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DIRECTORS MEET.

The board of directors of the Jewish Literary Society held the best attended meeting of a long time last Tuesday night.

The regular routine was dispensed with, and fourteen new applicants elected to membership. The meeting then adjourned so the attendants could participate in a surprise party which had been previously arranged. On next Wednesday, the 16th, will be the second debate of the fall season, and it is expected to crowd the hall to its full capacity.

We have just received a copy of the "Review," a monthly publication gotten out by the Y. M. H. A. That the circulation of that one paper has been over a dozen the first week we had it shows what our young people think of it. We never hide a good thing.

Houston Lodge No. 434, I. O. B. B., held its regular monthly meeting in the vestry room of Temple Beth Israel Monday night, December 7, at 8 p. m., with a light attendance. In the absence of Secretary Sol Schoenman, Henry J. Danenbaum read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted. The committee in charge of the B'nai B'rith Day Celebration reported advising a change of date from December 18 to 21, when Mr. Ralph Schwartz of New Orleans will be the chief speaker. An interesting musical program has been arranged for the occasion, which will take place at Temple Beth Israel. Everybody is extended an invitation to be present through the columns of the Herald.

President Freundlich then announced the election of officers to be in order, which resulted as follows: S. Freundlich, president; D. Hart, vice president; Sol Schoenman, secretary; I. Wolf, treasurer; Messrs. Frankl, Rosenthal and Schnitzer were elected trustees; H. J. Dannenbaum and Meyer Wagner, delegates to the Grand Lodge.

A committee for propaganda work is getting busy, and it is expected by January 1, 1909, to have passed the century mark in membership.

SURPRISE PARTY.

A surprise party was tendered to Mr. Sigmund Scher by his parents and friends on Tuesday, December 9th, '08. The house was beautifully decorated with colored lights and flowers of every description. During the evening the young man was presented with a ring a token of esteem in which he is held. All those present participated in games, and the following received prizes: Miss Annie Hartsein, ring; Miss Ray Nathan, thimble.

About 10:30 a beautiful spread of 50 covers was placed and was enjoyed very much. The punch bowl was attended by Misses Bertha Feigelson, Bettie Levin, Ray Painkinsky.

Those who participated were: Misses Rosa Block, Bertha Feigelson, Mamie Levin, Elsi Tiras, Jessie Stark, Annie Zuber, Annie Hartstein, Anna Nathan, Maude Deutchner, Fannie Cohen, Annie Block Jeannette Feig-

elson, Bettie Levine, Dora Stark, Tenny Charney, Annie Painkinsky, Gertrude Levy, Ray Nathan, Celia Cohen, Ray Painkinsky and Sophie Leon; Rabbi Dr. Willner, Messrs. and Mesdames Dave Levy, U. S. Frosch, S. J. Westheimer and M. L. Scher; Mesdames J. M. Painkinsky, I. Hartsein, P. Pfeffer and S. Gordon; Messrs. Sam Rosenberg J. L. Aronson, Isadore Tiras, W. H. Cohen, Sol Feigelson, I. S. Greenberg, Sam Maas, Jake Zuber, Ben Hurwitz, Julius Smilovitz, S. Sumner Gordon, Otto Tiras, J. L. Mendlovitz, Willie Greenberg, Charley Greenberg, R. Leon, M. B. Tober, Sig. Scher, and Max Westheimer.

Story of the New Orleans Home

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children, whole orphans, entered its portals, to enjoy the fostering care of a "Home."

The first Jewish Orphans' Home in the United States had become a reality.

Weekly, and often daily, had the Board of Officers met in regular session, not counting the meetings of the special committees, and, although actively engaged in life's daily pursuits, they vied in an effort for the public good.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, held January 18th, 1856, Sir Moses Montefiore, Baronet, was elected first honorary member of the Association.

In view of the fact that the Association was burdened with a debt of about \$6,000, the President urged the propriety of applying to the Legislature, in behalf of the Association, for aid. The Board decided to draw up a petition to the Legislature. Their efforts were successful. The President, in his report to the general meeting held April 6, 1856, reported on this subject in the following terms:

"By application, through a memorial, to a Legislature of the State, kindly prepared by D. C. Labatt, Esq., we have obtained the very liberal donation of \$6,000.00. This sum places us on high ground, being entirely independent of indebtedness of all and every kind. We take this opportunity of expressing our acknowledgment to Messrs. Jos.

Simon and E. Solomon for their personal efforts to obtain this donation.

And it might just as well be stated right here, that this is the only instance, in the life of our Association, of receiving support from the State, of any kind. And the enactments of the present State Constitution make it prohibitory for the Legislature to appropriate money for the support of any but State institutions. What a contrast, compared with other States, that are most liberal in their assistance for the support of the orphans.

At the Board meeting of March 7th, Rev. James K. Guthrie called the attention of the board to the necessity of providing instruction for the children of the Home, and offered his services to teach Hebrew and religion. The Committee on Education and Discipline was charged to act in the premises, and to report at the earliest opportunity.

The committee reported on the subject on the 7th day of May following, that they had engaged Miss Emanuel as teacher, which action was approved, and the committee was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the opening of the school.

She served in this capacity until the close of the year, when she resigned, and Miss Rohernot was appointed in her place.

The second anniversary of the Home was celebrated on the 8th day of January, 1857, and Mr. David C. Labatt delivered the oration. It breathed the true spirit of philanthropy and patriotism, and the voluntary subscriptions received on this occasion were most gratifying, exceeding \$3,000.

(Continued next week)

MOBILE, ALABAMA.

In response to a call the younger element assembled at B'nai B'rith hall and organized a Y. M. H. A. The following officers were elected: Alvin R. Rosenbaum, president; Max H. Meyer, vice president; Milton Lasker, secretary, and Harry Kohn, treasurer. These officers with Messrs. M. V. Hanaw, Lee Lasker, C. H. Adler and Alvin Levy, are to constitute the governing board.