

to the poorest classes or the physically needy. Its most beneficent results are often felt among those more fortunately situated. Mere advancement in worldly goods does not necessarily bring like improvement in mind, morals and manners.

The settlement is the club house or social attraction that should compete with the street, the dive, the other resorts where manhood is degraded and womanhood debauched. Recent revelations that have been made have made our presence here and earnest work a greater necessity than ever. Let us make the school a greater attraction to all fun-loving and pleasure-seeking young people than the tinsel traps with their cruel but concealed teeth that are set for them on every hand. The love of dress and finery is not confined to the fortunate only and the price that is paid therefor sometimes is a horrible penalty. Our young women have received some excellent talks in their clubs on the subject of dress, with immediate and marked improvement in this direction.

Above all else our school or settlement must stand for the moral side of humanity. While we may not neglect the mind, we must not neglect the conscience. We cannot reach the morals directly. We cannot train the morals with books. Much will come from association with the lovely characters of our residents and volunteers, and much must come indirectly. The story that points the moral without telling it is what is needed. Good, wholesome amusement does much in this direction.

One year ago at our annual meeting the announcement was made on this floor that Mr. A. R. Peacock would give us \$5,000 with which to build a bath house. Our gratitude, joy and pleasure were great. He doubled his liberal offer and gave instead of \$5,000, \$10,000, and this beautiful bath house and assembly hall is ours as a tribute to his generosity. We would be recreant to every sense of appreciation and gratitude if we did not properly support and maintain this institution. The memorial tablet was likewise established one year ago, and \$1,250 have come to us as memorials thereby.

We have received many donations during the year, valuable services from men and women, from volunteer teachers, from the men of the advisory board and from others, and to all we give our grateful acknowledgments. We could do nothing without such generous aid. The board members have shown such a devoted interest to our school and have worked with such untiring zeal and earnestness and with such perfect harmony at all times that I cannot omit mention thereof at this time. The trained nurse has brought comfort and help to many, many homes. The present incumbent, Miss Heldman, has been a faithful worker. I am grieved to announce that Miss Levy has resigned as head resident because of imperative duties calling her to her home at Cincinnati. We will miss her greatly. During her stay here she has worked intelligently, earnestly and

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successfully for our cause. Her high moral standards and keen appreciation of right have left their impress upon our community, which her successors must strive to perpetuate. In whatever walk of life her feet shall traverse Miss Levy will be followed by the grateful, appreciative and fond remembrances and hearty good wishes of every one connected with our school.

The report of activities to be submitted by Miss Levy at this meeting will relieve me of the necessity of covering that ground. I refer you to it as an excellent statement of our work.

Much is happening daily in this great big world of ours; fortune and misfortune; peace and war; movements, moral and immoral; waves, progressive and retrogressive, and yet we are affected by each and every one. By some to a greater and by some to a lesser extent. We are a part of the general economy and nothing which affects the whole can fail to affect each part. What a glorious thought is this: that perhaps some day, not so remote, forces set in motion right here in this very school, our school, may make this whole world better and happier! What a star of hope is this! I see from time to time personalities attracted here, of which almost anything is possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. Leo Weil,

Chairman Columbian Council School.

SYNAGOGUE DEDICATED.

Congregation Tree of Life, Oil City, Pa., Enters New Place of Worship—Rabbi J. Leonard Levy Officiates.

The Jewish community of Oil City had made elaborate preparations to dedicate its first synagogue. Nothing was spared which would in any way help to make the event a distinct success. The Rev. Dr. J. Leonard Levy, of Pittsburg, was invited to deliver the dedication sermon.

A committee met Dr. Levy at the depot and escorted him to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Silberberg, whose guest he was during his stay in the city.

The exercises were begun promptly at three o'clock Thursday, May 14th. A large number of Jews and non-Jews had gathered to witness a service which would be unique in the history of the community.

The following was the program: Organ Prelude (Processional) The "Scrolls of the Law" were brought into the Temple. Those bearing them were preceded by ushers, President and Vice President of the Congregation.

Kindling of the Perpetual Light. Mr. Selig Silberberg, whose picture accompanies this article, performed this ceremony, he being the oldest member of the Congregation.

Presentation of the Key of the Temple. The key was handed with appropriate remarks by the Architect, Mr. J. P. Brenot, to the President of the Congregation. Mr. M. Braunschweiger, the able and efficient President of the Congregation, responded in an earnest

garg for their faith to establish a House of Worship, and he hoped that it would ever invite the blessings of Providence.

The exercises concluded with a solo by the Cantor and a benediction by the Rabbi.

The officers of the Congregation are: Minister and Cantor, Rev. Julius Shapo; Trustees, Mr. M. Braunschweiger, President; Mr. D. Cohen, Vice President; H. Mannheim, J. Werthenberg, D. Broidie, M. Silberman. Building Committee, Mr. M. Braunschweiger, Chairman; W. Cohen, D. Barnett, H. Mannheim.

To Mr. Braunschweiger is great credit due for bringing the affairs of the congregation to the present advanced state. He has given liberally of his time, and it is not too much to say that had it not been for M. Braunschweiger, Oil City would

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manner. He had done what he could to further the interests of the Congregation, and he would continue to do all within his power to constantly advance its interests.

Dedication Hymn . . Cantor and Orchestra. The Cantor rendered Psalm 84 in a most beautiful manner. Though he is a young man, Rev. Julius Shapo gives promise of a most brilliant future.

The next were the Old Testament readings, arranged by Rabbi Levy. Following this was the Scripture lesson, taken from I. Kings, viii. Then a solo by the Cantor preceded the prayer, after which followed the dedication sermon.

Rabbi Levy took for his subject "The Jew and the Synagogue." He held the attention of his hearers from the beginning to the end. He praised in the highest terms those faithful few who had sufficient re-

et be waiting for a synagogue. The question of orthodox and reform as raised, but Mr. Braunschweiger anted a synagogue before anything se, and he could not tolerate the ty differences. Finally a compromise was effected, and the conegation is extremely conservative.

few yet remain on the outside, it in time they will likely see the isdom of coming into the fold and ining with the others in upbuilding the religious life of the community. Mr. A. Silberberg is one of he young men who did more than his share in helping the movement, and he has contributed with a liberality that puts to shame many of the older and wealthier citizens.

In the evening Dr. Levy delivered his lecture on "The Wandering Jew" to an audience which taxed the capacity of the building. Just before entering upon the subject he delivered a few preliminary remarks, calling upon the people to assist in clearing the mortgage which stood upon the building. Several hundreds of dollars were raised as a result of the appeal.

It was a momentous occasion in the life of the Jewish people and it marked an epoch in their religious life.

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