

give them strength to bear their great bereavement, and may He console them as He only and alone can.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and a copy forwarded to THE JEWISH SOUTH for publication.

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<i>Chairman.</i>	MRS. AMELIA BOTTIGHEIMER,
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Attest:	<i>Committee.</i>
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The "Trilby" Excursions.

There is no question that the favorite "Trilby," as the Sunday excursion train for Norfolk and the seaside run by Messrs. Michie & Adams over the Norfolk and Western is called, still holds its place in the regard of excursionists.

Sunday morning six car-loads of people went on the initial trip of the "Trilby" for 1897 to Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Ocean View, leaving here at 8:30 A. M., and all of the 250 passengers came back at 10:15 P. M. refreshed and pleased with their outing.

Messrs. Michie & Adams gave personal attention to their patrons, and interest was awakened in the fact that this was the first train running through from Richmond to Virginia Beach via the new standard guage railroad from Norfolk to the ocean.

The Occasional Jew.

Some of our coreligionists have well been termed "occasional" Jews, in that they are Jews for special occasions only. Among these are two classes of some prominence—the one the ever-present Kaddish Jew, and the other the notorious Election Jew. The Kaddish Jew is he who seldom visits the synagogue or temple, and that only when called upon to do so by a Yahrzeit; and he it is, also, who boasts at never having attended a place of worship two consecutive times unless it be during a year of mourning.

The Election Jew has made himself abominably conspicuous in the last few elections. During the late presidential race the secular press daily chronicled the organization of this, that, or the other Hebrew political club. Nor was there a dearth of them at the spring election. The *Reform Advocate* notices at length, in one of its current numbers, an organization of this sort which was proven to be nothing other than a weapon of blackmail. The leaders claimed to be able to control the Jewish vote and thus attempted to gain "recognition" for themselves. Their absurd claims at first bore the semblance of reality, but their "for revenue only" purpose soon betrayed itself. This class has been sufficiently exposed and discountenanced by our Jewish press.

But not enough has been said of the Kaddish Jew. Slender, indeed, is the thread that binds him to his religion! He is drifting further and further away day by day, and soon the tension must become too great and this thread will snap asunder. His is a

desperate case and requires heroic treatment. Desperate is it, because the root of the evil is not within, but beyond and behind him.

If only this Jew could be brought out of his religious automatism and made to use his intellect, there is reason to believe that the flickering embers of the religion still existent within him would become fanned into a flame sufficiently bright to make his Judaism an active principle. Having had the misfortune of being born in a home where religious duties played a minor role, this individual, in his manhood days, but dimly remembers certain occasions when it was meet to go to the temple, and thither he repairs when the remembered occasions roll around, guided not by reason and will, but in sheer force of himself, by instinct. But is this Jew to be blamed because of his puerile religious feebleness? Should not rather all opprobrium be reserved for the home, the real source of the disease? It is seldom that the child trained up in the way he should go departs therefrom.—*Hebrew Union College Journal*.

Nicknames of Presidents.

Washington was nicknamed the Father of His Country. Americus Fabius, the Cincinnatus of the West, Atlas of America, Lovely Georgius (a sarcastic nickname applied by the English soldiery), Flower of the Forest, Deliverer of America, Stepfather of His Country (applied by bitter opponents during his presidency), and Savior of His Country; Adams was nicknamed Colossus of Independence; Jefferson Sage of Monticello and Long Tom; Madison, Father of the Constitution; Monroe, Last Cocked Hat; J. Q. Adams, Old Man Eloquent; Jackson, Old Hickory, Big Knife and Sharp Knife, Hero of New Orleans, Gin'ral and Old Hero; Van Buren was Little Magician, Wizard of Kinderhook, Follower in the Footprints, Whiskey Van and King Martin; the first Harrison, Tippecanoe, Old Tip and Washington of the West; Tyler, Young Hickory and Accidental President; Polk, Young Hickory; Taylor, Rough and Ready, Old Buena Vista and Old Zack; Fillmore, the American Louis Philippe; Pierce, Purse; Buchanan, Old Publicationary, Bachelor President and Old Buck.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

THE Empress of Germany seems far more kindly disposed towards the members of the Hebrew faith than to Roman Catholics. Whereas, some time ago, when asked by a Roman Catholic Archbishop to give her patronage to some philanthropical enterprise in which he was interested she declined on the ground that she could under no circumstances accord her patronage to his church, she has just given a second sum of \$1,000 from her privy purse toward the erection of a Jewish synagogue for the Hebrew community of Pankow.