

## AN APOSTATE'S LIE.

On Friday, September 15th, the trial of Paulus Meyer, the Roman Catholic priest, Dr. Deckert, and the editor of the clerical paper, *Vaterland*, ended in a verdict of guilty against all the accused. In May, the *Vaterland* published a letter by one Paulus Meyer, formerly teacher of Oriental languages and Talmudist, afterwards converted to Protestantism. The letter was addressed to Deckert, and by him given to the *Vaterland* for publication, and gave a detailed description of the murder of a Christian boy by Jews for ritual purposes, eighteen years ago, which Meyer asserted he had witnessed.

Meyer named the persons concerned, the Rabbi of Ostrovo, in Russian Poland, two attendants of the synagogue, who under the direction of the Rabbi, committed the deed, and a landed proprietor who had procured the child. A number of wealthy Jews enabled the persons concerned to prosecute the author, the publisher and the newspaper proprietor for libel. Of the persons principally concerned, the Rabbi died two years before the alleged crime took place, but his daughter and son-in-law appear in his name. The two servants and Herr Taler (the accused landed proprietor) are the other plaintiffs. Paulus Meyer denied everything; whereas Dr. Deckert and the editor of the *Vaterland* confessed to the publication, which they justify, by saying they believe the story to be true. Paulus Meyer when examined feigned stupidity, and nothing could be extracted from him except the assertion that Deckert had the letter published without his knowledge. The latter was then examined, and said that Meyer had come to him, offering to write a work on "Ritual Murders," and he had offered him his hospitality. He swore a solemn oath that he had seen the child murdered with his own eyes, and told the priest that he knew for certain that Christians sometimes killed their own children to put the blame on Jews. The priest had to admit that he was at present busy on a work, proving that in the Tyrol Jews still murdered children for ritual purposes. The editor of an anti-Semitic paper later in the afternoon offered to testify to the fact that Paulus Meyer came to his office and offered to write a series of articles, proving the truth of ritual murders which he had witnessed. Meyer was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, Deckert was fined 400 florins and Doll, the editor of the *Vaterland*, 200 florins.

Did it ever occur to you what a lack of refinement and gentility there is among some of our people when publishing death notices. They will send not only to Jewish papers, but to the daily press, notices which read like this: "Abraham—, or Yetta—, (as the case may be) father or mother (as the case may be) of Jake, Joe, Sam, Dave—." Avoid that style, dear reader. Be decent, be genteel, and in a funeral notice, at least, write given names in full.—*Portland Letter to the Jewish Times and Observer.*

Among our latest exchanges are the *Jewish Advocate*, of Syracuse, N. Y., the *Jewish Times and Observer*, and the *Jewish Progress*. The two last named are from San Francisco, and, strange to say, arrived on the same mail.

THE JEWISH SOUTH is not unknown even three thousand miles from home.

## EMIN PASHA.

The identity of Emin Pasha has finally been established. Investigation having been made regarding the birth and origin of the famous traveller, the following facts were definitely ascertained: His name was Edward Schnitzer, and the entry in the municipal register of the town of Oppeln states that he was born March 29, 1840, and that his father was the Jewish merchant Louis Schnitzer. In the register of births of the Oppeln synagogue appears the following entry:

"No. 6, L. Schnitzer, merchant. The child Isaac (Itzik) son of Loeb Schnitzer, born on the first day of the week, 25th of II Adar in the year 5600. Circumcised by Solomon Berliner (March 29, 1840)."

There is no doubt, says the *Jewish Chronicle*, that these entries refer to the same person. We are further informed that the register of the Oppeln synagogue also contains a more formal record of the initiation of Emin (or Isaac bar Loeb Schnitzer, to give him his Hebrew appellation) into the Abrahamic covenant on the eighth day after his birth.

Emin's grandfather, Joseph Schnitzer, was a native of Kozspitz in Poland, whence he emigrated to Oppeln, and married the daughter of Herr Pappenheim. He had two sons, Loeb Schnitzer, the father of Emin, who married Pauline Schweitzer, daughter of a Jewish banker at Neisse, and Dr. Schnitzer, afterwards a Hofrath at Berlin. A daughter of Joseph Schnitzer married the late Rabbi Simon Oppeler alias Oppenheim, author of "Arbah Kosoth" and "Jerioth Shelomo." Emin's father, Loeb or Louis Schnitzer, died in 1845, whereupon his widow married a Christian, having been previously baptized. She is still living at Neisse.

## THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA.

During the past few days a number of pamphlets and circulars, issued in behalf of the Jewish branch of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, have been received in this city. The following will explain the modus operandi of joining:

"Send answers to the following questions, together with fifty cents (fee for one year) to Henry Berkowitz, P. O. Box 825, Philadelphia, Pa.

1. Give your name in full. 2. Your post-office address, with county and state. 3. Are you married or single? 4. What is your age? Are you between twenty and thirty, or thirty and forty, or forty and fifty, or fifty and sixty, etc.? 5. What is your occupation? 6. With what Jewish institution are you connected? Name congregation or other society. 7. Have you attended or graduated from any educational institution? If so, give its name. 8. If you have been a member of the C. L. S. C. in past years, but are now beginning anew, state to what class you formerly belonged. 9. Do you join as (a) an individual member, (b) a Home Circle reader (in a family), or (c) as a 'Local Circle' reader? The reader may change from one relation to another at will."

The Class of 1897 will be organized during the autumn of 1893, but students can join at any time.

A Hebrew Benevolent Society was organized in Roanoke, Va., Tuesday night with Hon. G. May as president, A. Enoch, secretary, and S. Nyburg, treasurer.

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