

Foreign Record.

RUSSIA.

We learn from St. Petersburg that the Commission appointed some time ago, to report upon the status of Jews in Russia, is believed to have recommended the extension of a large number of class privileges to them, and the recognition of all who at present serve the Government as being on an equality with the functionaries of the orthodox religion. These reforms have the approval of the educated classes of Russia, but are greatly condemned by the ecclesiastics and lower orders.—*Globe*.

Information reaches us that there is great distress among the Jews living in the Vistula Provinces. In most of the towns the Jews have established depôts for the sale to the poor of flour and fuel at half the cost price.

AUSTRALIA.

A bazaar was recently held in aid of the funds of the Timaru Synagogue. Upwards of £400 was realized.

Mr. Nahum Barnett the Honorary Secretary of the Melbourne Branch of the Anglo-Jewish Association, has suggested that the occasion of the opening of the forthcoming International Exhibition at Melbourne, should be taken advantage of to convene a conference of Jews in Australia and New Zealand "to consider matters that would tend to promote the advancement of Judaism in these colonies."

The *Jewish Herald* says: "There are over 300 volumes in the Jewish department of the Melbourne Public Library, amongst which are a great number of rare Hebrew MSS., and cabalistical works from the library of the late Dr. Heilprin, the eminent cabalist, Hebraist, and physician."

A bazaar in aid of the two Melbourne synagogues was opened on the 30th of December, in the Melbourne Town Hall. A large sum had previously been collected in the form of donations.

Mr. Raphael Benjamin, Second Minister of the Melbourne Hebrew congregation, and Head Master of the Melbourne Hebrew school has resigned the combined office. A testimonial was presented to him by the teachers of the school.

Mr. Abraham Cohen, a merchant resident at Tamworth, New South Wales, for a quarter of a century, and who has just retired from business, has generously given £500 for a new local hospital, and a second donation of £500 to the hospital endowment fund, on condition that £1,500 can be raised by other means.—*Jewish Herald*.

FRANCE.

M. Isaac Periere, the well-known banker, is, at his own expense, daily providing 2,400 of the poor of Paris, with food consisting of soup, vegetables, meat and wine. The distribution is made by the wife and daughters of M. Periere.

At Arcachon, a rising watering-place in the south of France, a handsome synagogue has been erected by M. Osiris Jiffa, who has defrayed the whole cost of the building.

Baroness Gustave de Rothschild having given birth to a son, the Baron, her husband, signalized the happy event by making a donation of 50,000 francs to the Jewish Hospital in Paris, and by presenting every public Jewish teacher, of both sexes, with gifts of 100 francs and 200 francs, respectively.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MOROCCO.—The isolated cases of murder of Jews in Morocco, of which we have given particulars with painful iteration during the past few months, have culminated in a fiendish outrage upon the Jews of Fez. We publish details of this crime in another column. The Jewish population of Fez is very large. The Jews are mostly exceedingly poor, many are artisans, and a very few are reputed to be wealthy. These latter are merchants who act as agents for Gibraltar houses. The normal treatment of the Jews is brutal in the extreme. It will be remembered that Sir Moses Montefiore undertook a mission to Morocco in 1864. The result of that mission was that the Sultan issued an Imperial Edict "in the Name of God, the Merciful and Gracious," commanding that the Jews should be treated justly, that they should be placed on a footing of equality with other subjects of the Empire, and that they should be protected. The mission was considered so successful that special services of prayer and thanksgiving were held in nearly all the synagogues in England. Unfortunately, owing principally to the condition of the country and to the general fanatical cruelty and cupidity of the Arabs, not one of these promises, so solemnly given, and so gratefully received, have been observed. Fears are expressed by those well acquainted with Morocco that the whole country is drifting into anarchy. There is a mere apology for a government. The laws are bad, but their administration is worse. Justice can seldom be obtained for a non-Mahomedan. Almost every indication of civilization is absent from the country. Communication from the coast to the interior is beset with difficulty and danger. Owing

to the absence of irrigation, droughts are frequent and desolating in their consequences. The whole country presents a most depressing contrast to the neighboring French colony of Algeria. Even the Mahomedan peasants are cruelly robbed by the rapacious governors. Although at the very door, as it were, of Europe, the Empire is left to drift into anarchy and ruin, while its population is rapidly diminishing through the consequences of disease and normal adverse circumstances. The majority of the Jews who reside principally in the coast towns, have hitherto been under the protection of European Consuls. It has been contemplated for the last two years to withdraw this protection. Sir John H. D. Hay, the British Minister, unfortunately is in favor of this withdrawal. The joint Foreign Committees of the Board of Deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association will no doubt direct the attention of Lord Salisbury to the outrage at Fez. It is to be fervently hoped that some more efficient means will be suggested for the further protection of the Jews of Morocco than the drastic method favored by Sir John Hay, who has given many assurances of his benevolent concern for the unfortunate Jews.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

HAMBURG.—The Rev. Dr. Cohen, Provincial Rabbi of Fulda, and son-in-law of Dr. Stern, Chief Rabbi of Hamburg, the son-in-law of the Chief Rabbi, was recently in Hamburg, and yielding to the request of his father-in-law, and the Board of the United Synagogues of that city, he delivered a sermon last Sabbath. The attendance was very numerous.

Recreation and Amusement.

GERMAN THEATRE.

The naughty Germans who believe not in blue-laws, and enjoy better innocent amusements and a glass of lager, than irrational pulpit harangues and sanctimonious love-making, through hymn singing, enjoyed the recitation of the "Wohlthätige Frauen," by Mr. Höchster's troupe on last Sunday evening. Besides the excellent play of all other *Dramatis Personae*. Hubert's "boom," and Mrs. Hans Werner's eloquence were highly characteristic. On next Sunday, the latest comedy of Moser, "Die Kalle Seelen," will be recited as a benefit play for Mr. Höchster. The "benefit" play of last week having drawn a good house, it is beyond doubt that the event of next Sunday, will satisfy the expectations of Mr. Höchster.

M'VICKER'S.

It is not often that two actors performing in a stock company of a New York theatre, where their identity is merged with the general characters of a play, strike upon a play that will become at once so popular and so profitable. Thanks to Joaquin Miller, the poet of the "Sierras," Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin have been able to produce the very coinage of his brain, life in the Sierras in "The Danites." The piece has met with such favor wherever it has been produced, that Mr. Rankin proposes to produce it before our English cousins at an early day. McKee's has been crowded during the week to witness the last representations of this play, prior to his departure for England.

HAMLIN'S.

"The Child Stealer," played by Miss Annie Ward Tiffany at Hamlin's during this week, is very interesting to the readers of Dicken's works. Miss Tiffany is certainly a good actress; she fully enters into the spirit of her role, and expresses it in her play. Miss Ida Forest also makes a favorable impression. It is to be regretted that the support of the gentlemen actors is not as good as the piece requires, with the exception of "Nobby Nibble," who is personified very fairly by Percy Garnett.

The Purim Masquerade Ball of the B'nai Abraham Congregation at the West Twelfth Street Turner Hall, was a success throughout. About three hundred masques were in the hall; many of them quite magnificent. The best classes of the North, West, and some of the South side Jewish society were represented. Specially pleasing was the management of the affair under the supervision of Messrs. Osterreicher and Fischer.

"Some of the young folks of the West side," we are informed will give a "Complimentary Dramatic and Musical Entertainment," at the vestry rooms of the Zion Temple, to-morrow eve. at 7:30.

—Master Mitchell Banner, the California boy violinist, whose wonderful talent has been greatly admired in the far West, will give a series of concerts in this city next month.

Fees of Doctors.

The fee of doctors is an item that very many persons are interested in just at present. We believe the schedule for visits is \$3.00, which would tax a man confined to his bed for a year, and in need of a daily visit, over \$1,000 a year for medical attendance alone! And one single bottle of Hop Bitters taken in time would save the \$1,000 and all the year's sickness.—Ed.

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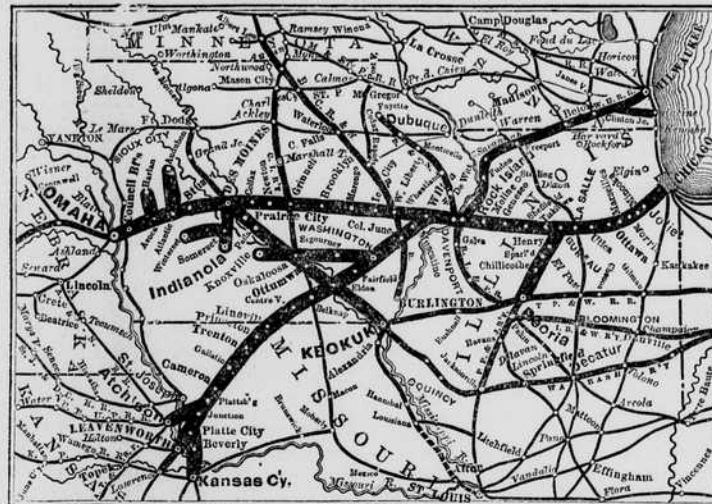
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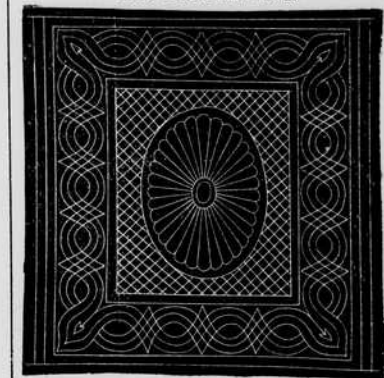
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