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Beach, Michigan, By Rabbi  
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We are met here to pay our homage to men who have given their time and thought to a work whose bounds are limitless and whose good is boundless. We have not met to thank them for they are beyond our thanks. We are not met to sing poems of praises to their deeds, unless these praises be the means of inspiring us on to carry their work on to higher and even greater ends. We have come together to pay our solemn respect to the memories of men who have been associated with us in our great order, to comrades whose standard was our standard, whose ideals are our ideals, whose devotion and loyalty are the fountain heads of inspiration for those of us who are imbued with the grandeur of the work before us. We have come to dedicate a few moments of reverential thought to the memories of heroes who battled in the great onward struggle for the emancipation of mankind from the ills and adversities which becloud life.

And a glorious struggle it is, and honorable soldiers have these been. To be sure their coming was not heralded by the martial strains of finely plumed military bands; they were not hailed as conquerors of vast domains, nor yet was it their lot in this army to bring back masses of slaves and coffers of gold taken from the conquered. Yet, theirs was a victory even greater than this; theirs was a conquest more lasting in a battle more bitter, for they labored to overcome those great human passions which are at the very bottom of the injustices of human society; they warred to overcome the march of evil, the spreading of unhappiness, the serpentine onslaught of injustice, of cruelty of indifference to human weakness and to human helplessness. They fought, tho they did not shoulder arms, in the ranks of an army of men

whose victories time cannot efface, and whose good eternity alone can outlast; and if they discharged their duty honorably here, and they did, it becomes not only an obligation, but a privilege to us, their comrades, who have been spared, to devote a little time to their lives' deeds.

Their names will not go down on our records as great captains of industry; they will not be engraved upon the annals of time as men without whose shrewd foresight great stretches of land would now be undeveloped; their lives activities are not indicated to us by the uncountable column of blackening smoke, rolling for miles from vast chimney tops; the clang and nerve-racking buzz of rotating wheels do not spell for us the names of these brothers whom we recall today; yet, high above the din of all of these activities, there comes in impressive and solemn silence, the names of departed ones whose affiliation with our order has made of them honored fighters in a contention for the humanizing of human kind. Their names may even not be known tomorrow; yet, the good that they have done can never be forgotten, for they have sown seed whose fruit is everlasting, and immeasurable.

Some men live for themselves alone; others live, they know not why. Those who were among us have lived for others and themselves, and the good which they did for others lives after them.

For thus it is when a good man dies; Far beyond his ken,

The light he leaves behind him, lies  
Yon the paths of other men.

We are told that this is a selfish world. There are those whose horizon limits them only to their own good; there are those whose vision extends only to their own interests; there are those whose shortness of sight blinds them to the needs and wants of others; but of these our lamented brothers were not comrades, in their class these shall be not associated. Men who give of their time and their labor for the purpose of al-

leviating the sufferings of their brethren, are not selfish, and if there be such, and so many, this is not a selfish age. To their credit, be it said, that so far as they were of us in the order their lives were devoted to mankind, and their thoughts to his highest welfare and for this we are beholden to them, we and the household of the children of Israel. They had been touched by the cry of those not blessed as they were; their heartstrings vibrated with sufferings of those whose fortunes were cast in unpleasant places, and whose lot was often dark beyond endurance. And because their hearts were melted and because their feelings were to the highest degree human, they were men, and because they were men, we honor them; for after all, it is a distinction to be a man, and in the real finer sense of the term. 'Tis so easy to pose; 'tis so easy to assume the forms and adapt the fads of humanitarian activity, but it is hard, perceptibly hard, to scatter the seeds of kindness and brotherhood honestly, sincerely and unassumingly. These were not great philanthropists, whose names have become national by-words. It is infinitely harder to work silently and steadfastly, quietly and consistently in the interest of one's people, without any apparent hope of return, than it is to give out sums of money from a full purse, knowing that the day after this is done, a nation of innumerable newspapers will herald it to the world of what was done. Yet, if there be any reward, these too, will have theirs, and glory there must accrue to the memories of those who have not lived for themselves alone, who like soldiers in a well-organized army followed the commands of their hearts and consciences, purified and refined, by the sufferings and the persecutions of men and women of blood of their blood, and bone of their bone, and who heeded often the heart-piercing cries and appeals of those beleaguered by untold misery, inhuman wretchedness and unspeakable suffering.

To us, the surviving, the efforts of

these fellow heroes, must be an inspiration. To us, yet left upon the battlefield, their foot-prints must indicate the facts of further duty; for us it is but proper to look back at their lives with the solemn and honest assurance that their deeds shall spur us on to nobler activities, and their ideals to equally noble ones; that, as they were worthy sons of a worthy order, so shall we be; and as they marched on, bearing aloft the banner of light, loyalty and love, so shall we bear it, until there comes a time when men shall intrench in benevolence, in brotherly love and in harmony, and when we shall be what the sages of old conceived that we should be, in the picture language of old, men made but little lower than angels, and covered with glory and honor.

## PYTHIAN SISTERS HONOR JEW-ESS.

The highest office in the order ever conferred in the State of California has been granted Mrs. Lilly Samuels, wife of Judge George Samuels, of Oakland, Cal., who was elected to the chair of supreme manager at the supreme convention of the Pythian Sisters of the United States, in session at Milwaukee.

In addition to her affiliation with the Pythian Sisters, Mrs. Samuels has for many years held a prominent place in the various leading clubs of the bay cities. She is at present a member of the Board of Directors of the Oakland Club and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

She has resided in Oakland for more than thirty years.

Mr. Israel Zangwill is reported to have gone to Rotterdam to meet the Jewish immigrants who were sent back from Galveston. He is said to feel very keenly the action taken by the United States government in its effect upon the Galveston movement, and wishes to ascertain from the immigrants themselves the real cause for the changed attitude of our government.

## NEW RABBI FOR BEAUMONT.

At a meeting of the Reformed Jewish congregation of Temple Emanuel, which was held at the temple on Broadway Sunday afternoon, Rabbi Samuel Rosinger of Toledo, Ohio, who reached the city last Friday evening was unanimously chosen rabbi of the congregation for a term of eighteen months. Rabbi Rosinger is a young and vigorous exponent of the faith of Judaism. Graduating from the Hebrew Theological school at New York city three years ago, the young rabbi was serving his second charge at Toledo, Ohio, when he accepted the call to Beaumont. The congregation of Temple Emanuel are greatly pleased that they have been able to secure his services. Rabbi Rosinger is the guest of a local hotel and will be joined in a short while by his family.

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## THE ZIONIST CONFERENCE.

The Zionist Press Bureau of Cologne has issued the following statement:

A report has appeared in a number of American-Jewish papers, in regard to the recent Zionist Conference in Berlin, to the effect that Sir Francis Montefiore, Dr. Max Nordau and Herr Nahum Sokolow were appointed as members of the proposed Advisory Council of three. The composition of the Council as thus given is not correct. It was resolved by the Conference that the names of the three approved members should not be published until they had been communicated with and their consent to the appointment had been received.

It has been further reported in the same press that in the course of the Conference telegrams were dispatched to Sir Francis Montefiore requesting to Sir Francis Montefiore, Dr. Nordau and Herr Sokolow requesting them to come to the Conference. This report is utterly lacking in foundation, as no such telegram was dispatched to any person. Herr Sokolow was present at the Conference throughout the proceedings.