

Local and Domestic.

[For the Domestic News of New York, Cincinnati, San Francisco, and other cities, we are indebted to the local journals of the respective places.]

CHICAGO.

—Last Wednesday night we received the following despatch:

VICKSBURG, Miss., Aug. 21, 1878.

Rev. Henry Gersoni:

Twenty deaths in 24 hours. Suffering great. Can't you see . . . and send some help to our Howard Association.

[Signed.] N. PICARD.

—Chicago is going to have a Jewish hospital. The heirs of Michael Rees will contribute a share of their inheritance toward this purpose. Upon the corpse of a Jew, an institution of benevolence for the living will be created. "History repeats itself" in every true-born son of Israel. By such deeds the Jewish soul is raised toward heaven.

—The despatches received from New Orleans have produced a commotion among our brethren in this city. If the matter will be properly canvassed, giving every Israelite a chance to contribute his share toward the alleviation of suffering in the southern districts, there is no doubt that material aid will be procured. Sound the Jewish heart and the clear and elevating tones of sympathy and brotherly love will issue forth. Here is a chance for our Orders, Lodges and Benevolent societies to show their work. During the same calamity of 1873, our orders and charitable societies have done their duty. They will, they shall do the same now; and the lodges of this city shall not evince their charitable disposition in a manner less creditable than those of other cities. Let them vie with each other for the supremacy in this sacred work. In answer to the "appeal" published in the daily papers of last Tuesday, the following contributions for the New Orleans sufferers have been received: up to the time we are going to press, Rev. Dr. Kohler had made up a subscription list of about \$400; at the office of the JEWISH ADVANCE:

Mr. Isaac Strelitz	\$ 5 00
Cash	1 00
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Mr. Jacob Liebenstein	5 00
Cash	1 00
Mr. Sam. Nathans	10 00
Mr. Hyman Jackson	2 00
Isaac Pleser	5 00
Philip Goldman	10 00
C. Summerfield	3 00
From the "Chillicothe Hebrew Benevolent Society," Chillicothe, Mo.	15 00
Isaiah Lodge, No. 22, I. O. F. S. of I. in favor of Howard Society	25 00

This is not enough, although it speaks well for the sentiments of our brethren, who have so promptly responded to our "appeal." We have the promises of several friends who will bring their mites speedily. Letters have been addressed by this office to the Grand Presidents of the I. O. B. B.; F. S. of I. and K. S. B. urging them to do their share of the sacred work.

NEW YORK.—Excursions and summer-night's festivals for the benefit of the sick and needy, are going on gloriously. Truly the New Yorkers lead the van in the work of charity and benevolence.

—At the 19th Street Synagogue (Portuguese), Rev. David Nieto has been elected Assistant *Hazan*.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—The Y. M. H. A. have drawn up a programme of a good course of lectures, to be delivered under their auspices. This is the right thing for such societies to do.

—There are a good many strangers from the sickness-stricken districts of the South, sojourning here.

CINCINNATI.—Eleven new students have applied for admission into the Hebrew Union College.

—A grand "Autumn Musical Festival" will be held by the Cincinnati Saengerbund, at the end of the ensuing month, the proceeds of which will be divided between the Relief Union and the two Orphan Asylums.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Miss Fanny Keyfer, a Christian young lady of San Jose, has for some reason become dissatisfied with her faith, and in two weeks is to be converted to Judaism by Rev. Dr. Levy. The announcement of this item has created some excitement in the Garden City.

—The Congregation Beth Israel have purchased a lot on Turk street, near Taylor, 60x137½, for \$16,000, for the purpose of erecting a new synagogue thereon. Work on the building will be commenced immediately, as its completion in April is a necessity.

MACON, GA.—The Macon Congregation anticipates great things from their newly-elected minister, a certain Mr. Benson, who will enter upon his duties by next month. They speak about the "fame" of that gentleman, and keep the telegraph wires busy with congratulations on the event of his engagement to a young lady of Camden, Ark. *Metex un peu de l'eau dans votre vin, messieurs.*

VICKSBURG, MISS.—We are informed by our special correspondent and friend, the young folks of Vicksburg have been at it again. They had a private theatrical, and recited a piece which is as barren in contents as it is vulgar and obnoxious in execution. When will our young people learn that "fun" is not the only object of such entertainments; that talent must be cultivated alongside with good taste—that talent without taste helps only to make vulgarity and immorality more conspicuous? We hope that we will not hear any more of such things. Exercises of this kind cast a slur upon the communities where they are enacted and upon the Jewish youth in general. There are enough of good pieces to be played on such occasions. Be more particular in your choice next time.

Foreign Intelligence.

KOENIGSBERG.—Baron von Mirbach-Gorquitten, the conservative candidate for the *Reichstag*, has declared in an oration that "Jews, merchants, and cut-throats, were the ruin of the farming industry."

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND.—A Jewish rabbi was lately brought before a police court for slaughtering an ox according to Hebrew methods. Professional testimony was given to prove that there was no unnecessary suffering inflicted, and the charge was dismissed.

POSEN.—A Jewish merchant, Abraham Pakscher by name, died in Posen last month, and bequeathed large sums of money to charitable institutions—Christian as well as Jewish. The local papers speak very highly of his munificence and liberality of sentiment towards all religious confessions alike.

VIENNA.—Samuel Supermann, who died recently at Vienna, has bequeathed 10,000 florins as a sinking fund, the interests of which should be distributed among Jewish students of High schools, who would devote a certain portion of their time to the study of the Talmud.

BERLIN.—On July 23d, the Christian Socialists held a meeting at which a certain tailor named Gruneberg, denounced the Jews and Judaism most vehemently, as the originators of immorality, lawlessness, and assassination. The meeting was dispersed by the police on account of these denunciations of an industrious, law-abiding class of citizens. The worthy hero of the needle and disciple of the "Religion of love," was arrested on very serious charges.

BELGRAD.—The Scupzhtina (general assembly) has subscribed to the article of the Berlin Congress referring to Servia, on condition that the state of capitulation should be levied as speedily as possible. It concurs also with the demands of the government to do away with that article of the Servian constitution, which declares that the Jews are only under the protection of that state (but enjoying no equal rights with other citizens).

KINGSTON, JAMAICA.—The world seems to be the same all over, and the old landmarks' worshippers of Jamaica, are not better than the representatives of their *genus* in America. The following correspondence of the *Jewish Chronicle* tells the story:

"When conducting the services on the first day of Pentecost last, I passed over that mile-long "Piyut" in the מוסף service, commencing with הנהלת הנהלה, or better known as the הנהלה הנהלה, and devoted the time of its recital to the delivery of a sermon, a member of the congregation, whose name, out of regard for his more enlightened and prominent brothers in London, I shall not mention, became so alarmed at the omission, that he condemned me as a reformer, walked out of the synagogue in the midst of the service, and has since declared that he shall never enter it again. "This," says the pious Israelite, "is reform," and that his orthodox principles would not allow him to visit a place of worship where so important a portion of the prayers—as he terms it—had been left out.

My object of bringing the conduct of the individual to your notice, is to show the affronts and insults the Jewish minister has to put up with in this part of the world, when attempting to render the service of the synagogue more attractive, and to yield to the pressing demands of our age for pulpit instruction. And whereas, knowing that there is scarcely a congregation in existence without its Korah—I mean these rebellious spirits who assume to know more than their spiritual leaders do, and, who with the assistance of a few malcontents, not unfrequently succeed in exciting rebellion among the little camps of Israel—I think you would render invaluable service to ministers as well as to congregations, by ventilating the subject in your widely-circulated journal, and to point out to the mass of your readers, the insignificance of the portion I have omitted, so as to avoid a recurrence of the fact stated."

JERUSALEM (Palestine).—One of the most important industries in the holy city, is that of wood carving and turning. From the olive wood, elegant and useful articles for use are made and shipped all over the world. The best turners are Jews, but the industry is in the hands of a Christian society, which has monopolized it, and which treats the laborers very shabbily. A correspondent of the *Habazeleth* calls attention to the fact, and says that a great many Jewish

young men of Jerusalem would gladly learn the trade if they would but have the prospect of obtaining a reasonable remuneration for their work.

—Palestine is again scourged with locusts, and the small pox is ravaging the cities of the holy land. Gracious Heaven, how much suffering there is in this world!

—There is a mineral well in the valley of Jehosaphat near Jerusalem, which is called by the Arabians *Ain Silvan*, and by the Israelites *Tebiloth R. Ismael Cohen Gadol*. A great many Israelites having made it a practice to bathe in that well, the German Jewish community have placed watchmen near it to prevent the immoral mingling of sexes in the bath. In doing this they have overlooked two important points, viz: that notwithstanding the importance of their community, there are yet higher officials than theirs, whose consent is required in matters of public concern, and that the well belongs to the government, and not to the Jewish communities. By reason of this oversight, trouble has occurred. The Arabians (who are not particular about matters of morality) complained that the Jews did not allow them to use the baths. They fell upon the guards, killed one of the Arabian watchmen and wounded severely the Jewish overseer. The assailants have been brought before the criminal court, and it is to be hoped that they will receive their just punishment.

Important for the Holy Tongue.

Dr. O. H. Steinberg, of Vilna, (Russia), has just issued a Hebrew Caldaic Lexicon in the Russian language. Beside the newest etymological discoveries of the latest time, there is another great improvement in that lexicon. Dr. Steinberg has embodied in his work, short biographical sketches and geographical remarks on all the proper names occurring in the Bible. He has informed us by private communication, that there is a Jewish weekly in the Russian language about to be started in that city.

—Our old friend, the *Hameliz*, which has been published in Odessa in the Hebrew tongue, and discontinued for the last six years, is started anew in the city of St. Petersburg, by Dr. Alexander Cederbaum, its old editor. Being one of the most fearless champions of Reform in Russia, the editor and his publication has to suffer a great deal from the onslaughts of obscurantism. Notwithstanding our own editorial labor, we will now again contribute our Hebrew articles to our old friend, as we have done so for years before its discontinuance.

—"The Jews of Spain and Portugal, and the Inquisition," by F. D. Mocatto, has been translated into Hebrew by the editor of the *Habazeleth*, J. B. Trunkin, of Jerusalem.

—Muir's Geography has been translated into Hebrew, and scientific and explanatory notes added thereto, by Nathan T. Sokolow, of Makorn, Poland.

—A Hebrew work called ספר כשרון המעשה in four poems, has been published by Mr. L. Levin, of Kiev, Russia. The author enjoys a high reputation among the lovers of Hebrew.

—A Hebrew novel called העילוי characterizing the Jews of Russia, has been translated from the Russian into the Hebrew language, by H. Rabinovitz, of Grodno, Russia. Rabinovitz is known in his country by his energetic labors in behalf of the education of the young.