

with the labor and cost?" "Can we compare \$5,000, or all the gold on earth, or all the material universe of God, with the value of one human soul, formed in the image of God, and capable of union and communion with him? But let us look at the facts. Your correspondent need not waste his energy in lamenting with the Rabbi "the waste of good money." We know of no such waste; on the contrary: Professor G. Deutsch, the great authority on Jewish History, and bitter opponent of all Jewish mission efforts, in the "American Israelite" of March 10th says: "The total number of apostasies from Judaism in Vienna during the year 1909 was 616, and the number of desertions for the last ten years has remained stationary. In a community that numbers about 180,000 souls this proportion of apostasies is not considered very great although it is by no means insignificant. The former pretext that in this number there are included many outsiders who come to Vienna for the sake of conversion, in order to avoid notoriety at home, will not hold good any more, since the names of the apostates are published by the Jewish Press. One would think that it might be rather the reverse. The lists show that losses are found at both ends—amongst the most prominent and amongst the lowest strata of society. We find laborers and seamstresses by the side of lawyers and actresses and the representatives of high finance."