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## OUR CENTENARY NUMBER.



### **FROM OUR PRESIDENT.**

To all our friends, supporters and prayer partners, we send our warmest greetings. Rejoice with us as we commemorate our Centenary.

A hundred years of blessing ; a hundred years of God's goodness and mercy ; while others persecute and destroy the Jews, we have sought to save them. And all down the years God has graciously supplied our needs and given us a succession of devoted servants to carry on the work. To God be the glory.

A. LINDSAY GLEGG.



## Editor's Memoranda.

*Let us unite in thanksgiving to God for calling our Society into being a hundred years ago, and for what He has wrought through its activities in Jewish hearts and lives, and let us dedicate ourselves afresh to His service, to fulfil the tasks and meet the challenge of the new century on which, by His grace, we now enter.*

**"Now thank we all our God."** It is no small thing in the history of a missionary society to look back upon a century of service, and, with unspeakable gratitude, we offer our thanksgiving to God Who has brought us to this hour. We thank Him for the vision given to our fathers, for their concern for the lost sheep of the house of Israel and their service and sacrifice on behalf of God's ancient people. We bless Him for the guidance of His Holy Spirit in the tasks undertaken by them and those who followed after, for the selfless devotion of a noble army of missionaries and for His blessing upon their work and witness, and for all who have believed because of their testimony. We rejoice to know that God is "just the same to-day"—the same in His love for His people, in His desire for their salvation and in His readiness to guide and bless those who, to-day, are called to the great task of Jewish evangelisation—as He was to our fathers a hundred years ago. He did not fail them and He will not fail us. "He abideth faithful."

**The Building of the Bridge.** The Centenary Bridge, as Mr. Parry has envisaged it, is very far from being built and its completion will have to wait until we have entered upon our second century, but it is surely wise to prepare as fully as possible beforehand for the great work of restoration to which we shall be called as soon as the war ends. In "Our Heart's Desire" we had to write with sorrow of the closing down of our work on the Continent. It is one of the casualties of the war. We had written of the missions in Cracow, Wilna and Vienna, all of them closed now, with no possibility of giving the help to body and soul which we once so gladly gave, and we added: "It is a closed chapter—but our faith is that the book will be re-opened, and that it will contain the story of renewed service and, by God's blessing, of great achievement in the leading of Jews to the feet of the Saviour." Yes, that is our faith; we believe it is shared by a multitude of our friends and that they will help us to build again the walls that have been broken down. May God grant that, in our new century of service to the Jewish people, we may be ready to enter every door of opportunity that opens before us, and in Carey's stirring words, "Expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God."

**Our Centenary Celebrations.** Saturday, November 7th, is the Anniversary of the founding of our Society. It is a red-letter day in our history, a day in which we shall remember with thanksgiving all the way that the Lord hath led us, and in which we shall seek His continued guidance and blessing. It will begin with a meeting for praise and prayer at 10.30 a.m., in the Wingate M'Cheyne Memorial Mission, Bateman Street, Soho. This meeting-place is well known to many of our London friends, for it is here that our monthly prayer-meetings are held. It is easily reached from Tottenham Court Road. Visitors going down Dean Street, Oxford Street, will find Bateman Street on the left, with the mission almost on the corner. We are glad to announce that our President, Mr. Lindsay Glegg, is arranging to be with us and to give us a message, but, apart from this, the main business of the meeting will be prayer. At 2.30 p.m., we are to meet again at Sion College, on the Embankment, near Blackfriars. This meeting also is to be under the presidency of Mr. Lindsay Glegg. There will be addresses by Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones and Rev. D. McKenzie, M.A., of the Free Church of Scotland, and there will be greetings from our sister Societies engaged in Jewish missionary work. This, surely, will be a great occasion and we trust there may be a large attendance of friends of Israel to rejoice with us in what God hath wrought.

**Our Centenary Number.** We are very glad that, in this Centenary number of our magazine, we are able to print so many kind messages of congratulation and good-will from representatives of Missionary Societies not engaged specifically in the evangelisation of the Jews. We thank our friends for their words of generous appreciation, and trust that the blessing they seek for us may rest richly on their own endeavour to extend the bounds of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Most of the writers are Secretaries of the Societies on whose behalf their messages are sent; but there are exceptions. Instead of asking one of the present Secretaries of the British and Foreign Bible Society for a greeting, we asked one who long occupied that position in this great Society, Dr. John H. Ritson, to do us this further service, for he has for many years been an intimate friend of our work and is, at the present time, a member of our Council.

Rev. J. Chalmers Lyon is another exception for he is the honorary Secretary of our own Society as well as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of England, and it is fitting that this eminent Minister of the Church that was so largely responsible for the founding of the Society should be represented among those who greet us to-day.



There may be other words of good cheer that will reach us after this number is printed. If so, we shall hope to publish them in our next issue, and, as we have already intimated, we are looking for other greetings from friends who are to be with us in the afternoon of November 7th.

**Our new Treasurer.** At our last Committee meeting, we learnt with regret that our good friend, Mr. Percy W. Lockhart, felt compelled to resign his position as Treasurer of the Society in view of the many other demands that are made upon him. We are grateful for the help he has given us in this direction and for services long rendered to our Society in his home town of Dunstable.

We are thankful that the vacancy thus created has been very happily filled by the acceptance of the position by Mr. E. H. Philcox, our Honorary Solicitor. Many of our friends will remember that, for a number of years, our friend's honoured father, Mr. H. N. Philcox, acted for us in this double capacity, and we are glad that his son is prepared thus to follow in his father's footsteps. May God's

blessing be upon him in this and in all the service he seeks to render to the cause of Christ.

**Meetings for prayer in the New Year.** As we shall not be able to publish our magazine in December we desire here to emphasise the importance of the observance of the Universal Week of Prayer which has once again been arranged by the World's Evangelical Alliance. It takes place in the first complete week of the New Year, January 3rd-10th, 1943. In connection with our own Society we shall hope to meet on New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st, at the Wingate M'Cheyne Memorial Mission, 12, Bateman Street, Soho at 2.30 p.m. and we trust that many lovers of Israel will be able to join us then to begin the year with prayer for our Society, our missionaries and those among whom we labour. For a number of years our friend Rev. J. Chalmers Lyon has given us a message that has cheered and helped us at the beginning of the year. We shall look forward to hearing him again on this occasion. Let us come together to pray and to receive the blessing of those who wait upon the Lord.

## From the Secretary's Chair.

My Dear Friends,

As a young man I had the privilege of enjoying the friendship of the late Mr. Fegan and on several occasions, I was his guest at his farm in Goudhurst, Kent. Some of the talks we had together have lived and will, I believe, continue to live in my memory. One evening, as we sat together by his fireside, he began to speak of the great hope of the Church, namely the rapture of the Saints and the coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ. Of that talk, one thing he said has come back to me times out of number, and I have repeated it likewise on more occasions that I should care to venture to state with accuracy. With enthusiasm he exclaimed, "Parry, it is just like our Lord Jesus Christ to give to His Church a gracious and world-wide revival before He comes again." These were his words well nigh verbatim, if not quite. When I have repeated them to friends since, I have been assured by some of them that there is no Scriptural warrant for such an expectation. Well, the matter is one, of course, for personal opinion based upon private interpretation of the word of God. For my part I agree with my late friend who certainly knew his Bible well, that "It is just like our Lord Jesus Christ to give His Church a gracious and world-wide revival before He comes again." I wonder how many of God's believing people cherish the same blessed hope and anticipation? It is certain that most of us have met many who have a great longing for such a visitation and are, indeed, praying for it.

It is true that, as we look in this direction and the other, we seem to see nothing but apathy, indifference, worldliness and Godlessness, and yet is it not so that, when we look a little more closely, we perceive also, a multitude on their knees, and if we bend our ears to listen (having ears to hear) do we not catch the sound of sighs, even if in but a whisper, from many a heart, "O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years; in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

I believe that these prayers, Spirit inspired, will be answered; moreover I believe the signs are not wanting that answers are already on the way. There is not only the upward look to which I have referred; but an expectation is abroad that we are on the threshold of a new day of opportunity for the Missionary Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a Missionary Journal published every two months, the pages of which I devour with relish as the issues reach my hands. I refer to "World Dominion." In the current edition I read this as coming from the Editorial pen: "The present year of grace may well mark a turning point for the Christian Church. A hundred and fifty years ago, with the map of the world before him, William Carey found it impossible to be content with the normal profession of the churches of his day. He summoned his fellow-Christians to expect great things from God, and to attempt great things for Him. There are many Christian leaders in 1942 who feel that such a challenge must



be repeated. The British people are ready for a nation-wide crusade summoning them to the feet of Christ. The nations of the world are in such a chaotic condition that only the saving and guiding power of Christ can be of any avail for the future.

What we have to do, therefore, is to mobilize the Christian forces, and, in the strength of our unlimited resources in God, make an attempt, on an unprecedented scale, to summon mankind to the Christian way of life, which is the way of surrender to Jesus Christ, and of unremitting service for Him on behalf of the world He died to redeem."

A leaflet was enclosed in the same copy of "World Dominion." It was a reprint from the "Christian Herald" of an article from the Mildmay Centre with which our beloved President is so closely connected. (A charming photograph of him, by the way, is reproduced at the top of the leaflet). The article is too long to quote fully; but here is the opening paragraph: "What will the world be like when the war is over? It is hard to say, but we may take it for granted that the people of every land will be weary of the strain and turmoil of the war years, and be ready, as never before, for a message of release from hatred and sin, and of peace among men of good-will. Are the churches preparing for this golden opportunity? What is being planned on a world scale, for the winning of men and women for Christ? There is need, however, for something much vaster. Our Lord told His disciples that the field is the world, and it is necessary for us to think in world terms if we are to be obedient to His command to preach the Gospel to every creature." A little further on we are reminded that in planning a world-wide campaign in the years immediately following the war, three loyalties are essential. 1. To the Lord Jesus Christ and the centrality of His Cross. 2. To the Bible as the final authority in faith and practice. 3. To Christ's command to witness to every creature. Right thinking and spiritually-minded people not only agree with that but are thrilled by the *soundness* of the statement.

"To every creature," I found myself repeating and then saying to myself, "Not forgetting the Jew." Yea, so runs the word of Paul, "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first." Let not the Jew, therefore, be forgotten in planning a world-wide campaign for the years immediately following the war. Give the Jew his place, yes, his right place.

My boys and I were talking around the breakfast table the other morning about missionary work and much to my surprise and equal pleasure, Kenneth, the youngest said, "It will be all very well to send missionaries again to Africa and India, but don't forget to send some to Europe also."

No, that we mustn't forget to do; and let it be remembered by all, as those of us in the B.J.S. and sister Societies have not forgotten, that in spite of Hitler's hatred, his threats and his diabolical work, there will yet be a remnant of the Jews left in Europe. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will see to that. Yes, and what great need and longing will be found in their hearts; need and longing for hope, comfort, light and life. God forbid that the Christian Church should fail them. Who can adequately describe their sad estate at this time? They are in gross darkness. They are afraid to live and yet as fearful to die. My Friends, we have the light and we must take it to them, nor must a moment be lost. The light which will enable them to live without fear; the light which will illumine the valley of the shadow of death. We claim to have the love of God; then we must lavish it upon them; O, how healing is that balm!

We must not wait for the Jews to come to us, we must go to them. I am going to quote from Mr. Exley's admirable little history "Our Hearts' Desire" (which, by the way, is still being published and which you ought to read):

"A very great task lies before us. After the war is happily over we shall need to do our utmost to bring healing of spirit to Jews who have suffered more terribly than any other people in Europe. Apart from the physical agonies which they have endured, there has been the terrible mental suffering which anti-Semitism has inflicted. Once again, as in the middle ages, they have been regarded as having no right to the ordinary decencies of life. The ghetto walls have been re-erected. Thousands of Jews have been driven from their homes, and have been subjected to a more terrible tyranny than any of which Pharaoh knew the secret. What need there will be of ministering to them in Christ's Name when once again it is possible for us to reach them in Poland. We have had to abandon missions in Wilna and Cracow in which we had sought in all possible ways to comfort and help them, and we can only dimly imagine what the fate has been of those to whom we then ministered, but we trust that at no distant date it will be possible to begin again our missionary service in those cities. In Vienna too, the work which was so full of promise and of achievement will need to be re-commenced, and if ever we had a Divine commission to bind up the broken-hearted and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, it will be then."

The forces of evil mean business right enough and have done so all along. They prepared long enough for the war and are prosecuting their evil work with zeal. Dare the Church be one whit behind them in earnestness to do God's will and to fulfil Christ's command? Dare the Church lag behind in making preparation for the great day of



opportunity? If it does, then, indeed, can we think that the great Head of the Church will have any use for its present-day representatives? To quote His words "He will spew them out of His mouth." God forbid that such a judgment fall upon me, fall upon you. We are always to "abound in the work of the Lord." We are challenged to "work while it is called to-day." We are reminded that "night cometh when no man can work." We are exhorted, "whatsoever thy hands find to do, do it with all thy might." Truly, great responsibility rests upon us. If we fail, we fail at our peril, since we fail with the sounds of the trumpet in our ears and with the commandment staring us in the face.

There is a day of vast opportunity facing us ; facing the Church as a whole ; facing every Missionary Society ; facing the B.J.S. Get ready for it and be prepared ! If we are true Christians we are earnest Christians and will long to do so, yea, to do our utmost by prayer and giving for the evangelization of the world. The World ! and the Jew is as much included as the Gentile.

I make my last appeal before the Centenary celebration to all who have not as yet responded, for a gift towards providing for the demands of the day of opportunity.

Yours prayerfully,

ARTHUR G. PARRY.

## GREETINGS

From the INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL. REV. WILLIAM PATON, D.D.,  
*Secretary.*

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO THE JEWS.

I am very glad to send this message of greeting to the Centenary issue of the Herald. It is a time of great uncertainty in the world and one in which the task of planning a future is peculiarly difficult, just because there is so much that is totally hidden from us. But no one who believes in the Gospel and has his eye open to the fact of the world to-day can be in much doubt about the importance of missionary work of every kind. The secular students of international order are increasingly expressing their sense of the prime importance of a moral and spiritual basis for an ordered Europe or an ordered world. There is a new recognition of the toughness of the Church life in the occupied countries and of the fact that, all over Europe, the Church and no one else is speaking fearlessly about the great human rights, because the Church knows where those rights really find their meaning.

If this is true generally, is it not plain that the Christian approach to the Jew is a matter of the first importance? Our methods may need to be changed, and the catastrophic developments in Europe will demand a thorough recasting of the structure of missionary work. But the question of the Jew will remain, and it will never be solved only by political methods, or by campaigns against anti-Semitism (valuable as they are) or by anything that fails to recognize the fundamentally religious nature of the problem.

So that I wish you well for your next hundred years in the Society.

From REV. DR. JOHN H. RITSON.

### A FRIEND OF OVER FIFTY YEARS.

My admiration for those who give their lives to help the Jews does not diminish. It is a Christlike work to befriend all "despised and rejected of men." I congratulate you on the completion of one hundred years of earnest and devoted work in the interests of this wonderful people. Inured to sorrow and suffering in a pagan world and even through all the centuries of the Christian era, the fires of persecution rage more fiercely around them now than ever before. The hearts of all true followers of Jesus Christ are profoundly moved, and now is the time of times to succour them in their desperate need. Let us now openly declare our sympathy, and make it known in every circle in which we move, that we at all events hold this great people in respect.

It is over fifty years since I began to subscribe to the British Jews Society, and I have followed its work with approval and satisfaction. It is an interdenominational Society, and loyal members of all churches, which have no specialized missions of their own to Jews, can join it and so have a direct share in its work of evangelization.

This day affords an unparalleled opportunity for winning the Jews, and we can remove the barriers that separate, if not by arguing about doctrine and dogma, yet by demonstrating in deeds of love for these people in body, mind and soul, that Jesus has so manifestly saved us, that He must also be the Messiah their hearts yearn to see.



## GREETINGS

From the BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.  
REV. J. B. MIDDLEBROOK, M.A., *Home Secretary*.

THE JEW, A BROTHER FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED.

It is my privilege to send cordial greetings to the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews, on the occasion of its Centenary. As Home Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society, which itself is celebrating 150 years of vigorous and much-blessed service, I felicitate your Society on the seal that God Himself has set upon your consecrated labours.

Missionary work is more than ever necessary in a world of war, disturbances, and opportunity, and at a time when the people of the Orient have arisen from sleep and stagnation to strenuous thought and activity in every department of human life. But the most ghastly feature in the present conflict is the revival of anti-Semitism in gross and brutal forms. The Jew's property, his freedom, and even his right to live at all, are being attacked from many quarters and in many lands; he is marked down as the victim of many persecutors. The Jew, therefore, needs, as never before, humane people who regard him as a human being, those who will set high value on his gifts and possibilities, and indeed upon his very individuality. Your own Society sees in the Jew a brother for whom Christ died, and a people without which the purposes of God can never be fulfilled, and this vision is giving in these desperate days a clear and convincing proof of the Love of Christ for the people from which He sprung.

From the BIBLE CHURCHMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY. REV. DANIEL H. C. BARTLETT, M.A., D.D. *President and Hon. Secretary*.

THE CALL TO GIVE THE JEW THE PURE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

As the Centenary of the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews approaches, I want to send you and your Society hearty congratulations and cordial good wishes for the future.

The Race which, in the Providence of God, was chosen to prepare the World for the coming of His dear Son is to-day hated and persecuted by so-called Christians. Consequently the call to us to give to such a race the pure Gospel of Christ is paramount.

May our gracious God pour out His Spirit upon all the workers and members of your Society and carry you forward to ever-increasing triumphs for the glory of Christ.

From the CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.  
REV. M. A. C. WARREN, M.A., *General Secretary*.

ALL ONE IN THE NEED OF A SAVIOUR.

In these days when the people of the Jews are suffering in a manner unsurpassed even in their tragic history, it is a ground for great gladness that the Christian Church is more alive to the need of bringing the Gospel to the Jews than ever before. In this awakening, the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Among the Jews has played an honoured part. And we thank God also that, at a time when anti-Semitism is spreading, the witness of your Society stands firm that within the all-embracing plan of salvation there is neither Gentile nor Jew, but all are one in their need of a Saviour and in the Saviour who meets their need. May God continue to bless you and give you to see more and more fruit of your labours until that day when all Israel shall be saved and the fulness of the Gentiles be gathered in.

From the LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.  
REV. A. M. CHIRGWIN, M.A., *General Secretary*.

OUR COMMON CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR JEWRY.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the London Missionary Society, of sending to the missionaries and friends of your Society our warm Christian greetings and our sincere congratulations on reaching your hundredth anniversary. It is good to know that in spite of all the vicissitudes of a century, the work of the British Society has been kept going and its witness maintained in the various areas of its service.

You will be interested to know that we in the L.M.S. are beginning to make preparations for the adequate celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Society's founding which will take place in 1945. The next three years is to be a period of prayer and preparation, and amongst other things, we are asking the friends in our supporting churches to face the issue of our common Christian responsibility for Jewry. The interest in this decision will be all the greater in that it falls at the time of your centenary.

May God's blessing rest upon the British Society in all its service at home and abroad, and may the centenary celebrations mark a new beginning in your history.



## GREETINGS

From REV. J. CHALMERS LYON. *Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of England.*

### CONCERNING THE BEGINNING OF THINGS.

I would like to add a line of hearty congratulations and a note of deep thanksgiving on this occasion of the Centenary of the B.J.S. I think I am right in saying that the Society took inception by the action of Dr. James Hamilton, who called together a number of those interested in the evangelization of the Jewish people at a time when a great spiritual awakening had made believers realize afresh their responsibility for making Christ known. The meeting was convened in Regent Square Presbyterian Church, and the outcome of it was the formation of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews. It has always been interdenominational in its personnel and thoroughly evangelical in its outlook and activity, and throughout its long history the blessing of God has attended its labours at home and abroad.

To-day we are living in a time of renewed persecution of the Jews on a scale and with a ferocity rarely, if ever, known before. Never was Israel more in need of the consolations of God as they are made known to us in the Lord Jesus. Surely to-day, more clearly than ever, God is calling His people to make Him known who alone can give to Jew and Gentile everlasting consolation and good hope through Grace.

From the CHURCH OF SCOTLAND JEWISH MISSION COMMITTEE. REV. R. CLEPHANE MACANNA, M.A., *Secretary.*

### A NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION TO JEWISH NEED.

It is with deep satisfaction that we note the

Centenary celebrations of the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews. We rejoice with you in this completion of one hundred years of work for Israel, and the more so that, the Church of Scotland have celebrated its own Centenary in this work last year, we can fully enter into your experience. We welcome your Society amongst the "Centenarians"!

Looking back to the beginnings of Jewish Mission work we all realise that, while many outward changes have taken place, the main problem of our mission has not altered much. The need of the Jewish people is, indeed, greater than ever. Through these past years the agencies supervised by your Society have shown their value increasingly and have made a notable contribution to Jewish need. Moreover your work in the homeland has brought ever more clearly to the minds of Christian men and women the importance of this special branch of missionary work. Your influence at home and abroad has enlightened Jew and Gentile.

We therefore rejoice with you in your Centenary and, as you look back on what has been accomplished with gratitude to God, we are sure you may look forward to the future in the faith that God has even greater things in store for you. We trust that your celebrations may result not only in the maintenance of present interest, but in an actual increase in the number of those who realise that work for Jewry, while an ever present challenge, is yet one of the most fruitful activities possible for Christians. We pray that your work may continue to be greatly blessed and that your Society will go forward encouraged to seek increased success in the coming years.

## When the Work Ceased in Vienna.

By H. Kosmala.

Early this summer we had word from Stockholm, that the Swedish Mission to Israel had ceased its work in Vienna in June, 1941, by the order of the Gestapo. All Swedish missionaries had to leave for their own country. Their former headquarters at 16, Seegasse was transformed into an infirmary and hospital for Jewish and non-Aryan Christians. A committee of Hebrew Christians are now in charge of the house which has accommodation for about 100 people. But from time to time Hebrew Christians, together with Jews, are deported to the concentration areas in Poland, and we can imagine the anxious thoughts of those who are once more left behind: "Shall I be the

next to go when the bell rings again?" What deportation to Poland means we cannot realise.

One of the most flourishing missionary enterprises on the Continent has thus been brought to an end. During the years 1935-1939, it was carried on in collaboration with our B.J.S. which had first one and later two missionaries (when I was joined by Dr. F. Neumann) working in happy co-operation with the Swedish Mission. The four years I spent in Vienna as a missionary of our Society convinced me that the secret of a mission's prosperity lies in the close and brotherly collaboration of its missionaries. In this Vienna was particularly favoured, as each of the workers had his special



gifts and contributed of his best to the common cause. And if ever there were differences of views, they were brought before God when we met for prayer.

When I first went to Vienna, the Mission services were attended by forty to sixty people, mainly Hebrew Christians. It was soon agreed that my task should be to get more Jews to the Mission. The majority of Jews dislike both missions and missionaries, and hardly any would come merely in order to listen to the Gospel. Yet they are always attracted wherever Jewish subjects are treated and discussed; and even the most general mode of viewing Jewish life and history must needs lead to the central question: "What about your Jewish religion and the religious future of the Jewish people?"

This, then, was the method adopted, and within six months of the holding of public lectures the mission hall had to be enlarged by pulling down the wall of an adjoining smaller hall, for the number of those attending had risen from sixty to about a hundred. The attendance steadily grew, and when the Nazis invaded Austria in March, 1938, the audience numbered from 150-170 people, a large proportion of whom belonged to the educated class of Jews. Many of the new-comers were also led to attend other services of the Mission and our Sunday congregation grew accordingly. By that time the Mission was in possession of over five hundred addresses of interested Jewish people. Then came the Gestapo which not only prohibited all public lectures and discussions, but also forbade the Mission to attract Jews or to have any dealings with them. From now onward we were only allowed to care for the Hebrew Christians of Vienna. Jews no longer came to the Mission, but in our services we saw many faces which we had never seen before. They were Hebrew Christians, who had either been repelled by the anti-Semitism of the Austrian Protestant Church or had, so far, cared very little about their religion. Some missionary work was, however, carried out secretly.

On the morning of November 10th, 1938, a day which brought great mourning over German Jewry, I visited an old Jewish lady to see how she was after the night of Nazi fury and destruction. A few minutes after my arrival, a Gestapo agent entered the flat to arrest any Jewish men he might find. He asked after her husband and her sons. Her husband was dead, and her sons had left the country long ago. "Who is that?" he snappishly enquired, pointing at me. Advancing two paces up to him, I asked: "I beg your pardon?" The man suddenly became polite—probably because he realised that I, now standing close before him, was a good deal taller and stronger than he, although I had no intention to indulge in some form of physical exercise! After I had given an account of my identity he said that I, as an "Aryan," ought to be ashamed of conversing with Jews and that I had better leave the house at once. After that, the agent went. The unexpected presence of the "Aryan" in a Jewish house had confused him somewhat and he forgot to make further enquiries. There was a male relative of the lady in another room of the same flat. He was safe now!

How many of the 200,000 Jews of pre-Nazi Vienna will be left after their decimation, we do not know. But it may be presumed that a great proportion of those who have survived deportation, maltreatment, hunger, and cold will return. We cannot prophesy, for the future is in God's hands, but this much we may say with some probability, that Vienna will be one of the first places of the Continent to receive Jews. As a town it has—so far—suffered little from the ravages of war; moreover, the population of Vienna will not easily forget that the most furious anti-Semites were its Nazis, who led Austria on the way into its present calamity. There will surely be a great need for and a warm welcome to those who have proved themselves true friends of the Jews to resume their healing ministry among those who, once again, make this fair city their home.

## They Have Found The Messiah.

### WHAT THINK YE?

It is an indisputable fact that thousands of Jews in the first century of the common era demonstrated their allegiance to Jesus Christ, some of them even unto death. To their brethren after the flesh the Cross remained a stumbling-block, but to *them* it was a key unlocking their sacred Scriptures, disclosing inexhaustible stores of divine mercy and grace.

By those acknowledging Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah it was confessed: "The Jew in becoming a believer in Jesus Christ does not

change his religion. He simply moves forward to the realisation of those hopes and experiences anticipated by the prophets and brought to fruition in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ."

One who described himself as "A son of Levi," and who certainly dug deeply into the mines of spiritual knowledge, refers to the teaching of the Rabbis that we forfeit our eternal life because of sin, but the Lord God promises that He will restore to us eternal life if another life absolutely free from impurity, blemish, and deformity be offered.



The writer then directs attention to the spotless Lamb of God, to whom all animal sacrifices pointed, the One who shed His blood that the sins of Adam's fallen race might be remitted.

"Messiah's precious sacrifice in truth and grace  
The crimson stains of sinfulness efface,  
He is the source whence love's pure fountains  
flow,

The great First Cause of all true joy below.  
Lips touched by love alone can gladly tell  
Of grace and truth, which in Messiah dwell."

The following testimonies come from "lips touched by love,"—the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. These sons of Israel gladly proclaim the grace and truth, and the saving power of their King Messiah.

In the first place we quote statements made by three well-known teachers of Jewish extraction :

(1) "I will say to the glory of God, Jesus Christ is my only comfort in life, and my living hope in death. He is my Deliverer and Saviour, my Teacher and Guide, my Leader and Protector. He is the Source of my Salvation, the Fountain of my Faith. . . . He is 'All in all' to me, and with Paul I will also say 'For to me to live is Christ,' and to die is gain."

(2) "In Christ I find a Saviour who loves me, a Redeemer who shed His blood to atone for my sin. He is the Friend who will ever be with me, even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for He will be with me."

(3) "The God who seeks out men, the Redeeming God, satisfies my soul to its depths. Judaism tells me to reach up to God, but I cannot. In Christ God reaches down to me, and that mystery I seek further and further to explore."

And here are the testimonies of two more,

who had been reared, both of them, in orthodox homes :

(1) "The central figure of the New Testament, the Jewish Messiah, made such a profound impression on me, that His image would linger in my memory by day and by night. It was inevitable that I should become an earnest believer in, and a devout follower of, the Lord Jesus Christ."

(2) "I can see Christ now as I never did before—a Star in history, illuminating all life. I have heard His voice saying 'Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' Yes ; Christ can satisfy all—all races, every human being. He satisfies me, and with the Apostle Paul 'I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'" (Romans 8 : 38, 39).

We conclude with the following declaration from the lips of the son of a Palestinian Rabbi :

"We surely know what beauty and happiness has come into our lives in knowing Christ. He is the representative of God to our humanity. He alone has made known to us the Unknown. He assures us that God is love and not wrath, justice and not revenge. Shall we then not tell our brethren of the great hope that gladdens us, of the love which has so enriched our lives? How dare we keep these gifts to ourselves, and not share such largeness of love, and make our friends partakers of our boon?"

These Jewish brethren with one voice declare they have found Jesus Christ to be the source of joy, peace, love, comfort and salvation.

—From "Fulfilment," issued by Rev. D. G. Thirtle, Leeds.

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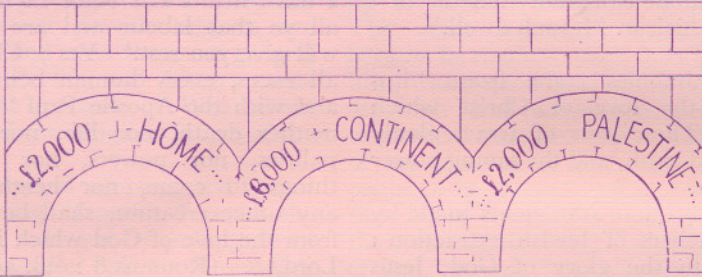


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