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UNTO ME,
O MY
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AND GIVE
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Promises to Plead.

The prophets of the Old Testament were often transported by the Holy Spirit, to see in vision the restoration of Israel in the latter times. The scenes that were presented before their eyes filled them with holy rapture. We give a few of the many sublime passages they have left on record. With what faith and importunity we should plead for the realization of the glorious conditions herein assured!

ISAIAH.

“And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.”

“This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.”

“Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.”

“Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.”

JEREMIAH.

“In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the Lord their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.”

EZEKIEL.

“Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; after that they have borne their shame, and all their trespases whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in the land, and none made them afraid.”

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THE TREND OF JEWISH THOUGHT.

It will be interesting and profitable to our people to get a view of the inner life of the Jews, and to know the sentiments that prevail in their hearts, and the principles that govern their lives. We have for this purpose selected a number of expressions from representative writers, taken from a recent journal published in this city, *The Jewish Exponent*.

This is a race mighty in wealth, great in learning, and possessing unmatched hereditary advantages, having great resources that will yet bless the earth.

While we may not judge the whole race by these various statements, yet no doubt that the heart-work of this people is fairly revealed by these exponents of Jewish thought and life. With their knowledge of divine truth, and reaching after a better life, how great would be their power should they receive a consecrating baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I

PREACHING.

“The aim of the sermon ought to be, to enlighten the congregants on religious and moral questions, to awaken and foster finer and better religious sentiments, to lead the people onward to the heights of a noble and truly religious life, and to the consummation of good and praiseworthy acts and deeds. A sermon must not merely instruct; it must edify, and it must try to divert the will of the hearers towards doing that which is right.” B. F.



SOME MISSION CHILDREN.

II

LESSONS OF THE PASSOVER.

“The American Jew who favors or consents to the exclusion from the United States of men of any race, creed, or nationality, or who favors, consents to, or condones by his silence the deeds of treachery and oppression wrought by the armies of the United States in the Philippine Islands, is faithless to the lessons of the Passover, and to the solemn obligations of the people of freedom. If as Jews we prove ourselves worthy of the Red Sea, the desert, and the Ten Words proclaimed at Sinai—then we must defend even against the prejudices of our countrymen, the rights of the yellow skins.”

S. S.

III

THE PRESENT STATE OF RELIGION.

“We are living in a peculiar age in regard to religion; and the pronoun “we” includes here, all men and all women of every denomination. Iconoclasts have been standing on the fragments of the idols they have shattered; critics have been examining and dissecting every scrap of sacred literature; historians have been pouring a flood of new light into dark and hidden places—and yet, the human spirit, as of old, is hungering with a growing hunger, the human soul is longing with increasing yearning for those things that are eternal. Out of this double movement, the one constructive and the other destructive, there must emerge a satisfying religion in the future. When these two waves have met and reached their greatest height; the prophet atop will scan the horizon and herald the coming day. To this future religion, label it as you may, the Jewish faith will contribute its high idea of one God, and its law of love toward our fellow-men. These must form part essential of the content, if not the corner-stone upon which it will be constructed.”

D. A. H.

This voice is most pathetic, and even prophetic. The dim dawn at least has reached that great soul, and we trust that in the full light of day, bright with the illumination of the Holy Spirit, he shall see the Corner-Stone, which he is longing for, even Jesus Christ, the only foundation upon which to build the world's religion, or a man's life.

IV

HOME RELIGION.

“The home, which should be the seat of all noble sentiment and of all holy feeling is, as a rule, as far removed from true spiritual exercise as is the sun from the earth. These homes are of two different kinds. To the first class belong those homes where religion finds no abiding place at all, and it is folly to expect the flower to grow where the seed is not planted. To the second class belong those homes where outward religious forms are practiced, but the true spiritual life is absent. The lamp of religious truth is there, but it has not been kept burning. What we need is to relight this lamp. We need to infuse spirituality which should burn with a steady light.”

B. C. E.

V

PUBLIC SPIRIT.

“As citizens of a great and free country we have the inheritance of a dozen centuries to dislodge and overthrow. Integrity of purpose and honorable conduct are the first attributes of good citizenship, in America as in Zion. The cultivation of public spirit will serve us here and will not be amiss the world over. A manly bearing without ostentation is as becoming and graceful now as it was in the scantily-clad shepherd son of Jesse. Patriotism is as exalted a virtue to-day as it was among the followers of Joshua. Love of your neighbor marks the spirit of the kindly soul to-day as it did in the days of Hillel and Jesus.”

E. F.

VI

THE OLD TESTAMENT BENEDICTION.

The following is by a Hebrew scholar who has recently discovered from the cuneiform characters found among the ruins of Babylon a fulness and tenderness of feeling in this benediction, not discernable in either the Hebrew or English language:

“How innumerable are the repetitions of this three-fold blessing! But in its entire depth we can only understand it now, since the Babylonian idiom has taught us; that lifting up the

countenance or the eyes to somebody, is but another way of saying, 'to turn one's love toward somebody, as a bridegroom gazes upon his bride, or a father looks upon his son with loving and sympathetic glance.' Thus the sublime blessing becomes a climax, which asks God first to grant blessing and protection, then to show friendliness and mercy, and finally to give his love."

B. A.

VII

AN ISRAELITE'S EVENING PRAYER.

"We come before Thee, O Lord, at the end of Thy day with thanksgiving. Remember and relieve, we beseech Thee, those who are in pain, remember sick children; visit the fathers of destitute families; shine in the home of affliction. We resign into Thy hands our sleeping bodies, our cold hearths and open doors. Give us to awake with smiles, and give us to labor smiling. As the sun returns in the east, so let our patience be renewed with dawn; as the sun lightens the world, so let our loving kindness make bright this house of our habitation."

E. E.

VIII

HEBREW SAYINGS.

"He that is pure in heart and poor in purse shall inherit a double portion in the world to come."

"Right dealing towards our Jewish fellows is a duty we owe to ourselves, but right dealing toward non-Jews is a duty we owe to God."

"The better part of moral and religious education is designed to keep a man awake, to keep him alive to his own soul, and its fixed design of righteousness."

"Respectability is the deadliest gag and wet blanket that can be laid on men."

"The masses of the people are merely speaking in their sleep."

"The essence of charity is deprivation and self-sacrifice, for he who gives that which he cannot use, exalts himself and helps the recipients of his bounty, but he who gives that which he himself greatly needs, exalts and helps the whole congregation of Israel."

"Time was when men and nations, dazzled by the flashing rays of liberty, mistook the means for the end. Some centuries of experience and reflection have convinced the thinking ones, that true liberty is an inner state, and not an external condition."

- CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MISSION.

Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, Phila.,.....	\$5 00
Senior Mission Band, Central Church, Allegheny, Pa.....	5 00
Clarksburg Congregation, per Miss Mary J. Gray:	
Miss Elizabeth Gray	\$2 00
Miss Jessie Cooper.....	1 00
Miss Margaret Gray.....	1 00
Miss Mary J. Gray.....	1 50
	<u>\$5 50</u>
Mrs. M. J. Wilkey, Clarinda, Ia.....	\$15 00
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Mrs. McKee, per Miss Sarah Ewing.....	1 00
Mr. Oliver Wylie, Wilkinsburgh.....	10 00
Mr. W. S. Magee, Mars, Pa.....	5 00
W. M. S. of York, N. Y., for sending poor children a week to the country.....	3 00
Moneys to be used according to my discretion:	
Rev. J. W. F. Carlisle, First Newburgh Church.....	\$10 00
Miss Gertrude Carlisle's Sabbath School Class.....	5 00
Mrs. Orr, a lady over 80 years old, made three quilts for the poor connected with the mission.	

A new comfortable was received from Mrs. M. J. Wilkey.

A box of clothing, sewing school material and shoes was received from College Hill Church, Rev. R. H. Martin, pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. Metheny gladdened the hearts of many men, women and children by sending a trunk full of clothing, shoes and many other valuable articles.

MOSES GREENBERG.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS OF THE ORTHODOX JEWS IN PHILADELPHIA.

MR. GREENBERG.

The most authentic authorities inform us that there are about 60,000 Israelites in the city of Philadelphia.

They may be divided economically into three classes, viz.: the wealthy, those in moderate circumstances, and the poor who toil from early morning till late at night in the sweat shops.

Religiously they may be divided into Reformed or extreme liberals, and Conservatives or extreme orthodox. Our article at present is especially devoted to the extreme orthodox Hebrews. We find many of this branch of the house of Israel in the sweat shops above mentioned; and even their tender children, especially their daughters, under 14 years of age, in cigar factories and overcrowded shirt factories and other wretched places, working hard for a pittance. The most of this class are immigrants who have recently arrived, coming here on prepaid tickets. Notwithstanding these sad conditions the following benevolent institutions are being maintained and supported by them.

1. The Hebrew Literature Society. This institution is located in the immediate vicinity of the Mission. It owns two large buildings. It has a membership of 500 persons. In its library we not only find Hebrew and Yiddish literature, but also books and periodical in German, English, Russian, and other European languages.

2. The Talmud Torah, or Hebrew Free School, is situated adjacent to the above said institution. It has its own property. It has been in existence for twelve years. It employs seven teachers. Five hundred poor children receive in this institution a free Hebrew education. The Jewish liturgy, the Talmud and portions of the Bible, with Jewish commentaries on these portions, make up the curriculum of the school. The Jewish religion is most earnestly and zealously taught in this institution. When the city schools are open, its hours are in the morning till the children leave for the public school, and in the afternoon, from 3.30 or 4 P. M. to 7 P. M. On Sabbath Day and in the summer season when the public schools are closed, the Talmud Torah is open the whole day.

3. The Hachmoseth Orchim, or Wayfarer's Home. It began its operations in 1891. This association owns and occupies two adjoining properties. Its aim is twofold. It supplies any needy stranger a home and wholesome food for three consecutive days, and it also has a home for the aged. Its membership is 500 persons, who pay each 25 cents per month.

4. The Chebrah Kadisha, the Holy Society, or the Society that attends to the dead. This Society is located at 809 South Fifth street, or opposite the Jewish Mission of our church. It has 4,000 members, who pay each ten cents a month. Its chief aim is to take charge of the burial of indigent persons. It owns about fifty acres of land. It has its own horses and funeral carriages.

5. The United Relief Association helps the needy with clothing, coal and bread.

6. The Beth Yethomim, or Orphanage, owns and occupies its spacious building on Tenth and Bainbridge streets. The house is comfortably fitted up. Fifty orphans are here cared for in a manner far better than many a child in the Ghetto is being taken care of. The children look more healthy and more cheerful than in many an institution of a similar character. The sympathy with this institution manifested by the Hebrews is greater than is apparent in any other benevolent institution in this city. Although it has only been five years in existence, its supporting members number over 4,000.

7. The Mt. Sinai Hospital has its place at 236 Pine street. It was opened three years ago. It has 2,000 supporters. It treats more than 500 patients weekly. Many of these patients are supplied gratis with medicine. The physicians are of Hebrew descent and religion.

8. The Women's Society to clothe the destitute children of the Talmud Torah or Hebrew Free School.

9. Society of Kind Deeds, or Gemilath Chasadim. This institution advances money on pledges to people who may be out of work. It takes no interest. Its purpose is to deliver the poor man from the pawnshop, where he has to pay 6 per cent. per month

or fraction of a month. In addition to these charitable institutions many persons receive private assistance. There are also many minor societies and institutions, but space and time do not permit us even to mention them. There are fifteen large Orthodox synagogues in this city. And like the charitable institutions, there are many smaller congregations of Hebrews who assemble for worship in some public hall or private house.

We hope, God willing, to write in the next *Messenger* of the magnificent work for God and humanity that is being accomplished by the wealthier class of Hebrews in this city.

VISIT TO THE COUNTRY.

Arrangements have been made by our missionaries to send into the country twenty or more of the mission children to stay one week. This will be a pleasure which they will highly esteem. Only those who have to live in the city, in small houses and on back streets, can appreciate fully an outing like this, which is in contemplation. How they will enjoy climbing the hills, wading the streams, rolling on the grass, throwing stones without fear of the policeman, playing ball without danger of arrest! They will feel so free when let loose, that the country will hardly contain them. Who would not give a dollar to see the happiness of these children one hour! And the dollar will, with present arrangements, furnish the pleasure a week.

A TRUE FRIEND GONE.

In the death of Mrs. Susan R. Wiggins, the mission, and especially the missionaries have been bereaved of a very dear and devoted friend. Mrs. Greenberg found her a most constant and useful friend, and her home a place of rest and inspiration, and this almost from the day she landed in Philadelphia, which

to a stranger amidst people of a strange language, is certainly one of the greatest of blessings under heaven. May God raise up other friends to take her place and do her work.

THE MISSION CHILDREN.

A group of faces of mission children appears in our illustration on page 84. These are only a few of the pupils under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg. These and quite a number of other pleasant countenances are brightened up with the glad tidings of salvation, and we trust, with faith in Jesus Christ, and hope of eternal life through him. They are deeply interested in the mission, constant in attendance, diligent in studying about Jesus, and affectionately attached to the missionaries. Who can tell what good they are doing in their homes, carrying the light, and shedding it upon their parents, many of whom are in sincere sympathy with this gospel work, but "for fear of the Jews," make not a public confession. These children and the homes in which they live ought to be the objects of earnest and persistent prayer.

ORDINATION OF OUR MISSIONARY.

At the request of the Committee, in charge of the mission, Synod has recommended that Mr. Greenberg be clothed with the office of the ministry, and directed Philadelphia Persbytery to ordain him; which no doubt will be done at no distant date.

A MISERABLE SUBSTITUTE.

Two Christian travelers write that they had occasion to stop over night at the home of a Jew. It was the night preceding the

day of Atonement. On the eve of that day, regarded as very sacred, it is the Jewish custom to kill a cock for each man, and a hen for each woman in the house. In the morning the "Shoch'et," or slayer, going around the houses, arouses the inmates to bring out the fowls to be killed in the specified manner. This is the only atoning blood that is shed in Isarel now. The Paschai lamb is no more. A cock and a hen killed by the knife of the Shochet is all the sacrifice Israel now knows. This wretched, self-devised sacrifice is their substitute for the blood of the "Lamb of God" which taketh away the sin of the world.



THE SHEPHERD.

A shepherd caring for his sheep—how suggestive the thought! He delights in leading them into the green fields of pasture in summer, in placing them under shelter in the storm, and in gathering them into the fold in winter. He willingly exposes himself

for their comfort, and disregards the pouring rains or driven snow, that the sheep may be guided to a place where safety and comfort may be had, and abundance of food supplied. Such is the character and mission of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures are rich in references to him as the Shepherd, the good Shepherd, the great Shepherd. What a tender and loving relation he bears to all his people! With self-sacrifice he has exposed himself that he might gather them into the field of grace and the fold of glory. With generous hand he furnishes food; with great faithfulness he protects; with loving kindness he carries the weak ones and the lambs. How earnestly ought we to strive to bring the great flock of the house of Judah under the care of this gracious Saviour, who in the olden times was called "The Shepherd of Israel!"

THE COLLECTION.

Synod has appointed the third Sabbath of September for the collection for the Jewish mission; and \$2,000 has been specified as the amount needed to carry forward the work with a progressive spirit. The interest felt in the mission will no doubt appear in the contribution the people will make toward carrying forward this work of love and salvation. And our urgent request is, that every contributor will with a feeling of cheerfulness offer the gift unto the Lord with prayer that he may bless it for the redemption of the children of Israel. Will our people employ the promises at the throne of grace, with unwonted zeal and faith this year, and expect God to answer with encouraging results? We are persuaded that our ministers will present the cause to the churches, and call upon the people to give with liberality and a willing mind. Our missionaries are very diligent "in season and out of season," presenting the offers and pressing the claims of the gospel upon the people, who are yet looking for their Messiah to come. They are worthy of support.



THE MODEL HOME.

No place on earth so charming as the model home. Bright with intelligence, sweet with love, rich with religion, thrifty with diligence, dignified with faithfulness, supplied with all suitable blessings of the new covenant in Jesus Christ our Lord! What a delightful spot! Such a home may the Christian have, in all the essential features that indicate a truly blessed family. But it is the gospel that brings all the essential blessings, and makes the common conditions delightful and heavenly. The gospel sheds its radiance of holy light over the household bringing celestial joy and deathless hope to the family. The father can, at both ends of the day, lead his precious circle of souls into the presence of the Everlasting God, and rejoice as he sees the divine benediction resting on each head. And the mother can open the Book and tell her children of the Saviour, and his life of love, and death on the cross, and watch with profound interest and satisfaction, as she sees their souls reach up to their Creator, and take hold upon

his grace and trust in his promises. But, Oh, what is the home without the religion of Christ! Will we do what lies in us to bring the light and glory of the gospel into the many homes that are overshadowed with the darkness of death?

THOUGHTS ON JESUS, BY MISSION CHILDREN.

NO. 1 HOW JESUS HELPS US.

I will tell you a story to show how He is willing to help anybody who believes He is the true Redeemer. Once there was a battle with the Babylonians and the Jews. Some of the Babylonians captured four boys. Their names were Daniel, Hananiah, Azariah and Mishael. The king had a servant over these boys because they were so pretty. The king had an image built and whatever they would eat they would throw it to the idol first. Now these boys didn't want to eat this meat because they gave it to the idols first and they told the servant to give them water and greens that they would be as pretty as they were and even prettier. Now Daniel was made a prime minister. These three boys were left in the king's palace. Now this king built a great image and all his people came and worshipped it. These boys didn't want to. The king got very angry. He told his servants to make a red hot stove seven times hotter than it ever was. The servants who made it were burned from the heat. The king then took the boys and threw them in the fire, but it didn't touch them because Jesus came down to help them. The king then saw how their true Messiah helped them and he was much astonished. He then called them out and they said, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us." Jesus will deliver anyone who believes in him.

NO. 2. WHAT JESUS DOES.

What I know about Jesus. Jesus heals us with his stripes. Jesus came into this world to save sinners. Jesus said, Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will help you. Jesus did not come into this world to condemn the world,

but the world through him could be saved. Jesus healed all kind of sick people, blind, lame or any other kind. The third day after Jesus was crucified he rose from his death. Jesus is our Saviour and Redeemer. He saves us from all sins and will help us to love him and believe in him. Jesus was brought as a lamb to the slaughter and he opened not his mouth. Jesus was oppressed and afflicted. Whosoever believes in Jesus will have everlasting life.

Time will come when all the people will believe Jesus will come again. The blood from Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish. But as many as received Jesus to them gave He power to become the sons of God. Jesus is my shepherd.

No. 3. (A little child.)

KIND WORDS FOR JESUS.

Jesus was a good man. I like Jesus. He has a pure heart. He is our God. We all like Jesus.

Letters from mission girls to the Sabbath School teacher, whose class, mentioned in the last *Messenger*, sent of their own earnings a very encouraging contribution to the mission.

No. 1.

Philadelphia, Pa.

March 6, 1902.

Dear Madam :

I write you these few words to let you know how glad we felt to hear about the money, and how the ten boys earned it. It was very nice. How the little country boys like to care for the poor in the city; you would think that the boys instead of saving to help the poor, would spend it for candy. Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg are very nice people, and do as much as they can for other people. I heard one boy bought a

chicken, another a sick lamb, another a pig, which he afterwards sold at $3\frac{1}{2}$ cts. per lb., for our mission. Thank you all for your true kindness. I will close my letter now by sending my best love to all, and also to the parents of the children. I am a Hebrew and all the other girls are. We go to Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg to learn about Jesus Christ.

No. 2.

Philadelphia, March 5th, 1902.

Dear Friend Miss Key:—

I came to thank you for your kindness to us boys and girls. It is very kind of them. Mr. Greenberg told us about their goodness, and God bless you for your kindness.

PRESENT NEED.

The treasury is not sufficient to carry forward the work through the summer months, yet our missionaries continue their labors without vacation. The collection will not afford help till September. Some good friends who know the condition of affairs are contributing, that there may be no debt incurred. Perhaps others also, learning, of present straits, will of their goodness render assistance. The missionaries are devoted and self-sacrificing, and the work gives evidence of the operations of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of those who are in constant attendance. And we are persuaded that all offerings made to this cause, will be found in future days to have been a good investment.

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The Watchman.

Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, "The morning cometh, and also the night. If ye will enquire, enquire ye; return, come."—Isiah 21: 11-12.

Watchman, tell us of the night;
What its signs of promise are.
Traveller, o'er yon mountain height
See that glory-beaming star.

Watchman, does its beauteous ray
Aught of hope or joy foretell?
Traveller, yes it brings the Day,
The promised Day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us, does the morning
Of fair time's glory dawn?
Have the signs that waits its coming,
Yet upon thy pathway shown?

Traveller, yes, arise, look round thee:
Light is breaking in the skies.
Gird thy bridal robes around thee:
The morning comes, Arise, Arise.

James N. Downie

Downieville, Pa.

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The Collection.

The Lord, by many "great and precious promises," gives encouragement to labor for the conversion of Israel. Their final and complete restoration to the church of Christ is assured. They shall yet be seen coming to the sanctuary in crowds "as doves to the windows." Will our people pray in faith, live in expectation, and give with liberality and assurance, knowing that they are united with the Lord in service and sacrifice, which will ultimately cover the earth with his glory, and fill the world with the perfume of his Name, "which is as ointment poured forth.'

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And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living God : and he cried with a great voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying : hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.

And I heard the number of them which were sealed, a hundred and forty and four thousand, sealed of every tribe of the children of Israel.

Of the tribe of Judah, were sealed twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Reuben, twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Gad, twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Asher, twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Naphtali, twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Manasseh, twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Levi, twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Issachar, twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Zebulon, twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Joseph, twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand.

Rev. 7 : 2-8.

“We may state here at once that the conclusion we have come to is, the sealing of the 144,000 is a prediction of the conversion of the Israelites, as a people to the religion of Christ.”—Rev. Robert Nevin, D. D.

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MUSIC OF THE GOLDEN BELLS.

The high priest of Israel, as he ministered unto God in the days of old, wore a beautiful robe of blue. From the border there hung tassels representing the pomagranate, and alternating with tiny bells of gold. His shoulders were decorated with two onyx stones, whereon were engraven the names of the twelve tribes of Israel, denoting authority from God, and responsibility for Israel. From his breast twelve precious stones flashed with brilliancy, being fastened in rows on a cloth of fine texture and bright colors, or perhaps set in a plate of gold. On each stone was written the name of a tribe. The shining gems indicated the place which Israel had in the intercession of the high priest. His garments and adornments illustrated both the dignity of his office, and the nature of the service. He became both a type of our Lord Jesus Christ, and a pattern of the Christian, who spiritually ministers unto God in the "royal priesthood" of the New Testament.

The high priest ministered with divine authority, as seen in the onyx stones that decorated his shoulders, while upon him was laid the interests of the twelve tribes, by the grace of God as easily and gracefully borne as those beautiful ornaments. He interceded for the people with heart pleadings and prevailing power, as is illustrated by the precious gems in the breastplate. He ministered with heavenly dignity, and a sweet and serene spirit, as indicated by the robe of blue. And he moved about in his work with a heart full and overflowing with joy, symbolized by the golden bells, that sent forth sweet waves of music at every step.

When we remember that we are unto God a royal priesthood may we not hear a voice saying unto us, "Go thou and do likewise." How conscious of authority is the servant of the Lord Jesus, when entering upon any lawful service and especially when working for the salvation of souls! The warrant for such service is from the Throne of omnipotent grace and power, and should shine forth from the heart as clearly as if engraven on precious stones on the shoulders. What burden of responsibility for the salvation of others is laid upon the Christian! to be borne with comfort and gladness only when the Holy Spirit fills the soul. What mighty pleadings and holy confidence should be evidenced in the work of intercession for those whom God has laid upon the heart! The names, the persons, the individuality, should rise up before the intercessor, and therefore before God, as if engraven on a diamond. How joyful will the people be who serve God after this manner! They will be clothed in a robe of grace, fringed with tassels and bells of gold. Every movement will be with the melody of joy. Service, yea sacrifice, even suffering, for Jesus, will stir the soul with gladness. God's gates will be entered with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Every step in the service of Christ should start sweet strains of music. Servants of the Most High, will you wear the robe that is trimmed with golden bells and pomagranates?

A DAY IN FAIRMOUNT PARK.



MISSION CHILDREN IN THE PARK.

On the morning of the 26th of August, a merry little group of children left the mission for a day's outing in Fairmount Park.

The day was glorious, and the spot which had been selected beautiful, and pretty soon the boys and girls had discarded their shoes and stockings, and were in high spirits. The latter seemed to be contagious, so that Mr. Greenberg and myself joined in the childish pranks and games with a youthful enthusiasm. The fresh air gave all a splendid appetite which a well filled basket and a can of milk satisfied.

Singing we left the place in the evening, to return to the crowded quarters in the city, and thanked our dear heavenly Father for His goodness towards all his children, great and small.

MARTHA G. GREENBERG,
800 South 5th Street.

THE ORDINATION OF MR. M. GREENBERG.

The ordination of Mr. M. Greenberg as a minister of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ took place on Tuesday evening October 7th, 1902, in the Second Church of the Covenanters, in the presence of the congregation. A sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. McFeeters. Dr. T. P. Stevenson propounded the queries and led in the ordination prayer, after which Rev. R. C. Montgomery addressed Mr. Greenberg with words of encouragement. The service was solemn and impressive, and we trust Mr. Greenberg will realize the presence and power of him, in whose name he has been set apart for the work of the ministry, and for his great mission to the people of Israel.

JEWISH SUFFERINGS IN ROUMANIA.

The recent appeal of Secretary Hay to the powers of Europe, on behalf of the Jews of Roumania, has turned the eyes of the

civilized world to the oppressed Hebrews of that land. We therefore offer the following thoughts to the friends of our mission.

Roumania, Roumanus, Roman, is a kingdom of Europe. It comprises Moldavia, Wallachia, and Dabrudja. Dabrudja is east of the Danube. It was ceded by the Ottoman empire to Roumania at the congress of Berlin 1878. It is bounded on the north by Austria—Hungary and Russia; on the east by the Pruth river which separates it from Russia, and by the Black Sea; on the south by Bulgaria and the Danube; on the west by the Danube, which separates it from Bulgaria, Servia, and Austria—Hungary. Its area is about 48,307 square miles. The government is an hereditary constitutional monarchy.

The constitution claims to be the most liberal in Europe. To the Roumanian the constitution guarantees liberty of conscience, freedom of the press, and right of assembly. The population of Roumania numbers about 6,000,000. The national religion is the Greek Othodox Church. The adherents to the national religion number more than 4,000,000. The wealthier Roumanians receive their education either in Paris or Vienna. The country declared itself a kingdom March 26, 1881.

In this kingdom for many generations Jews have resided. Their fathers, and great grand-fathers, were born in it. Although they number only about 400,000, they, as in many other lands, fill many eminent positions. As the Jew is not addicted, like his Roumanian neighbor, to intemperance and its associate vices, he has been, and is, morally, intellectually, and financially his superior. These commendable traits of the Roumanian Hebrew have awakened an indescribable antipathy against him. Laws have long existed against the Jews of Roumania, prohibiting them from residing in villages. The climax, however, has just now been reached. Roumanian laws against foreigners, prohibiting them from owning property, from becoming agriculturists,

physicians, lawyers, teachers in the schools, or mechanics, and preventing their children from attending school, are now interpreted as laws made simply to deal with the 400,000 Jews upon whom Roumania looks as aliens. As a result of such oppression thousands of Hebrews in Roumania are literally dying with hunger. Hundreds of them were forced to emigrate during the past year. Many reached this country not only penniless, but broken in spirit and body. One family of six persons has especially come under my notice in Philadelphia. The father was a book-keeper in Bucharest, the capital of Roumania. He now struggles here for life's existence in a crowded shop. But what a fallacy this interpretation of law! Is the Jew a foreigner in Roumania? My uncle who lives in Bucharest, was born in Roumania. His parents and grand-parents were born in Jassy. His children have served in the Roumanian army, and yet he and his family are declared foreigners. The Jews in Roumania would be glad to become naturalized, but even in this they fail. Anti-Semitic Roumania does not apply the tortures of the Inquisition, she does not tear the Hebrew children from their mothers' breasts and baptize them, as was done in the middle ages, but she applies screws which are stronger than iron. Words cannot express the gratitude every right-hearted person owes to Secretary Hay for his noble work on behalf of the Roumanian Jews. Yet our grief only augments when we see that their sufferings are greater now than ever. Added to all their other disabilities, they are now prohibited from leaving the country. It is such barbarous treatment that makes Jewish mission work very difficult. To the Jew the nominal Christianity of Roumania, Russia, France, and other like countries, represents "all Christians." The missionary is often confronted with these words, "See how your Christians in Roumania, Russia, Germany, France and Italy treat us."

Every Protestant minister should therefore lift up his voice against this inhuman treatment of the Hebrew.

MOSES GREENBERG.

THE JEWISH MISSION IN THE SUMMER.

REV. M. GREENBURG.

The inclemency of the weather constrained us to suspend part of the work in the summer. The night school was closed. The sewing school instead of being open every Tuesday and Thursday evening, held its session every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

On the other hand an exceptionally large number of patients availed themselves of the benefits of the dispensary, with the exception of ten days. We also visited the people in our usual way, distributed evangelical literature, and preached the Word of God in the dark places of the Ghetto.

For the first time in my life I found in my visits a Jewish woman who is a perfect scholar in Hebrew. She recited to me whole psalms in Hebrew. She was very glad to receive the Hebrew New Testament. How glad our readers would have been to see a Jewish woman with a baby in her arms and another child by her side, reading the New Testament, and extending a hearty welcome to a Christian missionary! She cordially asked me to come again.

The meetings and services on sabbath days were especially good in attendance and full of spirituality. After the service on Sabbath evenings, sincere questions were asked concerning Christ and his religion. Before leaving the mission, New Testaments, portions of the Word of God, and evangelical literature in Jewish or Hebrew, were thankfully accepted by the listeners. Many of the people, also thanked us for the instructions they received at the services. The spirituality at our Sabbath services has been greater during this summer than at any time, during the existence of this mission.

The Sabbath school, like the Sabbath services, has been much blessed spiritually. One of our mission scholars from the sewing school and Sabbath school is now a packer in one of the large dry good stores of this city. The proprietor of the firm is a Hebrew. The employees are Hebrews and Christians. There she came across one of our Covenanter girls. Both of them are singing the psalms and debating with the others concerning the mission of Christ.

A woman came two months ago to the dispensary. I offered her a New Testament in Yiddish. She not only became an admirer of Christ's teachings, but she has a relative who occupies a very prominent position in the synagogue, whom she is interesting in Jesus the Messiah.

The mission was visited by many friends during the summer. The Rev. Mr. Reed from the Southern mission gave us a nice talk. Mr. T. F. Reed from Pittsburg visited the sewing school and interested the little girls with an address. Dr. S. A. S. Metheny and Mrs. Metheny made a visit on September 25th to the mission.

Dr. Metheny after offering prayer, recited to the children in the sewing school, the 23rd psalm in Arabic. He also explained the psalm in English in a most beautiful way. We all enjoyed his words. It would give great pleasure to our churches to hear Dr. Metheny explain, in his quaint and impressive style, the 23rd psalm. We were also glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Ward of Wilkinsburg, call on us. The Lord has blessed the mission during this summer with quietness.

Through the generosity of the churches of this city, Mr. Robt. McNeill of New York city, and other friends, 24 children were sent one week to the country, and 13 children were taken out for one day to the park. For this kindness in helping the little ones away from the crowded homes to enjoy a little of God's pure air, the thanks of the children and ourselves are beyond description. With the beginning of the fall work, the aim of the workers in this branch of the Lord's service will be to make the mission yet more spiritual than it has ever been. At the same time, we look to the people of God for their prayers and liberal support.

The God of missions is doing his part well. We are endeavoring to do ours, and it remains for God's people to bring blessings to themselves and the mission of the Covenant to Israel, through prayers, effort, and contributions. We express our many thanks to the friends who remembered the mission during the summer months with their generous donations and good wishes.

DONATIONS.

To the editor of the Messenger. Kindly oblige and acknowledge the following donations sent me for the mission.

To send children to the country:

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The Senior Mission Band of the Allegheny Covenanter Church, Dr. W. J. Coleman, pastor.	\$5 00
These \$5.00 were acknowledged in the last Messenger as coming from the Central Reformed Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, Pa.	
Bibles from a friend.	20 25

Yours truly,

MOSES GREENBERG

A MISSION FAMILY.

“There goes the Christian.” Mr. Lockman, a Jew, having identified himself with the Christian mission often hears this, and many such expressions of contempt ; but having evidently found Christ, he counts such reproach his greatest riches. Two years ago he found his way to the mission, and has continued with great regularity to attend the meetings. Among the Hebrews assembled at the public services his face is sure to be seen shining with deep interest.

Mr. Lockman has a wife and seven children. Once he was a merchant, and they were in possession of considerable wealth; but reverses came, and now they live in three little rooms. So dark and dismal is their home that all day long they must burn oil. The dear mother tries to be cheerful, and to care for her household with diligence in their great poverty, but it is hard to endure such distress after living in luxury. Occasionally she looks at an old dress, folded away, a relic of the former days, when she mingled with the happy and the gay. It was then worth about \$75.00. It takes a strong mind to brush aside such memories, and take care of a home and seven children, with the small wages of one worker to meet rent, clothing, boarding and doctor bills. What a blessing the gospel must be for such a mother and her family !

Mrs. Lockman finds her greatest pleasure in getting four of her children ready for the mission, and sending them with their

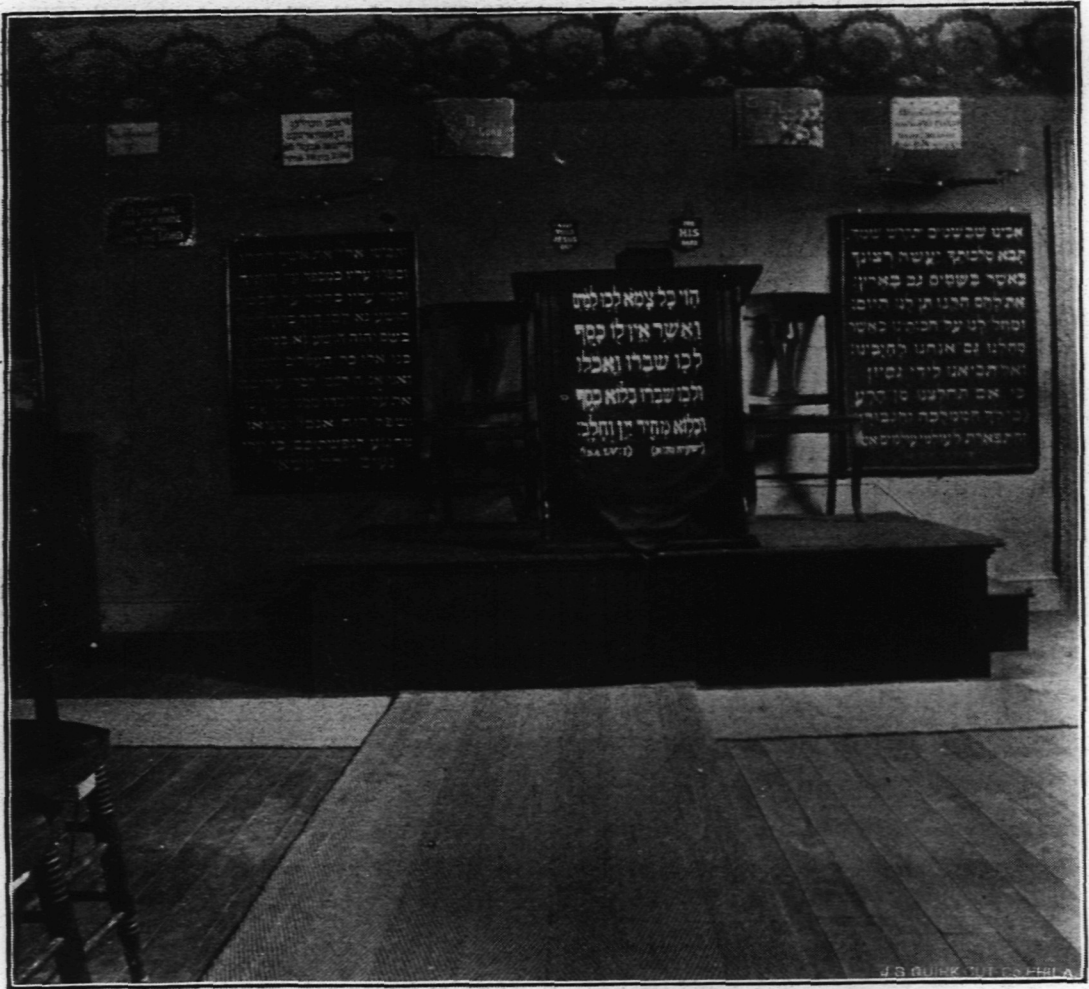
father. They pass from their humble home together, enduring the scoffs of neighbors, having an inward joy of which the world has no knowledge. During these long hours of the Sabbath evening, Mrs. Lockman caring for the other children and putting them asleep on their cold beds, waits the return of the father with his son and three daughters, who invariable come with their faces lighted up and their voices resonant with a new joy. How wistfully, and with what deep satisfaction, she looks into their earnest faces, and drinks in the glad tidings of the gospel as they assist each other in telling what they heard about the great Saviour that evening! Occasionally she will go with them to the mission, but circumstances will seldom allow the pleasure.

This is one of the families that our Lord has blessed through our mission. And there are many others upon which the great light has arisen from the same source, differing in external conditions from each other, yet all seeing and feeling a morning glow, which may be to them the beginning of an endless day of blessedness. Christian mothers whose prayers have been answered for their own dear children, and whose hearts are filled with joy at their salvation, will surely remember these Hebrew mothers and their families at the throne of our Lord.

THE MISSION PULPIT.

The pulpit of the mission is of plain, yet neat, construction. Suspended from it, and partially covering the front, is a silk scarlet cloth, containing in large silver letters in Hebrew the first verses of the 55th chapter of Isaiah: "Ho, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters,—." The wall behind the pulpit is illuminated with mottoes and verses of scripture. On the right, in Hebrew letters is the Lord's prayer neatly framed; and on the left a corresponding frame, containing suitable verses from the Bible, such as, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. This pulpit has been established for the

presentation of the Lord Jesus Christ, and salvation through his name, to the children of Israel, and by the grace of God, this blessed work is being done, with persistence, directness, and gratifying results, by the missionary in charge.



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RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTION.

The Hebrew Messenger has entered upon its second year of publication. We are indeed thankful for the cordial reception it has received throughout the Covenanter Church, and at the hands of many other friends of the Hebrews. We appreciate the promptness of those who have renewed their subscription for this Quarterly, and hope that all of our subscribers will kindly let us hear from them, and that through their interest in this mission, our list of names may be this year greatly increased.

VIEWING THE BEAUTIES OF NATURE.

The natural scenery presented in the picture below is charming. The water rushing wildly among the rocks, the deep shady valley, the branching trees, the fern-covered banks, the over-arching sky, give enchantment to the spot. The eye loves to rest upon the grandeurs of nature, and we wonder at the prodigality of God's goodness, and are lost in amazement at the re-

sources of his wisdom and wealth, in making our earth so superbly elegant, even awful in its sublimity.



ON A ROCK.

Many of our readers will here recognize the genial face of the wife of our missionary, and may wonder how she reached the rock that rises out of the dashing waters. But we may be sure Mr. Greenberg's hand was near and ready to offer assistance if

needed. She seems greatly to enjoy nature's grandeurs. What rare pleasure in listening for a few passing moments to the soft mingling melodies of waters, winds, and warbling birds, watching the playful minnows, the swaying branches, and the flitting shadows, and allowing the imagination full liberty to wander amidst the enchanting mysteries of rocks, and trees, and skies, and rivers, and life, and God, and eternity! How delightful to have an opportunity occasionally to open up the whole soul to enjoy the sweetness, the solitude, the solemnity, and sublimity of nature, and the holiness, majesty, and awfulness of God in his works! Doubtless Mrs. Greenberg got a revived impression that day of the Rock upon which her soul rests for salvation, whilst time rushes past her like a river, and returned to her home to take up the serious duties of the mission feeling anew the glory of her Covenant God overspreading her life.

THE HEBREW NEW YEAR.

The PUBLIC LEDGER, Philadelphia, of October 2nd, contained the following, which shows our people some of the customs that prevail among the Israelites of our day:

SHOFAR SOUNDS JEWISH NEW YEAR.

With the blowing of the Shofar, a curiously wreathed ram's horn, on which the cantor of the Jewish congregation has from ancient times sounded the dawn of the new year, the services for the eve of Rosh Hashana were opened at the Jewish houses of worship at sunset last evening. To-day and to-morrow will be generally observed as holy days by devout Jews, and the synagogues throughout the city will be thronged with worshipers. The services last evening were, in most cases, brief, and sermons were delivered from only a few of the pulpits.

At the beautifully decorated Keneseth Israel Temple, Broad street, above Columbia avenue, the auditorium of which was thrown open to the congregation for the first time since the spring holidays, the sermon was delivered by Henry L. Fisher, of the graduating class of the Hebrew Union College, of Cincinnati, on the subject, "Ring Out the Dark—Ring in the Light."

EMBLEMS OF THE SAVIOUR.

We walk into the fields among the flocks and lowing herds, and that meek-eyed lamb, reposing on the clean sunny bank, is to us a remembrance of that unspotted "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

We take our stand by the gushing spring on the mountain side, and gaze upon the glad waters as they leap forth in their crystal purity to cool the thirsty lips, and refresh the parched ground, and wash away the dust from the worn traveler. It is the joyous symbol of that "fountain opened up to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

We turn our eyes to the tall cedar, that pride and glory of the mountain, stretching up its limbs into the blue sky, and we see there an emblem of that "Branch of the Lord, beautiful and glorious," whose name is "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

We gaze round on that craggy precipice extending its bold front to the lightnings and storms, and on whose top the young eaglets sleep in the warm sunshine, and under whose broad shadow the shepherd reposes in safety with his peaceful flocks. It is earth's grandest token of that "Rock of Ages," on which frail man finds his salvation, and in whose cool shade this world's weary ones are blessed.

The visible world scarcely contains one object of glory, beauty, or goodness which God has not in some way appropriated as emblematic of his Son Jesus Christ, and of his mercy to sinners through him.

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Christ entertains in his mind each one of the great multitude the Father has given him to redeem, and for whose redemption he has shed his blood, and not one of them can be lost.

On the day of accounts, when the history of the world shall have been completed, there shall be a sweet happy voice responding to each name on the roll of election, which was prepared "according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father."

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

What satisfaction in knowing that all our conscientious and intelligent efforts, in the Gospel of Christ Jesus for the saving of souls, are included in God's original plan, and counted necessary for the consummation of his kingdom, the salvation of his chosen people, and the revelation of his own matchless glory! Every prayer, service, and sacrifice in faith shall have its reward in final success.

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THE MISSION PRAYER OF THE ISRAELITES.

The following is the prayer for Missions offered by the Israelites as a morning service in the synagogues and at home.

“We therefore hope in Thee, O Lord, our God, speedily to behold Thy power to remove the abomination from the earth, and cause the idols to be utterly destroyed; that the universe may be established under the sole dominion of the Almighty, so that all flesh may invoke Thy name, all the wicked turn unto Thee, and all the inhabitants know, that unto Thee every knee shall bow and every tongue swear. Before Thee, O Lord, our God, shall they kneel and fall prostrate, and to Thy glorious name shall they ascribe honors, and all of them shall willingly submit to the yoke of Thy dominion. Deign Thou, therefore, to reign over them for ever and ever; for the Kingdom is Thine, and for ever and ever Thou shalt reign in glory; as it is written in thy law, The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.”

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RECOVERING DESERT LANDS

Great regions in Asia, Africa and America lie desolate waiting for water. The soil is burnt and barren, scorched by a torrid sun, unmoistened by rain or dew. Man who was commanded to subdue and replenish the earth, now, in these latter days more than ever is accomplishing this task, reclaiming the waste places of the earth. Recently a great dam has been completed in the river Nile, which will send streams of water on either side afar into the sandy plains, turning millions of acres into blooming gardens and thrifty farms, with homes, and fruitful trees and abundant harvests.

In like manner ought the church of Christ to collect and direct her spiritual power, so as to reclaim the vast regions that are overspread with the desolation of moral chaos and death. Every church ought to throw a dam across its river of life, that all its waters may not flow between the banks of present conditions, moistening the old fields alone, but may arise and overflow, and go out to new regions, and glorify other lands with salvation. This can be done by an increase of zeal for the Lord Jesus and his gospel, by a growing liberality in the use of means, and by a firm devotion to the truth and worship of God in the old apostolic spirit and power.



LITTLE ABRAHAM

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This child is a lineal descendent of Abraham the father of the faithful. His own natural father is dead, and his mother has disappeared, her whereabouts at present being unknown to the Mission. Little Abraham is just four years old, being born December 26th, 1898. When he was a year and a half old he was brought to our missionaries, at which time a kind Christian friend appeared on his behalf and graciously took him to her home and cared for him until a few months ago. He has been received again by Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg, who cherish him with all the affection that parents could bestow on their own child. It is indeed a delight to hear him, with his sweet delicate voice, call them "Papa" and "Mamma." With a pathetic, yet pleasant countenance, a clear round full eye, light silken hair, and perfect form, clothed in neat and comely garments made by Mrs. Greenburg's own hand, he draws the attention and wins the heart of all who see him. May the Lord grant that he shall grow up a faithful child of the Covenant of grace. May Jesus Christ give to him a large measure of the Holy Spirit, and spare him to become a very useful member of our mission family, and a chosen servant of our Lord Jesus in the work of the Gospel among the seed of Jacob.

**BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS SUSTAINED BY THE
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REV. M. GREENBERG.

In the July number of the MESSENGER we enumerated the charitable institutions that are being supported by the Hebrews of this city whose circumstances are limited. In the present number we essay to state the charitable organizations and the work carried on by the affluent Hebrews of this city.

1. The Society of the United Hebrew Charities of Philadelphia.

It has been in existence for more than three decades, having taken the place of several other benevolent institutions. "The object of this organization is to relieve the destitute Jewish people of the city of Philadelphia, and to discourage pauperism." Amongst the members of this Society are physicians and renowned counsellors. "A Ladies' Committee of 17 members is in charge of the clothing department." The society has a main office, and district committees, who investigate the condition of the needy of the Hebrew faith, and report to this central office. Thousands of persons are relieved annually by being supplied with rent, clothing, shoes, etc. In conjunction with this organization there is a Bureau of Employment. Its members are mostly Hebrew young men. The Bureau frequently transports families from the Ghetto into more congenial localities. The income is from \$40,000 to \$45,000 per annum.

2. The Jewish Hospital Association.

There are seven large buildings and about 23 acres of land surrounding the offices of the Hospital. The buildings, exclusive of the land, cost about \$500,000. Some of the buildings retain the names of the generous donors at whose expense they have been erected and endowed with liberal funds, as, "The Mathilde Adler-Loeb Dispensary," and "The Lucien Home for Incurables of the Jewish Faith." It has its own laundry. There is a separate building for the kitchen. There is a very beautiful synagogue which can seat about 300 persons. The hospital is "dedicated to the relief of the sick and wounded without regard to creed, color, or nationality." And thus I found the colored, the Irish and the Hebrew, lying in the same room in the hospital. The hospital employs eight physicians. It has its own training school for nurses. In the "Sewing Circle" room I found several

women busy at work preparing the necessary things for the hospital. Adjoining the principal building in the hospital there has existed for many years, "The Home for Aged and Infirm Israelites." Fifty inmates of both sexes are at present in the home. Each room is neatly furnished. The old men and women seem to be happy in the home, and with as many as I conversed, I heard only the best commendations of the institution and gratitude to God for favoring them with a resting place. The Jewish hospital spends annually from \$70,000 to \$75,000.

3. The Jewish Foster Home and Orphan Asylum of Philadelphia.

The Foster home was opened in 1855. In addition to the three buildings, the institution has seven acres of land. The buildings cost about \$100,000. 150 children are cared for. The applicant to the home must be 5 years old. The home has its own gymnasium, reading room, bath-houses, synagogue, Hebrew school, laundry and beautiful gardens. The neatness and cleanliness of the rooms are beyond description. The children attend a nearby public school. The children are happy and comfortable. If a child wishes to visit relatives or friends, or the sick in the hospital, permission is given it. The home pays the car fare. The child is provided with flowers to make the person whom it visits happy. Those who have the talent receive lessons in music. When the girls reach the age of 14, they are sent to millinery stores at the expense of the home to learn to make their own living. The boys are sent to places where they are taught a profession. One young man from this institution is attending a medical college in this city. Another young man is earning \$100 a month. The expenditure at the home is about \$25,000 a year.

4. The Orphans' Guardians.

The aim of this organization is to place Jewish children in

respectable Jewish families. "To care for the education of the children, and enable them to enjoy the benefit of family life." Its membership numbers 450. Its revenues are annually about \$7,000. It has under its care 75 children.

5. The Female Hebrew Benevolent Society.

It was organized in 1819. It is the oldest Female Hebrew Society in Philadelphia, and "is managed entirely by Hebrew women of the city of Philadelphia."

6. The Jewish Maternity Association.

The purpose of this association is to aid poor women who in their most needy time cannot afford to meet the expenses of a physician or nurse. It occupies a large and beautiful building. Thousands of women have been the recipients of the generosity of this establishment. The Maternity frequently sends physicians and nurses to the homes of poor women, who are incapable of availing themselves of the kindness of the home. It conducts a nursery for motherless infants. It has a training school for nurses. It has founded in Atlantic City the "Jewish Sea Side Home for invalid mothers and their children." The dispensary in Philadelphia treats thousands of patients. The total income for the work in Philadelphia and Atlantic City is about \$10,000.

7. Association of Jewish Immigrants.

This Society is 18 years old. When the immigrant reaches this city, he often finds, as his true friends, members of this Association, who meet him at the steamer and protect him from sharpers. The Association has often rescued young women from those who had allured them from their native countries. It spends about \$1000 a year.

8. The Hebrew Charity Ball Association of Philadelphia.

The Ball has its entertainment once a year at the Academy of Music. It raises from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The funds are appropriated to various charitable institutions amongst the Hebrews of this city.

9. The "Hebrew Sunday School."

It has two branches, the Northern and Southern branch. The attendance numbers about 3,000 children. Exclusive of the Superintendents, 68 teachers render assistance. The expenditure is annually between \$3,000 and \$3,500.

10. Hebrew Education Society.

Touro Hall and 10th and Carpenter. It assumed the name of Touro Hall from Mr. Judah Touro, a Hebrew philanthropist who donated \$20,000 to the building of this institution. The building itself cost about \$50,000. The work of the institution may be divided into educational, industrial and religious. We will simply give the names of some of the branches of work carried on in Touro Hall. There is a flourishing night school for men and women, boys and girls; a sewing school for girls; a dress-making department; garment-cutting department; millinery department; stenography, and type writing; singing, and a beautiful library; a synagogue, and a Hebrew School with about 300 scholars. The seating capacity of the Auditorium will accommodate 600 persons. The office of the Baron de Hirsch Committee is in this building. On Sabbath Day the Hebrew Sabbath School imparts religious instruction to about 600 pupils in this edifice. The income of this organization is about \$10,000 per annum. Its endowment fund is about \$28,000. The Society receives \$200 every month from the Baron de Hirsch Trust. It has opened another branch of its work in the northern part of the city.

11. Young Women's Union of Philadelphia.

This institution is supported by Jewish young women of Philadelphia. Some of these ladies not only contribute money for the maintenance of the place, but render personal assistance at the institution. The place is located about one block distant from the mission. The building was dedicated in 1900.

It cost about \$25,000. It is most beautifully fitted up. In this institution there are a sewing school, kinder-garten, gymnasium, night school, household school, shelter for day nurses, beautiful library, and drawing school.

Thousands of children are benefited in this institution. During the summer season hundreds of mothers, with their little ones, are taken out to the parks at the expense of the Union. Many are sent to the country. The institution appeared first on the program of Jewish charities in 1885. Its membership was then 15. At present its supporters number 1090. It spends about \$6,000 a year.

12. Young Men's Hebrew Association.

It has been in existence about twenty years. It has 900 members. The annual fee is \$5.00. The library is filled with periodicals and books in English, German, Hebrew, Latin and other languages. The walls are decorated with antique Hebrew manuscripts from the Genizah of Cairo, Egypt, discovered by Prof. S. Shechter, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York. Some of the manuscripts are parts of pages from the Hebrew prayer books, others are verses of Scripture. The parlor, gymnasium and reading room are very attractive.

13. The Jewish Publication Society of America.

This institution is supported by many other cities. It has its office in this city. All the work of the Society is done in this city. Many of its prominent officers and main supporters are Philadelphian Hebrews. The Society has 5,000 members. Its yearly income is about \$20,000. It publishes many great works, whose authors are Hebrews. The American edition of the "History of the Jews" by Prof. Dr. Graetz is published by this Society. These six volumes of Dr. Graetz's History have found a ready market amongst Hebrews and non-Hebrews.

We regret that space and time do not permit us to give an

account of many minor benevolent institutions, auxiliaries to those above mentioned. The well-to-do Hebrews of this city have also seven large synagogues. Each of these supports one or more charitable institutions in their own congregation. Some of these synagogue buildings are costly. One congregation pays its rabbi \$10,000 salary.



MISSION SCHOLARS

NEW YEAR PRESENTS

The final meeting of the Sabbath School for the year 1902, was held in the Mission on the evening of December 30th. The children had been requested to come with their baskets. A keen curiosity was aroused regarding what they would receive to carry home. They were promptly at the Mission, and it was amusing to see the heap of baskets, some large, some small, some old, some new. After receiving an impressive Scriptural lesson by Mr. Greenberg, and singing Psalms, which was followed with prayer, they were brought, one by one, into the dispensary room, where our missionaries had laid in an ample supply of good things for the home, purchased with special money given by friends of the Mission. Here Mrs. Greenberg loaded each one, sending to every home $\frac{1}{4}$ peck potatoes, 1 lb. rice, 2 lbs. sugar, 12 lbs. flour, 1 lb. barley, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tea, 1 lb. beans, crackers, oatmeal, dates, etc. Through the kindness of a merchant, well-known to the Mission and much beloved, each little boy got a pair of pants and a vest. How all these faces did glow with pleasure as they took up their burden and started home! Who can tell the joy and the thoughts of the mothers, while they, by means of these gifts, made ready the New Year's dinner for their families!

THE HOMES OF OUR MISSION CHILDREN.

These homes vary somewhat in size and comfort, yet all present an appearance that awakens the tender heart, and appeals to every earnest Christian for sympathy and assistance. In one of these humble dwelling-places there is a family consisting of father and mother and seven children. A few years ago they came across the ocean, and on their way were shipwrecked. In the excitement, while the passengers were being lowered from

the ship to the boats, the father had his wrist dislocated, and has not yet recovered the power of that hand. In the fright his mind became unbalanced, and he has become not merely helpless but a great burden on the family. The oldest child, a daughter, is not yet 14 years of age. She is employed in a factory, and upon her hard toil depends the support of that family of nine persons. This dear girl comes to the Mission with her two little sisters and a brother. In order to get there she sometimes brings the baby also, in her arms, which, since the last-born has arrived, has become to her a special care in the evening, after returning from her work. Surely a girl so young, and burdened thus with cares, meeting her trials with so brave a spirit, and seeking enlightenment in the gospel, is worthy of all the comfort and assistance that can be administered. How great and sincere should be our effort to bring the light and consolation of Jesus Christ to such homes! What can we do for thousands of families like this?

DONATIONS.

To the Editor of the MESSENGER.

Kindly oblige and acknowledge in the January issue the following donations of money and clothing sent to me for the Mission :

Two friends, Winchester congregation, \$6.00 ; Thank Offering from W. M. S. of Pittsburg Presbytery, per Mrs. Eda S. McKee, Treasurer, \$14.00 ; the N. E. L. M. S. of Sharon congregation, per Mrs. J. W. Baird, Treasurer, "to pay freight on a box of dry goods," \$5.00 ; Mr. Wm. Carson, Rehoboth congregation, \$5.00 ; Miss Sarah Ewing, Clarinda Jowa, \$.60 ; Mr. and Mrs. John Luckey, Walton congregation, \$5.00 ; Mrs. R. A. J. Martin, Slippery Rock congregation, \$5.00 ;

“A friend,” New York, \$2.00 ; Miss Sarah Ewing, Clarinda congregation, “A New Year’s Gift to the Mission,” \$5.00.

Money to be used according to my discretion, and donations sent for special purposes to be used in the Mission.

Women’s Board of Missions, 1st Newburg R. P. congregation, per Mr. James Greer, Treasurer, \$25.00 ; Mrs. Anna Campbell, Newburg, N. Y., for Bibles, \$30.00 ; Mrs. Anna Campbell, a thank offering to the Mission for Bibles, \$15.00, for coal, \$10.00 ; Mr. R. P. MacClement, Olathe congregation, \$10.00 ; “A Friend,” Cambridge, Mass., \$5.00 ; Miss. Anna M. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa., \$10.00 ; Mrs. Eda S. McKee, per Mr. T. H. Boyd, Treasurer of the 8th St. Pittsburg R. P. congregation, “Specially to help pay an assistant in the sewing school,” \$50 ; Margery and David Metheny, children of Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, “For annual Mission entertainment,” \$5.00 ; Mrs. M. A. Peoples, Philadelphia, \$1.00

The Mission also received a large and valuable box with new clothing, shoes, dry goods, etc., from Mr. James R. Sharp of Blanchard congregation ; a parcel of clothing and shoes from an unknown friend ; a pair of new blankets from Mrs. Mary E. Metheny’s Sabbath School Class, Geneva congregation, Rev. Mr. Foster, Pastor ; a box of dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc., from N. E. L. M. S., Sharon congregation ; and two well filled boxes of clothing, dry goods, shoes and many other useful articles for the poor, from L. M. S. of Syracuse congregation. The Christian Endeavor Society of the 1st Newburg R. P. congregation, Rev. J. W. F. Carlisle, Pastor, sent to the Mission children stockings, dry goods, soap, handkerchiefs, wash rags, toys and many other useful articles, as Christmas presents.

We owe also many thanks to the Missionary Committee of the C. E. S. of the 1st Newburg R. P. congregation, for their generous donations to Mrs. Greenburg and to me. L. M. S. of the

Bellefontaine congregation sent two quilts and an overcoat.

Yours Truly,

MOSES GREENBERG.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER.

The Christian friends who read the MESSENGER will please look into these faces of our dear children, seen on a preceding page, and continue to look until your interest in each person grows into warm emotion and earnest prayer. We ask for your prayers—prayers not merely for the Mission and the good work, but for these persons whom the Lord has called with the gracious call of the gospel. Let your prayers individualize, and concentrate on separate souls, and lift up real persons, as offerings before the throne of the Lord. You may not be personally acquainted, but you can look into these interesting faces and think of the real, living, laughing, romping boy or girl. You can think of these cheeks that blush and grow pale, these eyes that twinkle with joy and weep tears, these hands that take hold of the spoon, the needle, and the Bible, these bodies that grow hungry and get filled: and by thus exercising your thoughts, the precious children of the Mission will be in your hearts, with their joys and griefs, hopes and fears, trials and dangers, and you will have power in prayer. And let our prayers be for their conversion, and the conversion of their parents, and their ability and willingness to offer themselves a living sacrifice unto God by an open profession of their faith. The public profession will undoubtedly involve in persecution; but whoso confesseth Jesus before men shall be confessed before the Father and the Holy Angels. We do plead for the “effectual, fervent prayers of the righteous,” on behalf of all who wait upon the gospel in the Mission. And if we ask God for any-

thing according to his will, let us watch and wait, and expect him to grant our petition. How much will we expect God to do in this Mission this year for his chosen Israel?

BRIEF NOTES

Little Abraham, whose likeness is on another page, received some beautiful and valuable Christmas presents.

Dr. A. Caldwell has done faithful work in the dispensary for the last eight years, all without any compensation.

One of the Mission girls has found a position in a large store, where she and a Covenanter girl are associated together. They make make the day bright by repeating Scripture and singing Psalms.

Mr. T. H. Walker, Superintendent of the Sabbath School of the Second Church of the Covenanters of this city, kindly requested Mr. and Mrs. Greenburg to bring as many of the Mission scholars as they could with convenience, to the Sabbath School Anniversary. About 20 were present and they evidently enjoyed it very much.

The past year has been filled with earnest and judicious labor by both Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg. Much good seed has been sown. Conditions were very favorable. Peace and pleasantness have prevailed. We may reasonably expect God, in answer to our prayers, to give a large harvest.

DIVINE DEW : IMPARTED AND DIFFUSED.

"I will be as the dew unto Israel."—Hosea xiv. 5.

"And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the Lord,"
Micah v. 7.

The Son of God and Abraham's seed,
David's anointed Son and Lord,
The mighty Savior of the world,
The centre of the written Word,
Christ Jesus, our exalted Head,
The Church's Bridegroom, Israel's King
As Sun of righteousness shall rise,
And a new day of blessing bring.

Rom. i. 3-4. Gal. iii. 16. Matt. xxv. 6-31. Mal. iv. 2.

As quickening dew to Israel's seed,
New life and light He will impart,
Awakening loyalty and love,
Softening and gladdening every heart ;
Then will He send them forth to be
His Messengers in all the earth,
Soon shall the heavenly dew diffused,
Banish its barrenness and dearth.

Is. xxv. 1, 9. Rom. xi. 26. Is. lxvi. 19. Zec. viii. 23

The nation now so dead and dry,
Which Gentiles persecute and scorn,
Is destined yet to be the dew
Of that Divine Millennial morn.
God's Word to Abraham, His friend,
Shall be fulfilled in all his seed,
They shall be blest, and blessings made
To all the world in every deed.

Gen. xii. 12. Is. xxvii. 6; lxv. 18. Zec. viii. 3

FRIEND OF ISRAEL.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

1. The glorifying of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Petition: That our Lord Jesus may be manifestly present in the work of the mission, and his name glorified in its success.

Promise: "Prayer shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised."—Psalm 72:15.

2. The saving operations of the Holy Spirit.

Petition: That the Holy Spirit may use the ministration of the Word for the conviction, conversion, and sanctification of those who hear the truth at the mouth of our missionaries.

Promise: "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplications, and they shall look upon one whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn."—Zechariah 12:10.

3. Our Missionaries.

Petition: That our missionaries may have abounding grace, strength and comfort in all their labors and trials in the Lord's work.

Promise: "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you."—2 Thess. 3:1.

4. The Mission Children.

Petition: That the children, who already are indoctrinated and impressed with the gospel of our Lord Jesus, may become able and willing to confess the Saviour, and thus shed a great light upon the home and community in which they live.

Promise: "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God."—Luke 12:8.

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PRAYERS.

The Lord Jesus, on the throne of grace, is greatly honored by his people when they press earnest and Scriptural petitions upon him. He loves to have them ask much of him, and ask often. The friends of Israel should plead with him, with faith arising into expectation, for conversions in this mission, that he may be glorified in the salvation of the Hebrew people. We therefore request that supplication be made, and urge all to pray for the objects herewith mentioned :

1. Mr. Greenberg's ministry; that his preaching of the Gospel of Christ may be very effectual for bringing the people to a sense of sin and acceptance of the only Saviour.

2. Mrs. Greenberg's health; that her visit to her father's home may be blessed for the full recovery of her strength.

3. The many people who more or less come in contact with the mission; that they may confess Jesus, to the glory of God the Father.

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LOOKING UNTO GOD FOR RESULTS.

God calls upon his people to work for great and marvelous results. They, of themselves, are utterly incompetent to accomplish that which is undertaken. What they can do is necessary because included in the Divine plan; yet is it out of proportion with the vast system of forces in operation, as a little cog that is not to be compared with the complicated machinery of a great factory; and though important in its place, yet it cannot take much credit for the valuable products of the factory.

A man throws a few shovelfuls of earth aside, sets a young bush in the ground, holds it in one hand, while with the other he covers the roots with loose clay, and he has done his little part in making a tree. But the wind must breathe night and day upon the sapling, the clouds must drop down their richness, the sun must send its streams of light through space millions of miles deep, and a mysterious life must reach through those roots and drink in the juices of the earth, changing them into fibre, leaf and flower. How puny the work of the man when compared with the work of God, even in making a tree!

Now, transfer the thought to the kingdom of the soul. God's workers have their part to do. They have to make Christ Jesus known to perishing sinners. In essence that is all. God then carries forward the work; convinces, converts, justifies, strengthens, sanctifies, comforts, protects, glorifies. Thus the part of the work belonging to God reaches into the infinite, as far beyond man's power to accomplish, as it is to make the stars of heaven move or pause in their orbits. Then it is well for man to know his place as a co-worker with God, and not to assume too much importance or attempt things beyond his own sphere.

How easy and simple is the work of the people of God in the evangelization of the world! They have merely to herald the gospel; tell of Christ, his person, his mission, his work. They have only to "show forth his salvation from day to day." When the news of the Saviour falls upon the ear-drum, or the beauty of a saved life upon the eye-nerve, then the work of man is done. The work may be repeated over and over, in the use of every ordinance of grace, but man's work ends there. And there is where the Holy Spirit begins. At the drum of the ear, and at the retina of the eye, he, in the divineness of his own operations, makes what use he will of the information that has been dropped upon the external organs of flesh. No man can invade his sacred precincts to awaken the fountains of life in the heart and renew the image of God on the soul. What comfort this is to all engaged in the work of the gospel! They have not to argue or to convince, or to make the mysteries of religion comprehensible, but simply to tell of the free and full salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, and let the Almighty Worker do the rest.

Also he desires us to expect him to do his part. We who are at work in our small sphere, with our little powers, should expect the Holy Spirit to take up the work where we reach our limit, and carry it on in the souls of those to whom we declare Christ. Our great duty, then, is to look for results by the Spirit of Christ. Perhaps results do not appear just because we do not expect them. No less than fifty times in the Word of God are we exhorted to wait on God and watch to see him do his work, his glorious work, upon ourselves and others. Wait, watch, expect, observe, rejoice and praise God. This is the Christian's true attitude. This honors God. This gives him the glory. Let no one neglect his little part in the work of the gospel, but do it well; then look to see results that will reveal God's presence and power.

Mrs. Greenberg is at present visiting her parents in Germany, taking a much needed rest. Her health has failed her during the past year. The constant strain of the work, and especially in the new locality, where for a time hostility was bitter, has been too great for her to endure. All were sorry to part with her genial presence and efficient services, even for a few months; yet with the prospect of her restoration to health she was urged to take a rest. It grieved her very much to withdraw from the work, even for a little season. We trust that in the loving care of our covenant Lord she will return in perfect health.



HEBREW TENEMENT HOUSE.

The house represented in the cut is crowded with perhaps 30 or 40 families, enough to make a little village. In many cases a whole family, father, mother and several children, live (rather we should say, stay) in a single room. From this house come some of our mission children. Who knows what good

they may do, as they carry with them into their little, dark, crowded homes from the mission a sense of neatness, cleanness, kindness, purity and the knowledge of Jesus Christ as the loving and all-sufficient Saviour. Let our people help these precious souls laid upon our hands, in divine providence given to us as a trust from God, for which we must give an account.

WANTED TO BE CONVINCED.

The last service in March was unusually interesting. The Sabbath day had been pleasant, and the evening was cool and clear. A goodly number of men were present, nearly all apparently in the prime of life, and mostly men with strong character marked in their features. They listened very attentively as Mr. Greenberg preached to them in their own language on the passover. They were evidently impressed with the thought that the passover has been superceded by the Lord's supper, and the Jewish dispensation by the Christian. After the service one man wanted to argue the point, and thereby get convinced. He was astonished when Mr. Greenberg told him that the mission was not for debating, nor yet for convincing men, but for telling them of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and looking unto Jesus to convince them by his Holy Spirit.

PRESERVANCE UNDER TRIALS.

Mr. Greenberg carries forward the work during the absence of his wife without relinquishing any part of it. Miss Mary Bell takes charge of the sewing class, and Mr. Daniel Fleming leads the singing. With these and others assisting,

we trust the work will not suffer on account of Mrs. Greenberg's absence, though it would be very difficult for any helpers to do her part with the ability which she has acquired through her experience and zeal during the last nine years. While she is absent her prayers will undoubtedly be effectual in bringing blessings down upon the missionary and his work.

CONGRATULATIONS BY A HEBREW.

Purim, the feast of Lots, instituted by Mordecai, is still observed by the Jews on the 14th and 15th of the month Adar (March). The Sabbath preceding this feast in the present year was very rainy; yet an attentive audience gathered in the evening at the mission. After the service there was a distribution of New Testaments and Christian literature to those who desired to receive such reading, in Hebrew, German and Yiddish. One man present was a merchant of evident intelligence. When leaving he said to Mr. Greenberg: "Although I am a Jew, yet I wish to congratulate you on the good work you are doing in this place." The kind words, coming from such a source and with sincerity, were appreciated.

A SPECIAL PRAYER MEETING.

The Sabbath following Mrs. Greenberg's departure for her parents' home was spent in the mission in earnest prayer. The evening service, Dr. Stevenson, and several members of the Second Church being present, was turned into a prayermeeting. Prayer was made for Mrs. Greenberg, then on the ocean, and Mr. Greenberg; for the Hebrew people, the mission, and

the workers in it. The Hebrews who were present listened attentively to the words of Dr Stevenson and Mr. Daniel Fleming, who addressed them, and to passages of Scripture, read by other kind friends. One person present remarked: "We all prayed as never before for the listeners." When the Hebrews were going out they asked for New Testaments, and, of course, received them.

A PLEASANT CHANGE.

When the mission was established in the present location, the community of Hebrews, soon as they understood its nature and purpose, arose in the spirit of riot and violence against it. The waves broke and fell as upon a rock. But the Lord Jesus has caused a great calm to continue for the past year without interruption. Two families, close to the mission, who showed their hostile spirit against it in many ways, now send their children regularly to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. They have been in attendance for the last five months. Many of the officers on the police force in the mission district are Hebrews. Their assistance, however, is not now, and we hope, never will be needed.

IN A HEBREW COFFEE-HOUSE.

One day Mr. Greenberg went into a Hebrew restaurant for a lunch, where he was not known. A group of young men, who sat at a table near him, were discussing various topics, until religion got its turn. The Christian missionaries came in for a good share of unfavorable criticism. Mr. Greenberg's interest was awakened, and he was glad to remain unknown, that he might see himself as others see him from the Jewish point of

view. Some claimed that it was money, and only money, that would induce a Jew in America to become a Christian. One said that if a missionary would give him \$200 he would be baptized. Another reduced the amount to \$50. But several others were of a different opinion. One said, "I am sure Missionary Greenberg would not give you 50 cents if you would ask to be baptized for money. I heard that he once showed a man out of his house because he asked to be baptized for money."

CARD PLAYERS LISTEN.

During the month of March Mr. Greenberg entered a coffee house, where he found about 45 people, mostly engaged in playing cards. They were deeply engrossed in their amusement, and he waited for some time unnoticed. At length one of them looked up and recognizing him, said: "Mr. Greenberg, what are you doing here?" He asked the man how he knew him. The reply was, "Who should not know a man who is a missionary for nine years?" Then he added: "Do you actually believe that Jesus was the Son of God?" This gave Mr. Greenberg the opportunity he was seeking. As he proceeded to explain the gospel, the men ceased playing cards, and all gave good attention. The proprietor then asked for something to read on the subject. He was supplied with gospel tracts, and likewise the others, many of whom promised to come to the mission. One said: "I do not see why we Jews should so mistreat Jesus."

FRIENDS AT WORK.

The First Newburgh Congregation—Rev. J. W. F. Carlisle, pastor—shows a deep interest in the Mission to the Hebrews. The L. M. S. gave a donation of \$25 for the anniversary. The children were remembered with many presents, such as handkerchiefs, mittens, soap, etc., besides goods for the sewing school. This was followed by a check for \$41.00 from the C. E. S. And after this came an appreciated expression of kindness to Mrs. Greenberg by the pastor, his sisters and a few friends. For all this the missionaries are thankful.

The women of Geneva Congregation—Rev. H. G. Foster, pastor—sent a barrel and a basket to the mission filled with all kinds of good things for the holiday season, which greatly delighted the families connected with the mission. Also the Covenanter Young People's Society sent a supply of dolls and other presents, which the children of the mission received with glad hearts. Miss Mary McFarland has shown special interest by sending books and the Youth's Companion to the library, and a good list of subscriptions for the "Hebrew Messenger."

The Pennsylvania Bible Society has our gratitude for many donations of Bibles, amounting in the aggregate to about \$500 worth. Also Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, of Eskridge, Kan., for an order of \$10 on the Bible Society for Bibles.

BENEFICENCE IN MISSION WORK.

A stranger recently called at the mission and began to inquire earnestly concerning the work and the people for whom it was established. He then surprised Mr. Greenberg by stating that he had been in the neighborhood before taking observations,

and had made up his mind that the work was genuine in its spirit, effectual in its method and successful in reaching many who had need of help. And then he said that he wanted to help through the mission any two Hebrew families that Mr. Greenberg would recommend, to the extent of one dollar per week for each, or \$104 for the year. One of these families is that reported in our last issue, whose nine persons are dependent on the toil of a daughter only 14 years old, who at the same time attends the mission with two little sisters and a brother. The other is in circumstances not much better. How great the kindness of this unknown friend!

THE ANNIVERSARY.

The mission anniversary was held on the 22d of January. The house was well filled, and Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg were happy, as the exercises of the evening passed pleasantly along under their supervision. Rev. J. C. McFeeters made the opening prayer, after which he and Mr. W. J. Ferguson were asked to make addresses to the school. The children then followed with their full and interesting program. Miss Jane Peoples told in a most realistic and fascinating manner the Bible story about the little Hebrew girl who started Naaman on his way to the miraculous recovery of his health. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. D. Fleming sang some very pleasing songs. The children were delighted. Dr. Stevenson's daughters enlivened the evening with music on their stringed instruments. The distribution of prizes and candies brought the meeting to a pleasant close. Dr. Stevenson appeared as early as possible, after having met that evening another engagement. All the children were happy.



The above scene is a photograph picture of a second-hand furniture store on South street. This street for miles is lined on both sides with small stores, many of which are owned by the Jews, and many of these are second-hand shops, where furniture, clothing, shoes, hardware—almost everything—can be bought “as cheap as dirt,” or at a price as high as the lack of wisdom will allow. The house appearing in the picture is but a little distance from the mission.

STALKS ANG KERNELS.

The recent proclamation of the Czar of Russia granting liberty of conscience and religion throughout his empire, will affect about 4,000,000 Hebrews living under his rule.

The Reformed Jews are raising \$500,000 for a memorial to Dr. Wise, the founder of Reformed Judaism in America. Dr. Wise was a strong antagonist of Christianity.

The sewing School was favored with a visit by Dr. A. J. McFarland while he was in our city. Whether or not he understands needlework, he knows how to make friends of the girls.

The Jewish Encyclopedia, the first work of its kind in English, and most valuable, is making good progress, three of the intended 12 volumes being complete. The missionary thanks two good friends for a present of this work. The price is \$72.00.

The Orthodox Jews have opened a Hebrew High School in Philadelphia, where the students may be taught to write and speak fluently in Hebrew.

A friend of Israel in Pittsburg has made a donation of \$30,000 to the Jewish Christian mission of that city. Can some good friend do our mission a similar favor?

Fourteen families are now sending their children to the mission. Some of these families have been sending children here since the mission was started.

One girl, 13 years old, can name from memory all the books of the Old and New Testaments in order without missing one. How many of our Covenanter girls of the same age can do this?

A little girl came up to the pastor of one of our churches after the meeting one evening and recited perfectly the 53d chapter of Isaiah.

The Orthodox Jews in the vicinity of the mission are endeavoring to open a new synagogue, to be known as "The Union Synagogue." The chief object seems to be to protect their children from Christian influences.

An agent of the Jews came to our missionary and asked what he would take for the mission property. He intimated his willingness to pay a handsome price, covering the first cost and all improvements, but was informed that it was not for sale.

The Biblical phrase, "Ye shall kindle no fire in all your habitations upon the Sabbath day," is taken literally by the Orthodox Hebrews, who get over the inconvenience and discomfort by employing non-Hebrews to kindle the fire.

The Hebrew people were very busy on passover week, cleaning their homes, supplying unleavened bread and various dishes pertaining to the feast. But with Isaac we might say: "Behold the preparations, but where is the lamb?"

Mr. William Euwer, Jeannette, Pa., visited the mission in the latter part of January. The boys and girls will long remember his words to them about the love of Jesus. Mr. Euwer is a helpful friend of the mission.

Every new patient at the mission dispensary receives a copy of the New Testament in the language suitable. Let prayer be without ceasing that the Lord may make his Word effectual for the salvation of these perishing souls.

Bibles are laid open in the window on Fifth street, and Scripture scenes hung up, so that the people can see and read as they pass by. Often they gather in groups at this window

and discuss what they see; and at times are overheard saying, "Surely, Jesus was greater than Moses."

Our most cordial thanks is hereby expressed to Rev. Marcus S. Bergman for 1000 tracts he donated to the mission. Mr. Bergman is a missionary to the Hebrews in London. He is the translator of the Bible into the Yiddish language.

Quite a number of Jewish students attending various schools and colleges in Philadelphia and suburbs have called at the mission for Bibles, New Testaments and tracts in Hebrew and English.

A prominent Hebrew doctor of divinity called at the mission recently, asking many questions about Christianity. He was given a Bible, which he promised to read without prejudice.

DONATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Messenger:":

Kindly oblige and acknowledge the following amounts received by me for the mission:

Miss Alice Bell, Clarinda, Ia., \$5.00; Mrs. M. J. Wilkey, Clarinda, Ia., \$10.00; Glenn Avenue Sabbath School, per Mr. S. R. Wills, \$15.96; to be used according to my discretion, per Mrs. S. M. Blackwood, New Castle, Pa., Dr. James Blackwood, \$5.00; Mrs. Jemima Foster, \$5.00; First Newburgh R. P. Congregation, per Mr. James Greer, treasurer, \$41.00; Mr. Geo. J. Sudlow, for medicine in Mission Dispensary, \$2.00.

Yours truly,

MOSES GREENBERG.

TWO YEARS OLD.

This issue of the "Hebrew Messenger" completes the second year of its publication. The kind reception it has received in the many homes of subscribers is a grateful testimony to deep interest our people have in the mission to the Hebrew people. We are thankful for the cordial support and the prayers of God's covenant church offered for the maintenance and success of this mission to the children of Israel. We have, through the "Messenger," endeavored to give our readers a view of the work as it is being carried forward by our Lord Jesus Christ, through his servant, and the wife of his servant, our missionaries, both of whom are exceeding zealous in the work of saving souls. We earnestly request that you will continue your interest, your support, your prayers and your zeal in this work of the Lord. And that you and others may have the information necessary we ask you to continue the "Messenger" in your homes, and assist in increasing the list of subscribers.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

The last of many letters from our friends contains the following cheering words: "I enjoy reading the "Hebrew Messenger" very much, for it just shows how God works with his people. I wish you and all the workers Godspeed. He is slowly but surely fulfilling his promises. But it requires faith and patience on our part. The workers, all, in that mission, have my earnest prayers for their success. Prayer is what we want nowadays. It lifts men higher and encourages them. O, that the Holy Spirit might give us all that spirit of prayer more and more. I send you inclosed the money for renewal.

CONVERSION OF THE WORLD.

“What shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead?” This question raised by the apostle Paul would seem to indicate that the receiving of the Jews into the Church was a foregone conclusion. He foresaw the day when the Holy Spirit would be poured out upon them, resulting in their rapid conversion. And that this in turn would prepare the world for the universal and out pouring of the Holy Spirit which would convert the world to Christ. One evening recently as we came from the mission, a stranger who had been at the meeting remarked that he thought the Christian churches greatly neglected the important work of missionating among the Jews. He thought the Scriptures clearly taught that the Jews must receive the gospel; and as they are scattered over the whole world, they become missionaries of Jesus Christ, and cause the nations to turn to the Lord. He thought he had gotten his view from the 11 Chapter of Romans. Whether he be correct or not, we know that the promise is, “All Israel shall be saved.” Let us labor for this end.

AT HOME.

A communication from Mrs. Greenberg informs us that she arrived safely at Hamburg. Her father's home is a few hours by rail beyond the sea. What joy in meeting father and mother and brothers afters long years of absence! The pleasure will be better than medicine. We trust that the change, and rest, and enjoyment of home and friends will bring her back to a condition of perfect health. The committee in charge of the mission kindly advised her not to return till autumn, that she might get the benefit of the whole summer in Europe.

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