

Malinsky looked savage for a moment, then he showed that old smile of his.

"Don't you see," he began quietly, "that if the men who have to talk said less, they would think more, and the more they thought the more consequential would be their utterances, and the result would be less strife and more union. Instead we promote talkativeness and we breed insincerity. We demand verbal vaudeville and we get it. Some of it is good, some bad, but nearly all of it is mere show. Now, I understand it. I see a whole of stunt phrase in the newspapers and I laugh; but there comes along a poor fellow who doesn't see the humor of life and he takes it all seriously, and then there is a splutter, a splash and goodness knows what else."

"The point of which is," I insisted.

"Ach! You have forgotten our cheery chats," murmured Malinsky. "You want the moral. You want me to take up a brick and say, 'this is a brick.' I refuse. I will give you a thought that I read somewhere, and if not credit me with it—in great silent spaces men learn to trust each other."

Then he went away, and that is just like Malinsky.—Boston Advocate.

PRESIDENT DANNENBAUM'S MESSAGE.

To the Members of Hebrew Congregation Beth Israel:

The minutes of the meeting held by the board of officers and the reports submitted on this occasion will acquaint you with the affairs of the Congregation during the past year and also its present condition. The advent into the new Temple and the increase of communal population are reflected in the growth of our fiscal strength. The budget for the ensuing year now submitted for your consideration is, I think, warranted by our necessities and prospects. There are other matters which I desire to suggest for your action:

While every Jewish Congregation is independent, yet all have common interests which can be promoted by un-

ion. This is especially true of reform congregations in this country. The education of rabbis, questions of ritual, etc., call for concerted action. To meet this need there has been organized and now flourishes the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of the United States, ours being one of the very few not in the ranks. We can not afford to withhold our support from the work it is doing and I earnestly recommend that you affiliate with its membership.

As citizens of this country, we enjoy rare religious liberty. Nothing will do more to protect and strengthen this right than that our neighbors should know our religious viewpoint. We seek no converts to our faith, recognizing that righteousness is the basis of all civilized religions, but our ritual and pew system have concealed from the outer world the merits of our position. Ignorance, misunderstanding and prejudice are the consequences. I recommend that special accommodations be made for the general public for one service each month and that we extend a special invitation for this service, it being understood, of course, that visitors to our services are always welcomed.

Of much importance is the cultivation of closer relations with our sister congregation, Adath Yeshurun. Though differing in ceremonials, in essentials we are one. The "Shema Yisroel" is our common watchword. Their members should be made to feel at home in our Temple. A better understanding of each other will strengthen Judaism in this city. I recommend that the newly elected officers confer with their authorities with a view to holding two joint receptions each year, after Friday evening's service, one at each house of worship.

A fact rich in suggestion is the exchange of social greetings between the attendants at our Friday evening's service. The close personal tie which unites us forces expression in the animated chat and the warm hand-clasp. "Guten Shabbos" is the key which opens the way to sociability. This

should not be repressed but encouraged. While proper decorum during worship should be strictly enforced, after the blessing has been pronounced Sabbath joy should be expressed in a natural way. Ours is no straight-jacket religion and the temple will have a still stronger hold on our affection when it becomes not only the house of prayer, but the center of good will. I therefore recommend that after the Friday evening service an informal reception be held, lasting not more than thirty minutes.

The end of my term of office having expired, I desire to thank you for the honor and co-operation you have given me. Special thanks are extended the Ladies' Aid Society, the Board of Affiliated Officers and Dr. Barnstein. My best wishes will follow the future of our beloved Congregation.

Respectfully,
HENRY J. DANNENBAUM,
President.

PRESIDENT GORDON'S MESSAGE.

Houston, Tex., Apr. 30, 1909.

To the Members and Trustees of the Adath Yeshurun Congregation:

Gentlemen:—As this is the first time that we have assembled together under the newly elected body, I would kindly ask you to permit me to express some of my feelings towards the Congregation and Judaism at large.

First—I will, in the name of the Congregation, and of its members, express my thanks to the past-president and to the past officers for the good work they have done, and for the beautiful Temple they have erected for the Jews of Houston, as it is an honor for us and for the Jews of Texas.

Second—I will thank you gentlemen who have accepted an office under the present administration to serve with me, and I hope that we will all work together in harmony and peace, and forget and forgive for the sake of making a success of all our undertakings.

Third—The following will be a memorandum which I would like to suggest to your honorable body for consideration, and if found satisfactory, I would like for you to act on same dur-