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Salutation

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

DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS:

Now at last for a fuller report of the 1950 summer trip across the seven seas. The Midsummer Letter which was sent to our Chosen People family toward the end of July seemed to many friends to leave them just plain hungry for more. And you have no idea what it meant to the writer personally when, upon returning to our own blessed American shores, he found a perfect avalanche of letters coming in each day, giving him welcome and thanking God for his safe return, and expressing also a profound appreciation of the Midsummer Letter, even if it was all too brief.

But now we can go into more detail; perhaps we should begin with the passage out of the Book, which I quoted in the Midsummer Letter:

And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north. *Jeremiah 1:13.*

I See a Seething Pot. Jeremiah saw the pot from the North. History tells us what happened from that seething pot in the North. Thence came the hordes of Nebuchadnezzar, and Israel was swept into the cauldrons of Chaldean exile and slavery. There it was that they went through the agonies so poignantly pictured in Psalm 137:

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? (Verses 1-4.)

I See a Seething Pot. Leaving the historical backgrounds of the things which did happen to poor Israel in the days of Babylonian captivity, we now go on unto the days of the present afflictions. For, it is an accepted principle of prophetic interpretation that one prophecy does not by a single fulfillment exhaust its potentialities. This is called the law of double application, or double reference. We have numerous examples of this throughout the Bible; but just now we have not the space to detour into that field of investigation. The point we would make now is, that the immediate fulfillment of Jeremiah's seething pot was carried out while he was still living.

But there is to be another and more plenary fulfillment in the days ahead. And it is with this later fulfillment that we must now deal. For, of a truth we are face to face with the oncoming cataclysm not only of Israel's fortunes, but also of world collapse.

So, again from the North there comes a seething pot. This time it is Russia, the Beast of the North, with whom there will be associated the satellites listed in Ezekiel 38. It is amazing to watch the jigsaw puzzle come into shape, as each piece assumes its form and the dummy rulers thereof swear fealty to the overlords of the Kremlin; it is like the tumblers of a huge lock in the bank vault. As you keep turning the dials you can hear the little click which tells you that the tumbler has fallen into place.

"THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING!"

I See a Seething Pot. It was while I was at Tiberias that the shocking news came which startled Israel and shook it from the Cedars of Lebanon clear down to the deserts of the Negev. Not only had there been a blow-out in Korea, but the Beast of the North was massing troops on the Persian frontier, and other troops were already patrolling the border lines of Turkey! And so here was the double thrust, a bayonet drive for possession of the Dardanelles, the approach to the warm waters of the Mediterranean; and alongside of that a smashing blow for the control of Persia with its vast oil potentials. And Israel knew full well that once the gangsters of the Russian steppes came pouring out through the funnels of Persia and Transjordan, it would indeed be a sorry day for Israel!

And so it was that I fled for safer environment. A plane soon had me landed in Rome, where at least I was on European soil; and if the worst came to the worst, at least I would have a less difficult time getting back to the States, than if I were stranded out on a limb in far-off Jerusalem.

I See a Seething Pot. Not only in outward physical outlines does the pot begin to boil, and not only in the land of Israel is there a shaking and a loosening of the foundations; but if I may for a moment turn to the thought of the Jewish nation throughout the world, you will be surprised to see how the pot here also boils, but more in the spiritual realm. For instance, the second day out from New York on the steamer, my telephone rang, and there was a voice at the other end, "Is this Dr. Cohn?" And I replied that it was. The voice then continued, "My name is B..... I am a Jew; I have hunted all through the passenger list, and yours is the only other Jewish name that I have been able to recognize. Won't you please come and talk with me? I feel terribly lonesome. I am a director of a number of Jewish hospitals, and so we can talk over things of mutual interest." I laughed and said that I was not that kind of a doctor! Then he said, "Well, we will find something to talk about." So I went to his room, and there found a man in his seventies, who was just so delighted to see me that he could hardly contain himself. "You are Dr. Cohn?" he asked. And I told him, "Yes, I am, but before I even sit down I must tell you the kind of doctor I am, so that you will be under no misunderstanding." I then told him that I was what some bigoted and bitter-souled Jewish fanatics call "Meshumed," or as we say in English, "apostate." He looked at me for a moment with a rather strange appraisal, and then he said, "Oh, you mean a missionary! That is all right; sit right down. I have nothing against you.

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I myself am a free thinker." He pulled from his suitcase a book by a modernist writer, and said, "You see, I am broadminded."

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WHERE ETERNITY?

We had many conversations, and I had to be careful not to press him too hard. After each session, sometimes on the steamer deck, sometimes in the parlors, he would say to me as we were parting, "Wasn't I smart that I telephoned you?" I succeeded eventually in getting him into a corner philosophically where he admitted, and granted freely toward the end, that there unquestionably is a future life. Having gotten that far I then pressed for conclusions, by insisting that he ought to know where he is going to spend this eternity, because at best he only had a few years to live. This left him quite worried and when we separated at Cherbourg he really was disturbed. He promised to come to see me in Paris, and this he actually did. He called up from his hotel one day and came and spent an afternoon with me. Then he asked if he could come with me on my plane to Israel. But somehow we missed connections and he went across by way of Paris and Athens, while I went down to Rome and across from Rome. But imagine my surprise when he came clear down from Haifa to see me in Jerusalem at the King David Hotel! He arranged with me then to travel on the same boat that I was to take from Southampton to New York. He told me of other "comfortable" Jews of his acquaintance, some of them being characters of almost fabulous reputations, men whom I had never hoped to meet. And these men were in exactly the same dilemma with this poor Jewish free thinker. Several of them had gone off into Eddyism, but now were unhappy in that, and were convinced that it could not bring them the salvation they were seeking. This Jewish liberal wants me to meet with such groups because he is beginning to believe that we have the answer to the problems of his perplexed mind. And so you see in this man's heart the pot is boiling, and there is a seething going on, a spiritual disturbance, all of which I believe is of God's planning for the final days of the Armageddon, as I shall try to show a little later on in this letter.

OLD MESOPOTAMIA TURNS JEW-HATER

I See a Seething Pot. Again the internal combustion of Jewish philosophical thinking operates. I am on the plane, from Rome to Israel. I sit alone. The chair next to mine is not occupied. Suddenly a tall figure moves over from somewhere and settles down alongside of me. Just why, I never did know; and what it was about me that made him do this, I cannot tell. But down he sat, and there he was. At once he opened conversation and told me he was a wealthy Jew from Iraq; that the Jews in

Iraq were being slaughtered and brutally manhandled, and their goods were being confiscated; that no Jew from Iraq was allowed to take a plane or any other kind of transportation to Israel; that he had to go to Israel by going first from Iraq clear across to the European Continent, and then back by this other route. His money was tied up in Iraq. With that background he turned to me and asked, "What does it all mean? Why are we Jews suffering like this? What is to be the end?" All of this out of a clear sky. And I looked at him in amazement. For about four hours we talked together and I showed this poor brother, who really was humbly searching for the truth, that these sufferings have come upon us because we rejected our Messiah 1900 years ago, and that there are coming still worse troubles in the days of the Armageddon, just ahead, unless the Jewish nation will turn to the Christ as the one hope of their deliverance. He sat there in amazement and then said, "But what can I do? I am only one person, why don't the rabbis tell us these things? Why can't we get, say, a dozen or twenty leading Jews to take up this cause and make a bold fight all through Israel? I alone can do nothing, but if I had fifty with me, we could turn Israel upside down." I gave him a New Testament out of my suitcase in English, although he found it difficult to read English. I gave him also the address of our missionary in Jerusalem and he promised that if he goes to Jerusalem he will surely secure a New Testament in Hebrew. And so the pot boils in this man's breast; and who knows how many more such Jews there are, wandering about, exiles from the lands of their dispersion, haunted, haggard, and not knowing what is going to happen next.

THE BREAD ON THE WATERS

I See a Seething Pot. I am in Jerusalem. Some years back a young Jew had escaped as a refugee from the toils of Hungarian Nazidom and gotten to the land of Israel. He had, while in Hungary, received a supply of our various Gospel tracts and the New Testament, and THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL. All of this led to his genuine conversion, and when he went to the land of Israel, he was already a believing Jew. He has ever since then struggled for the merest elements of life, suffering poverty, and want, his wife and child in aching need of medical service and nourishing food. Yet with all that background he was fearlessly giving his testimony here and there, and distributing the literature we sent him from time to time. So you may well imagine my surprise when there was a knocking on my door at the Hotel in Jerusalem, and when I opened the door, there stood this young man and with him another Jew! They came in, and this other Jew proved to be a business man who had been moved by this young man's testimony and faithful witnessing for Christ. He had become so much interested that he said, "When Mr. Cohn comes to Israel I want to see him." And so there he was. Later on he took me to his home, and he has a beautiful home. There I met his wife who has a Ph. D. She too had been profoundly impressed with the New Testament revelation. Before I left Jerusalem this Jew came to me again and confessed the Lord Jesus Christ to me. And if you have reason to doubt the sincerity of such a confession, let me say also that he gave me a generous offering as a donation for carrying on our work in Israel! So you see the new birth had really gotten down below the neck clear to his pocketbook! Furthermore he startled me again by saying he is coming to

peoples. She will no more carry off the spoil of the nations of the earth. Her enviable position among the nations of the world would be a thing of the past. This is truly a full judgment upon Nineveh, but it was occasioned by the fullness of the cup of her iniquity.

"I AM AGAINST THEE"

Nineveh was entrusted of the Lord with a large measure of sovereignty over the peoples of her day. Instead of ruling in the fear of the Lord, she employed her power and influence to destroy and dominate the nations for her own profit. This was grievous enough in itself, but Assyria must needs lift her armed hand against the little flock of the Lord's pasture, Israel. With this God declares its iniquity is full and it is time for judgment. Paul indicates (Romans 8:31) that if God be for

us, no one can successfully be against us. The reverse is true also: if God be against an individual or nation by virtue of sin, then no one can successfully be for that person or nation. When Assyria touched Israel, God said, "Behold, I am against thee!" This is inevitable if God be true to His promise to Abraham. He had solemnly promised that in just such instances He would curse those who cursed the seed of Abraham. The truth of God's dictum is written in the fate of Nineveh. But the first portion of the promise to Abraham is also true. God has bound Himself to bless those who bless Israel. And how can we bring about the blessing of Israel better than to carry the light of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, their Messiah, to them? God is waiting to bless us for doing so. How long must He wait?

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WADC	Akron, Ohio	Saturday	8:45 a. m.	1350 K. C.
WSID	Baltimore, Md.	Sunday	7:45 a. m.	1570 K. C.
WLAW	Boston, Mass.	Sunday	11:45 a. m.	680 K. C.
WCFL	Chicago, Ill.	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	1000 K. C.
W S A I	Cincinnati, Ohio	Sunday	8:00 a. m.	1360 K. C.
KCBC	Des Moines, Iowa	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	1390 K. C.
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KGER	Long Beach, Calif.	Sunday	7:45 a. m.	1390 K. C.
WDGY	Minneapolis, Minn.	Sunday	7:45 a. m.	1130 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.
WJMJ	Philadelphia, Pa.	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	1540 K. C.
KPHO	Phoenix, Ariz.	Sunday	9:45 a. m.	620 K. C.
K X L	Portland, Ore.	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	750 K. C.
WSAY	Rochester, N. Y.	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	1370 K. C.
KXLW	St. Louis, Mo.	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	1320 K. C.
WSNY	Schenectady, N. Y.	Sunday	10:00 a. m.	1240 K. C.
K X A	Seattle, Wash.	Sunday	9:15 a. m.	770 K. C.
WOOK	Washington, D. C.	Saturday	10:00 a. m.	1590 K. C.
WIRK	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	1290 K. C.
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CKPC	Brantford, Ont.	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	1380 K. C.
CKTB	St. Catherines, Ontario	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	1550 K. C.

"MESSAGE OF THE CHRISTIAN JEW"

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and vessels accumulated in Nineveh. They exceeded by far the enormous treasures of the Persian empire. The Medes and the Babylonians, who conquered and plundered Nineveh, furnished Ecbatana and Babylon with gold and silver to a degree unequalled at any period in history. The city that had been so rich, influential, and populous is now seen as empty, void, and waste. An atmosphere of gloom and despair pervades all. The three Hebrew words at the beginning of verse 10, having similar sounds ("buqah, mebbuqah, mebhullaqah"), are well chosen synonyms which give much force to the concept of complete destruction. The words imitate the sound of the emptying of a bottle. The city is stripped and its people are helpless. All courage is gone; anguish takes its place; and stark terror is written on every face. Sad picture, indeed, is this of the once magnificent leader among the nations. All power is but for a moment when it is pitted against the omnipotent God.

GOD'S JUDGMENT EXECUTED

The prophet sees the desolation already accomplished and asks the taunting questions of the city which has boasted so in her time. In pride they had asked, "Where?" (2 Kings 18:34), and now it is the Lord's turn to ask the same question. The figure of lions brings out the ravenous lust of their rulers and people. The symbol is made full and forceful by mention of the lion, the young lion, the lioness, and the lion's whelp. The comparison is especially fitting because lions of every form, with wings and at times with a man's head, are found frequently in the Assyrian sculptures. The prediction of the prophet of God has been fulfilled so literally, that armies have marched over the city of Nineveh without knowing they were pass-

ing over its ruins. In its day the Assyrian lion tore in pieces, strangled, and filled his caves and dens with prey. The Assyrian relics bear eloquent witness to this description of the rapacious ways of the Assyrian monarchs. Tiglath-pileser I boasted that he had fought and conquered sixty kings. In the beginning of his reign in combat with five kings he made the blood of the warriors to flow in the valleys and on the high places of the mountains. He cut off the heads of his enemies and piled them up outside their cities like heaps of grain. City after city is reported as having been defeated, burned with fire, devastated, and destroyed. Twenty-five cities of one land were so treated in one campaign. Their troops were cut down like lambs. One boast of this king was that he dyed a mountain red with the blood of the slain. Tiglath-pileser III boasted that he hung warriors on stakes. Sennacherib recorded that he so treated all the corpses of one city he conquered. He found pleasure in cutting off precious lives as one cuts a string — his own expression. And so the monotonous tale goes on. Allowing for a certain amount of exaggeration common to those who are recording their victories we still have pictures of frightfully cruel carnage and bloodshed. The picture of Nahum is not one whit overdrawn.

The Lord who is against Nineveh will burn her chariots in smoke. The Assyrian sculptures reveal how fully their reliance was upon their chariots. Here they represent all the paraphernalia of warfare. She that was noted for burning the cities of other nations (practically every inscription of a battle includes such a statement), will be recompensed in kind. Her own people would now be decimated; the sword would now bereave her followers as she had done to other

New York this fall, so that he might be baptized here in our Mission! So, once more the pot boils.

Now we must hurry, for already I have taken so much more space than I had planned for. Let me go on quickly to a conclusion so that you might have the full picture even if it must be condensed.

GOVERNMENT BY IRON FIST

I See a Seething Pot. Now we come to the very heart of the Israeli problems. Israel is a land of contradictions. Zionism lays claim to utter religious freedom, or rather to no religion at all. And yet in the Knesset (Parliament) there is continual bickering and quarreling; and sharp invectives are hurled back and forth among the members. It is naturally to be expected that an Israel which opened its doors to Jews from every country under the sun should now have indeed a potpourri of elements, of so many different stripes, and nations, and habits and cultures, that one wonders that they even get along as well as they do. Even the languages are different, and one sometimes thinks of what happened at the Tower of Babel. In the midst of all is the Mizrachi element. These together with the Agudists are the most Orthodox of Israel, and they are determined that the Zionist Government shall become strictly orthodox Jewish. Even the Reformed Rabbis have been blacklisted by them, and their aim is that Israel shall live under the strictest regime of Mosaic law. It is rather amusing to see gangs of these fanatic young men, and I do not mean lads, I mean men up to forty years of age, gangs of them, roaming the streets, with their long Caftan (a sort of overgrown Prince Albert silk coat which the Orthodox Jew wears continually) and with their Sabbath Shtramel (fur hats worn by the Tzadikim, or most holy of the Jews). They come out in force along about Friday sunset. If they find a shop open and doing business, they smash the windows and beat up the proprietor. He has no business desecrating the Sabbath! In one case they came upon a barber shop not far from Zion Square, at just six o'clock. According to Israeli regulations the store should have been locked up. But the door was open and inside was a Jew in the barber chair with half of his face shaved and the other half covered with lather. In rushed these protagonists of the Mosaic code, grabbed the man from the chair, pushed him out into the streets with one half of his face clean and the other half full of soap! Then they dragged the proprietor himself into the street, broke his windows, and beat him badly. So the pot boils in Jerusalem.

"ISRAEL AGAINST THE WORLD"

I See a Seething Pot. Israel knows that she is facing a world of nations that hate her. It was Moishe Sharrett who sounded out the tocsin of defiance when after a blistering defeat at Lake Success he shouted, "It is Israel against the world!" This leads to the surprising report that even Jewish girls are now compelled to go into military training. They do have a choice of army, navy or aviation. But into the military service they must go, and for two years. When it is realized that Israel is fighting with back to the wall, with enemies on all sides; on the North, the vindictive Lebanese; to the Northeast, jealous Syria; to the East, shrewd and ambitious Abdullah; to the South, vengeful and demoniacal Egypt; you can

understand that there is no way out for poor Israel. And everybody has to be ready for military duty. These Jewish girls serve equally with the boys, doing the same kind of work, and are fully trained for what may be called guerrilla warfare. They know not what hour the Arab disaster may strike.

THE TWO TITANIC SPECTRES

I See a Seething Pot. Now we turn to matters more mundane, and in the realm of world politics. The forces of devilry are gathering with cyclonic rapidity, in preparation for the greatest struggle mankind has ever known. We refer to the fact that Romanism and Communism are coming to grips and making ready for the kill. Whether this will lead into Armageddon, we have not the foresight to predict. These eventualities are in God's hands, and we would indeed be bold if we should dare to venture dogmatic prognostications. Mr. William Jones, Honorary Treasurer for our Canadian work, has made a rather challenging observation to the effect that he expects before a great while that the "Holy Father" who sits in splendor on his throne at the Vatican, will declare Mussolini a Saint! For, was it not Mussolini who made the Vatican a Temporal power? Was it not Mussolini who gave possession to the Pope of the Vatican grounds? And was it not this same Mussolini who established the Vatican as a separate State? And from that came the revolting fact that the "Holy Father" has "ambassadors" in every country of the world! A perfect spy system! Of course when politics meets with religion, they do make strange and Satanic bedfellows. This is the sort of fornication and harlotry that Romish arrogants have been guilty of for the last 1500 years. The latest pronouncement from the "Holy Father" is the new dogma which is to be called "the Assumption of the Virgin Mary." We predicted over a year ago in these columns that the so-called "Holy Year" would mark this new and arrogant piece of insolence, and indeed just exactly so it has proven to be. It took them 1900 years to think this one up, that the Virgin Mary was caught up into Heaven and is sitting there giving orders to the Son! And the tragedy is that millions of poor dupes believe this. If they refuse to believe it, they are excommunicated. Is it not a heartache to see how true it is that in these last days the mobs will prefer to believe a lie rather than the truth of God's Word. And then on top of all this comes a further piece of daring on the part of our American President Truman: He is going to send an Ambassador to the Vatican! Nor can all the protests and the agitations of some of our leading Christian organizations change this predetermined course of betrayal one iota. Our hats are off to Dr. Carl McIntire who has taken up the cudgels of warfare. He is of that sort of calibre that once having put his hand to the plow, a legion of devils cannot make him turn back. More strength to him, even though he may lose the battle. Let us remember that the devil is in the saddle, and rides high, and that our Lord Himself told us that this whole world lies in the hand of the Evil One.

TWO DEVILS OF DIFFERENT STRIPE

Now comes the gauntlet of battle. The hosts are being regimented both in the ranks of Communism and in the ranks of Romanism. It must be remembered that both of these systems are absolutely totalitarian in their genius, both are ruthless in their brutalities, both stand on the old Jesuit doc-

trine. They defend their city. With unusual speed the war chariots rage in the streets; they rush to and fro in the open areas of the suburbs of the besieged city. The blazing sun strikes the speeding chariots and they appear as flaming torches. Their swift running can only be likened to lightnings. In the defense of the city the king of Assyria relies heavily upon his nobles, the military leaders of the land. But they are a sore disappointment, because in the hour of dire need they stumble in their march out of fear and haste. The protection of the wall of the city is of paramount importance in any siege, so the leaders rush to take their place there. Some understand the mantelet to be a covering of the besiegers which they use to approach the wall, but it is rather the protection employed by the defenders. It refers to some kind of breastwork of interwoven boughs and branches of trees put up between the towers on the walls. Diodorus Siculus, a Greek historian of the first century B. C., tells us that Nineveh had 1,500 towers, each being 200 feet high.

But the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong (Ecclesiastes 9:11), so we find sinful Nineveh undone. Verse 6 is remarkable both for its brevity and accuracy in describing the manner of the fall of Nineveh. Cyaxares of the Medes and Nabopolassar of the Babylonians had made an alliance against the Assyrians, cementing their confederacy by the marriage of the daughter of the former to the son of the latter. Cyaxares surrounded the city on the north. During the early assaults of the invading armies, the Ninevites inflicted heavy losses on the besieging forces. To celebrate these initial successes the Assyrians gave themselves over to carousings and revellings. The besiegers took advantage of this situa-

tion and drove the Assyrians behind their walls. A part of the Assyrian troops were put to flight and driven into the Tigris River. The city itself remained safe. In the third year of the siege, however, heavy rains brought on a flood which broke down the walls about the city. This is exactly the picture given by the prophet. The canals of the great Tigris were opened and the palace was destroyed. Such an end was decreed for her by God Himself. She was to be stripped of all her wealth and finery, and annihilated. The people of the city, seen as her handmaids, bewail lamentably her fate and beat upon their breasts for anguish. It is ever thus: the way of the transgressor is hard.

THE SPOILING OF NINEVEH

Though Nahum has set before us the desolation of the city, he has not completed his minute delineation of the end of Nineveh. The ancient city (Genesis 10:11) was like a pool of water. The river wall of Nineveh on the Tigris was 4,530 yards long. Dams around the city formed a water barricade. These should have provided security for the people in the siege, but they flee away panic-stricken. The military leaders of the people command them to stand their ground against the invading forces, but all is confusion. Flight is uppermost in every mind; commands fall on deaf ears. Now God addresses the conquerors and calls upon them to spoil the city of its wealth, its silver, gold, and furniture. Because of the elevated position of the city (30-150 feet above the Tigris), the flooding of the city would be only temporary. Then the spoilers would do their finishing work. The prophet indicates there would be no end to the store. Accounts of ancient writers, almost fabulous in their descriptions, narrate the great treasures of metals

Studies In Nahum

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CHAPTER II — Instalment 2

THE ADDRESS TO NINEVEH

AT the close of the first chapter of our prophecy, the Lord had announced to Judah the cutting off of the oppressor and the reestablishment of her feasts; now Nineveh herself is addressed. The suggestion has been made that the opening words are directed to Hezekiah and Jerusalem to encourage them to withstand the Assyrian attack. If such were the case, then the one who dashes in pieces would be the king of Assyria. Since this chapter and chapter 3 are both occupied in detail with the desolation of Assyria, it is better to understand the verse of Assyria who is ironically advised to strengthen herself and every fortification against the approaching Medo-Babylonian army under Cyaxares and Nabopolassar. The words of Nahum are ironical because God has decreed her destruction for her sins. Every defense will be in vain. Try as she may, her every effort will be fruitless. Nineveh's time has come because the Lord has sufficiently judged His own people, and has purposed to bring about their restoration. The designations "Jacob" and "Israel" indicate both kingdoms. As in Psalm 47:4 and Amos 6:8 "excellency" signifies the land of Canaan as distinct from other countries. The restoration was to be brought about partly by the destruction of the Assyrians and more fully by the return from Babylon. The emptiers are those who have plundered Israel, specifically the Assyrians. In the vine-branches we have a reference to Israel as in Psalm 80:8-16. Judgment from God upon His enemies always means deliverance for His

people, Israel.

The siege and capture of Nineveh are now vividly portrayed for us. The prophet pictures for us the frantic disorder that prevailed in Nineveh when the enemy broke down and penetrated the defenses of the city. The mighty men referred to are those of the armies of the Medes and Babylonians. They were especially fond of red. See Ezekiel 23:14. The shields were made red either by painting them red or overlaying them with copper. Calvin suggested that the ancient warriors dyed their bull's hide shields red to frighten the enemy and especially in order that the blood from their own wounds might not be seen to give confidence to the enemy. In any event the reflection of the rays of the sun upon copper shields would have the same effect as red paint. The military tunics were of scarlet also. In order for the chariots to flash with steel, scythes were put at right angles to the axles of the chariots and turned downwards. At times they also projected from the ends of the axle. It was one of the most terrifying weapons of antiquity which cut down all who came against them. It is known that scythed chariots were already in use among warring nations in the time of Nahum. The Medo-Babylonian general would have all these at his service in the time of his preparation for battle. The brandishing of the cypress spears has reference to the custom of the spearmen to wave their weapons before the people to show their readiness and eagerness to engage in combat.

Nahum now describes for us the vain attempts of the Ninevites to de-

trine that the end justifies the means, and one can do evil if good may come from it! Such doctrines of course are revolting to the child of God, and must make the very angels weep. Now add one further startling fact, to which we sometimes feel not enough attention has been given, and you have the picture in all its glaring frightfulness: Both of these evil forces have their dupes and their gullibles, their followers, in every country under the sun! If the Romish Pope gives the signal for warfare, he has his cohorts in every nation under heaven. There are Romish Catholics in America, and plenty of them. There are Romish Catholics in Great Britain, and in Russia, and in Poland, and in Czechoslovakia, and in South America. Wherever the sun shines there you will find Romish Catholics. Similarly there are Communist "fellow travelers" in every country under the sun. We are honeycombed with them right here in America and so far our democracy has failed to root them out. The very strength of our democracy also is our most alarming weakness. So when finally the call to arms shall be sounded we will find these two mighty forces pitted against each other. What the end will be only God knows, but once more at least we can hint what others have been saying, that these frightful events may well lead on to the Armageddon.

"DEAR FATHER STALIN!"

I See a Seething Pot. It is not pleasant, nor is it our desire to give so much emphasis to the Russian threat. Most every paper you pick up seems to have Communism for its main theme. But we just want to give it enough space so that you will get the connection and better understand what is going on in the world. Think of the damnable wickedness and blasphemy of the gangsters in Russia who hesitate at no deed, no matter how indescribably demoniacal it may be, if only it will accomplish their purpose. A missionary whose word is unquestioned reports that in the schools of Russia and communist China the children are taught atheism from their earliest days of comprehension. The teachers tell the children, "Now we are going to pray to the God Jesus for candy. Close your eyes, and ask the God Jesus to bring you candy." This the children do, and when the eyes are opened, there is no candy in the room. Then the teacher says, "Now we are going to pray to our Father Stalin to send us candy. You may all close your eyes and pray to Father Stalin." When the eyes are opened, there on the teacher's desk is stacked high a tempting and lavish array of all kinds of candy. So, the children have learned an object lesson and have the evidence right in front of them, that "Father" Stalin is really God, and that there is no such thing as God Jesus.

I See a Seething Pot. There is then coming the Armageddon. How we wish that our church leaders would wake up to what is really going on in the world. How we wish that they would stop this mad craze for "making a better world to live in." This world is doomed, dear reader, just as is a sinking ship in mid-ocean on fire. The captain has cried, "Abandon ship! Man the lifeboats!" And every passenger who has any sense has already put on his life preserver and is clambering into the lifeboats. And so our Captain, the Lord God of hosts, is crying to the world in accents unmistakable and clear, "The world is on fire! Man the life boats! Save precious souls as brands from the burning, before it is too late!" And our poor blind leaders are lagging behind, trying to fix the plumbing and the sewers. We

must make faster airplanes, we must build more luxurious homes, more automobiles, more television sets; for truly we must have "A better world to live in!" This, sad to say, is their "abundant life."

144,000 TESTIMONIES

Out of the Armageddon, if you will read carefully Revelation 7, you will find that there will spring up 144,000 of the twelve tribes of Israel. These are all Jewish, the Holy Spirit even puts down the names of the tribes, names like Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Joseph, Benjamin; not an Irish name among them—all Jewish. Of course the Jew hater does not like that; but there it is in the Book, what are you going to do with it? These 144,000 will testify to the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the soon establishment of that Kingdom that shall never be destroyed. They will even be martyred for their testimony. How we wish that we had the voice of a thousand trumpets that we could blare to our churches the transcendent importance for Israel to be evangelized now! There is not a moment to lose! It is our business now so to impregnate the minds and the hearts and the consciences of Israel the world over with the knowledge of these things to come, that they shall indeed be ready in the hour of Armageddon, to hold up the torch of Gospel illumination to every reach of civilization's borders. From them will come the buoyant, victorious shout, "The King is on His way!" In the meantime there will be also many thousands of the people of Israel who like the one who came to see me privately by night in Jerusalem, will accept the Christ before the terrible hell of Armageddon shall be let loose. Through them may come the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel 2:28, "Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." In the meantime, the other challenge of Joel needs to be taken into account, Joel 3:9, "Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up."

It is to this task that your beloved American Board of Missions to the Jews is committed. We are traveling together; you to whom God has given also these visions and these revelations, and we here, as your servants, as the machinery through whom you have elected to operate. Together we are marching to the heavenly places, and together we shall carry out faithfully the tasks which these revelations have put upon us as the inescapable challenge of obedience to His will. How we thank God so many times that you see eye to eye with us in these matters, for your providing us with the where-withal, that we shall carry on unabated, unhampered, the tasks that God has put upon us to do. We shall go forward into the battle unafraid, with our faces set like a flint, because we know that so long as He is with us we shall not be moved. What a privilege is yours and ours for such a calling at such a time as this! It is later than we think! And sooner than we think we shall hear the shout from the heavens above, and shall be taken up away from the judgments that will then be poured out upon this earth with unrelenting fury because God's patience will by then have been fully exhausted. Are you with us?

The pages following will give you further, and abundant, tokens of God's blessings upon your testimony. On the opening day of our Summer's End Conference we baptized ten souls. Such a day with its indescribable blessings, can never be reported to you in cold type. But those who were here,

people stood under the gallery for fear that the roof might fall in while the two candidates were being baptized. It was very sad to think that the baptisms were taking place at a great risk to the safety of all present.

Jewish people in London seem to be open to the Gospel. The war, no doubt, has softened the hearts of many of our people. Please pray for our Missionary.

THE 1950 MOTION PICTURES OF PALESTINE

THE pictures which Dr. Cohn took on his 1950 trip, are as beautiful a showing as ever we have seen. They are in color, and those who have seen a prevue, have been thrilled by what has been depicted. The scene of the Bedouin Camp with the camels and the donkeys threshing out the wheat, is alone worth going miles to see. It brings you back to the days of 1900 years ago.

Now the point is this: Our field evangelists will have these pictures, unabridged, in just a few weeks. If you wish to make engagement for a showing in your church, you will do well to communicate with them without a moment's delay. The territories covered and the brethren to whom you are to write are as follows:

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Rev. Walter J. Atkinson
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2. For the Southwest District, California, Arizona, Nevada and Wyoming:

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3. For the Southern District, particularly Texas:

Dr. Harry A. Marko
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4. For the Central District, which includes the Middle Central States:

Rev. S. C. Mills
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5. For Michigan, Wisconsin, and adjacent territory including Chicago:

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6. For the Eastern Area: either Rev. Daniel Fuchs or Rev. Emil D. Gruen at the Headquarters address.

7. For the Pennsylvania Area: Rev. Arnold Seidler
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8. For Canada: Our Mr. W. Jones has agreed to respond to invitations just as far as his health and business demands will allow:

39 King William Street
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Be a little lenient with our field brethren, if they cannot give you the exact date you request.

THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

A NEWLY-ARRIVED Moroccan immigrant who could neither read nor write, had to make a signed declaration at a Government office. In place of his signature, he was asked to press his thumb on the document. But the Moroccan Jew, instead of using his thumb, used his index finger.

Asked why he did this, he replied: "All the Jews in Israel are changing their names. Why shouldn't I!"—*Jokes They Tell in Israel.*

BACK TO THE OLD COUNTRY

Our brother, Alexander Marks, had a spell of "homesickness," and so betook himself for a visit to the British Isles, the scenes of his childhood, and the sacred spot where he found the Lord Jesus. Here is a brief report of what he saw, and what he did. Mostly, he tells of your Mission's work in London, because that naturally was the chief attraction to him.

[I]t is a number of years since I was in Great Britain, the land of my natural birth and the place of my spiritual birth.

The last war created many changes in Great Britain. The bombings of London scattered Jewish people and made Jewish missionary work more difficult. For instance, in the East End before the war, there lived more than one hundred thousand Jews. Today there are only twenty-five thousand. The Jewish Mission buildings were all bombed with the exception of two; and numbers of Jews and Christian Jews were killed in the air raids.

PIONEERING IN NEW TERRITORY

Many Jews moved from the East End to the north of London. Here, our Missionary, Miss Anne Rayner, is doing a noble work for the Lord. She has Gospel meetings for Jews in her home and she visits hospitals, Jewish stores and Jewish homes. In this way she has been able to reach many Jews with the Gospel and all in a section which has not before been touched by any Jewish Mission or Missionary.

It was my privilege to give three messages at Miss Rayner's home. I was delighted to meet Jewish people of all walks of life who were interested in the Gospel. The meetings in our Mission are being conducted strictly on spiritual lines, and it is a

joy to hear the Gospel story sung by Jewish believers. Miss Rayner introduced me to a young Jew who had visited our Mission for the first time. He told us how much he appreciated the message of the evening, and we urged him to read his Bible. To our surprise he said, "I do read my Bible." This young man's father has been attending Miss Rayner's meetings and I think he is now a believer in Christ. A Jewish nurse was also present and told us that she always enjoys visiting Miss Rayner. At our last meeting the room was crowded with Jewish friends, many of them believers in Christ; and it was a joy to have in our midst a well-known Hebrew Christian, Mr. Mark Kagan, who has been not only a great help to our Missionary, but has accepted from us the responsibility of Honorary Director for the work in London.

WE MUST LENGTHEN OUR CORDS

Miss Anne Rayner is doing the work of two people. She needs larger quarters to accommodate the Jewish people who come to her meetings. Please pray for this matter.

I was grieved to know of a number of Christian Jews who were killed during the air raids on London; but we thank God for those who have been saved since the war and for the personal work which is being done among the Jewish people by our Missionary and others.

I met a Jewish Christian from Jerusalem who is in training for work among her own people in Palestine. She told me that there were numbers of Christian Jews in the land of Israel.

It was a real joy to visit the place where I was baptized. The main church building was badly bombed, but we worshipped in the lecture hall. However, a baptismal service was held in the bombed church. The

and our hall was crowded to the full, learned what it means to have the Holy Spirit's presence and His outpouring among us. Next month we hope to give you more details of the Conference sessions. Read the following pages, and give thanks with us to God for the way He is owning your trust in Him and your united testimony with us. May it continue to be so, until that last day shall come when the shadows shall flee away, and there shall be no more night, no more sorrow, no more heartache, but a wonderfully blessed eternity in the presence of Him Who loved us and washed us in His own blood, and made us kings and priests unto God and His Father.

Ever faithfully yours in His service,

J. Hoffman Cohen.

The New Place of Wailing. The Tomb of King David, on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, is located hard by the Convent of the Dormition. (These are the buildings which Kaiser Wilhelm dreamed he would occupy, from there to govern the whole world!) This is the new place of Wailing established by the Jews since the Arabs took possession of the old Wailing Wall and refused to allow Jews access to the two thousand year old place of agonizing. It is claimed that this is the actual Tomb of David, and the picture below professes to be a coffin containing the body of King David. But Archaeology and Biblical history have been forced to deny these legendary stories. The authentic Tomb of King David still remains one of the greatest mysteries of Biblical archaeology. See Jewish Notes in November for further light on the Coenaculum.



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Incidents In The Work

CAMP HANANEEL, 1950

By Miss Ruth Wardell

ONCE again at camp the Lord has proved that "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." We praise Him for souls saved, lives given to the Lord, and the safe keeping of the children.

A DAY AT CAMP

Would you like to pack your bag and spend a day with us at Junior Camp? Imagine you are enjoying these delightful times with us. Our daily schedule was as follows:

- 7:45 Rising bell
- 8:15 Morning prayer time
- 8:25 Flag raising
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Clean-up of cabin
- 9:40 Bible lesson, songs, memory work, Bible contest
- 11:00 Game period
- 12:30 Dinner
- 1:00 Rest Hour
- 2:00 Swimming
- 5:00 Free play
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:15 Evening story hour with slides
- 6:45 Baseball
- 8:45 Evening prayer time
- 9:00 Quiet!

The children also participated in weiner roasts, treasure hunts, and some of the many surprises which happen in camp life.

OUR LIVES FOR JESUS

Each day's Bible lesson was illustrated by parts of the body: eyes, heart, lips, tongue, hands, ears, feet, mind and life; showing how the Lord would have the children use them in their every day life. These were attractively presented with posters, and a suitable memory verse was learned. Our hearts were encouraged to see almost all the children receiving a small award for memorizing all their verses.

TEEN-AGERS

We were especially blessed of the Lord in the mixed teen-age camp. There were 26 in all—14 girls and 12 boys. Most of these young people have been coming to camp for several years, and it proved a time of real spiritual help.

One day in particular was out-

Group of Intermediate girls practicing some of their camp songs.



Lord's doing for us was that just before the Summer's End Conference was to open who should come along to visit us but Dr. Barbara Bowen and her good husband, Dr. Bowen, both of them archeologists of the first order and curators of the Museum at the Bob Jones College in Greenville, South Carolina. Lo and behold, Mrs. Bowen was so impressed with our need to have these items classified and indexed that she and her good husband agreed to stay here a week and help us out. And they have done a magnificent piece of work; for which we shall be ever grateful. It so happens also that Mrs. Bowen is an intimate friend of Mrs. Littleton's and so she took double pleasure in helping us. Mrs. Bowen is going to help us even further by sending us some additional items to add to the collection from her own rich treasury of Palestine pieces.

So now, "The Littleton Museum," if we may call it such, is open, and dear Mrs. Littleton, now out in Wyoming, is happy in the thought that the AMERICAN BOARD OF MISSIONS TO THE JEWS has taken possession of these belongings, and the name of her dear late husband and herself, and her life work, will thus be perpetuated until the Lord Himself shall come. Any time you are in New York, you will be more than welcome to come and see us and to ask particularly to be shown The Littleton Museum on the Sixth Floor.

STRENGTHENING THE STAKES

Our Work in London is Undergoing Enlargement.

SO wonderfully has the Lord been blessing the sacrificial service of our Miss Anne Rayner in London, that now the stakes need to be

strengthened, and the lines lengthened.

Accordingly, we are happy to report the following organizational changes: Mr. S. V. Scott-Mitchell, a devout and highly respected Christian layman of London, has in his generosity of heart responded to our need by agreeing to be our Honorary Treasurer for all funds sent to us from the British Commonwealth of Nations. From now on all gifts for our work in London may be sent to Mr. Scott-Mitchell, 165 Moorgate, London EC 2, marked as a gift for the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

Also, Mr. Mark Kagan, a Jewish Christian brother much beloved as a Bible teacher in Christian circles all over the British Isles, will devote more time to the work there as our Honorary Director, giving an abundance of his ability in assisting our Miss Anne Rayner.

Miss Rayner will now be relieved of what has always been an irksome task to her, the handling of financial matters. Women always seem to dislike to handle money matters, although we have noticed that they do pretty well when it comes to handling the family budget, so it must really be a matter of modesty.

Please pray that these new arrangements will be used in God's hands for a far more effective ministry than ever before. It will relieve Miss Rayner, for one thing, from the details of bookkeeping and finances so that she will have more time to give to the many needy folk who come to her door asking for the ministry of the blessed Word, and provide time to visit in their homes.

We thank God for these many manifestations of His approval of the testimony so faithfully given through these few years by Miss Rayner who pioneered her way into the hearts of many families that never before heard the Gospel.

compared to the nails which pierced His hands and His feet?" Then, waiting until we were alone, she said, "This is not the end. I feel that the Lord will yet restore me. Just sing to me, 'What a Friend we have in Jesus.' As I sang, the doctor came in, and seeing her try to join me in song, said "She's delirious." But, I knew she wasn't.

When she passed this crisis and returned to her room, Miss Sussdorf who was visiting her said, "Isn't it wonderful how the Lord has pulled you through?" My mother replied, "I'm not surprised, for isn't that His Name? Doesn't the Bible say, 'He shall be called Wonderful?'"

This past Spring, when we knew nothing could be done to help her, for the cancer had spread throughout her body, we prayed that her suffering might not be too great. One day in May, she rallied from the semi-coma, and said "Read to me again the Lord's promise that He has gone to prepare a place for me. And as I read from John 14:1-3, she smiled and said, "We'll be together someday."

On Sunday morning, June 18th at 8:15 a.m., she went to be with the Lord Whom she loved and Whom she served. Truly it can be said of her, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed," for she left us a wonderful heritage, a life well-pleasing unto the Lord.

MRS. MAUD W. LITTLETON MAKES US A MUNIFICENT CONTRIBUTION

THIS is a public note of thanks to one of God's Elect Ladies. II John 1. Mrs. Martin W. Littleton, for many years a member of the church here in New York of which the sainted Dr. I. M. Haldeman was

pastor, acquired early in her life a profound love for Israel and for all things having to do with the land of the patriarchs and the places made holy by our Lord's ministry. So during the years she made frequent trips to Palestine and brought back with her priceless relics, antiques, tapestries, stereoptican slides, and other articles. Then her good husband built for her a replica of a Palestine house and courtyard out on Long Island at Plandome. There Mrs. Littleton gathered together her precious collections, and kept adding to them year after year. Many bus-loads of the Lord's people used to make pilgrimages out to Plandome and Mrs. Littleton always was happy to give informal lectures on the items that she had, and on her experiences in the Holy Land. Now dear Mrs. Littleton has been blessed of God in having gone beyond the three score and ten allotted years of a life span, and feels, therefore, that she should make provision for the care of these memorials of Palestine, from her own visits there, and in the goodness of her heart, has turned them over to us. We in turn have set aside a portion of our Sixth Floor which will be kept separate and will be marked, "The Maud W. Littleton Collection of Palestine Relics." It has been a tremendous task to get these things together and properly sorted out and classified, but just before the Summer's End Conference opened we were able to have enough done to allow visitors to see the various specimens and antiquities. Needless to say our friends were simply stunned with what they saw, and we are going to have a constant parade of people who will want to see this collection. We suppose a fair appraisal of what Mrs. Littleton has given to us might reach the sum of \$30,000 or more. Another providential piece of the



In the Dormitory — Junior boys busy at "Supervised Games."

standing. It was called "Camper's Day." The campers took the place of the teachers and participated in the leading of the chapel service, prayer time, and telling of stories. In the evening, five gave their testimonies as to how they had found the Lord. These proved a real challenge and encouragement to the other campers. We would like to share two of these testimonies with you.

1. A GIRL FROM CONEY ISLAND

"I was born into a Jewish home where they did not particularly keep the Jewish religion. We believed in God only, and prayed because we were told to. One day when I was six years old, my older brother, then eleven, took me to the Mission. I enjoyed the games, and the things we made, so I continued until I was nine. Then, I received my first Bible, and read in John 3:3 'Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.' That night I was born again by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I was eleven my mother began to go to the Mission and is now a firm believer. My younger brother, eight, also believes, and we were very happy together. Last September, however, I went into the wrong crowd. They did everything that God did not want them to do. I was popular with them, but not happy. One day in January I was feeling especially low and I decided to go to the club. I was once again called back to the path of righteousness. I have found complete joy and happiness since, and I hope some day for the Lord to call me, and I will be ready to go."

2. A BOY FROM BROOKLYN

"When I was eight years old, my friend asked me to attend a club where I could pass away my time. I had no idea this club preached about the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I was particularly interested in making objects out of wood. My parents did not object because they believed I was not interested in the Bible preached by the missionaries. As I

grew older I did become interested in the Bible, and my parents objected to my going to the club.

"I did not accept the Lord Jesus Christ into my heart until last year. Since then I have been living a spiritual life. How glad and happy I was to know I had a Friend who would never forsake me. Then I started to tell others how Jesus can save them from living a sinful life, and redeem them from their sins.

"I told my parents about the Lord Jesus Christ. At the beginning they thought I was joking, but soon they realized my sincerity. My friends called me names such as 'Jesus,' but it did not bother me because I knew they were just blinded. Next year when I graduate from High School I hope to go to Bible School to study to be a missionary to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the world."

On their return home, many of these teen-agers were called upon to suffer for the Lord. One boy was taken to a Rabbi to be converted back to Judaism: two other boys were sent to a Jewish camp, and one girl was forbidden to return to the Mission. Pray much for these young people as they take their stand for Christ, that the Lord will use them to win their loved ones to Himself.

FRUIT OF YEARS OF LABOR AT CAMP

Three of these teen-age campers returned for the Junior camps as Counsellors. They were all campers of years gone by, and it encouraged our hearts to see them now stepping in to help in the work themselves. In their zeal and love for the Lord, they were a great help in the camp, and a blessing to the campers. All three hope to come again next year to serve the Lord in the same capacity. Do pray for more abundant harvests in this prime field of labor.

UNEXPECTED PLEASURES

Camp notes would not be complete without a word about those who graciously came and visited us. We were privileged to have Mr. & Mrs. Pretlove, Mr. & Mrs. Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Fuchs, Mr. Gruen, Mrs. Frank, and some of the office staff with us. We do appreciate their interest, and the greetings they brought to us from Dr. Cohn who was then in Europe.

THANK YOU

As the camp season closed, and our bags were packed for home, our hearts were glad as we thought of all that the Lord had accomplished. Yet in a very definite way, we realized that without You — your prayerful interest and gifts, this profitable time for the children would not be possible. The counsellors and campers alike would say a hearty "Thank you." We covet your continued prayers on behalf of the children of the Mission.

THE JEWISH ART CALENDAR

BY this time you will have received this beautiful work of art, and we are hoping you will be as delighted with it as you were last year.

Because of the overwhelming demand that came to us last year for extra copies of the calendar, we have now a few hundred set aside for similar demands this year. As long as they last, you may have them at fifty cents a copy. But, this is fair notice—first come, first served, and we cannot guarantee to supply all that send their orders. If we are out of stock when your order comes, we will forward your fifty cents to our Mr. W. Jones in Canada, and he will ship you one of these calendars, but without our imprint.

This notice will not appear again, so send now for extra calendars.

A MOTHER IN ISRAEL GOES HOME

By Miss Hilda Koser



MRS. HELEN KOSER

I praise the Lord for a godly mother who not only loved the Lord but was ready at all times to testify of His saving and keeping power.

In 1916 my father, who was ill, visited the Mission dispensary in Brooklyn. After he left, the doctor walked over to the Missionary in charge, and said, "Miss Sussdorf, if you want to do some missionary work, follow that man who just left, for he will never live to reach home. He may have a wife and a family." Miss Sussdorf did, and found my mother with three children. She talked to my mother and invited her to come to the Mission and bring the children with her. After attending classes for six months, my mother openly confessed Christ as her personal Saviour and followed Him in baptism.

The Lord spared the life of my father, and our little family grew until we were eight children — seven girls and one boy. My mother brought us all to the Mission; she wanted us to learn to love the Lord Jesus, too. As children our home life was in a turmoil; for my father who was an

orthodox Jew resented my mother's faith in Christ, and did all in his power to stop her from attending the Mission, even threatening to take the children away and put them in a home. But she remained faithful to the Lord, knowing He would care for her little ones whom she had committed into His keeping.

"GOD WILL PROVIDE"

We, as children, will always remember my mother as a tower of strength. When trouble came, as it often does when one tries to rear a large family, she never became despondent, but always said, "God will provide," or, "Jesus will never fail us." Then she would draw us near to her and sing her favorite song in Yiddish,

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear,
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer.

Many times the neighbors who saw her go to the Mission would point a finger of scorn and say, "You are a Meshumed!" This didn't bother her at all. She never denied her faith in Christ, but would invite them into the house, open her Bible and explain to them in Yiddish why she, a Jewish woman, raised in an orthodox home, believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

One day, last year, we were called to the hospital and told my mother was dying. As the eight of us gathered outside her room, and saw her lying there helpless; as we saw the nurses giving her blood plasma, and other injections, our hearts ached. Later, when I walked into her room, she said, "Don't cry. Just think of how much more the Lord Jesus suffered. At least when I'm thirsty, the nurses give me ice; but when He cried, 'I thirst,' they gave Him vinegar to drink. And, what are these needles with which they prick me