city Sunday. \* \* \* (Mr. H. N. Nussbaum spent Sunday in our city, \* \* \* Mr. Chas, Kapner arrived in our city Sunday and will take charge of the Remington office here, \* \* \* The Temple Society met last Tuesday night with the following program. Music, Miss Ruth Cohen; The Kalipho, Miss Loula Lasker; reading, Mrs. Abe Blum; vocal, Mr. S. E. Kempner; The Crusade, Mr. M. Isaacs; Current Events, Mr. Erwin Hertz,

## PLACING THE IMMIGRANTS IN HOUSTON.

By Rev. H. B. Lieberman,

When, through chance or on purpose, a work for alleviation of others is given up, it behooves the worker to lay his reasons before the people interested, that by their impartial judgment the labor may be estimated and proper credit given. Malicious personalities only point out the defects and obscure the advantages, they reflect the evil temper of the party who is in the wrong, and only harm the cause which they pretend to help. The person who is right may and does speak calmly; he can afford to let another vent his spleen, and even assail articles not yet written, misrepresent motives and facts, and get off on his ear any which way, he is left unburt and right is and remains right.

When Rabbis Barnstein and Willner accompanied by Mr. Berman called on me to request my acceptance of the position of agent to the Immigrants' Information Bureau, the statement was made that the authorities (whether in New York or Galveston I do not know, but at any rate, people who neither knew nor had devoted a moment's time to study conditions in this city) had determined that Houston should take and assimilate eight men monthly, or four men and one family. At that time I had in mind the difficulties experienced here two years ago, and I said at once that I can promise only to try; that it seemed to me eight people were too many; that I would accept the position as an experiment, and an experiment only; that I would not bind myself to any fixed number, and that I believed four or five would be about the limit that could be accommodated here. With these conditions I accepted and with this understanding I was promised a monthly salary of fifty dollars. It was also agreed that should I find that the work cannot be carried on advantageously to the immigrants, I shall be at liberty to resign.

My first step was to get an assistant for my Hebrew school, thereby gaining time which I might devote to this humanitarian service. I secured as assistant Mr. Lidsky, who has labored faithfully, and who received twentyfive dollars per month. Accordingly I netted but half the salary given me, and did not-as Mr. Berman insinuates-take fifty dollars for which I cared not to work. The extent of my services can be seen from the following list:

Of Immigrants sent me through the Galveston Office:

Where

Name of

Weekly Immigrants Employed. Wages. 1. N. Zaruches .. S. P. shops \$15,00 2. A. Loww.....P. Battlestein 1500 3. S. Shivinski . . M. Rosenberg 12.00 4. H. Zubek, works for himself ..... 5. W. Wilkowski, S. P. shops 10.80 6. I. Forman . . . . S. P. shops 10.80 7. J. Pomaranz....S. P shops 10.80 8. M. Amrufel....S. P. shops 10.80 9. A. Kleinbaum...S. P shops 10.80 10. M. Moore.....I. Freeman 1000 11. A. Kalisher, Straus Bodeheimer & Co. 9.00 12. Judowitch, Meyers-Spalti Mfg. Co. 9.00 13. H. Krawchick. V. Scardina 9.00 15. S. Grushko- J. Palley 9.00 16. M. Jaffee.....A. Gordon 7.5017. Kleinbaum, Jr. (12 years old), ....M. Goldman 2.50 14. M. Klinock, P. Battelstein 9:00

-8. H. Klinock.

19. - Konstantinowski.

For Nos. 18 and 19 I had procured work at the S. P. shops at \$10.80 per week, but they have since left for Kansas City and Philadelphia respectively.

From this it will be seen that the men are very well taken care of, and that the Agent did not merely get them a job and then leave them to their fate, as has been done in cities where eight or nine are sent; the people under my care have not become a burden on our charitable societies, nor are they likely to become so. neither will they desert and roam the country as others we wot of.

Let no one think that is was an easy matter to give these people remunerative work, and it is my firm conviction, based on my experience, that Houston cannot assimilate more than fifty a year under present conditions. Those who have been in this work must be considered better judges than they who sit down and dictate or pass their time in framing inuendees, or have to pass opinions on unwritten newspaper articles. Hustle down to work and see for yourself if what the Houston agent has done can be improved upon, than are we willing to listen-but we'll listen vainly, for not a word will be said.

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ZION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sons and Daughters of Zion will occur next Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Adath Yeshurun Hall. All members are earnestly requested to attend. There will be two literary numbers in addition to the regular routine business of the society.

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