

noon service. Besides the usual address, Mr. Kann, chairman of the committee in charge of the service, spoke effectively to the little ones. Messrs. M. E. Goodhart and Van Leewen of the board of trustees, were also present.

A Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

The Twenty-fifth anniversary of the French congregation Comm. Israel Française will be held at Irving Hall on Sunday, Dec. 24th, the proceeds to be devoted in equal shares to the building and the charity funds.

Harlem.

Since Mr. Maurice Harris has regularly lectured at the Hand-in-Hand Synagogue, the attendance has very much improved.

A social club among a number of coreligionists in this district is being organized, and will no doubt be a success.

The Free Schools.

The Board of Directors of the Hebrew Free School Association met for organization on Sunday, Judge Isaacs, President, in the chair. The following standing Committees were appointed: Discipline: Messrs. U. Herrmann, Meinhard, Lilienthal, Cowen, Strasburger, Gomez and Greenbaum; Finance: Messrs. Schiff, Lewisohn, Hamerslough, Louis Levy and Reidlinger; Repairs: Messrs. Korn, S. Herman, Adolph Levy, Ottinger and Stern; Kindergarten and Industrial Schools: Messrs. Strauss, Hamerslough, Lewisohn, Angel, U. Herrmann and Solomon; Employment: Messrs. Meinhard, Lilienthal and Stern; Printing: Messrs. Solomon, Strauss and Greenbaum.

Y. M. H. A. of Harlem.

The annual meeting of the Harlem Y. M. H. A. took place at Montefiore Hall, last Sunday afternoon, a large number of members attending. Much enthusiasm was displayed, and the election for officers was hotly contested. The president's report showed a most gratifying state of affairs; for the first time in many years, the association is not only free from debt but is in possession of a handsome surplus. It has a steadily increasing list of members, and also owns a well-filled library and a gymnasium, valued at \$3,000. The following officers were elected: David N. Carvalho, president; David Rutaky, vice-president; M. Summerfield, treasurer; S. N. Carvalho, corresponding secretary; L. Mansfield, financial secretary.

Hebrew Classes for Young Ladies.

Young ladies of any or no congregation desirous of studying the ancient and sacred language are invited to attend the classes of Rev. H. P. Mendes, which meet at the Synagogue, West 19th Street near 5th Avenue. All classes are wholly free to all, punctuality and regularity of attendance, however, being requested. The class for alphabet and easy reading (or grade A) meets Wednesdays at 3 p. m. Grades B and C, for easy and advanced translation and grammar, meet Tuesdays at 2.45 and 3.30 p. m. The young ladies who are already again enrolled on the lists prove how the imaginary difficulties of Hebrew vanish when the language is taught intelligently, showing that the satisfactory progress of last year encourages the students to continue.

The Hospital.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Mt. Sinai Hospital, to be held at the institution on Sunday the 31st inst., at 10 a. m., besides the reception of the usual reports, there are to be elected the following officers: a president in place of Mr. Hyman Blum; a vice president in place of Mr. Isaac Wallach; a treasurer in place of Mr. Samuel M. Schafer; and four directors in place of Messrs. V. Henry Rothschild, Adolph Hallgarten, Dewitt James Seligman and M. Dinkelspiel.

President Blum published in Tuesday's *Herald* the following emphatic denial.

An advertisement published in your journal of Sunday, 17th inst., by Koster & Bial, announced a concert for the benefit of the Mount Sinai Hospital. I beg to state that no authorization for the use of the name of this institution, in any such connection, was ever asked for or given by me, or any officer or member of its Board of Directors. Fearing, without proper denial and correction, that this might injure the interests of our hospital, you will confer a favor on the institution I have the honor to represent by giving this notice a prominent place in your valuable journal.

The Russian Emigrant.

Reports from the **Cotopaxi**, Colorado colony, continues to be of the most encouraging nature, and in fact, there is now not the slightest reason to doubt that it will prove a success in every sense of the word. The colonists are not only earning a comfortable livelihood, but in many instances have acquired considerable sums of money, and are seeking safe and profitable investments for their savings. Every head of a family and several single men own a house, completely furnished, horses, wagons, cows &c., and their labor is remunerated at the rate of from \$2 to \$4 per day. They have a benevolent society, which already possesses quite a large fund. In their letters to the Society in this city the colonists express their gratitude in warm terms for the aid extended to them, and promise, at an early date, to repay every dollar advanced.

At Estelleville, N. J. the colonists are working hard to establish themselves for the winter. They are not afraid of labor, and announce their determination to make the colony as successful as the one at Vineland.

On Sunday last there were 461 refugees on Ward's Island, of whom only 65 were men, the remainder being women and children. The committee meet on the Island three times a week, and are now engaged in assisting those of the men who show a disposition to work, to earn a livelihood for themselves and their families. The society allows the women and children to remain on the Island until the husband is able to support them.

B'nai B'rith.

At a recent meeting of Harlem lodge, No. 254, a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of consolidating the three principal Jewish orders, and to report the result of their deliberations at a special meeting to be held on the 10th inst. The committee submitted the following report, which was adopted, and the secretary instructed to invite the lodges of District No. 1 to send representatives to the meeting:

To the President and Members of Harlem Lodge, No. 254.
BROTHERS:—Your committee find that one of the main causes why our as well as other kindred Orders are not making the rapid progress as in former years, may be found in the fact that a lack of confidence in the stability of the order and the security of the endowment, pervades the organization.

We find that the annual dues in the several organizations and their respective lodges have been gradually raised until they became burdensome to many, and to others the cause of forced

withdrawal, which latter unfortunately affects the older and worthy members and their families.

The expenses of the administration of the United Order would scarcely be one-third of the present enormous outlay, hence a material saving to the brethren; and the union would have the much desired effect of checking the extravagance of the poorer members of our race in providing larger endowments than their means can afford, whereby they usually finally lose all.

We respectfully recommend that a circular be forwarded to the lodges of this order, inviting them to send delegates to a meeting to be held on Sunday, December 31st, at two o'clock P. M., at the Hall, No. 156 East 86th Street, to consider the following questions:

Is it advantageous and desirable to unite the several Orders named under one management? Will not taxation or the lodge dues be reduced instead of being increased by such union? If desirable, what are the best means to accomplish such union?

Respectfully submitted,

MARCOUS MARX,
DAVID FRANKLIN, M. D.
ISRAEL STONE.

Mother Goose Reception.

The Fair and Reception of the Young Ladies' Charitable Sewing Society, which began on Monday evening at Standard Hall and closed on Wednesday evening, was such an unequivocal success in every feature, that it will long linger in the recollections of all who attended. In some respects it was the most charming, brilliant and select affair of its kind and size ever given in this city.

It is impossible to begin to describe the scene at the Hall each evening:—the floral arbor, so original and exquisite in design, a number of young ladies behind a white rustic fence, with buds and flowers in profusion about them; the candy kiosk with its appetizing wares, and the several fancy stands, with an infinite variety of costly and tasteful goods, ornaments, plaques, mirrors, toys, &c.; the doll establishment, so unique and attractive in its make-up, the perfumery counter with its variety of articles; the refreshment room with its affable attendants. It was a kaleidoscopic scene—the moving throngs, the strains of music, the groups of picturesque saleswomen, the gay promenading, the peripatetic young ladies with "books" for chances, the pensive young men taking in everything from afar before they were taken in themselves, the merry children one afternoon and their laughter and bright talk.

The following is a list of the stands and their attendants:

Floral:—Mrs. A. E. Bamberger, the Misses N. Walter, Kahnweiler, Bernheimer, O. Sternberger, Fisher, Bendit, Rindskopf, S. Isaacs, Miuzesheimer, Hess.

Candy:—Mrs. Lindeman, Misses Einstein, Goldsmith, Dittenhoefer, J. Sternberger, B. Herzog, Eckman, M. Hart, C. Cohen.

Refreshment:—Mrs. E. Lewis, L. Bernheimer, R. Schwartz, H. Eckman, B. Freedman, S. Jacobs, Lithauer, Bachman, C. Wise, S. Wolf.

Dolls:—Misses Henry, C. Lagowitz, Rossin, F. Sternberger, Dreyfous, Nordlinger, Mrs. Kalin.

Fancy No. 1:—Mrs. W. Einstein, Misses C. Herzog, Prochowick, Rosenfeld, R. Goldsmith, Leopold, Woodleaf.

Fancy No. 2:—Misses K. Strouse, Rosenheim, Jacobs, Wertheimer, Morrison, Sulzbacher, Woodleaf, Stern.

Perfumery:—Mrs. Julius Hart.

The following were the principal awards:—Simon Schafer, looking glass; Mrs. A. Wolff, biogue figure; Mrs. Rindskopf, basket of flowers; Mr. Frederick Nathan, card stand; L. Levy, doll; J. A. Bernheimer, chair; Mrs. Friend, doll; Miss Sternberger, plant; J. F. Gilchrist, gold watch; Mrs. S. Greenbaum, basket of flowers; Mr. Landbergh, cake; Isaac Ranger, plush set; Mrs. Sulzbacher, figure; Mrs. Lauterbach, picture; Mrs. A. Wise, lace blouse; Mrs. C. Rindskopf, basket of flowers; Miss Rindskopf, cake with ring; L. S. Wolff, basket of flowers; Mrs. Lavanburg, plant and vase; Bella Bendit, basket of flowers; J. Bernheimer, box of candy; Miss Carrie Bachman, basket of fruit; B. S. Weekes, one dozen cups, saucers, and spoons; Mrs. Richard, picture; Mrs. L. Nathan, ottoman; Mrs. Sulzbacher, picture; Pauline Mayer, brass clock; Mrs. J. Seligman, box of candy; Mrs. Wolf, diamond pin; Miss Helle Freedman, scrap book; P. Bernheimer, basket of fruit; Eugene Seligman, flowers; C. S. Sternberger, doll; M. Fisher, basket of flowers; Miss Sarah Isaacs, vase; Miss Millie Bernheimer, doll and trousseau.

The fair closed on Wednesday evening with a dance, which was kept up until a late hour. The receipts for Monday were \$1,872.69; for Tuesday, \$1,875.51; for Wednesday, \$——. Messrs. S. Schafer, H. S. Allen, Julius J. Lyons, and Rindskopf, were chairmen of the various committees, assisted by a number of gentlemen. Too much praise cannot be awarded the directresses of the Sewing Society for the zeal and energy with which they managed the affair from the start and carried it to a successful conclusion.

In Society.

What with the fair, a number of weddings, a ball, and club entertainments, this has been a lively week in social circles, and the young folks, and many of their elders, too, for that matter, have been busily engaged partaking of the enjoyment presented.

The entertainment to be given by the Freundschaff club to-morrow evening, at Teutonia Hall, anxiously looked forward to by the members and their ladies, and judging from the previous affairs given by the club, there is no doubt that it will be well attended, and exceedingly pleasant.

Never has the elegant ball-room of the Branswick looked more brilliant than it did last Saturday evening, when the Metropolitan Club gave their monthly entertainment. All present seemed to enjoy themselves, although some of the young ladies did remark that the tableaux were too lengthy.

The Ladies' Drammatic Union announce an amateur performance of "Patience," at Chickering Hall. Many of the members think that an entertainment to be followed by dancing would prove more attractive, socially, and more successful, financially.

The officers and members of True Craftsmen's Lodge, No. 651, F. & A. M. are to be congratulated upon the unqualified success of their ball at Terrace Garden on Wednesday evening. It was without doubt as pleasant and sociable an affair as has ever been given, and every one present seemed to participate in the general enjoyment which prevailed. There was a large and select attendance, many prominent members of the mystic Order being present. Dancing commenced promptly at ten, Neyer's orchestra furnishing the music, while the 7th regiment band performed the promenade selections. Mr. Leopold Wallach, master of the lodge, acted as Chairman of the arrangements committee; Mr. William J. Trimble, senior warden, chairman of the reception, and Mr. Joshua Kantrowitz, junior warden, chairman of the floor.

The fifth anniversary reception of Bowling Circle No. 1 of the Y. M. H. A. was given at Teutonia Assembly Rooms on Wednesday evening. The affair was largely attended, and was pronounced by all present as one of the most delightful events of the season. After their late sanguinary encounter it was a truly inspiring sight to

Local News.

IN TOWN

Home for Aged.

The contractors on the new Home 100th Street and 9th Avenue, expect that it will be ready for occupancy by March. If so, it is the intention of the officers to combine the dedicatory services and the Purim reception.

The Down-Town Sabbath School.

The attendance at Mrs. Louis' Down-Town Sabbath School continues to increase steadily week after week, and the children make rapid and satisfactory progress. The corps of teachers is larger than ever before, and the interest of all engaged in the good work is unabated.

Free Sons of Israel.

The committee on intellectual advancement of District Grand Lodge No. 1, I. O. F. S' of I., announce an entertainment at Chickering Hall on Sunday evening, the 31st inst. Mr. R. J. Decordova will deliver a lecture—"Miss Jones' Wedding—no cards," and there will be musical exercises.

T. M. H. A.

Mr. Joseph C. Levi delivered an interesting lecture at the rooms last evening, on "Christian Charity and Jewish Wrong doing." There were also literary and musical exercises.

At the first down-town entertainment given last Thursday evening at Pythagoras Hall, the attendance was fair. Miss Julia Fox, Mr. M. S. Wise, Miss Wolf, and Mr. Chas. Braud were on the programme.

Cong. B'nai Israel.

On Sabbath Hanukkah, from five to six hundred children attended Rev. M. Noot's Sabbath after-

see the herculean bowlers of the hostile circles locked in the peaceful embrace of their adversaries'—sisters. The beneficent effects of the classic pastime of bowling were manifest. The arms of the bowlers had attained such remarkable elasticity that it was as easy a matter to encircle the adipose form of Miss Porpoise as it was to clasp the slender waist of Miss Bean-stalk. At the supper-table these modern Samsons (and Adonises) with unerring instinct gathered around the punch-bowl, which was undoubtedly the symbol of their favorite game, and swore undying fealty to that ancient token. The intermission was one of those rare periods when

Love blinks, wit slaps, and social mirth
Forgets there's care upon the earth.

The Ebon-wand which ordinarily has the effect of a skull and cross-bones, on this occasion heightened the mirth and drew such inspiring strains as to lift all the Bowlers with their Amazons and Venuses off their feet up into the seventh heaven of delight and kept them there until the dawn of the next day.
