

### Domestic Notes.

#### Bangor, **Maine**

A new synagogue was dedicated at Bangor on Sunday the 19th inst. This is the only Jewish place of worship in **Maine**.

Mr. Louis Goldberg delivered a short address giving the history of the society. He said that a year ago the society was poor and met in the houses of the members. Later a hall was secured. The membership having increased to eighty it was decided in September to have a synagogue. A lot was purchased for \$1,000 and the money to build the synagogue was obtained in Bangor. In the name of the society he desired to thank the citizens for their contributions and interest.

A chant by Louis Goldkopf, the ceremony of carrying the scrolls around the altar and a selection by the orchestra followed and then Rabbi Lasker, of Union Park Street Temple, of Boston, delivered the address.

#### **New Orleans, La.**

The report of the President of the Y. M.H.A. at the annual meeting held Dec. 19th, exhibited a commendable activity on the part of the association. He recommended the establishment of a junior association whose object should be intellectual culture. The following officers were chosen:

Leopold Levy, President; August Heidenheim, First Vice-President; L. M. Weil, Second Vice-President; A. Aschaffenburg, Third Vice President; Sim Weis, Treasurer; Eugene Guttman, Financial Secretary; Alex Lichtentag, Recording Secretary; P. Moses, Librarian.

Directors: E. Heidenheim, J. C. Lazard, Arch Marx, Manfred Meyer, Moses Holander, M. A. Rose, E. M. Cahn, Dan. A. Rose, M. J. Wolf, J. Stich, S. March, Alfred Hiller, Dr. George Kreeger.

The society has an official organ, *The Owl*, which is a marvel of journalistic enterprise from both a literary and journalistic point of view.

#### **Boston, Mass.**

The children of Temple Adath Israel had an interesting Chanuka celebration. The lights were lit, and an explanation of each night's lights given by the children, followed with appropriate music.

Mrs. J. H. Hecht, who has just returned from Europe, announces that the Baroness Hirsch gave her 40,000 francs to be devoted to charitable work

among the Hebrews here. Baroness William de Rothschild also contributed a sum of money for the same work.

which \$2,000 goes to the Hebrew Relief Association and the balance to the building fund, and nearly \$6,000 were subscribed on the spot. The condition made in the gift, which is valued at about \$10,000, is that the building to be erected be called the Kaufman Hays Home, and that its institutional work be non-sectarian. This is, we believe to be of the social settlement character.

The Jews are much exercised over recent sermons by Rabbi Gries in favor of transferring the Sabbath. His position has been vigorously assailed, but with too much indulgence in personality, by Rabbis M. Machol and S. Drechsler.

#### *Jacksonville, Fla.*

The Jewish Womens' League gave an entertainment at the Phoenix Club on December 15th. The farce-comedy "A Perplexing Situation" was given by members and friends of the Society.

#### *St. Louis, Mo.*

The Y. M. H. A. gave a musical and literary entertainment on the 19th inst. for the benefit of its educational work and labor Bureau. The President gave an address illustrated with stereoptican views.

#### *Cleveland, Ohio.*

Mr. Kaufman Hays has offered a plot of land 58x200 with a building upon it that has been his homestead, as a gift to the Council of Jewish Women for a building for the associated charities of the city on condition that a building worth \$20,000 at least, free of debt is erected upon it. The money for this purpose is well in sight. The Council netted \$13,363.24 from its recent fair of