

1859. The meeting having been called to order by Mrs ANNA ALLEN, President.—The REVEREND S. MORAIS offered up the following prayer.

SOVEREIGN GOD to whom every secret thought is revealed! Wore it not that Thy divine assurance infuses fresh courage, we should often despond; for, lo! the shadow of our sun-dial swiftly goes down, and our noblest designs remain unaccomplished. Tardy are we and inept to vigorous actions. Now, we suffer the fumes of passion to veil the path of duty, anon we recede from it terrified at imaginary obstacles; and our hearts once glowing with ardent hopes, grow spiritless and vapid. Alas! O Omnipotent Lord! that human infirmities will thus over-rule the instincts of spiritual goodness. But we, Thy supplicants, are conscious of our frailty, and fearful of its effect, which may be to pale our virtuous intents, we trustingly look for that celestial aid, promised in the book of truth "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established" Father of orphans and Protector of the afflicted! Into *Thine hand*, we commit the firm establishment of a "Home," sacred to mental and physical culture. B-hold our longing after that righteous goal these many days, and impute not to sin our inadequate efforts; for, Thou knowest the fables that a mortal is heir to, and the earthly objects which will also distract him from higher callings. But Thou canst supply our inefficacy. The memory alone of Thy holy name, can raise midst the faithful unflinching supporters. And as in olden time, the wisdom wherewith Thou didst endow two men, completed the erection of a sublime structure in honor to Thy Divinity, so Thou mayest deign now to invite such, to whom Thou hast laid upon Thy treasures, to sanctify their opulence by raising therewith an edifice dedicated to Thy celestial handmaid,—even to Charity. Be with us O God! And the "Foster Home" shall become a monument of glory to Israel that abide in these favored regions, and a blessing to mankind; for, within its walls, a religion of love, a religion of light, shall prepare the minds of the lowly, to pursue a career of benefit to themselves and of usefulness to others. And may our own feeble endeavors to exalt our needy brother, that "he may inherit a throne of everlasting glory," draw upon each of us the prophetic benediction, "The Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought . . . and thou shalt be like an irrigated garden, and as a perennial spring, whose waters fail not. May this be Thy gracious will! Amen.

The following report of the Secretary was then read

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Four years have been numbered with the past, since the Israelites of our city were invited to co-operate in the establishment of a society, for the purpose of rescuing from want, and its sorrows the children of our suffering destitute brethren—if any system of philanthropy can be established sufficiently broad and practical to banish poverty and its miseries from the homes of their natural protectors; certainly this want would not be experienced—but with all the activity and usefulness of our various charities, one strong, heart-touching appeal could yet be heard from the most helpless source, the voice of childhood seeking sympathy and protection from penury and its too inevitable consequences temptation and sin. At the meeting in 1855, it was decided that this plea could be most effectually responded to, by the formation of a society, whose care should be the guardianship of the children entrusted to them. The foundation thus laid, the managers have endeavored to carry out faithfully, the principles of the Society, and with much satisfaction, present to the public their little family. Removed from temptation, they are subject to uniformly firm but gentle restraint; the much dreaded constraint of dependence is unseen and unknown, and at the Institution all friends are cordially invited, who would witness the happiness and activity that characterize the children of "The Jewish Foster Home."

Within the last year we have removed to a more commodious house, situated, No. 1424 N. 11th street, above Master street, at an advanced rent, which we scarcely could have met, had we not received the rent donation of \$150, from J. L. Florance, Esq., (which we have received annually since the institution of the Society,) and \$100 from J. L. Moss and G. D. Rosengarten, Esq's.—in the change however, we still experience serious inconveniences. The lot for a house, has already been presented to us, by Daniel Gans, Esq., and the means to erect a plain and substantial dwelling, we most earnestly solicit. Our Building Fund, as per Treasurer's report, audited by the Board of Council, consists of \$1700 06 city loan, and \$150 84 in cash. We would greatly desire that the annual subscriptions would defray the current expenses of the year, but the report of the Treasurer proves the inadequacy of this income—the low state of our finances we hope speaks effectively to the kind liberality of our friends, the balance in hand being but \$13 24.

To the matron of the Home, we are happy to acknowledge our appreciation of the interest and credit with which her arduous duties are fulfilled—the affectionate respect evinced towards her by the children, prove that affection with judgment, is all-powerful in influencing even the most undisciplined minds—from the seed thus

sown, we hope in faith that "Angel hands may put the sickle in, and reap for God, and gather to his garner."

To our early friend and Physician, Dr. A. C. Bourneville, we report our sincere acknowledgments—Dr. Wm. Moss, whose kind services have also been received during the past year, will accept our thanks.

To "The Hebrew Education Society," we are indebted for the education of the eldest children of "The Home"—their progress in Hebrew and English studies are alike satisfactory.

In anticipation of an Annual Fair, a handsome donation was received from the Misses Lindo, of Carneoa—the articles were disposed of and realized \$31 25.

We report our acknowledgments for several useful and welcome gifts received during the year, including fuel, food, clothing, books, &c.

To the Supreme Being, we offer our grateful thanks for His providence—May He ever look down from Heaven, His dwelling-place, hear our prayer, and maintain our cause.

EVELYN BOMEISLER, Secretary.

The Treasurer's report (as below) was then read.

Mrs. J. FINZI, Treasurer
In acct with the
JEWISH FOSTER HOME SOCIETY.

1858.	Feb. 11	By Balance on hand this date	\$190.46
1859.	Feb. 7	By Cash rec'd. from subscribers during the year to date	611.00
	" "	By Cash rec'd. from Donations to date	504.81
	" "	By Cash rec'd. for fines from Managers	17.00
	" "	By Cash rec'd. on acct of Children at home	23.00
	" "	By Cash for sale of articles presented by the Misses Lindo of "Carneoa"	30.00
	" "	By Cash for 12 mos. Interest on investment of \$2000 City 6 per loan	113.78
	" "	By Cash from Charity box	4.47
	" "	By Cash from Purchasing Committee, being surplus of appropriation for purchase of additional Furniture	30.00
	" "	By Cash rec'd. towards payment of Books furnished by the Hebrew Ed. Society	4.20
	" "	By Interest rec'd. on balance of Deposit acct. from Penna. Life Annuity Co. to Dec. 31, 1858, per Deposite Book	32.25

1859. To Cr. \$1,870.27

Feb. 7.	To	Cash paid Pres. orders No. 47 to 61, for support of the Home during the year	\$1785.00
" "	To	Cash paid for disct. on uncurrent Money	1.13
" "	To	Cash paid for printing Annual Reports &c.	37.00
" "	To	Cash paid for Comm. on collecting Bills	23.70
" "	To	Cash paid for books furnished the Children of the Home by "The Hebrew Education Society."	10.20
" "	To	Balance on hand	13.24
			\$1870.27

By Balance on hand this day. \$13.24
And invested in City loan belonging to the Society \$2000.

Also Invested on acc. of building Fund, towards the erection of a building on their Lot \$1700, and a balance in hand of \$150 84 in cash.

A Committee of the "Board of Council" have audited the accounts of Mrs. J. Finzi, Treasurer, and report the same correct as above stated.

(Sg'd.) A. HART, } Committee
(Sg'd.) J. L. MOSS, } of the Bd.
(Sg'd.) I. J. PHILLIPS, } Council.

February 6, 1859.
A collection was then taken up, when several handsome donations were received, and the subscribers went into an election for managers for the ensuing year, when the following Officers and Directors were elected—

Mrs. ANNA ALLEN, President,
Miss REBECCA GRATZ, Second Directress,
Mrs. A. FINZI, Treasurer,
Miss E. BOMEISLER, Secretary.

MANAGERS.

Mrs. Jos. M. Asch,	Mrs. A. Hart,
" Leon Berg,	" L. J. Leberman,
" B. Blum,	" J. L. Moss,
" J. Buswanger,	" S. Morais,
" H. Cohen,	" M. Moyer,
" E. J. Etting,	Miss Emily Phillips,
" J. Dornitz,	Mrs. G. D. Rosengarten,

Local Items.

PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Fourth Annual Meeting of the JEWISH FOSTER HOME SOCIETY, took place at the School House of the Hebrew Education Society, in Seventh street, above Wood, on Tuesday afternoon, February 8.

" J. L. Florance,
 " Wm. Florance,
 Miss Louisa Gratz,
 Mrs. Solomon Gans,
 Miss L. B. Hart,
 Mrs. Phineas Hart,
 " Jos. Rosenbaum,
 Miss Rachel Rowland,
 Mrs. D. Samuel,
 " J. Weiler,
 " Lucian Moss,
 " Mitchell Anchor.

HONSDALE.—The Jewish community of this thriving though not very large in point of numbers, has formed a Congregation, for which they now require a *synagogue*. How many vacant places there are now for Ministers and Shocetim.

PHILADELPHIA.—We have received a copy of the reply of AN ISRAELITE to the able letters of the Rev'd. Messrs. Loeser, and Morai, which can hardly be said to confute an *iota* of the argument of the Rev. Gentlemen. AN ISRAELITE, whosoever he is, has not the sympathies of our Philadelphia co-religionists in thus parading our affairs before the public, and especially in finding fault with the majority because they do not coincide with the opinions of AN ISRAELITE and his *confreres*.

NEW YORK.

POUGHKEEPSIE.—A *synagogue* and *synagogue* wanted at this flourishing place. For particulars, see advertisement.

MAINE.

We should very much like to know how many of our co-religionists there are residing in the State of Maine. Will any of our friends give us the desired information? We should feel indebted to any one for the like information, in regard to the States of *Vermont, Delaware, Florida, and Iowa.*

SOUTH CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON.—A most interesting celebration took place on Wednesday evening last, the 9th instant, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Levy Moses of this city on the occasion of the fiftieth Anniversary of their wedded life. Blessed to witness an event of so rare occurrence, and rejoicing in the possession of unimpaired health—"their eyes undimmed by age, and their faculties undiminished,"—they could well join in words of Thanksgiving with which the occasion was religiously marked. It was indeed a touching sight to behold the venerable couple, surrounded by a numerous kindred, and to see their glistening eyes as they gratefully thought over the past, and could sincerely re-echo the "Hallelujah" which burst from the lips of all who were present at the WEDDING. Theirs has been a life of piety and silent be-

... we may safely say that dogma of our Faith which God rewardeth the virtuous man according to his work."

An appropriate form of service was improvised for the occasion by the Rev'd. Henry S. Jacobs, minister of the Congregation "Shearith Israel," including a short Address and Prayer in the vernacular, which by request, are supplied for publication.

ADDRESS.

During the course of a Minister's career, various and dissimilar are the duties which devolve on him. Sometimes "seasons of rejoicing" call him into the domestic circle to join in songs of thanksgiving; at others, "times of trouble" find him there to offer consolation unto those who weep. At all the grand epochs of life that require the sanctions of religion he is present; and among these, it is by no means of unfrequent occurrence that he has to bind in holy wedlock those whose hearts are united by all the sacred ties of love. But how seldom does it happen that he is required to officiate at a wedding of this character,—called "Golden," doubtless, because like the precious metal from which it is named, it is of such rare occurrence, only to be met with at intervals "few and far between," and when found to be highly prized and valued by its three happy possessors!

At ordinary weddings the duty of the minister is clear and obvious. He can counsel as to the future which opens to the view, presenting so many brilliant promises of success and happiness, but which alas! too often prove like bright bubbles in the sunshine hollow and fleeting, soon vanishing into naught, and "like the airy fabric of a vision leaving not a wreck behind." He can exhort as to the obligations and responsibilities which belong to the new sphere on which the pair rendered "one flesh" are about to enter; and he can point out the path which hand in hand, they must tread, if they desire God's blessing on their household. But how different the present occasion! What can I say unto you, my respected friends! Surely not to bid you hold strongly to the affections which belong to the conjugal relation. The unwavering love which has subsisted through half a century and all the changes of this changing world, needs no incentive to its continuance. Not to offer you words of advice. The bare thought of instructing you, so many years my seniors,—you that are old enough to stand in the light of honored parents to me, is rebuked by the gray hairs which are the dignity and ornament of age

eminding me of the words of Job that "Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom."—But appropriate to this happy occasion are words of Thanksgiving, words of heartfelt praise unto Him who hath led you these fifty years through the wilderness of life's trials to a haven of peace, felicity and contentment; who hath preserved you alive, sustained you, and permitted you to enjoy this season. And oh! how your hearts must glow with pious gratitude at such a retrospect! How many varied emotions must struggle for utterance as you glance around, and see so many of your own kindred, near and remote, bound to you by so many ties of love, that you might almost exclaim, "these daughters are our daughters, and these sons are our sons!"—You must feel a degree of thankfulness in your innermost souls that only such a scene and such an occasion can inspire. Then, let us as the most befitting tribute we can this evening offer to the Donor of all good,—the Guardian of Israel who neither slumbereth, nor sleepeth, who hath guarded you against all evil,—and who will preserve your going forth and your coming in from henceforth and for evermore,—render thanks unto Him, for the benefits of the past and beseech the continuance of His mercy, love and favor, which are

מלפניו ודבר יולדו על ידיו ודבר יולדו לבני בניו :

from everlasting unto everlasting with those who fear him, and His righteousness unto their children's children."

PRAYER.

Heavenly Father! How much cause have we to adore Thy unspeakable perfections for the illimitable mercies of which we are the recipients throughout the whole course of our existence! Not a moment passes but brings to us some renewed beneficence, some additional motive for gratitude. From our first entry on this stage of being, we experience Thy paternal care,—nor does this guardianship cease from overshadowing us, until we surrender our souls into Thy hands as Thou gavest them. But we can the more readily appreciate Thy abundant goodness, when we have attained to advanced age, and from that height of years, survey the long earthly journey we have been permitted to take, remember the obstacles which threatened at various periods to overwhelm us, yet which were surmounted through Thy divine aid; the trials which we encountered, and the ills we suffered, but as so many tests of virtue and trials of fortitude;—and likewise the manifold favors which Thou, by Thy love didst vouchsafe unto us. And all these recollections are the more sensibly present to our minds on this occasion, the 50th Anniversary since our dear Brother and Sister here, were united in the bonds of holy wedlock,—rendered *one* in affection, in sentiments, and in feelings; *one* in all the joys and sorrows which chequer life. Oh, how many phases of existence have they not gone through since that happy day! what joys have not been theirs as loving partners, and glad parents! And now that they have been spared to celebrate the return of that joyous occasion after the lapse of half a century their hearts are penetrated with a depth of gratitude too intense to find adequate utterance. With what thankful spirits do they not recognize Thy hand in the blessings of which they still partake, and which so many beloved ones have been removed from the world, yet remain to gladden their eyes, and which they do not experience as they see them surrounded by a numerous kindred, dear to their hearts, and thus to their sight; and among these an aged and beloved mother,—a mother in all the sacred ties of affection, gratitude and affection, who in life's later years is still with them to witness what so few are permitted to witness the celebration of her children's "Golden Wedding." We bless Thy name for all these favors. We offer unto Thee the earnest and sincere outpourings of thankfulness. And we pray Thee, that as Thou hast been with them, so mayest Thou be with us, a Father a Protector and a helper, sheltering us under Thy pinions and keeping us from evil, both when we sleep and when we wake, now and evermore. Amen.

FLORIDA.

MADISON.—A difficulty occurred in the Grocery of Mr. Benjamin Schwerin, a German, who has for some time been a citizen of Madison, between Mr. Schwerin and Richard Ellison, of Lafayette county, which resulted in the immediate death of the former, by a pistol shot from the hand of Ellison. The ball entered just below the right collar bone, and, (Mr. S. being at the instant in a slightly stooping position,) ranged downward cutting a large artery near the heart, and lodged in the lower portion of the left lobe of the lungs. He immediately fell to the floor, and within less than ten minutes expired.

Mr. Schwerin was a young man, without a family, and for his many excellent social qualities was much esteemed by those who knew him. He was buried with Masonic honors on Tuesday afternoon.

As soon as the act was committed, Ellison attempted to make his escape, but was arrested, together with two of his brothers, who are also implicated, and the trio are now in jail to await their trial at the Spring term of our Circuit Court.—*Madison Messenger, 12th.*

We understand that the deceased, has a brother and

sister in Philadelphia, if so will they please send their address to this office?