NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Secretaries or other officers of the National Organizations, including five branches of the Alliance Israélite Universelle, were requested to compile an account of the work done by their respective associations during 1900-1901 (5661), for publication in the present issue of the Year Book. The accounts compiled from the newspaper clippings and reports sent by some, in response to the request, are marked with an asterisk (*), and a dagger (†) indicates those taken from any available source in the absence of an official response.

ALLIANCE ISRAÉLITE UNIVERSELLE

BALTIMORE BRANCH

The annual meeting was held March 3, 1901. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. A. Friedenwald; Vice-President, Rev. Dr. B. Szold; Treasurer, Dr. A. B. Arnold; Secretary, B. H. Hartogensis, 204 Courtland. Directors: Wm. Rosenau, A. Guttmacher, S. Schaffer, C. A. Rubinstein, A. Kaiser, Dr. Jos. Blum, Dr. Harry Friedenwald, Isaac Davidson, H. W. Schneeberger, Jacob Herman, Leon Schiff, Benj. Cohen, Louis Kaufman, Silas M. Fleischer, F. Fuechsl, M. S. Levy, J. Rothholz, Simon Dalsheimer. The Secretary’s report shows a membership of 115. The sum of $400 was sent to the central society at Paris. At the instigation of the president of the local branch, the sum of $700 was collected for the Bessarabian sufferers in the Jewish community at large, and at his suggestion a further sum of $700 was collected in the Russian Jewish community for the same purpose.

†NEW YORK BRANCH

The New York Branch of the Alliance Israélite Universelle was reorganized at a meeting held in Temple Emanuel, April 23, 1901, at the instigation of M. Nissim Béhar, at present in the United States as the representative of the central organization of the Alliance, at Paris. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, and addressed by Hon. A. S. Solomons, Mr. Louis Marshall, Bishop Henry C. Potter, the Rev. Samuel Schulman, in
English, by the Rev. Hirsch Maslianski, in Hebrew and Yiddish, and by the Rev. A. M. Radin, in German. M. Behar read an account of the work of the Alliance and explained the stereopticon views of Palestine thrown upon a screen.

At a subsequent meeting the reorganization was completed; Mr. Louis Marshall was elected President, and the Rev. Dr. H. P. Mendes, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH

The sum of 2484.10 francs was sent to the treasurer in Paris.

No annual meeting has been held since 1898.

THE AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY *

The ninth annual meeting was held in Philadelphia, at Witherspoon Hall, on December 26, 1900, ninety persons being in attendance. The Treasurer reported the total receipts to be $2584.05, and the expenditures $1363.88, leaving a balance of $1220.17. The Corresponding Secretary reported a membership of 227. Publications No. 8 was issued during the year. The following new by-law was adopted: "Any member who shall have neglected or omitted to pay his annual dues for three successive years shall, on notice to him from the Treasurer of that fact and of this by-law, ipso facto cease to be a member of the Society; unless within one month after said notice he pays all of his dues in arrear, or shall be excused therefrom by the Executive Council of the Society, which is hereby authorized, on proper grounds, to remit said dues."

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Cyrus Adler; Vice-Presidents, Hon. Simon W. Rosendale, Mendes Cohen, Esq., Rev. Dr. B. Felsenthal, Prof. Charles Gross; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Herbert Friedenwald; Recording Secretary, Max J. Kohler, Esq.; Treasurer, Prof. Richard Gottheil. Additional members of the Executive Council: Hon. Mayer Sulzberger, Prof. Morris Jastrow, Jr., Hon. N. Taylor Phillips, Hon. Simon Wolf, Prof. J. H. Hollander, John Samuel, Esq., Rev. Dr. David Philipson, Rev. Henry Cohen, and Prof. Morris Loeb.

The following papers were presented and read:


2. "Notes on the History of the Earliest Existing German-Jewish Congregation in America" (Rodeph Shalom of Philadelphia), by Rev. Dr. Henry Berkowitz, Philadelphia.

5. "Notes on the Grant of Original Privileges to the Jews of Surinam by the Local English Governor and Council" (1665), by Rev. Dr. H. P. Mendes, New York.
6. "Aaron de Montezinos and the Theory that the American Indians are Descendants of the Lost Ten Tribes," by Max J. Kohler, New York.

Mr. Joseph Jacobs presented a plea for a Jewish historical exhibition, and a special committee was appointed to consider the question (see pp. 104-108).

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The twelfth annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis was held in Philadelphia, July 2 to 6, 1901. Reports were presented by the President, the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, the Committees on the Union Hymnal, on Rabbinical Qualification and Membership, and on the Non-affiliated with Congregations, and by the Advisory Committee and the Publication Committee, the last on the Union Prayer Book. The committees on the Quarterly Review and on the Summer School did not report.

In the course of the meetings, papers were read by the following: Dr. Talcott Williams, on "The World's Debt to Judaism"; Dr. Cyrus Adler, on "American Jewish History"; Rev. Dr. S. Sonneschein, on "Judaism of the Nineteenth Century," in the discussion of which the assertion was made that the organization was an association of reform tendencies; and by Rev. Dr. Maurice H. Harris, on "The Jew in the Nineteenth Century." Rabbi Max C. Currick delivered a eulogy on the late Rabbi Oscar J. Cohen. The address of welcome was made by Rev. Dr. Jos. Krauskopf.

There were discussions on the part of the President's report relating to Zionism; on the report of the Committee on the Non-affiliated with Congregations; and on the report of the Committee on the place of Jesus in the curriculum of Jewish Religious Schools; the position of Judaism in respect to the founder of Christianity was declared to be negative.
The following resolutions were adopted: The work of the Alliance Israélite Universelle, the Jewish Chautauqua, the Jewish Publication Society, the proposed American Jewish Historical Exhibition, and the National Farm School was endorsed; on the death of F. Max Müller and John Fiske; on the anniversary of the death of Zacharias Frankel; and on the seventieth birthday anniversary of Adolf Neubauer.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary President, Moses Mielziner; President, Joseph Silverman; Vice-Presidents, Joseph Krauskopf and Samuel Sale; Recording Secretary, A. Guttmacher; Corresponding Secretary, Maurice H. Harris; Treasurer, Charles S. Levi. Executive Committee: David Philipson, Joseph Stolz, Stephen S. Wise, Tobias Schanfarber, L. Grossmann. Committee on Rabbinical Diploma: Moses Mielziner, Gotthard Deutsch, David Philipson, Louis Grossmann, and Max Margolis. Arbitration Committee: Emil G. Hirsch, Gustave Gottheil, and Kaufman Kohler. Trustees of Ministers’ Fund: Henry Berkowitz, Israel Aaron, and Edward N. Calisch.

The next annual session will be held at New Orleans, in November, 1902.

THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

In pursuance of the amendment to the constitution, adopted at the Second Triennial in Cleveland, in March, 1900, the Council of Jewish Women held its first executive session in New Orleans, La., February 17 to 23, 1901.

In addition to ten members of the Executive Board and the President of the New Orleans Section, who was invited to attend all sessions, there were 32 delegates from 21 Sections, making a total of 29 entitled to vote at the general sessions.

Four meetings of the Executive Board were held and five general sessions.

The President reported the following appointments: Vice-Presidents for States: Alabama, Mrs. Lee Marx; California, Mrs. Max Sloss; Colorado, Mrs. Alfred Muller; District of Columbia, Mrs. Louis Stern; Georgia, Mrs. J. Hirsch; Illinois, Mrs. Chas. Stettauer; Indiana, Mrs. Philip W. Frey; Iowa, Mrs. Cecile R. Hirsch; Kentucky, Mrs. Ben Strauss; Louisiana, Mrs. J. Gutheim; Maryland, Mrs. S. L. Frank; Massachusetts, Mrs. Jacob Hecht; Minnesota, Mrs. Leopold Metzger; Mississippi, Mrs. Henry Frank; New York, Mrs. Isabela R. Wallach; Ohio, Mrs. M. B. Schwab; Pennsylvania, Mrs. Lowentritt; Texas, Miss Jeannette Goldberg; Utah, Mrs. Ida M. Bamberger; Washington, Mrs. Bailey Gatzert.

She reported further: An additional life member, Mrs. Bertha
Rayner Frank, of Baltimore; the formation of sections in Oakland, Sacramento, and San Francisco, Cal.; Dallas, Waco, Marshall and Corsicana, Texas; Sioux City, Ia.; Dayton, O.; and Seattle, Washington, an increase of 10 sections since the Triennial.¹

$644.21 were contributed to the Famine Funds for Bessarabia and India.

The President attended the executive session of the Council of Women of the United States, held in Indianapolis, in October, 1900.

The chief business was the consideration of details for the carrying out of the recommendation of the Secretary and the amendment to the constitution adopted at the Cleveland Triennial of March, 1900, to organize Junior Sections.

A constitution for Junior Sections was adopted on the lines of that for Senior Sections, providing, however, for membership of boys as well as girls between the ages of 15 and 21; making the due $1, one-third of which is to be paid into the general treasury, and defining the objects to be "The study of Judaism, Jewish literature and history, philanthropy, and social questions."

Miss Jeannette Goldberg, Chairman of the Committee on Junior Sections, was instructed to send out the constitutions and simple suggestions for study. She reported six Junior Sections organized and waiting for the official constitution.

Several hundred dollars were reported contributed to the National Hospital for Consumptives in Denver, and a resolution was passed instructing the Chairman on Philanthropy to urge the contribution of 25 cents annually by every member.

Active co-operation with the National Consumers’ League was reported, and that the machinery of the Council had been of great assistance in the relief of the Galveston flood sufferers and the immigrants from Roumania.

A report of progress was read from the Jewish Study Society of London, most appreciatively acknowledging the Council of Jewish Women as the author of its being and offering terms of closer affiliation, which were heartily accepted; viz., a free interchange of all printed matter, cost of carriage to be paid by the receiver; and a delegate to be sent by each society to the triennial convention of the other.

The proceedings of the Second Triennial were ordered printed, the expense to be met by a per capita tax on all Sections.

¹As a result of the New Orleans meeting, Sections have been formed in Brookhaven and Woodville, Miss.; Palestine and Beaumont, Texas; Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Nashville, Tenn., making a total in June, 1901, of 65 Sections with a membership of about 7000, an increase of over 2000 since March, 1900.
As the next Triennial would come in the fall of 1902, only 18 months from the executive meeting, it was voted to omit the next executive session and hold the Third Triennial between October 15 and December 1, 1902; place to be determined later.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

On Religious School Work.—Increase in number of women placed on school boards; successful work for raising the age of confirmation and securing simplicity in connection therewith; increase in number and success of mission schools.

On Religion.—A great and steady increase in more serious study of Jewish subjects. The chairman urged that there be more individual work in the Circles and less dependence on professional leaders, and the formation of Sections in small places where there is no congregation.

On Philanthropy.—Increased interest in preventive and social work, and careful study of philanthropy by a number of Sections. The systematic work of the San Francisco Section is especially commended.

The Corresponding Secretary reported an increase in membership of about 1800 since March, 1900. She urged, as the two most vital things before the Council, "the development of the Junior Sections" along right lines, i.e., with due regard to the ferment and questioning of the adolescent period, and "the study of the development of Judaism."

She also recommended that at least one evening during the season be given over to the consideration of the history and influence of the Jews in the locality in which the Section is situated, and that the local history of the Jews be studied by both Senior and Junior Sections.

**FEDERATION OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS**

The Fourth Annual Convention took place June 16 to 17, 1901, in Philadelphia, Pa. The total income for the year was reported to have been $3465.24; the expenditures, $3095.49; Shekel dues were paid by 3800 persons. Action was taken upon the following points: $50 was voted to the Abarbanel Library at Jerusalem; Shekels are to be accepted from non-members; Zionist societies are to be organized as share societies of the Jewish Colonial Trust; the Order Knights of Zion, of Chicago, is to be recognized as a sub-federation, to include Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Kentucky; and a Zionist periodical is to be established. For the last purpose, $500 of the funds of the Federation are to be set aside annually, and each of the federated societies is to be assessed $5, in
return for which it is to receive five copies of the periodical, which is to be issued under the direction of the Executive Council. Other recommendations and resolutions related to the study of Hebrew; the support of Hebrew schools by Zionist societies, or their establishment in towns where none exists; the use of Palestinian products; the formation of sub-federations in cities where four or more societies exist; and the status of the Colonial Bank. A mass-meeting was held on the evening of June 16, at which addresses were delivered in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish.

The following officers were elected: President, Richard Gottheil; Honorary Secretary, I. D. Morrison; Treasurer, William Morris, of Philadelphia; Vice-Presidents: Lewis N. Dembitz, Dr. Marcus Jastrow, Dr. Gustave Gottheil, Rev. M. S. Margolis, Rev. H. Maslianski, Rev. Isidore Myers, Rev. A. J. Silver, Rev. Joseph Seff, K. H. Sarasohn, and Jacob Saphirstein. Representatives on the Vienna Actions Comite: the President, Rev. Dr. S. Schaffer, Rev. Dr. H. P. Mendes, Leon Zolotkoff, and Rev. Dr. S. S. Wise. Executive Committee: Dr. B. L. Gordon, Moses Klein, Abram Radin, Miss Henrietta Szold, Gabriel H. Mayer, M. Lande, Dr. S. Mossohn, S. D. Solomon, D. Orently, S. Abel, M. Rosenbaum, and Dr. J. L. Bluestone.

HEBREW SABBATH-SCHOOL UNION OF AMERICA

The biennial session of the Hebrew Sabbath-School Union was held on January 14 and 15, 1901, at Cincinnati. About one hundred delegates were present. The President, Dr. David Philipson, read an address on Religious School Problems. Rabbi Frederick Cohn, of Fort Wayne, Ind., presented a paper on "The Scope of the Jewish Sabbath School." In accordance with a suggestion of the President, it was resolved to appoint one or more workers whose task it shall be to visit small communities where no religious schools exist and organize such. The Union has published during the past year a third series of leaflets in Biblical history comprising the period from Joshua to the accession of Saul.

Executive Officers: President, Dr. David Philipson; Vice-President, Dr. M. Mielziner; Secretary, Rabbi Charles S. Levi; Treasurer, William Goodheart.

INDEPENDENT ORDER AHAWAS ISRAEL *

The eleventh annual convention was held March 3, 1901, at Progress Hall, in New York City. It was reported that during the year 35 new lodges had been installed, and three lodges had been suspended, leaving the Order composed of 118 lodges,
63 in the State of New York, 1 in Connecticut, 5 in New Jersey, 25 in Pennsylvania, 18 in Massachusetts, and 6 in Maryland, with a membership of 6374, an increase of 1756 over the previous year. The receipts of the Endowment Fund were $35,247.65, of the General Fund, $6024.48, and of the Reserve Fund, $1786.60. The disbursements from the Endowment Fund, on account of 65 deaths, were $32,912.86, and from the General Fund, $7454.24.  

INDEPENDENT ORDER B'NAI B'RITH

STATE OF THE ORDER

The membership of the Order has greatly increased, both here and in Europe. Though some districts in the United States show a decrease, especially District No. 1, marked increases have occurred in Districts Nos. 3, 4 and 7, which much more than counterbalance the falling off in No. 1.

District No. 4 has gained something like 350 members, while in District No. 7 the increase amounts to over 550 members, or about 25 per cent., since January 1, 1901.

Every European district shows a gain, especially District No. 8 (Germany). No reports have yet arrived from the Oriental lodges.

The membership of the Order, exclusive of the Oriental lodges and the auxiliary lodges in this country, amounts to about 25,000, a gain of about 10 per cent.

A marked feature of this increase is that it consists almost entirely of non-endowment members. Almost every American district shows a loss in endowment members during the past year, yet in almost every one the non-endowment element has been strengthened, so as to more than overcome the loss in the endowment class; and in District No. 7 the non-participants have come into the majority.

The life insurance feature of the Order is gradually dying out, and the places of the participating members are being taken by young men, eager to further the welfare of their co-religionists.

Although the endowment reserves in nearly all the districts are in a very satisfactory condition, the participating membership continues to decrease.

GALVESTON DISASTER

A few days after the occurrence of the Galveston flood, the President of the Order received a telegram from the President of District No. 7, stating that the district was unable to cope with the exigencies created by the disaster, and calling upon the Order at large for aid in meeting the crisis. A gen-
eral appeal was thereupon issued by the President to the various districts in this country. About $27,000 was collected, and through the various committees formed at Galveston, Houston, and New Orleans, effective aid was given to about 225 persons and families toward improving their condition and starting them in life afresh.

**ROUMANIAN MOVEMENT**

Since the movement began in June of last year, approximately 2400 Roumanians have been distributed to about 220 towns and cities in this country. Most of the Roumanians have become self-supporting, notwithstanding the fact that the movement began but a year ago.

**DENVER HOSPITAL**

The subscription voted by the Chicago Convention to the National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives at Denver has been paid as the same fell due, about $3000 having been remitted to the Secretary of that institution since January 1, 1901.

**CHAUTAUQUA**

The union with the Jewish Chautauqua has already taken practical shape, but the movement is yet in its infancy. Greater results are expected as the matter progresses.

**INSTITUTIONS**

Notwithstanding the strain placed upon the lodges by the Galveston disaster and the Roumanian immigration, the various charities and institutions under the auspices of the Order have received continuous support.

**INDEPENDENT ORDER FREE SONS OF ISRAEL**

The Order reports $900,000 as the amount of its Reserve Fund; $3,533,000 have been paid to widows, orphans, and beneficiaries; $3,160,000 have been paid by lodges of the Order for benefits and donations; the number of lodges is 103, with funds amounting to $331,056.57. The meeting of the Executive Committee of the United States Grand Lodge was held at Chicago, February 18, 1901, Grand Master Julius Harburger presiding.

**INDEPENDENT ORDER FREE SONS OF JUDAH**

The report of the Grand Secretary for 1900, a year intermediate between two biennial meetings, contains the following facts: Total assets of the Order, $21,513.99; receipts during 1900, $57,129.96; disbursements, $56,901.87; total membership, 5311, of which 2646 were newly initiated during 1900; number of lodges, 100, of which 46 were installed during 1900; number of women's lodges, 5.
INDEPENDENT ORDER SONS OF BENJAMIN†

A special convention of the Independent Order Sons of Benjamin was held in New York City, May 5, 1901. There were present 188 delegates, and the President of the Order, Hon. Ferdinand Levy, occupied the chair. The object of the convention was to make important changes in the constitution of the Order, so that it might comply with new conditions imposed by the Insurance Department of the State of Massachusetts, which requires that the wives of members must themselves be members of the Order to enable them to receive the endowment or death benefit paid by the Order. Accordingly, married women may now become members of the Order under the same conditions, and with the same duties and privileges as men, and hereafter no women's lodges can be instituted. Furthermore, the form of physician's certificate on examination of candidates for membership was changed with a view to the better protection of the Order.

The death payments of the Order amount to ten cents per death for men and five cents for women.

The next biennial session of the Order will be held July 6, 1902, in Philadelphia, instead of at Detroit.

THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA†

The Fifth Summer Assembly of the Jewish Chautauqua was held at Atlantic City, N. J., from July 7 to 28, 1901. The sessions of the Assembly were opened with prayer by Rabbi Michael Fried. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Dr. Mark Blumenthal, the President, Rev. Dr. H. Berkowitz, the Chancellor, and Isaac Hassler, Esq., the Director. A report of the first State Convention of Chautauqua Circles, held in Wheeling, W. Va., on June 15 to 16, was submitted by Rabbi Harry Levi.

The following courses of lectures were delivered: On “Job,” by Professor Max Margolis, seven lectures; on “The Jew of the Sixteenth Century,” by Rev. Maurice H. Harris, five lectures; on “American Jewish History,” by Cyrus Adler and Dr. Richard Gottheil, three lectures; on “Life in Bible Times,” by Joseph Jacobs, two lectures; and on “Jewish Ethics,” by Rev. Dr. K. Kohler, three lectures.

A course of thirty lessons in Hebrew, offered by Gerson B. Levi, extended throughout the three weeks of the Assembly, and were attended by four persons. Mr. Levi also gave illustrative lessons to children.

Conferences were held on the following three subjects: on “Social Side of Synagogue Life,” led by Rev. Dr. Joseph
Stolz and Mrs. Rebekah Kohut; on "Settlement Work among Poor Jews," led by James B. Reynolds, Miss Lillian D. Wald, and Meyer Bloomfield; and on "Jewish Immigration Problems," presented by Dr. C. S. Bernheimer, Miss Anna F. Davies, Rev. Dr. H. Berkowitz, Lee K. Frankel, Miss Rose Sommerfeld, Rev. D. Blaustein, Miss Schoenfeld, Miss Minnie L. Baldauf, and Miss Belle Maud Goldsmith.

Papers were presented as follows: on "The Jew in English Fiction," by Rabbi Harry Levi; on "American Jewish Poets," by Rabbi Joseph Leiser; and on "Romance of Modern Research," by Rev. Clifton Harby Levy.

The department of Religious School Work was conducted together with a School of Practice, by Miss Corinne Arnold. Papers were read by Charles G. Trumbull, on "The Ways of Working in a Sunday School"; by Miss Arnold, on "Practical Problems of the Religious School"; and by J. Cleveland Cady, on "Ideal Buildings for Religious Instruction." An Open Air Kindergarten, attended by twenty-five pupils, was conducted by Miss Addie Rosenberg, who gave several illustrative lessons.

The following were the speakers in the Popular Lecture Course: Rev. Dr. S. S. Wise, on "The American Mission to the Jews and the Jewish Mission in America"; Professor Leon H. Vincent, four lectures, on "Hawthorne," "Lowell," "Thackeray," and "George Eliot"; Wu Ting-Fang, on "Moses and Confucius;" Hon. Simon Wolf, on "The Jew in Public Life;" and Hon. Mayer Sulzberger, on "Tendencies."

The social features were: a reception to the Rev. Dr. H. Berkowitz, the Chancellor; a dinner to Wu Ting-Fang; and a musical and literary entertainment.

Divine services were held on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings and afternoons. Sermons were delivered by the following: Rabbi Harry Levi, Rabbi Joseph Stolz, Rabbi Marcus Salzman, Rabbi Joseph Leiser, Rev. Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, and Rabbi Joseph Silverman. Children's Services were held on Saturday afternoons, conducted by the Rev. Dr. H. Berkowitz, and sermonettes were delivered by him and Mrs. Jacob H. Hecht.

The final session was presided over by Mr. William B. Hackenburg. Reports were presented by the Director, Isaac Hassler, the Treasurer, Max Herzberg, and the Field Secretary, Mrs. Minnie D. Louis. The receipts for the year were $4392.36, including a balance of $225.66; and the disbursements, $3939.54, leaving a balance of $452.82 in the treasury. The Field Secretary reported the organization of 15 new Chautauqua Circles.

A number of resolutions were adopted, and the following officers, trustees, and members of the Educational Council elected:
Chancellor, Rev. Dr. H. Berkowitz, of Philadelphia, Pa.; President, Dr. Mark Blumenthal, of New York City; Treasurer, Louis Wolf, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Secretary and Director, Isaac Hassler, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Board of Trustees: Dr. Lee K. Frankel, of New York; William B. Hackenburg, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Charles Heidelberger, of Philadelphia; Leo N. Levi, of New York; Mrs. Fannie Muhr, of Philadelphia; Jacob H. Schiff, of New York; Dr. Lewis Steinbach, of Philadelphia; Benjamin F. Teller, of Philadelphia; Mrs. J. H. Hecht, of Boston, Hon. Simon Wolf, of Washington; William Gerstley, of Philadelphia; Jacob Gimbel, of Philadelphia; Max Herzberg, of Philadelphia; Leon Dalsimer, of Philadelphia; Milton Goldsmith, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Eli Strouse, of Baltimore; Adolph S. Ochs, of New York, and Benjamin F. Greenewald, of Philadelphia.

Educational Council: David Werner Amram, Dr. Charles S. Bernheimer, Rev. Julius H. Greenstone, Mrs. Isaac Gimbel, Mrs. Felix N. Gerson, Miss Corinne B. Arnold and Miss Ida Casseres, of Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. K. Kohler, Professor Richard Gottheil, Rev. Dr. Maurice H. Harris, Miss Rose Sommerfeld, Miss Julia Richman, and Dr. H. M. Leipziger, of New York; Rabbi Harry Levi, of Wheeling, W. Va., and Rev. Dr. Joseph Stolz, of Chicago.

THE JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ASSOCIATION *

On March 2, 1901, the association lost its President, the Honorable Joseph Blumenthal, who had been at its head since its organization, fifteen years ago. The Seventh Biennial Report contains, as an appendix, a paper on "Neo-Ilebraic Literature in America," by Bernard Drachman, Ph. D., Dean of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

THE MACCABEAN LEAGUE†

A convention was called by the Touro Cadets, of Providence, R. I., to meet at Newport, R. I., on July 28, 1901, for the purpose of promoting physical culture among the Jews. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Eugene Schreier, Chairman of the Convention Committee, and prayer was offered by Rev. B. Grad, of Providence. After committees were appointed, an address was made by Mr. Spidel, on "The Ghetto and Physical Culture."

At the evening meeting a permanent national organization was effected. The name of the organization is to be "The Maccabean League."

The following officers were elected: President, Eugene
Schreier, Newport, R. I.; Treasurer, Louis Goldberg, Bangor, Me.; Secretary, Samuel Mason, 202 Charles Street, Providence, R. I. The Executive Committee is to consist of the officers and seven additional members.

The next convention is to be held in Boston, Mass.

THE NATIONAL FARM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION *

The fourth annual meeting took place October 18, 1900, at the rooms of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, Philadelphia, Pa. The President in his report enumerated the following improvements on the farm: An additional schoolroom in the Zadok Eiser Memorial Laboratory; additional dormitory accommodations in the main building; fitting up of part of the old farm building as a residence for the dean and matron; a new laundry; a tower windmill for the stables; a new sample road to Doylestown, built at the expense of the United States Government. Besides a number of smaller gifts, there were reported a gift of $5000 from Mr. Leonard Lewisohn, of New York, and one of $10,000 from Mr. Max Schoenfeld, of Korsbach, Switzerland, the latter for the purchase of small farms. A government expert was sent by Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, to instruct the pupils in roadbuilding. The membership of the association is 858; the income, $15,378.25; the expenditures, $15,556.35; and the number of pupils, 28. The following were elected to fill the places of members of the Board of Directors, whose terms had expired: Ralph Blum (President), Herman Jonas (Vice-President), Adolph Eicholz, M. H. Lichten, and Sidney Aloe. Rev. Dr. Jos. Krauskopf was elected Honorary President.

The first graduation exercises of the school were held June 26, 1901. There were eight graduates.

ORDER BRITH ABRAHAM †

The biennial convention of the Order Brith Abraham was held in Chicago, March 3 to 6, 1901. There were present 350 delegates, representing 267 lodges. The Grand Master, Samuel Dorf, reported that in the two years elapsed since the previous convention, $277,527 had been paid out in benefits to widows and orphans. The following recommendations were made by the Grand Master, and adopted: The creation of a reserve fund; a stricter medical examination of candidates; contributions to various hospitals; and, in view of the requirements of certain States, the admission of women to membership and participation in the management of the Order. It was decided to insti-
tute lodges admitting both men and women on an equal footing of membership with regard both to duties and to privileges. The endowment tax for members was reduced from five to two cents per capita.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Grand Master, Samuel Dorf, New York City; First Deputy Grand Master, J. C. Bloch, Cleveland; Second Deputy Grand Master, Charles Bonus, Chicago; Third Deputy Grand Master, Emil Mandel, Indianapolis, Ind.; Grand Secretary, Leonard Leisersohn, New York City; Grand Treasurer, Samuel Wolf, New York City; Endowment Treasurer, A. J. Dworsky, New York City.

The next biennial convention will be held in Boston, Mass.

ORDER KESHER SHEL BARZEL†

District Grand Lodge No. 1 held its annual session at Philadelphia, February 24, 1901.

District Grand Lodge No. 4, held its annual session at Cincinnati, April 14, 1901. The endowment fund was reported to have a balance of $70,853.97, and the number of members in the Order to be 679. The expense of the Grand Lodge for two years was $1287.40. The Home for the Aged, at Cleveland, O., harbors 53 inmates, and its maintenance costs $12,000 annually.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Judge F. S. Spiegel, Cincinnati, O.; First Vice-President, M. Levy, Louisville, Ky.; Second Vice-President, Rev. Dr. M. Messing, Indianapolis, Ind.; Secretary, Marx Liebschütz, Cincinnati, O.; Treasurer, Isaac Russack, St. Louis, Mo.

ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA†

The Union of Orthodox Congregations held its first biennial session in New York City, December 30, 1900. Ninety-six congregations in the United States and Canada were represented, and the meeting was presided over by the Rev. Dr. H. P. Mendes.

The Committee on Presentation recommended that a permanent committee be appointed to make formal and public presentation of Jewish teaching, wherever any official action is taken or official declaration is made in opposition to the principles of Judaism.

The following resolutions were adopted: That the Committee on Presentation be made permanent, and should contain not less than five members; that a committee, to consist of the President, the Secretary, and one other member, be appointed to act whenever occasion requires; that a committee of propaganda be appointed; that a special committee be appointed to collect
unpaid dues; that as soon as funds are available, the reports of
the Union be published.

The resolution advocating an ecclesiastical council was laid
on the table.

The Rev. Hirsch Maslianski addressed the convention, and at
a public meeting held in the evening, the following spoke: Rev.
Dr. H. Pereira Mendes, Rev. Dr. Meldola de Sola, Rabbi Jacob
David Wilowsky, Rev. Henry S. Morais, Rev. Dr. B. Drachman,
Rev. Julius Greenstone, the Hon. Joseph Blumenthal, and Mr.
Rudolph I. Coffee.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev.
Dr. H. Pereira Mendes; Vice-Presidents, Rev. Dr. Meldola de
Sola, of Montreal; Dr. Aaron Friedenwald, of Baltimore; K.
Sarasohn, of New York; and Lewis N. Dembitz of Louisville,
Ky.; Secretaries, Israel Hershfield, Max Cohen, J. Buchhalter,
and Albert Lucas; Treasurer, Jacob Hecht, of New York.

Trustees: Rev. Dr. Philip Klein, Rev. Dr. Bernard Drachman,
Rev. Dr. S. Schaffer, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Dr. S. Solis Cohen, Rev.
Dr. H. W. Schneeberger, S. N. Roeder, Hon. Joseph Blumen-
thal,1 Rev. Henry S. Morais, Rev. Bernard Kaplan, Rev. Julius
Greenstone, Nathan Hutkoff, Rev. Philip Jaches, Harris Alt-
schuler, and A. E. Fein.

PROGRESSIVE ORDER OF THE WEST *

The Sixth Annual Convention was held in St. Louis, January
27, 1901. The following are the officers of the Order: Grand
Master, Bernard Frank, 758 S. Fourth, St. Louis, Mo.; First
Deputy Grand Master, Chas. Schwartzman; Second Deputy Grand
Master, Abe German; Grand Secretary, Gus. Cytron, 1109 Mor-
gan, St. Louis, Mo.; Endowment Secretary, Adolph Rosentreter,
3113 Olive, St. Louis, Mo.; Grand Treasurer, Hyman Elbert.

Capital on hand, $5798.47, in three funds: Endowment, Reserve,
and Relief. The membership is 557 male and 523 female mem-
bers; total, 1082.

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

The Seventeenth Council of the Union of American Hebrew
Congregations met in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 15, 1901, and
organized by the election of the following officers: President, B.
Bettmann; Vice-President, Louis Blitz; Secretary, Lipman Levy;
Assistant Secretary, Isaac C. Hirsch. The number of delegates
in attendance was larger than at any preceding Council. The
most important business transacted was the creation of the

1 Deceased.

The object of this committee is to gather a fund of half a million dollars for the purpose of endowing the Hebrew Union College in memory of its distinguished founder, the late Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise.

The Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights, and the Committee on Circuit Preaching made reports showing great activity in the way of discharging the duties confided to their care.

At the present time the Union numbers 102 affiliated congregations, with a membership of about 11,000. A number of changes were made in the governing bodies, and the executive board is now composed of the following: President, Julius Freiberg, Cincinnati, O.; Vice-President, Samuel Woolner, Peoria, Ill.; Treasurer, Louis Krohn, Cincinnati, O.; Secretary, Lipman Levy, Cincinnati, O.; Isaac W. Bernheim, Louisville, Ky.; Bernhard Bettmann, Cincinnati, O.; Josiah Cohen, Pittsburg, Pa.; Morris M. Cohn, Little Rock, Ark.; Solomon Fox, Cincinnati, O.; Louis Gans, New York City; Louis J. Goldman, Cincinnati, O.; William Goodheart, Cincinnati, O.; Samuel B. Hamburger, New York City; Henry N. Hart, Chicago, Ill.; Samuel Heavenrich, Detroit, Mich.; Lewis Heinsheimer, Cincinnati, O.; Albert F. Hochstader, New York City; Moritz Loth, Cincinnati, O.; Baruch Mahler, Cleveland, O.; Elias Michaels, St. Louis, Mo.; Morris Newburger, Philadelphia, Pa.; Abraham Oppenheimer, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jacob Ottenheimer, Cincinnati, O.; Jacob H. Schiff, New York City; Morley A. Stern, Rochester, N. Y.; Julius Straus, Richmond, Va.; Isaac Strouse, Baltimore, Md.; Benjamin F. Teller, Philadelphia, Pa.; Benjamin M. Weil, Milwaukee, Wis.; Julius Weis, New Orleans, La.; Emanuel Wertheimer, Pittsburg, Pa.

The income of the Union during the past year was $38,673.83. (The 27th annual report, published January, 1901, contains full details.)
HEBREW UNION COLLEGE
Cincinnati, O.

During the year 1900-1901, the number of registered students was 64, divided into four classes of the Preparatory, and four classes of the Collegiate Department. The faculty consists of five professors and four instructors. At the head stands Professor M. Mielziner, Ph. D., D. D. The subjects of instruction are: Hebrew grammar; Bible, and its commentaries of ancient and modern times; Talmud; rabbinical codes and Midrash; Jewish history and literature; liturgics; Jewish philosophy; ethics; pedagogics and homiletics; Syriac and Arabic.

Special lectures: The Rev. Dr. Emil G. Hirsh, of Chicago, delivered a series of lectures on "The Fundamental Concepts of Jewish Theology."

The annual public examination took place from June 9 to 14, before the appointed examiners—Rev. Dr. Henry Berkowitz, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Dr. L. Mayer, of Pittsburg, Pa. On June 15, the graduation and ordination of the ten senior students took place. The degree of Rabbi was conferred by the acting President on the following: David Alexander, Moise Bergman, Joseph Blatt, Henry Englander, Morris Feuerlicht, Solomon C. Lowenstein, Elias Margolis, Martin A. Meyer, Alfred G. Moses, Leon Volmer. Most of these graduates have accepted positions as Rabbi in different parts of the country. Rabbi Martin A. Meyer, who lately won the Fellowship of the American School of Oriental Study and Research, is going to Palestine to continue his Oriental studies.

The College Library, consisting of about fifteen thousand (15,000) volumes, has, during the last year, been increased by valuable works, partly through purchase, partly through liberal donations.