

appeal to the Courts to obtain what she termed her rights. She finally resorted to the Jewish Court of Arbitration. The case was set for trial. At the trial several hundred women appeared. Over forty odd witnesses were heard. The decision ordered that neither Mrs. F nor Mrs. G should hold the office of president, but that the Board of Directors of the society should from their midst select one to preside until the next election. This was agreeable to all parties and the society is again reunited and prosperous.

Another case was instituted against a synagogue by one of its members, who claimed that he had been expelled from membership in the synagogue illegally. The authorities of the synagogue were summoned and the matter was amicably adjusted.

One case, rather curious in its revelations, was this: C had done certain work under a contract for a synagogue, of which E was president. The synagogue owed C a balance of forty dollars on the contract, which E, as president, refused to give to C, saying that C owed him (E) money for transactions involving the synagogue. At the trial it appeared that in return for E's showing C the bids of other contractors for this work and thus enabling C to underbid them and obtain the contract, C promised to paint the front of E's house and E was therefore holding this money until C would keep his promise. The synagogue was ordered to pay C the balance due him.

Memoirs of David Blaustein

(Educator and Communal Worker. Arranged by Miriam Blaustein. New York; McBride, Nast & Co.)

In the foreword of this volume, lovingly compiled by his widow, she well states that "David Blaustein wrote little concerning his career as a public man." Posterity will value his achievements by the influence of his personality on the thousands with whom he came in contact rather than by any literary work of his. Nevertheless, these memoirs will be esteemed as recording in slight sketch his career, and as putting into permanent form such of the papers and addresses which he left behind him in shape for publication.

David Blaustein is presented to us as the young student in Russia; the influence that he received as part of his education in Germany is referred to; his efforts at achieving an education in this country are brought out; his rabbinate at Providence from 1892 to 1898, which concludes the first chapter of this work, is described. The acme of his career undoubtedly was during the period of his superintendency of the Educational Alliance in New York City from 1898 to 1907. The compiler states that "Superintendent of the Educational Alliance was only a modest title for an oracle and prophet." David Blaustein truly obtained greater éclat as a leader of the community in which he worked and dwelt than as the official head of the Alliance, notwithstanding that his name and career are inseparably linked with the activities and progress of this great neighborhood agency for nearly a decade. He regarded himself as the interpreter of the Jewish immigrants. He had opportunity of applying his detailed knowledge of the immigrant in the lectureship which he occupied in connection with the School of Philanthropy from 1910 on, after he had severed his connection with the Hebrew Institute in Chicago. He held this position at the time of his death in the late summer of 1912.

The second part of the book includes the lectures, addresses, discussions and sermons. Running through these one can gather from the titles the thoughts and purposes which animated David Blaustein. They include: "The Making of Americans," "Preventive Work on the East Side," "The People of the East Side Before Emigration and After Immigration," "The Status of the Jews in Russia," "The Situation of Jews in America," "The School-house Recreation Center as an Attempt to Aid Citizens in Adjusting Themselves to American Conditions" and "The Jew in America."

Running through these addresses we find constantly David Blaustein in analyzing and explaining the Jewish immigrant, pleading for an understanding of the immigrant, so that he may be aided in gradually adapting himself to conditions here, without giving up his ideals and at the same time that he may be placed in such a situation as to

free himself from sordid American influences and surroundings and acquire the finest of American ideals.

The contributions of David Blaustein as printed in the volume suggest in a measure the things he thought about and talked about. With them, however, those who knew him best will connect the things he did and the things he strived for. In his case, particularly, the printed volume gives but a faint reflection of his personality in helping to mould the development of the immigrant Jewish population; in bringing about reforms through various radii in ghetto circles, and in assisting in the adaptation of the methods of modern American educators and social workers to the needs and the progress of the immigrant.

Charles S. Bernheimer.

NEW BOOKS

Conducted by C. S. B.

ENGLISH FOR NEW AMERICANS. By W. Stanwood Field and Mary E. Coveney. Silver, Burdett & Co. New York.

This ought to be a helpful text-book for classes in English to foreigners. Although much of its material is well adapted to adults, yet some of it reveals the following of the ordinary school book for children, which should be avoided in a book specially written for grown-ups. A vocabulary in various languages, including Yiddish, forms an excellent appendix to the volume.

THE IDEA OF THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL. By Georg Kerschensteiner. The Macmillan Company. New York. 50 cents.

A little volume containing some elementary principles of industrial and vocational training, helpful to us in this country, in our endeavor to provide guidance for our young people.

TEN SEX TALKS TO GIRLS. By Dr. Irving David Steinhardt. J. B. Lippincott Company. Philadelphia. \$1.00.

Originally delivered at the Hebrew Educational Society of Brooklyn, the Emanuel Brotherhood of New York City and several other organizations. In the words of the introduction by Dr. Rachelle S. Yarros, chairman of Social Hygiene of the General

Federation of Women's Clubs, the book may be recommended for "its sincerity, simplicity, directness, as well as its scientific accuracy." In many respects it is merely a volume in physiology, the facts of which every girl should know. The author has attempted to be frank and yet not under the imputation of extreme in his statements regarding sex relations. Social workers with girls will find this book a valuable one for information for young women—the author says for girls fourteen years and older. There are some who would make the age higher than fourteen for some of the more mature discussions.

Buffalo Settlement Dedicated

On March 1st the Buffalo Community House was dedicated with appropriate exercises. Rabbi Max Drob of Temple Beth El emphasized the fact that the House will tend toward a greater solidarity in the race. "I see an awakening in present society which will eventually return to the old Hebraic ideals. No matter how far we advance we never get beyond the maxim, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself!'"

Miss Cecil B. Weiner, general manager of the Federated Jewish Charities of Buffalo, told of the work necessary in realizing such a community house. She promised to do her best in furthering the interests of the community house.

The large three-story structure, 80 feet wide and 100 feet in depth, equipped and furnished, cost \$60,000, not counting the time and work expended by the members of the Sisterhood of Zion.

In the ground-floor basement of the building are the billiard and poolroom, the boys' and young men's game room, the shower rooms, the locker rooms, the women's bathrooms and a modern gymnasium, containing everything necessary in the physical culture line.

On the next floor are the kindergarten, the dining-room, the kitchen and domestic science rooms, library and reading-room, clubroom and three large classrooms.

On the top floor of the building is the large auditorium, with a seating capacity of about 450, quite a large stage and two smaller anterooms. There are also four classrooms on this floor.

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There is promise that the Memphis Conference will be of unusual interest, and that the attendance will come fully up to the standard of former years. The fare offered is varied indeed, and it will be served by men and women of authority. Effort has been made to signalize the Conference by having it answer the practical needs of workers in the social field, and it should render valuable service to those who attend.

The Conference will have a number of matters of importance to pass on, besides going through its regular routine. It will have to decide on the future of JEWISH CHARITIES, perhaps lay out the work of its Committee on Palestine Charities: there may be suggestions how the membership of the National Conference can be made more comprehensive; the discussion of the Transportation Decisions may bring out the need of a revision of the rules. There is also the suggestion that committees be appointed after the manner of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, to work up subjects and present them as a part of the program of the next Conference.

Our Conferences in the past have, perhaps, not developed as many new workers as some have wished; a feeling has been rife that the main part of the burden has fallen year after year upon the same shoulders. A glance at the Memphis program will show that the criticism is unwarranted. While the old loyal members of the Conference will have their share of responsibility, many new names appear, and younger men have been asked to do serious work.

Stability and continuity demand that men of experience should have their full part, while youth will be served by handsome participation in the proceedings.

Volunteers will join hands with professional workers to an extent that will make us pause when we are moved to remark on the failure of the Jewish volunteer to do his share. Among the volunteers who will participate are Mr. Sulzberger, Rev. Fox, Rev. Fineschreiber, Rev. Kory, Mr. Dukas, Mrs. Purvin, Mr. Herzberg, Mr. Senior, Mr. Solomon, Dr. de Sola Pool, Miss Seligsberg, and Mr. Hess—a goodly company, one that would distinguish any conference. The active part they take in the meetings should stimulate other men and women upon whom the responsibility for the progress of their organization falls, to make a closer study of the underlying principles and of the trend of social effort.

A real innovation at this Conference will be a half session devoted to volunteer papers. Suggestions have come from many quarters of topics to be included in the program. The Program Committee could not accept all and it was difficult to choose among them. So the plan was hit upon to leave a part of a session open, and those bringing papers to Memphis and presenting them to the Program Committee, can have them passed upon and put on the program, but not much more than an hour can be devoted to this purpose.

The Memphis community has responded generously and are offering helpful co-operation in making the Conference successful; in fact, all the elements of a useful and enjoyable meeting are at hand.