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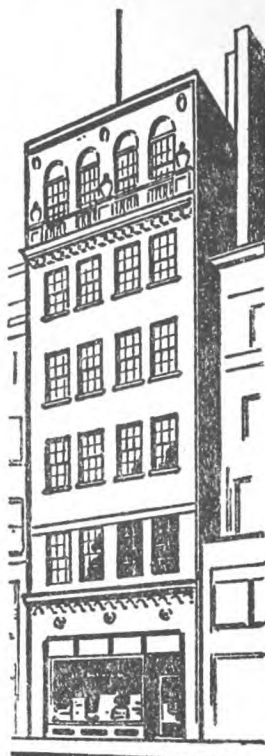
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Salutation

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

DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS:

"What is the shortest fifteen minutes of the week?" was the question which came to us one morning in the mail from a brother in Boston. And he answered the question himself by saying, "10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., on Sunday on Station W.L.A.W.!" Then he went on to berate us because the program was so short that before he could hardly get his breath, the fadeout melody was already humming its way into the hearts of the hearers.

Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain.

But Christ the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away,
A sacrifice of nobler name,
And richer blood than they.

Nor is this brother alone in his plaint. Almost every day the letters come from our faithful friends protesting that the radio broadcast is all too short. They say that they no sooner get started, than suddenly we are through! But of course the answer is that both our money and our time are necessarily under strict limitations, and perhaps it is just as well to leave people a bit hungry so that they shall be waiting eagerly for the next broadcast.

We mention this only as a prelude to the annual Survey of the work which the Lord has allowed us as your missionaries to carry on throughout the year 1948. And we just wanted to mention this Radio Department as being one of those things that is little exploited and little talked about, but it is doing a marvelous work on its own account. Some folks have been kind enough to say that if the Mission did nothing else but maintain the "Chosen People Broadcast," it would be worth all that it costs to run the entire Mission!

Then the same thing is true of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE publication. And also THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL, which is intended for Gospel promulgation among our Jewish people throughout the world. It has been used of the Lord in a way far beyond the putting down in cold figures. These are the intangibles which make up the brilliant record of your Jewish Mission, the

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forces that can not be harnessed and put into statistical form. What shall we say, for instance, when we face the fact that if THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL happens to be only four or five days late in its monthly appearance, we are bombarded from a hundred parts of America with the insistent demand, "Where is THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL? Where is THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL?"

BRINGING BACK THE GOLDEN HOURS

But now to come to the task of the moment: Last year we tried something new in the way of an Annual Survey Report, and it was so overwhelmingly welcomed by our friends that we are doing it again this year. We mean, having as many of our workers as possible contribute some condensed report of from one to two hundred words, so that these messages can make a symposium that may not only dazzle our readers with its world-wide coverage, but also amaze them with its revelation of what our workers are doing and where they are located; and will also bring to you substantial dividends on your investment in this, the finest piece of Gospel testimony to Israel, to be found in all the world.

Last year so many of our most devoted friends told us how they enjoyed the symposium. Many wrote that they never realized how far-flung and how vast were the operations of the Mission. Many doubled and trebled their gifts, because, as they said, they had no idea that the Mission was accomplishing such staggering results.

YOU CAN'T PLEASE EVERYBODY

One dear woman wrote, however, that she was rather put out with us for having taken all that valuable space just to tell about the workers' reports; that we should have instead used the pages to give some further expository writings on the Word of God! Which of course means that we just cannot please everybody, no matter how hard we try. The dear woman did not know that even in the Word of God we have the injunction that there is a time for everything. "A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak" (Eccl. 3:1-8).

And so this February issue is the time in which we are to speak about the work that your Mission has accomplished because of your prayers, your gifts, and your heart fellowship with us. We wish we had somehow the ability to picture the work before you in such a way that you could actually see your dollars get up, walk, preach, help the needy, and give courage to the sorrowing. But as you read these lines and see what our workers are doing, we think you will get a vision that will bring much to you by way of satisfaction, and gratitude that God has seen fit to honor your united labors with us, in so marvelous a fashion. And so, here are some of the messages that our workers have sent to us from all parts of the world. We have had to condense them considerably, and as there are so many of them, we will not be able to print them all in this issue, but will hope to carry over in succeeding issues some of these reports by way of including them in the department, "Incidents in the Work."

In Brother Harry Burgen's report we read, "One morning recently while riding in a crowded subway train, I was reading the paper in search

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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.

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The Gospel by Radio. Broadcasts are now maintained in the United States ("The Chosen People Broadcast") and in Cuba ("The Message of the Christian Jew") with South America in prospect. Stations are being added as funds permit. List sent on request. Pray for this far-reaching ministry. Gifts for this department should be specified "For Radio Fund."

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We covet your prayers and your sympathy. We invite fellow believers to cast in their lot with us, taking fellowship in the great task He has committed to our charge.

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of names and addresses of our people." This one sentence will best describe our devoted work in Philadelphia, for he is always on the watch for the names and addresses of Jews to whom he can send **THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL**. And the Lord has many times honored his testimony throughout his years of labor in Philadelphia, as is shown in the following report:

One of the names of our blessed Saviour as given in Isaiah 9, is Wonderful, and as His name is, so are His ways and works.

During our many years of labor in this vicinity, we have contacted Jews in all walks of life; the working class as well as the professional. Just now I am thinking of a doctor, B.S. by name. I became acquainted with him through correspondence many years ago and have been in touch with him ever since. He is most friendly to the Gospel message and is on the mailing list of our monthly Yiddish-English Gospel paper, **THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL**.

While waiting one morning for a bus, I met Dr. S. who was in company with a fine-looking Jewish man. Dr. S. introduced me to his friend, Dr. K., a dentist. He had recently moved into our neighborhood. Inwardly I rejoiced and blessed the Lord for this opportunity to witness for Christ to this new acquaintance. A day or so later I wrote him a personal note and reminded him of our meeting. I expressed my pleasure at meeting him and at the same time gave a word of testimony concerning the Lord Jesus Christ as the Messiah, the Son of the living God, according to our own Jewish Old Testament Scriptures.

A number of months passed by and no word was heard from the doctor. But God is wonderful in counsel and excellent in working. A Christian man, who attends the church where we hold membership came to me recently and said, "Brother Burgen, the dentist that I go to is Jewish. He is a fine man. I have known him for years and have often spoken to him of Christ. We have had many interesting conversations and I have told him about you, as a believing Jew." Making further inquiry as to his name and address, I learned to my pleasant surprise that this was the same dentist to whom I had written. I wrote a second letter, but no reply came. One morning recently while riding in a crowded subway train, a man sitting on my left looked at me earnestly and said, "Are you Mr. Burgen? My name is Dr. K. I have tried to contact you on the phone a number of times but could not find you listed in the telephone book. I am glad to see you." He also confirmed the receipt of my letters. How I rejoiced and praised the Lord for such blessed leadings by the Holy Spirit. As we rode along together, it was my great privilege to magnify the Name of Him Whose Name is above every name. Dr. K. listened attentively.

What he wanted to know was what Dr. S. thought of these claims, that the Lord Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah of Israel. It seems that each is afraid of what the other thinks. Before parting he promised to read any of our literature sent him. He also invited me to visit him, either at his office or at his home. Thus we parted with a hearty handshake and a hope of meeting again.

Rev. Emanuel Lichtenstein has just completed seven years of labor among the Jews in the Argentine, and he is entitled to rejoice; for in recently-published statistics of the Lutheran Churches in the countries of America, it is stated that our Mission station in Buenos Aires has brought the greatest number of souls to the Lord!

As we listened at our 1948 Christmas Special Service in our Buenos Aires Station to the always new and eternally beautiful melodies of Bach's Christmas Oratorio, we came to our seventh year of working here in Buenos Aires, Argentina. We have reached it surrounded by true friends, many of whom have found their way to their Lord and Messiah, Jesus Christ, with the help of our preaching His Word. But not only we ourselves proclaimed Christ's Good Tidings, but newly-won friends hastened to our support, so that we have had five lay preachers in our midst this year, and even three ladies of our Women's Circle have used every opportunity to testify before their friends. The number of baptisms has not declined either, and is often accompanied

by signs of visible blessing of the Lord. It is touching, for instance, the simple story of a young woman now 22 years of age, who found the Lord six years ago, confessed Him as her only Saviour and was baptized. But always with rebuff and heartache she tried to win her Jewish parents to the Lord. So she went and laid her sorrow upon her missionary. And now both her parents together with the daughter, do not only come regularly to our weekly Mission meetings, but are frequent attendants at our Sunday morning services also. Also have I been successful in strengthening the hearts of a married couple to resist the storm of their relatives during the Jewish High Holidays this year, when they requested and demanded the couple's return to the synagogue, claiming the memory of their dead parents, who had demanded just this in their last letters.

This year we also have enriched our tract propaganda, the sole source of which is our New York Headquarters, by the beautiful booklet of our Secretary General, Rev. Dr. Joseph Hoffman Cohn, "I Have Loved Jacob." By means of our newspaper propaganda (advertisements) for this booklet, that so efficiently and effectively deals with anti-Semitism, several copies of it also have reached the hands of the settlers of the Jewish colony, "Avigdor." Dr. Cohn's faithful spiritual guidance was, also in this past year, 1948, accompanied by joyful and sacrificial preparedness to help in material means, without which we could not have withstood the local price mounting that now reached unsuspected and incredibly gigantic peaks. Also in respect to our social work we have been able to do a little more during these trying times. For instance for the inmates of our Old Aged Home, where our European friends find hearty welcome always, we are to build a new reading room and living room, and to furnish same. This will also strengthen the friendly ties between our Mission station and the protecting churches. The construction decided upon now, will be executed during the Argentine Summer months, the Lord willing. And in the living-reading room in memoriam of Dr. Leopold Cohn, a plaque will immortalize his name.

May I be allowed to mention yet that I continue to preach the Word in the Mission work as well as in church as a pastor in three languages: German, Hungarian and Spanish, being listened to by many, many new arrivals, D. P. of all nationalities and religions. So I hope and think to have given you a short cross-section of our local work in Buenos Aires, even if I am far from having told you more than a sketchy short cut. But I hope to have brought you the most interesting and important. I will close now, with the prayerful wish that the Lord of all the Missions may bless also the next coming seven years; may He even so bless them to the good of Israel and the whole of mankind.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Berk witness to the Jews in Miami, Fla. At this winter resort thousands of Jews gather each year, and there are overwhelming opportunities to witness to them as they spend their time at the beaches. They are winning the love and respect of many Jews and tell of four Jewish conversions during the past year.

"The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore, will I hope in Him." We gladly take this opportunity to report on our work here in Miami. The Lord has greatly blessed our efforts, and we praise Him for it. The Friday night meetings at our home have been a great inspiration to many seeking souls; we have wonderful fellowship of Jewish and Gentile believers. As a result of this at least four Jewish souls have accepted the Lord as their Messiah, and have been baptized in our local churches. I even performed a wedding ceremony, my first one, uniting two of these believers at a Miami Beach church. It was quite a testimony, as there were a goodly number of Jews present. It took us more than a year to lead the woman to the saving knowledge of our Lord. Pray for this work and all our labors amongst the lost sheep of Israel.

Rev. Elias Zimmerman has been associated with the American Board for over thirty years, many of these spent in charge of the Branch in Los

Israel will be used of God to accomplish that which has never been wrought before, the conversion of the world. Paul states it thus: that if the setting aside of Israel nationally has meant the incalculable enrichment and reconciliation of the world, the restoration and recommission of God's people can only mean life from the dead. Romans 11:15. Life from the dead! In what sense? Like Jonah they will return to the Lord as from the dead. There will be a national resurrection (see Ezekiel chapter 37). The world will see a resurrected nation spiritually. Then the message of this people will be empowered of God to turn the nations from spiritual death to spiritual life. It will be life from the dead for them also. What a day of world revival that will be. A nation of Jonahs will be preaching the message of God to a needy and lost world. Are we faithfully praying and laboring for that hour when Israel enters fully and properly into her God-given and never-to-be-revoked commission?

OUR MERCIFUL GOD

How comforting and consoling to our redeemed hearts it is to think long and satisfyingly on the mercy of our gracious God. God truly has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, in the perishing of the lost, but that such ones turn from their evil ways and live. But the sad fact is that many know not the mercy of our God in Christ Jesus the Lord unto eternal life. And of whom is this more true than of Israel? Beloved of God, they are the hated of the world and of Satan. Chosen of God, they are the despised and neglected of the nations. Cherished of God, they are the spurned and persecuted of the nations. Is it not high time, beloved reader, that now through the mercy shown us they also may obtain mercy? How can God make it plainer that they must be given the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in this hour of grace and mercy? May we all be empowered unto every good work and word on behalf of their salvation. On Israel's salvation hangs world salvation.

Our Radio Ministry

"THE CHOSEN PEOPLE BROADCAST"

WADC	Akron, Ohio	Friday	9:15 a. m.	1350 K. C.
WLAW	Boston, Mass.	Sunday	11:45 a. m.	680 K. C.
WERC	Erie, Pa.	Sunday	9:30 a. m.	1230 K. C.
KGER	Long Beach, Calif.	Sunday	7:45 a. m.	1390 K. C.
WKAT	Miami, Fla.	Sunday	7:45 a. m.	1360 K. C.
WINS	New York, N. Y.	Sunday	9:00 a. m.	1010 K. C.
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 a. m.	1090 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.

with all their evil way as that of which they are to repent. Compare Nahum 3:1. Records of Assyria are catalogues of military campaigns, cruelties, and plunderings. They were all to repent in the hope that the Lord would turn from His fierce anger. See Joel 2:13, 14. When the Scriptures speak of God repenting (in view of Numbers 23:19), it is the language of appearance, the language of accommodation, from the viewpoint of man. The Ninevites felt there was the possibility of God's mercy without any specific assurance for encouragement, therefore the words "Who knoweth."

THE CITY SPARED

When God saw their works and that they had turned from their wickedness, He repented of the punishment He had warned them of and did not do it. They were not deeds of merit, because there is no words of sacrifices or offerings, but only of true repentance and faith toward God. This is not salvation by works. Reference is made to their repentance in sackcloth and ashes which showed a change within them. The readiness which marked their actions showed that they were not ripe for judgment. Note the principle set forth in Jeremiah 18:7, 8; see also Exodus 32:14. God is said, after the manner of man's understanding and feeling, to repent when He alters His proposed action or deals in a way not expected from His promises or warnings. The threatened doom in this instance was conditioned on repentance. When that condition was met and fulfilled, God had no need to execute the warning. From the record there is no doubt that the repentance was genuine (else God would not have spared the city on the show of a spurious turning to Him), but that it was of short duration can be infer-

red from the prophecies of the Book of Nahum, where certain judgment is predicted for Nineveh. Less than a century later this city was destroyed by God, but the repentance in Jonah's day was genuine, as our Lord stated in Matthew 12:41. Thank God, for the power in repentance which releases the power of God to work as He delights. He is much more willing to bless than to judge. The book thus teaches clearly the efficacy of repentance, first with Jonah and then with the Ninevites.

JONAH A PICTURE OF ISRAEL

This chapter, as in the previous chapters, prefigures the dealings of God with His chosen people, Israel. After Jonah's restoration to the Lord and to the land, he was recommissioned of God to preach the message God had intended from the first. When Israel turns to the Lord, when the veil is removed from the heart, when they cry out in truth to the Lord from the midst of their distresses, the Lord will restore them not only to their own land but to the commission of witnessing to the Lord. This commission is stated repeatedly in the Scriptures. Note Isaiah 43:10, 12. Israel was to be a priestly nation ministering God's will among the nations, Exodus 19:5, 6. This commission will be fulfilled in the future. Men from all the nations of the earth will realize that Israel is the repository of the truth of God. Zechariah 8:20-23. While the nations of the world will be the plowmen and vine-dressers in that day, Israel will ultimately accomplish God's will for them as priests of the Lord and ministers of God. See Isaiah 61:5, 6. In that time Israel, as Jonah of old, will be armed with the message of God for all peoples. And more, just as Jonah's ministry was gloriously successful in the power of God, so

Angeles. Mr. Zimmerman and his wife have earned the respect of all who know them, and people cannot speak too highly of the meetings which Mr. Zimmerman conducts for Jewish young people. On a trip throughout the States this summer, Mr. Zimmerman had the great joy of meeting some of these young folks and to find that the seed he had planted had brought forth fruit.

Jewish missionary work may be difficult, disappointing and often heartbreaking, but, praise God, it also has its rewards, its blessings, and its victories. A few brief incidents will illustrate:

While on a speaking trip in the East last summer, we happened to be in Findlay, Ohio. It was Saturday night, and there was a street meeting in front of the court house. To our surprise and joy there stood one of our converts preaching. His message rang true. He uplifted Christ as the Jewish Messiah and the Saviour of all men. When he saw us he literally put his big arms around us and wept tears of joy.

In Albany, N. Y., we visited another of our converts. He and his good wife gave us a royal welcome. They just couldn't do enough for us. We went away rejoicing. In New York City also we found another convert, who had accepted the Lord in Los Angeles only a few months before.

Brother Gautschi, in charge of the work during our absence, reported blessed street meetings in the city and Ocean Park Beach during the summer. And Miss Helen Graber, the children's and women's worker, tells us that three Jewish lads, 11, 14, and 20 years of age, accepted the Lord as their Saviour and Redeemer during one of those street meetings. And since our return home, a Jewish woman and a refugee young man who drive more than fifty miles to attend our services at the Mission expressed the desire to be baptized.

Yes, Jewish missionary work may be difficult and heartbreaking at times; but, thank God, it also has its rewards, its blessings, and its victories.

Miss Eva Zipper, just a mere slip of a girl, has literally been "thrown into the water and learned how to swim" during the past year. For Brother John Solomon, for many years conducting the work in Pittsburgh, became ill, and Eva was called on to do the best she could. And all have only praise for her and for the fine work she is now doing in an effort to continue the work which Mr. Solomon has so reluctantly had to relinquish.

Various experiences come to one while visiting Jewish homes to tell about the Messiah. Here is one which proved to be a great blessing:

"Oh, I'm afraid we are not interested in this; you would be just wasting your time here, and we are busy now, anyhow," said Mrs. T. as she opened the door and saw my Bible in my hand. The door was about to be closed when sister, whom I had been visiting during the year past, came out and invited me in. Mrs. T. went to the living room, while Miss B. took me into the kitchen where she was working. The door between the two rooms was open, and Mrs. T. could hear everything that was said. Frankly, I was at a loss how to proceed, and so let Miss B. take care of the conversation. She had always been very friendly to me, but had hardly ever allowed the conversation to turn to spiritual things.

It was not very long before Mrs. T. also came out to the kitchen and became quite friendly as we talked. Then she said, "You know, I am terribly against what you are doing. My father and grandfather and uncle all were Rabbis; I teach Sunday School in an orthodox synagogue, and we keep a kosher house. Here in this neighborhood, there are countless synagogues, all teaching the Jews to be good Jews. And here you come along, and tell us to forget all about these things, and all about our Bible..."

"Excuse me," I had to interrupt her at this point, "we don't teach the Jews to forget their Bible; on the contrary, we tell them to read their Bibles and to compare them with the false teaching of the modern synagogue. Take for instance, the Day of Atonement..." and I showed her how the Bible observance of that day differs from the practice of modern Judaism, bring-

ing in verses like I John 1:7 to point her to the only solution of the problem. She had no answer for that, but as the afternoon proceeded, her hardness melted, and she became friendlier and more open to the message of the Gospel. When I rose to go, she invited me to come back, evidently forgetting completely that she had almost not wanted me to come in. Only the Lord could work such a change of attitude in such a short time, and I trust that He will lead her on to accept Jesus as her Messiah and Saviour.

Rev. Paul Wilson who is witnessing to the Jews in Havana by way of the radio and through tract distribution is on the lookout for "that next Jew" who will be one of the 144,000.

I cannot report any spectacular or glamorous results of the work during the past year, but we have continued to broadcast in Yiddish, Spanish, and English each Lord's Day, and we have the assurance that God's Word will accomplish its purpose.

We continue to distribute THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL and the Yiddish New Testament. I made another trip to the eastern end of the Island and met a young brother from Canada, Mr. W.S., who has a great interest in the Jews. I supplied him with some literature and Yiddish New Testaments and he is visiting the cities of Oriente Province distributing these tracts and books. These cities are from 500 to 600 miles from Havana and I cannot reach them frequently.

The going gets a little rough once in a while, but I have the happy encouragement of realizing that perhaps the next Jew to whom I give a tract or New Testament will be one of the 144,000, and the radio messages may be helping to prepare a people for His Name. Then I get an injection of spiritual vitamins from my friend, Joe Oehler, of the Railroad Men's Mission, every once in a while, who always ends his letters by saying, "Preach and pray and plug away" (Gal. 6:9).

Rev. Harry A. Marko has a twofold program as he goes up and down the state of Texas. He seeks to win new friends for Israel among the Gentiles, and he witnesses to the Jews in every town and city he visits. He writes of a few of his experiences during the year 1948.

Another year has closed with many evidences of God's grace in our field of labor. The Lord has manifested Himself mightily both in soul-winning and gaining friends for Israel. The following two experiences are of special interest.

During the meeting at Rehoboth Baptist Church in Brownwood, Texas, we prayed for an Italian Roman Catholic boy whom the Lord saved with a glorious victory. At the Texas State Baptist Convention in Houston recently, I met the pastor of this church who said that he had the privilege of baptizing Tony M. Praise God for his saving grace!

While in Beaumont, Texas, in a meeting at the Amelia Baptist Church with Rev. Lange, I was invited to address the pastors of the Beaumont Association on Monday at their luncheon. After this, Brother Lange and I made some calls on our Jewish friends. We came to a leather goods store, owned by a Jewish gentleman, Mr. A., and witnessed to him. He was very receptive, considerate and appreciative of the Lord Jesus Christ as Israel's Messiah. I pressed the invitation and asked him to accept Jesus as Lord and Master openly. He replied, "No, not until all Israel as a nation accepts Him." I then showed him that the Lord came not to redeem nations but individuals. Then we asked him, "Of whom are you afraid—afraid of your family?" "No," he said. "Are you afraid of the Jews of your city?" Again, "No." "Then of whom are you really afraid?" This was his reply, "I'm afraid of the Gentiles. Afraid that they will doubt my sincerity." Tears flowed from Brother Lange's eyes to hear this serious accusation. Mr. A. finally said that he had many questions concerning the Scriptures that he would like to have answered in a private interview. It was arranged that we meet on Sunday, October, 31, at 4 P.M., in the pastor's office.

but it was one of the greatest messages ever preached by man, if not the greatest. Nowhere do we read in the Bible or outside of it that one message from a servant of God was used of God to so great an extent. For the whole city of Nineveh believed God! Nothing remotely approximating this has ever taken place in the history of revivals. Jonah was a sign, but the people did not concern themselves with the prophet. They believed God. God is honored by such faith and He honors it by accomplishing much in answer to it. Everyone, old and young alike, all without exception, turned to God and gave evidence of grief over their sins. They fasted and mourned. They must have reasoned, Why should God send a prophet to warn us? If He had wanted to destroy us outright, He would have left us to pursue our sinful ways. Why, too, does He allow us forty days between the pronouncement of the doom and the punishment itself? Surely it is because of God's intended mercy, and His desire is that we avail ourselves of His willingness to forgive us. This response was so spontaneous that no one waited for orders from the king nor did they consult his pleasure in the matter. But when the message reached his ears (the identity of this king is not known), the king reacted exactly as the people did. There was no delay, no disbelieving the message, but ready compliance with the implication of the message. It called in no uncertain terms for immediate repentance. The people and the king so understood the warning and acted accordingly.

ITS EXPLANATION

Some explain the general repentance (for this moral miracle in chapter 3 far exceeds in greatness the physical miracle of chapters 1 and

2) on the ground that the nations of the East are given to emotion, that they highly regard soothsaying and oracles, that the occasion of a foreigner preaching with disinterestedness and boldness the sins of the city — all these must have made a profound impression on the people. The essential fact is that Jonah, coming with a true message from God, had his message authenticated by the power of the Holy Spirit to the hearts of the heathen Ninevites. In the hour of repentance king and people were on the same level. God is interested in the broken and contrite heart, not the royal purple or the pauper's rags. In verses 7 to 9 we have the decree of the king and his nobles. The fact that the nobles share with the king in the issuing of the decree reveals that there was not an absolute monarchy. Compare Daniel 6:17. Twice in the decree beast and man are joined. This is not unusual in the East. Ancient historians tell us that the Persians, after the fall of their commander Masistios, clipped the hair of their horses and mules. The draping of horses with black at funeral processions is not unknown even in our time. Whatever may have been the moving factor in the minds of the Ninevites, the action is based upon a true premise that there is a relationship between man and beast (see Joel 1:18, 20), whereby the latter are drawn into suffering through the sin of man, and hence both long for liberation from the bondage of corruption. See the significant passage in Romans 8:19-25; also Isaiah 11:6-9; 35:1-10. If God had overthrown Nineveh, it would have been the doom of the animals of the city as well. See Psalm 36:6, 7. That God has regard for both man and beast is clearly stated in 4:11, the climaxing verse of the whole book. The royal edict singles out violence along

Studies in Jonah

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Chapter III. The Renewed Commission

THE purpose of the Lord in chastening His servant was to make him more useful for the work to which he had been clearly called. Thus it was that the call came to Jonah a second time. God in marvelous grace recommissioned His messenger. God gives men a second chance in His service, as He did with Jonah, Peter, and John Mark. (Let the reader not misunderstand. We do not say that God gives a second chance to trust Christ after this earthly life is closed. There is no such teaching in the Bible.) Thank God, He bears with His erring servants and is willing to give them the message "the second time." Jonah is commanded to arise and go to Nineveh with the same message. God knows the subtleties of Satan: if he does not prevent the preaching of the truth, he tries the perversion of it. There was to be no changing of the message in Jonah's preaching. Nineveh is called "that great city." There were 120,000 children in the city (compare 4:11), it has been estimated that the city boasted about a million inhabitants. A more conservative figure is 600,000 population. This was no mean city and God's blessed heart went out to all the inhabitants in it.

THE OBEDIENT PROPHET

How differently the record reads now! Jonah arose and did exactly as the Lord bade him. There is ready obedience now in the place of the former self-will. Jonah is now a living example of mercy received through repentance. See Matthew 21:

28, 29. Would that Jonah had more followers in his obedience than he has in his flight. Our Lord tells us that he was a sign to the Ninevites, Luke 11:30. It is known that the Ninevites worshipped the fish god, Dagon, part man and part fish. Interestingly enough, "Oannes" (with "I" before it the name spells Jonah in the New Testament) was the name of one of the incarnations of Dagon. Too, there is an Assyrian mound "Nebi Yunas" (the prophet Jonah). The archaeologist Botta associated the two with Nineveh and uncovered the walls of the old city. As interesting as these historical confirmations are, the center of the narrative is in the person of Jonah himself as he brings God's message. He had been saved from death himself, and thus could give the guilty city of Nineveh its needed hope in the Lord Himself. Again the account brings before us the fact that Nineveh was "an exceeding great city" (literally, "great unto God"); it was great to God who is not misled by mere appearances but views all things in their true light.

THE REPENTANCE OF NINEVEH

Our Lord said Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites. The events recorded in this book had reached the people of Nineveh before the prophet arrived at the capital, hence he was a sign to them. They could see in Jonah that God punishes sin, but also spares the sinner on repentance. The sacred record preserves for us only five words of Jonah's message (so the warning in the original of verse 4),

On this particular Sunday afternoon I was telling my life story and Mr. A. came into the service. Since Mr. A. had come for a distinct purpose, at the close of the service we suggested that we retire to the pastor's office. But Mr. A. said, "This will not be necessary as you have given me the answer to all my questions. I've settled this matter in my heart that the Lord Jesus is my Saviour and Israel's Messiah, and I too, feel that I may some day preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. First I wish to talk to my family and tell them of my decision, as this is the only fair way. Then I'll come out openly before the church with my testimony of Jesus as my Saviour."

I trust that the friends of the Mission will be much in prayer for Mr. A., as he is advanced in years and needs the prayers of God's people.

Pastor Henri Vincent tells all too briefly of the work in Paris, across the sea, but even though the report is brief, it gives our readers an idea of the vast scope of the work being done under his supervision.

Last year we could write in the February Issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE that 1947 had seen the revival of the work in Paris. We may say now that in 1948, our Mission in Paris is again working at full speed as it was before the war, with even greater spiritual influence.

The Gospel is preached to the Jews in French and German, and people come to know Christ and surrender their life to Him. This year, five of them have confessed their faith and have been baptized.

The suffering and the poor are helped. We have several children in orphanages, and take care of the health of several people. All that was received from America, in money, clothing, food packages, has been distributed and has done marvels.

We feel happy to cooperate in that testimony to the Jewish people, and wonder at the great things we see in our work in Paris. Through our weakness, the strength of God is manifested.

From Brother Walter J. Atkinson comes this account of his labors among the Jews in the many small towns of the Canadian Northwest, where for the past year he has been busily trekking thousands of miles sowing the seeds that will eventually produce a harvest of newly-saved souls for the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deut. 33:25).

West of Winnipeg, in the great Dominion of Canada, this has been my motto this past year. And it was there where the major part of the year has been occupied, and where indeed these few lines are now being written.

It was May when I took leave of my dear wife, and not until fall was well on its way, were we reunited for a few weeks.

My task has been to seek out the Jews in the many small towns where there is no special Jewish Gospel witness and where the Jews are never approached with the Gospel by one of their own kind. Scores of towns have been visited for this purpose and thousands of miles covered.

In one little town I was warned by Christian friends that the patriarch of the Jewish community was aware of my coming and was dead set against the "Missionary." But he was as open and friendly as anyone with whom I have ever dealt. On the other hand, in another town a storekeeper seemed eager to listen to all I had to say, only to rush to his telephone and to warn the other Jews of my coming. So you never know what to expect. Always I Corinthians 4:2 must be our guiding star: "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

Unlimited gratitude is due the many Christian friends, pastors and lay people alike, who opened the doors of their churches, and with their spiritual and financial undergirding made these journeys possible. May you experience in fullest measure God's promise to Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee."

Miss Anne Rayner, our representative in England, has only been associated with us for two years, but during this short time the attendance at her meetings has so increased, that she is "now crowded out" and is looking for larger quarters.

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God." Another year is drawing to a close and as I look back over it I can say in very truth, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped me." Throughout the year I have been strengthened, upheld and encouraged by the prayers of God's children, as I have gone forward with the "good tidings of great joy" to our Jewish people. In spite of increasing difficulties, many have been contacted during the year; tracts, Gospels and New Testaments have been passed on and numbers have been added to the weekly Gospel meetings, and while I have not seen the desire of my heart in souls openly confessing Christ, yet I am convinced that the messages have not been in vain. There is a softening in many hearts; for those who used to argue have now ceased to do so, but listen attentively. We had the pleasure of a visit from our beloved Dr. Cohn last July and he witnessed the overcrowded state of our meeting; his message to us was very helpful and most encouraging. As there is no more room at our meetings, new contacts are invited to come other times, and after a little bodily refreshment, they are given refreshment for the soul; the Word of God is read, discussed and of course we have prayer. A full program has been arranged for our Christmas party. There are testimonies, solos, recitations, and carols.

In spite of all our shortages, the Lord wonderfully provides, not only for our Christmas party and gifts for all who come, but also for all the refreshments served during the year, for most people come straight from work. This reminds me of I Kings 17:11-16, "The barrel of meal did not waste nor did the cruse of oil fail." There is always blessing when we obey God in His way. Through the prayers and gifts of God's children, our Mission has enabled me to give relief to the needy, the sick, the refugees, and the lonely ones, also Bibles and Testaments for those in need spiritually. I am convinced that very soon God will answer our prayers concerning suitable premises for His work, so hold on in prayer with us. Blessed are all who put their trust in Him and serve God according to His plan and His Divine order, "To the Jew First."

Miss Ruth Wardell, though a busy worker among the children at the Coney Island Branch address, spends two afternoons in the Medical Dispensary which is conducted at the Brooklyn Branch. Through the Dispensary she is able to contact many Jewish people who do not come to the Mission meetings.

For over two years the Lord has given me the privilege of serving Him at the American Board of Missions to the Jews, and with a heart full of praise I can truly say there is the richest blessing for those who serve God among Israel. A portion of my work this past year has been to help with the patients in the dispensary at Brooklyn. I would like to share with you some of the joys experienced there.

At 3:00 o'clock the doors are opened and for a small sum, men, women and children may come two afternoons a week to receive medical attention. Many and varied are the ailments of those who attend—nervous conditions, colds, high blood pressure, and all types of aches and pains are readily treated by an efficient Jewish doctor.

On entering the waiting room, the patient is greeted by a sign in Yiddish and in English: "This dispensary is maintained by the American Board of Missions to the Jews. There are Christian people who love the Lord Jesus Christ, our Messiah, and they give the money to carry on the work, so that you also may learn about the Messiah. Every true Christian loves the Jews." Miss M. on coming for the first time and seeing the sign decided to leave, but turned back, and now after some months, on her last visit, she promised to come to some of the meetings. Mrs. K. having read the inscription said,

mittee, the settlement operates now under war-time conditions. Simon Applebaum, twenty-one, who "grew up" in Auschwitz, is the military commander. When his men are not digging intrenchments or manning lookout posts, they water the groves and the charub trees, whose hard seed pods are crushed for cattle fodder.

There is no effort to cultivate the fields—that will wait until the war is decided. Applebaum, who looked at least thirty, has, like other former Auschwitz inmates, a tattooed number on his arm—98524—and he has made no effort to deface it. It is considered a badge of honor in Israel.

Despite five years of concentration camp life, starting at the age of fourteen, the young commander is an optimist. His parents and sister were killed in Auschwitz, and he has no living relatives—a situation which most of the settlers share. Yet he displays no bitterness.

"We can't forget what happened and we never will," he explained, "but we are living for the future. We are home now and our past is an incentive, an additional source of strength, in building the settlement. Come back in five years and you won't recognize the place."

Buchenwald's land was purchased by the Jewish National Fund, which will be reimbursed from communal profits of the kibbutz. While they are preparing for battle, the settlers are also collecting livestock and farming equipment. They have a tractor donated by American Jews; and some cows, mules, goats and chickens. They will build homes in the post-war era.

One of the original two-story buildings was converted into a barracks. A British Army hutment has become the communal mess. The second building will be used as a nursery home for eleven Buchenwald children.

PERSONAL HISTORY

Eighty-year-old eucalyptus trees line the streets and paths of the settlement, giving it the appearance of an Indiana picnic grove. As we strolled beneath them, Samuel Gottliem, twenty-four, related his hegira from Cracow, Poland, to Buchenwald and then to Palestine.

He was captured by the Nazis with his family in 1942 and placed in a Cracow camp. His parents and sister were deported to Germany and then killed. He escaped once, was recaptured, and was forced to labor with his brother in an ammunition factory near Radom. They worked with a yellow explosive which turned their skins yellow and proved fatal for eleven thousand of fifteen thousand Jewish workers.

When the Russians approached in 1944, those still alive were placed in closed boxcars, without food or water and shipped to Buchenwald. Only a few hundred were alive when they arrived after five days.

During ten months in the camp he was joined by his brother Abraham, twenty-six, and Meier, thirty. They secretly met other young Jews but made a pact to create their own Buchenwald—a Jewish version—in the Holy Land. Liberated by American troops, they were moved collectively to a farm near Fulda, Germany, where several weeks of balanced diet restored their health.

Because of past experiences, all in the group received priority certificates for Palestine under British immigration quotas.

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After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye.—*Zech. 2:8.*

Israel's Buchenwald

Survivors of Nazi Concentration Camps Defend
Palestine Settlement Named After Past

By KENNETH BILBY

BUCHENWALD, Israel.

ON the rich red soil of southern Palestine, in the area known as the citrus belt, a new settlement was created during the four-week peace interlude in the Holy Land. It is one of numerous collective enterprises which sprang to life as soon as the battlefronts were stilled. By virtue of its name, its location, its people and its history, it differs from all others.

This settlement, or kibbutz, was not fashioned out of barren land, as in the Negeb. The advance guard of thirty young men and five girls moved into hilltop buildings overlooking nine hundred acres of flourishing orange, olive and lemon groves, of fertile but untilled soil shaded by fir and eucalyptus trees. They found sheds, water pumps and chicken pens awaiting them. In the pioneer game of settlement building, they had a tremendous head start.

Their new home was once the luxury farm of a wealthy German of Nazi inclinations who used scores of Arab laborers to tend his groves. It was confiscated by the British under enemy property regulations, converted into a military base, and then the property was conquered by the Jews after the mandate expired.

SIGNIFICANCE

Since June 20 the farm has been known as Buchenwald, a name of ominous connotation to the world and of personal significance to the young Jews who live there. Ninety-five per cent are graduates of the infamous German concentration camp.

Twenty of them have been together since 1944 when they decided, at the height of Buchenwald's Jewish obliteration program, to go to Palestine if they lived and form a farming settlement. Since then, their number has increased to ninety-one boys and girls, with a sprinkling of Auschwitz and Belsen veterans among them.

This correspondent and his wife visited the new Buchenwald recently and found a group of tanned, shirtless young men, whose average age is twenty-three, laboring with picks and shovels on perimeter fortifications around the settlement. Connecting trenches, barbed-wire barricades and sandbagged emplacements—familiar accoutrements of the original Buchenwald—were their primary preoccupation.

Buchenwald's settlers, two-thirds Polish and one-third German, speak fluent Hebrew and converse rarely in their mother tongues. Two years of settlement training, first at Afikim, in the Jordan Valley, and later in a refugee camp outside Rishon le Zion, taught them Hebrew history and geography and customs in the Jewish homeland. They were given military training under Haganah.

Today, they are an auxiliary of the Jewish Army, equipped with weapons and charged with the defense of their settlement against Arab attack. Only young men who are fighting have moved into the new Buchenwald, with girls who feed and serve them. The others remain at Rishon le Zion, waiting for the termination of hostilities.

Normally run by an elected com-

"You believe the Messiah has already come; we believe He is to come." She was amazed to know that in her own Old Testament could be found the Messiah's first coming.

Many new ones come, and while waiting they are welcome to read the literature, and on leaving, THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL is handed to each one with an invitation to the meetings of the week. During their stay, however, a word of personal witness is often made possible. Sometimes even their names give an opening. A young man called "Immanuel" was very much interested in knowing that his name was found in the Bible, and why and how it was used. He promised to attend the meetings.

As a place of sowing the seed and the breaking down of prejudice because of the medical attention and love manifested, the Dispensary has proved to be the means of winning many of Israel to their Messiah. Pray that many more through this avenue of the Mission's activities may find the Lord Jesus Christ.

And now we must lay down the pen; but the work goes on. If your heart has welled within you, and if the tears have come while you were reading some of these reports, it will help you at least to know that our hearts too have been stirred as we have been given an inside look into the consecrated and untiring labors of our devoted workers. We will know better now what it means to go up and down the tenement stairs, and we will know better what it means to be kicked out of a front door with abuse and contempt all for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ. But we will remember also what our Lord Himself told us, "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you . . . for my sake."

But, the book is not yet closed. Not even a third part of the reports of our workers, has found room in the present instalment. Therefore, we are hoping to put before you perhaps over the next two or three months, the rest of these reports so that you will rejoice with us and give thanks with us, and will also see of the travail of your soul. These reports will appear under the general section of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE entitled "Incidents in the Work" and not in this Salutation Letter. Thus, we will satisfy our friends in both ways, i.e., we will give you the full reports of our workers, and at the same time we will continue in the Salutation Letter further discussions on the prophetic truth for these last days.

As we write these lines, our hearts have been peculiarly touched by the receipt of a letter from a friend. This letter has done more to cheer our own hearts and to make us realize the responsibility and the privilege which the Lord has given to us, than anything we have experienced for many a month. The letter also is so typical of many which came to us from our faithful friends, that we must share it with you:

DEAR DR. COHN:

Enclosed please find my check to be used where you feel it is most needed. I wish very much to thank you for the blessed work you are doing for us in bringing the Gospel to the Jews. How our Lord has blest us through you! First, in leading us to know you. Then, in letting us serve with you. And last, but by no means least, in the sweet messages from your pen. So, accept our thanks and deep appreciation! May the rich blessings of His comfort and peace and strength attend you.

Do you wonder that our hearts are stirred to renewed and continued labor in the Lord's vineyard? This is the secret of God's blessing upon the work of your Mission, that He has given us friends who have attached themselves to us as true brothers and sisters in the Lord, so that we are united

as one large family, and there is among us the camaraderie and the fellowship that only comes because the grace of God is poured out upon us in plenitude. May this continue indeed through all the days of our labors here on earth. No Christian enterprise can possibly fail when it is garrisoned and under-pinned by such noble souls as these.

For the New Year ahead we look with trustful hearts. We still have for our motto the promise that He gave to us when first we embarked upon this unpopular and hated and even despised undertaking of God's work among His people Israel, "No weapon formed against thee shall prosper" (Isa. 54:17). What could not the pages of history reveal of the persecutions, the heartaches, the fiery darts of the Evil One, as this Mission has gone on, like a ship in a storm, with the Captain of our souls always at the helm. The enemies have sometimes compassed about us like so many famishing wolves, teeth eagerly set for our destruction, but always the Lord was there, to lift up a banner against these traducers of our souls, and to remind them down through the years, "No weapon formed against thee shall prosper." And we are not unmindful of the beautiful testimony contained in the hymn,

So long thy power hath blest 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 morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

This report must not close without a word of gratitude for our faithful Board of Directors, who have given and even stand ready to give, of their valuable business time, and sound judgment, so that your Mission shall have the very finest of business administration, and that your missionary dollar shall produce the fullest one hundred cents of value in labor and testimony involved. We are, I think, rather unique in the fact that our Board is composed entirely of men out in the business world, who are thus able to bring to the conference table the store of wisdom and experience that each has gathered through the years of contact with the realities of life. And so it comes true that in the multitude of counsel there is wisdom. Every undertaking of the Mission, new or old, every spending of a dollar, every proposal for something novel, all these things are scrupulously scrutinized by our Directors, and their various virtues and advantages weighed, and then as the final step, there is much prayer that whatever the decision may be shall be that which would honor the Lord. And so these forward steps are taken, and your gifts are handled here as meticulously as is done in any of the commercial corporations of this country. Thus it is that we can obey the apostolic injunction, to provide things honest in the sight of all men. A former president of our Board, the sainted Frank H. Marston, used to say at the Board meetings, "Brethren, whatever we do tonight must be done in such a way that we shall not be ashamed to see it tomorrow morning on the front page of the New York Times." And so it has been through all the years, and this has given us the unfailing and abandoned confidence and trust of our precious friends.

Nor can we close this report without a word concerning the faithful missionaries that God has given to us, and the faithful workers in the office. These are the folks that have gone down to the line of battle and have la-

brayed. He told the Arab that now his stomach was cold, and his stomach should be warm too. So in came the stomach. Then, of course, you can finish the story yourself, because it ends with the donkey getting his hind legs in also, and with one swift maneuver the Arab was out in the cold while the donkey was inside the tent keeping warm!

So, dear Jewish reader, think it over, and remember that the whole world despises the Russians and knows too well that you cannot believe a single thing they say. Remember also Jeremiah 17:5—

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.

Now the question is, whom will you trust? The honorable Soviet Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Mr. Pavel Ivanovitch Yershov, stooge for "little pal Joey" in the Kremlin at Moscow, or will you trust God, Who speaks to you out of the thunderous heights of Mount Sinai and Calvary?

The children of this world are, in their generation, wiser than the children of light.

See Luke 16:8. In a daily column conducted by the New York HERALD TRIBUNE, entitled "Pitching Horse-shoes," Billie Rose used certain material sent to him by a businessman in California, which was entitled, "Food for Thought." The moral is so tragically important that we asked permission to reprint this item in this column, and that permission was cheerfully given.

In 1923, a group of the world's most successful financiers met at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Present were:

The president of the largest independent steel company. The president

of the largest utility company. The greatest wheat speculator. The president of the New York Stock Exchange. A member of the President's Cabinet. The greatest "bear" in Wall Street. The president of the Bank of International Settlements. The head of the world's greatest monopoly.

Collectively, these tycoons controlled more wealth than there was in the United States Treasury, and for years newspapers and magazines had been printing their success stories and urging the youth of the nation to follow their examples. Twenty-five years later, let's see what happened to these men.

The president of the largest independent steel company — Charles Schwab — lived on borrowed money the last five years of his life, and died broke. The greatest wheat speculator — Arthur Cutten — died abroad, insolvent. The president of the New York Stock Exchange — Richard Whitney — was recently released from Sing Sing. The member of the President's Cabinet — Albert Fall — was pardoned from prison so he could die at home. The greatest "bear" in Wall Street — Jesse Livermore — committed suicide. The president of the Bank of International Settlements — Leon Fraser — committed suicide. The head of the world's greatest monopoly — Ivar Kreuger — committed suicide.

ALL OF THESE MEN HAD LEARNED TO MAKE MONEY, BUT NOT ONE OF THEM HAD LEARNED HOW TO LIVE!

To all of the above we would like to say, **We add our Mite** for the benefit of modern jazz addicts, "One thing thou lackest." A good many years ago, there was One who stood in the streets of Jerusalem and propounded a problem in arithmetic, which has gone unanswered down through the ages. The problem was, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). To that we will add one more piece of divine wisdom, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21.

Pilgrim's Periscope

Of such prophetic significance and potency is an article that we have just published in our Yiddish monthly Gospel paper, *THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL*, that we feel it would be a great wrong if we did not share this information with the readers of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE*. The article was headed "What a Mess," and we now herewith reprint it, retaining the particular Jewish slant and appeal:—

This will raise your eyebrows, and your blood pressure; but we give it to you just as it appeared in the *PALESTINE POST*, published in Jerusalem:

The Soviet Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, M. Pavel Ivanovitch Yershov, presented a sealed envelope with his credentials to the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, at a brief ceremony at the seat of Government of Israel this morning. Mr. Yershov, speaking Russian said: "The Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union has appointed me as Minister to Israel, and I hereby present my credentials and request you to accept my mission." Mr. Ben Gurion replied in Hebrew: "I greet you in the name of the Israel Government and the people of Israel. We hope that your mission will be of great benefit to our two countries and to the world at large." Mr. Shertok translated Mr. Ben Gurion's words into Russian for M. Yershov.

The Soviet entourage was then introduced to the Israel officials.

The Russians wore the blue and grey uniforms of the Soviet armed services, medals on their chests and swords at their sides.

The Chief of Protocol, Dr. M. Simon, escorted the Soviet Mission from their hotel to the seat of Government. When the Envoy arrived, a military band played the Russian anthem and *Hatikva*. The Russians then walked between rows of bronzed Israel soldiers to the doorway of the Prime Minister's

office, where they were received by Mr. Zeev Sherf, Secretary to the Council of Government.

The Soviet Envoy entered Mr. Ben Gurion's room, walked up to the Prime Minister's desk, and presented his credentials, which were addressed to President Weizmann.

After the brief exchange of formal greetings, Mr. Ben Gurion laid the envelope, unopened, on the table. Mr. Shertok then presented senior officers of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Secretariat to the Soviet Minister, and the latter presented members of his party.

Mrs. Goldie Myerson, Israel Envoy to the Soviet Union, was present.

Away back in our T'Nach, the Old Testament, you will find the following startling words:

I am against thee O Gog (Russia) prince of Rosh, Moscow and Tobolsk ... in the latter years thou shalt go into the land that is brought back from the sword and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel (Ezek. 38:3, 8).

So, dear Jewish reader, God knew 3,500 years ago that this marvelous creature, the Soviet Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Mr. Pavel Ivanovitch Yershov, would in these days come bowing and scraping into the presence of Mr. David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister of the Republic of Israel! But, do you remember the story of how the donkey got into the Arab's tent? It was a cold night, and the donkey stuck his nose in and brayed. He begged the Arab to let him please put his nose inside the tent because it was so cold outside. And the Arab had pity and told him he could put his nose inside. But in just a little while the donkey brayed again. He told the Arab this time his front legs were cold and his chest was chilly. So the Arab let him put his front legs into the tent. Again the donkey

bored in the pits, without seeking or expecting the praise of men. But the Lord Whom they have served so faithfully, He has seen, and He knows.

And now our earnest and deep-hearted wishes to you; may this year indeed be one of rich blessing to you, and may it bring us together more closely than ever before in the fellowship to which the Lord has called us in an end-time ministry, to the people of Israel, upon whom so much of strategic events must fall before the final consummation yonder upon the Mount of Olives, when they as a nation shall look upon Him Whom they have pierced. What a blessing that we are united for such a consummation and for such a goal!

Ever faithfully yours,

J. Hoffman Cohen.

P.S. You have done it! Or rather, the Lord has done it through you as His ministers of service and grace. Your heroic and sacrificial giving through the month of December, enabled us to close the year 1948 exactly as our hearts had desired, with every previous record broken. It was the greatest year of privilege and service in all of our 55 years of labor for Him and for His people, Israel. We had the greatest number of conversions that ever we have had before, the greatest number of baptisms, the largest attendances at our Gospel meetings both here on the American continent and in our branches abroad. We also have made a new record for the worldwide distribution of Gospel literature, including *THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL*, and our own Gospel tracts in Yiddish, English, French, German, Flemish; New Testaments in Yiddish and English. We are not much good when it comes to making glittering pretenses by way of statistics. If we should prepare boastful figures, we would have to report these distributions as running into millions. But such methods we have always avoided. Financially, we closed the year as the greatest in our history. You will see on the pages which follow, the amazing record of God's goodness to us, and you will give thanks with us for this blessed token of His care for us. But to you belongs also a word of gratitude, because it has been your fellowship and your sacrifice that has made possible these results; and the wonder of these blessings is that the Lord has made these provisions possible right in the face of a nationwide shrinkage in missionary giving. Certainly the work among Israel must have a strategically important place in His purposes for these last days.

Fifty-fourth 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, 1948, and does not include transactions relating to the special funds and net resources account.

Respectfully submitted, FRANK E. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS

Cash Balances, January 1, 1948:

General Fund (including Revolving Fund)	\$173,248.43
Tribulation Days Missionary Fund	6,155.95
American Translation of the New Testament into Yiddish (transferred in 1948 to Gospel Distribution Fund)	444.50
	<u>\$179,848.88</u>

Receipts During 1948:

General Fund	\$307,623.80
The Chosen People	9,078.10
Gospel Distribution: Including The Shepherd of Israel and literature, tracts in English and in Yiddish ..	7,173.17
Poor Fund	3,947.35
Refugee — Overseas	16,788.57
Refugee — By transfer from Post-War Reserve	50,000.00
Children's Work	561.11
Education — Student Training	1,271.85
Radio Ministry Fund	953.32
Tribulation Days Missionary Fund	407.50
Jewish Missionary Institute	398.00
Dispensary Fund	89.55
Coney Island Branch	205.00
Columbus, Ohio, Branch	4,189.62
Los Angeles Branch	2,321.58
Philadelphia Branch	6,216.08
Pittsburgh Branch	1,921.29
Total Receipts	<u>413,145.89</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$592,994.77</u></u>

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, 1948, 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 January 20, 1949, relating to our examination of your accounts for the year ended December 31, 1948, 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 statements 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, 1948.

HASKINS & SELLS
Certified Public Accountants

January 21, 1949
New York, N. Y.

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund:

Salaries of Mission Staff	\$ 49,889.20
Extension Staff and Itinerant Missionaries	19,483.60
Brooklyn Buildings Maintenance, salaries and expenses, including Bookroom expenses	7,843.94
Office salaries, administration, office supplies, postage	25,237.84
Leopold Cohn Memorial Building: Maintenance, including fuel; insurance, building supplies; salaries of maintenance men; repairs and replacements; new office equipment; telephone equipment and service; Summer's End Conference expenses	17,502.78
Miscellaneous: Sound projector and films for field work; traveling expenses of staff missionaries; expenses and car upkeep of field workers; Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets; printing, letterheads, perpetual care cemetery plots; retirement insurance; advertising, mailing costs on Postage Meter, expressage, etc.	<u>67,336.42</u>

\$187,293.78

The Chosen People:

Printing and mailing	20,979.29
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Gospel Distribution:

Printing and distribution of tracts; purchase of Bibles and New Testaments; printing and distribution of The Shepherd of Israel (Yiddish-English Gospel monthly)	42,582.98
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Relief to the Poor:

Cash help to needy cases	6,239.17
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Overseas Work and Refugee Relief:

Jerusalem, South America, Cuba and European fields (France, Germany, England, Holland), special relief funds, salaries of foreign missionaries, shipment charges on relief clothing	66,933.03
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Work Among the Children:

Sewing and workroom supplies; socials; outings; fresh air camp at Hananeel, Stony Brook	1,867.37
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Education:

Jewish students supported in part or in full at Bible training schools, colleges, etc.	3,744.19
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Jewish Missionary Institute:

Training school for Jewish missionary workers	470.22
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Radio Ministry:

The Chosen People Broadcast on 13 stations throughout the United States and Canada ...	31,727.79
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Dispensary:

Physician's services and medical supplies ...	656.15
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Coney Island Branch:

Maintenance and improvements	2,131.87
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Columbus, Ohio, Branch:

Salary and other expenses	8,059.60
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Los Angeles Branch:

Salaries, rent and other expenses	9,140.33
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Philadelphia Branch:

Salaries, rent and other expenses	7,842.72
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Pittsburgh Branch:

Salaries, rent and other expenses	5,897.36
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Tribulation Days Missionary Fund:

By transfer to Tribulation Days Reserve	6,563.45
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Total Disbursements \$402,129.30

Cash Balance, December 31, 1948:

General Fund (including Revolving Fund — \$1,360.00)	190,865.47
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TOTAL \$592,994.77

"I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed upon us"—Isa. 63:7