

Extracts from the Daily Press.

Evening Telegram.

His labors for the dignity of Judaism in the United States were severe and unintermittent, and his are now models of piety and patriotic love for the American country. No clergyman ever was more in earnest to be right and to proceed safely and understandingly than the late Dr. Isaacs, and though his mortal remains are now shrouded for the tomb, he leaves for his numerous friends a worthy example of a noble, charitable and patriotic life.

Herald.

His advice was sought for by prominent Hebrews in all parts of the country. He was one of the founders of the Mount Sinai Hospital. He was always ready when called upon to sit in public matters. He has lectured before Yale College and other institutions. Mr. Isaacs was always beloved and respected for his consistency. There was never a blemish upon his character. He was very charitable and always ready to befriend a stranger. He was very firm in his adherence to the ritual and orthodox teachings, a position from which he never swerved. This gained him the respect of the community, and of Jews of all branches.

Sun.

Dr. Isaacs occupied a unique position when he arrived in America. He was the only English speaking Jewish preacher in New York, the other rabbis preaching only in German or Hebrew, and throngs of Christians went to hear him. All who heard him liked him, and this popularity with members of the antagonistic creed increased with the passing years. Although a Jew of the old school, Dr. Isaacs all his life was on terms of friend ship and good will with Christians of all denominations. Roman Catholic priests, as well as clergymen of the evangelical sects, were on his list of friends and correspondents, and he was ever ready to unite in a deed of charity with Gentile as well as Jew. His last coherent words, spoken on Wednesday, were: "I have done my duty."

World.

Rev. Mr. Isaacs was universally esteemed by the American Jews for his honesty, his benevolence and his ability. His services were in constant demand throughout the country, and during his forty years of labor he consecrated thirty-eight synagogues in different parts of the Union, including the first one ever built in the State of Illinois. He has been well called "the father of Jewish orphans" in America, for in him every needy Jew found a friend. Many of the wealthy Israelites of New York intrusted their aims to him for distribution, and few poor foreigners ever came to New York without going to him for assistance. He was always glad to be of service to a brother Israelite, for he put in constant practice the old Hebrew saying, "All Jews are brethren." Mr. Isaacs, during his long and busy life, did perhaps more than any other one man in New York to make the name of a Jew respected, and to reflect credit upon the Jewish synagogue and the Jewish ministry.

Washington Post.

To-day there will be buried in New York City the oldest Jewish clergyman in the United States—the Rev. Samuel M. Isaacs, he having begun his ministrations over thirty seven years ago in what was then known as the Elm street synagogue, one of the largest, as well as the wealthiest congregations in that city. Up to the time Mr. Isaacs accepted this call the service of the synagogues in this country, with the exception of one in Philadelphia, of which the late Rev. Isaac Leeser was the pastor, was conducted in the Hebrew language, but Mr. Isaacs saw the need of sermons in the vernacular, and forthwith may be said to have created a pulpit which has found many followers, but few, if any, superiors.—Until within a few years past he delivered sermons with his accustomed regularity and earnestness, but, having passed the period of time allotted to man on earth, his physical powers succumbed, although his mental faculties remained unabated. Mr. Isaacs was an intimate friend of the octogenarian English philanthropist, Sir Moses Montefiore, with whom he corresponded continually, and was also one of the founders of the Mount Sinai Hospital of New York, probably the largest Jewish hospital in the world.—"Well done, good and faithful servant."

PERSONAL.—Mrs. S. M. Isaac and family take this method of gratefully acknowledging the thoughtful kindness of friends extended to them in their affliction.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT AND CONDOLENCE.

Forty-Fourth Street Synagogue.

A MEETING of the members of the Congregation "Shaaray Tefila" was held on Monday evening. President, B. L. Hart, in the chair, to take suitable action in regard to the demise of the Senior Minister of the Congregation, the Rev. Samuel M. Isaac. A committee of seven, consisting of Meers, Morrison, Benjamin, Vogel, Dryer, Levenson, Friedlander and Holtzman, was appointed to draft and prepare appropriate preamble and resolutions, to be presented to another meeting of the members, to be held on Monday evening next.—After making arrangements for the funeral ceremonies, the meeting adjourned. The Trustees were indefatigable in carrying out the details of the funeral, and kindly and considerately regarded the wishes of the family in securing old time simplicity and impressiveness.

Temple Emanu-El.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at their rooms on May 20th, 1878, Vice-President A. Limburger, in the chair, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, The decease of the Rev. S. M. Isaac, of this city, is publicly announced as having occurred on Sunday evening last, and

WHEREAS, It is fit and proper that this Board should give expression to its feelings and sentiments on so sad and momentous an occasion, and unite in bearing tribute to the memory and worth of the deceased, therefore be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of an all wise Providence, in removing from our midst full of honor and years, the Rev. Samuel M. Isaac, we take this occasion to pay a tribute to the sterling character of the deceased, which has won admiration, and especially recognize the purity of his life, the earnestness and consistency of his religious zeal, and his untiring and unremitting industry in the pursuit of his holy calling.

Resolved, That this Board deeply sympathize with the bereaved family, relatives and friends of the deceased, in the irreparable loss of an affectionate husband, devoted parent, kind relative, and faithful friend.

Resolved, That this Board will attend the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be published in the JEWISH MESSENGER, and Reformer and Jewish Times, and a copy, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

By order of the Board of Trustees,
MYER STEEN, Sec'y.

North American Relief Society.

At a meeting of the North American Relief Society, held May 20th, at No. 55 West Forty-sixth street, Samuel Cohen, Esq., President, in the chair, it was unanimously

Resolved, That,

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, the doer of all good, and who doeth all things well, to take from our midst, in the prime of his usefulness, our beloved friend and worthy associate, the Rev. S. M. Isaac, our late lamented and reverend ex-Treasurer; it is

Resolved, That, in order to show our great respect and esteem to his sacred memory, suitable resolutions be prepared and presented to his bereaved widow and children. It is also

Resolved, That we attend his funeral in a body, and, furthermore, that a badge of mourning be worn by the members for thirty days.

TOKEN OF SYMPATHY.

At a meeting of the Directors of this Society, held May 20th, 1878, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, It has been the will of an all wise Providence to remove from our midst, in the prime of his usefulness, one of the landmarks of Israel, our late Treasurer, our revered and deeply lamented brother and friend, the Rev. S. M. Isaac, and

WHEREAS, The death of our associate has caused a vacancy in our midst which can never be more efficiently replaced; caused an irreparable void in his home, where peace, cheerfulness, happiness, and religion, in the true sense of the word, reigned.

Resolved, That in the death, of our reverend friend and brother this Society has been deprived of an attentive, zealous, and useful member, whose aim was the advancement of the usefulness of our association. His loss to the "North American Relief Society" (of which he was the honored Treasurer) will be most severely felt, for his untiring efforts in the cause of charity, that appealed to the feelings of humanity, unrestricted to the members of his religion. In the community he has left a vacancy difficult to be filled. Our religion has lost one of its brightest luminaries. His bereaved widow is deprived of an affectionate and dutiful husband, and his sorrowing children one of the best of fathers.

Resolved, That the Directors of this Society deeply sympathize with the sorrow stricken widow, orphan children, and with those who were endeared to him by the dearest and nearest ties, and supplicate our heavenly Father to console the mourners, and heal their wounded hearts.

Resolved, That we attend his funeral in a body, and that a badge of mourning be worn by the members of the Society for the next thirty days.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Society, an engrossed copy thereof be transmitted to the bereaved widow and children, and that the said resolutions be inserted in the JEWISH MESSENGER.

SAMUEL COHEN, President.
ISRAEL JOSEPH, Sec'y, pro tem.

Young Men's Hebrew Association.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. H. A. of the City of New York, held at their rooms, 110 West Forty second street, on Monday evening, May 20th, 1878, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst, after a long and unblemished career of usefulness, the Rev. Samuel M. Isaacs, late minister of the Cong. Shaaray Tefila, of this city, and one of our members; therefore be it

Resolved, That we sincerely deplore the loss which the cause of Judaism has sustained by the death of one who, in his lifetime, was ever its most faithful champion, and who, by a career as pure as it was devoted, to the religious advancement and moral culture of his fellow-man, will ever be cherished in the memory of his coreligionists.

Resolved, That, by his death, the Jewish community has been deprived of a sterling and upright exemplar of Jewish virtue, his family of an affectionate husband and parent, the poor of an ever ready dispenser of charity, and this Association of a valued advisor, member, and friend.

Resolved, That, as a mark of respect, and as a tribute to the many virtues of the deceased, the Board attend his funeral in a body; that his portrait, in the library of this Association, be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and a copy, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the bereaved family. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Jewish press.

M. S. WISE
S. GREENBAUM } Committees.
J. DAVIS

D. P. HAYS, Vice-President.
MITCHELL HERSEFIELD, Secretary.

Board of Delegates of American Israelites.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites convened in special meeting, having been informed of the demise of the Rev. S. M. Isaacs, one of the founders of the Board of Delegates, and for many years one of its most zealous and efficient members, do hereby

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the loss which this Board and the Jewish community at large sustain in the removal from our midst of one of our oldest, warmest and most devoted co-laborers in the cause of Judaism, a man whose heart was always open to the sufferings and misfortunes of his brethren, no matter where they dwelt; a man whose largest portion of his life was devoted to the welfare of Israel and Israel's religion.

Resolved, That his death leaves a void not easily filled, and hereby giving public expression to our sorrow, in signifying our regard for the deceased by attending the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be entered on our minutes, a copy thereof forwarded to the family of the deceased, and for publication in the press.

By order of the Board,

SOL. WALL, Sec'y.

New York, May 20th, 1878.

Shaaray Tefila Congregation of Boston.

Mrs. S. M. Isaacs,
Dear Madam:

At a special meeting held of the above congregation, deeply deplored the death of your lamented husband, the Rev. S. M. Isaacs, it was

Resolved, That we testify in our humility to your great and serious loss, and the irreparable loss to all congregations in the United States.

Whereas, In His infinite mercy it has pleased the Creator of the Universe to call from his sphere of usefulness our worthy friend, rabbi, and teacher in Israel. While we deeply deplore the loss of so good and faithful an Israelite, whose zeal and energy it always was to promote the good and welfare of his and other congregations, and Judaism at large, we, the members of Congregation

"Shaaray Tefila" humbly bow our heads in submission to the will of Him who giveth and to Him who taketh away וְיַעֲשֵׂה יְהִי רְצָוָה לְךָ בְּרוּךְ הוּא יְהָוָה.

The great circulation of his excellent advice for twenty one years in the JEWISH MESSENGER must be held in grateful and sacred memory by all orthodox Jews all over the world. He has proved an affectionate husband and a beloved father to his worthy and respected children, and we humbly pray to God to give them comfort in their hour of sorrow and affliction. It is further

Resolved, That these resolutions of condolence be published in the JEWISH MESSENGER.

With sincere sympathy, dear lady, we are,
Yours, on behalf of the Congregation,

Most Respectfully,

JACOB MYERS, President.

ALFRED A. MARCUS, Vice President.

JACOB GOTTLIEB,

ABM GREENWOOD,

ABM LEVY,

SOL MON ASCHER,

JACOB HELLER,

Trustees.

M. J. MOSS, Recording Secretary.

YAR 18TH, 1878.

Nineteenth Street Synagogue.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Congregation "Shearith Israel," convened in consequence of the death of the Rev. Samuel M. Isaacs, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, in the death of the Rev. Samuel M. Isaacs, for many years the minister of the Congregation "Shanagray Tefila," a respected and faithful minister, distinguished for learning, piety, and good deeds, has been removed from the sphere of his earthly labors; be it

Resolved, That this Board bears testimony to the eminent qualities of goodness and usefulness which have distinguished the lamented deceased in a long and honorable career.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the officers, trustees and members of the Cong. "Shanagray Tefila," in their bereavement, and to the widow and family of the deceased, and that copies of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted to them and published in the JEWISH MESSENGER.

[Extract from the minutes]

ISAAC PHILLIPS, Clerk.

Employees of the "Jewish Messenger."

At a meeting of the employees of the JEWISH MESSENGER, held this day, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, We have learned with profound sorrow and sincere regret of the decease of our respected Senior Editor, whose fatherly and courteous greetings have saluted us in his visits to this office, whenever his health permitted. And

WHEREAS, We were but little prepared for the sad tidings, the reverend gentleman having contributed to this journal on the third of May last; therefore, be it

Resolved, That, in the demise of the Rev. S. M. Isaacs, we mourn the loss of a true "Father in Israel," with whom some of our number have been associated for over twelve years; a gentleman for whom we have always entertained the most profound respect; a conscientious and upright minister, and a scholarly and able editor.

Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved family our condolence in their hour of affliction, and trust that the Almighty will console them in this, their severest trial.

Resolved, That these resolutions be inserted in the columns of the JEWISH MESSENGER, and a copy thereof sent to the bereaved family.

JOHN J. DAVIS, Chairman.

DAVID LAZARUS,

JACOB BACHRACHIMER,

GEORGE COHEN,

CHARLES F. DUROCK,

SIMON LEVY,

LOUIS COHEN,

JOHN DOMINICK.

New York, May 21st, '78.

Board of Delegates of American Israelites.

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Resolved, That we deeply deplore the loss which this Board and the Jewish community at large sustain in the removal from our midst of one of our oldest, warmest and most devoted co-laborers in the cause of Judaism, a man whose heart was always open to the sufferings and misfortunes of his brethren, no matter where they dwelt; a man whose largest portion of his life was devoted to the welfare of Israel and Israel's religion.

Resolved, That his death leaves a void not easily filled, and hereby giving public expression to our sorrow, in signifying our regard for the deceased by attending the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be entered on our minutes, a copy thereof forwarded to the family of the deceased, and for publication in the press.

By order of the Board,

SOL WALL, Sec'y.

New York, May 20th, 1878.

Hebrew Free School Association.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hebrew Free School Association held May 21st, it was unanimously resolved that this Society has learned with profound sorrow that it has pleased the Lord of Life and Death to call from out of this world Rev. S. M. Isaacs.

Resolved, That this Association deeply mourns the public bereavement that has befallen all Israel in the death of one whose long and laborious life was so nobly devoted to the service of God, the welfare of Judaism, to humanity, and universal benevolence.

Resolved, That this Association feels the loss a personal one, in recognition of his deep interest in the cause of Hebrew education, and his earnest, constant and influential labors in its behalf.

Resolved, That we give public expression to our sorrow, by attending the funeral in a body, with our teachers and children, and that these resolutions be entered on our minutes and a copy thereof be sent to the afflicted family, and forwarded to the Jewish press for publication.

A. GETTINGER,

HEZKIAH KOHN,

U. HERMANN,

SAMUEL SOLOMONS.

Committee.

Mutual Benefit and Burial Society.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mutual Benefit and Burial Society of the Congregation Gates of Prayer, held May 2nd, 1878, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, Our ever merciful God, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from our midst the Rev. S. M. Isaacs, the much respected and highly esteemed Treasurer of our society, one whose advice and council we often sought and gratefully accepted, and whose loss we deeply mourn, therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of this Board attend the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the bereaved widow and members of his family, and tender them our hearty condolence, our devout prayer that He, the divine protector of the widow, and father of orphans, may pour into their aching hearts the balm of heavenly consolation.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, an engrossed copy thereof be presented to the family of the deceased, and published in the Jewish press of this city, also.

Resolved, That his chair be draped in mourning for thirty days.

HENRY DAVIDSON, President.