

THE STORY OF A MODERN MISSIONARY TO AN ANCIENT PEOPLE

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CHAPTER ELEVEN

ADDENDUM

Many changes have taken place since the last reprint of this book. In answer to the prayers of our dear friends upon whose hearts the Lord has engraven the interest of this Mission, we have experienced Gods wonderful blessing.

This Mission used to be called the Williamsburg Mission to the Jews, after the name of the neighborhood in which it is located. But the boy has outgrown his coat. The Lord has enlarged the borders of the Mission, which had a humble beginning, to such an extent that the name was inappropriate, so it was deemed right to call it the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

This name includes the several branches which the Lord has enabled us to open in other cities of large Jewish population. We first opened a Branch in Philadelphia, Pa., where Mr. Harry J. Burgen, a convert of this Mission, is in charge of the work. Then the Lord led us to undertake under His providence a Branch in Pittsburgh, Pa., where John Solomon is in charge. Other Branches now include work in Chicago, Ill.; Columbus, Ohio; Buffalo, N. Y.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Des Moines, Iowa.

And the Lord has further lengthened our cords, so that we may reach across the seas, with Branches and workers in Warsaw, Poland; Paris, France; Hamburg, Germany; and Jerusalem, Palestine. Thus, we circle the world with our testimony to a world Jewry. Hence, the name American Board of Missions to the Jews.

It is our purpose to extend the work to other important Jewish centers, consistent with the Lord's will as evidenced through His provision of workers and funds.

Not only do these new branches justify this name but also the Yiddish Gospel paper called *The Shepherd of Israel*, which has been published ever since 1914, of which over 25,000 copies are printed each month and distributed not only all over this country, but also in foreign lands, including Palestine. The Jews like to read this little paper very much and many have been converted through the messages in its pages, as reported in *The Chosen People*.

The greatest blessing that God has bestowed upon this remarkable work is the fact that we have a regularly organized Church composed of our own converts.

There are over 200 members enrolled and it is a great spiritual pleasure to sit with them at the table partaking of the Lord's Supper. This is a feature of this Mission unique in the history of the Church since the apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We covet your prayers and your sympathy, and we invite fellow-believers to cast in their lot with us, taking fellowship with us in the great task He has committed to us.

THE FIELD—SOME FACTS

There are in the United States today (1908) over 4,000,000 Jews. Of this number, over 2,000,000, or about half, are in Greater New York. Every third man in Greater New York is a Jew! One-seventh of all the Jews in the world are in New York—the largest aggregation of Jews on any one spot, in all history.

The condition of these Jews, spiritually, physically, morally, is deplorable and staggering. As typical of the Jews in the United States in general, the Jews of Greater New York present a striking illustration, for the official figures show that the total number of contributing members of all the synagogues in the five Boroughs of Greater New York is less than 60,000! And this includes reformed as well as Orthodox Synagogues! Where are the rest of the 2,000,000? Drifting into agnosticism, anarchy, socialism, atheism, infidelity. No people in America are so desperately in need of the Gospel today as the Jews.

It is to meet the problems present by this grave situation, and for the purpose of calling out from among Israel “**a remnant according to the election of grace**” (Romans 11:5), that the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc., is in existence.

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