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DUTY.

Be thy duty high as angel's flight,
Fulfill it, and a higher will arise,
Even from its ashes. Duty is infinite,
Receding as the skies.
Were it not wisdom, then, to close our
eyes
On duties crowding only to appall?
And, climbing not, we fall.

THE TWO ENEMIES.

Dear Reader—Have you ever witnessed an auction in the synagogue? If not, you have missed a great opportunity studying the character of the Jew, his virtues, his faults, his love for God and the Law, his disregard for conventionalities and the proper decorum that should prevail in the house of worship.

An auction in the synagogue! That is something the modern Jew cannot understand. But let me explain: At such public sale no material goods as clothing, dry goods, groceries, jewelry, etc., were placed before and awarded to the highest bidder, but if such term is pardonable, spiritual commodities were offered to eager buyers. Unlike the ordinary auction no money was paid instanter, sometimes several days intervened between delivery and final settlement, and if the sale took place on Sabbaths or holy days, often half-price only was paid.

The auctioneer, as a rule, was the *Shammash* (beadle) of the congregation, and the articles to be sold were *Mitzvoth*. *Mitzvah* is a Hebrew word, and means *command*, but metaphorically it designates *honor*.

The Jew of the Middle Ages was as anxious as the Jew of Temple times to expend his means in the service of God. He always valued an act which needed a sacrifice of money or time, more than one which made no such demand. Hence he would buy the right to participate in the service of the synagogue, where every Jew was expected to perform certain religious rites connected with public worship, and the privilege was so coveted, that a very high price was often paid for it.

The *Mitzvoth*, as these rites were named, were sold by auction in the synagogue, and each congregation had rules regulating that sale. Even the poorest made sacrifices to obtain some of the coveted honors. The taking of the *Sepher Torah* from and returning it to the ark; lifting from the reader's desk and dressing the scroll; being called to the Torah at stated times; opening and closing the ark during certain portion of the prayers, reciting some parts of the prayers, especially a certain designated *Kaddish*; saying the blessing over the *Lulab* on *Succoth* after the reader; carrying a banner in procession, or a *Sepher Torah* on *Simchath Torah* (feast of rejoicing in the Law); donating the wine used in the synagogue for *Kiddush* and *Habdallah*, or the candles before the reader's desk, and similar honors were awarded to the highest bidders. Not infrequently the one who acquired one of the *Mitzvoth* would honor a relative or friend with the execution thereof; this was especially the case at the reading of

the Torah, and the person thus honored caused a blessing (*Mi Sheberach*) to be pronounced over the donor, making an offering in his behalf. Such donations were given to charitable or religious institutions.

In the early church the offerings were made publicly, not privately. The presiding officer of the church (Episcopus) received the gifts and solemnly dedicated them to God with words of thanksgiving and benediction. The Jews of the Middle Ages adopted that custom of the early church and called it *Nadar* or *Nedabah*, hence the corrupted *Sh'nodar* or *She'nodar* (the person who makes the offering.)

The sale of the *Mitzvoth*, especially on Sabbaths and holy days, took place after the close of the *Shacharith* (morning) prayers before the reading of the Torah, and was by no means conducive to the maintenance of order and decorum in the synagogue. This interval was devoted to gossip, as was also the time when *Mi Sheberach*s were pronounced. Many engaged in loud or boisterous talk. As well may be surmised, all this disturbance was foreign to the spirit of Judaism; it was an exotic plant, grafted upon the tree of the synagogue. The doctors of the Talmud and the great teachers of the Middle Ages most emphatically taught that order and decorum, as well as devotion, are prime requisites in a house of public worship; there all disturbances must cease. However, when the sermon was banished from the synagogue the whole service grew perfunctory, hence dignity vanished and disorder prevailed. But we cannot unconditionally condemn the sale of *Mitzvoth* and the *Mi Sheberach*.

After the crusades the Jew was virtually looked upon as an outlaw. The followers of the so-called prince of peace considered it meritorious to harass him, whose ancestors they accused of having crucified the son of God, in every imaginable way. Prince and peasant, priest and layman, vied with one another to embitter the life and the existence of the confessors of Judaism. The children of Israel were deprived of all civil rights and honors and had to pay very heavy taxes for the privilege of dwelling among the followers of the lowly Nazarene. Nearly all avenues of living were closed to them, only usury and a limited commercial career, besides the practice of medicine, were the main means of their support. In addition to the immense taxes they paid to princes and communities, they were compelled to maintain their own institutions, synagogues and schools, and provide for their own indigent and sick, besides often paying heavy ransoms for prisoners and others innocently persecuted.

As the right of taxation was not always accorded them, they were compelled to find other means for the maintenance of their institutions, and adapted whatever measures were not forbidden by their own laws, or the laws of the country where they dwelled, even going so far as to imitate the custom of the church, which they for obvious reasons, could neither love nor

respect. Thus most probably the sale of *Mitzvoth* and *Mi Sheberach* found their way into the synagogue and grew into a custom, which the *Or Zerua* strongly approves.

The attention of the reader is also directed to another fact which may serve as a mitigation, if not as a mitigation. The Jew being despised and ill-treated by his Christian neighbors, found honor and consolation only among his own people. The heart of man, at times, hungers for recognition and honor. No person, even the most callous, is entirely indifferent to such distinction. The Jew being unable to find in a hostile world what he was craving for, sought and found it in the midst of his own people. *Mitzvoth* were honors which are bestowed upon each other, and in recognition for such bestowment the receiver caused the blessing of God (*Mi Sheberach*) to be invoked upon the giver, and made an offering (*Nadar*) in his behalf. By such means the treasury of the congregation was enriched and the Jew enabled not only to carry the heavy burden of taxation, but also to provide for his own cherished institutions of charity and education.

Human nature is alike everywhere and at all times. Love and kindness, envy and jealousy, are found in all communities. The Jew, too, is no exception to this rule; he is a human being with all the proclivities and shortcomings of such. The sale of *Mitzvoth* was not always as innocent as appears on the surface; at times it caused bitter feeling which led to hostility, and even to persecution. The wealthy, coveting honors, made it a hardship for the poor to acquire a *Mitzvah*, which he also desired, and this caused frequently discontent. Even among the rich jealousies were not infrequent, and at times, from motives of mischief or malice, they outbid each other at the sale of *Mitzvoth* and caused unpleasant feelings, if not party-strife. The congregations also used the sale of honors to punish refractory members, and so caused dissension. It is stated somewhere that the infamous Johannes Pfefferkorn (at the beginning of the 16th century) became an apostate because he was, as a butcher, denied the privilege of a *Mitzvah* when he believed himself entitled to it. Especially the *Mi Sheberach*s were used to vent personal spite or air personal grievance.

The sale of *Mitzvoth*, probably a necessity at one time, but praiseworthy at no time, finally degraded into a coercive measure, disturbed the dignity of divine services, and was justly abolished in modern times.

The writer of this recalls a narrative which caused the abrogation of the public sale of *Mitzvoth* in a congregation of the most conservative type. Shakespeare said: "What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet" (*Romeo and Juliet* I., 2). The names of the parties interested had a euphonious sound, viz.: *Reb David Wildekuh* and *Reb Chaym Kochlöffel*. It would be gross injustice to hold them responsible

for these appellations; they were innocent of bearing them.

When, in 1803, Minister Hardenberg compelled the Jews of Prussia, or what was left of it by Napoleon I., to accept family names, the city clerk (*Stadtscheibler*), with the consent of the *Burgomaster* (mayor), honored the fathers of our heroes with these cognomens, and from the inflexible decision of the *Herr Burgomaster* there was no appeal. So the fathers, and after them their sons, peregrinated this sub-lunar world with the beautiful names *Wildekuh* and *Kochlöffel*. As they were poor people, nobody paid any particular attention to these cognomens, because it matters not what a poor man is called. However, in course of time *David* and *Chaim* grew wealthy, but had become so habituated to their euphonious cognomens that they did not care to change them, the entreaties of their children notwithstanding.

Those two men were neighbors, and as far as the world knew, lived together in peace and concord. But one day a change came and the amicable relations of the two families were rudely shattered. *Reb Chayim* had a dry goods store, *Reb David* was a grain dealer, the latter, however, being the wealthier of the two. On a market day a peasant drove up to the store of *Reb Chayim* and offered to exchange grain for dry goods. This was agreeable to the merchant, and as he could make profit both ways, he accepted the offer. His intention was to turn the grain over to his neighbor, *Reb David*. When the latter returned from the market and heard of the transaction he grew very angry, claiming that he alone was privileged to buy grain and would not brook interference by dry goods dealers. Hard words passed, and but for the interference of friends, it would have come to blows. Thus the cordial relations of neighbors were disrupted, hostility taking their place.

Reb David opened a dry goods store in opposition to his neighbor, while *Reb Chayim* bought grain from the farmers.

Had the enmity only remained in the family it could have concerned no stranger but the hatred was transferred to the synagogue, and there caused great trouble to the congregation.

Reb David was personally unpopular, owing to his overbearing manner, while *Reb Chayim* did honor to his name, *Kochlöffel*, stirring up good and evil indiscriminately. *Reb David* was a *Kohen*—a descendant of the priestly caste—and felt very proud of this distinction. He paid very handsomely for being called the first to the *Sepher Torah* on Sabbaths and holy days, especially when the *Hazan* chanted the famous hymn, "*Akdamoth*," composed by *Rabbi Meier ben Isaac* in honor of the *Kohen*. His donations (*sh'nodar*) were also very liberal. He, moreover, was generally the highest bidder for the honor of carrying the *Sepher Torah* in procession on the *Simchath Torah* feast, following the *Chasan* and *Rabbi*, and his offerings on that day frequently amounted to more than 100 *gulden*. That

all changed when the war between the two families was transferred to the synagogue.

Reb Chayim had a large following in the *Kehillah*, and it was determined to prevent *Reb David* from acquiring any honors. In this undertaking the opposition was very successful, but the means employed were not very honorable. It grew to a scandal in the congregation, which even the *Beth Din* (Board of *Rabbis*) vainly endeavored to check. *Reb David* appealed to the *Landrath* (president of the circuit), but without success.

After a long and bitter struggle the *Beth Din*, in conjunction with the *Vorstand* (executive officers), and the *Repräsentanten* (Board of Trustees) of the congregation, abolished the public sale of the *Mitzvoth* during divine service in the synagogue and provided for a private sale under certain restrictions. Thus the disgraceful scenes were brought to a close and the dignity of divine service again restored.

The hostilities between the two families, however, continued for many years, in spite of the repeated efforts of mutual friends for reconciliation. When *Reb Chayim* lay on his death bed he sent for *Reb David* to ask for forgiveness and close the chasm that had divided them for many years. But the latter was obdurate and refused to come. He even did not attend the funeral of his neighbor, a grave breach of etiquette, a gross violation of an old Jewish custom. About a week after *Reb Chayim's* death *Reb David* was taken violently ill, and in a few hours breathed his last. He was bedded next to his enemy, as family plots in the old *Kehillah* were unknown. Thus they sleep side by side, who hated each other in life; their passions silenced, and in their last abode peace reigns supreme. May the earth lightly rest upon them!—*RABBI JOSEPH BOGEN* in the *Jewish Spectator*.

A Powerless Princess.

It is said that the Princess of Monaco is a most accomplished lady. She speaks nearly every European language with facility, has all the musical taste and talent of her race—the Jews—and paints with much artistic skill. A London writer stated recently that the Princess would gladly close the Casino and restore Monaco to a decent reputation, but she is powerless in the matter, for the Casino Company holds a lease and contract which do not expire till 1913.—*Exchange*.

A French interviewer discovered that *Arthur Wing Pinero* comes from a Jewish Portuguese family which settled in London 200 years ago. The name was at that time *Pinheiro*. One of his ancestors married at the end of the 17th century a *Miss Wing*, whose uncle fought with *Nelson* at *Trafalgar*. *Pinero's* father was a lawyer, and the dramatist began life as a lawyer's clerk. He decided to become an actor and made his debut at the Royal theatre in *Edinburgh*. His first play was written in 1881.

CITY NEWS.

Jewish Theological Seminary.

The seventh biennial convention of the Jewish Theological Seminary Association will be held on Sunday, March 25, Adar Sheni 24, in the Baron de Hirsch Building, No. 222 East 64th Street, and will be called to order for the morning session at 10.30, and for the afternoon session at 2.30.

The importance of the work in which the Seminary is engaged and its future influence on Judaism in America, should inspire every well wisher of the cause, and all who have the interests of the Institution at heart, to aid by their presence and moral influence on this occasion. All congregational delegates, patrons, subscribers and donors will be cordially welcomed.

At the Minchah service last Saturday afternoon Mr. David Levine delivered the sermon.

The exercises of the Literary Society consisted of the recitation by Mr. J. Dolgenas of a humorous poem, entitled the "Rational Chicken;" an extempore speech on the question, "Should We Improve Religion on Posterity?" delivered by Mr. Chas. Kauvar. Mr. Phineas Israel gave a talk in which he demonstrated the maxim that history repeats itself. Mr. Benj. Tintner delivered a declamation, "Catiline's Defiance."

The debate on the question, "Resolved that the system of trusts is a menace to the welfare of the community," was maintained by Messrs. Rudolph I. Coffee and Benjamin Tintner on the affirmative, and Messrs. Elias L. Solomon and Joseph L. Schwartz on the negative. The decision of the judges, rendered by Prof. Joshua A. Joffe, was given in favor of the affirmative side.

Madison Avenue Synagogue.

Rev. Stephen S. Wise will preach Sabbath morning on "The Reign of the Spirit."

The subject of last Sabbath morning's sermon by the Rev. M. P. Jacobson of Chicago was "What We Stand For."

A delightful Purim entertainment was given by the pupils of the Religious School Sunday morning, the 100 pupils of the Sisterhood School being the guests of the occasion. An interesting and fitting Purim talk was given to the pupils of the school by Rabbi M. P. Jacobson. At the close of the entertainment boxes of candy were distributed among the pupils of both schools.

The Rev. M. M. Eichler, rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel of Philadelphia, Pa., will give a talk to the children of the Sunday school Sunday morning, March 25, at 11.30 o'clock.

Temple Beth-El.

The annual Purim entertainment of the Sabbath school will be given at Sherry's on the evening of Saturday, March 24.

The main feature will be the production, by a company of sixty young ladies and gentlemen, of "Purim Frolics"—a piece full of humor and sure to prove highly enjoyable. It will be followed by a ball.

Seventy-second Street Synagogue.

Rev. Dr. Falk Vidaver will deliver next Sabbath a German sermon. Subject, "Gehorsam" (Obedience).

Temple Ahavath Chesed Shaar Hashomayim.

A Purim entertainment for the religious school of the Temple Ahavath Chesed Shaar Hashomayim was given

on Sunday morning, March 18. The program was an excellent one and was thoroughly appreciated by all present.

The subject of Dr. Davidson's sermon this Sabbath will be, "What Fire Do We Burn on Our Altars?"

Young Men's Hebrew Association.

Dr. Lee K. Frankel delivered the Saturday "Talk" at the rooms, choosing for his subject, "Philanthropy—A Field for the Voluntary Labor of Young Men," in which he laid stress upon the condition of things in the lowest East Side section of the city and pointed out many ways in which individual effort by proper young men could be of much value to the community.

Purim was celebrated by an entertainment last Thursday evening at the rooms and notwithstanding the severe snow storm a large number of members attended. An appropriate program was provided for the occasion, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. R. Benjamin, M. A., and Supt. Mitchell, after which refreshments were served.

The last lecture of the course will be held at Temple Beth-El on Thursday evening, March 22, on which occasion Hon. Bird S. Coler will speak on "The City of New York." A short concert by well-known artists will precede the lecture.

Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society.

Purim eve was celebrated at this institution by an address of Rev. Jacob Goldstein to the children, explaining to them the Megillah and meaning of Purim.

On Thursday the inmates were also served with a regular holiday dinner, and in the afternoon fifty pounds of candy, sent by the managers, and seventy-five pounds by the Auxiliary Society, were distributed to the children and all were merry and happy.

An informal meeting of gentlemen interested in the suppression of the Mission Schools in which Jewish children are inveigled was held at the Baron de Hirsch Assn. Building, Hon. A. S. Solomon presided and stated the object of the meeting.

After the discussion of the subject by Messrs. Benj. Blumenthal, I. S. Isaacs, Nathan Hutkoff, Rabinowitz, K. S. Sarasohn, and Adolf Benjamin, various plans being suggested, it was resolved to call a larger meeting of Presidents and Rabbis of Congregations, Sisterhoods, &c., in the near future. The nefarious methods adopted by the missionaries certainly deserve the earnest attention of every consistent Israelite.

It is estimated that about 2,000 Jewish children attend their schools and prompt measures should be taken to rescue them from the hands of the meshummodan.

As balmy spring rapidly approaches, and the question of where to purchase spring clothing arises, we cheerfully commend our readers to Mr. J. H. Miller, whose well-known merchant tailoring establishment is located at No. 816 Broadway, who this year is displaying a larger and better line of fabrics than ever. Mr. Miller uses imported goods only, and his assortment is the most varied, covering worsteds, woolens, serges, chevots, coverts, in fact everything in the cloth line that can be desired. As Mr. Miller employs none but the most experienced and up-to-date cutters and tailors, any garment turned out by him is warranted to give satisfaction. An inspection of Mr. Miller's line will well repay any man with whom style, fit, quality, wear and appearance are more of a consideration than cost.

MARRIAGES.

Lipfeld—Beck.

On Sunday, March 18, 1900, by the Rev. Raphael Benjamin, M. A., Rose Beck to Samuel Lipfeld.

Silverstein—Michaelson.

Mr. J. Silverstein to Miss Tillie Michaelson, at 32 West 115th street, Tuesday evening, March 20, by the Rev. Stephen S. Wise.

Sass—Green.

Mr. Samuel Sass to Miss Adeline Alberta Green, at 171 East 81st street, Tuesday afternoon, March 20, by Rev. S. S. Wise.

Lewisohn—Lewisohn.

Mr. Albert Lewisohn to Miss Lillian A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lewisohn, at the Touro Synagogue, Newport, R. I., by the Rev. Henry S. Morais, assisted by the Rev. S. S. Wise.

Nathan—Hoffman.

On Sunday, March 18, 1900, at Majestic Hall, 125th street, Miss Cecilia Nathan to Mr. Phillip Hoffman. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph Segal.

Rosenthal—Bernstein.

On Sunday, March 18, 1900, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schwitzer, 116 West 136th street, Miss Dora Rosenthal and Mr. Leopold Bernstein were united in marriage by the Rev. Dr. Segal of Newark, N. J.

Engaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Bender announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Marie Schulhoefer to Mr. Adolf Gitterman. The young couple will be pleased to receive their friends on Sunday, March 25, at 503 Humboldt street, Brooklyn.

The Albany Dental Association, under the management of F. L. Morhard, D. D., has become one of the largest establishments in this city, through the genuine good work it is doing all along. Their new method of extracting teeth, and inserting new ones the same day is a feature of the establishment, as well as the manufacture of sets at a lower rate than anywhere else in the city. Their prices are very reasonable, as the following will show:
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Union and Peace Benevolent Society.

The entertainment and ball given under the auspices of the Union and Peace Benevolent Society took place last Wednesday night at the New York Turn Verein Hall. The attendance was large and the entertainment provided proved thoroughly enjoyable. The management was admirable and great credit is due to the various committees for the care and attention bestowed upon the affair. The officers are: A. J. Benaim, president; A. Pariente, vice-president; A. S. Cohen, secretary; D. J. Benoliel, treasurer, and M. Guedalia, S. Bengunes, M. Kalfon and M. Hadida, trustees.

A progressive euchre in which 24 young ladies and gentlemen participated was given by the Misses Fannie and Sadie Stern at their residence, No. 82 E. 108th street, on Saturday evening, March 17, 1900. At the end of the tenth game prizes were awarded to the most successful ones, Mr. J. Frank Eppstein winning the first and Mr. Sol. Keller the second gentlemen's prizes, while the ladies' prizes were given to Miss Sallie Berger and Miss Edna Meinhold, re-



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spectively. A collation was served which was followed by dancing. Among those present were the Misses Lillie Keller, Bessie Guttman, May Schiller, Edna Meinhold, Sallie Berger, Minnie Harrison, Mildred Reichenbach, Lottie Myers, Rae L. Levy, Carrie Berliner, and the Messrs. Dave L. Weil, Sol. Keller, Myron Elbe, J. Frank Eppstein, Joe Waljack, Jonas and Sol. Rosenthal, Gus Field, Fred and Henry Schiller, Nathan Coleman and Emanuel Solomon.

Young Ladies' Charitable Society.

On Sunday afternoon last the Young Ladies' Charitable Society had a very interesting meeting at their rooms in Terrace Garden. The semi-annual election was the most important business transacted and the result was indeed flattering to those holding office. With one exception those holding positions were unanimously re-elected. These ladies will hold the following offices for the coming six months: President, Miss Frances Bernhardt; vice-president, Miss Eva Abrahams; financial secretary, Miss Essie Goldstein; recording secretary, Miss Bertha Gluck; corresponding secretary, Miss Essie Bernstein; treasurer, Miss Gertrude Schiff, and sergeant-at-arms, Miss Ida Nathan. Over one hundred votes were cast and it was a red-letter day in all respects for the organization. This society will celebrate its seventh anniversary to-morrow (Saturday) evening in Terrace Garden. A professional entertainment arranged by James Armstrong, the well-known theatrical agent, is being prepared by the committee, of which Mr. Herbert Levene is chairman. A reception will conclude the festivities. The proceeds of this affair will be used to help the poor without regard to race or religion. The future meetings of this club will be made more interesting by offering the members some form of entertainment. This innovation was begun at the last meeting when the Rev. Dr. Rudolph Grossman delivered his famous lecture entitled, "Mother's Love." The newly elected officers were installed by Director I. Simon.

Ladies' Hebrew Aid Society.

On Thursday, the 29th inst., the Ladies' Hebrew Aid Society of Yorkville will give their annual entertainment at the Lexington Avenue Opera House. The entertainment this year will consist of a first-class professional vaudeville performance, to be followed by a ball. This society, although small in numbers, is great in consideration of the good achieved, and every individual member is a worker in the cause of humanity.

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Charities and acts for and with it, and it is in the endeavor to extend this work among those unfortunately in need of such aid that this entertainment is given and for which we bespeak a large attendance with resultant full coffers and a power for extended work.

Purim Gathering.

A Purim gathering given Thursday evening, March 15, by Mr. Edward Alexander in honor of his affianced, Miss Lillian Cohen, at 60 East 114th street, was attended by their many friends residing in Harlem, notwithstanding the very inclement weather, and much merriment indulged in by all. There were musical selections galore, recitations and parlor games, and a sketch entitled, "Every Inch a Gentleman," was rendered by the dramatic corps of the Madison Social and Wheeling Circle, after which the hospitality of Mrs. Alexander presented itself in the shape of an elaborate repast enjoyed by all present. Among the prominent guests present were: Miss Lillian Cohen, Miss Cecilia Lichtenstader, Mr. Ike Lichtenstader, Miss Jenette Leveson, Mr. Henry Alexander, Miss Ray Rosenthal, Miss Frances Ardet, Miss Hattie Gunther, Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, Mr. Fred Stern, Mr. Lemuel Alexander, Mr. C. Brown, Miss Hattie Cohen, Master Arthur Cohen, Mr. Henry Scheibel, Mr. Abraham Kempe, Mr. Geo. Alexander and numerous others prominent in the social atmosphere of Harlem.

Rev. Samuel Lavine, of Trenton, N. J., was stricken with heart failure while reading the Megillah and fell to the floor dead. He was advanced in years and was the assistant Rabbi of the "Brother Israelites Society."

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SOME PURIM NOTES.

A Jewish lawyer of this city explained to us that he would not observe Purim Feast or Feast of Lots, because all kinds of lottery are forbidden by law. He stuck to his decision, although we told him that Purim was a feast of lots—of fun.

The following Purim story recurs to us: In the town of Posen, many years ago, there lived a Jew named Mordecai, who thought he would be very fashionable and therefore changed his name to Marcuse. When the next Purim came around Rabbi Akibi Eger preached a sermon beginning with the text taken from the Book of Esther, "There was a certain Jew whose name was Mordecai," and, added the Rabbi with unconcern, "this Mordecai did not change his name to Marcuse."

Wending our way slowly through one of the Ghetto streets of our city the other day, we noticed a number of little Jewish children assembled before the wares of a peddler. Like their elders a shopping, they seemed to be very hesitant in the matter of their purchase. I drew a little nearer to the peddler and observed that these children, each with a penny in hand, were hesitating as between the purchase of a bit of candy and a Haman-klopper. Poor little ones! how they disputed and hesitated and lingered, tempted by the Scylla of sweets on the one hand, and Charybdis of lots of noise on the other.

Finally the noise triumphed, and the little bought their instruments of annoyance and torture. I went to the peddler and gave him a few pennies, in return for which he supplied every one of the little Jewish patriots and Haman-haters with a piece of chocolate, or something looking brown and dirty enough to pass for it. How the little eye rejoiced! I am sure they took me to be Elia Novi. So they had their Purim Feast after all.

"RAPID TRANSIT."

The residents of New York, who live in Harlem and in the city limits beyond at last seem to have a chance of getting to their homes within a reasonable time. It will take some time to complete the tunnel which is to bring this relief, but that it will be completed and finished there can be no doubt. There was a great struggle to keep the elevated railways from beginning operations, but while the delays were long and trying, the roads were built.

But time has sped away, and neither these roads nor the electric street roads serve the people satisfactorily, that is, those who live at long distances and who desire to get home at a reasonable hour in the evening, and reach their offices or places of business in the morning. At present by reason of the great traffic on the elevated and surface roads, neither of these can bring passengers from Harlem to the City Hall short of almost an hour, save a few express trains on the West Side elevated, which are so packed and crowded that it is positively an effort to ride on them.

All this will be changed. "To Har-

lem in fifteen minutes" is a cry which has been long heard, but the realization seems to be if not close at hand but surely in the process of crystallization.

LATEST NEWS FROM ABROAD.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The Emperor has raised Herr Sigmond Gold, Councillor-General of the Austro-Hungarian Bank, to the nobility.

Herr Jacob Piepes-Poratynski, who was re-elected a member of the Imperial Parliament, has been elected President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Lemberg.

The lengths to which the anti-Semites go in their enmity to the Jews have been illustrated by an incident in the Croatian Diet, a member of which censured the Government for having authorized Jews to sell a prophylactic against the phylloxera. Count Krycovicz replied that the Government saw no occasion to enquire whether a manufacturer or tradesman was or was not a Jew.

ALSACE.

M. Ury, late Chief Rabbi of Metz, has been installed with great ceremony as Chief Rabbi of Strasburg. The principal government officials of Alsace and the city were present at the function.

FRANCE.

Two more Jews were appointed Chevaliers of the Legion of Honor. They are, M. Bloch, Grand Rabbi of Nancy, and M. Jacob Piquin, head of the well-known Parisian dress-makers, which has a branch establishment in London.

M. Leon Philippe, Director of the Hydraulic School, representing the Ministry of Agriculture; M. Maurice Levy, member of the Institute of France, representing the Ministry of Public Instruction; and M. Levy, member of the Institute of France, Director of the Observatory of Paris, have been re-appointed for three years members of the Council of that Observatory.

The death is announced of M. Louis Benloew, Professor and former Rector of the Faculty of Letters at Dijon. He was born at Erfurt, and studied successively at the Universities of Göttingen, Leipsic and Berlin. M. Benloew came to France in 1841. After having taught living languages at Nantes and Bourges, he obtained the appointment of a custodian of the Library of the Sorbonne. In 1849 he was called to the Chair of Classical Literature at Dijon. M. Benloew published several works on Comparative Philology.

GERMANY.

The Emperor has conferred the Order of Crown, Second Class on Herr Albert Ballin, Director-General of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company.

An ex-military officer has been sentenced at Breslau, to three months' imprisonment for libelling the Jewish community. The German Criminal Law punishes libel on a religious denomination as well as on an individual.

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A gentleman called at the office of the *Jewish Review and Observer* this week asking us to publish a document supposed to be signed by N. D. Kingsley, third vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company. This communication we refused to publish. The columns of our paper are open to any of the executive officers of the New York Life Insurance Company to answer our editorial or to make explanation to the Jewish people as to their share in the publication of the cartoon in the *Vigilant*; but we do not allow that article to contain any abuse of another company that has done no harm to us or to the Jewish people. If the officers of the New York Life wish to make a charge against another company, we wish them to assume that responsibility and not expect to use our paper for that purpose. By the bye, we understand that the *Vigilant* is trying to crawl out of the article and cartoon published last month, by saying that the agency that left the New York Life was made up of a lot of common, every day Jews, therefore the cartoon. It seems to us that the interpretation placed upon what common, every day Jews are as to appearance, and the honesty as shown in the caricature, makes the apology worse than the insult.—*Jewish Review and Observer.*

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Grand Master Julius Harburger, of the Independent Order Free Sons of Israel, has introduced a bill in the Legislature amending the insurance laws to protect more effectually the moneys of the orders and benefit societies from being seized by the sheriff upon execution issued for the debts of widows and other beneficiaries, which moneys were endangered by a recent decision of one of our courts.

The Endowment Committee of the order held its meeting on Sunday morning last. Routine business was transacted.

Independent Order B'nai B'rith

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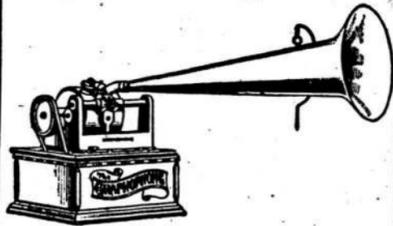
The convention of the Independent Order of Benai Berith will be held in the city of Chicago on Sunday, April 29th, and probably continue for five days. The delegates will stop at the Auditorium. Many of the delegates will be accompanied by their ladies.

The Denver Hospital for the Consumptives, which has been called into life by District Grand Lodge No. 2, is doing a vast deal of good, though in operation but a short time. It is being supported by subscription and is worthy of the attention of those who desire to aid suffering humanity.

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mittee of District Grand Lodge No. 1 was held at the office of the District in the Benai Berith Building on Sunday last, President Henry W. Cane presided. The date of the Jubilee is September, 1901.

Indep. Order Sons of Benjamin

Grand Lodge Officers. Hon. Ferdinand Levy, Grand Master, New York. Louis Lindeman, First Deputy Grand Master, New York. David J. Zinner, Second Deputy Grand Master, Cleveland.

Executive Committee. Louis Strauss, chairman on Appeals. David Rezel, chairman on Endowments. Rudolph Herring, chairman on Finance. Ed. K. Salky, chairman on Laws.

Montreal. The splendid work of Miss Sarah Rubenstein for the cause of charity received a fitting recognition in her election as president of the Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society. Mrs. Lazarus was appointed vice-president, Mrs. Fischel treasurer and Miss Ray Rubenstein secretary.

THE SABBATH OBSERVANCE ASSO.

A meeting for the organization of the Executive Council and the election of officers of the society was held on Monday last, 19th inst., at the residence of Dr. M. Blumenthal. The minutes of the previous meeting and the rules under which the association and council act having been read, the following gentlemen were elected for a term of two years: Mark Blumenthal, M. D., president; Moses Ottinger, Esq., treasurer; Leon Huhner, A. B., LL. D., secretary.

The election of vice-president was deferred to next meeting. After an active discussion of the projected work of the association the president read the annexed address:

Gentlemen of the Executive Committee: I congratulate you that, after unforeseen delays, to which, unfortunately and very unwillingly I contributed through sickness, we are at last organized and prepared to enter upon what must be called the preliminary stages of our self-imposed and arduous work. And yet, properly speaking, it is scarcely self-imposed, for it is a duty which we owe to our religion, our community and ourselves; to posterity, and, more than all, to God. And, although our vocation in life is not that of the ministers of religion whose special duty and province it certainly is to recall those who diverge from the right and the straight path, yet our responsibility as Israelites, as brethren of the erring, whose course in the wrong direction we not alone believe, but positively know, has brought in the past, and is now bringing, shame and dishonor upon our name, and in its future effect will surely bring confusion and disaster in its wake upon our families, our communities and our entire people.

Have they, then, already forgotten, in the present sunshine of prosperity and liberty—or, more charitable, perhaps—have they never heard of the dire punishment Israel has undergone, and is yet undergoing, for forsaking the ordinances of God? Forsaking the Rock of Safety and Power, to worship stone and silver and gold idols? Do they not know that the Omnipotent and Omnipotent Creator, whose name be forever praised and blessed, cannot be pleased by the wholesale desertion from the universally recognized code, as embodied in the Decalogue, and that falling from God's grace involves destruction and ruin to the individual and to the nation?

As the eloquently inspired prophet exclaimed, and as we all recognize: "God's not man," that "He should change His mind or His word!"

His word, like His essence, is eternal, and endureth forever!

It is, then, to remind those who have forgotten, or who wilfully disregard, the Fourth Commandment and habitually desecrate the Holy Sabbath, that we have organized the Sabbath Observance Association. We propose, in the first place, now, to invite all honorable and true Israelites in our city who are Sabbath observers to join us in forming a compact, united and closely knitted body that shall stand staunchly and firmly for a principle, and that principle—obedience to the law of God! Obedience to the Fourth Commandment! Having formed this moral force, it must stand as a positive bulwark against the aggressive action of the Sabbath-breaker, and as a lever wherewith to lift those who have fallen out of the ranks in the struggle for existence, or the accumulation of

wealth, back to duty and religion, and restore them again wholly and entirely to the Brotherhood of Israel, to move on with us in the holy mission which Providence has assigned to us. Then, marching under the watchword on our banners, "Obedience to God's Law!" we will not alone advance our own happiness and prosperity as a people, but also challenge and receive the approbation and respect of the communities in which and the nations among whom we live; but more, and better than all this, infinitely more and better, we will then deserve, and surely receive, the blessing of Almighty God!

SEMEL, BARBETTA.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Barbetta or Barbetta or Babet Semel, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, at the office of Platzer & Stroock, No. 320 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the first day of April next.

JACOB H. SEMEL, GEORGE SEMEL, Executors. PLATZER & STROOCK, Attorneys for Executors, 320 Broadway, N. Y. City.

VON KIENBUSCH.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James M. Varnum, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Gustav C. von Kienbusch, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber at his place of transacting business, No. 165 Front Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 1st day of April next.

Dated New York, the 27th day of September, 1899. GEORGE W. SPITZNER, Executor. MANDELBAUM BROS., Attorneys for Executor, 178 Pearl St., Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

FEINBERG, FANNIE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Fannie Feinberg, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at their place of transacting business at the office of Kantrowitz & Esberg, at No. 320 Broadway, in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, on or before the 7th day of May next.

Dated New York, the 23rd day of October, 1899. SARAH FLANDERS, Administratrix. SACHARY I. FEINBERG, Administrator. Kantrowitz & Esberg, Attorneys for Administrators, 320 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

WERTZ, XAVIER.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Xavier Wertz, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business at the office of Kantrowitz & Esberg at No. 320 Broadway, in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, on or before the 7th day of May next.

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GARIBALDI, GUISEPPE.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. James M. Varnum, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Giuseppe Garibaldi, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business at the office of attorney, David Herzhfeld, No. 140 Nassau Street, in the City of New York, on or before the first day of June next.

Dated New York, 22nd day of November, 1899. CATARINA GARIBALDI, Administratrix. DAVID HERZHFELD, Attorney for Administratrix, 140 Nassau Street, New York City, Manhattan.

FOISE, ASHER.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Asher Foise, deceased, late of the County of New York, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, No. 85 Franklin Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on or before the 1st day of July next. Dated New York, the 18th day of December, 1899.

JACOB FREUND, MOSES FREUND, EVA FOISE, Executors. WILLIAM KLEIN, Attorney for Executors, 220 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

DRESSEL, CHARLES L.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Charles L. Dressel, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at her place of transacting business at the office of her attorney, Otto A. Rosalsky, No. 346-348 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of May next.

Dated New York, November 10th, 1899. ROSA DRESSEL, Administratrix. OTTO A. ROSALSKY, Attorney for Administratrix, 346-348 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

STEIN, JOACHIM.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Frank T. Fitzgerald, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOACHIM STEIN, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, at the office of MORRIS CLARK, Esq., attorney, No. 54 Canal Street, in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, on or before the 15th day of May, 1900.

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POZNANSKI, MORRIS.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Abner C. Thomas, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Morris Poznanski, deceased, late of the County of New York, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at the place of transacting business, No. 613 Eighth Avenue, in the City of New York, on or before the 20th day of September next. Dated New York, the 12th day of March, 1900.

JOHN M. POSTLEY, JACOB STERN and ARTHUR J. POSTLEY, Administrators. LOW & AVERY, Attorneys for Administrators, 20 Broad Street, New York City.

The people of the State of New York, by the grace of God, free and independent, to Jennie Ellenberg, Vally Ellenberg, Betty Ellenberg, Nellie Ellenberg and Jenette Mendelsohn, and to all persons interested in the estate of Emilie Sklarek, late of the County of New York, deceased, as creditors, legatees, next of kin or otherwise, send greeting: You and each of you are hereby cited and required personally to be and appear before our Surrogate of the County of New York, at the Surrogate's Court of said County, held at the County Court House, in the County of New York, on the 22d day of May, 1900, at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to attend a judicial settlement of the account, proceedings of Pinkus Nathan and Michael Goldberg, as executors of the last will and testament of said deceased, and such of you as are hereby cited, as are under the age of twenty-one years, are required to appear by your guardian, if you have one, or if you have none, to appear and apply for one to be appointed, or in the event of your neglect or failure to do so, a guardian will be appointed by the Surrogate to represent and act for you in the proceeding.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused the Seal of the Surrogates' Court of the said County of New York to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Hon. Abner C. Thomas, a Surrogate of our said County, at the County of New York, the 18th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

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RICE, HENRY.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Abner C. Thomas, one of the Surrogates of the County of New York, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Henry Rice, late of the County of New York, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers at their place of transacting business, to wit, the office of H. Richter's Sons, No. 627-629 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, on or before the 10th day of August next.

Dated New York, the 20th day of January, 1900. BRUNO RICHTER, ISAAC D. EINSTEIN, LULU RICE, LESLIE, MINOR & BLISS, Attorneys for Executors, No. 206 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York City.

MEYER, HERMAN.—In pursuance of an order of Hon. Abner C. Thomas, a Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Herman Meyer, late of the County of New York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their place of transacting business, No. 62 Fulton St., in the Borough of Brooklyn, the City of New York, on or before the 15th day of August next.

Dated, New York, the 31st day of January, 1900. WILLIAM H. MEYER, HENRY MEYER, Administrators. Ehrlich & Rasquin, Attorneys for Administrators, 4 and 6 Court Square, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Our esteemed friend and neighbor, Mr. Abraham Greenwald, has recovered from his recent illness, and is now as chipper as ever.

The marriage of Mr. Reuben Mord to Miss Mary Isaacs will be solemnized on Tuesday, March 27, at the Temple B'nai Jeshurun. A reception at the German Club rooms will follow the ceremony.

Two new members have been proposed and five more will be proposed at the next meeting of the Congregation. The new members are excellent material. They are the stuff we want. We request all loyal and faithful members to come to Temple on Sabbath regularly, and by their presence aid and assist the work of ennobling and uplifting true orthodox Judaism on the Island.

The final accounting of the tickets for the Ladies' Society's last entertainment will take place in the first week in April. Members are requested to send in their accounts as quickly as possible, as all tickets not paid for on the above date will be charged against them.

Solemn and joyous services were held on Purim, both evening and morning, at the Synagogue. There was a large attendance.

Charges will be brought at the next meeting against certain members for aiding the conspiracy against the welfare of B'nai Jeshurun. The same strong hand that did the firing of the big gun at the March meeting will do the firing in April. When we were nineteen years old we served in the artillery, and we still know how to handle a big gun effectively. All good Jews, rally around old B'nai Jeshurun!

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The Hebrew Union Synagogue, of Greenville, Miss., is being recovered and redecorated.

The Hebrew Benevolent Association, of Charleston, S. C., gave its masquerade ball at the German Artillery Hall last week which was a social success.

Work on the New Jewish Synagogue at Pueblo, Col., has been commenced and it is expected that the building will be finished on the 1st of July next.

The Hebrew Social Society of New Castle, Pa., has made application for a charter.

It seems that there are at least 75 Jews in Providence, R. I., who have no respect for their religion, else they would not have organized a Hebrew Political Club.

The annual report presented to the Philadelphia Hebrew Education Society shows disbursements of \$9,815.42, with a trust fund balance amounting to \$6,112.08.

The Marion, O., local branch of the National Jewish Women's Council are conferring with other women's societies in the city with reference to raising funds for a public library in that place.

The Beth Israel Society, of Norwalk, Ct., is considering the matter of erecting a Synagogue in South Norwalk, which will be the only one between Bridgeport and New York.

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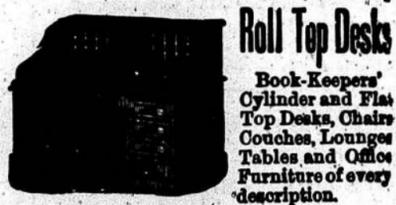
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