other parts of the diaspora. The synagogue was the center of the religious and communal life of the colony.

Thus when Christian influences began to assert themselves their condition did not change materially. The christianization of Spain had begun very early. Even before Constantine's conversion a council of bishops, priests, and the subordinate clergy met at Elvira, near Granada, thus showing how numerous the Christian communities had grown. The converts to the new cult were both Romans and natives. Yet the Jews and the Christians associated together in perfect freedom. Intermarriages were not infrequent. The Christian farmers would call in pious Jews quite as often as their own priests, to bless the produce of their fields.

Whatever troubles there arose for the Jews at that early time in Spain as everywhere else was caused by the higher Christian clergy. Thus as early as the reign of Constantine, the Bishop Severus of Magona, in the island of Minorca, burned their synagogues and forced them to embrace Christianity. Bishop Hostius of Cordova, who had presided at the Council of Elvira mentioned above (about 320), prohibited Christians, under pain of excommunication, from trading, intermarrying, or otherwise mixing with the Jews, or having their fields blessed by their rabbis. Still, all this had little effect upon the populace. Nay, the position of the Jews grew even stronger after the invasion of the Germanic tribes from the North, the Suevi, Vandals, and especially the Visigoths who became the new masters of the country, with whose rule a new chapter in the history of the Iberian peninsula begins.

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NEWS BREVITIES

Dr. Lee K. Frankel was chosen treasurer of the American Public Health Association at its convention at Rochester last week.

Samuel Ginsburg, a well-known West End newsboy, is the winner of the Boston Newsboys' Union Scholarship for this year. He won the scholarship in a competitive examination.

Mrs. Sidney Adler, wife of a prominent Chicago (Ill.) lawyer, has recently entered the Chicago University as a freshman. She has a son who is a sophomore at the same institution.

Mr. Henry N. Wessel, treasurer of the Jewish Hospital, is a candidate on the non-partisan ballot to succeed Judge Mayer Sulzberger as Judge of Common Pleas Court No. 2, of Philadelphia, Pa. Judge Sulzberger's term expires this year and he has declined a renomination.

P. M. Raskin, England's Ghetto poet, arrived in this city from London last week. He is the author of two volumes of poetry, one in Yiddish, entitled "Ghetto Lieder," and the other in English, "Songs of a Jew," which contains a preface by Israel Zangwill.

Leon Bakst, noted Russian artist and designer of theatrical costumes, is expected in New York this winter. He will design the costumes and scenery for the Serge de Diaghilev Imperial Ballet Russe performances, which will be held at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Greenbaum has now received the endorsement of the Democrats, Republicans and Progressives for re-election in New York county.

Manager Al. H. Woods has in rehearsal a four-act drama of Ghetto life, called "The Modern Shylock." This play was produced in England last spring and met with fair success.

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