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The Queen Esther Ladies' Society will hold their first anniversary and ball on next Tuesday evening. Mrs. E. Heyman is President, and Mrs. F. Kohn, Secretary.

The employees of Mess. Epstein & Kantrowitz, furniture dealers, 99 Bowery, held their first annual reception and ball at Irving Hall on Wednesday evening last at Irving Hall. The affair was quite a social success.

There are three masquerade balls down for next Saturday—the Germania Quartette Club at Arion Hall, the Fidelio at Teutonia, and the Ideal Dramatic and Literary Union at Lexington Ave. Opera House. Verily our young folks are disputing themselves this Purim-tide.

Rev. A. P. MENDES left for Europe per *Servia* last Wednesday. He will probably soon return with the idea of establishing an educational institute at Newport, R. I. The scheme has received hearty commendation, and promises of cooperation from the chief Jewish ministers of New York, Western and Southern States, who recognize the necessity for an institution of such kind, in view of the fact that so many Hebrews send their children Christian establishments, from lack of proper opportunities to send them where they can combine Jewish education with secular instruction, and country air with both.

AHAWATH CHESED ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday evening, March 8th, 1883, at eight o'clock, there will be a lecture by Rev. Dr. K. Kohler, the learned pastor of Beth El, at the Vestry rooms of the Temple, Lexington Avenue and 55th St. The lecture will be followed by literary and musical exercises.

THE NEW HOME.

At the dedication of the New Home building on Purim day, the Board of Ministers have arranged that only two addresses are to be made, one a prayer in English by the Rev. H. S. Jacobs, and a brief address in German, by Rev. Dr. Gottheil, whereupon a reception will be held by the friends of the Institution. The cantors and Jewish members of the choirs, of the various congregations will doubtless participate in the musical services.

THE NORMAL CLASS.

The following are the dates and lectures:
 Monday, March 5—Method of Teaching. Rev. Dr. Gottheil.
 Thursday, March 8—Post Biblical History. Rev. Dr. Kohler.
 Monday, March 12—Biblical Exegesis; Rev. H. S. Jacobs. 4:45—The Prophet Isaiah; Rev. Dr. deSola Mendes.
 Thursday, March 15—Theory and Practice of Judaism. Rev. Dr. Huebsch.
 Monday, March 19—Method of Teaching. Rev. Dr. Gottheil.
 Thursday, March 22—Post Biblical History. Rev. Dr. Kohler.

Monday, March 26—Biblical Exegesis; Rev. H. S. Jacobs. 4:45—The Prophet Isaiah; Rev. Dr. deSola Mendes.

Thursday, March 29—Theory and Practice of Judaism. Rev. Dr. Huebsch.

All ladies are welcome to these lectures which are delivered at 4 P.M., in the school-room of Temple Emanu-El.

PRACTICAL SYMPATHY.

The following is the letter of Judge Steckler to Father Helmprecht, rector of the Church where the seventeen children lost their lives in the recent disaster:

REVEREND SIR: I have heard with deep sorrow of the sad accident that has befallen your parochial school, the untimely death of a number of the children at ending it and the grievous affliction that has clouded many homes. So great and widely felt a calamity, particularly because the sufferers were little children, appeals irresistibly to the sympathy of every man of feeling. I desire to express my sympathy otherwise than in words, however heartfelt, and I hereby enclose my check for \$250. I beg that you will favor me by distributing this amount among the bereaved families. This, I am sure, you, the reverend pastor, can do more discreetly and availingly than any one else. I trust that my contribution may tend to lighten in some degree the sorrow of the afflicted ones. If I may be permitted to offer a suggestion, I would suggest that Mrs. Gerlach and Mr. Becker receive some additional consideration in your distribution, because, I understand, their need is greater than that of their fellow-sufferers.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 113, I. O. B. B.

This thriving segment of the B'nai B'rith Order, District No. 1, without much ado has inaugurated a measure of reform at its meetings that meets with general favor and instead of wasting hours in the frivolous discussion of outrageous subjects, gets through the business of its meetings with unusual dispatch, and then enjoys a literary and musical entertainment in which its members and others figure conspicuously. The second of these pleasant events transpired last Sunday afternoon when vocal music was supplied by Misses Burgoin and Seltman; Mr. Dublin recited likewise; Vice-President Goltfogle and Mr. R. Sampster told some funny stories. There was an unusually large attendance of the members, and the whole affair, though informal, was decidedly enjoyable. On the evening of March 18th, the lodge will give an Installation Ball at Terrace Garden, the tickets for same being in great demand. It is gratifying to note the progress of Metropolitan Lodge and growth at its present rate. Though simply desiring to carry out the object for which it was founded, there can be no doubt that ere long it will fairly rank in the future, if it does not already, with some of the best lodges of the order in the district.

THE REFUGEES.

The Ward's Island Refuge is being cleared out rapidly, and by the end of next week there will be no refugees on hand there. A number have been sent to Arkansas, several have been given amounts of money which have enabled them to go into familiar businesses in the city; while others who by reason of infirmity or old age were unable to support themselves have been returned to Europe a statement of the particulars being sent with each case.

In regard to the report of the Denver gentlemen who were delegated by the congregation of that city to visit the **Cotojaxi colony** (an extract of the report we publish elsewhere), letters received by the Society disprove the statements made. The colonists have received no money from New York since October, and yet they have not complained. On the contrary, the letters they send here prove that they are content with their lot. The Justice of the Peace of **Cotojaxi**, whose name was used by the committee as corroborating their report, publishes a card in a local paper, stating that his name was used in support of facts without his knowledge, and denying their truth.

The members of the committee spent less than twelve hours at the **colony**, and it is alleged that their report was discolored, in the hope that it might lead to the colony's disbandment, as the Jews of Denver have heretofore, with one exception, refused to take any interest in the refugees.

DOWN-TOWN SABBATH SCHOOL.

To appreciate the excellent work done by Mrs. Louis and the young ladies who assist her at this school, it is necessary to visit the institution on Saturday afternoon, when it is in operation. Whatever may be one's estimate of the good the school can accomplish, an hour spent there will show that his highest expectations are fully realized, though at an expenditure of patience on the part of the self-sacrificing ladies, such as Job even never possessed. In fact it is likely that individual would long since have exhausted his traditional inexhaustible patience were he here to assume the task which Mrs. M. D. Louis and her earnest aids have so cheerfully undertaken.

The attendance last week was over 250 girls, and considering their surroundings, the children were remarkably neat and clean a well behaved. Of course there were some exceptions to the latter, but they were punished by deprivation of the usual refreshment, which consists of Vienna bread and real coffee and excellent milk—a rare treat to many of the children.

A small library (which by the way would be none the worse for a few donations), circulates among those of the children who conduct themselves properly, and a goodly supply of shoes, dresses, etc., attest that the deserving are not neglected.

A grand Purim treat will be given the children on the 29th inst. at Pythagoras Hall, when a lecture on the Holy Land, illustrated by the star-

eopticon, will be given by Rev. Dr. deSola Mendes, further particulars of which will be announced.

Y. M. H. A.

The rehearsals for the "Olde Folkes' Concert" to be given at the Purim entertainment of the Young Men's Hebrew Association are being vigorously pushed, and judging from the interest and enthusiasm manifested by the participants, and the character of the management, the affair will be an undoubted success.

Many ladies from among our best Jewish families are lending valuable assistance to the proposed entertainment, and there is no doubt that this will be the social success of the season.

The entertainment last Tuesday evening at Chickering Hall consisted, as per announcement, of a lecture on "The Scattered Nation," by Senator Zebulon B. Vance, of North Carolina, who left important official duties in Washington to fulfill his promise to the Association.

The discourse was well prepared, abounding in suggestive points as to cause of Jewish persecution within past ages, and the delivery of the speaker was pleasing and effective. We are indebted to the special courtesy of Senator Vance for the telling portions of the lecture which we reproduce on another page.

The next informal at the rooms next Thursday will consist of a lecture on "A Hebrew Heroine," by Isaac S. Isaacs, Esq., former President of the Association, to be followed by the usual literary and musical exercises.

The membership list continues to increase, large number of active and associate members being elected at the Board meeting last Monday. Quite a number of patrons have also been recently elected.