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"He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

Psalm 121:4.



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

DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS:

The Book tells us in Romans 12:17, "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." And in 2 Cor. 8:21 we are further enjoined to see to it that we provide things honest also in the sight of God. It is in that spirit that we gratefully render unto you an accounting of our stewardship for the year 1950. This is our 56th annual detailed report to our precious family of fellow laborers, of just how your money was spent in the carrying on of the vast global enterprises of your beloved Mission. And 56 years is a long time; it speaks much for the confidence which our friends have, not only in the integrity with which the funds are administered, but also in the marvelously efficient management. God Himself is giving to our Directors the wisdom needed for the effective carrying on of the many-sided enterprises that He has put upon our shoulders to carry. We mention this because this is a day of confusions and deceptions, and misguided undertakings. But the Lord has kept your Mission steadfast and true; and you will never know what it has meant to us to read from your letters how solid is your trust in those who carry on your testimony through the channels that God has laid out for us throughout the world. It was the first president of our Board, Mr. Frank H. Marston, of blessed memory, who over fifty years ago used to say many times while he was presiding at the Board meetings, "Now brethren, whatever we do tonight must be done in such a way that we will not be ashamed to see it on the front page of the *New York Times* tomorrow morning." This is a sample of the codes and principles that have governed the carrying on of your Mission through the fifty-seven years of its blessed and historic ministry.

IN THE HOUR OF NEED

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You will notice that we have had to draw down from our Reserves or Capital account quite substantially during the year. But this is all right; this

is the reason why the Lord allows us to have the reserves; thus we are able to meet emergency demands at the moment when they come to us. Perhaps we ought to explain to our newer friends that in a Mission like this, it is essential that a solid backlog in the way of emergency funds shall be always at our disposal. We are not a Denomination, and so we cannot send out an SOS to five thousand or ten thousand churches and say that we must have a collection immediately and they should forward it overnight. Likewise we are not a church congregation; we cannot go before a church membership every Sunday morning, and put the needs of the immediate emergency to our people, and make request for a large and sacrificial collection. All that we have is the medium of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, and this paper goes to our faithful supporters over the wide world, and they are the ones who respond and who stand by us, with prayer, with weeping, with joy, and with generous giving. But our friends are giving to this Mission heroically and sacrificially. This is the kind of giving that has made possible your Jewish Mission testimony. But if and when the Mission meets a crisis hour of emergency, we cannot ask you who already are giving at such great sacrifice, to give still more in order to meet the emergency, because you already are giving to the limit. So it becomes our duty to husband carefully and sacredly the money you have put into our hands, to have always something on hand for the day of overwhelming need. It is the same sort of wisdom that God gave to Joseph in Egypt many years ago; there were to be seven years of plenty, and there were to be seven years of leanness, and famine, and starvation. So it was Joseph's duty to take out from the years of plenty and lay aside for the years of leanness and poverty that would surely come.

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But here is where our faithful Lord had already provided for our need. We had this money in our Reserve Funds, and it was just a matter of saying to the seller, "Yes, you may have the money tomorrow if you wish it!" And see what that has meant for the work of the Mission through the years that have passed by so rapidly! With no desire to boast, but simply to strengthen your confidence in the way God does these things, we can say that your Mission occupies the finest Jewish missionary building in all the world today. There is nothing like it anywhere else on the globe. We have seen most all of them, and those we have not seen personally, we have seen in pictures, and have read about them. Not only is it the finest building in the world for Jewish mission work, but it is also the most strategically located of any Jewish mission undertaking in the world. Sometimes it is worth while to put these simple facts before you so that you may ponder over them once more and then give thanks with us to God for His wonderful care. In front of this building on West 72nd

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To revert once more to the financial picture of this transaction, may we say that our building today has a market value of well over \$300,000! This Mission can never have too much money; if we had a million dollars a year, we could spend every dollar of it economically and effectively for the work of sending out the Gospel to Israel.

WASTE AND EXTRAVAGANCE ESCHEWED AND SHUNNED

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We wrote to our workers a few weeks ago requesting a brief birdseye report of the year's labors, and we were avalanched with their responses. As you might expect, not one of them kept to the two hundred words we set as a limit! And stranger yet, every one had something of real blessing and inspiration to report, so that we found ourselves unable to revise and cut down. We are therefore going to print them all as they came in; but it will take two or three issues of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE to make room for them all. On page 6 you will begin to read, and your heart will glow with joy; you will thank God for what your missionaries are doing. Then we will continue next month, and the next month, until we have covered the full gamut of our far-flung battle line around the world.

THERE ARE THE IMPONDERABLES

The Financial Report, the report of the workers, even this Salutation Letter, all these do not begin to tell you the heart of the Mission's labors. Who is there that can measure, for instance, the blessings testified to by our thousands of readers, just from what they receive in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE month after month? Who is there to measure the priceless value of the Chosen People Radio Broadcast? A lady in Oklahoma City came to us while we were holding meetings there and shaking her finger at the writer she said, "Don't you dare give up your broadcasting here in Oklahoma City. I get more out of that fifteen minutes than I do from the whole week of all the other broadcasts!" Pastors who at the nine o'clock hour on Sunday are using their automobiles to carry children back and forth to their Sunday Schools, report that on their Sunday morning circuits, they have the radio turned on, and they give thanks to God for the Chosen People message. We have had church bulletins sent to us in which the pastors inserted a paragraph urging their people to tune in on the Chosen People Broadcast. What shall we put down as the worth of all this? Even as we write these lines, in this morning's mail, there are dozens of letters thanking us for the testimony, the inspiration, the encouragement of the previous Sunday's radio message. Just because we feel our dear readers would enjoy seeing some of these letters, I am going to quote from two or three. We have taken them at random out of this morning's mail. You will see once more how impossible it is to appraise the imponderables:

LETTER No. 1

I listen to your Sunday morning broadcast over WCFL. I at first felt such a surprise at the gentle winningness of your voice, when your pen writes such burning words of fire. I think I like the fire better, but I can never give your broadcast full justice as I am so busy rounding up three full-of-life youngsters for Sunday School and Church.

I do wish you could write a complete Bible commentary. You have given me a new understanding of the "so-called" Old Testament. But I feel I still have only a partial understanding. I want to know more and still more, of the wonderful part played by the Jew in God's plan.

The Lord willing, and if He makes it possible for us to have, I want to send more for the salvation of the Jews. I want to try to find out who are Jews in our town and send the "Shepherd of Israel" to some of them.

a fruitless spiritual exercise, this looking to God for His own answer to the knotty problems of life. Out of it has come unswerving trust in spite of coming trouble. Though the enemy come in and destroy the fig-tree, the vines, the olive trees, mar the fields, and carry off the flock from the fold and the herd from the stalls, yet Habakkuk will rejoice in the Lord and joy in the God of his salvation. The Lord God Himself will be his strength and sustaining power, enabling him to surmount all obstacles with abundance of vitality as he freely moves about in his own land. What desolations the Chaldeans were to carry out, but what consolations God grants His servant to carry him through. Not only will he have calm in the hour of trial, but joy in spite of all desolations of the land. This is one of the most forceful manifestations of faith's power recorded in the Bible. With renewed and joyous strength the prophet will be as the gazelle which is so swift that grey-

hounds are in danger of dropping from over-exertion in the chase. Note what a contrast the conclusion of this prophecy is to the perplexity that overwhelmed the prophet at the beginning of the book. He finds the all-sufficient answer to all his problems in God Himself. He will trust God though all blessings fail. What a word for the times in which we now live.

"FOR THE SALVATION OF THY PEOPLE"

How full of meaning are these words and how well they summarize God's purpose in His dealings with Israel, His chosen. God has done so much for this purpose in past ages—out of Egypt, through the wilderness, in the land, out of captivities, in the midst of persecutions—but above all at Calvary when the Messiah of Israel, the Lord Jesus Christ, gave Himself for their sins. Shall we not continue to proclaim this message for the salvation of God's people?

Our Radio Ministry

"THE CHOSEN PEOPLE BROADCAST"

WADC	Akron, Ohio	Saturday	8:45 a. m.	1350 K. C.
WLAW	Boston, Mass.	Sunday	11:45 a. m.	680 K. C.
WCFL	Chicago, Ill.	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	1000 K. C.
WCOL	Columbus, Ohio	Sunday	9:00 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.
KPHO	Phoenix, Ariz.	Sunday	9:45 a. m.	620 K. C.
K X L	Portland, Ore.	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	750 K. C.
KGHF	Pueblo, Colo.	Sunday	9:15 a. m.	1350 K. C.
WSAY	Rochester, N. Y.	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	1370 K. C.
K O L	Seattle, Wash.	Saturday	5:15 p. m.	1300 K. C.
WOOK	Washington, D. C.	Saturday	10:00 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. Catherines, Ontario	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	1550 K. C.

"MESSAGE OF THE CHRISTIAN JEW" IN YIDDISH

CMCQ	Havana, Cuba	Sunday	6:00 p. m.	1420 K. C.
COBQ	Havana, Cuba	Sunday	6:00 p. m.	9235 K. C.

Israel in the future. Such a statement is true, although it does make an abrupt change from the description of God's chastisements upon the enemies of Israel. The marginal rendering of this same version may be somewhat better. "Sworn were the chastisements of thy word" would convey the meaning that according to God's solemn oath He had foretold vengeance upon His enemies. Compare Deuteronomy 32:40-42. The earth itself in consequence of the wrath of God trembles and waters gush forth from beneath, or at the quaking of the earth the sea empties its waters on the land into rivers. Verse 10 continues the thought of an earthquake caused by the mighty advance of the Lord of Hosts. The prophet repeats in different form what was stated in verse 6, because the mountains are so prominent on the earth. The loud roarings of the waters of the deep are likened to the utterances of a voice. The waves of the sea are spoken of as the lifting up of its hands. In this power-mad age we do well to remember that power belongeth only to God.

GOD'S INTERVENTION FOR HIS PEOPLE

The miracle at Gideon is referred to in verse 11 when the sun and moon stood still in their respective places in the heavens. Joshua 10:12. God wrought wonders on earth, among the nations, in the seas, and in the heavens as well. The arrows spoken of may well refer to lightnings, instruments of the wrath of God as the bow of verse 9. The Lord marched through the land in His indignation and threshed the nations in His anger. For a similar figure see Isaiah 63:1-6. Lest by this time anyone be in doubt as to the purpose of these manifestations of the power and wrath of God, Habakkuk states expressly that God had in mind the salvation of His own people. There are two interpreta-

tions of "thine anointed." One sees here a reference to Israel, thus paralleling the thought of "thy people." The other holds that the anointed is God's King, the Messiah, through whose instrumentality and agency God effects salvation for His people. Many passages confirm this latter position, while the first view finds support in Psalm 105:15. If the reference be to a past event (as a pattern) in the head out of the house of the wicked man, then allusion may be to one of the kings of Canaan. However, if the prophet is speaking of the future, and this is the more probable, then the king of the Chaldeans is meant. The description of laying bare the foundations up to the neck is allegorical, the house standing for the Chaldean dynasty. Habakkuk identifies himself with Israel in verse 14 and depicts the treatment God offers the invaders of His land. By mutual destruction (as in the cases of I Samuel 14:20 and II Chronicles 20:23, 24) the enemy will fall by their own weapons, those who like robbers delight to prey upon the defenseless. The poor are Israel. Bringing his recital of God's marvelous acts to a close the prophet recalls the crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 14) when the Lord trod the seas and mighty waters. Is there a God like our God? I know not any.

THE TERROR AND TRUST OF HABAKKUK

A cycle of thought is completed in verse 16 which reverts to the subject of verse 2. He is still filled with fear and dread at the coming anguish for his people. He knows his homeland is to be overrun by the Chaldean invaders and he feels it deeply. It is hard indeed to stand by and see the inevitable stroke fall upon God's people. But his communion and meditation upon God and His ways, as well as His promises, have wrought in him trust as well as terror. It has not been

We feel there is great urgency in these times. I do so want to have some part in bringing at least one Jew to his King.

LETTER No. 2

If it is not too much to ask, I would like 6 copies of your last two Sundays' talks. I think last Sunday's was as grand a talk as you have ever given. We would not miss you for anything, and there are three young men in the Drug Store, all of whom listened and accepted Isaiah 7:14 being compared with the birth of Christ, so that one boy said to the other one, "We had better get back to God and read our Talmud!" I would be so pleased to have you write those two in particular a letter direct from you.

They know where we stand and how much we love them and try to tell them; but perhaps are not wise to know how; but I really think they both would love to get a letter from you, just the way you would know how to write to them. We have spoken so much about you.

LETTER No. 3

I want you to have just a lovely Christmas season — for I feel you truly deserve the best. I eagerly look for and digest every bit of literature that comes to me from Headquarters, and am impressed with the marvelous and stupendous activities being accomplished through its excellent management. I am interested in the Jew—have always been. Every time I read an issue of "The Chosen People" or "The Shepherd of Israel," I want to write you immediately and let you know my reaction. You give us so much enlightenment—your information that reaches us through your literary organs is so helpful and soul-strengthening, we are impressed with the power with which God endows you.

I want to give you a gift, small though it may be, but will wait till the first of the year — when my exchequer will be more interesting (D. V.) than at present it is.

The Jewish Calendar, which reached me last September is greatly appreciated and I thank you for it, as well as all other helpful things I have mentioned.

Do you wonder that our hearts are stout, and our spirits full of joyous devotion to the Lord's work? Our friends evidently believe in giving flowers while the recipient can smell them! History has turned more than once on the hinges of a word of cheer, a pat on the back, a "well done" spoken at the strategic moment. After all, we are only human. Did not Solomon understand the basic principle involved? "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Prov. 25:11.

TIME TO CLOSE

We deliberately set our limit to make this Salutation Letter just three pages long and no more. But such is the frailty of the flesh, we are appalled to see we have overshot the mark! So we must stop short here. We omit reports on the world wide circulation of THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL, our monthly Yiddish Gospel newspaper for Israel. What this little paper does is beyond reporting and explaining. Together with our Gospel tracts, this paper makes a complete unit of our incomparable storehouse of Gospel literature output for the Jews. Missionaries from all over the world come to us for these supplies — they have no other place to go — and we are the headquarters. Nor have we space to say anything about our Sunday afternoon meetings at the Headquarters building. You will have to attend one yourself if you ever hope to sense the richness of God's presence with us. Nor can we speak about the work of our Jewish Missionary Institute on Tuesday nights, nor of the work of our Field Evangelists, nor of the deepening of the Christian life in the hearts of the Jewish Christians for whom we have special fellowship meetings; they too give thanks to God for us every day of their lives.

But here we close. The New Year has come. With trustful eyes and believing hearts we look forward and we step forward. It will be your fellowship, it will be your prayers, it will be your faithful and sympathetic weeping and rejoicing with us that will make the year 1951 a stupendous year for all of us. We are prepared to press forward on the battlefield just as fast as you shall accompany us and cheer us.

Ever faithfully and gratefully your
Servant in the Gospel.

J. Hoffmann Cohen.

P.S. As we write these lines our mail is just flooded with so many beautiful Christmas cards and remembrances. It is hopelessly impossible for us to send each one of the dear friends a personal thank you. But I feel sure you will allow me to express to you my thanks in this public way. The cards grace our many shelves here, and they are constantly admired by those who come to the offices, not to mention our own appreciation of what precious memories these cards bring to mind. So, thank you.

cities of Edom; it was probably the capital of the country and was the southernmost large city of Edom. Here it is used representatively for all Idumea. Paran was opposite Teman and only separated from it by the valley of the Ghor. Selah indicates a heightening of the musical accompaniment, the musical *forte*. It would allow for a pause and meditation. The manifested excellence of the Lord covers the heavens and His praise filled the earth. Verse 3 deals with the extent of God's coming; verse 4 with its effects. All creation reflects His splendor; light is His garment. His brightness is as the light of the sun and rays of light encircle Him. The splendor actually conceals the glorious, invisible God. Our God is a God that hideth Himself (Isaiah 45:15, but how gloriously revealed in Christ, John 1:18 and II Corinthians 4:6), but it is with excess of light. Glorious God is ours.

GOD IN HIS POWER

As plagues were visited upon Israel's enemies and burning pestilence went before the Lord in the desert, so the Lord will accomplish in His future manifestations. According to Revelation 6 definite plagues and visitations will precede the coming of the Lord visibly to earth. Now Habakkuk pictures the Lord as stopping in His march and causing great upheavals in the earth. The Lord stood and measured the earth with His all-seeing glance. With irresistible power His hand drove asunder the nations and overpowered them. Even the mountains, those lofty objects of God's creative power, were scattered as dust, and the ancient hills bowed as though in reverence and submission. All was leveled before His august presence. His ways are everlasting: He works in time and in all creation but transcends all. His goings are ever accompanied with power as of old.

THE FEAR OF THE NATIONS

When God accompanied Israel's entrance into Canaan, the nations were struck with fear. This same pattern of events will obtain in prophetic times. The people of Cushan were thrown into consternation. Trembling seized the land of Midian, those of the Arabian coast of the Red Sea opposite the Ethiopians. Tents and curtains indicate their nomadic life and stand for the people of these lands. The prophet at this place addresses God directly for vividness and emphasis. When God marches forth, the rivers and the sea retreat. The Red Sea and the Jordan were dried up to allow Israel to pass over dryshod. What God has done to one river and one sea, He can do to all. The poetic questions reveal how powerful were the ways of the Lord with the sea as with the land. The horses and chariots of salvation upon which the Lord is pictured as riding are not the angels, but the elements—the clouds and the winds. See Psalm 104:4. The bow of the Lord was drawn from its cover and the arrows fell fast upon the heads and penetrated far into the hearts of the Lord's adversaries. By an emphatic expression Habakkuk shows how completely unsheathed was the bow of the Lord to accomplish His purpose. As it was then, so it shall be again. Just as clear as the first clause of verse 9 is, so obscure is the second. There are but three words in the Hebrew, but as yet they have not been explained satisfactorily. One eminent Old Testament scholar counted more than one hundred translations of these words. With such diversity of opinion it were foolhardy to be dogmatic at this point. We can only suggest a preference and leave it with that. If we take the rendering of the American Standard Version, the thought is that God's supernatural interventions for His people are not for one period alone, but His oaths secure them for

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CHAPTER III — Instalment 3

POEM OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

AFTER hearing the promises and warnings of chapters 1 and 2 the prophet concludes his book with prayer and praise. He recalls past manifestations of God's power and grace; he prays for the speedy deliverance of God's people; and he expresses a firm confidence in God which is unchangeable. This ode was designed for public worship as is seen from the inscription, subscription, and the musical notation "Selah" in verses 3, 9, 13. It is admittedly one of the most majestic and sublime portions of the Word of God. The chapter is entitled a prayer, a designation used for psalm in Psalm 102:1. It was used in referring to devotional portions in general. The poem was set to Shigionoth which is found (in the singular) in Psalm 7 also. It refers to the kind of music which accompanied the song. Since the word comes from a verb meaning to err, the thought is one of a song sung in great excitement, a triumphal song.

It is interesting to note how Habakkuk lays bare his heart at the beginning of each chapter of his prophecy. He was no passive spectator of the sad spiritual decline of Judah, nor was he a passive recipient of the telling solution of God as he waited on his watch. These disclosures stirred him deeply, as they should do for all of us. What God had revealed of the Chaldean attack on Judah and God's retribution on Chaldea, that is, the answer of God in chapter 2 especially, had disturbed the prophet and filled his heart with terror and awe. He finds his outlet in prayer and calls upon God to revive His work in the midst of the years. The prophet of

God would have Him manifest His grace to Israel and judgment upon their enemies by renewing the displays of His mighty power as of old in intervening on behalf of His people. While the years yet run their course and Israel still undergoes suffering, God is supplicated to make known by experimental proof the reenactment of His deeds of power. In God's wrath upon both Judah and the Chaldeans, He is besought to remember mercy. Judgment is to be tempered with mercy. In this verse we have before us the theme of the psalm and the heart of the prayer. In short, Habakkuk prays that God will do for His people as He has in the past, and while inflicting punishment will remember to deliver also.

GOD IN HIS MAJESTY

In a sublime manner the prophet now pictures a future redemption under figures taken from past events. The background here is the memory of the events of the Exodus and Sinai. Just as the Lord manifested Himself when He redeemed Israel from Egypt, He will appear again to deliver the godly among His people from their oppressors among the nations and will judge their foes as He did the land of Egypt. The first verb of verse 3 (and so all the verbs through verse 15) should not be translated as a past, as though Habakkuk were placing himself back at the time of the events of Israel's deliverance from Egypt. It should rather be rendered "cometh" with a future sense, for as the Lord once came to His people at Sinai to do wonders among them and for them and establish a covenant, so He will come again to liberate them from their enemies. Teman was one of the great

Dr. Ironside Corrects An Injustice

SOME five years ago the American Board of Missions to the Jews entered an era of violent persecution. Certain disloyal workers whose obvious scheme to gain control of the Mission (clear evidence of which later came into our possession), suddenly decided to act. We had been obliged to discipline them for a number of irregularities in their financial dealings with us. They therefore concluded that this was their hour to oust the management, seize control, and ride to glory on the momentum of the good name which the Mission had built up so scrupulously through the more than fifty years of its history. Toward the building up of that good name they had contributed nothing. By careful manoeuvring they had succeeded in getting on our Board of Directors certain men who proved to be one with them in their shameful scheme.

Then the storm broke. We were compelled to separate these disloyal workers from the Mission, but that separation was accomplished only after their violent effort to gain control of the Mission through their "representatives" on our Board had failed. The Lord came to our rescue in that climactic hour, the withdrawal of the unfaithful members of the Board was finally accomplished, and these employees went out also. Of all of them it can be truly said as we read in I John 2:19, "they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."

Then followed the campaign of bold slander, vilification and false charges against the blessed work of this Mission. There was little we could do, our only course was to keep silent and let the Lord do the fighting for us.

THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY

By skillful manoeuvring these schemers inveigled a number of prominent Christian leaders throughout the country into joining them in what they claimed was to be a Committee to investigate and endorse all "worthy" Jewish missions. The truth is (as our experience with them had proved) that these men were not interested in the salvation of Jewish souls; but their real design was (and apparently still is) to destroy what they well knew to be the most effective Jewish Mission in all the world. Some of our friendly brethren had no idea what was behind the move, but they innocently believed that a new and needed Jewish Mission was in the making, and that they ought not to withhold their influence. And so, with that smoke screen, the schemers dared to publish scurrilous, malicious, and utterly false statements about the American Board of Missions to the Jews, and they attached to these calumnies the names of many of the good men who had allowed themselves to be used as friends of the new "Mission," but had no idea that such a vicious scheme was in prospect.

At that time, our devoted friend and brother, Dr. Keith L. Brooks of PROPHECY magazine, Los Angeles, California, shocked and stunned by the brazen falsehoods, of which he had positive evidence, and by the boldness of these schemers, undertook almost single-handed to expose their fraudulent character, and to defend your Mission. This he did at a cost that perhaps we will never know until we reach the other side. He suffered personal abuse, and persecution; while certain "Christian" magazines joined with the attackers and refused to carry advertisements of the American Prophetic League of

which he is President; and all because he had refuted the falsehoods in the hour of crisis! Thus they made use of a practice outlawed even in the non-Christian world, known as the secondary boycott! The editor of the magazine which started this movement suddenly died. His successor promptly rescinded the order. We will never be able to repay Dr. Brooks for what he did in those days so that the Mission with which he had been in close touch for over thirty years should stand before the public in its true position of honesty, efficiency, and of the highest standard of spiritual activity.

And so the campaign was carried on. Most of the readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, having made investigation for themselves, were incensed with the obvious injustice of what was going on; they stood by us through these years with redoubled loyalty and generosity. These were the friends who helped the Mission to ride through the storm unscathed, and under greater blessing from God than ever before. Indeed, following this persecution, the Mission has gone, and is going, through its greatest era of expansion and success, so abundant was God in honoring the work. The year 1948 proved to have been the greatest year of our history, with souls saved beyond any previous similar period. Every year since then has shown continuous increase and growth.

Among those who were deceived in the beginning by these false exploiters was none other than the beloved Dr. Harry A. Ironside, at that time Pastor of the Moody Memorial Church of Chicago. He had trusted some of these men so completely, he just could not realize that he was under the spell of their deceptions, and that he was being made a tool for their evil purposes. For us there was nothing we could do but just wait patiently for the Lord to come to our deliverance.

DAYLIGHT BREAKS

Imagine our joy and surprise when on October 8th, 1950, there came to us in the morning mail a letter from none other than Dr. Ironside. Here it is:

Thomaston, Ga.
October 6, 1950

DEAR BROTHER COHN:

For some time I have felt constrained to write you that I feel it was a great mistake to allow myself to be drawn into the controversy between you and Dr. _____ (name omitted by us) and others. I believe I would have honored the Lord more if I had kept clear of the entire matter, as it was "strife belonging not to me." As you know I resigned from the chairmanship of the Advisory Board of the A.A.J.E., some months ago, and am no longer connected in any way with that Association.

Sincerely in Christ,

H. A. IRONSIDE (signed).

To this letter we made reply, thanking Dr. Ironside, and thanking God also that out of a clear sky he had been led to write such a letter. It had come without any solicitation on our part. We then explained to him that these enemies had been using his name in their attacks upon us, and while we could not resort to the indecencies of shameful propaganda which the others had practiced, yet we would appreciate permission from him to use the letter in cases where it might be of value. It would open the eyes of our friends to the campaign of vilification that was being carried on against us.

To this letter Dr. Ironside replied promptly as follows:

My reason was not ready to believe literally that Jesus by his death and by his blood redeemed the sins of the world. Metaphorically there might be some truth in it. Again, according to Christianity, only human beings had souls, and not other living beings, for whom death meant complete extinction; while I held contrary belief.

3. He was a devotee of pretended suicide, contrary to all Christian teaching against self-murder. He threatened to "fast unto death" sixteen times, but never died during one of these fasts.

4. Gandhi, against the Golden Rule, kept his wife illiterate all her life, though he was a professional man with two degrees. (Autobiography, p. 24.)

5. Gandhi, though posing as a pacifist, petitioned F.D.R. and General Chiang to allow India to fight as an independent ally in the late World War. His petition was rejected. (NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, August 19, 1943.)

6. Gandhi kept up a pose of poverty while having all his comfort cared for by a very wealthy Indian merchant, G. D. Birla. ("Half-way to Freedom," M. Bourke-White, Chapter 9.)

7. Gandhi claimed equality for all religions, then quietly attacked Jesus Christ, Christianity and Christians, while at the same time extolling Buddha and Hinduism. (Autobiography, p. 170, 171, 199.) Just a few sentences:

Thus if I could not accept Christianity either as a perfect, or the greatest religion, neither was I then convinced of Hinduism being such.

I expressed my difficulties in a letter to Raychandbhai. I also corresponded with other religious authorities in India and received answers from them. Raychandbhai's letter somewhat pacified me. He asked me to be patient and to study Hinduism more deeply. One of his sentences was to this effect: 'On a dispassionate view of the question I am convinced that no other religion has the subtle and profound thought of Hinduism, its vision of the soul, or its charity.'

8. Gandhi falsely thought he was due for a life-span of 125 years, but was assassinated by another high caste Hindu at the age of 78. ("Half-way to Freedom," M. Bourke-White.)

9. Gandhi allowed himself to be a tool of high caste Hindus who rode into power on the heels of British departure. High caste Brahmans are at the top of Government in India today.

10. As a missionary under an Indian Christian Director I heard a group of Christian Theological Students discuss "Can We Worship Gandhi and Jesus?" After about three hours of discussion pro and con they correctly decided they couldn't. How long, fellow Christians, would it take you to decide who your Lord and Saviour is?

The above article clearly shows us how far our present-day Christian world has been led astray by the man who describes himself as a loathsome wretch.

We Sustain Another Loss

WITH peculiar sadness we announce the homegoing of a friend beloved, of nearly forty years of faithful devotion and fellowship. Our good brother, Mr. J. R. Hemminger of the Bible-Book Center, Tacoma, passed on to the Heavenly Home, and to the Heavenly Father for Whom he labored so faithfully these many years. For this Mission he had the utmost affection and devotion. All through the Tacoma area he was known as the herald and the protagonist of the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

Dear Sister Hemminger will continue the business of the Book Room, and we know that she will have not only our own prayers, but the prayers of many of our readers, who have learned to know her and to love her because of her faithful services in the Book Room at Tacoma, side by side with her husband, through years of plenty and years of want.

Pilgrim's Periscope

By a former missionary to India who gives facts here not generally known by Christendom. For obvious reasons we cannot divulge his name, but you will sense that he knows what he is talking about, and the information he gives is priceless to every Christian.

The Gandhi Myth PERHAPS no man of our time has de-

ceived as many well-meaning persons in our Christian part of the world as M. K. Gandhi, of India. No less a person than our Secretary of Defense and former Secretary of State, George C. Marshall, says of him, "Mahatma Gandhi was the spokesman for the conscience of all mankind." The fly-leaf of his autobiography issued by the Public Affairs Press, in Washington, D. C., says of him, "This is the story of the greatest man of our time." John Gunther, in "Inside Asia," says of him, "Mr. Gandhi, who is an incredible combination of Jesus Christ, Tammany Hall, and your father, is the greatest Indian since Buddha." One might go on quoting from his admirers both among Christians and non-Christians all over the world. Indeed it is safe to say that many of our intellectuals will tolerate disparaging of our Lord and Saviour, but are very sensitive to any criticism of M. K. Gandhi.

Be that as it may, it is sometimes very important for Christians to exercise their godly judgment and sound Christian sense, lest they be led away by fables which would destroy their very souls. People who constantly quote, "Judge not that ye be not judged," forget that the same chapter of Matthew tells us to "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." It behooves us therefore as Christians to be alert and to be able to recognize these false prophets.

Before we say anything further of

this "greatest Indian since Buddha" and "spokesman for the conscience of all mankind," let us see what Mr. Gandhi says of himself.

"In judging myself I shall try to be as harsh as truth, as I want others also to be. Measuring myself by that standard I must exclaim with Surdas: "Where is there a wretch so wicked and loathsome as I? I have forsaken my Maker, so faithless have I been."

Again, "For it is an unbroken torture to me that I am still so far from him, who, as I fully know, governs every breath of my life, and whose offspring I am. I know that it is the evil passions within that keep me so far from him, and yet I cannot get away from them."

It is remarkable that Mr. Gandhi's many admirers will not even believe him when he tells them how bad he really was!

But Christians should examine more closely what Mr. Gandhi did, for "by their fruits ye shall know them."

Let me list the more salient failings or departures from his so-called "Christlike life":

1. M. K. Gandhi rejected Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God. Here are his own words, on page 170 of his autobiography.

My difficulties lay deeper. It was more than I could believe that Jesus was the only incarnate son of God, and that only he who believed in him would have everlasting life. If God could have sons, all of us were His sons. If Jesus was like God, or God Himself, then all men were like God and could be God Himself.

2. He rejected Jesus as the Saviour of mankind. Again his own words!

Thomaston, Ga.
October 21, 1950

DEAR BROTHER COHN:

Your very gracious acknowledgment of my letter of the 6th reached me here today. As my wife and I are leaving here on the 28th for New Zealand, so I am answering at once. You are at liberty to show my letter whenever you think it will be helpful. I regret that I do not have secretarial help, for I realize my handwriting is very poor. But it is really wonderful to be able to see to write at all, after being blind with cataracts on both eyes for many months. You mention a letter I wrote to some one—I cannot recall to whom—which was printed and circulated without direct permission from me. I shall write the A.A.J.E. that they must not circulate this any more—though I do not think it has been used for several years past. If this reaches you in time for your Board Meeting, give my fraternal greeting to the brethren I know.

Sincerely in Christ,

H. A. IRNSIDE (signed).

This letter was followed a day later by another which we also will now quote as follows:

Thomaston, Ga.
October 22, 1950

DEAR BROTHER:

I had hardly sent off my other letter when I remembered what you had asked concerning the _____ (a certain publication whose name we omit)—and a letter I had written them. I cannot recall the wording of my letter, but I think I made it clear that if they now felt all was clear as to the American Board I saw no reason why they should continue to refuse your advertising. I am sorry this has come up at such a late date when I am just about to leave America for perhaps a full year abroad. I have replied to many inquiries of late that I feel sure money entrusted to A.B.M.J. would be rightly used.

Sincerely in Christ,

H. A. IRNSIDE (signed).

We then wrote once more to Dr. Ironside, but addressed the letter to him at Auckland, New Zealand, so that it would be waiting for him there by air mail on his arrival from the States. To that letter we got another reply which states even more clearly how he has been so rudely awakened to the shameful plot of which he was such an innocent party. Here it is:

Auckland, New Zealand
November 24, 1950

DEAR DR. COHN:

This is to acknowledge your gracious letter of October 25 which I received upon arrival here last Tuesday. I feel greatly relieved in my own mind since clearing my conscience of complicity with the attack upon you and your work into which I had allowed myself to be drawn. I do sincerely hope that whatever harm was thus done may at least to some extent be reversed. So far as our present plans go we are not to return to America till October 1951 after that I shall hope to get in touch with you again. In the meantime I trust God's blessing may rest upon you and the testimony to Israel.

Faithfully in Christ,

H. A. IRNSIDE (signed).

We sent the above information promptly to Dr. Keith L. Brooks, which make him very happy. We doubt whether if someone had placed a million dollars in his hands he could have been any happier. We wrote him that this was not only a vindication for the work of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, but it also was a vindication of PROPHECY Magazine and of Dr.

Brooks himself. In those days of fierce struggle he took the brunt of the attacks, and was ready even to lay down his life for the work. A prominent layman said to us at that time, "I know Dr. Brooks. I have sat over and over again under his Bible class teaching in Los Angeles and in Glendale. I know that no one living can buy that man. And if Dr. Brooks tells me that your Mission is worth while supporting it shall have my support."

Then, following our forwarding the original correspondence to Dr. Brooks, he printed in PROPHECY magazine for January 1951, an article under the title "Confidence Restored." That article we will now reprint herewith so that the record will be complete and clear:

CONFIDENCE RESTORED

Any who, during the past few years, have been disturbed about attacks upon the work of the American Board of Missions to the Jews and its Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Hoffman Cohn, may receive some enlightenment through a statement just issued by Dr. H. A. Ironside. It is relative to his deep regret that, without proper investigation, he allowed his name to be used as "Chairman" of an organized group that has been principally engaged in trying to destroy Dr. Cohn's work. Dr. Ironside renews his complete endorsement of the American Board of Missions to the Jews and authorized the use of his statement with any who may have been influenced by the fact that his name has been used to dignify these smear attacks. His resignation from this group has been met with statements that it was because of "failing eyesight" that he gave up his connection. Dr. Ironside wishes it made clear that he does not endorse the affairs of this association in any way. Since these attackers went so far as to charge that the Editor of PROPHECY had been paid a "monthly salary" for defending Dr. Cohn, even using the name of Dr. Ironside against us, copies of Dr. Ironside's letters are available through this magazine.

Now the story must end at this point. We have pondered long before deciding to put these matters in the columns of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, but a good many friends have been insisting that we do so. They have argued that we owe this to the true friends that have stood by us through these years of storm and stress, so that now they shall feel their trust has not been in vain, and that the blessing of the Lord has been upon the work and upon their support of it. They argued further that many others of the Chosen People family might not be familiar with this back history, and should have this story so that in case further rumors should reach them they will have something to fall back on for their protection and for their reassurance.

We have been informed that there are others of those misled brethren who have abandoned these rebellious spirits. We welcome them back to us, and we hope that many of them will now take the same courageous and Christian step which Dr. Ironside has taken. As we wrote to Dr. Ironside, it does take a big man, a noble spirit, and a Christlike Christian to do what he has done.

To our dear friends we can now say, let us give thanks to the Lord who was able to vindicate us far better than we could do for ourselves. Like Paul of old we too now thank God, and take courage. Acts 28:15.

Because for the last few years all kinds of gossip and rumor have been assiduously and deliberately spread, and because these falsehoods have apparently gained wide circulation and credence, it seems important to us that we shall now reprint this article from page 7 right through to the bottom of page 11. This we are going to do at once in tract form, and these tracts may be had totally apart from THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, by friends who

Jewish Notes

THE population of Jerusalem rose from 80,000 to 110,000 between April 1949, and March this year, the Ministry of Finance announced recently in a survey of the development of the Capital.

In this period, 10,000 more workers were absorbed into industry, workshops, building and public works while 200 light industry plants and buildings were erected.

Between March last year and this, 28 enterprises were started in the carpentry industry employing nearly 100 persons. Nearly 50,000 Israeli Pounds were invested.

In the same period, 37 metal and electricity industries employing 179 workers were formed, with a capital of 67,000 Israeli Pounds. Forty-three textile plants were started with a combined capital of about 90,000 Israeli Pounds.

The Government, the survey continues, invested 300,000 Israeli Pounds in the Jerusalem water pipe line. With the help of government loans, Rehov Ben Yehuda's bomb-wrecked spaces have been built up and a large number of damaged buildings throughout the city have been repaired. Kibbutz Ramat Rahel is also being rebuilt.

Nearly 2,000 rooms have been completed in public and private houses. Apart from Government loans granted for various services in the city, 470,000 Israeli Pounds was included in the capital's budget for public works. — *Jerusalem Post*.

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"Ration cuts, far more drastic than any experienced in Britain during the most critical period of the war, are to be imposed in Israel during the next few weeks," says a report in THE JEWISH CHRONICLE. These new regulations will permit each

inhabitant only two ounces of tea, or eight ounces of adulterated coffee (containing 30 per cent malt) each month. The meat ration will be six ounces weekly, and other food rations are to be cut proportionately. These cuts are part of an attempt to reduce the country's adverse trade balance and to help arrest the growing shortage of foreign currency.— *Jewish Missionary Intelligence, London, England*.

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Jerusalem. — About 100 members of one of the "lost tribes" of Israel — the Habaitz — have been returned to Israel as immigrants, Jerusalem radio reported.

The tribe have lived for some 2,000 years in the South Arabian Desert and are considered to be the purest descendants of the ancient Hebrews.

Men and women are tall, slim and muscular, the men wearing long manes of straight, jet-black hair.

The womenfolk wear anything up to six gold or silver rings on each ear, and several rows of necklaces completely conceal their necks.

The language of the Habaitz is said to have undergone little change during the tribe's long stay in Arabia. It is a close approximation to the Scriptural tongues. — *The Jewish Chronicle*.

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At a recent meeting of the Knesset, there was a heated discussion as to whether the new State should attach itself to the Eastern or to the Western bloc. Left-wing members urged that Israel join the pro-Soviet bloc, and then a Mizrahi representative said: "I suggest that in the synagogue we turn towards the East and in politics towards the West." — *Jokes they tell in Israel*.

Questions and Answers

Question: Will you please explain for us Matthew 27:9, 10? What is the passage in the book of Jeremiah to which Matthew refers? The reference we find is Zechariah 11:13.

Answer: There are many explanations of this troublesome passage, but somehow they do not seem to explain. Our suggestion is that the following background be considered: The Hebrew Bible is known among the Jews by the word T'NACH. This is made up, under the Cabalistic system, by taking the initials of three words, TORAH, NEVUIM, and CHESU-VIM (pronounced Kesuvim, the K being guttural). Taking the initials of these three component parts of the Bible, we have T, N, CH, and this makes a new word with vowels supplied, T'NACH, the CH being also guttural. The word Torah means the five books of Moses; the word Nevuim means the book of the Prophets; the word Chesuvim means the other writings, such as the Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Ruth, etc. Now these three component parts have been for centuries carried in separate volumes. The book of the Prophets was bound by itself and so the Torah; and so the final volume containing all the rest of the Scriptures. The book Nevuim, or the book of the Prophets, has for its first prophetic writing, the book of Jeremiah. Therefore it was referred to over and over again in many of the rabbinical writings simply as the Book of Jeremiah, although what was meant by that expression was the entire book of the prophets. Our Lord spoke often of the Law, the Writings, and the Prophets. He could just as well have said, "the Law, the Writings and Jeremiah." You will notice that the reference in Matthew 27:9 does not give any specific quotation from Jeremiah, but just speaks in general terms of

Jeremiah the prophet. There is no effort to quote from Jeremiah or even from Zechariah, but there is only this allusion or adaptation of the reference. You will find striking examples of such allusions if you will compare Isaiah 2:1-4 with Micah 4:1-5; Isaiah 62:11 with Zechariah 9:9. Jeremiah also makes general allusions and adumbrations, if you will examine Jeremiah 18:1-4 with Jeremiah 19:1-3. All of which means in essence that the general thought of Matthew 27:9 had already been covered by intimation in Jeremiah's own book of prophecy.

There are quite a number of other theories having to do with the problem; but we cannot feel satisfied with any of the others and so we present you this one conclusion of our own.

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Question: Will you please explain the word "equal" in Psalm 55:13. How could this term be prophetically used by Christ of any man?

Answer: The reference here is not to Christ, unless it be taken in a very far distant prophetic vista; even under such circumstances the interpretation would be of doubtful validity. Delitsch shows that this Old Testament Judas was none other than Ahithophel, the right hand of Absalom. The Psalm belongs to the period of the growth of Absalom's rebellion, a span of some four years. David seems to have had no suspicion and no forebodings as to the terrible treachery which was being developed and finally unfolded right in his city. And only as a sort of emergency move did he finally forsake his palace and leave Jerusalem.

How important it is that we adhere closely to the divine injunction "rightly dividing the word of truth." Otherwise we have only confusion.

wish to have a share in spreading these facts as far as possible. Thus will be checked in part at least the evil that has been done to this Mission, and yours will be a valuable share in helping to put before your friends the true picture of what we have been through. These tracts will be yours for free distribution — you may write us for as many copies as you wish. In addition, this current issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, which is our Annual Report Number, is also being printed in extra copies, to meet the demands of such friends who may prefer to distribute THE CHOSEN PEOPLE itself with this article included. These extra copies will be available at a special price of ten cents each. But write quickly, as we do not want to print additional copies beyond our exact requirements.



DR. IRONSIDE

Harry A. Ironside

THE entire preceding article was intended for printing in the March issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. While we were working upon it, you may imagine how stunned we were to receive the news on January 17, that the day before this dear saint of God, Dr. Harry A. Ironside, passed on to be with Him Whom he served so faithfully these many years. The suddenness of this tragic (to us) event was so startling that we stopped the presses on the February issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, and took out all

the material of the first installment of the annual reports from our workers, and in its place have substituted the foregoing article. We thought that our friends would very much prefer to have it so. The mysterious ways of God in bringing about His purposes, are indeed beyond our human understanding. What a strange circumstance it was that on the eve of Dr. Ironside's homegoing, the Lord spoke to him and caused him to clear his conscience and to attach himself to us publicly by the letters which we have printed above! And we cannot but think that Dr. Ironside must have had an abundant entrance into the heavenlies, and must have faced joyfully the Lord Himself, with his conscience cleared of any participation in doing harm to us who are engaged in bringing the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ to those of His own flesh and blood. Surely all the trumpets must have sounded when Dr. Ironside passed through the heavenly gates.

We are going to cherish these last letters as our priceless heritage from him. Perhaps they are among the last that he ever wrote with his own rounded hand in large characters, something like Paul of old used when he wrote his epistles to his beloved churches.

Fifty-sixth Annual Financial Report

American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc.

This report includes contributions and disbursements for current operations for the year ended December 31, 1950, as recorded on the books at Headquarters, 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, 1950:		
General Fund	\$223,461.41	
Student Training and Missionary Institute	121.20	\$223,582.61
Receipts During 1950:		
General Fund	\$307,113.36	
The Chosen People.....	10,890.15	
Gospel Distribution:		
Including The Shepherd of Israel and literature, tracts in English and in Yiddish.....	8,584.77	
Poor Fund	2,344.32	
Refugee — Overseas.....	11,895.70	
Children's Work	376.16	
Student Training and Missionary Institute	609.00	
Radio Ministry Fund.....	1,213.60	
Tribulation Days Missionary Fund	93.00	
Dispensary Fund	71.50	
Coney Island, New York, Branch	345.10	
Columbus, Ohio, Branch.....	3,918.54	
Los Angeles, California, Branch	1,511.48	
Philadelphia, Pa., Branch.....	6,613.62	
Pittsburgh, Pa., Branch.....	1,976.89	
Total Receipts	357,557.19	
TOTAL	\$581,139.80	

NOTE:—Accounts maintained in foreign countries are not included in this Report.

ACCOUNTANTS' CERTIFICATE

American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc.:

We have made an examination of your accounts maintained at Headquarters for the year ended December 31, 1950, 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 18, 1951, relating to the above examination, which report includes financial statements covering not only your general and unrestricted funds, the transactions of which are set forth in the accompanying statements, but also your special funds and net resources account. Our examination disclosed no material exceptions.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement sets forth the recorded cash receipts and the cash disbursements of the general and unrestricted funds for the year ended December 31, 1950, and the balance of such funds at that date.

HASKINS & SELLS
Certified Public Accountants

January 19, 1951,
New York, N. Y.

DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund:	
Missionaries' and field workers' salaries	\$ 47,049.16
Administrative and office salaries	28,291.25
Brooklyn Buildings Maintenance, salaries and expenses, including Bookroom expenses	7,536.82
Office maintenance and supplies	3,752.51
Leopold Cohn Memorial Building: Maintenance, including fuel, building supplies, insurance, salaries of maintenance men, painting of entire interior, plate glass replacement, and telephone service	13,215.65
Miscellaneous:	
Film prints and supplies, additional projectors for local and field workers; staff missionaries' traveling expenses; retirement insurance; letterheads, printing, church notices, advertising, postage; Littleton collection removal; Summers End Conference expenses; etc.	80,508.79
	\$180,354.18
The Chosen People:	
Printing and mailing.....	22,977.18
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).....	22,209.63
Relief to the Poor:	
Cash help to needy cases, food baskets, etc...	6,861.02
Overseas Work and Refugee Relief:	
Jerusalem, South America, Cuba, and European fields (France, Germany, England, Holland), special relief funds.....	80,253.02
Work Among the Children:	
Handcraft, educational and recreational supplies; socials, outings; fresh air camp at Hananeel, Stony Brook, New York.....	2,545.21
Student Training and Missionary Institute:	
Jewish students supported in part or in full in training for Jewish missionary work....	3,783.14
Radio Ministry:	
The Chosen People Broadcast throughout the United States and Canada; also, The Message of the Christian Jew, in Yiddish, on 2 stations in Cuba.....	37,393.54
Dispensary:	
Physician's services and medical supplies...	379.20
Coney Island, New York, Branch:	
Maintenance, improvements. Reconstruction of entire building.....	14,037.93
Columbus, Ohio, Branch:	
Salary and other expenses.....	8,427.62
Los Angeles, California, Branch:	
Salary, rent, and other expenses.....	8,527.34
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Branch:	
Salaries, and other expenses.....	8,280.36
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Branch:	
Salary, rent, and other expenses.....	11,232.91
Tribulation Days Missionary Fund:	
By transfer to Tribulation Days Reserve....	93.00
Total Disbursements	\$407,355.28
Cash Balance, December 31, 1950:	
General Fund	173,784.52
TOTAL	\$581,139.80

“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet.”— II Thess. 1:3