receive a great many letters from all parts of Europe, expressing thankfulness and happiness not only for the packages but also for the spiritual comfort and help through our letters which accompany all our parcels. "There are no words to describe to you the joy and the tears when your parcels arrive", as one of our friends expressed her feelings. Another friend to whom we regularly send food packages writes: "Please tell your Mission and your congregation what a bliss it means to innocent victims abroad who have to suffer from the results of this outrageous Naziwar, when their burden is lightened by such charitable presents as you sent me." From another letter which I received yesterday: "Tell those true Christians in America who made it possible to send me that wonderful food package that I shed tears of happiness that my child again could have enough to eat. But I had also tears of shame that I can do nothing but express my gratitude with words."

The Lord's richest blessings rest upon our Refugee Meetings and I am happy to report that during the last year not only the attendance increased but that we could notice a remarkable spiritual growth amongst our Jewish friends. It will soon be our joy and privilege to baptize one Jewish lady who accepted the Lord Jesus as her Messiah and Saviour in our meetings. Please pray without ceasing that those of our refugees who are on the threshold of God's Kingdom may be fully brought in.

The Reading Room offers unique privileges and opportunities. With a traffic count of over one hundred souls a minute passing our building all day long, and over two hundred a minute during the rush hours, our Show Window must always be kept in the most attractive form. And in the people come, from the time we open, at 9:00 a.m., until we close at 5:00 p. m. And when it gets dark, our Automatic Stereopticon picks up the load, and carries on till near midnight. "The most perfect soul-saving station in the world," some have called it. Our brethren, Marks, Needleman and Singer each serve in this department. Here is a word from Mr. Needleman:-

Many people come in through the doors into the vestibule into the front part of the beautiful building called the "Reading Room." Our efforts are used to demonstrate, by God's help and Word, that Jesus of Nazareth is the long-expected Messiah of Israel, and must become the personal Saviour of every person — especially Israelites. To this phase of our work we give yearning, prayerful attention.

At times the solemn injunctions of the Word take effect on the faces of those we deal with, and another associate worker and I lead very gradually and carefully to a place of decision and prayer in the Name of Christ, for forgiveness and surrender for service. This very solemn step is reinforced by the gift of a Bible, or New Testament, with the special literature bearing on the difficulty of Jewish people accepting Christ. Luke 1:77.

These encouraging features in our work could never be accomplished, if it were not for the gifts and earnest prayers of our interested prayer helpers, as we seek to bring the Gospel to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

Permit me to heartily thank the readers who have a share in this great work for God.

Miss Eleanor Bullock starts her message with the blessed assurance of Lam. 3:25, "The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him." Her work centers on the Brooklyn Branch, where the activities and the results are greater than ever, in all our history. To the shepherding of the Mother's Group she has given her devoted strength; and our Jewish women give thanks to God for her; she has been to each one a tower of strength. Here are a few lines from her heart-warming report:-

Studies in Amos

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> INSTALMENT VI Chapter 6. Woe to the Godless Leaders

THE chapter begins with a "woe" which relates this portion to the woe pronounced in 5:18. It is pronounced upon those who are at ease in Zion.

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They are resting in a false security engendered by a heartless ritual and worship which they blindly believe will satisfy God. Thus they live in a reckless and careless manner. What was true of those living in Zion was equally applicable to those who considered themselves secure in the mountain of Samaria. Nature had wonderfully endowed the city of Samaria with fortifications, indeed, of such a character that the Assyrian king could not take it before three years of siege. II Kings 17:5, 6. Both parts of the nation, Judah and Israel, are here in view, although the latter is emphasized in what follows. "At ease in Zion" - what a vivid designation for those who are indifferent while in a place of privilege and rich blessing! It is the condition of too many in the Church today with no care for the lost sheep outside the flock of Christ, least of all for the lost sheep of the house of Israel. God never intended us to be heedlessly and indulgently at ease in our favored position of truth and light in Christ the Lord. The indictment of Amos is laid at the door of the notable leaders of the nation which is here designated as the chief of the nations. Their nation held a

privileged and exalted position as the peculiar and chosen people of the Lord. To the godless and careless heads of this chosen nation the people of Israel came for justice, help, and for the settlement of their controversies. The people come to their leaders, but they have a care only for self-indulgence, ease, and revelry. The prophet now tells them to consider carefully Calneh, which was built by Nimrod in the land of Shinar (Genesis 10:10; Isaiah 10:9; and probably Ezekiel 27:23) on the east bank of the Tigris River, although some identify it with Kullani, a few miles from Arpad; Hamath, the chief city of Syria which was situated on the Orontes River, later called Epiphania; and Gath, the principal city of Philistia. Why are these cities pointed out by the prophet? We know that they were cities of spiritual corruption, but the prophet does not emphasize this fact. Some think the verse is understandable only if these kingdoms were on the decline. For Gath we are directed to 1:8 where it is not even mentioned among the cities that comprise Philistia. Calneh, too, is said to have lost its independence early and have been annexed to the Assyrian Empire. Hamath was subdued by Jeroboam II (II Kings 14:25) and then by Assyria (II Kings 18:34). These could not ward off the enemy, then how do you expect to? If they experienced the judgment of God for their heathen ways, how can guilty Judah and Israel escape similar chastisement from the Lord? All about her God's people could see

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Jewish Notes

UNDER the title, "Obiter Dicta", The Palestine Post recently quoted the following observations from Dr. Chaim Weizman's speecl before the United Nations Committee on Palestine.

What is a Jew?

He is a man who has to offer a long explanation of his existence, and is therefore always suspect.

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About previous Commissions: You can almost cover the surface of Palestine with excellent reports.

Of Arab discrimination: It is only when an Arab is very ill that he calls in a Jewish doctor to operate, and I am thankful to say that the operation is usually very successful. — The Jewish Missionary News of London.

The recent report of a "Jewish-Christian" religious service in Manchester, attended by Christians and members of the local Jewish community, with Jewish and Christian ministers and public officials taking part, raises a fundamental question concerning the content of the Christian Gospel for the Jews. If the report was correct, this was not one of those occasions when Jews are invited to a Christian act of worship, or Christians to a synagogue service (a commendable gesture which is growing more frequent), but a concerted action which, whatever the intention, must have given the impression that Judaism and Christianity are equally valid and effective ways of communion with God. While supporters of Missions to Jews would not wish to condemn such a service, still less the motives of the organizers and worshippers, they will see

the need for examining the implied suggestion that "Judaism is good enough for the Jews." There is no doubt that this old and shallow objection to the work of evangelising the Jews is maintained by a considerable and perhaps growing number of practising Christians.—Jewish Missionary News.

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"The Jewish people have a peculiar claim upon the missionary activities of the Christian Church. Christianity is theirs preeminently by right of inheritance. The Church is under special obligation to present Christ to the Jew. It is a debt to be repaid, a reparation to be fully and worthily made. The need is great for a change in the attitude of the Church towards this essential part of the Great Commission. The winning of this virile race with its genius for religion will be the strengthening of the Church of Christ and the enrichment of the world It is still Jesus whom the Jew must accept or reject. The Gospel must be preached to the Jew wherever he may be found. The time to reach the Jews with the Gospel is now. Christianity was born in Judaism and owes a debt to bring the Jew home at last to the faith of Christ. Reformed Jewish rabbis in the United States may speak of Him in flattering terms and accept Him as one of the great prophets and teachers of mankind, but the gulf between them and Christianity remains practically as wide as that which must be crossed by the Orthodox Jew before he acknowledges the Lordship, Divinity, and Messiahship of Jesus of Nazareth." - The late Scottish divine, Dr. J. MacDonald Webster, at a Convention in England.

One stands amazed beholding the marvelous workings of our Great and Mighty God in His power to redeem souls, transforming them from darkness unto the glorious light of His dear Son.

As the shadows of the old year fell and the new year of 1947 dawned, there came into our Mother's Class a lovely Jewess earnestly seeking to be reconciled to God that she might have peace within her heart. Cautiously she listened for several weeks until she could no longer contain the new found joy that thrilled her heart, and she came bringing her daughter, who in April also confessed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

In March the Lord brought into my Women's Bible Class in Manhattan a sweet Jewish lady who for several years had sought, in many false teachings, to know God; but all to no avail, for the adversary of her soul kept her from finding the Lord Jesus Christ. A few weeks later after the Spirit of God had sufficiently prepared her heart she accepted Jesus as her Meessiah and personal Saviour.

On the opening day of our fall classes, last October, a Mother came bringing her two daughters to an Opening Party. After she had watched them joyously greeting their friends and entering into the activities of the afternoon, I invited her into another room so we could talk. Soon she opened her heart to me, saying that for some time she had wondered if "this Jesus" could possibly be the Jewish Messiah. We talked for about two hours, during which she in simple faith accepted her Messiah and went home rejoicing. That evening she returned to our Mother's Class bringing her sister with her.

These are only a few of the manifestations of the Grace of God sweetly tucked in between hours of prayer and service to many whose hearts are hardened against our Precious Lord.

And what shall we say of *Coney Island?* The island of heartaches, and tears, and victories won, and persecutions! Through all these deep waters, our missionaries have passed, and they have witnessed the marvelous workings of God's power against the overwhelming marshalling of satanic forces. *Miss Hilda Koser* gives us a touching picture, as she writes:-

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Our hearts are lifted up in thanksgiving to our most gracious and loving God. Praise the Lord, despite the opposition and the work of the Adversary, the work in Coney Island still goes on! The Lord is blessing in a more abundant way, and after the many years of heartache and tears, at last has permitted us to see a rich ingathering of souls.

Some years ago, I wrote of the conversion of one of the little Primary girls, "B," age 8. She is now 13 years of age, and has always been faithful in witnessing for the Lord. One evening last June, as I was preparing to dismiss my Senior girls class, "B" came in. She seemed quite excited and said, "My mother wants to see you right away." It was very late, and I knew there was still a trip of an hour and a half before I could get home. But, with a prayer to the Lord for wisdom and guidance, I went with her. When we reached the home, and opened the door, we found the family gathered with some of the relatives and friends. As I came in the mother greeted me and asked me to be seated. Then she said, "Miss Koser, I've called you here in the presence of my relatives and family to let you know that B. has told us that she feels God is calling her to be a missionary. I am saying this now so that there will be no trouble later on. If B. still feels this way when she finishes High School, you can have her."

My heart welled up with joy, to think that this Jewish mother, who had recently been won to the Lord, would permit her child to follow Him. I had a wonderful opportunity of witnessing there, and one of the cousins has since permitted her child to come to our Mission. This summer, at Camp, I had the joy of leading this little one, too, to the Lord.

Pray for some new classes (an Adult Bible Class, a Working Mothers' Class, a Married Young People's Group and an Older Senior Girls' Club) that are needed in Coney Island in addition to the other Clubs. The need is greater than ever. Surely it can be said of Coney Island, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth laborers into his harvest."

And here the story must end, at least for the time being, although like the Queen of Sheba who said concerning the glory and vastness of Solomon's Kingdom, "Behold the half was not told me", we too have not touched even the fringes of the great work our God allows us to do. We shall give you in March, the rest of the reports from our workers. Nothing has been said, for instance, of the publication work of the mission; literally millions of copies of Gospel tracts in English, in Yiddish, in German, in French, and even in Roumanian, have been sent on to soul-starved Jews of the Nazi desolations. As I write these lines there comes a heart-touching letter from a struggling Jewish-Christian brother in Jassy, Roumania. He has held forth his feeble little candle of witness for the Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of the wildly tossing tides of political cataclysms. Here are a few sentences from his letter, which can be described aptly as a hand reaching out to us across the blackness of the wide ocean depths: "I am a young missionary among the Jews and I myself am a Jew. I have read some of your tracts and they showed me new light from the Scriptures. "What is His Son's Name?", "Cain and Abel," and especially the one on Isaiah 7:14 were wonderful. I should be very glad to receive some more copies and if you have, also some other tracts. They are fit for Roumanian Jews because they are written also in Yiddish. I am a missionary in Jassy, a town in Roumania and we are here only three Hebrew Christian families. We hope that in a short time the number of Hebrew Christians will increase."

Nothing has been said about the ministry of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, nothing about our tender stretching of the helping hand to those poor bedevilled Jewish-Christians derelicts of Nazi savageries. Such brutalities history has not recorded from the time when first the sun began to shine. This much everyone of our friends may know and give thanks to God for, that every morning a host of starved Jewish-Christian skeletons arise in many parts of the world, and kneel down before God and give thanks to Him that He brought your Jewish Mission across their path in the hour of crisis. And the Radio! A hundred pages could be used to tell of the world blessing of "The Chosen People Broadcast." But space, space! ! A thousand and one other activities in which we are immersed are just plain omitted from this running account of all the Lord allowed us to do in the year 1947.

We find it in our hearts to give forth the testimony, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." Psalm 65:11. And we take up again the burdens, the opportunities and the privileges for the year ahead, knowing in our innermost hearts the truth of the words of the beautiful hymn,

> So long thy power has kept me, sure it still will lead me on, O'er moor and fen, O'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone. And with the dawn those angel faces smile, Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

We cannot close these rambles without mentioning the faithfulness and untiring labors of the brethren and sisters whom the Lord has associated with us in this great undertaking. Like Gideon's army of old, each worker has stood in his or her place, and each has served with might and main to advance the work for the honor and glory of Him, our blessed Saviour and oracles of God." No one has ever yet produced evidence to show that Luke was a Gentile. And when the Scriptures tell us so definitely that all of the writings from Genesis to Revelation were committed to the Jews and through them to the world, that is sufficient evidence for the child of God who takes the Word implicitly and unquestioningly. There is no evidence in Scripture to identify Luke as "The man of Macedonia."

Answer: 3. The profound cleavage between Law and Grace runs so deep that we cannot possibly give space here to a full discussion of these two lines of God's revelation. We have just issued a booklet however written by our own Dr. Charles L. Feinberg of the Dallas Theological Seminary, entitled THE SABBATH AND THE LORD'S DAY. The major part of this masterpiece deals with the fundamentals of Law and Grace, and should be a powerful enlightenment to every child of God, and should also be a devastating exposé of the false position taken by people called Seventh Day Adventists.

With the basic doctrine of Law and Grace now taken by assumption, we can explain the conclusions reached by the Great Council of Jerusalem which was held about 46 to 50 A.D. The Church concluded unanimously, and with sweeping conviction, that upon the Gentile believers who had become members of the Church of Christ through the ministry of Jewish missionaries, upon such believers they would impose only four distinctive instructions. First, they were to abstain from meats offered to idols; this of course is simple to understand: it meant that anyone who would eat meat that had been already consecrated by the heathen to the vilest form of idolatries, to that extent would be given sanction to this wicked dishonoring of God's Name.

Secondly, they were to abstain from blood; this of course goes back to the beginning of history; it was at that time that God told the people of Israel, and through them made this pronouncement to the whole world. "The life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

"Therefore, I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood." Lev. 17:11, 12. So you see the eating of blood has a direct connection with the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary. We hope that no one of our readers ever eats for instance blood sausages, etc.

Thirdly, they were to abstain from things strangled; again we have to deal with the question of blood once more. For an animal that is strangled, and this even applies to a chicken, contains within itself still the life blood, and anyone eating such an animal or such a fowl is unconsciously violating the injunction just given before, to abstain from blood.

Finally, they were to abstain from fornication; this was one of the outstanding sins of the world at that time, the nation of Greece and the Romans likewise having become foul and besotted with this form of licentiousness. And so the Christian was to show by his own life that he was different in character from the lustful heathen among whom he lived.

When dealing with such matters however it must be remembered that the Christian has in his heart the higher law which Christ Himself has planted there, and this divine law will lead the child of God into all truth and into proper and Christ honoring behavior. It is by our fruits that we are known.

Questions and Answers

Question: Is there any information in the Bible as to how often the Lord's Supper should be observed?

Answer: No there is no direct statement in the Bible as to how frequently the Lord's Supper should be observed. But, since it was the last Passover which the Lord has with His disciples, the inescapable conclusion is that logically the Supper should be celebrated once a year. This means: through all the Passovers that the Jews had celebrated for 1.500 years prior to the coming of Christ, they had been looking forward to His coming; in other words, the observance of the Passover by the Jews from the time of Egypt until the time of the coming of Christ, was anticipatory. But now the Lord told the disciples, they would continue to celebrate the Passover, but this time it would be, "In remembrance of me." The command to the disciples was, "This do as oft as ye drink it" (inescapably the Passover Cup, which was annual). So, now when the Lord's people partake of the annual Passover Supper, they do it as looking backward to His finished work at Calvary; and also they look forward for His return. The command is "And as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup (this is none other than the Passover bread and Passover cup), ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

Now perhaps you are shocked, but I think we can ease up the situation considerably by adding that we must distinguish between the Lord's Supper and the breaking of bread. The latter was and is an act of fellowship among those who are like-minded, and we read that the disciples went from house to house breaking bread with the believers. For the breaking of bread there is no set time or number. It can be every day, it can be every week, it can be once a month, or it can be once in three months. This is an act of fellowship. But we will not quarrel with any child of God who insists on a weekly, or monthly, or quarterly, observance of the Lord's Supper. "According to your faith, be it unto you". And, also, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord." This is not a doctrine to fight about. We only give you the technical answer, since you have asked for it.

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Question: 1. Who in your opinion is the author of the book of Hebrews? 2. Do you believe that Luke was a Jew or a Gentile? Was he The Man of Macedonia? 3. Why did the Jerusalem church ask the Gentiles at Antioch to respect Jewish sensibility about things strangled and meats offered to idols and yet not include circumcision? What is meant here by things strangled and meats offered to idols?

Answer: 1. So far as we are concerned, we are satisfied that it was Paul who was used of the Holy Spirit in writing the Epistle to the Hebrews. We could spend endless pages here to give you reasons pro and con, but it hardly seems worth while. The preponderance of scholarly opinion is that Paul was the writer used by God.

Answer: 2. Luke was a Jew. All the proof you need will be found in Romans 3:2, "because that unto them (the Jews) were committed the oracles of God. If Luke had been a Gentile, you may be sure that the Holy Spirit here would have written "because that unto them, with the exception of Luke, were committed the Redeemer. Who has brought us together for these end-time days of world witness. We stand united, all for one, and one for all. If one member of the body is hurt, we all suffer; may this beautiful and affectionate family relationship ever be our lot, until we shall hear the blessed shout from above, "Come up hither."

And this is also our desire for every member of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE family; you too are fellow laborers with us as though you were right here on the firing line. And it must be remembered that your prayers, your faithful friendship, your self-sacrificing gifts, all these are the sinews with which we, as your agents and as your representatives in Christ, can carry on. The rewards will be equally divided because it is still true as King David said to his little army, "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so will be his part that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike." I Sam. 30:24. And we think of that great day when we all shall cast down our crowns before Him; and all shall eagerly hear the blessed words of commendation, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

And now may the Lord grant us all much blessing, and clear guidance, and peace of mind, and a sure trust in Him, as together we start out in the new year of 1948; the days ahead fairly bristle with potentialities far beyond the dreams or the understandings of the men who are called "statesmen", but who are like children lost in a forest as they seek, bewildered, to find their way out of such a maze of world confusion as they never before have encountered. The tragedy is that they will not look to the One Who alone has the key which will solve the perplexities and the agonies of the horrors that we are facing for the days ahead.

Ever faithfully yours in His service,

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P.S. For the avalanche of beautiful Christmas cards, a warm thank you to every dear friend who so affectionately remembered us. I had to make a hurried emergency trip to our fields in Europe, and was gone one month. On Christmas Eve I landed safely once more on our sheltered shores; and it was joyous and blessed to see all the remembrances of those who are so closely bound to us in ties of fellowship. I still go over the cards, one by one, and give thanks to God for every remembrance of you.

Fifty-third Annual Financial Report American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc.

This report includes contributions and disbursements for current operations for the twelve months ended December 31, 1947, and does not include transactions relating to the special funds and net resources account.

Respectfully submitted, PAUL H. GRAEF, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS

DISBURSEMENTS

Cash Balances, January 1, 1947:			General Fund:
General Fund (including Revolving			Salaries of Mission
Fund)	\$200,257.54		Extension Staff an sionaries
Tribulation Days Missionary Fund	5,708.95	\$205,966.49	Brooklyn Buildin salaries and ex Bookroom expens
Receipts During 1947:			Office salaries, ad
General Fund	267,180.67		supplies
The Chosen People	3,642.51		Leopold Cohn Men Maintenance, inc
Gospel Distribution: Including The Shepherd of Israel and literature, tracts in English and in Yiddish	7,495.77		ance, cleaning su maintenance mei picture equipmei Baptistry, pulpit ference expense:
Poor Fund	2,052.40		auditorium chair desks, bookcases
Refugee-Overseas Fund	39,212.08		Miscellaneous:
Refugee—By transfer from Post-War Reserve	50,000.00		Printing of ext including also printing Yiddish
Childrens Work	287.00		for Europe; hon speakers and v
Education Student Training	507.30		mural painting, hymn-books: aut
American Translation of the New Testament into Yiddish	444.50		workers; retire summer outings kets, Thanksgivin
Radio Ministry Fund	922.30		tising, postage,
Tribulation Days Missionary Fund	447.00		Purchase of 243 Mission's future
Jewish Missionary Institute	472.90		
Dispensary Fund	119.60		The Chosen People: Printing and maili
Coney Island Branch	352.07		Gospel Distribution:
Columbus, Ohio, Branch	5,983.99		Printing and distr Bibles and New Te
Los Angeles Branch	4,157.54	10/14	- English Gospel mo
Philadelphia Branch	4,676.14		Relief to the Poor:
Pittsburgh Branch	2,274.99		Cash help to needy
Total Receipts		390,228.26 \$596,194.75	Overseas Work and Jerusalem, South fields, (France, C special relief fun sionaries
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NOTE:—Canadian accounts are not included in this Report.

ACCOUNTANTS' CERTIFICATE

American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc.:

We have made an examination of your accounts for the year ended December 31, 1947, which examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We have submitted our report dated annuary 23, 1948, relating to our examination of your accounts for the year ended December 31, 1947, which report includes financial statements covering not only your general and unrestricted funds, the transactions of which are set forth in the accompanying statement, but also your special funds and net resources account. Our examination disclosed no material exceptions.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements fairly presents the recorded cash receipts and the cash disbursements and the balances in the general and unrestricted funds for the year ended December 31, 1947.

> HASKINS & SELLS Certified Public Accountants

January 24, 1948 New York, N. Y.

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." - Psalm 65:11

Salaries of Mission Staff Extension Staff and Itinerant Mis-	\$46,698.50	
sionaries	16,012.39	
Brooklyn Buildings Maintenance, salaries and expenses, including Bookroom expenses	7,299.72	
Office salaries, administration and		
supplies	15,109.74	
Miscellaneous: Printing of extension literature, including also \$27,500.00 cost of printing Yiddish New Testament for Europe; honoraria to various speakers and volunteer workers; mural painting, auditorium; new hymn-books; automobiles for field workers; retirement insurance; summer outings; Christmas bas- kets, Thanksgiving baskets; adver- tising, postage, etc.	54,187.70	
Purchase of 243 W. 71st St., for Mission's future needs	18,500.00	\$180,778.17
The Chosen People: Printing and mailing		22,524.65
Gospal Distribution:		
Printing and distributon of tracts; p Bibles and New Testaments; printing bution of The Shepherd of Jerael English Gospel monthly)	and distri- (Yiddish-	23.842.61
Relief to the Poor:		
Cash help to needy cases		2,820.04
Overseas Work and Refugee Relief: Jerusalem, South America, Cuba and fields, (France, Germany, England, special relief funds, salaries of fo sionaries	d European Holland), preign mis-	120,718.83
Work Among the Children: Sewing and work room supplies; socia fresh air camp at Hananeel, Stony Br		1,493.38
Education: Jewish students supported in part o Bible training schools, colleges, etc	r in full at	1,646.51
Jewish Missionary Institute: Training school for Jewish missionary	workers	520.45
Radio Ministry: The Chosen People Broadcast on throughout the United States and C The Voice of the Christian Jew on 4 South America and Cuba	33 stations Canada, and stations in	
Dispensary: Physician's services		400.00
Coney Island Branch: Maintenance and improvements		
Columbus, Ohio, Branch: Salary and other expenses		6,635.07
Los Angeles Branch: Salaries, rent and other expenses		6,485.18
Philadelphia Branch: Salaries, rent and other expenses		7,791.07
Pittsburgh Branch: Salaries, rent and other expenses		5,079.64
Total Disbursements	s	\$416,345.87
Cash Balances, January 1, 1948:		
General Fund (including Revolving Fund—\$1,555.00) Tribulation Days Missionary Fund	\$173,248.43 6,155.95	
American Translation of the New Testament into Yiddish		179,848.88
Total		\$596,194.75