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Dedication of the Second Edition

To pious Jewish motherhood—to my own good and faithful mother—this heartfelt experience is most affectionately dedicated. It was she who toiled patiently and bravely under adverse conditions and circumstances within the narrow bounds of the Jewish Pale in southern Russia, to give her boy the best possible chance in life. It was she who, with the utmost care and zeal, so instilled into my mind and heart a faith in the God of our patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that it lingered in me and protected me from utter spiritual ruin until the time came when by his grace he found me and saved me.

The prayer of my inmost soul to the God of Israel is that the same light which enlightened my own dark and dreary life may also dawn upon her and all dear ones whom I love more than my own life.

HENRY L. HELLYER.

INTRODUCTION

Henry Leon Hellyer was born near Odessa, Russia, in 1880; and he was brought up there according to the strictest discipline of the Jews, and with the expectation that he would become a rabbi. At the age of fourteen, having finished all preparatory studies, he was sent to western Russia to what with us would be called a theological seminary. Losing his zeal, if not his faith, he left this institution when sixteen and went in quest of work to London and thence to Glasgow. It was in the latter place that he experienced the wonderful change that his narrative describes. Determined to live for the conversion of his people to the Saviour, whom he himself had found so precious, he came to Canada, entered the Bible Training School at Toronto, and completed the regular course of two years. Turning then to the United States, he transferred his church-membership to the church of which Harris H. Gregg, D.D., is pastor, in St.

Louis, Missouri, and entered the Preparatory Department of Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri. Graduating here in 1910, after six years, he came to Princeton Theological Seminary. He is now (April, 1911) a regular student in the Junior Class.

Mr. Hellyer has given this account of his conversion to the public for three reasons. He would arouse sympathy for the Jews in the hearts of Christians; he would show how the Jew may best be reached with the gospel; and he would present Christ to the Jew as he should be presented to him.

Those of us who have read this little book feel that it is well fitted to realize these ends. It has revealed to us as we never even conceived how much the Jew needs Christ, how ignorant he is of him, and especially how outrageously he has misrepresented him. Our earnest hope and prayer is that God will use Mr. Hellyer for the salvation of his ancient people and through him will hasten the day when "all Israel shall be saved."

WILLIAM BRENTON GREENE, JR.

Princeton, New Jersey.

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LIVING IN THE TALMUD

How pleasant it is for the weary traveler who has reached his happy home at the end of a long, difficult journey to look back at the rough road he has traveled. Sitting in the cool shade of the sheltering trees, surrounded by his own loved ones, safe and secure from all danger, how he likes to tell of the perils through which he has passed and to give thanks to the Almighty for his protection and guidance. And as he looks back over the perilous road with its pits and snares which he himself has so narrowly missed and beholds his friends and brethren struggling there, his heart goes out to them, and he raises his voice to them, that perchance they may hear him and heed his warning ere it is too late.

In his incomprehensible and wonderful way, God has led me through a seemingly inextricable maze of dark caverns into the light of his salvation through the blood of his Son,