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To our friend in Boston: We hereby relegate Fate to a back seat. She has led you astray.

Houston Lodge I. O. B. B. sent a check to New Orleans for \$510.00. When our societies make a noise like a check everybody is willing to lend ears.

Jewish ministers will find no greater help in their work than the Jewish newspaper, and they should endeavor to have one read in every Jewish home.—Am. Israelite.

Contrary to our announcement two weeks ago, we will continue as a weekly publication. As we are only human we have the right to change our minds, our dress and our make up.

"And even Houston has a Jewish newspaper," remarked one of Texas' most beloved Rabbis, one whom we hold in high admiration. Yes, my dear Doctor, Houston has a Jewish paper and it also has two Synagogues and two Rabbis. Don't be envious, my good friend, we will give your city a Jewish paper, too, e'er long. Just be patient a little longer.

Some Jewish newspapers are real fiendish, yes, ghoulish. The American Israelite, for example. It crows because a paper in a distant land has discontinued publication or a "weeky-ette" contemplated changing to a

monthly. We had no idea we hurt you so much, but since we have succeeded so admirably it gives us encouragement and we take a new lease on life and will continue as heretofore, only a little more dressed up.

Congregation Beth Israel has taken a step towards the advancement of Judaism. At the annual meeting on Sunday afternoon it was decided to discontinue the School on Sunday and hold it on the Sabbath. Some of the members objected on the grounds of unnecessary work on the Sabbath. They should not look upon the disseminating the word of God as work, but as a labor of love. Nor is the Rabbis vocation considered contrary to the law and he has always been engaged on the Sabbath. Nevertheless, it dispels any fear of doing away with the Sabbath and observing Sunday, as is done in so many of our large, brighter (?) and up-to-date communities.

ADVANCE OF CIVILIZATION.

Rabbi A. D. Price.

In the midst of success there is failure; in the midst of life, death. The brightest beams of sunshine often end in darkness. In the midst of joy there is grief; in the midst of love, hatred. The pleasant paths of peace are oftentimes haunted by the dread specter of war. "Thou shalt not kill," is the message the Jews gave to the world, yet men fight and die in fighting from the cradle to the grave. "Let peace rule all the earth," sings the poet, yet thousands of times

"The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
 The soldier's last tattoo."

And the grass on many an awful battlefield died red with human blood has nodded appealingly to heaven.

"Nation shall not lift sword against nation," says the Holy Writ; yet warriors live and die; armies and navies survive and perish; the ears of the world are stunned by the din of battle and the pages of history passed and present tell of horrors beyond the imaginative power of Dante. Assuredly this is an era of progress. Intel-

lectually the world is vastly better than it was in the long ago. General morals have improved; certainly our laws are justly made; financially and economically the nations of the earth are on a better basis—but in the midst of all this good there is evil. The sword and cannon still remain; domestic troubles are adjusted with the utmost ease, but to settle disputes between nations the ten commandments are repealed, moral law is suspended, might is made right and multitudes of men like brutish beasts engage in conflict that turns them into daring demons—who respect neither freedom or civilization nor decrees of heaven.

FOR THE ZIONIST.

Now that a firm, equitable, just administration has been established in the Holy Land, there has been such an influx of Jews into Palestine that what was but a short time ago Utopian, even to the enthusiastic Zionist, is today being more than realized. A Jewish company with a capital of \$10,000,000 has been formed to supply Jerusalem and adjacent towns with light, heat and power; to replace the antiquated water supply system with adequate up-to-date water works. An electric tramway has been started in Jaffa. The growth of the agricultural colonies in the rural districts has surpassed expectations. The products of the vineyards, orange groves, figs, date palms and pomegranates have been marketed in far distant countries at a good profit. It is noteworthy that the Khedive of Egypt obtains most of his wines and grapes from these Jewish agricultural colonies in Palestine, the products of Rishon el Zion being held in particularly high esteem. Grain of all kinds, including rice—a cereal unknown in the ancient days of Palestine—cotton and silk have been successfully exploited. The Herzlwald, a grove of olive trees planted as a memorial to the departed Zionist leader, Dr. Herzl, is continually growing.

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