

NATHANIEL SPEAR

Death once again dipped into Pittsburgh's Jewry this week and claimed another of its distinguished personages. It would be sufficient to record that Nathaniel Spear was one of the nation's outstanding merchants. His career as a businessman was marked with story-book success. From a \$5 dollar-a-week hat clerk to the operator of a chain of department stores is the simple saga of Mr. Spear's phenomenal rise in the merchandising field and the empire he leaves behind savors of the Horatio Alger heroes.

But there is far more to the picture than the economic side. Indeed, Mr. Spear's memory will be longer cherished for his philanthropy and his deep social impulses. The Montelore Hospital, Irene Kaufmann Settlement, Y. M. and W. H. A., Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Boy Scouts of America and National Jewish Hospital in Denver are only a few of the beneficiaries of his devotion. They are monuments which will withstand the ravages of time as sturdily as the organization which years his name, for through them he impressed upon this community the seal of community betterment.

Mr. Spear will be missed here. Men of his cloth are bound to be because they choose for themselves a broad realm for service and the fruits of that service are the more widely enjoyed. But we can comfort ourselves in his having lived among us and enriched our vineyard beyond measure.