

He turned to the children and asked, "Can you tell me, can anyone tell me, why I have come fifteen miles on this cold, wet, wintry morning in order that I might see you in the school?"

One little boy held up his hand. The man turned to him and said: "Can you tell me?"

"Well sir, I suppose sir, you are one of those sort of people that always like to hear yourself talk sir,"

Now, boys and girls, I am one of those people who like to hear themselves talk.

I wish to say one or two words to you this morning:

"I take it for granted that some of you have hardly heard of the race of people to which I belong. I am a member and teacher of the Jewish people. I am a Jew, a member of the "House of Israel." Now, boys and girls, you who have lived in large cities have possibly heard of the Jew, but those of you who have come from small places do not know who the Jews are, or what is their place in the world.

The Jews are a people who will be known for four thousands of years as the people of God; and the people that lived in Palestine up to twelve thousand years ago; the people who Jesus talked of; i. e., Isaac, Jacob, Abraham and Solomon. I belong to the race from which all these came, yet, I do not think there is a set of people in the world, that is more hated than the Jewish people.

I am not going to tell you why they are hated, or what I believe.

I am not going to tell you why I think that this hatred of the Jews is unfair. I am not going to give you the reasons what the world ought to give the Jews.

It is the life long work of my people to have the best among my people to live down and overcome the ill will of the world, and I always tell my people in my church, that the only way to live down hatred is to live up to the best that is in you.

I know, I once heard a great Jewish teacher say "You Jews are hated by the World." I will tell you what to do, Remember, that a fly goes about from person to person and always settles upon a sore

spot.

Now, if you do not want to be bitten or annoyed by the flies, do not have any sore spots.

The same way said he if the Jews wish to avoid being attacked they must not leave any sore spots exposed that people can reach.

Boys and girls you too have sprung from a race not unlike my own.

Why a great many people use the word Jew, when they mean the word thief.

I know there are lots of bad J-ews, but I know there are millions of good Jews, good men, good woman and children. I do not suppose you children imagine there are any bad people among your race. Children you know and ought to know that 19 twentieths or 99-one-hundredths of your people are good, honest and industrious, and the thing to do, and the only way in which your race and mine can overcome the ill will and hatred of the world is to bring up the 95 per cent. of the good people to the 100 per cent.

Why, if there is a man in Salem or Portland who robs a place, the papers immediately announce the fact "the Jew thief was caught" and the 99 Jews, who hate that Jew as much as the Christians do, are held responsible.

Now boys I have a little recipe. It is easy enough to be good, but I do not care for people who are merely good. The people who are merely good are generally good for nothing. You want to be good for something. Something good in the world. There are only two things to be done:—Work! Work!! WORK!!! and work alone can be done. You have got to work hard, continuously, perseveringly, untiringly. I would have you boys write TWO words upon the tablets of your hearts:—"WORK and PERSEVERANCE."

I do not believe that there was ever any man in the world that was killed by work. But I know lots and lots of men who are dying from want of work.

If I were to tell you I have lots of money and I could give any boy one hundred thousand dollars. Well, would I not like to tell you what a good time I could have,