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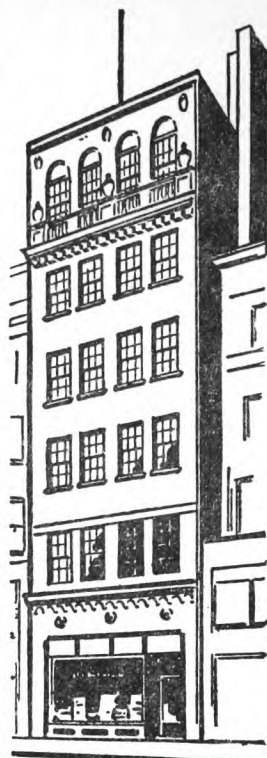
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Salutation

"We go down to salute the children of the king" — 11 Kings 10:13

Dearly beloved friends:

Ezekiel tells us, "I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days" (3:15).

Which means that you and I can never understand the heart agony, the soul torture, the anguish, of one who has been through the ravages of hate and bondage and murder and starvation, unless we go to these poor bedevilled victims and sit where they sit, and suffer what they suffer. The Talmud says that it is impossible for the man with a full stomach to believe the man with an empty stomach. Perhaps this will explain a proverb that we have in English which runs something like this, "It's the poor that helps the poor."

So it was that this last summer found me once more across the water among the potsherd of Job's successors. And now in the Lord's good blessing and journeying mercies, it has been vouchsafed unto me to return once more to our own blessed shores, much saddened, of course, but with greatly augmented knowledge of what is going on abroad in this most tragic hour of world history. As soon as I got back from Europe, I had to plunge into the gatherings of the long-looked-forward-to Summer's End Conference on Prophecy and the Jews. Of these meetings I will not now speak, but will hope to give you reports later on. Suffice it to mention here that in the judgment of many who attended the meetings, this Conference was the finest, the best, and the most blessed of all that we have had so far. The amazing sight of our hall crowded to the doors in a time of such heat as New York has not known in fifty years, impressed all with the deep hunger of the Lord's people to learn what is going on and what this world confusion portends, and the significant part that Israel is destined to play in God's pivotal turning of the earth's foundations. We are arranging to put the principal addresses of the Summer's End Conference into a paper-covered book which we hope to sell for \$1.00 and to have it ready for distribution in two or three months.

THE IMMEDIATE EXCITEMENT

But, from the letters that have come to us, we realize that our dear friends want above all to know what happened in Europe, what is going on there now, what is the outlook for ultimate settlement of the Jewish

problem and of the matter as between Russia and the rest of the world.

Let me say first of all that I never before developed such a high respect for our blessed American Board of Missions to the Jews as I did last summer across the water in Europe. The Lord keep us from boasting too much, and we realize fully the wisdom of the injunction, "Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth" (Proverbs 27:2). But, it is only just, as a matter of honest reporting to our dear friends, to tell you frankly that your Jewish Mission is now not only the largest in the entire world, but it is the most beloved and respected in every part of the earth where its lines have gone out. Everywhere—in Norway, in Holland, in Belgium, in France, in Italy—wherever the name of our Mission is mentioned, those who hear the name raise their hands instinctively toward heaven and say, "Thank God for the American Board of Missions to the Jews." This is really important for our friends to know, because you have put your money and your prayers and your very heart blood into the carrying on of the world-wide stream of blessing through this Mission to the Israel of a world dispersion; and it is only just for you to know that God has honored your faith and your faithfulness, and that there will be many, many stars awaiting us when on that long-hoped for day, we stand before Him, complete in His righteousness, and hear from Him the record of what our fellowship and sacrifice have accomplished in the winning of souls for Him. In contrast to the results of our work, there is so much shouting and ballyhoo going on today by many who may be well intentioned, but who know little if anything as to how to do Jewish Mission work in a way that will bring results for Him and really make a missionary dollar worth one hundred cents. As someone put it to me across the water, "The others just talk and talk and talk; but your Mission actually does the work!"

In London I found our dear Miss Rayner faithfully pegging away, bearing witness untiringly, and being rewarded by genuine fruit. She seems especially gifted in coming to grips, one by one, with friend and enemy, and bringing to the Lord handpicked fruit, which abides. I was able to be present at one of the Gospel meetings in her home, and found the room crowded beyond all possible endurance, with others overflowing out into the hall and into the room behind. She desperately needs larger quarters, and many are praying that this may be granted to her very soon.

MIRACULOUS GROWTH—WORKERS "ON THE JOB"

Space in this issue does not allow me to give details with regard to Holland and Norway. I will also have to omit Belgium. But I want to touch on the two high spots of my visit. These are France and Italy. In Paris our little congregation has grown from about twenty, when the war stopped, to a little over one hundred at the present time. Pastor Vincent has continuing joy in baptizing new converts in almost a constant stream. I was rejoiced to see the work here with Pastor Frankl, Mlle. Salomon and Mr. Piotrkowsky, all engaged in ardent labor, all agreed together, all in blessed fellowship, and all experiencing rich joys as they see the Lord's blessings upon their faithful testimony. From France they are reaching out into some nine countries in Central Europe. The printing of the Yiddish New Testament last year was a blessing, the extent of which we never dreamed of. We shipped most of these books to Paris, and from there

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"THRUST IN THE SICKLE"

Also through various sections of France we have established bridgeheads and the Gospel is having free course to thousands of Jews in such places as Bordeaux, Lyons, Marseilles, and other cities. We felt the necessity of buying for our missionaries in Paris a small automobile, so that they might make these missionary tours into the various parts of France, loading the car with New Testaments, and our own Gospel tracts in French, and thus come to a hand-to-hand contact with hungry Jewish souls scattered in all parts of that much troubled country. The harvest is ripe beyond description, and it is only a matter of putting in the sickle.

The "hot spot," if I may be allowed to speak in street vernacular, I found in Italy. Here is a country overrun with Jewish camps. From the north of Europe the Jews come pouring down; they break through barbed wire entanglements, they even make escape across electrified barbed wire. How they do it, I do not know. But I do know that it is done. Roughly, perhaps seven out of ten reach their destination in one of these



Suzanne and Sybille, children of Jewish Christian parents, at a Home for Children, near Paris, under the care of our Paris Mission.

Our Mission in Paris, France, and a group of believers.



transit camps in Italy, and the South of France. The others perish on the way—dysentery, typhoid, starvation. In these camps they are sort of re-conditioned, and then they are passed on to Palestine, there to fight in the Israeli army.

THE GOSPEL IN A FOOD PACKAGE

Obviously I cannot mention names or places of camps. One camp I visited may be taken as a sample of what is going on among these poor hopeless Jews. To an inmate of this camp we had sent a food package last winter from our New York Headquarters. In the food package, as is our custom with all such packages, we had enclosed a Gospel tract in Yiddish. The young Jew who received it wrote immediately to thank us for the food package, but above all to thank us for the tract which we had enclosed and which had aroused to white heat his curiosity; he wanted to know more, and asked if we would send him more tracts. This we did, and then there ensued further correspondence, with finally a New Testament being sent to him by us. The result was that he came out in a most glorious conversion, and his letters to us made one think of the Book of Acts. When I wrote him last spring that I was contemplating a trip to Europe, he wrote to beg me, indeed, he implored, that I should not leave Europe without visiting him. Visit him I did. In his camp he had already reached about twenty Jews, all in secret, and all at great risk of having himself kicked out and becoming a starving derelict. He had actually been able to gather these twenty Jews into a room a few blocks away from the barracks, and there he opened up the Word of God to them and they read together from the New Testament. I met some of them, and they could not thank me enough for having been the means through whom the Lord had brought them this salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. They told me that there were thousands of Jews all over Europe who were hungering for just this message and for the truth concerning the Messiah. One of them who had read our tract in French, "The Meaning of the Jewish Holy Days," told me, "For years when in Poland I had kept all of the Jewish feasts and celebrations; but I never had the slightest idea of why I kept them or of what they meant; and when I read your tract and saw what the Passover meant, that the Lord Jesus Christ was my Passover; and then I read what the Day of Atonement meant, and how that the Lord Jesus Christ became the Lamb slain once for all for the sins of the world; my heart leaped within me, and I thanked God that I had come to know the truth at last."

These poor exiles told me that if only a few bold spirits could go through Europe and proclaim this Gospel and have at least enough behind them to take care of those who would follow this new message, there would be literally thousands of Jews that would arise and call them blessed. They are living in a state of bondage and blindness beyond all understanding. If only a Jewish Luther or a Jewish Knox would suddenly arise!

"WHY SHOULD I WANT TO LIVE?"

It was a sort of stab in my heart to realize that these poor Jews were on their way to sure death. They were bound for Palestine. One Jew asked me if I would not send him a film of the motion pictures I had taken at one of these barracks, because in that particular camp there was some one who had a motion picture projector and he would like so much to see

be ripe, and hardly will he have completed treading the winepress when he will have to begin the sowing. Compare Leviticus 26:5. Vintage time will continue to the sowing time because of the abundance of fruit. The mountains are said to drop with sweet wine, because vines were planted on the terraces of mountains. See Joel 3:18 also. Israel will in that day be restored from centuries-long captivity to rebuild their cities and inhabit them with the enjoyment of their vineyards and gardens. Compare Hosea 6:11 and contrast with 5:11 of this book. Then Israel will be planted and rooted in their own land (II Samuel 7:10), never more to be plucked up and uprooted from their God-given land. The day of exile, thank God, will be past. Note carefully Isaiah 61:4; 62:8, 9; 65:21-23. How can these things be said to be true in our day when Israel knows only deportations (including those to the Island of Cyprus) and not undisturbed settlement in her land? But Israel's glory is still to come.

WHAT OF THE KERNELS?

God's heart is full of good things in store for Israel. What is the attitude of our hearts toward them? The chaff will be done away during Israel's world-wide sifting, but God has in mind the preservation of the kernels. Even so now God has purposed the calling out from Israel of those called "the remnant according to the election of grace." Romans 11:5. But nowhere in the Bible do we find that the remnant of our day is to be preached to by another generation, or that they are to be saved apart from the ministry to them of the gospel of God's grace in His blessed Son, the Messiah of Israel, our beloved Lord Jesus Christ. Whether they be called remnant now or kernels later, what of the lost ones in Israel whom God wants for His glory? David's greater Son awaits our faithfulness to His command to preach to His own before He can come to take His Bride, of redeemed Jews and Gentiles, to be with Himself forever. And the time is this very present hour.



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KOCY	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Sunday	9:15 a. m.	1340 K. C.
WORZ	Orlando, Fla.	Sunday	9:30 a. m.	740 K. C.
KING	Seattle, Wash.	Sunday	7:30 p. m.	1090 K. C.
WTOL	Toledo, Ohio	Sunday	10:00 a. m.	1230 K. C.
WOOK	Washington, D. C.	Saturday	7:45 a. m.	1590 K. C.
KFBI	Wichita, Kansas	Sunday	11:00 a. m.	1070 K. C.
CKPC	Brantford, Ont.	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	1380 K. C.
CKTB	St. Catharines, Ontario	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	1550 K. C.

"MESSAGE OF THE CHRISTIAN JEW"

CMCQ	Havana, Cuba	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	1460 K. C.
COBQ	Havana, Cuba	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	9235 K. C.

served and delivered. The whole world is one great sieve in which Israel is shaken from one place to another. How vividly and accurately these words describe the condition of Israel, especially since the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. Yet through it all God has His eye on them to preserve them. Only thus can their preservation in world-wide exile and through age-long persecutions of the most diabolical sort, be explained. Note Luke 22:31 for a process of sifting in the life of Peter. No grain falls to the ground in this sifting of the Lord, but no sinner escapes either. All the sinners of the nation will perish; especially are those singled out who defiantly boasted that the evil judgment would not reach them. See 6:3, the rich oppressors of Samaria. Those who did not believe in a judgment will suffer it.

RESTORATION OF DAVID'S DYNASTY

At the end of Israel's sad dispersion He has promised to regather them and place over them His own righteous Ruler, the Messiah, the Son of David. Amos now foretells this in words of surpassing beauty. In the latter days of Israel's history the Lord will raise up the tabernacle (actually the hut or booth) of David that is fallen and in ruins; He will repair the breaches and ruins, building it as in the days of old. It is not a magnificent house of which the prophet speaks, but a ruined, fallen hut. This is in marked contrast to the splendid palace which David had erected for himself. II Samuel 5:11,12. The Davidic dynasty is usually referred to as "the house of David" as in II Samuel 3:1; I Kings 11:38; and Isaiah 7:2,13. In Isaiah 16:5 we find the expression, "the tent of David." In our Amos passage the low, degraded condition of the Davidic mon-

archy is meant. Through David's Son the breaches of the Davidic house, the first of which it suffered upon the breaking away of the ten tribes, will be repaired; the Davidic dynasty and kingdom will be restored. And the restoration will be to its most glorious condition in the days of old, that is, in the time of David and Solomon when the kingdom was both undivided and prosperous, enjoying in its full extent the greatest splendor of kingly rule in all the history of Israel. When Israel has its rightful King on the throne, then it will be the head of the nations. Amos predicts that they will possess the remnant of Edom, as well as all the nations that are called by the name of the Lord. Manifestly the prophet is mentioning Edom as representative of all the nations of the world. Most closely related to Israel, they were the relentless foes of the Lord's people. See Obadiah 12. The remnant that is called by the name of the Lord is equivalent to those designated in Joel 2:32. The citation of Amos 9:11,12 by James in Acts 15 does not warrant us in holding, as some do, that this prophecy is fulfilled completely in this age of grace. The phrase "in that day" of our text refers to the last days of Israel. The quotation of our verses in Acts 15:16-18 is made with one object in view: to confirm the fact of the conversion of the Gentiles. Hence the quotation gives only the general sense of the Amos passage and does not support the position that the Amos text has in view the Christian Church as its ultimate fulfilment. When Israel is head of the nations, their land will be abundantly fruitful. The one plowing will overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes the one sowing seed. The thought is that scarcely is the farmer finished plowing when the seed will

these pictures. I told him that I would try to do so, and he asked me how long before I would get the films to him. I expressed the opinion that it might take three or four months. When he heard this, he replied, "Three months! By that time I will be in Palestine; it is no use for you to send me the films here. It will be too late." And I said to him, "Palestine? Why they will shoot you over there; some Arab will get you." And his reply sort of put a thud into my heart; he said, "Death? That is the easiest way out for me. There is nothing more for me to live for. Why should I want to live?"

CHILDREN WEeping FOR RACHEL

A trip into the mountains to a camp for Jewish children only, must not be omitted from this report. There were several hundred children, most of them had neither a mother nor a father living, and here they were being brought up under Jewish United Relief funds, amid surroundings that looked as though they had provided every means for building up of health and strength. I was received most cordially, and was invited to take dinner with the children, which I gladly did. The bells rang, and the children immediately gathered in the courtyard for a military drill. They too were being trained and made ready to be shipped across to Palestine, there to partake of the struggle for freedom under the Israeli flag. The ages ranged anywhere from six to fourteen; the ache which filled my heart was that these children did not know how to smile or to laugh. The smile was gone, and I thought that for many probably it meant forever. Many of them had lost their mothers and fathers back in the days of Polish warfare and Nazi gas chambers, and perhaps others from starvation and disease. But never again would the children have a father or a mother. I sat with them and partook of a simple, almost "austerity" meal, but it was nourishing, and wonderfully well cooked, and tasty. The children ate all that was given them and then they were offered second helpings. I took some motion pictures, and as I talked with the children I found them somewhat frightened, although they were friendly when they felt they could trust me. But back of that friendliness there was something in the eyes that brought terror to my soul; I just wondered how the Gospel could ever make an approach to these young ones who were already old long before their time, old with the experience of what Jew-hate really means, old with a distrust for all that bears the name Christian. When they grow up, how will they respond to the Christian message?

In the dining halls and over the building were inscriptions and pictures. The inscriptions for the most part were in large Hebrew letters, and bore the same general idea, "Next year — Jerusalem—Rebuilt!" There were pictures everywhere of persons like Theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizman, Moishe Shertok. The care of the children, the clothing, the feeding, the dormitories, all were immaculate. They gave eloquent testimony to the scrupulous cleanliness that these Jewish caretakers were exhibiting.

THE STONES CRY OUT

As I looked over this field and began to ponder on the vast cry of these lost souls, my heart ached within me. I could not help thinking of that heart-piercing cry of Psalm 142:4, "No man cared for my soul." And I could not but wonder how the Church of Christ is going to meet

God in the day of judgment with these helpless, forgotten Jewish derelicts cast like so much debris on the shores of world hate, by the Nazi tortures and savageries, and the nightmare that has been going on for the last ten years. I think of that poor impotent cripple who cried out from the agony of a heart wrung with the ache of many years of hopeful waiting, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool; but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me" (John 5:7). And so these thousands of helpless, defeated Jewish souls are calling out to a church strangely dumb, "I have no man to put me in the pool!" It is an astonishing perversity of human nature that we have an organized Christianity ready to make pronouncements upon every conceivable "problem" in the world, but it will do nothing to bring to these miserable creatures the only deliverance that there is in all the world, the message of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. When the Hitler outrages were running riot through Germany, when the Nazi savages were burning eighty-two synagogues in one day in Berlin, the Church of Christ was mute! It may shock our readers to know that at the present moment as we write these lines, Niemöller, the much-touted "hero" of the Nazi war, is still a Jew-hater! It may shock you to know that not a single church in Germany has yet had the decency and the courage to announce to the German people that Jew hate is a sin! And this is the Christianity that the Jew has to face. Is it any wonder that the Jews are alienated from the Church, from the Cross, from the Christ?

"THE GOOD OLD U.S.A."

As the good ship Queen Mary cat-footed her way cautiously through the New York Narrows, the decks were crowded with wide-eyed tourists, many of them coming to America for the first time; and their awe and marvel seemed boundless. Then suddenly that symbol of man's successful struggle for freedom of soul and conscience, hove into sight, the Statue of Liberty. The sun cast a radiance even through the fog over the diadem that crowned the head of old Liberty, and many a cheek was wet as the tears flowed down in unrestrained joy. Here was a symbol of freedom, a guarantee that human beings will be respected, that the dignity of the human soul will find honor and decency. It was hard to keep the gulp from coming to one's throat. Near me stood three huge husky Irishmen. From their conversation I gathered that they were rather vociferous politicians from the Bronx, here in New York. I saw one of them wipe the tears from his eyes and say

Your General Secretary in Geneva, Switzerland, on his way from Paris to Italy.



THE OMNIPOTENT GOD

Let any of his hearers falsely comfort himself that the Lord will not or cannot do what He has threatened. Amos majestically sets forth the omnipotence of our God, the Lord Jehovah of hosts. He is the God of all power (see 4:13; 5:8, 9; and 8:8). Assuredly, power belongs, not to the atom bomb, but to the Lord. The Lord needs only touch the earth in judgment and it is dissolved. The prophet Amos is thus asking Israel: "Can you escape such a God?"

SINNERS AND THE REMNANT

Carnal reliance upon their election as the people of God will not avert the wrath of God against Israel. In idolatry they had become like the pagan peoples about them. They had lowered themselves to the plane of the heathen, hence they are like the Ethiopians in the sight of the Lord. This is the strongest denunciation of Israel by the prophet, because he likens them to the heathen. Amos shows that since God in His providential dealings has shifted and transferred different peoples from their original homes, Israel need not be illusioned by the notion that, since He had brought them out of Egypt into Canaan, they were in such a favored position that they could never be judged severely for their sins. Privileges cannot be pleaded in the interests of salvation and deliverance so long as they are scorned or abused. The Ethiopians had been taken from their original abode and transplanted among the nations in Africa. The Israelites, after four centuries of bondage, were delivered out of Egypt and returned to Canaan. God had brought the Philistines from Caphtor, probably Crete, although the Greek translators of the Old Testament thought it was Cappadocia. Finally, the prophet notes that

God had transplanted the Syrians from Kir to the regions about Damascus. Compare 1:5. Where, then, was the occasion for Israel to boast or to rely carnally upon her privileged position? Again God is seen as Lord of all the nations as in chapters 1 and 2. And in all of them alike He must punish sins and departures from Himself. So He declares that His eyes are upon the sinful kingdom of Ephraim to destroy it from the face of the earth. The words "sinful kingdom" are an unusual designation for the northern kingdom and how contrary is this condition to God's ideal for them as stated in Exodus 19:6. Up to this point in the book of Amos there has been no word to mitigate the sentence of judgment. The prophecy has been singularly free of predictions of future blessing and prosperity. Now the prophet states that, although in all justice and holiness God must destroy forever the northern kingdom, He will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, the name for the whole nation. The reason is given in Jeremiah 31:36. God will not default in His promises to Abraham and his seed. How the last words of verse 8 are to be understood and carried out is set forth in verse 9. God will sift (a vivid word which means "to cause to move to and fro") the house of Israel among all the nations, as grain in a sieve, yet He will not allow the smallest kernel to fall to the ground. Here we have several noteworthy features. First, it is the Lord who is the moving Agent in all the sifting. The sifting, in the second place, depicts the highly unsettled condition of Israel. Thirdly, the sifting among all the nations reveals the universal dispersion of God's people. Fourthly, the chaff and dust will be done away and lost. And finally, the kernels, the true remnant of Israel, will be pre-

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INSTALMENT IX

Chapter 9. The Vision of the Temple Destruction



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THE last chapter of the prophecy of Amos concerns itself with the final and consummating vision, that of the destruction of the temple. The scene is in the main sanctuary of the northern kingdom at Bethel, not at Jerusalem. The Lord Himself directs the judgment and commands that the capitals, the tops of the pillars, be smitten, so that the very thresholds may shake. The blow from the top shatters the sanctuary to its foundations. Both top and bottom are mentioned to show the complete destruction. When the pillars come crashing they will fall on the heads of the crowds of people who are evidently gathered in the temple on a festival occasion. They would all be buried in the ruins. In case any should escape the crash of the building they will be slain by the sword. In this vivid manner does the prophet depict the wrath of God upon all the idolatrous worship of Israel and His summary judgment upon it, a judgment without remedy. Twice the word is given that no one will flee the catastrophe. Verses 2 to 4 expand the last thought in verse 1 that there is no possibility of escape. We are given hypothetical cases of attempts at escape from the judgment and the utter inevitability of their doom. In words that strongly remind us of Psalm 139:7-10, Amos

sets forth the omnipresence of God. Though the doomed ones dig into the bowels of the earth, into Sheol, there will the mighty hand of God overtake them; should they attempt to ascend the greatest heights, thence will God bring them low. The same is said of Babylon in Jeremiah 51:53 and of Edom in Obadiah 4. It has been well said that "The grave is not so awful as God." The omnipresence of God is a comforting and sustaining truth to the good, but a terror to the wicked when judgment is in view. Even if the fugitives sought to hide themselves in the top of Carmel, it would not avail them against the searching eye of the Lord. At the bottom of the sea the Lord will command the sea-serpent to bite the culprits. Compare Isaiah 27:1. Just as the great fish obeyed the Lord when He commanded it to swallow a Jonah, so the serpent of the sea will do the Lord's bidding with regard to the sinners in Israel. Should the ungodly go into captivity before their enemies, that is, voluntarily, in order in this way to spare their lives, even there the sword will destroy them. Assyria is again in view, although not named anywhere in the prophecy. Futile and worse will be all attempts to escape the scourge of God's hand in the day of His fearful visitation. The reason is found in the fact that God has set His eyes with fixed purpose upon them, not as formerly for good and blessing, but for evil only. He has purposed and it will stand: He will bring it to pass.

to his friend, "After all, Mike, there is nothing like the good old USA!"

"GOD BLESS AMERICA"

And then I thought to myself that there was another day when our Lord gazed upon the beauties and splendors of old Jerusalem, the proud architecture of the Temple of Solomon, with its majestic porticos and architectural wonders. And I remembered with a poignant tug at my heart the startling and unbelievable words which our Lord uttered when He beheld the City in all its translucent pride and beauty:

"For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation" (Luke 19:43, 44).

"Because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation!" And I thought, can it be possible that America too will fail to recognize the time of her visitation? We sing lustily, "God bless America," but have we ever asked ourselves, "Why should God bless America?" May we not better in humble penitence pray to our God,

"America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!"

May God grant that it shall never be said of America, "Thou knewest not the time of thy visitation!"

Now, we have said enough, and we must close, for our space is gone. But to you we speak heart to heart, and we know that you will not only understand, but that you will thank God with us, that to you has been given the vision from on high, the understanding of what is needed in the present hour of tragedy, and that you have been laboring with us hand in hand through these war years of toil and sweat and sorrow; and through it all, God has given rewards for our labors, and we have seen of the travail of our souls. So shall we continue until the time of the end, at which time it will be discovered that the Holy Spirit spoke the truth through Daniel, that in these last days, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever" (Daniel 12:3).

So we lift up our eyes and we dig in for the winter work. Your heart and your hand we count to be with us, your prayers and your sympathy we need each day, as we carry on, depending only on Him for strength and wisdom and the means with which to meet the vast undertakings to which we are committed. The time of Israel's redemption is drawing nigh, the sands of time for the Gentile nations are fast flowing out, and soon we shall join the host that will cry out, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!"

Ever faithfully yours in His service,

J. Hoffman John

Incidents In The Work

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS AT CAMP HANANEEL 1948

By Miss Bonnie Hayes

"THE blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov. 10:22). Truly, we can heartily testify to showers of blessings experienced throughout our joyful busy days at Camp Hananeel.

We had three different age level groups of campers: first, the girls from thirteen to seventeen; next, the girls from seven through twelve; and last, the boys from six to fourteen years of age. Each of these groups came to camp at a separate time and spent nine delightful, refreshing days amid God's scenes of nature.

In planning the camp activities, we earnestly sought God's guidance that He would give us a well-balanced program in regard to both the physical and spiritual needs of the campers. As a theme for the various phases of our spiritual training, we selected one Scripture verse. Then

we prepared a huge looseleaf notebook for the presentation of a portion of this verse as memory work each morning. The notebook was conveniently located in the dining hall and was called the "Challenge Book" because it was opened every morning when the spiritual challenge was presented. The Scripture to be memorized was on the right-hand page in bold white letters on a light blue background, and the title for the day, which was based on the memory work, was on the left-hand page. The reference for the Scripture verse was kept concealed and the children were urged to search the Bible and find the exact location of the verse. This proved to be a real challenge for many of the children, and during their free time they could be seen diligently seeking the Bible verse.

Good bye to Camp Hananeel!
Boys' group starting for home after the big adventure.



me over to you that I may be able to serve my Lord freely. There is no more liberty here . . .

Many are leaving for America on papers as rabbis, some on papers that they have received from communities. I'm sure that you will do, in this critical time, everything you can for me, my wife and child. Thank you, thank you. May God's richest blessings be upon you in the works of your hand. I'm waiting impatiently for your immediate answer. Your brother in the Messiah Jesus, blessed be His name.

Here is another one, this time from Poland, in an obscure village. Your heart will bleed as you see what suffering these brethren go through, and yet they find comfort through it all because of their implicit trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. We cannot do what these brethren ask, that is, to bring them to America, for the odds are against us. But we have undertaken to send money to them, in the hope that the Lord will see to it that the help actually reaches these poor destitute bodies. Here is the letter from Poland:

Dear Brethren Missionaries, Disciples of the Holy One, Jesus Christ our Lord, Peace be unto you and unto your household:

I, being a Hebrew Christian, a believer in our Lord, am one of the few who remained alive after the terrible war and the great devastation which came to pass here in Poland. During these great trials the Lord Jesus Christ hid me under His wings and by His help I was delivered. I apply to you, my brethren, as a believer from the other side of the ocean for help. I have a wife and two small children, we are almost starving and have nobody to get help from. My family disowned me a long time ago for being an apostate. I cannot apply to the Jewish Committee because I will have no fellowship with them. Therefore I suffer great hunger and misery.

I received your address from the American Consul who gave it to me gladly. Now therefore I apply to you, my dear faithful brethren, that you pity my small children, my wife, and myself by giving me some help. I am sure that my painful cry which comes from

an aching and ill heart, which I got in various concentration camps, will find sympathy in your awakened conscience. I beg of you that my voice should not be "a voice crying in the wilderness," but that I will find comfort and help from you. I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May the blessing of His holy name be upon you.

There is room for just one more, this time from Italy. Although the writer originally started out from Lithuania, the fury of the storms of Nazi hate finally landed him in a large camp at Cremona, Italy. To him we now have tried also to send money, and if it reaches him successfully, we will then allow him to do what is in his heart's desire, open a little hall and there give testimony to his other comrades concerning the saving and comforting power of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We report a bit about him in our Salutation, so here we will only print this letter:—

DEAR BROTHER:

I received your letter of March 11, and want to thank you for the material you said you have sent, but which did not arrive as yet. I want to make it clear again, that I don't want money for anything else but to rent a little room, where we can have our meetings. You can send the money in my name through any bank. It is of great importance that we have a little "hall" for ourselves, even though we consist of ten members only at present, it does look very promising that our little congregation will grow steadily.

The only real help we can get from you, and we all hope that you will be able to help us, is our entries into Canada, Australia, or South America, for which we need affidavits. The following are the names of our members. (We omit the names.) I am expecting to get good news from you shortly.

And so in the midst of terror and bodily anguish the Lord is still calling out His own, one here and one there, that will prove to be a part of the great host to be caught up when that blessed shout shall come from the heavens.

for all those who would dig deeply into these mysteries of God's Word. The price of the book is \$3.00 and our guarantee is that if you are not satisfied in every way, you may get your money back immediately, and no questions asked.

FROM EVIL TO GOOD

OUT of the welter of agonized souls in the heart of the Nazi torture area, God draws precious souls unto Him. Hunted and haunted over the hills, the mountains and the valleys of ravaged Europe, hiding literally in caves and behind rocks, our desolated Jewish refugee brethren run hither and thither to find shelter. It was to some of these that our food packages found their way; in Czechoslovakia, in the rugged uplands of Poland, in the swamps of Austria, Romania, and even in Germany itself. Our friends must note one important fact, not that we wish to make odious comparisons, but just that you may have the record straight: Every package of food we ship, every bit of clothing we send, all bear as a part of their contents the Gospel message, Gospel tracts in Yiddish, in German, in French. Also we enclose copies of *THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL*, in Yiddish, in English and in French. Thus, we provide food for the spirit, which is by far the most important, as well as for the body. We have also in many cases enclosed letters explaining that this food and clothing comes from true children of God in America, who love the Jews because in their hearts there dwells bodily that greatest Jew of all history, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And from this patient scattering of the seed, God has given us fruitage. Nor can we fathom how large the harvest is, because only a few even have the

money with which to buy stamps and paper to write us letters of gratitude. We share with you some samples of letters that have come. We have had to abbreviate.

Here is the first one, and this comes from Czechoslovakia. Your heart will be lifted with praise and thanksgiving as you read these lines and realize that they are wrung from the heart of a Jewish brother who is just as much in the belly of hell as was Jonah when he cried to God for salvation:

Peace and every good thing for ever to the dear brethren in Jesus the Messiah, blessed be His name.

I'm praising God and am thanking you from the depth of my heart, with words that cannot be uttered, for your great service toward me. I have received the package of clothing which you have sent for my child. In merit of this, may our good Lord—the Lord of all treasure—recompense you for the great things which you have done and are still doing in the name of our adorable Saviour, the Lord Jesus the Messiah, blessed be His Name, in that you may prosper in all the works which you have been doing so faithfully to bring to our brethren the knowledge of Him, Whom to know is life eternal.

Beloved brethren, I bless the Lord with all my heart that He made me worthy, after four years of great suffering in Germany, to receive from you His Word, the New Testament, will all the literature. I'm soaking in every word like a sponge. I'm studying God's Word day and night, for I'm very hungry for it. When I'm through reading over every piece of literature several times, I then give it away to other Jews, which Jews, I know, will be interested in reading it. Because I'm buying up every opportunity and am speaking boldly to every one about the grace of our blessed Saviour, the Lord Jesus the Messiah, blessed be His name, and about my faith in Him, I'm much persecuted. Yet some have turned to be my friends because of my faith and are becoming more and more interested. It is not an easy work, but a real and a sure, for "in Him is life."

Beloved brethren, I believe the political situation here is known to you. I beg of you to do what you can to take



Miss Lillie Constable, camp counsellor, with Junior Girls, Camp Hananeel.

CAMP LIFE IN FULL SWAY

Come with us as we turn again the pages of the blue and white Challenge Book. Since the children arrived at camp in the afternoon of the first day, there was no memory work and the first page was entitled "Welcome." After a very warm welcome to the camp, the Hananeel guests were soon settled in their dormitories, and were eagerly awaiting the activities of camp life.

"Ding-dong, ding-dong, ding-dong"—the rising bell awakened us to our first full day at Camp Hananeel. In a short time another bell rang for flag raising, which was followed by the morning exercises. Then a third bell sounded and it was breakfast time. After the campers had finished their meal we turned another page in the notebook.

This day's heading was "Friends," and the memory work was, "If my people which are called by my name." All phases of the spiritual teachings such as chapel, the Bible hour with its Scripture memory work, evening vespers and devotions were correlated with the theme of

the day. The hours of the day passed so quickly that soon we were in evening devotions singing, "No one ever cared for me like Jesus; there's no other friend so kind as He."

SOUL SALVATION SUPREME

"Others" was the designation of the third page, and the portion of the Scripture verse was, "Shall humble themselves." Immediately after the challenge every morning the campers had clean-up time. This was an occasion for friendly competition to see who could make his bunk the neatest, and which dormitory would be the cleanest when the inspector came. Clean-up time was followed by supervised recreation. Throughout each day ample time was devoted to sports, such as exciting games of baseball, volley ball, dodge ball, badminton, refreshing swims and hikes, baffling scavenger hunts, and prickly blueberry picking contests.

The fourth page was entitled "Prayer," with "And pray" as the memory work. Here we might make mention of the fact that God really

burdened the hearts of some of the girls for the salvation of the campers who were not born again. Almost every day they would hold a prayer meeting and beseech God to save their campmates.

We are especially thankful to God for the prayer burden which He gave to some Christians in the vicinity of the camp, in regard to the welfare of the children while they were at Hananeel. One day at the beach an elderly lady introduced herself to one of the counsellors who had one of our little homesick girls with her. The woman said, "I noticed you do not join your friends in their play, and I have been impelled to pray that God will enable you to overcome your homesickness". The kind lady's prayer was answered because the girl did later enter into the activities of the camp program, and when it came time to go home the little girl was most reluctant to leave camp.

SPIRITUAL LIFE DEEPENED

The name of the fifth page was "Seek," while the Scripture portion

was, "And seek my face." Before the challenge book was even opened, the campers had crowded around the bulletin board and were trying to decipher the meaning of the word, "SEEK." They knew from previous years that this so-called day must be somewhat of a reversed day—a time when the counsellors replaced the KP squad—and with many pleasant surprises during the day. The children were almost certain this was the time when Dr. Cohn would come to camp because he always visits camp and surprises the campers with some kind of a special treat. They were more than surprised when they learned that Dr. Cohn could not visit them this year because he was visiting in Europe. Nevertheless, the hours passed with unusual rapidity and before the campers realized it, the good-night chorus had been sung.

The next page disclosed "Turn," with "And turn from their wicked ways," to be the theme of the sixth day. After the recreation period we conducted our morning chapel service and the Bible hour. This was

Here are the "Teen Agers" with Miss Bonnie Hayes barely visible at rear right.



It made a powerful impression, and was included in the book that we published at that time, containing the addresses of that Congress. Since we arranged with Pastor Bedford to publish this in tract form, he has passed on to be with the Lord Whom he served so faithfully these many years. His going has been a blow to us, but his testimony marches on. This little tract tells just what the title indicates. It costs 5 cents a copy; we will make you very low prices for large distribution.

Joel, Amos and Obadiah. This is the second book in the series that Dr. Charles L. Feinberg has written for us in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, under the general title "The Major Messages of the Minor Prophets." Those who have read these expositions will need no further urging than for us to say that the book is now available at \$1.00 a copy.

I Have Loved Jacob. By Joseph Hoffman Cohn, with an introduction by Rev. W. H. Rogers, D.D. The sensation of the hour. Your General Secretary struggled with this book for many years, and now that it is out, it is gratifying to receive almost a tidal wave of thanks and congratulations from all parts of America. One brother who is a leader among the Presbyterian churches of the Middle West writes that this is the most effective blow against Anti-Semitism he has seen up to the present time. Jew hate is exposed for what it is, a Satanic concoction. Jacob is established once for all as one of the rare saints of God. The book is yours for \$1.00. It should be in the hands of every Bible student. Every Sunday school teacher should read this book, so that he might be set straight once for all in the matter of Jacob's life and character.

Beginning at Jerusalem. By Joseph Hoffman Cohn, with an intro-

duction by Rev. Clarence Edward Macartney, D.D., LL.D., Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Easily the most profound presentation of the divinely established missionary rule, "To the Jew first," that has ever appeared in print. This is a large statement, but you have only to read the book to prove its accuracy. It is a collection, a sort of anthology, of all the material that Dr. Cohn has written in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE for the last thirty years, having to do with the missionary method, "To the Jew first." There is nothing like it anywhere in the world, and the reader can trace through year after year the growth of this doctrine and its pervasive influence in the life of the Mission through its fifty years of testimony. One member of our staff was so impressed with the book that he said we should make this book compulsory reading for every Jewish missionary that seeks employment with us. It also should be in every public library, in every seminary, in every Christian college. We repeat that there is nothing like it in existence. And we are backing up our statement with the guarantee that if when you get the book it does not satisfy you, your money will be returned immediately and without question. The price is \$2.50 but it is worth many times that figure if you are sincerely seeking God's truth for these last days.

Types, Psalms and Prophecies. Another new book we have been privileged to publish. This one is by the sainted David Baron, one of the most beloved Hebrew Christian scholars of the last generation. Many have already written us to thank us for having begun a program of reprinting here in America, the writings of this great British scholar. This book is a gold mine

from my sin, and not have to suffer the penalty for sin as is taught in Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death." So I prayed to God and asked Him to forgive my sins for Jesus sake, and help me to believe that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"; this occasion was the time when I was born again.

"THERE'S MUSIC IN MY SOUL"

From the time I was a small child I always enjoyed the Gospel choruses and hymns which we were taught at the Mission. I became fully convinced that this was a most effective way to present the Gospel message. And though I heartily enjoyed the music, I never once thought that God would ever call me to musical service in His vineyard.

My mother became a widow when I was quite young, and it became necessary for me to leave school and work to help her. Then one day God called me to leave my job, go back to school, and train to be a Gospel musician. This call was very hard for me to accept; however, I knew that God had called me and that He would open the way for me to return to school. As I sought God's will for my life, He opened the way for me to attend Houghton Academy through the Students' Fund of the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

Now I am looking forward with great joy to being in school again, and in preparing to serve God wherever He leads; for I know my Heavenly Father watches over me.

NEW BOOKS FOR THE PRESENT CRISIS

THE Jew is on the front pages of the world's newspapers. He is in the debating rooms of political councils. He is in the corridors of every capitol of the world.

But the Church, or as we may better call it, organized Christendom, seems blissfully ignorant of the strategic meaning of these facts! The heart of the world problem is the Jew; the heart of God's redemptive purposes is the Jew. But our Church leaders, strange beyond all words, are too busy "building a better world" or hurling tirades against "capitalism" and against "Communism," to give any honest or serious thought to this paramount fact. Will they ever set aside their own arrogance and pre-conceived notions and seek simply to find out what is God's will? If they do not, the warning is solemn and sure, there is tragedy ahead.

Here are a few of our more recent publications that should be given wide circulation wherever human beings gather together. Do your part, dear brother and dear sister. The time is short and crisis waits around the corner.

The Eternal Jew. A new tract by our beloved brother, for whose friendship and affection we shall always be grateful, Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. It is a sermon that was preached in his own pulpit and now he has given us permission to reprint it for general circulation. Dr. Macartney is no alarmist, he is no fanatic, he is no extremist. These facts lend power to the testimony of this gripping discussion of the Jewish problem. It is yours for 5 cents apiece; we will make special prices should you decide to distribute in hundreds or thousands.

Jew Hate, Its Origin, Development and Final Doom. This was originally a thesis prepared and delivered by Rev. Dean S. Bedford, pastor of the Brighton Community Church, Rochester, N. Y., at our New York Congress on Prophecy of 1943.

a most hallowed time to the hearts of some of the campers because it was the occasion when they actually turned to God for salvation. R——, one of our boys, described his having been born again during one of the Bible hours. His face just beamed as he told how he turned in prayer to God and asked Him to make his black heart white by cleansing it with the shed blood of Jesus, God's Son.

"Hear," and "Then will I hear from heaven," designated the heading for the seventh page; while the appellation for the eighth day was "Forgive," with the memory work, "And will forgive their sin." The absolute necessity for everyone obtaining forgiveness for his sin was especially clearly presented in each evening vesper service. For these services we had one continued flannelgraph story based on the Scriptures. The plot was that of a young Jewish boy who became a leper and had to be taken to the outside place away from his friends and loved ones. There he remained until he became white all over and underwent the cleansing ceremony of the high priest. This story had a most effective challenge for the heart of each camper as it vividly showed how, according to the Bible, we are all unclean and can never enter God's presence until we have been made clean through the blood of Jesus Christ.

THE DESIRED HAVEN

The ninth and last page was indicated by "My Home," and "Will heal their land." Many of the campers have their citizenships in heaven, but had to return to homes where Jesus is not welcome by their parents. We do sincerely trust that the Spirit of God has helped them to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Holy One of Israel, and has so firmly rooted and grounded them in

His love, that they shall daily be true ambassadors for their Jewish Messiah.

We pause with the last page half turned for it seems as if we hear again the older girls as they earnestly blend their voices in singing:

"Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you;
He will carry you through."

Then the voices of the younger girls follow as they joyfully sing:

"Ye must be born again;
Ye must be born again.
I verily, verily say unto thee,
Ye must be born again."

While we continue to listen, we hear the lusty voices of the boys:

"Dare to be a Daniel;
Dare to stand alone.
Dare to have a purpose firm,
And dare to make it known."

And as we let the page quietly drop to close the book, we hear distinctly the united voices of both the campers and the camp staff reverently quoting the '48 camp verse: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14).

WE BAPTIZE NINE

By Miss Eleanor Bullock

EARLY on the morning of June 6th, 1948, a unique group of Jewish believers gathered long before the hour appointed for the morning service to begin. On the face of each could be seen an expression of inner joy and peace which the world could not give, neither could it take away. There were nine who had come to confess their faith publicly in Jesus Christ, and follow Him into the waters of

baptism; thus identifying themselves with Him in His death and resurrection.

One woman in a distant city had found Christ; and wondering if she were the only Jewish believer in the world, began searching for others. A Christian friend told her of our Mission. She immediately got in touch with Dr. Cohn and traveled all night on the train in order that she might be baptized with a company of Hebrew Christians. Her heart was filled to overflowing with praise to God for such an opportunity. She begged us to come to her city and open a testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some of the others had come from our Brooklyn Branch where they had found Christ as their Saviour, eager to follow His command. Among these was the wife of an orthodox Jewish Rabbi from Poland, who had been baptized in January.

One Hebrew Christian came from New Jersey to join these at this blessed occasion. And a young man

who only a few weeks ago heard the Gospel through "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE RADIO BROADCAST" came to be baptized. Also a Hebrew Christian recently arrived from Poland, having suffered much at the hands of the Nazis, joined these taking a stand for Christ.

Some had found Jesus Christ to be their Messiah within recent months and weeks, while others had for years accepted Him in their hearts but because of differences in the home had not been permitted to be baptized.

As we met with the women to dress for the service, my heart was thrilled as I listened to them exchange testimonies, telling the time and place where they had been saved. It was sweet to hear of the leading of the Lord in their lives which had brought them to this "wonderful day," as they expressed it.

Just before the service began, the candidates, beautifully dressed in their robes, came down to the front of the auditorium and sat in the

Scene in Baptismal Fount in Headquarters' Building, when 9 Jewish converts confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and were baptized.



front rows. As the meeting opened, an impressive silence fell upon the congregation as if eagerly anticipating the special blessing which comes with hearing those of the household of Israel proclaim to all, that they have been redeemed not "with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Pet. 1:18, 19, 23).

Reverently all joined in the singing of Gospel songs and in prayer. A child of seven years, who had given her heart to the Lord Jesus, sang "Redeemed." This was a great challenge to any who might have come to the meeting without Christ. Portions of Scripture were read and Mr. Fargo sang, "Shadows." Dr. Cohn, from the baptismistry, brought a message which made it very plain to all present that in no possible way could this act of baptism save anyone, but rather it is an outward expression of an inward experience with Christ.

Each in their order entered the water and with heartfelt expression responded in the affirmative in answer to Dr. Cohn's question, "Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Messiah?" After each immersion, the congregation immediately joined in the singing of that old hymn:

"O happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad."

When the candidates returned to the auditorium they joined the group at the Lord's table to observe His command, "This do in remembrance of Me." The right hand of fellowship was extended to each by Dr. Cohn at which time he presented to

them a Scofield Bible and a baptismal certificate.

Then came testimonies of Hebrew Christians rejoicing that they had heard the Gospel and accepted Christ. One of our own girls who grew up in the Mission, herself a baptized believer, gave a thrilling note of praise to God for the privilege of seeing her husband baptized.

The meeting closed with the deep expression of each of our hearts as we sang, "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow."

"FROM A CHILD THOU HAST KNOWN"

The touching story of Herbert Breslau's new birth, and call.

VERY seldom do Jewish boys have parents both of whom are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. But I earnestly thank God for having blessed me with such a rich heri-



HERBERT BRESLAU

tage. My father and mother both became believers in Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah, through the ministry of the American Board of Missions to the Jews in Brooklyn.

Since my parents attended regularly the Gospel services of the Mission, they also took us seven children with them from our earliest childhood days. As I grew older I became a member of one children's class after another. In each of these classes we studied the Bible, and memorized many verses from it. Thus it was for almost sixteen years I was under the influence of the Gospel message before the Spirit of God convinced me that "all had sinned," and that the "all" included me. I sincerely wanted to be freed