

NORFOLK, VA.

Mr. L. Flaunlacher, of New York, spent a few days in Norfolk this week.

Miss Rose Angle, of Richmond, is visiting Miss Clara Morris, on Fenchurch street.

Mrs. Alexander, of New York, and charming daughter, Miss Lillie, are visiting Mrs. Jacobs, on Falkland street.

Mr. Jacob Umstadter, of John Hopkins', is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents. His friends are always pleased to have him home.

Dr. George D. Levy, formerly of Richmond, spent several days this week with his father and mother in the Capital City.

Miss Helen Hirsh, of Bedford City, is the guest of the Misses Spagat, on Bank street. Miss Hirsh has made quite a conquest of friends whilst in the city.

Mr. Samuel Campe, formerly of Norfolk, but now of New York, is spending his holiday in this city. He is accompanied by his friend, Mr. Harry Nebenzaul.

It is certainly gratifying to know that the young ladies are now in demand for the Germans. It makes the young gentlemen more anxious and energetic and they are therefore compelled to extend their invitations a reasonable length of time in advance.

Judging from the rush in the establishments of Messrs. Levy Brothers, Umstadter, and Nusbaum, our merchants evidently had a successful Christmas.

The most enjoyable German of the season was danced last Monday night at the Montefiore, Mr. Anthony leading in his usual fine style, assisted by Mr. Hamburger. Dancing was kept up well into the morning, everyone voting the affair an immense success. Among the large number of strangers present were: Miss Helen Hirsh, of Bedford City; Miss Rose Angle, of Richmond; Miss Lillie Alexander, of New York; Mrs. Robert Marcus, of Hampton; Mrs. Letterman, of Charlottesville; Mrs. Morris, of Baltimore, and Messrs. H. Nebenzaul and L. Flaunlacher of New York.

Rev. Marcus Salzman, of Charleston, W. Va., and Mr. Jacob Salzman, of Baltimore, have gladdened the hearts of their parents by giving them a surprise visit, which, much to the regret of all, was necessarily brief.

Since the establishment of THE JEWISH SOUTH, some four months since, sample copies have been sent to every Jewish family as far as possible in the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth. Some few signified their unwillingness to subscribe, and in compliance with their request their papers were discontinued. Six weeks ago a representative of this paper was in Norfolk and succeeded in getting a number of subscribers. It was impossible in a limited time to see all to whom papers had been sent, so the sample copies were temporarily continued. In the issue of December 15th and also of the 22nd it was stated that no more FREE sample copies would be sent out, and all parties not desiring the paper were requested to so notify us. Having received only a few replies to this, we presume that all who still get the paper desire to be regarded as subscribers, and we have therefore placed their bills with Mr. S. L. NUSBAUM, 128 Main street, Norfolk,

who will take great pleasure in receipting them. All those who subscribed previous to December 15th, and who have received bills from this office, are requested to remit to 722 east Main street, Richmond, Va.

In thanking our Norfolk friends for their liberality, we desire to express the hope that they will regard THE JEWISH SOUTH as their paper, as much so as if it were published in their own fair City by the Sea, assuring them that our columns will at all times be open to any and all matters concerning their welfare.

Our Traveller in Lynchburg.

Mr. Max Guggenheimer has returned from Europe.

It seems a pity that with the number of wealthy and public spirited Israelites of which Lynchburg can boast that there is not a synagogue or even a Jewish lodge of some kind here.

A Catholic priest here called my attention to a queer inconsistency upon the part of the Richmond Beth Ahabah congregation in placing upon their synagogue the date of its erection with the letters "A. D." added. This is evidently an oversight, as A. D. (Anno Domini) is a confession of faith in the founder of Christianity.

What Judge Christian Said.

[Speech at opening of Richmond Chamber of Commerce, December 28th.]

What makes the Jew the most sagacious financier and the most successful merchant in this or any other land to-day? Is it simply because he is a Jew, and as some will say, consequently a "born trader?" No, my friends, it is because he has been persecuted and driven from pillar to post, with no country he can claim as his own, and these trials and persecutions have made him sagacious and strong. He is no pampered scion of luxury, reared in the hot-house of idleness and ease, but like the sturdy oak in the mountain side, the storms of winter have beaten and broken upon it, rocking it to and fro, it may be but only to make the roots strike deeper and more firmly in the ground. And this people teach us a lesson we ought never to forget. And that is, as I have said, they are the most united people in the world to-day. No deserving Jew who is unfortunate and who needs help ever fails to receive it, and I will venture the assertion that no man within the sound of my voice ever saw a Jew begging, or one who has been unfortunate in business and who deserves succor in that line, who did not receive it. This trait of the Jewish character, as well as many others I could enumerate, I esteem most highly, and I wish it was in my power to impress the principle of it on you for your emulation and guidance. And this people are not only faithful and loyal to their own race, but I happen to know that a recital of the contributions to the general charities of this city would reveal the fact that the most liberal donations which are made to these come from the excellent Israelite citizens, who are in many respects among the very best citizens we have.

A sufferer for years gratefully acknowledges the great benefit he received by taking Dr. David's Cough Syrup for Asthma and Bronchitis, of long standing. If you suffer, take it and be cured. Only 25 cents every where.

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frightened when she saw the meanly-clad youth who was destined to be her future son-in-law. She cried, and begged her husband to take back his word. He utterly refused her, but so much he promised her—that out of this poor scholar he would make a very great man.

Ibn Ezra noticed that his arrival caused such a disquietude in the house of his teacher, and determined not to let them know his identity till he found out the cause of this trouble.

One evening Rabbi Judah remained in his study longer than he was wont. The meal was ready and the household waited for the Rabbi. Finally he came, and by way of excuse for his tardiness, said in a most grievous manner, "I have been working at a poem, and am unable to finish it." His wife went to the study and brought out the poem. The new disciple looked it over, made some alterations, finished it, and returned it to his master. Rabbi Judah perused it, found it perfect, and embracing him exclaimed, "You are no other than the celebrated Ibn Ezra; no son-in-law could be more acceptable." Soon thereafter, the poor young scholar celebrated his nuptials with the daughter of the renowned Halevi.

Having enjoyed for a short time the pleasant quietude of family life, he started, soon after his marriage on his great tour.

He visited several European countries, Palestine, Egypt, stayed for a long time in Tiberias, and left a great many works as the fruit of these travels.

But this gifted son of Israel was not allowed to enjoy his old age in the quiet circle of his family, which consisted of a wife and one son. When he started on his journey he was accompanied by his son Isaac, who was likewise endowed by nature with his father's poetical spirit, but who forsook the religion of his ancestors, for that of Islam. For this the old father grieved deeply and brokenhearted, breathed his last at the age of seventy-five years. It is claimed that this great poet, physician, philosopher, astronomer, died in Rhodes where he is also supposed to have been buried.

He had the honor to be looked upon by the great men of his time as "The Rising Star."

The great Maimonides said Ibn Ezra surpassed all his predecessors.

His works are very numerous and represent all scientific branches, over which he was master. His best work is a commentary on the Holy Scriptures, wherein he desired to show his faithful dependence on Rabbinical Judaism, though he gave evidence, that in critical acumen he was centuries ahead of his day.

Exchanges.

The Jewish Voice, St. Louis, has collected over \$300.00 for a shoe fund for the poor children of the city and turned it over to the Relief Society for the purchase of shoes and their distribution.

We are very happy to record the recovery of Dr. Samfield of the Spectator, from his recent illness, and express the hope of his continued and uninterrupted health.

With this issue the Jewish Voice completes its sixth year of existence. May it and its respected editor see many more anniversaries under such favorable conditions.