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UNTO ME,  
O MY  
PEOPLE ;

AND GIVE  
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NATION :”



JULY

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## Words of Christ on the Cross.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST suffered the pains of death on the cross during six long hours. This occurred, as nearly as can be determined, on April 7th, A. D. 30, or 1871 years ago. The crucifixion began at 9 A. M. and death ensued at 3 P. M. During this time his mind retained its full vigor giving expression to loving, cheering, and most memorable sayings. We here give those that have been left on record for our use and comfort.

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

Verily, I say unto thee, to-day thou shalt be with me in paradise.

He saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!  
Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

I thirst!

It is finished.

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

## Mission of the Covenant to Israel,

800 SOUTH FIFTH STREET, PHILADELPHIA,

ESTABLISHED BY THE SYNOD

OF THE

## Reformed Presbyterian Church,

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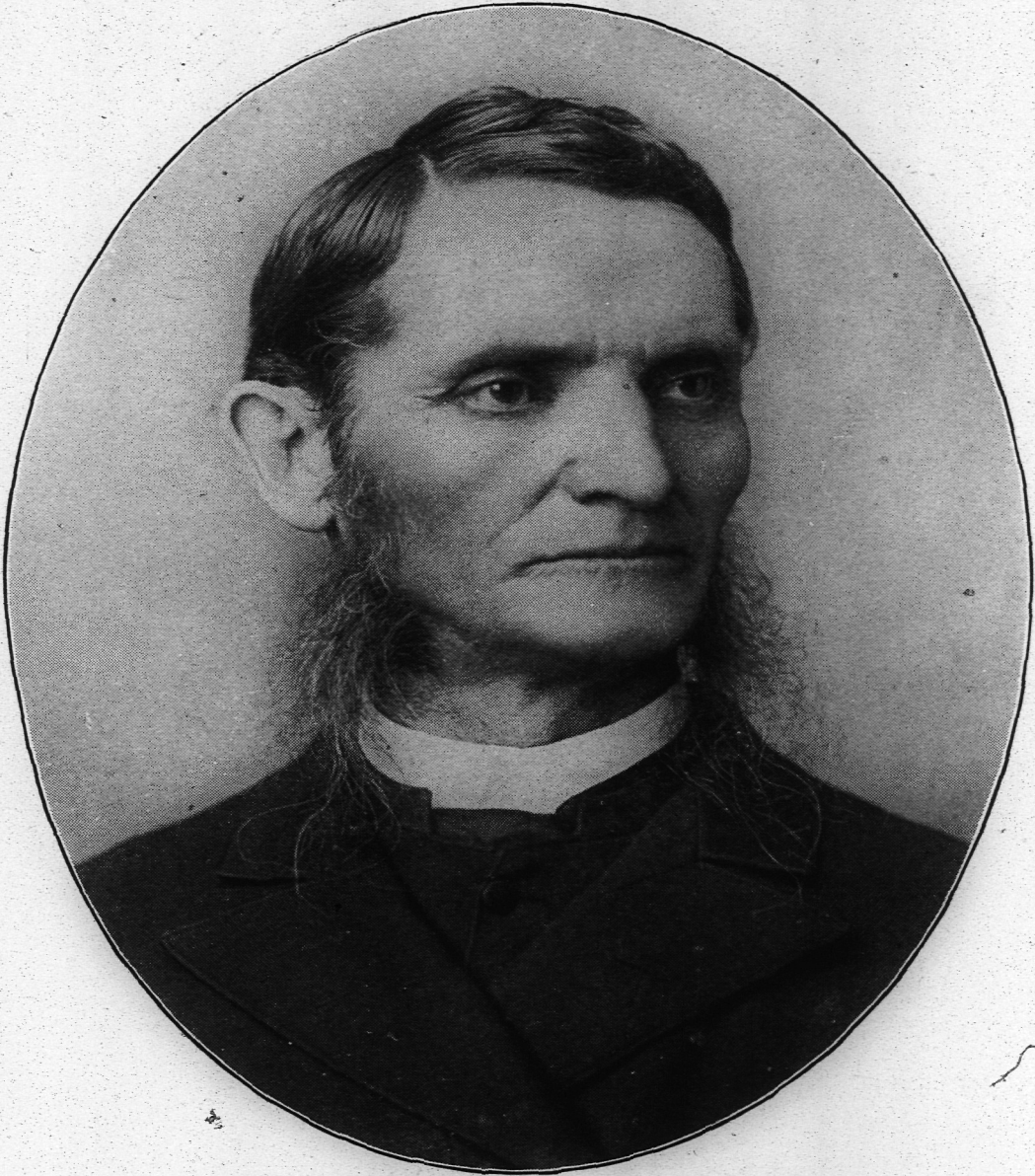
## THE HEBREW MESSENGER.

The HEBREW MESSENGER will be published as a Quarterly in the interest of the mission among the Hebrew people. The committee in charge of the mission have deemed it wise by this means to keep the work before the church.

Synod having established this mission, and making an annual appropriation for its support, and the people showing a deep interest in it by their inquiries and contributions, those to whom the care of it has been entrusted should feel keenly their responsibility for the use of all proper means to its success; and in the success of such work one potential element is information. The people who carry on the work through their missionaries must be informed concerning the labors, sacrifices, results and prospects, that they may intelligently pray, give thanks, and contribute means.

The periodicals that circulate through our church have kindly given much space to this mission; which kindness we have appreciated; and we hope they will continue their valuable work as hitherto. Yet we feel justified in issuing a special little organ devoted to this field alone, on account of the permanent and progressive character which the Mission of the Covenant to Israel now assumes, and because of the supreme importance, and predicted prospects, of gathering "all Israel" into the church of Christ.

In our zeal for any special mission we ought not to forget or forsake others, especially such as have a prior and unceasing



DR. DAVID METHENY, THE FOUNDER OF THE MISSION.

claim upon both heart and wealth. But as other agents have charge of them, and are indefatigable in urging upon all, the duty of growing in the missionary graces of prayer, liberality,

love for souls, and praise to God; so ought we, who have been entrusted with the care of the mission to this historic people of God, feel our direct responsibility for it.

The manner in which the people of the Covenanter church have taken hold of this work shows a very deep feeling. May it not be even a sign of the Lord's coming to restore the heart-sick and long-exiled seed of Jacob? May it not be an indication of the latter days, when "the receiving of them shall be life from the dead" to the whole world?

We have endeavored to prepare a little MESSENGER which shall in every way be a delight to the eye, a joy to the heart, and a companion in the home. As it knocks at your door will you open and kindly give it a welcome? And if its open countenance and earnest words should stir you up to make even one small sacrifice for this work of the Lord, you will find that you have indeed entertained an angel.

We gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to Mr. Geo. A. Calderwood, of Boston, and Mr. James Calderwood for the engravings that illuminate these pages, who have kindly donated this part of the work to the mission.

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### THE RE-OPENING.

The Mission of the Covenant to Israel, according to pre-arrangement, moved into its new home June 27th, at 8 P. M. The evening was excessively warm, yet friends of the mission representing our three city churches gathered in, besides a goodly number of Hebrews, making the audience both respectable in size and interesting in character.

The chairman, Dr. T. P. Stevenson, opened the meeting with prayer, after which he made a few earnest remarks on the mission being the outgrowth of the love of Christians to the Jews, and hope for their conversion to Christ. The secretary, Rev. J. C. McFeeters, read a brief history of the mission, extending from its infancy to the present time. The treasurer, Mr. W. G. Carson, read a report of the finances, showing that our missionary had been successful in awakening an interest throughout the



church, and securing sufficient aid to meet all obligations incurred in the purchase of the mission property.

Rev. R. C. Montgomery made a strong address relative to our obligations to the Jewish people, from whom we have received our Bible and all the knowledge of God and salvation it reveals. Mr. Greenberg, our missionary, followed with a vigorous and pathetic presentation of the condition and claims of the race which he represents, and to the evangelization of which he has devoted his life. Mrs. Greenberg then gave a few interesting reminiscences of the work done in the former mission house. The 127th Psalm was sung; also part of 132nd. Prayer was again offered, after which the meeting was adjourned with the benediction. Thus began the work of the mission in the new home which God has in his abounding goodness prepared for it. May his blessing ever descend upon it like dew upon Mount Hermon, even life everlasting.

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY,

READ AT THE REOPENING, JUNE 27TH, 1901.

God, in His gracious providence, called this mission into existence in the year 1894.

Synod met that year in Philadelphia, and authorizing the establishment of the mission, made the first appropriation of \$500.00 for work among the Hebrews.

Dr. David Metheny, our missionary in charge at Mersine, was then visiting America, and ever deeply interested in the evangelization of the world, he could not forget the Hebrews.

He had found a boy in distant Asia, a descendant of Abraham, who most cordially surrendered himself to the study of the gospel, under his new teacher. In a short time he yielded himself to the Lord Jesus, and received baptism. This was Moses Greenberg, whom Dr. Metheny followed both with prayers and inquiries, while he received his education in America. And seeing in him the spirit and efficiency of the true missionary, he began to devise ways and means for his employment among his own race. Accordingly he purchased for a mission building, No. 725 Lombard Street, and allowed the church to use it free of rent.

On a certain day of June that year, before the house was ready to be opened, with a few friends, including Mr. Greenberg, all bowing reverently, and feeling the presence and awfulness of



MR. GREENBURG AND HIS PETS.

God within those naked walls, Dr. Metheny, with great fervor, offered prayer on behalf of the work and of him who was about to take charge of it.

A month later, after the needed alterations had been made, the mission was formally opened. This took place July 17th, in the presence of a goodly number of friends, with praise and prayer and appropriate addresses. Thereupon Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg, (for our missionary had taken to himself a bride), began their work with much zeal and encouragement.

In the fall of 1895 Mr. Greenberg went to our Seminary and likewise in the following years till he had completed his course. During these winters Mrs. Greenberg continued the work in the mission with unabated devotion.

Mr. Greenberg completed his studies in the Seminary in 1898. Since that time the work has been diligently and continuously prosecuted, excepting three months each summer, when with the authority of the committee, Mr. Greenberg visited the churches to awaken an interest in the work.

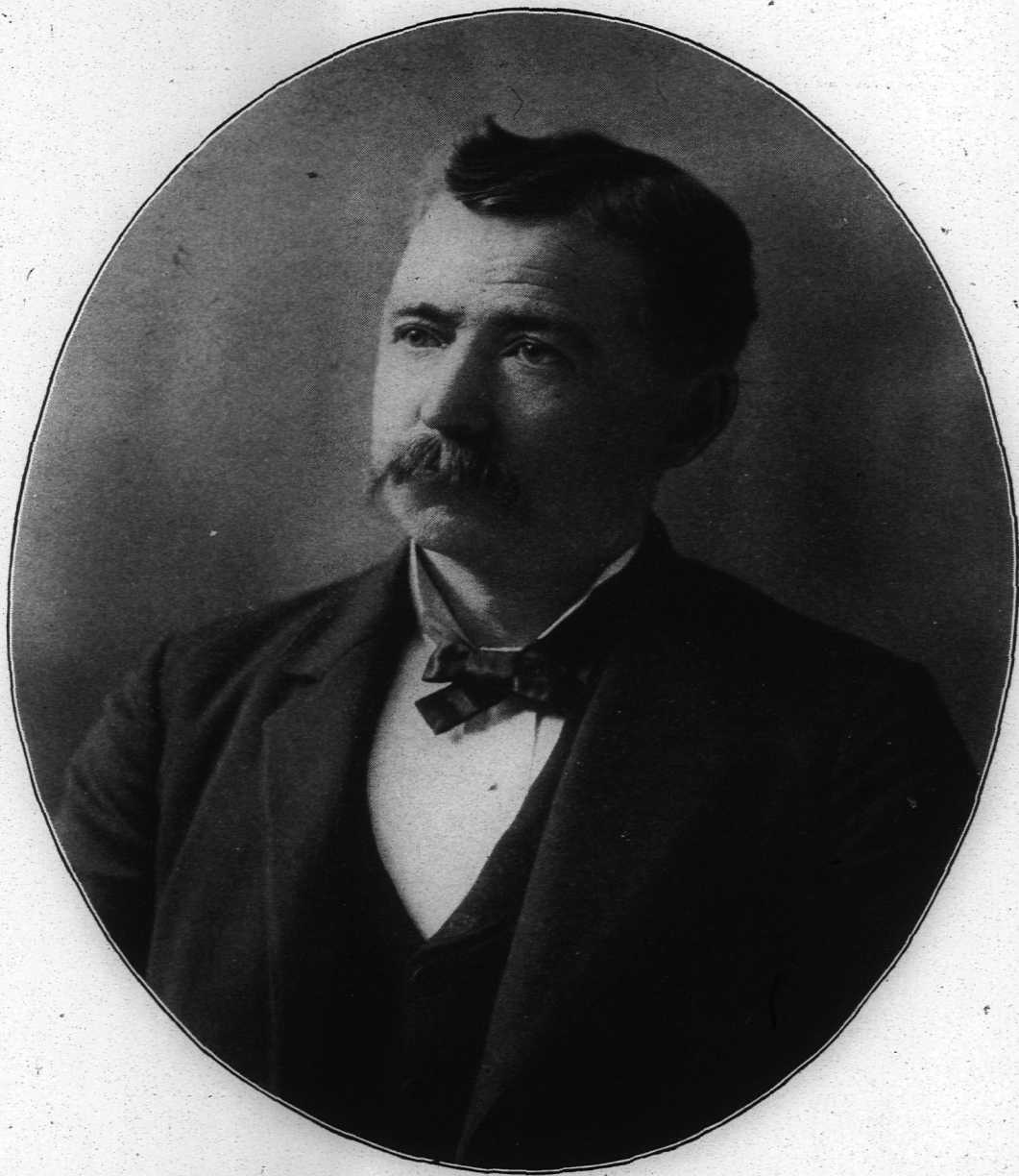
The first location of the mission proved to be disadvantageous, because of a growing debasement of morals in the community, and a converging there of a foreign population other than the Hebrews. This greatly annoyed our missionaries and retarded the work. After careful deliberation it was deemed best to remove to another locality. The property, then belonging to Mrs. M. E. Metheny, with her advice and authority, was sold; she very generously agreeing that the committee should retain for a new mission building, as much as the selling price would exceed one-half of what the property cost. Previously Mr. Greenberg, encouraged by a friend who had promised aid, had created out of his own earnings a fund for the purchase of a new mission building, to which he added a gift of \$100.00, received from another friend. Then came the proceeds of Mrs. Metheny's gracious offer amounting to \$750.00. Thus hope loomed up, and the prospect was fair for the purchase of a new home for the mission. Great pains were taken in selecting a site and securing a property. The result was the acquirement of the house No. 800 South Fifth Street, in which we are now assembled for a service of praise to the God of Israel.

This building was bought February 1st, 1901, for \$5,400. Improvements, alterations and furnishing increased this amount to about \$7,800.

Mr. Greenberg was authorized to visit the churches of our Synod and present the claims of this cause. This he did with zeal, energy and success, which merit for him our deepest gratitude. The results have surely evidenced God's approval and blessing upon him and the work he represents.

While the canvas was in progress, a kind and generous friend offered \$1000.00 on condition that the mission work would be resumed in its new home free of debt. This was a great incentive to renewed action, for the committee had determined to





MR. R. P. MACCLEMENT, MEDIAPOLIS, IOWA, WHO FIRST SUGGESTED THE NEW MISSION HOUSE.

leave on the house a mortgage of \$3000.00. The offer was accepted, and Mr. Greenberg continued his travels, and returned

about the first of June with sufficient cash and subscriptions to meet all obligations. And here we are this evening assembled in a beautiful, well-arranged and well-furnished mission building, practically free of debt; the mortgage is cancelled and all bills presented are paid. Will we not reverently regard this as a token of God's favor; yea, his pledge of future and larger blessings? Will we not regard the success God gave his servant, our missionary, as an indication of the Lord's own purpose to use this house as his Bethel, his Bethany, his Bethesda?

Mr. Greenberg, as a missionary, has been fitted and furnished with a good education. He pursued his studies one year at Parnassus Academy, four years at Geneva College, and three and a half years at the Theological Seminary. He also spent one year in collegiate work in Europe, when and where he found the one who has become to him a devoted wife, to this mission an indispensable helper, and to a large circle of friends an amiable and highly esteemed companion.

Mr. Greenberg, during the six years of service here has proved to be an earnest and faithful missionary, exhibiting much power and gracious tact in dealing with his own race. He has access to thousands of families. His past success in winning them to the mission meetings under grave disadvantages, leads us to expect large numbers here. And through the preaching of the Word, the Sabbath School and sewing school, with Mrs. Greenberg's invaluable help in every way, with the dispensary under the care of our untiring Dr. A. Caldwell, with the reading room and the free and abundant distribution of Christian literature, what may we not expect from this enterprise of grace under the blessing of our Covenant God?

The present movement is by no means a break in the work. What has been done in the former locality is not lost. We gather up the influences, the instructions, the children, the families, and move all into this house, where we have conveniences and accommodations far greater than hitherto.

With thankfulness then to God for his goodness in the past, with great expectation of results by the Holy Spirit, with utmost confidence in the Lord Jesus that he will fulfill his promises to this people to whom pertain the Covenants, let us go forward in this good work, and give our devoted missionaries all needed encouragement.



ESTHER, DAUGHTER OF REV. J. R. LATIMER, WHO GAVE 25 CENTS FOR THE NEW MISSION HOUSE.

### AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE.

We desire to express our gratitude to the many friends who have from the beginning shown a deep interest in the mission to the Jews, but especially in these latter days have contributed so liberally of their means as to provide a commodious and pleasant home free from all incumbrance for the great work.

We know that words, whether written or spoken, are very imperfect symbols of the genuine feelings of the heart. But you will accept of our poor words, we trust, and believe that our thanks are unto God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for filling you with love and hope concerning these descendants of Jacob. And will you look unto God for the reward of grace? Be assured that the promise stands true even yet: "I will bless them that bless thee."



## BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

## RECEIPTS

1900		
June 13th, Per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	\$390.10	
Sept. 7th, Rev. John Galbraith, . . . . .	10.00	
Sept. 7th, Prof. D. B. Willson, . . . . .	20.00	
Sept. 7th, Mrs. M. C. Hamilton, per Mr. John T. Morton, . . . . .	25.00	
Sept. 16th, Per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	1170.16	
Oct. 31st, John M. Allen, . . . . .	25.00	
Nov. 19th, Per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	350.00	
Nov. 20th, Per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	1.00	
Dec. 26th, Per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	335.00	
1901		
Jan. 23rd, Per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	282.75	
Jan. 23rd, Interest on deposit, . . . . .	8.20	
Jan. 23rd, Per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	.13	
Feb. 6th, Per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	242.71	
Feb. 7th, On account of sale of property, 725 Lombard Street, gift of Mrs. M. E. Metheny, . . . . .	100.00	
March 3rd, The W. M. S. 1st Congregation, Philadelphia, . . . . .	50.00	
March 3rd, Mrs. S. Wiggins, . . . . .	10.00	
March 4th, D. T. Reed, . . . . .	5.00	
March 6th, Per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	247.00	
March 29th, Brooklyn Congregation, per Rev. J. C. McFeeters, . . . . .	23.00	
April 2nd, Balance from sale of property, 725 Lombard street, gift of Mrs. M. E. Metheny, . . . . .	672.00	
April 6, Mr. W. F. Euwer, per Rev. J. C. McFeeters, . . . . .	50.00	
April 6, Second Congregation, New York, . . . . .	20.00	
April 6th, Third Congregation, New York, . . . . .	47.74	
April 7th, J. Hunter Limerick, . . . . .	5.00	
April 10th, per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	401.75	
April 20th, An Esteemed Friend, per Rev. J. C. McFeeters, . . . . .	1000.00	
April 20th, James Scott, . . . . .	50.00	
April 22nd, Miss M. A. Stewart, . . . . .	5.00	
April 22nd, Miss T. C. Stewart, . . . . .	5.00	
April 22nd, Miss M. A. Sterrett, . . . . .	10.00	
April 25th, per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	155.00	
April 27th, per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	50.00	
April 29th, per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	100.00	
April 30th, Mrs. J. B. Williams, . . . . .	5.00	
May 6th, per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	100.75	
May 9th, Third Congregation, Philadelphia, . . . . .	\$ 69.53	
May 18th, per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	200.00	
May 23rd, per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	244.85	
May 23rd, Mr. Wm. Steele, . . . . .	200.00	
June 15th, per Mr. M. Greenberg, . . . . .	112.75	
June 28th, Charles Young, per Rev. J. C. McFeeters, . . . . .	2.00	
	\$6801.42	
Disbursements, . . . . .	6748.29	
Balance in treasury, . . . . .	\$53.13	

W. G. CARSON, Treasurer.

## DISBURSEMENTS

1900	
Oct. 16th, Mr. M. Greenberg, traveling expenses. . . . .	\$107.25
Dec. 26th, On account of property, 800 South 5th Street, . . . . .	100.00
1901	
January 28th, on account of property, 800 South 5th Street, . . . . .	2300.00
Feb. 2nd, on account of property, 800 South 5th Street, . . . . .	59.33
Feb. 2nd, Agent for purchase of property, 800 South 5th Street, . . . . .	25.00
Feb. 2nd, Mr. M. Greenberg, sundry expenses in connection with purchase of property, 800 South 5th Street, . . . . .	13.71
Feb. 2nd, S. McDowell and Son, for selling 725 Lombard Street, . . . . .	55.00
Feb. 11th, Robert H. Montgomery, attorney, for revenue stamps on deed, . . . . .	3.00
April 23rd, Paid off mortgage on 800 South 5th Street, . . . . .	3000.00
Interest on same, . . . . .	81.50
May 23rd, Wm. Steele and Sons, on account of repairs to 800 South 5th Street, . . . . .	1000.00
June 28th, printing circulars, . . . . .	3.50
	<u>\$6748.29</u>

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NOTE:—Bills for repairs, not yet presented, (approximately), . . . . \$750.00  
Subscriptions due September 1st, (approximately), . . . . . 750.00

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 THE MESSENGER'S FRIENDS.

We are confident that the many friends of the Jewish mission will give the MESSENGER a kind reception, Four times in the year it may be expected to appear bringing news from the field which it represents. We ask for it an earnest hearing by the family circle of every home in the Covenanter church, and far beyond our church, as it tells the story of the progress of the gospel among the Jews. Thus may we reasonably expect an interest in this good work to grow, and an adequate support be secured. For any assistance in enrolling a list of subscribers we will be thankful. Possibly there are some of our little folks in every congregation who would like to do this important part in Jewish mission work. If so, please send your name and as large a list as you can. The price is 20 cents a year. The MESSENGER is also for our Jewish families. A donation of one dollar will send it to five homes. Five dollars will place it in twenty-five families.

**The First Three Days in Our New Mission Home.**

BY MR. MOSES GREENBERG.

The intensity of the heat undoubtedly prevented many of the friends of this work from being present at the re-opening of the mission on June 27th. A good number of Hebrews, however, filled the hall, listening attentively to those who participated in the exercises. Some, before they departed, expressed to us their thanks for the occasion, and promised to attend our meetings.

The front mission window is filled with open Bibles in Hebrew, Jewish, German, English, Russian, Roumanian, Polish and Hungarian. Around this window crowds of Hebrews often congregate and debate on the life and character and work of Jesus, and are at times quite audible at a distance. In the evening of the following day, the doors were first opened for regular work. A respectable audience soon filled the hall. The people were informed that Friday evenings will be devoted to answering reasonable questions concerning Christ and his religion. The invitation to ask questions was then extended to all present. The reply was, however, "We would rather hear you speak about Jesus than ask questions." After preaching a sermon, I answered several questions and distributed a quantity of evangelical literature in various languages, and closed the mission at 10.35.

Saturday at 2.30 P. M. the dispensary room was filled with men and women and their children. Soon Dr. Caldwell appeared. Mrs. Greenberg wrote down the names and seated the patients, and received others who came to the reading room. For a full hour we three were kept right busy; Dr. Caldwell treating patients, Mrs. Greenberg assisting, and I interpreting. At 4 P. M. the hall and pavement in front were filled with young and old, listening attentively to a sermon on Isa. 53.5. On Sabbath afternoon the services began with but a few persons. Speedily, however, not only the hall was filled with a respectable audience, but even the pavement was crowded with eager listeners.

Dr. J. C. McFeeters had been invited to preach in English at the evening meeting. As Mr. McFeeters had preached twice that day in his church, and as the heat was almost beyond endurance, he thought best to speak but a few minutes, and then let me take charge of the services in the Jewish tongue. But the mission, its pavement, and the street in front were so crowded with men, women and children, that Mr. McFeeters





MR AND MRS. GREENBERG, OUR MISSIONARIES.

lengthened his few remarks to about forty minutes. As nine o'clock had passed, I thought of concluding the meeting by singing a psalm, and requested Mr. McFeeters to dismiss with the benediction, but he urged me to continue and not lose such an opportunity to preach Christ to hungry souls, which I did for more than half an hour to eager listeners, declaring Jesus and His wonderful love to the children of men.

During the week nights from twenty to thirty came to spend their evenings at the mission, reading the Word of God or some evangelical literature.

Many thus have already in this place heard the preaching of the gospel. Others through the kindness of Dr. Caldwell have received both temporal and spiritual blessings. Others again, instead of spending their leisure hours in the coffee houses and pool rooms and other undesirable places, sit in a Christian mission and read Christian literature. What marvellous things indeed may we expect God to do for the church through this Jewish mission, if we as a church become truly interested in the children of Israel. What blessings are sure to come to the Covenanter people, if they faithfully support this work which has God's greatest missionary promise! And we feel that the missionary and his wife should have even now at least one competent assistant. Night after night and day after day this work declares to the Covenanter church that a wide and effectual door is opened in Philadelphia among the people for whom God has done marvellous things in all ages. It is God who is still saying to the church: "For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead."

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### THE LIGHT-HOUSE.

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In like manner, this mission to the children of Israel, is to be a light-house, lifting up the great light of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, that the people may see and escape the dangers that wreck so many lives. A human life is like a noble vessel at sea. Even the lowliest life is vastly superior to the best steamer on the ocean, in its extraordinary mechanism, its invaluable cargo, the wonderful voyage on which it moves with steady progress, and the mysterious haven whither bound. How sad to see so many such vessels rush upon the shoals of a shallow, selfish, sensual manner of living, and perish in sight of the port from which they started! And the rocks of sudden temptation, O how many are broken upon them, and sink to rise no more in



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this world! How important to have a light-house, which will shed light upon eyes that are looking, almost hopelessly looking, for rays of hope and cheer on the dark and storm-beaten seas! And could those who read this little magazine, see the mission filled twice each Sabbath day with earnest young men, all sons of Abraham, listening with fervent attention to the missionary as he preaches Christ, they would thank God with all their heart, that the Covenanter church has been privileged and honored with the work of building this light-house. We ask your prayers that many lives may thus be saved from the engulfing waves of eternal death.

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### THE COLLECTION.

Synod has appointed the 3rd Sabbath of September for the collection for the Jewish mission. No doubt our ministers on the Sabbath previous will call the attention of the people to this work of the Lord, and their privilege and duty of joining with the Lord in it. Throughout that week we earnestly ask the men, women and children of all our churches to keep the Hebrews in mind, search the scriptures for the promises relating to their conversion, and become informed concerning their present numbers, location, conditions and claims. Yea, we hope that such a healthful and exhilarating exercise of mind will not be postponed till that week; but oftimes will be found a pleasant diversion every week. May the Covenanters in all our churches arise on that Sabbath morning as in the presence of the exalted Lord, and with souls filled and fragrant with love and gratitude for the great salvation he has granted them, enter the sanctuary bearing this people on their hearts in prayer and persistent supplication.

Will not our church enter into this service with so much spirit and liberality that the effect will be like a voice of good cheer to these sons and daughters of Jacob, saying: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; Behold thy King cometh unto thee; He is just, and having salvation."

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
John 3:16.



## Thoughts on Christ.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD.

Your only errand to the world, is to woo Christ.

Go where you will, your soul shall not sleep sound but in the bosom of Christ.

I sought Him, and now, a fig for all the worm-eaten pleasures and moth-eaten glory out of heaven, since I have found Him.

Christ hath given me the marriage-kiss, and He hath my marriage-love.

Come hither, O Love of Christ, that I may once kiss Thee before I die.

Christ possessed by faith here, is young heaven and glory in the bud.

Oh, that I saw Him in the sweetness of His love, and in His marriage clothes.

Alas! my riven dish, and running out vessel can hold little of Christ Jesus!

Oh, if ye saw the beauty of Jesus, and smelled the fragrance of His love, ye would run through fire and water to be at Him.

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The friends whose subscriptions toward the mission building are yet unpaid, will please remit as soon as is convenient. These subscriptions were included in the statement elsewhere made: "The mission is practically free from debt." Four persons kindly agreed to unite in advancing the payment of all outstanding bills upon presentation, and await the receipt of these subscriptions for their reimbursement. We have confidence that they will not have a long time to wait.

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## The Scriptures on The Conversion of Israel.

**B**RETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. Rom. 10: 1.

For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh;

Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises.

Whose are the fathers, and of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. AMEN.

Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written: There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

For this is my covenant unto them when I shall take away their sins.—In Romans, 11th chapter.

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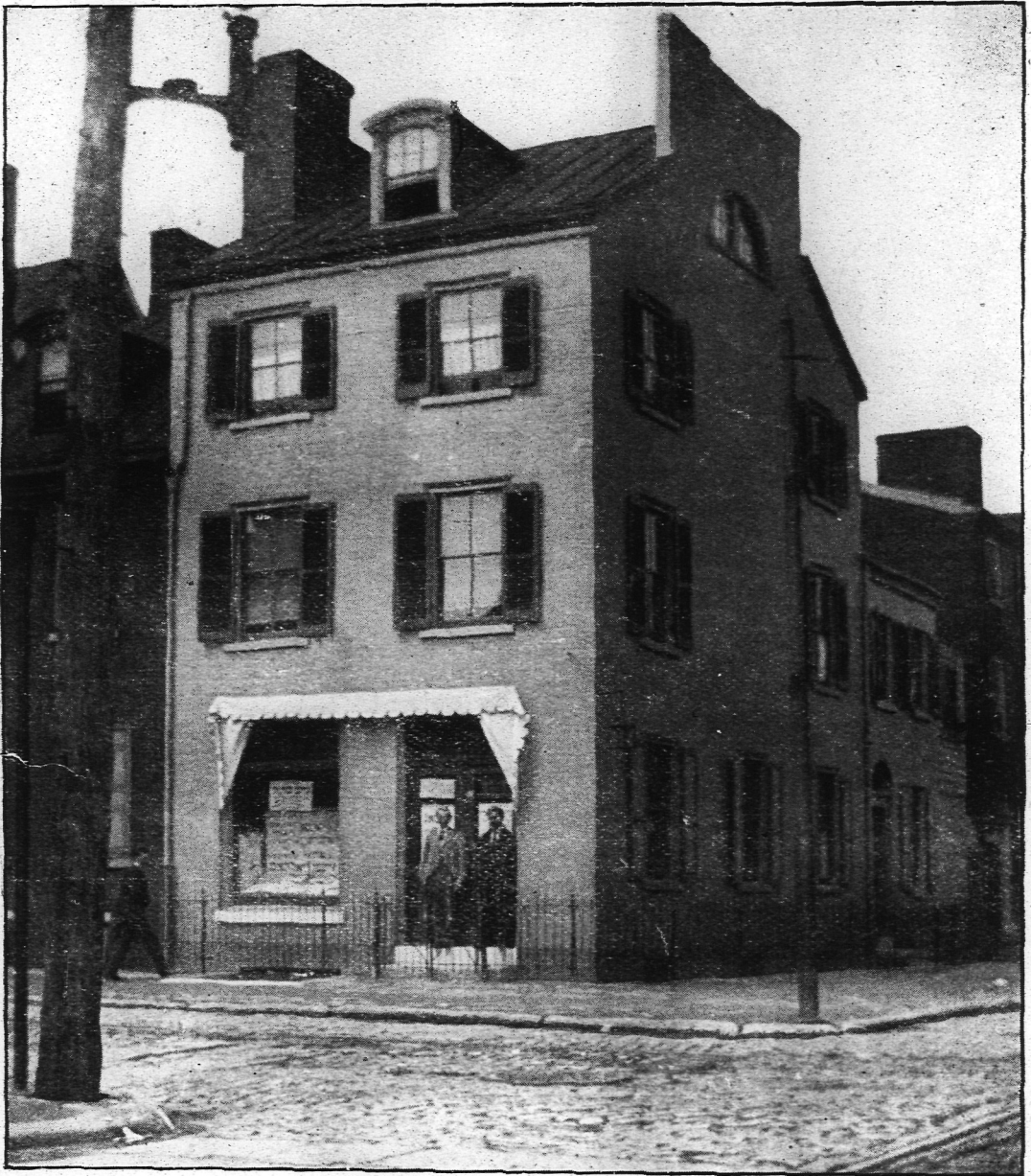
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## THE ISRAELITES, A STANDING MIRACLE.

For four thousand years the people of Israel have retained their race distinction over the whole world. They have been scattered among the nations, but have never lost their identity. A thousand rivers flow into the ocean, and every one of them becomes lost in the great body of waters; but this strong stream flows through all the seas of national life, and never intermingles or disappears. The old prophet of Midian had a clear vision of the character as well as the future of this remarkable race, when he said: "The people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations."

The Lord's purpose, in preserving his ancient people, and keeping them separate from all others, may be determined from his Word. We are not inclined to the belief that the prophecies indicate a literal return to the land of Canaan. The apostle Paul seemed to get a clearer and grander view; he saw the return of the Jews to their covenant Lord, in him to find all their inheritance, temporal, spiritual and eternal. Moreover, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that will bring them into the Christian church, will also suffuse and inflame them with the missionary spirit; and they will become the great instrumentality which God will use for the conversion of the world. Is not this what Paul means when he says: "For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead?"



MISSION BUILDING.



The Jews are now to be found in almost every city in the world. They are, in general, an educated people; thrifty and enterprising; have a vast amount of wealth; possess the Old Testament in their own language; retain the knowledge of God; and are looking for a Messiah to come. And when the Holy Spirit shall be poured out upon them, in conviction, conversion, and enlightenment, so as to bring them into living union and loving loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, then will our Lord have a new force of missionaries in every land, powerful in resources, excelling in noblest qualities, devoted and self-sacrificing in the vehemence of an all consuming love.

If this be God's plan as revealed in the Scriptures, then how important the evangelizing of the Jews? Our fathers prayed fervently that "the Jews might be called, and the fulness of the Gentiles brought in." No part of the work is more important than that of prayer. God alone can lift the veil of prejudice and unbelief from the heart, and he has covenanted to do this part of the work; yea, even give a new heart. May we not be near the latter days when the promise shall be verified? The prayers of the Church are earnestly requested for this mission.

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### REVIEW OF THE WORK.

The work of the Mission in its new home at 800 South Fifth street, began in the last of June with fair prospects. The house was complete from cellar to attic, and sufficiently furnished for all intended purposes. The appearance was that of newness, neatness and sweetness. Mr. William Steel and sons, who had the work of alterations and renovation in charge deserve more than mention. Our missionary and his devoted wife were greatly delighted and encouraged as they entered upon the realization of their hope and ours, in the possession of a mission building in the midst of a Jewish community. For about six weeks the interest and attendance continued to increase, until the audience

room was well filled, while a hesitating crowd thronged the doors and the street in front. The meetings, weekdays and Sabbath days were well attended; and many at each service gave earnest heed to the things that were spoken from the Word. It did appear that the Lord, by his Holy Spirit was working upon the hearts of these young men, the sons of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And who can tell how many saw the first gleams of the true light!

Then came a sudden and painful reaction. From the first, some boys on the street had tried to amuse themselves at the expense of the mission and missionaries, but now the mob began to collect at the door, at each meeting, making it well nigh impossible for any to pass in or out; such as made the attempt did it at the risk of insult and worse. A mischievous leader harangued the people on the street on several Sabbath evenings, inciting them to violence. The officers finally arrested the leader and dispersed the crowd that collected around him; yet a turbulent throng still persisted in keeping up the trouble at the door. We cannot say that we have the sympathy of the city officials.

The committee in charge of the mission appointed a door-keeper, since which time peace and good order have prevailed. During all this disturbance our missionaries continued to keep the house open, and were ever in their place for all appointed services. Their courage and wisdom were greatly tried, but in God they were sufficient; as their day, so was their strength. The Lord sustained them and preserved them from those who in the spirit of revenge could have injured them.

Satan has spent the strength of his first storm on this new citadel of Christ, because he sees its importance and surmises its blessed future. We may expect his rage to grow as he sees his time over Israel will be short; but he is under divine control.

The work is resuming its first vigor and thriftiness. The number at the meetings is steadily growing, and soon we expect



DOOR AND WINDOW IN THE MISSION BUILDING.

again to see the house filled at each service. The Lord grant it, for the work is his own, and for his glory in the redemption of the souls, upon whom his blood was imprecated and for whom he prayed; "Father, forgive them." He who turned the storm into a calm on Galilee, has renewed the miracle here in a moral way. May the Lord give his four angels charge that they hold the four winds of the earth, "till the servants of our God be sealed on their foreheads."



### A CASE AT COURT.

Among other efforts to harass the mission, and involve our missionaries in expense and humiliation, was an attempt to compel Mr. Greenberg to make a weekly payment for the support of his father, who is yet scarcely past the prime of life, and besides, is the husband of the third wife, who is not our missionary's mother. The judge after patiently hearing the case, which had been twice postponed for the sake of the other party, gave the decision that "he absolutely declined to give an order on Mr. Greenberg in favor of the father." Thus through the kindness of our Lord, who guides all our affairs in his wisdom, the mission and missionary were saved from the sad necessity of paying tribute to our adversaries; not the parents so much as the shrewd and revengeful advisers who fear the effects of the mission on the Jewish community, and have therefore used the father to accomplish their designs for its overthrow.

Mr. Greenberg continues his prayers and labors on behalf of his father's house that they all may be saved in our Lord Jesus Christ. Will the Church also bear this family before the Throne, that they may be brought into the Kingdom?

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### A MISSION UNIQUE AMONG MISSIONS.

The mission to the Hebrew people cannot be regarded otherwise than most interesting. The peculiarities of this race, their covenant relation to God, their position among the nations, their wonderful history, their future lighted up with the sure word of prophecy, all make the work of the Gospel among them most remarkable, stimulating profound thought, and awakening the highest expectations.

In this work a strong appeal is made to our sense of gratitude. From these people the Gospel came to us. From us, who enjoy its blessings so freely it must go back to them; and



SCENE ON SOUTH STREET NEAR THE MISSION.

from them again it shall go forth to all the world. This appears to be the revealed plan of God, who has lifted the veil partially from off the mystery.

Paul addressing the Gentiles, says: "For as ye in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy, by their disobedience, even so have these also now been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you, they also may now obtain mercy." Rom. II: 30-31.

Viewed in this light, mission work to this people is not only a duty, but a debt; a debt to be felt and to be paid by all

who have enjoyed the peace and comfort of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Sympathy may and ought to awaken the liveliest interest in every other mission; but in the mission to the Jews to sympathy is added a sense of great indebtedness. To the Hebrews we are under a bond of debt, which we should openly acknowledge, and as far as possible refund. Evangelical honesty requires full payment.

Besides, the conversion of the Hebrews appears from Scripture to be the hope of the world under Christ. "What shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead?" Life for a dead world! "For I would not brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." The fulness of the Gentiles! What is this fulness? Referring to Luke 21: 24, we find that our Lord declares that Jerusalem shall be trodden under foot until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. The era of the nations with their immoral governments is fixed in the divine plan. At the close of this period, when the nations that have persisted in rebellion against God and his anointed Son shall be broken as an earthen vessel, the Israelites shall receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that shall not merely bring them into the Christian church, but will turn them into earnest and efficient missionaries all over the world. As the time is evidently drawing nigh when the nations shall reach their crisis, should not we strive with all our might to shed the light of the Gospel upon this remnant of the Lord's ancient people? While devoted to all other missions, let us give this one its proper place among the others.





A JEWISH SYNAGOGUE IN THE MISSION NEIGHBORHOOD.

## INCIDENTS IN THE MISSION.

### A Praying Girl.

A little girl in the Sewing Class looked up in her teacher's face one day and enquired with great earnestness; "Mrs. Greenberg, did you not tell us that it was right to pray to Jesus?" "Yes," said Mrs. Greenberg. "Why do you ask me?"

"I knew you told us to pray," said the girl, "and I have been following your advice. I pray to Jesus when I go to bed;

and I sit up in bed and pray, but my sister scoffs at me, and calls to the others at home to look at me praying. It is so hard but I will still pray."

"My dear girl, you are right," said her teacher. "From Jesus you get all the good things you have, and from him you can get eternal life. Be not afraid to pray to him. If you are reproached for his sake you are a happy child. He will comfort your troubled heart. You can lie down in peace and sleep under his care."

The little girl felt strengthened, and the lesson was deeply impressed on the entire class.

### **The Lost Bible.**

Annie was a bright and lovely scholar in the Sewing Class. She had received the Bible as a present, which she loved to read. But her people at home objected to her having a Bible containing the New Testament. They tried to persuade her not to read it lest she should become a Christian; then they ridiculed her; then they threatened and became unkind. But she loved her Bible all the more; for just as they grew unkind to her, she seemed to find it more precious to her soul. She knew if they could get it they would destroy it, therefore she always would hide it or carry it about with her.

One day, having hid it as usual, she went to the place to get it, but it was gone. They had found it and had taken it away. She was greatly distressed, and came to Mrs. Greenberg with her sad story. Mrs. Greenberg said: "You shall have another Bible." The thankful girl said that she found her her greatest pleasure in it. "Others go to theatres," said she "and to dances, and entertainments, but I want only to read my Bible. I care nothing for any of these places."

The girl soon had to leave her home. She found a place in a wealthy family as a companion for the children, whom she taught to read the Word and sing the Psalms. The little

missionary is already at work. Only at the final Judgment will be seen the results that issue from the small beginnings of Gospel work. The little seed grows into a tree.

#### **A Mission Scholar's Testimony.**

As two of the Sewing girls were going home from the mission they were followed by a man who thought that duty required him to report to their parents where they had been. Coming to the home where one of them lived, they both went in; and soon afterward came the man. He said, in excitement, to the mother, "Do you know where these children have been? They have just come from the Christian Mission. Do you know what they teach there? Why it is a bad place, your daughter will be destroyed. They are bad people. They teach the worst things. Why, look here at the kind of a place it is." And he drew from his pocket a roll of dailies and read from them the bad reports the Jews had published about the mission. Then he said, "I must go over to this girl's mother and tell her 'also,'" referring to the girl who had accompanied her friend to the house.

"You need not mind going to tell my mother what you have told here," said the girl. "You may deceive these people, but you need not tell me that the mission is a bad place, or the missionaries are bad people, or that what they teach is bad; I have been there too many years to believe what you say; I know all about it. It is good; the people are good, and they never taught me anything but good."

The man did not go to see this girl's mother. Her courageous testimony was too much for him.

#### **A Kind Wish.**

"Are you going to the Jesus place?" said one of the Jews to a girl on her way to the mission. He was an aged man, grave and dignified in his appearance, an orthodox Israelite. He was



displeased with the influence the mission was having over the young people, and he spoke the words with utmost scorn.

“Yes,” was the reply, with grace and a sense of holy independence. “I am going to the place where they teach about Jesus, and I only wish that you were as good as Jesus was.”

### **The Bible Gives Pleasure.**

An old lady was observed to be coming quite regularly to the mission and listening with manifest interest to the reading of the Word, and the preaching as Mr. Greenberg discoursed concerning Christ in her own language. One evening Mr. Greenberg had an opportunity to converse with her concerning the state of her soul, and was surprised at her expression of the pleasure she had in hearing the Scriptures read and expounded. We cannot doubt but the Holy Spirit was in that heart applying the truth and awakening the fountains of eternal comfort.

### **A Psalm Singer.**

At one of the recent services, a young man was observed to be singing most heartily all the Psalms that were announced. His rich melodious voice resounded through the house. He was at sight an interesting character. After the service we made our way to him and enquired concerning his religious life. He at once revealed the fact that he was no stranger to Christianity, and yet not a believer.

“I have read the Bible four times over from Genesis to Revelation,” said he. “I am inclined toward the new religion, but am not yet sure it is right. I want to know. I am open to receive the light.”

“You are on the right way,” we replied. “Read your Bible, and keep your heart open to the Holy Spirit and you shall receive the light. Pray to your Heavenly Father, and through his Son, Jesus Christ, and you will be brought into the light. The promise is sure. He that calleth on the name of the Lord shall be saved. You seem to be familiar with the Psalms.”

“I never saw them before,” he replied. “I never sang them until to-night.”

“These are the Psalms God gave to his Church by David, King of Israel, and all the churches should sing them,” we replied.

“But,” added the young man, “you said one thing to-night that I did not like. You said that you were as sure the Messiah had come, and Jesus was the Messiah, as that the stars were shining overhead, or the sun would rise to-morrow. I am not sure the sun will rise to-morrow.”

“Look at Revelation, 20th chapter, and you will find that our world will have 1000 years of blessedness before the end. The sun will rise to-morrow.” we replied. “I will go home,” said he, “and search my Bible.”

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### A WEEK'S WORK.

Sabbath.—Sabbath School, 2.30 P. M.

Hebrew Service, 4 P. M.

Hebrew and English Service, 8 P. M.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Night School, 8 P. M.

Tuesday and Thursday, Dispensary, 2 P. M.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Reading Room, 6 P. M.

Friday, Inquiry Meeting, 8 P. M.

Saturday, Hebrew Service, 4 P. M.

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### THE HEBREW MESSENGER.

Thanks to the kind friends who have given it a cordial welcome and much encouragement. We trust it will ever do good, and never harm to this mission and every other, sustained by the Church of the Covenanters, and even beyond as far as it is able to reach. May we not reasonably expect the circulation to extend till all who are interested in the work among the Hebrews

receive it in their homes as a welcome guest? We shall be under obligation to any one who seeks its welfare by securing subscriptions and enlarging its usefulness.

### THE LORD PROVIDES.

The Rev. John Wilkinson, of the Mildmay Mission, London, having in contemplation a medical department in the work he was conducting, estimated the cost at \$2,500. For carrying out his design he speedily raised \$1,500 by donations. But there the oil stayed; the donations ceased. One evening as he was addressing the meeting, the thought occurred to him that there might be some one present who would be pleased to contribute help to the cause he had so much at heart. He mentioned the enterprise of mercy in which he was engaged. That night while waiting at the station for his train homeward, a lady came to him saying: "I am interested in your work. It is so Christlike. Christ was a medical missionary." She gave him a check for \$1000. The work has been established.

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### CONTRIBUTIONS.

The friends who contribute money or goods directly to the mission will, besides the reply by mail, see an acknowledgement of their gifts in the *QUARTERLY*, each opposite the number which shall represent the name in the Secretary's book, and of which they shall be informed.

No. 1, Pittsburgh, \$25.00.

No. 2, Philadelphia, supply of dry goods for Sewing Class.

No. 3, Blanchard, box of clothing, etc.



### THE THREE FEASTS.

The seventh month of the ecclesiastical year of the Hebrews is Tishri, (September—October) which is also the first month of their civil year.

When Israel's commonwealth and temple existed, it was in this month that the Sabbatical year commenced. The year of Jubilee also proclaimed liberty to the slave on the tenth day thereof. The three renowned festivals were, and still are, observed by Israel during this month.

First.—The Civil New Year Festival. In the time of yore it began on the first of the month and lasted one day. At present nearly all the orthodox Jews celebrate it during two days. In the Bible it is denominated "The remembrance of blowing the trumpets;" and "A day of blowing the trumpets." (Lev. 23-24; Numb. 29-1.) Three kinds of sacrifices were offered at the "Feast of Trumpets;" the daily sacrifices, the new moon sacrifices being always on the first of the month, and the special sacrifices for the occasion. At present the Hebrews call the festival "New Year," and "Day of Judgment." The rabbis teach that at this feast, God judges the world. On both these days the adherents of the Synagogue crowd their houses of worship from 7 a. m. till 1 or 2 p. m. No food of any kind is eaten on these days until the people return home from their services. At a certain time during the services the horn is blown. The Jews at present have no sacrifices in their worship. Therefore have the rabbis substituted in their liturgy, instead of the sacrifices, "that God is pleased with repentance, prayer and almsgiving."

Second.—The Day of Atonement. Nine days after the civil "New Year," the great and awful" day of atonement comes. The whole of the 16th chapter of Leviticus and many other portions of the Word of God relate to us how Israel was required to observe this day. Instead of the appointed sacrifices, orthodox Judaism now commands that a cock be provided for every male in the family; and for every female, a hen.

On the evening before the "Day of Atonement," each member of the family sways over his or her head the cock or hen, and repeats in Hebrew, while swinging the fowl, Psalm

107, verses 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and Job 33: 23. After repeating the Scripture passages the following prayer is offered: "This is my commutation. This is my substitute. This cock goes to death but may I be gathered and enter into a happy and long life and into peace."

On the evening of September 23rd, the synagogues in our vicinity were crowded with men, women, and boys of over thirteen years of age. For twenty-four hours no food or water was tasted. All business was suspended. It was as quiet in the Ghetto on this day as any Puritan Sabbath. Once during the services the horn is sounded.

Third.—The Feast of Tabernacles. Five days after the "Atonement Day" this festival comes. It is called "The Feast of Booths;" "The Feast of Ingathering;" "The Feast of Jehovah;" and, "The Feast." More sacrifices were offered at this festival than on any other occasion. The number of sacrifices amounted to 183. It lasts at present seven days. The day following is called "The Concluding Day;" and the day after that is celebrated as the Day of the Rejoicing of the Law." For the first two days no work is done. The synagogues are not as well attended as at the former festivals, although special services are conducted morning and evening. The other four days are known as middle days, John 7; 14. The seventh day is called "The Day of Willows," or "The Great Hosannah Day," John 7; 37. For this feast booths are constructed, having roofs covered with straw or green branches and leaves.

During the seven days the meals are eaten in the booths. Four species of fruits are tied together. (Lev. 23; 39, 40,) and a special prayer is offered during the seven days of the feast over the fruit by members of the family.

For centuries this month with its festivals has stood, and still stands, as an immovable witness to the verity of the Word of God.

The survival of Israel's race, and their present observance of these festivals, corroborate the fact, that there is a Supreme Being, who has made a revelation of himself, and of salvation through the sacrifice of his Son Jesus Christ, and that his Word is intact. There is One who by his atonement and sacrifice liberates all who believe in him.—MOSES GREENBERG.

## Thoughts on Christ.

ISAAC AMBROSE.

To know Jesus Christ in every part and point, whether in his birth, or life, or death, this is saving knowledge.

O, stand not upon cost, whether pains or study, tears or prayers, peace or wealth, goods or name, life or liberty ; sell all for this pearl.

Christ is of such worth and use that thou canst not over buy him, though thou gavest thyself and all the world for him.

Ah ! what flames of divine affection, what raptures of zeal, what ravishments of delight, what ecstasies of obedience, can be enough for my blessed God and dearest Redeemer ?

Oh ! the worth of Christ ! Compare we other things with Christ, and they will bear no weight at all. Cast into the scales with him angels ; they are wise, but he is wisdom. Cast into the balances with him men ; they are liars, but he is the faithful Witness. Cast in kings in all their glory ; he is the King of kings. Cast into the scales millions of talent's weight of glory ; cast in two worlds, and add to the weight millions of heavens of heavens, and the scales cannot down. Christ outweighs all.

What is heaven but to be with Christ ?

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## A Request for Prayer.

Inasmuch as the Lord has promised to take away the veil from the hearts of these benighted people, and bring them into his marvellous light; and as his work can succeed, not by human might or wisdom, but by the Holy Spirit, we earnestly ask for the fervent and continuous prayers of the church on behalf of this mission. Let the old and young join in urging their petitions at the throne of grace, and we may confidently expect an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our missionaries and their work, resulting in the salvation of souls and glory to God.

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## Which will You Choose?

### Blessings.

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and over take thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

Blessed shalt be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep,

Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store,

Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy store-houses, and in all that thou setteth thine hand unto.

### Curses.

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee :

Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field, cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

The Lord shall send upon thee cursings, vexation and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do.

Deuteronomy, 28th Chapter.

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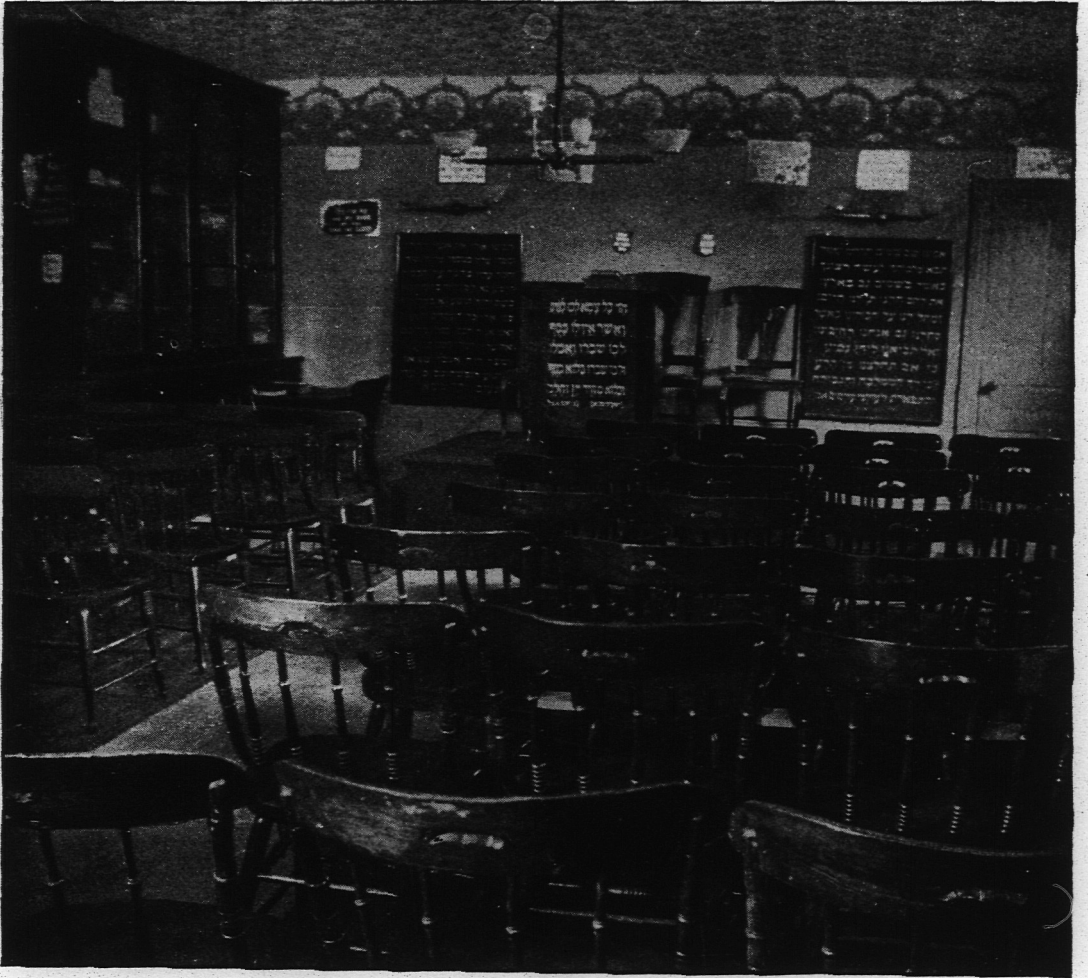
## THE TRUE MOTIVE IN MISSION WORK.

Love to God, the highest motive that prompts to action, should be pre-eminent in all human effort, especially in mission work. Other motives may enter in—love of duty, love for souls, love to the church; but love to God should arise above all other promptings, outshining and concealing them, as the sun outshines the stars and conceals them within its brilliancy.

The glory of God should be the first and last and constant object in view in all work done in the church everywhere, yea in the whole sphere of life. Not great effort, not brilliant action, not adaptation of means to ends as the mind of man may judge, but the manifestation of God's presence and power should be the steady aim of the worker. Salvation is God's work and he will not let the glory rest on the means or the laborers. He will not give his glory to another.

However, this will not permit any degree of indolence, but requires the very opposite. The servant of God must in the spirit of humility use all diligence in the administration of the plain, simple and unsupplemented ordinances of grace. Then may he look for the Lord to come in his power, and carry the honest efforts into effect upon the hearts of the hearers, in such a manner that all shall see that the work is of God.

The preaching of the Word is the most powerful means employed of God for the conversion of souls. But even this is so



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unequal to the stupendous results intended—the resurrection and transformation of souls—that the apostle Paul admits that it appears as “foolishness.” Thus will God compel all to see that the “excellence of the power” is in himself and not in men.

The Word being preached in truth and in faith, then is it our privilege to wait and see the “salvation of the Lord.” We may confidently expect him to come forth and do his part of the work in such a manner that he shall have all the glory. We may pray with assurance that our eyes shall see a striking display of divine glory in the redemption of souls, the enlargement of the church, the support of believers, and even the overthrow of the ungodly.

Our missionaries, while using the appointed means in humility and with diligence, earnestly desire the church to pray without ceasing, that the Lord may come to each service and do his own work and bear the glory.

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### **JEWISH MISSION WORK DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS.**

MOSES GREENBERG.

Twenty-five bright girls have gathered around Mrs. Greenberg on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p. m. The hours in the sewing school are equally divided between religious and secular instructions.

Many a girl has thus become acquainted with the life and teachings of Jesus. The attendance in the Sabbath School during the past three months was twenty-six boys and girls. Many of the scholars long before the mission doors open beleaguer the mission.

The mission children come from ten families who are adherents of the mission. Some of these families have been sending their little ones since 1894. Several members representing three families have attended the Sabbath evening services. The increase of the night school is so great that unless a well qualified



helper will be added to the present force of workers the mission doors will have to be closed to many young men and women. The night scholars gather on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the mission hall, sometimes before they are arranged into classes, to spend their leisure time in reading Christian literature. A class of earnest and bright young men have been coming on Friday evenings to ask questions concerning the Christian religion.

Our beloved physician, Dr. Alexander Caldwell, has treated during the past three months 179 patients. Dr. Caldwell comes every Tuesday and Saturday, from 3 to 4 p. m., to the mission dispensary. Heat and cold, snow and rain do not prevent him from being at his post. His patience in treating the patients is beyond description. His kindness to the people makes him to be loved by all.

Through his noble work a whole family of seven members were added to the mission adherents.

As the mission hall is not large enough to accommodate all the classes of the night school the dispensary room is therefore used by Mrs. Greenberg for a class numbering twenty young men and women. A spacious room on the second floor is being used for the sewing school.

In addition to visiting a great number of stores, restaurants, coffee houses, hotels, pool rooms, barber shops, and cellars where rags are assorted, 210 private houses have been visited by me. The following literature was distributed during the past three months: Jewish, 700 evangelical papers, 175 portions of the New Testament, 80 New Testaments; in Hebrew, 11 Bibles, 30 New Testaments, 60 portions of the New Testament; in English, 18 Bibles, 15 New Testaments and 30 portions of the Old and New Testaments; in German, 6 Bibles, 9 New Testaments; in Russian, 2 New Testaments and 13 portions of the New Testament; in Roumanian, 2 New Testaments. We also distributed a great quantity of tracts and leaflets in Yodish, Hebrew, German, English and Russian.

We have been visited by 165 Hebrews in day time. Some of these visitors were relieved temporally; others were specially interviewed; others again came for counsel concerning various matters.

There is not another Jewish Mission in this city whose revenue is similar to the "Mission of the Covenant to Israel," that is doing so much work and good as the Philadelphia Jewish Mission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. These words we utter in all humility and sincerity. And it is only the limitation of means that causes the work not to make greater progress than it does. The work in this Mission is not to be judged by its number of services on the Sabbath, or by the baptisms it may be able to report. Its success should rather be estimated by the vast amount of truth it infuses into the hearts of those with whom it comes in contact.

The Christian should count it a great blessing and joy to be permitted to do good to the people that have done more for him than tongue can tell or mind conceive. We are persuaded that this Mission is worthy of the highest attention of our people, of their earnest prayer and their gracious liberality. The contributions to it should far exceed the sum designated by Synod. The work increases daily, and it is to the people of God that we look for an increase in interest and liberality.

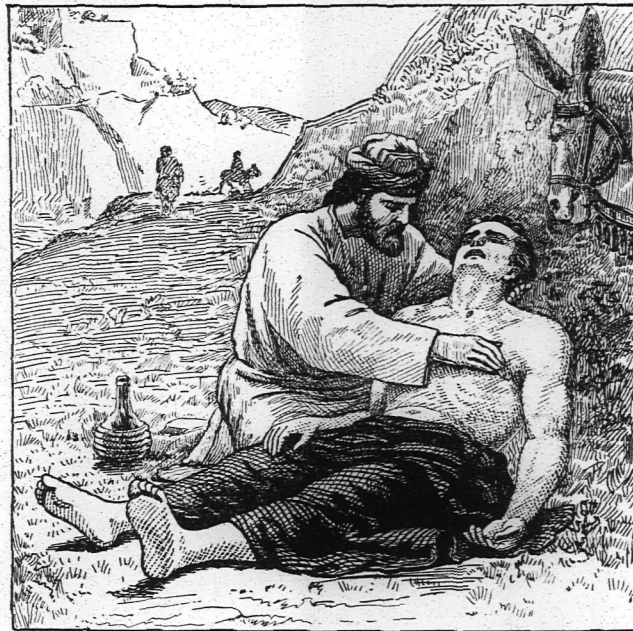
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### THE NEW YEAR.

Each year as it comes should be the best. Time itself is nothing, and contains nothing. We enter it as a man enters a desert. If he take with him efficient means and rich resources he will make the desert flow with artesian wells, bloom with gardens, and rejoice with teeming life. If he go impoverished, he may eke out a doleful existence. He who has been accumulating large spiritual and mental gains, who has rich resources of

thought and experience, who has abounding faith and hope and zeal, can enter 1902 with the assurance that it will be the best year of life up to date. That person stands on vantage ground higher than ever before, and is prepared for glorifying God and enjoying him above all in the past. And as God is faithful in his covenant to his people, and is ever ready to grant them according to their ability to receive, and employ, and enjoy, they shall not be disappointed. Having ample resources within their souls, as they are in Christ, circumstances and surroundings will not seriously affect their success or happiness. Likewise with enlarged experience and facilities, and we trust, an increase of divine favor, we expect the Mission to find this its best year.

#### THE GOOD SAMARITAN.



Nothing touches a more tender cord in the human heart than assistance rendered voluntarily to those who are in distress. An eminent woman in Paris received a telegram from America



that a lady was lying in a hospital in that city, having been overtaken with a severe illness while on a tour. On receipt of the dispatch she hastened to the hospital, found the lonely patient, waited on her with all the affectionate interest of a true sister, and filled, as well as she could, the place of the loved ones who were far away, till death came. How sweet the life that thus gives itself up to the service of others!

The people to whom this Mission offers help are in great spiritual distress. The opportunity to offer help is afforded to all who will. No thoughtful mind can view these perishing sons and daughters of Abraham without a keen sense of anguish and an earnest effort to bring to them the all-sufficient help of Christ. Praise for the promises of God to the Israelites and prayer for their fulfilment, and contributions toward the financial support of the Mission, are among the services which all can render to these people whose eternal welfare we seek.

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### FIGURES.

The following are found in the *Missions to Jews*, by Rev. W. T. Gidney, M. A.:

Estimated Jewish population, 9,066,566. This is almost the same as in the days of King David, when the nation was near the zenith of its greatness.

Jews in Europe, 7,701,000; Asia, 260,000; Africa, 318,000; America, 772,000; Australasia, 15,000.

More than 250,000 copies of the New Testament, and more than 630,000 copies (or parts) of the Old Testament, and nearly 5,000,000 missionary publications have been placed in the hands of the Jews.

It is claimed that no fewer than 100,000 Jews have embraced Christianity during the past century, and that the work of conversion is going on at present at the rate of 1000 a year at least.

In Europe there are more than 600 Gospel ministers who have been converted from Judaism, and of these over 350 preach to congregations of God's people in Great Britain.

Missionaries testify that there are a great number of Jews who believe in our Lord, but through fear of persecution do not publicly confess him by baptism. Like Nicodemus of old, they come to Jesus as it were "by night."

There are about 250 missionaries to the 9,000,000 Jews.

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### JERUSALEM.

The population of Jerusalem at present is nearly 50,000, of which about 30,000 are Israelites, and 9,000 Christians. Thus, when numbers are considered, it is a Jewish city yet. Extensive mission work is being carried forward in this city, and throughout Palestine, by the "London Society for Promoting Christianity Among the Jews." They have built a church on Mount Zion, in which morning and evening services are held in English, besides the services in Hebrew and German. Every morning a service of prayer is held in Hebrew. Five hundred and sixty-five persons up to 1897 were baptized, in which year there were seventeen baptisms. There are fifty-two missionaries laboring in Jerusalem and throughout Palestine. The missionary establishment in the city includes the church, hospital, boys' school, girls' school, college, House of Industry, Jewesses' Institution, Society's House, Training Hostel, and other institutions. Such a strong force of missionaries with these organizations and advantages is sure, by the blessing of God, to make great changes in this historical city and surrounding country. The energy and success already manifest would seem to indicate that God is soon to fulfill his promise, so pathetically expressed by the sacred poet:

"Thou shalt arise and mercy yet  
Thou to Mount Zion shalt extend:  
Her time for favor which was set,  
Behold is now come to an end."

One lady, (who might well be called, Elect Lady,) donated not less than \$300,000 for this work among the Jews.

Great material changes also are taking place in Palestine. The hills echo the screech of the locomotive; an electric light illuminates the Damascus Gate; a telegraph pole stands beside Jacob's well; a steam mill sends its white puffs over Nazareth. Behold what our Mediatorial Lord and King is doing for the land in which he lived and died and rose again.

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### RISE, DAUGHTER OF ZION.

"Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee," Matthew 21: 5.

Rise, daughter of Zion: He calleth to thee;  
Thy day is at hand, to be happy and free.  
Disconsolate long in thy sorrows and tears,  
The bright star of hope in the distance appears.

Rise, daughter of Zion: no longer recline;  
A cup overflowing with mercies is thine.  
Its sweetness partake, as it comes from above;  
The pledge of abiding and infinite love.

Rise, daughter of Zion: the brethren among;  
The Lord, thy Redeemer, is mighty and strong.  
The way to the land of thy fathers is clear;  
The joy and the glory of Israel is near.

Rise, daughter of Zion: the mist steals away;  
The voice of thy prophets believing obey.  
Go forth in thy gladness thy Lord to receive,  
And garlands of beauty to welcome Him weave.

Rise, daughter of Zion: He calls as of yore;  
His long suffering patience exalt and adore.  
Return to thy rest—the inheritance given,  
And joy 'neath the reign of the Kingdom of Heaven.

James N. Downie, Downieville, Pa., Dec. 24, 1901.



### THE ANNIVERSARY.

The mission anniversary was held this year on the evening of January 14th. The evening was fine and favorable, and Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg were in excellent spirits. Quite a number of Covenanters were present from our churches; the room was filled with interesting young men and women and happy children. The singing of Psalms and offering of prayer occupied the first part of the program. Then came the children, under the guidance of Mr. Greenberg, with their recitations and songs, even the little tots making their bow, saying something good and witty, and adding their mite to the entertainment. Every one had a part to take in the exercises, and we are sure that when, in the years to come, they take hold of the great tasks of life, and win success, that may make them famous in the world, they will not feel a deeper joy or a keener sense of having done something of importance. And it is just as certain that future success will be all the easier and the joy will be all the greater because of what they did this night, and of what they get in this mission. Mrs. Greenberg, Miss Jane Peoples, Miss Minnie McCready, Elder W. I. Ferguson, Dr. S. A. S. Metheny and Mr. Daniel Fleming added to the pleasure and profitableness of the evening by contributing a reading, a recitation, songs and addresses. Toward the close, a beautiful teachers' Bible, the gift of Miss Sarah Ewing, Clarinda, Iowa, was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Greenbusg, who were much affected by the pleasant surprise. Mr. Greenberg, in replying, spoke very earnestly concerning the mission and the kindness of the Covenanter Church to the Jews' and the many reasons why those Jews who were listening to his voice ought to be thankful for such a mission. The distribution of candy was the sweet ending of a memorable evening.

800 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

January 1st, 1902.

To the Editor of the *Hebrew Messenger*.

Dear Friend:—Kindly oblige and permit us to express our many thanks to the generous friends who remembered the poor of the mission with clothing, shoes, material for the sewing school, dried fruit, potatoes and groceries.

The Ladies' Missionary Society from Slippery Rock congregation, Rev. J. R. Latimer, pastor, sent a barrel well-filled with fruits, potatoes, and very useful and valuable materials for the sewing school.

Two cases with new clothing, shoes and underwear from Hannibal, Iowa, reached the mission Dec. 23d, 1901. The Christian Endeavor Society from the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Newburgh, N. Y., Rev. Mr. Carlisle, pastor, gladdened the hearts of the mission children with their box of toys, clothing and sewing school goods.

The Mother's Christian Endeavor Society of The First Church of the Covenanters, of this city, cheered up ten families by sending on Christmas eve a basket of groceries to each family. Three noble ladies from the Second Church of the Covenanters surprised us a day before New Year's with two boxes well filled with groceries, etc., etc., to be distributed among the poor on New Year's. All these gifts brought joy to the recipients.

What a pleasure it was to see the dear little cheeks flush with gladness and happiness when they departed home with their donations during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's. Many a father and mother, boy and girl will bless the benevolent men and women for their kind deeds to them.

Every petticoat, apron and dress made in the sewing school will remind the little girls of the temporal as well as spiritual interest our people have in them. If the donors had witnessed on Christmas eve one of our Sabbath School scholars coming to the

mission with his feet almost bare, and going away with a new pair of shoes, undoubtedly they would have exclaimed "It is more blessed to give than to receive!"

Helping the poor and needy, if managed properly, can do more to soften the hardest hearts toward Christ than all erudition and eloquence. It is next to prayer. It frequently preaches the most impressive sermon. It was practiced by Christ and his apostles. We therefore express our many thanks to the noble men and women who remembered the poor with whom we come in contact. We wish them all a blessed and happy year, both in their homes and churches.

Sincerely yours,

MOSES GREENBERG.

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### THE SICK ROOM.

The sick room is a place of deep and pathetic interest. The helpless sufferer waiting for the recovery of health, or it may be for the hour of death, awakens sympathy in all thoughtful hearts. How strangely varied the emotions aroused by different cases. Where we find faith in Jesus and patient resignation to his will, sickness can be viewed, and even death, as having a heavenly light falling over it. But without the hope of salvation the loss of health and the approach of death are appalling to behold.

Duty once called us to the home of a wealthy Jew. The parlor was the scene of comfort and elegance. Carpets, furniture, paintings and curios were so rich and costly that one might feel bewildered within such surroundings. But a chill ran through every vein, when a friend told us that an old lady who had lived without Christ was lying there in a room nigh unto death. We thought, how could an old mother leave such an elegant home without hope?



Our missionaries find other homes which are the very opposite in comfort and character. Once they were called before day dawn to visit a poor young mother. They went to the house, found the woman and her husband in a little room just large



enough for the bed, the stove, a table and a chair. She lay on the hard bed without a mattress, with only a sheet over her. The day was cold, and there was no fire. The babe lay close by the

mother wrapped in an old piece of tablecloth. No food was in the house. Mr. Greenberg went immediately for Dr. Caldwell; then he bought food and brought it to the house. Mrs. Greenberg in the meanwhile brought her own goods and with them covered the mother and her babe; she also quickly prepared the necessary nourishment for the weak and hungry woman. But with all their kindness the babe, after a few days, died, and not long afterward the mother followed her infant. The husband is a man of culture, with a fine education, but having come from Russia but a short time previous he had not been able to find work.

To bring light and comfort to such homes this mission has been established, and the missionaries in carrying forward this good work are not merely diligent, but self-sacrificing.

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## INCIDENTS.

### CHILDREN COMFORTED.

When the Jews put Christ to death they cried out: "His blood be upon us and our children." It is not uncommon in our day to hear on the streets unkind voices crying out at the Jews: "There go the Christ-killers." Thus the living generation suffers the reproach and infamy imprecated by the guilty fathers upon themselves and their posterity.

One day some of the dear little children came to Mr. Greenberg and asked why the people called them "Christ-killers." They felt greatly aggrieved, but he soothed their hearts by telling them, that, though their forefathers were angry with Jesus, and had unjustly put him to death, yet he died of his own free will, to take away sin. God appointed him for a sacrifice; and if we believe on him, his blood which our forefathers have shed in their ignorance, will save us from eternal death.

Mr. Greenberg had a good opportunity for enlightening and consoling the young hearts that were saddened and shamed

with the great calamity that had fallen upon them through the awful crime committed nearly two thousand years ago.

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### IN THE HOME.

Many Jewish families crowd into houses till every room is filled with inmates. Perhaps a whole family will be found in a room. Mr. Greenberg visits them, and tells them in their home about the Lord Jesus and salvation.

At one time he came into a large and dingy house where he found some women and children. He gave them his card and some tracts, and told about the work he was doing. They were deeply interested. The door of the hallway being open, other women dwelling in the same house came softly in to hear what was being said. The room was soon filled and Mr. Greenberg had an audience before him to whom he addressed the words of eternal life. He could hear them say lowly to each other: "He may be right, and we wrong." With deep interest they would linger for hours to hear the precious words about our Saviour. Their souls appeared to be longing for sweetness and comfort, and they thought that perhaps it was after all to be found in Jesus. How earnestly do such cases appeal to the true heart for sympathy and prayer.

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### IN A SHOP.

Mr. Greenberg, on a missionary tour one day, entered a shop. There were half a dozen men present. The conversation soon turned on religion. The men were bitter against Christ.

"What harm did Christ do?" asked Mr. Greenberg.

"He made Himself God, when He was only a man," was the quick reply.



"But He was both God and man," answered Mr. Greenberg. "The Son of God, and the Son of man, one person in two natures."

"We cannot understand it," they said.

"No; it is a mystery! The mind cannot comprehend mysteries. But we can believe. And if you believe sincerely Jesus with your head, you will understand enough to save your soul, and make you eternally happy. Christ never did any person an harm. He was ever doing good. And these Christians that have opened this mission are like Christ. They are kind, they are doing you good, they send their money, clothing, shoes, food, and they get nothing back. Do you not see that they are kind? You ought not to talk against them nor their Christ."

His visit and talk were pleasant, and we trust not without good effect.

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### GOD'S CHILDREN.

Many hard questions are put to Mr. Greenberg. On one occasion he was asked by a group of unfriendly men:

"Are we not God's children?"

Mr. Greenberg answered, "Yes."

"And was Jesus the Son of God?"

The missionary answered, "Yes."

"Then," said the inquirer, "are not Jesus and we related to God alike?"

"Christ and we are God's children; but Christ is not only his Son born at Bethlehem, but his eternal Son, who lived with God before the world was created. He is greater than we. He wrought miracles and many mighty works which men cannot do."

In this way the great subject of Christ's two-fold nature, and his Meditorial Person and work were impressively brought before the men, who felt that they had an argument that would disprove the Christian religion.

## Prayer.

Our earnest request is that the friends of Israel will continue to pray that the Lord may employ this mission and his missionaries for his own highest glory, and thereby bring into his marvellous light many souls to enjoy his free and abundant grace, and give them power to acknowledge his holy name, and publicly identify themselves with his church, in the face of inevitable reproach and persecution.

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## Awake, Awake.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury: thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

—In 51st Chapter of Isaiah.

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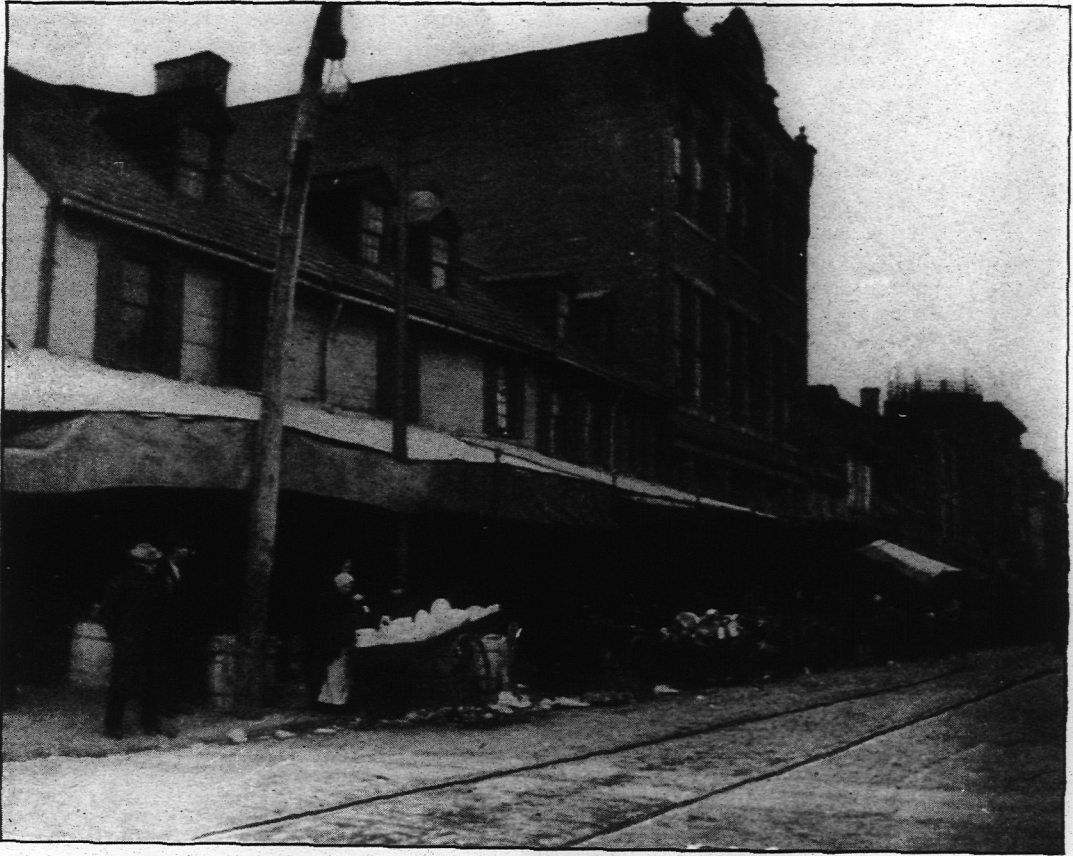
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**THE PROSPERITY OF THE JEWS.**

Our illustration exhibits the industriousness of the Jews in the neighborhood of the mission. This race has been noted for energy and financial success in all ages and every land. They rank among the leading merchants in our city and over the world, and are numbered with the famous financiers of Europe and America. With all the oppression they have endured, and the unfavorable discrimination among the nations; they are still a thrifty and wealthy people. Even the poor are taught to grow self-reliant and independent by learning some trade in youth and following it with persistence. Jews are found in almshouses, or at the door begging for bread, only with rarest exceptions. Perhaps the prophet already saw evidences of the tact, industry and perseverance, which led him to say, under the Holy Spirit, "Thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow." Indeed the infatuation for wealth has become their ruin; for having rejected Christ, they find their great inspiration and happiness in amassing and using riches. When the Lord shall cause their eyes to rest on the "treasure hid in a field," and they shall so



greatly prize salvation in the Lord Jesus that they will devote all they have to the advancement of his kingdom, what an impetus will be given to the work of the gospel! Such is the high calling that evidently awaits the Jews; and such is the tremendous gain



JEWISH SCENE NEAR THE MISSION.

of strength the church will receive when "the Jews are called." "For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead."

Prosperity, when it comes to the Jews or the Christians, has in it a devine purpose. It contains a thought of Christ, and

gives expression to a desire of his heart. He means by it to prepare the way for the coming of his kingdom, and the extension of the work of the gospel throughout the whole earth, although the Jews may not so think, and many Christians do not so act. But the Christian who has the clear light of God's word, should set the noble example, and display a truly consecrated spirit in making and using wealth for the glory of God. The world and all that it contains belong to the Lord Jesus, and he retains the controlling powers, and ultimately applies it to suit his own pleasure.

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### A GLANCE OVER THE YEAR'S WORK.

M. GREENBERG.

The mission has experienced during the past year both joy and sorrow. On the one hand it entered with fairest prospects into a building of its own, free of all incumbrances, and for a time was highly prospered. On the other hand the success of its work was soon felt in the vicinity, and caused an unparalleled religious excitement and opposition in the Ghetto of Philadelphia.

A Hebrew denizen who had resided in this vicinity for over thirty years told men that he "had never seen anything like it before in the neighborhood." The mission opened in its new quarters on June 27th, 1901. With all these hindrances, hardships and difficulties, the work has been conducted as if no fire surrounded it.

The attendance in the Sabbath school, sewing school, and night school has been good. A paid assistant helped Mrs. Greenberg for some weeks in the sewing school; and a teacher taught in the night school. On Sabbath evenings, the city pastors, with some of their members, have rendered the mission noble services. Dr. Caldwell has continued most faithfully his gratuitous

work in the dispensary. The visitation and distribution of Christian literature in various languages has reached hundreds of homes, shops, attics, cellars, and many other places. Though we cannot announce a number of baptisms, we are convinced that there have been conversions, by the grace of our Lord Jesus, as a direct result of the work done in "The Mission of the Covenant to Israel," the Holy Spirit making the work effectual. We feel, however, very much grieved because the limitation of means has caused us to dispense with the services of the helpers in the night school and sewing school. We are obliged to curtail the work, or do in addition to our own labors that which one or two assistants should do. Much good work is thus being left undone for lack of means.

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### THE SUFFERINGS OF THE JEWS.

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins." Isa. 40:1-2.

"Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come." Psa. 102:13.

The Jews involved themselves in greatest guilt, and exposed their posterity to the dreadful wrath of God, and the protracted exactions of avenging justice, when, at the time of Christ's crucifixion, they exclaimed: "His blood be on us and on our children." In answer to that cry one great distress has followed another: defeat, exile, captivity, slaughter, have marked their journey down through all the ages, since the death of our Lord Jesus at their hands.

The surprise is, that any people could endure such calamities and not disappear entirely from the earth. In almost every



land in Europe the ground has been crimsoned with their blood. The prisons have been filled with helpless victims, and the skies have been darkened with the smoke of their ruined homes.



EXILES IN POVERTY.

The beginning of these dreadful judgments came upon Jerusalem and Judea about forty years after the crucifixion of Christ. It has been estimated that in the city and the surrounding country there perished not less than 1,000,000 Jews, "besides a vast multitude that died in the caves, woods, and wildernesses,

and in many other places, of whom no computation could be made." The rejection of the Messiah, and his death at their hands, filled the cup of their iniquity; and God determined that they should drink the very dregs thereof.

About this time 97,000 were taken prisoners, which were distributed among the various countries, to be employed as slaves, exposed in public shows, or devoured by wild beasts for the entertainment of the people. So infamous and degraded had they become that, as a certain writer affirms, they were scarcely purchasable. Thirty were once sold in a bunch for a small piece of money. What a commentary on the words of the prophet: "And no man shall buy you."

Under the Emperor Adrian they suffered another persecution. This was near the middle of the second century. Their enemies ferociously attempted their extinction. More than half a million suffered death at this time. To humiliate them to the last degree, a temple to Jupiter was erected on the site of the holy city.

In the reign of Severus they found the conditions but little improved. Tertullian describes them as a people "dispersed and vagabond, exiled from their native soil and air, wandering over the face of the earth, without a king either human or divine; and even as strangers they are not permitted with their footsteps to salute their native land."

During the reign of Constantine, and his son Constance, they were greatly distressed. The ancient laws of the empire were revived against them, and they were reduced to extreme misery.

Julian, the apostate, about A. D. 361, favored their cause; and that the prophecy of Jesus might be falsified, gave orders to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem. Their enthusiasm for the time was unbounded. Men and women engaged in the patriotic work. The foundation stones were ready to be laid, when, according to

history, "suddenly flames of fire burst from the ground, accompanied by terrible explosions. An earthquake shook the place, and the people, panic struck, had to abandon their impious undertaking."

Under Mahomet the Jews found no mercy. On one occasion when they surrendered a castle and city, their entreaty for mercy received the iron-hearted reply: "Let all the men be put to death, and the women and children be slaves." In the latter part of the 8th century the Sultan persecuted them with relentless fury. He forbade them the use of horses; they could aspire only to mules; they had to wear leathern belts. The distinction required was most contemptuous.

About the year A. D. 1020, they were expelled from England.

During the crusades they suffered confiscation, expulsion, and slaughter over a large part of Europe. In the city of Treves the crusaders put to death all the Jews they could find, and pillaged their property, crying out, "These are the murderers of our Lord." In Metz, Worms, Cologne, and many other cities, similar cruel scenes were enacted. Many fathers murdered their own children to keep them from falling into the hands of their enemies; and mothers bound their little ones to their own bodies and leaped into a watery grave for the same purpose. The blood of the Jews marked the march of the crusaders everywhere. From the cross all the way down history the path of the Jews is crimsoned with their own blood.

The dreadful story continues to the present day, while violent measures even now enforced in Russia reduce great multitudes to extreme distress and helplessness. How long! O how long shall these ghastly tribulations endure! Not always. God has set a time for the recovery of his people. "For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit



should fail before me, and the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth and I smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and his mourners." Isa. 57: 16-18. "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." Rom. 11:25-26.

Who can read the story of the sufferings of this unhappy people, and not be deeply moved with pity? And who can read the loving promises and purposes of God to recover them, and not be filled with praise, and earnestly join in the great work? Only by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ can they find mercy and peace. Our duty is to present Jesus to them as the compassionate and all-sufficient Saviour.

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### THE MISSION CHILDREN.

Mr. Greenberg one evening asked the children to write their thoughts regarding Jesus, as he is described by the prophet in Isaiah 52:13-15. We here give some of the papers, showing the manner in which the truths of the Gospel are taking hold upon their souls. With such expressions of knowledge and faith, who can doubt the saving work of grace in their hearts! Is there not evidence of the gracious power of the Holy Spirit in these precious souls? And let it be remembered that these children come from homes, in which the families are largely in sympathy with the gospel, but because of ridicule, ostracism, and loss of employment, are afraid to identify themselves with the Church of Christ. Yet the leaven is doing its work upon the whole lump. They who read these sweet sentiments of love and admiration for Jesus will

praise the Lord for shedding the light upon these souls, which without this mission, would doubtless have been yet sitting in the darkness of death.

### WHO JESUS IS.

No. 1. (A girl 12 years old).

The prophet Isaiah is telling about Jesus. He is the Son of God and is now at the right hand of God.

Jesus when he came into this world, people scorned, and laughed, and spit at him, but when the people heard who he was, and heard him speak they were very much surprised. And his blood should be sprinkled over sinners. Afterwards the great men and kings shut their mouths at him and did not scorn at him as before, because he is the Son of God. No one is saved who is not washed under the blood of Jesus. The prophet Isaiah tells that when the people will hear him they will never forget him. And that is true even to-day. The people believe on him because he is the Son of God, and all that believe on him are saved.

### WHAT JESUS DID.

No. 2. (A girl 12 years old).

This high prophet Isaiah said, "Listen, my servant shall come in this world and deal wisely or talk sensibly and he shall be high or made great," but when he came in this world the people said, "Oh my, is this the man or the Son of God who they talked so much about?" and they laughed and scoffed and made such faces that anybody who had sense would think these people heathens.

The sensible people believed in him and admired him, but those who had no common sense scoffed and laughed like heathens because his face wasn't nice and because he didn't give the people jewels and money and all that stuff. They said, "Is this the Son of God? It doesn't look like him." But he had the

purest heart, purer, I believe, than any sons of men. When he would die every nation would be sprinkled with his blood and believe in the true Son of God as Jesus the Messiah, which means the Anointed One. Now even in these days there are many high and noble people who believe in the true Saviour who came in this world to be crucified and to save sinners, to bear that awful crucifixion on Calvary's cross for these sinners.

### WHAT I THINK ABOUT JESUS.

No. 3. (A girl 12 years old).

I know that this dear Saviour came into this world to save sinners.

I think that if it was not for that dear Messiah I wouldn't be living by this time of the world. He went around healing the sick, and preaching honest and pure words to those people, who laughed and scoffed at him, but he didn't mind it because he loved his enemies. That was a sure sign that he was pure and holy in heart. I am very glad to say that if it was not for that dear Messiah who came down into this world to shed and sprinkle his precious blood on me that I would not be sitting here and writing about the true "Anointed One." He was so beloved by everyone, and even now every sensible person prays and preaches and believes him which they have not seen nor heard. He is very much beloved by me because I know he is the *true* Messiah. I think it was very very kind for my dear Saviour to come down and shed his blood for me because I ain't nothing against (compared with), my great King. He had spent that awful and gloomy hour on Calvary's Brow to wash away my sins. I know if I was sick and sent a prayer to Jesus I'm sure he would help me, because he is willing to help anybody, he has the power. I know Jesus is my true Messiah and my true helper. I know that Jesus has got the purest and cleanest heart than any



sons of men ever had or have. I believe that Jesus will help anybody, even his enemies. That shows me the holy heart he has. When Jesus shed his blood he was dead but he rose up from the dead 3 days later and now is on the right hand side of his Father, ruling over the people. He gives me my bread and water every day and my clothes and a good warm house to stay in. He is willing to do anything for his people. Now if all his enemies would believe what they have not seen nor heard and believe in the true Son of God then I am sure he will help you as he helps me. Now when I die my soul will go to Jesus because I believe in him and whoever believes in him their soul can go to heaven also.

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IN A STORM.



Nothing is more impressive or alarming than a ship at sea in the jaws of a mighty tempest. Driven with winds and lashed with waves, and plunging over the billows, how powerless it

seems, while the forces of nature howl with delight at their own indomitable energy, and the helplessness of their victim. So with the unhappy race of the Jews. Their sea has been stormy. How they have battled with contrary winds for an existence. Nor can they find a haven of quietness till they find Christ, and come into his church.

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### SUPPORT FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

This mission does not ask for a *share* of the missionary offerings of the church. We do not believe in mission shares. Each mission of the church ought to have all that God will prompt his people to give for that particular cause. The funds of one mission ought never to be diminished in order to sustain another. God has abundance of wealth for each of his missions over the world. To suppose that we have a certain amount of money to spare, and that this must be divided according to the claims pressing upon us, is to act upon an erroneous and very hurtful principle. Rather should we feel that God has committed to us our wealth as a trust, and we must use it faithfully as he gives wisdom. And upon the faithful use of what we have God can, and may, double it, yea, multiply it a hundredfold. In other words, our ability to-morrow greatly depends upon our faithfulness to-day. The generous support of any one mission may reasonably result in greater ability to sustain all the others. Dr. D. Metheny, whom God honored as the founder of the Jewish mission in our church, expressed himself as confident that he was strengthening all the missions, when he commended one more to Covenanters for their hearty support. A new regiment strengthens the whole army.

Let the people, then, commend this mission to God in earnest prayer, and he will fill their hearts with the liberal spirit which

will not let it fail of due support. We look to God to carry forward this work of his own dear Son Jesus Christ, among those who are peculiarly his own, according to the flesh; and to supply the abundant means through the liberality of his people, upon whose hearts he has laid the mission.

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MOSES GREENBERG.

One year ago the teacher of the Sabbath School class, whose report appears above, gave each of her scholars one dime with which to “trade” during the year, to make money for mission work. What a fine record of success! It would be interesting to trace the operations in each case. We have space only for the report of one boy about 12 years old. It is as follows:

“With my ten cents my Sabbath School teacher gave me, I bought a sick lamb. I thought its pelt would be worth 10 or 15

cents if it did die, so I run the risk, and I doctored it and it got well. Papa shored it for me and the wool brought me 60 cents. I sold the lamb to papa for \$17.00. I took \$17.00 and put it with Howard's and bought a pig for \$2.00. I took 10 cents and bought some corn to plant. I planted it myself and hoed it and raised pretty good corn to feed our pig. We sold our pig for 5½ cents per pound, which brought us \$9.62. I had 50 cents left of my wool which made ten dollars and twelve cents (\$10.12)!"

His teacher adds that his little brother made his first dollar by buying an old hen and selling eggs.

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### PROPHECY.

It has long been the leading opinion of Protestant expositors of prophecy, such as Mede, Newton, Faber, Elliot, and many others, that the abasement of Nebuchadnezzar, and the length of its duration, have a typical significance. Dr. Kellogg makes special mention of this in his work on "Prediction and Fulfilment." The ox-like king indicated the beastly character of his government, and of all world-powers; and the seven years (2520 years) the time during which the church would suffer under the domination of the world. The subjugation of the Kingdom of Judah was a protracted work, and the church may be expected to regain her liberty and prominence in like manner, and this after a period of 2520 years, one day for a year, as Bible prophecy is commonly understood. The beginning of the loss of independence may be dated from Pharaoh's invasion B. C. 610; hence the beginning of the recovery of true independence, power, and position about A. D. 1910. Another stage appears at the "Captivity" by Nebuchadnezzar, B. C. 606; which may have a corresponding event of an elevating character A. D. 1914. Then the complete subjugation and humiliation of God's people, B. C. 587, in answer

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to which an exaltation of the church may occur among the most powerful nations of the earth, bringing us to the year A. D. 1933. Whether or not we attach importance to such deductions by eminent Biblical scholars, every open mind must perceive that great events are rushing upon the world. The Lord reigns.

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## THE HEBREW MESSENGER.

Thanks to the many friends who, being deeply interested in the mission of the Jews, have received the little MESSENGER into their homes. They will be glad to know that, this being the last number of the first year of its publication, the HEBREW MESSENGER has already a subscription list that makes it self-supporting. The little quarterly, we hope, will be regarded as an index-finger merely, pointing to the mission; or a voice telling of the work done and help required. Of itself it has simply no importance; but as connected with the work of Christ, may he use it to send suggestions into many hearts, that will flame into prayer, ardor, and action. And even the mission in itself is of little importance; but fulfilling the great purpose of God in the redemption of souls, and being in connection with omnipotent power that carries forward God's work, its value cannot be estimated. Entering the office of a manufacturing establishment, we see only a man at his work, with books and papers on his unattractive table. But pass through the second door and the activity and products are seen. So we must get a view of the work God is doing behind the second door before we can judge of the usefulness of the mission.



## His Glory Appears.

Now unto the hill-tops get thee—  
Whence the sunrise we descry—  
Nightly on thy watchtower set thee,  
For his coming draweth nigh!

Tell the nations of the glory,  
Through the blackness we discern—  
Sound a trumpet with the story,  
Of the King who shall return!

Call to Judah in her blindness—  
Bid benighted Israel hear—  
Drop the word of truth and kindness  
On the heathen's palsied ear!

Trim thy lamp—the night-hours cheering—  
Wash thy robes from every stain—  
Watch to hail the glad appearing,  
Of the Bridegroom and his train!

Haste! thy coming Lord to greet—  
Cast thy crown before his feet;—  
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## Prayer.

Prayer should be joined with expectation. We should expect God to exhibit results in our churches and missions in harmony with the means employed yet as far above and beyond the means as will prove most clearly that the work is his own. When we expect God to do the work, we look for great things to take place. Let our prayer be,

“ ‘Tis time thou work, Lord ;” and in this prayer remember our missions in Syria, Mersine, Cyprus, China, Cache Creek, and Selma ; and let us not forget the Jews.