

agement. Some of them have appeared before, either in our annual report or in the *Hebrew-Christian*, others are here printed for the first time. May the good Lord make them as rich in consolation to others as they have been to us!

PUBLIC SERVICES.

In 1883 I rented room 24 Cooper Union, and preached on Sunday evenings. This, of course, meant expense, and I had no means. After the first Sunday service a Christian gentleman came and offered to pay the rent for a whole year. Thus the Lord heard our prayers and honored our faith.

SECOND HALL RENTED.

As one hall had been provided for, we felt as if we could step into the waters again; trusting in Him who is able "to help in time of need," and so we rented the hall, 73 Allen Street, the rent of which was fifty dollars per month; and although we did not know where the money would come from, yet on the first of each month for two years we were able to meet all demands, and kept out of debt.

We copy from a reported account of our work in an early number of the *Hebrew-Christian*:

"On Saturday, 27th Oct., 1883, the hall, 73 Allen Street, corner of Grand, was opened at 3 p.m., for *Saturday services* and as a *Reading-room*.

"Mr. Freshman took the room, trusting in God to aid him in meeting the expenses, and his experience shows that 'the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much.' Before one week, the time given to collect the first month's rent, it was received and paid.

"This hall was unfurnished. Mr. Freshman went to a furniture store and selected some settees and tables. He asked the proprietor to wait a short time for his money, at the same time offering a personal security. 'That is not the way I do business,' was his answer; 'can't you bring me the name of some business man as security?' 'That is not the way I do business,' said Mr. Freshman. 'Then you will have to wait for the goods till you have the money,' said the merchant.

"Mr. Freshman went to the West-side prayer-meeting and asked their prayers in behalf of this matter; soon after a gentleman handed him \$10, and at the office of the *Witness* a donation of \$5 had been sent for the Hebrew mission. He then went home hoping Mrs. Freshman might have

some money, but she had none. Shortly after a letter came containing a money order for *exactly* the amount still needed. The furniture was at once purchased. After such examples of answers to prayer, can any one doubt the efficacy of prayer?"

There have been seasons in our financial struggle so dark and trying that we scarcely knew which way to turn; all we could do was to cling to God.

One morning my good wife and I sat at breakfast, there was nothing in the house for dinner, and I had no money; after family worship I went into my study, took up my Scripture Text Book and read the verse for that day, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." I wept tears of joy and felt that God would help us. About an hour after the postman brought a letter containing a check for \$25. The gentleman wrote, "I thought you might need this just now." Ah! he knew nothing of our great need, but God did, and had it ready for our use.

On another occasion I was not only without money, but needed \$100 to meet an engagement, and lo! in good season we received just the amount from a friend in another city, whose means are spent for the glory of God. On receiving this, Mrs. Freshman exclaimed, "Can we ever doubt God again?"

TRUST AND PRAYER.

In the month of October, 1886, it seemed necessary to issue an extra number of the *Hebrew-Christian*. I was very much straitened for money, and knew not how I could pay the printer's bill; but just in time to meet it the Lord put it into the heart of an unknown friend to come to my help, and in looking over my accounts I find that on October 13th I acknowledged the receipt of \$50. That sum, together with what I had on hand, paid the printer.

Again, when approaching the end of the month, to meet the running expenses of the work seemed almost impossible. I am very particular in avoiding debt and to have each month's expenses paid if possible; but I lacked \$50. I tried in every way to raise it, but to no purpose. There were but three days remaining. I then felt that, as I had done all in my power, the needed help must come from God; so I said, "Lord, be pleased to send me \$50, that I may clear up the month's expenses." For three days I kept praying, believing that God *could* and *would* hear me; yet when the end of the month came my faith was exceedingly tried. But