mentioned basis, should kindly send word to Mr. S. D. Rosenfield, 229 Dinwiddie street, or to Mr. Charles H. Joseph, publisher of the Jewish Criterion.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Honorable Board of Directors and Members of the Beth Moshab Z'Kainim.

Gentlemen:

It affords me great pleasure to submit to you my first report and to record the remarkable success which our beautiful Home has attained durthe short time of its existence.

With hearts filled with joy we may recite: "Blessed be He who kept us in life and enabled us to reach this season."

It is only a little over six months since the doors of this temple of charity have been opened, but the benevolence it dispenses and the popularity which it enjoys fully justifies its establishment and maintenance.

"Who hath believed our report? Who would give credence that in so short a period of time so much should be accomplished?"

Beginning with a very small number of inmates it gradually increased until now it shelters 18 old people, forming a happy family enjoying the comforts of this beautiful Home, and thankfully appreciate the kindness bestowed upon them in this pleasant haven of rest, where they may pass the evening of their lives free from want and care. With gratitude to the the Almighty I can gladly inform you that with the exception of two cases of chronic disease contracted by the sufferers long before their admission, the health of the inmates has been excellent, taking in consideration their ages.

Next to the blessing of kind Providence he favorable sanitary conditions prevailing at the Home are undoubtedly due to regular habits, cleanliness, proper food, spacious rooms, light and air and above all the freedom which they enjoy beyond the restriction prevalent in institutions of this kind. We manage to give the best and most wholesome edibles in regular time beside tea at 3 o'clock P. M., and to the majority who enjoy a cup of tea before breakfast. As a rule old people are more or less fond of strong beverages, but we take precaution to administer it to them in small doses daily. Our time for rising in the morning is not later than 7 o'clock and retiring at 9:30 P. M.

If any one of the inmates desires to take a nap during the day, couches are provided for that purpose.

In order to maintain bodily cleanliness, every inmate is required to take a bath and change underwear at least once a week. The majority of our old folks seek to promote their health by frequent walks, and others who are more ambitious make themselves useful in doing easy work according to their adaptability, and in this manner we have managed so far to get along without a janitor.

Our inmates are also enjoying spiritual consolation. The chapel, or Beth Hamidrash, which is adequately equipped with Hebrew books of every description from a set of the Talmud downward, donated by the worthy Vice President, Mr. Simon D. Rosenfield, and also two scrolls of the law, one of which is the gift of Mr. Neiman Leiber, and the other that of Mrs. Gittle Rosenbloom, is regularly being attended during time of worship, morning and evening daily.

The books are being used quite frequently, as some of our inmates are well conversant with Talmudic lore, and take great delight in devoting their time toward its study. One of the more learned of the inmates recites before the rest every day a portion of the Torah in accordance with the rule instituted by the venerable Rabbi Aaron M. Ashinsky, founder of the institution, and it is really inspiring to behold the gray haired engaged in the study of the Divine law. The most of our old folks are anxious to be posted on current topics, especially in the news of events occurring on the others side of the Atlantic in the country of their nativity. This want is partly supplied by five Jewish newspapers, two daily and three weekly. The Jewish Daily News and Volks Advocat of New York city, the Jewish Criterion, Volks Freund and Jewish Post of this city. These papers are furnished by the publishers gratis for which we extend our heartiest thanks.

We had a good attendance during the holidays at our chapel, seats were sold and a goodly sum was cleared for the institution.

The majority of our honorable directors assembled on Simchath Torah at the morning services in the chapel. Mitzvoth were at quite a high premium and it brought over $100 for the institution. After the services I took the liberty to invite the distinguished guests to a spread which was prepared in their honor, at which they enjoyed themselves nicely. Our first Hanukkah banquet was also a great success and brought joy to the lonely hearts of the old folks.

Since the opening of our institution, 18 beneficiaries have been admitted, of whom 13 are males and five females; two married couples, eight widowers, two widows, three married men without their wives and one married woman without her husband. Seven are between 60 and 70 years of age; eight between 70 and 80, and three between 80 and 83.

Our Home is in excellent order and well supplied with furniture, bedding, linen, utensils, two telephones, two sewing machines, one wash machine and other necessaries for its proper management as well as for the comfort and convenience of our inmates.

The honorable office which I occupy subjects me to meet with unpleasantness and I endeavor to habituate my mind to serenity, under trying circumstances, whatever their nature, and to battle bravely against the occurrences and incidents that arise in the way of the duties upon which I am called conscientiously to discharge. Whatever labor or sacrifice may be required of me, I do most gladly offer, not alone for the sake of the welfare of my charge, but also being prompted by a sense of charity and benevolence, as I glance about me and observe your unselfish devotion to the noble cause, sacrificing as you do, your time and money in order to assist and support this temple of charity, I but echo the voice of our beneficiaries in expressing to you their heartfelt thanks and blessings. Our thanks, in no small measure are due to the Ladies' Auxiliary Society for its untiring efforts in behalf of our institution. The officers of this noble auxiliary deserve special mention for the kindness and personal interest they have shown to the inmates by providing them with wearing apparel and linens for use in the sleeping apartments. Neither rain nor inclement weather could detain them from visiting the Home at least once a week to engage themselves in sewing garments for the aged who were in need of them.

At this juncture I also desire to express thanks to the staff physicians, viz., Drs. H. Finkelpearl, J. M. Jackson, B. B. Wechsler, S. Bloomberg, Milton Goldsmith and Herbert Wertheimer, who have kindly volunteered their professional services for the physical welfare of our inmates, and among themselves they have adopted a system by which every one of their number is to be the visiting physician of the Home every three months, alternatively. Dr. Wechsler was the attending physician for the last five months, and it seryes to his credit to state that he never failed to respond promptly whenever called upon to render medical assistance in time of need.

Thanks are also due to the subscribers of the sundry donations, (whose names are hereunto annexed), who rendered their aid with kindness and benevolence.

Gentlemen: Having submitted to you a statement of the condition and management of the Home, I trust that I have conducted it according to your wishes and expectations. In the performance of my duties I have been faithfully assisted by my wife. And if we have succeeded in meriting your approbation, much of the credit is due to our worthy President and the House Committee, who were always ready and willing to aid me with their kind advice and co-operation. With thanks to you all for your confidence, kindness and encouragement I congratulate you upon the success that has been attained by our institution, which already ranks among the best established Jewish institutions of the country. What has been accomplished in the brief period of its existence justifies you in looking hopefully into the future. May your wishes and expectations be fully realized. May Heaven's blessings rest upon you, upon its benefactors, as well as upon the recipients of your generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

— A. J. Newman,
Supt.

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