

The Jewish South.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF JUDAISM.

VOL. I.

RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1893.

No. 3.

RICHMOND REMARKS.

It is understood that an effort will soon be made to establish a Jewish Chautauqua in Richmond.

Mrs. Caroline Straus, accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Florence Bloomberg, has returned to the city after summering at the Hotel Albemarle.

The Board of Directors of the Congregation Kenesath Israel will be at the Synagogue, Sunday morning the 10th, at 9 o'clock, to sell seats for the coming year.

A merry party of eight went off to Chicago last Sunday: Misses Jenette Bear, Jennie Bear, Amelia Bear, Sadie Levy, Sarah Miller, Mary Wagner, Flora Bear of Gordonsville and Mr. Augustus Goldback.

Dr. Calisch did not return to Richmond in time to officiate last Saturday as was expected and announced. He was detained in Chicago, having been requested to conduct the funeral of Mrs. Isaac Hirsch, formerly of this city.

There is some talk of a consolidation of the Sir Moses Montefiore and Kenesath Israel Congregation. Such a union in the main, would apparently be desirable, but such things are always fought bitterly in some quarter. Years ago there was a plan put on foot for the amalgamation of two other congregations in this city. A few members of the smaller body of the two opposed the measure with such vigor as to defeat it. Within a year or two those few individuals, who had opposed so strenuously, joined the other congregation of their own volition.

.. The Elephant—What are you cross about? The Camel—I am not cross. The Elephant—Then what have you got your back up for?

.. Guest—Waiter, can I have a pancake? Waiter—Oh, yes, my good sir. Guest—Will it be long? Waiter—No, sir; it'll be round.—*Ex.*

A STORY OF BLACKIE.

Professor Blackie was lecturing to a new class with whose personnel he was imperfectly acquainted. A student rose to read a paragraph, his book in his left hand. "Sir!" thundered Blackie, "hold your book in your right hand!" and as the student would have spoken—"No words, sir! Your right hand, I say!" The student held up his right arm, ending piteously at the wrist. "Sir, I hae nae right hand!" he said.

Before Blackie could open his lips, there arose such a storm of hisses as one perhaps must go to Edinburgh to hear; and, by it his voice was overborne. Then the professor left his place and went down to the student he had unwittingly hurt, and put his arm around the lad's shoulders and drew him close, and the lad leaned against his breast.

"My boy," said Blackie—he spoke very softly, but not so softly but that every word was audible in the hush that had fallen on the class room—"my boy, you'll forgive me that I was ever rough? I did not now—I did not know!" He turned to the students and with a look and tone that came straight from his great heart, he said: "And let me say to you all, I am rejoiced to be shown I am teaching a class of gentlemen." Scottish lads can cheer as well as hiss and that Blackie learned.—*Boston Transcript.*

Professor Lexis, the well-known statistician of Gottingen, has computed new data in regard to the Jews. According to his report the number of Jews on the globe is 7,403,000. The entire population of the earth is computed at 1,480,000,000; the Protestants at 153,000,000 and the Roman Catholics at 233,000,000. In Europe there are 6,800,000 Jews, of whom 1,600,000 are found in Russia, 1,860,000 in Austro-Hungary, 568,000 in Germany, 400,000 in Roumania, 97,000 in the Netherlands, 80,000 in Turkey, 56,000 in France, 46,000 in Great Britain, 40,000 in Italy, 24,000 in Bulgaria and East Rumelia. In the other European countries the Jewish contingent is less than 10,000. Among each 10,000 inhabitants Rumania has 794 Jews; Austria, 478; Hungary, 418; Russia, 317; the Netherlands, 216; Turkey, 143; Germany, 115; Bulgaria and East Rumelia, 76; France, 16; Italy, 13; Great Britain, 12.

THE NORTH ENLIGHTENED.

The disaster along the Southern coast that has seen destroyed hundreds of lives and made thousands homeless has done more than awakened the sympathies of the whole country. It has revealed to us a condition of things that was unknown outside of a section of the South. Here were thousands of families living in abject poverty, with no education, no ambition, no interests except to keep from freezing and starvation. The State did little for them, the well-to-do citizens thought not of their welfare. The males were not needed as voters—the majority was so large that a thousand more or less were unimportant. We are now brought face to face with a large negro population, that claims immediate attention before the develop into a state of outlawry. He is a field for mission work that cannot be overlooked, and it is one in which all the churches may combine.

—*Jewish Messenger.*

A HOME INDEED.

It is a peaceful colony of old people that occupies the Home established by the B'nai B'rith Order in Yonkers. Nearly seventy in number are the inmates of this bright institution, and over seventy in years is their average. The right to live in this mansion on the Hudson is theirs by membership; it is not a charitable organization in the usual sense. The members can look at this beautiful building as their earthly home of the future, when old age has deprived them of the means of subsistence, and, childless and friendless, they claim the right to be admitted into pleasant precincts which their own contributions have erected. The founders of this Home builded wisely.—*Jewish Messenger.*



Foster

ARTIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER,
112 N. Ninth St., Richmond, Va.