

## *Domestic Notes.*

### *New Orleans, La.*

At the last meeting of the Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. I. L. Leucht, Chairman of the Philanthropic Committee, in her report, recommended the immediate establishment of an industrial school for girls, and the ladies resolved to take up the work, humbly, quietly in the beginning, trusting to Providence for guidance and growth.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Wolf the ladies gathered in the Sunday school room of Touro synagogue last week, and Mrs. Wolf in a few words, explained the object of the meeting, and presented through the Secretary of the Council, Miss Leucht, sixteen bright little Hebrew girls, in ages ranging from 7 to 10, who wished to enter as the first students of the industrial school. Soon the children were busily at work, the ladies engaging to act as teachers.

Speaking of the work Mrs. Wolf said: "Our object is, first of all, to teach the child its moral responsibilities to God, herself and neighbor, cleanliness of life and work and body, and in time to refine and soften the rugged natures wherever we find such, and prove to them that they are not alone in this world without friends or helpers, but that kind hands are stretched out to them and loving hearts are waiting to help them. We want, through our Council, to prove an uplifting factor in the lives of our people, a source of helpfulness and strength, and a means of bettering their social and physical conditions.

"We believe in the power of the kindergarten as an elevating agency, and, as I said before, by slow development and earnest growth we hope to establish this. Indeed we have great plans for all that we have started so humbly, but we wish to grow slowly and solidly, just as the firm, strong oak grows from the simple acorn. And so we have begun this industrial school and before the week's end God grant that many other children may be gathered into our rooms, which, as you see, we have made cheerful and beautiful, so that the children will feel the warmth of the welcome and desire to return; indeed, look forward with expectancy to the day on which we will hold our classes. Our teachers are all volunteers and mean earnest work. We feel that our school will grow."

### *Holyoke, Mass.*

A meeting was held in O'Neill's Hall last Sunday to form a religious school. There are about seventy-five Jewish families here. They have no synagogue, but there are about fifty children of age for religious instruction.

### *Syracuse. N. Y.*

Under the auspices of the Syracuse Zion Society a mass meeting was held on March 27th, whereat Dr. Richard Gottheil delivered the main address. He gave an eloquent exposition of Zionism, explaining its objects and answering many of the objections set up against it. Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Hertz presided.

### *Augusta, Ga.*

Rev. J. H. M. Chumaceiro has resigned the ministry of the Congregation Children of Israel, which he held for seven years. He has accepted the call of the congregation at Curacao in the West Indies, where he was for three years, succeeding his father who had been minister there for very many years.

### *Portland, Maine*

At a meeting of the Young Men's Hebrew Association at 46 Plum Street, the election of officers took place with the following result: President, Isaac Rosenberg; vice-president, H. Cohen; recording secretary, J. Davis; financial secretary, E. Waterman; treasurer, S. Miller.

### *Detroit, Mich.*

A movement has been on foot for the past six months to establish a Hebrew free school in Detroit. Mrs. M. Roth, to give it a good start, has made a donation of \$3,000 and has deposited the money in the Wayne County Savings Bank, subject to the condition that an additional \$3,000 be raised, a site be purchased and a building erected thereon, the debt on same not to exceed \$1,000.

A meeting was held last week and subscriptions were raised to the amount of \$1,700.

A site has been selected, 75 feet on the north side of Division Street, between Antoine and Beaubien Streets, and it has been decided to erect thereon a building to cost not less than \$10,000.

On Tuesday of last week an exhibition of the work of the pupils was held at the Hebrew industrial school at the Baldwin Place Synagogue.

This school was founded by Mrs. Jacob H. Hecht in 1890, when the Russian Jews were coming here in large numbers, and had only eight pupils. Now it has 460 girls, who are learning dressmaking, millinery, plain sewing, the draughting of patterns, machine sewing and cooking. Their ages are from 8 to 16 years.

The youngest children have done some excellent plain sewing, and some not more than 10 years, have finished dresses for themselves in the neatest manner. They have also made paper patterns for them. In the millinery class they have learned to make folds, to cover hats and to make rosettes and bows. Later they will trim hats for themselves. The cooking classes have learned to make bread, soup, stews, custards and to roast meats. A Sunday school is open each Sunday morning.

After the visitors had seen and admired the work, they assembled in the hall, where the children sung sweetly, and little Ida Mahn read a paper telling what the children had learned in hygiene, economy, neatness and punctuality.

Mrs. Hecht praised the children for what they had done, and said that the work shows a thorough understanding of the life of the children, and is exactly fitted to lift them to a more wholesome existence. She emphasized the need of a school building. It is her earnest desire that something will soon be done to accomplish this, which she considers a great public need.

Mrs. Charles Weil spoke of the physical, moral and spiritual training of the children, and Miss Goldie Bamber, the superintendent, made a few remarks. By the will of the late Mr. A. E. Hecht of San Francisco, \$10,000 was left to various charities, of which the school receives \$1,000.

#### *Columbia, S. C.*

Those in charge of the matter of securing funds for the purpose of erecting a Jewish synagogue in this city upon the lot purchased some time ago are actively at work now and very anxious to have the work begin. A committee has been appointed to canvass the city and solicit subscriptions to the amount of \$1,000, all that is now needed to secure the erection of the synagogue.

### *Milwaukee, Wis.*

A lecture on "Judas Maccabaeus and the Book of Daniel" was given last week in the hall of Temple Emanu-El, before the Milwaukee Section of the Council of Jewish Women, by Dr. Herbert L. Willett of the University of Chicago. The speaker was introduced by Dr. Hecht, who spoke of the fact that no book was so generally accepted and yet so misunderstood as the Bible, but that one of the encouraging signs of the time was that so much attention is now being given to biblical literature. Dr. Hecht said he knew of no one better qualified to inspire a taste for biblical literature and to help clear away the misunderstandings of it than Dr. Willett.

Dr. Willett pictured in graphic language the political situation of the people of Israel at the time of the the Maccabean struggle and said that Judas Maccabeus was a hero as great as the world has ever known and that he should have the admiration not only of the Jews, but of all people. He then passed to the book of Daniel and spoke of its date and character and the material used in it. Dr. Willett classes the book of Daniel with apocalyptic literature. Its use was to reveal God as the universal ruler and to be an encouragement to the faithful in time of distress. Its abuse was to take it as actual, historical literature.

### *Baltimore, Md.*

A largely attended public meeting of the Baltimore Section of the Council of Jewish Women was held March 27th, in the vestry rooms of the Bolton Street Temple. Addresses were made by Dr. Sydney Cone, on "Biblical Medicine," and by Mr. Eli Frank, whose subject was "Jewish Communal Law—With Modern Annotations." Vocal and instrumental musical numbers were rendered during the evening by Miss Carrie Holzman, Miss Carrie Strauss and Mrs. Emil Decker.