

In Memoriam.

Mayer Lehman.

Born in Bavaria,
January 9, 1830.

Died in New York,
June 21, 1897.



Magnus Lehman

In Memory of Mayer Lehman.

A noble, manly, wide-beloved man!
He was not born unto a home of wealth,
Nor was he blest with opportunity
To train his mind by much of what the schools
Could teach. He came from sturdy, simple folk,
Who gave as heritage sound health, sound brain
And all the virtue of an honest name.
At time of life when other youths still lean
Upon their father's arm, or pleasure's voice
Pursue, he came across the mighty deep
To win his fortune in a country strange.
Two elder brothers bade him welcome here.
The one, alas! soon closed his eyes in sleep
That never ends. The other brother walked
With him in tread and step so evenly
That half a century passed before their march
Was broken and disturbed by cruel death.
He spurned all arts of trickery and deceit.
His word was seal enough. He did not build
His fortune on the ruin of other men.
With prudent care and self-denying life
He slowly added to his well-earned wealth.
Nor did his wealth beget false pride or stir
The promptings of a vain conceit. He was
Unto the very last a man of rare
And simplest modesty. His duty as
He saw it he did with earnest will and
Ever-faithful zeal. Yet spite of duty's
Numerous calls and life's engrossing cares,
A smile was ever born within his heart
That cast its sunny beams on all who came
Within the circle of his sunlit life.
A noble, manly, wide-beloved man!
We say that he is dead; but he will live,
And live in loving memory's treasured life
And in the countless, stricken, sorrowing hearts
His kindness and his goodness have enriched.

LOUIS R. EHRLICH.

Mayer Lehman.

The New York Evening Post, June 22d, 1897.

Mayer Lehman, a prominent cotton merchant and senior member of the firm of Lehman Bros., died at his home, No. 5 East Sixty-second street, yesterday afternoon, after an illness of but four days. His death was the result of an operation performed on him Sunday for gangrene.

Mr. Lehman's death was a severe blow to the cotton trade especially, as he had been one of the most active and energetic merchants here since the close of the war, and was one of the charter members of the Cotton Exchange. He was a self-made man, and was noted for the great wealth he made from his own energies and shrewdness in business, and also for his integrity and charity. Mr. Lehman was born at Rimpar, near Wurzburg, in Bavaria, on January 9, 1830. He came to this country at the age of twenty-three to seek his fortune with his brothers Henry and Emanuel. They knew little of the English language, and his financial resources were very small, but still sufficient to take him to Montgomery, Ala., where he started in business, and later opened a general supply store and formed the firm of Lehman Bros. He remained with his brothers one year, and then went into business for himself at the outbreak of the war. In 1863 he again joined his brothers in business, which then consisted largely of dealing in cotton and general supplies. This business prospered as a result of their far-sightedness, and of their transactions in cotton during the war, the price of which advanced from 10 cents per pound in 1860 to \$1.20 per pound in 1865 in this market, and they amassed a fortune. In 1864 Mr. Lehman was appointed a commissioner by the Governor of Alabama to visit Confederate soldiers confined in Northern prisons, but this was the only office he held. After the close of the war Mr. Lehman came to New York, and in 1867 formed the firm of Lehman Brothers with his brother Emanuel; he has lived here ever since.

He joined the little organization then in existence, known as the Cotton Brokers' Association, which consisted of about fifteen or twenty members. Their dealings soon became extensive, and Mr. Lehman, together with other merchants, helped to organize the New York Cotton Exchange, which was accomplished by the passage of an act of incorporation in the State Legisla-

ture on April 8, 1871. Mr. Lehman was one of the charter members, and he was elected one of the first members of the board of managers of the Exchange, and served in that capacity, except in 1874 and 1875, until 1884. As a trader Mr. Lehman had few, if any, equals on the Exchange. He had a very retentive memory and seldom, if ever, made any record of his large and numerous transactions. At the end of the day, however, he could recall every one, and his trades were never questioned, so high a reputation had he for fairness and integrity.

He was one of the most energetic members of the Exchange, and took an active part in its affairs, serving up to within the last ten years on the more important committees. He was not much of an orator, but was always ready to speak whenever an occasion developed, and his views were always sound; and having amassed a fortune of millions, he was much sought after to serve as a member of the boards of directors of banks, railroads and other corporations. He was also a member of the Harmonie Club and a number of charitable organizations. Aside from his active local interests, he was identified largely with railroad, mining and industrial enterprises, and was one of twenty men who established the first iron furnace in the South. His wife was a Miss Babette Newgass, of New Orleans, who survives him. The funeral services will be held on Thursday morning about ten o'clock at the Temple Emanu-El.

Mayer Lehman.

The New York Staats Zeitung, June 22d, 1897.

Im Alter von 67 Jahren starb in seiner Wohnung, No. 5 Ost 62 Str., nach sehr kurzer Krankheit Herr Mayer Lehman, Mitglied der Firma Lehman Bros., No. 22 William Str., nachdem er vor einigen Tagen operirt worden war. Der Verstorbene war bei Würzburg geboren und kam als junger Mann mit seinen beiden Brüdern Emanuel und Henry nach den Vereinigten Staaten. Die Brüder liessen sich in Montgomery, Ala., nieder, und Mayer Lehman etablierte ein eigenes Geschäft. Im Jahre 1863 vereinigten sich die Brüder unter einem Firmanamen und im Jahre darauf wurde Mayer Lehman von dem Gouverneur von Alabama mit der Mission betraut, die konföderirten Gefangenen in den nördlichen Gefängnissen zu besuchen. 1867 liess sich Herr Lehman in New York nieder und betheiligte sich an Eisenbahn-Unternehmungen, Bergbau und anderen Industrien. Er gehörte der „Harmonie“ an und interessirte sich sehr für das Mount Sinai Hospital, dem er grosse Summen spendete. Er war ein Direktor der Hamilton Bank und der N. R. Fairbank Co. Er wird von seiner Frau Babetta, geb. Newgass, und sieben Kindern, vier Söhnen und drei Töchtern, den Frauen Hattie Goodhart, S. Fatman und Clara Limburger, überlebt und hinterlässt ein sehr bedeutendes Vermögen.

Mayer Lehman, welcher in hiesigen Börsenkreisen als der „Baumwollkönig“ bekannt war, trat, als sich seiner Zeit die aus 15 bis 20 Mitgliedern bestehende unter dem Namen „Cotton Brokers' Association“ bekannte Organisation bildete, derselben bei. Die Transaktionen dieses Concerns nahmen bald einen so grossen Umfang an, dass Lehman zusammen mit anderen Geschäftsleuten die hiesige Baumwoll-Börse begründete, welche am 8. April 1871 von der Staats-Legislatur inkorporirt wurde. Herr Lehman war eines der Charter-Mitglieder und auch eines der ersten Mitglieder des Direktoriums der Börse, welches, Amt er mit Ausnahme der Jahre 1874 und 1875 bis zum Jahre 1884 bekleidete.

Als Geschäftsmann hatte der Verstorbene kaum seines Gleichen. Er erfreute sich eines ausgezeichneten Gedächtnisses und machte sich nur sehr selten schriftliche Notizen über seine grossen und zahlreichen Transak-

tionen. Wenn der Tag zu Ende, hatte er jedes abgeschlossene Geschäft im Gedächtniss und sein Ruf als ehrenwerther und zuverlässiger Geschäftsmann war ein so unbestrittener, dass er niemals die geringste Differenz mit den Leuten, mit welchen er Geschäfte machte, hatte. Er war eines der energischsten Mitglieder der Börse und diente bis vor etwa zehn Jahren an den wichtigsten Committees derselben. Obwohl er kein grosser Redner war, konnte er, wenn es die Gelegenheit erforderte, doch sehr gut seine Ansichten, welche stets durchaus gesunde waren, vertreten. Da Herr Lehmann vielfacher Millionär war, so war er als Mitglied der Verwaltungsräthe von Banken, Eisenbahnen und anderen Corporationen sehr gesucht.

Heute wird eine Special-Versammlung der Mitglieder der Baumwoll-Börse stattfinden, um Beschlüsse anlässlich des Ablebens des Herrn Mayer Lehmann zu fassen.

Die Beerdigung findet am Donnerstag Vormittag vom Tempel Emanuel aus nach dem Friedhof in Cypress Hill statt.

Mayer Lehman Buried.

Services in Temple Emanu-El for the Dead Philanthropist — The Cotton Exchange Closed.

The New York Times, June 25th, 1897.

Funeral services for Mayer Lehman, who died Monday, were held yesterday morning at Temple Emanu-El, Forty-third street and Third avenue, the Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil officiating. Shortly before the time appointed for the public services, Dr. Gottheil held a special service at the family home, 5 East Sixty-second street.

After music had been rendered by the full choir, Dr. Gottheil delivered a eulogy upon the life and achievements of Mr. Lehman, choosing for his text the verse, "As the whirlwind passeth by the wicked, but the righteous are the foundation of the world."

"Our brother here," said Dr. Gottheil, "easily saw that the righteous are the foundation of the world, for he and his brothers by the work of their hands and by using their natural abilities with economy and foresight, and especially with justice, secured the fortune which they deserved. The crown of a good name shineth forth from this casket. 'Tis a heritage of which his sorrowing relative and friends may well be proud. Let those friends who knew his life learn from it that the righteous are the foundation of the world.

"Righteousness in the original denotes charity, so that benevolence was an attribute of the righteous man. Our brother practiced this in the fullest and most disinterested sense. How many hearts he has made glad! How many sufferers send their mute appeal to God for him to-day! He toiled and labored in the field of charity with all the zeal that he did elsewhere. He was also a pious man. He leaned on his people's God and on his God's people. His death leaves a painful void which can never be filled."

Prayer was then offered, and the casket was carried out, the twenty pall-bearers preceding it and standing with uncovered heads as it was placed in the hearse. The casket, as well as the altar, was covered with flowers.

Among the floral pieces were wreaths from the Cotton Exchange, Mount Sinai Hospital and the Whitney National Bank of New Orleans.

The Temple was crowded with the many friends and relatives of the Lehman family. Delegations were present from the Cotton Exchange and other institutions with which Mr. Lehman was connected. The Cotton Exchange closed at 10 A. M. as a mark of respect to his memory.

The pallbearers included Siegfried Gruner, D. G. Watts, M. B. Fielding, B. R. Smith, Jacob H. Schiff, Henry Rice, A. Goodhart, Kalman Haas, Isaac Wallach, Isaac Stern, Edward Lauterbach and Nathaniel Myers.

The burial was in the cemetery at Cypress Hills. There were simple services at the grave. Five carriage loads of flowers and more than a score of carriages filled with mourners accompanied the body to its last resting place.

Sermon Delivered by the Rev. Dr. G. Gottbeil, at Temple Emanu-El, Thursday, June 24, 1897.

One of those winged words with which the Bible abounds and which have enriched mankind, is the brief sentence from the Book of Proverbs: "The just man is a pillar of the world."

It sprang from the deep consciousness of the Hebrew mind, that all social order rests upon the rectitude of the individual citizen. No amount of force of political shrewdness can secure it. Without faith in the eternal validity of righteousness as the will of God, no permanent and secure relationship between men can be established. So clearly convinced of this truth were our forefathers that the word "Isaddik," meaning "the just man," gradually became the designation for the ideal Israelite in all his obligations to God and man.

I hesitate not to apply this epithet to the brother whose earthly form lies in this coffin; for it needs not many words to show that he deserved it and that he proved himself a supporter of all that is best and most blessed in commercial, religious and domestic life.

When yet comparatively young, he arrived in this country and began his career as a merchant in a small way, small but honorable from the beginning. In his brother he found a companion of like spirit and temper. It is a long and most successful career that they can look back upon; they may challenge the scrutiny of the world whether they have ever deviated from the path they chose at the outset. The road was not always smooth; storms passed over it. Our country was thrown into a crisis so perilous that many feared and predicted that she would never rise again to her former strength. At other times, commercial upheavals occurred which shook many houses thought to be immovable.

Through all these varying fortunes Lehman Brothers stood firm and were counted amongst those through whom confidence was restored and prosperity recalled.

But at all times the special branch of trade in which the house is engaged is beset with temptations which prove irresistible to large numbers and cause many feet to stumble. Reckless speculation seems to open many short roads to great riches, but it was powerless to lure this man from the path of safety; hard work, moderate expenditure, slow building up, stone by stone, and the zealous guardianship of name and standing, kept him safe from all allurements—and the result?

The unbounded confidence of his fellow-merchants, the bestowal of posi-

tions of trust, and the genuine sorrow everywhere felt and expressed at the loss of one, who was so strong a pillar of the world in which he moved.

Religiously he showed the same simple firmness of character. The ground on which he had grown and where faith in higher things had been planted into his soul, there he would remain. Amongst, and with his fellow Jews he would live and die, and cast his lot in with theirs. Unlike so many under similar conditions, that turn their backs on the faith of their fathers the moment they quit the paternal roof, he clung to it, through good report and evil, yet without bigotry or blind adhesion to old forms. The faith that stood him in good stead when he struggled upwards should still have his loyal devotion when he had reached a height of prosperity he dared not even dream of at the beginning. Wherever he could, he took his share in the building up of this congregation; and when he withdrew from the administration, it was to devote more time and labor to another Jewish Temple, the Temple where the sick and suffering are tenderly cared for. Wherever he did join ranks, it was to strengthen by his unassuming manners, the gentleness of his bearing and the peacefulness of his ways and the readiness to be helpful to the fullest extent of his power.

And as to his home life, his character as husband, father, brother—how much could I say did I not fear to touch upon grounds where even the words of praise cannot fail to cause increased pain. And why dilate upon this? All know what love and sweetness reign in the house whose beloved and revered head he was! And since the home is recognized as the primal safeguard of a country's welfare—has there not been once more proved in this good man's life the truth of the Scripture word: "The just man is a pillar of the world."

So his earthly career has been closed. We shall not see his kind, benevolent face here any more. Profound as is our regret, we cannot let him pass away without rendering thanks to a benign Heaven, who has been so merciful to him. He was spared any great trial such as test the strength of so many others.

His children can rise up in the gates and call him happy; their love surrounds her, from whom to part was the only bitterness of his death, with every comfort that affection and devotion can bring to her.

What parting word shall we say to one who never knew an enemy, because he was a friend to all good people? This, I think, would please him best:

"May the generation of the just man be blessed as he himself was."

Minutes of the Meeting held on the New York Cotton Exchange on Wednesday, June 23, 1897.

Mr. Edward R. Powers, in calling the meeting to order, stated that it was held to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mayer Lehman, and that the first business in order was the selection of a Chairman and Secretary.

Upon motion, Mr. M. B. Fielding was elected Chairman and Mr. Thomas M. Robinson, Secretary.

Upon taking the Chair, Mr. Fielding said:

Gentlemen, Fellow Members of the New York Cotton Exchange—I gratefully accept the honor conferred upon me, and yet my heart is so charged with sorrow upon the occasion of this memorial that I feel keenly my inability to express either your feelings or my own. Mr. Mayer Lehman, to do honor to whose memory this meeting is assembled to-day, was known to you all as one of the oldest and most respected members of this organization, indeed, as one of the Old Guard, of whom, unhappily, there are but too few left. His activity in the organization was coincident with his life, and he never wearied in its service. As a man, merchant and citizen the qualities of his character would bear comparison, in my judgment, with the best in the land. Large-hearted, generous, charitable to a degree much beyond most men, no one ever made an appeal to him where the object was worthy and went away empty handed. As husband, father, brother and kinsman he was of the most loyal character of any man I have ever known; a man of the deepest, most touching and loving nature. I would, however, like chiefly to dwell upon the relation he bore to me as a friend, covering, as it did, a period of more than twenty-seven years, and during all that period we had no other thought than those prompted by the kindest feelings. How little we appreciate the value of such friendship as his can only be known when the time comes that we have to part with its object forever. He was an honorable man, and nobody ever lived, in my judgment, who could be more relied upon in friendship than Mayer Lehman. These, then, were the virtues of his character, and, whatever his defects, they were easily covered by the broad mantle of charity.

No farther seek his merits to disclose,
Or draw his frailties from their dread abode,
(There they alike in trembling hope repose)
The bosom of his Father and his God.

At the request of the President I have drawn some resolutions which I will ask the Secretary to read.

The Secretary read the resolutions, as follows:

WHEREAS, Through the dispensation of Almighty God, and in fulfillment of the common lot of all, Death has severed again a most valued relation of our membership, and removed from the scene of his action our esteemed friend and honored associate, Mr. Mayer Lehman, and

WHEREAS, The qualities of his character were of such high standard that he was known of men as one whose walk in life was reflective of the highest type of manhood;

RESOLVED, That the members of the New York Cotton Exchange have parted with one who was the embodiment of the best attributes of a man and merchant, and whose extended connection with various business enterprises and charitable institutions gave evidence alike of his business sagacity and wisdom as a counsellor, which qualities were most conspicuously displayed in the interest of our organization; added to which his genial spirit and loving nature endeared him to all with whom he bore relation;

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be recorded and a copy tendered to the family of our lamented friend with our heartfelt sympathies and assurance that his memory will be cherished with the sincere regard that springs from profound respect for its object.

Mr. Walter T. Miller, in seconding the resolutions, said:

Mr. Chairman—On an occasion of this kind, and on this occasion particularly, emotion is choked. I am happy to say that the remarks which you have offered were expressions of my own feelings concerning Mayer Lehman. The peculiar constitution of mind and affections of heart of Mayer Lehman were unusual. I think I can say that I met him in the affairs of the Exchange—and of these I would rather speak just now because I had a great deal to do with him at various times—early in its history, and also,

I may say, late in its history. This peculiar constitution of mind, sir, was this, that he could with ease and facility consider the feelings and emotions of other people and give due consideration to them. Kindness marked every one of these relations in the various committees and Boards of Management, and the thoughts which he would express were very frequently like this: "Yes, sir, what you say is true, but—" This thought and these sentiments and these affectionate remarks entered into his life, into his business. What was his right he rarely pressed; what was his right he rarely demanded. In consideration of the infirmities of others, their losses and crosses, he always took what we might call the charitable view. He tried, I think, to put himself in the place of other men when they were in trouble. He ameliorated their condition. A man gives money out of his abundance to charity, to religion, to public works; but there are sentiments underlying these things that inspire the action. Mr. Lehman had these sentiments. I might, if time were permitted, if it were right, take individual cases, call up matters in which we were associated, and in which I had the pleasure and the honor of being also associated with our present presiding officer, who, I am sure, can personally bear out my testimony. I think that the younger members of the Exchange should take notice of these characteristics and weave them into the texture of their own personal actions. His charitable acts, his many contributions, are well known, and more particularly of late years since he has had time and opportunity to extend them. I am sure that no one here felt or feels more sadly at the departure of Mr. Lehman, nor can anyone express more positively the regard which they have for him than I had.

The resolutions were then put to the meeting and adopted unanimously.

Mr. P. A. Fachiri.—Besides the adoption of these resolutions, I would suggest, although we cannot officially change the hour of the opening of the Exchange, that by tacit understanding we suspend trading until 11 o'clock to-morrow, both as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Lehman and also to afford an opportunity to members desiring to attend the funeral to do so.

Mr. Fielding.—Do you make this as a motion?

Mr. Fachiri.—I do, sir.

The motion was then put to the meeting and adopted unanimously.

Mr. Henry Hentz.—What has been said in regard to our dear departed

friend I do not think any one present will disagree with. Mayer Lehman was an interesting man; I seldom met him without learning something from him. He was a man of great kindness of heart, as our Chairman has stated. When failures took place on the Exchange he was always ready with his sympathy for the unfortunate if they were honest, and was a lenient creditor. We are all aware how about Christmas time he sent around to solicit subscriptions for the Saturday and Sunday Hospital Association, and how successful he was in the work. There are very few who can take his place in that respect. He was a most magnificent man to ask for subscriptions for charity, and he always succeeded in getting a nice sum together. I am very much gratified that this meeting has been called at this time of day. The large attendance shows that his loss is greatly deplored.

Mr. Thomas M. Robinson.—Panegyric on the dead has been so indiscriminately bestowed, and so often misapplied, that, when exalted virtue falls into the grave, affection shrinks from public eulogy of its object, and friendship feels that the silent tear is its most sacred tribute. But when one of such well known, such generally acknowledged excellence as the object of this meeting passes away, to take no further note of the event than merely to make a record of its date would argue a sad want of devout sensibility on the part of those who knew him well. Mr. Lehman was a man whom it was impossible to know and not respect and admire. I think he was, as near as is compatible with human imperfection, a model of ingenuousness and truth. In what he said there was the most transparent candor, in what he did the most thorough exemption from obliquity of motive. Hence he could not but excel in all the relations which he sustained in life.

Mr. S. T. Hubbard, Jr.—I cannot allow the occasion to pass without paying my tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Lehman, and acknowledging his kindness to the younger men of the Exchange. As our old friends pass away, one by one, it seems like milestones marking the progress of life. It is my pleasure and will always be my best memory to feel that he extended to me the utmost courtesy, kindness and sympathy. It has been my pleasure to listen to him when he has told me the story of his life, and I have never forgotten the many kind words of encouragement he often gave me. In thinking of him I am reminded of the words of the Prophet who said, "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." Of all men I have known,

none have seemed to me to so consistently live up to these precepts as Mayer Lehman.

Meeting adjourned.

Cotton Exchange, July 1st, 1897.

Mrs. Babette Lehman,
City.

My Dear Mrs. Lehman—

Your letter of June 29th was received to-day, and I have conveyed to the members of the Cotton Exchange your message of appreciation.

I can truly say that I voice the sentiments of the members of the Exchange when I state that never has the death of a member caused such universal sorrow and regret as that of your beloved husband, Mayer Lehman. He was known and loved by every one of us, and those who knew him best loved him best.

With sincere respect, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

GUSTAVUS C. HOPKINS,
Pres. New York Cotton Exchange.

The Mount Sinai Hospital,

Lexington Ave. and 66th St.

June 22d, 1897.

Mrs. Mayer Lehman,
5 East 62d Street, City.

Dear Madam—

The Directors of the Mount Sinai Hospital, assembled at special meeting this day, are deeply grieved at the loss of their beloved comrade and old friend, Mr. Mayer Lehman, and have requested us to convey to you and the members of your family their most sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

No words can fully express the spirit of sadness that rests over us when we realize that the genial, good, fearless, honest man has been so suddenly taken from us and our work. He was indeed a power for the better, and the suffering poor will miss his kindness and charity.

Condolence at such a time is vain, and we can only venture the hope that consolation will come in time with the realization that a life has been well spent, and the good deeds of many lives practically crowded into one by the tireless activity of our dear departed friend.

Very sincerely,

ISAAC WALLACH,
President.

ALBERT SICHEL,
Secretary.

ISAAC STERN,
Vice-President.

Resolutions Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Mount Sinai Hospital.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mount Sinai Hospital, held on Tuesday, June 22d, 1897, the sad announcement was made of the death of our beloved and highly respected friend and colleague, Mayer Lehman. Befitting eulogies on the worth and character of the deceased were then expressed, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

The uncertainty of human life imbues us with the knowledge that all that is animate will sooner or later be hushed into stillness of death, and that the dear forms of those with whom we are associated must forever disappear from our view.

The realization of this truth nevertheless has found us unprepared for the sudden taking away of our beloved comrade, Mayer Lehman, from the field of his activities in behalf of the humane cause represented by the work of our institution, and has filled our hearts with deep sorrow and a true sense of the great loss which Mount Sinai Hospital, our Board and each and every one of us individually has sustained.

During his connection for nineteen years with the Board of Directors of the Mount Sinai Hospital he constantly evidenced unswerving loyalty, unflinching devotion and a warm interest in all that concerned the welfare of this institution, and by his death our hospital has lost a liberal supporter, our Board a zealous co-worker and wise counsellor, and the sick and unfortunate a kind and generous friend.

He was endowed by nature with a warm heart, quickly prompted to help and relieve the afflicted, and with a generosity and kindness of disposition towards all with whom he came in contact.

By his frequent visits to the patients in our Hospital he manifested the sympathetic interest he at all times felt in their behalf, and brought cheer and comfort to their bedside.

In the larger sphere of his earthly career, whether in the happy circles of his family or in the busy marts of commerce, his entire life was a true exemplification of sterling character and conscientious action, and in ex-

tending to the bereaved widow and family our deep sympathy and heartfelt condolence we offer them the consolation which emanates from the realization that the departed has left them a heritage of good deeds and the fruits of a noble, well spent life.

As an expression of the high esteem and regard in which the deceased was ever held by us, it is resolved that the Hospital flag be placed at half mast; that the Directors of the Mount Sinai Hospital take part in the obsequies at the Temple Emanu-El, on Thursday, the 24th instant, at 9:30 A. M., and attend the funeral in a body; that the chair in the Directors' Room formerly occupied by the departed be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that these resolutions be published, spread in full on the minutes, and an engrossed copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

By order of the Board of Directors.

ISAAC WALLACH,
President.
ALBERT SICHEL,
Secretary.

From the Annual Report of the President of the Mount Sinai Hospital.

January, 1898.

"Mr. Mayer Lehman had been connected with our Board of Directors for nineteen years, during which time he evidenced unswerving loyalty, unflinching devotion and a warm interest in all that concerned the welfare of the institution. By his death the Hospital has lost a liberal supporter, our Board a zealous co-worker and wise counsellor, and the sick and unfortunate a kind and generous friend. He was endowed by nature with a warm heart, quickly prompted to help and relieve the afflicted, and with a geniality and kindness of disposition toward all with whom he came in contact. His entire life was a true exemplification of sterling character and conscientious action. Though he has left behind him a heritage of good deeds, as the fruits of a well-spent life, his death has left a void in the midst of us not easy to be filled."

Resolutions Adopted by the Board of Trustees of Temple Emanu-El.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Temple Emanu-El, it was learned with profound sorrow of the death of our esteemed friend and ex-colleague, Mr. Mayer Lehman, when the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of an all-wise Providence in removing from our midst our beloved friend, Mayer Lehman, this Board gives expression to its feelings and sentiments on this sad occasion, and unites in bearing tribute to the memory and worth of the deceased.

The departed was for eight years a member of the Board of Trustees of our Congregation, and served during all that time on most important committees.

RESOLVED, That we realize in his death a personal bereavement and recognize that he has contributed much to the success of our Congregation. We are grateful for these services and revere his memory.

RESOLVED, That we especially recognize his great work of humanity in the field of charity, serving for many years up to the time of his demise as Director of the Mount Sinai Hospital.

RESOLVED, That the sincerest condolence of the Board and of the members of our Congregation are hereby tendered to the bereaved family.

RESOLVED, That this Board, as a mark of respect, attend the funeral in a body, and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and a copy thereof, suitably engrossed, be presented to the family of the deceased.

MYER STERN,
Secretary.

JAMES SELIGMAN,
Vice-President.

Resolutions Adopted by the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society of New York Orphan Asylum.

At a special meeting of this institution, held in its buildings, Grand Boulevard and One Hundred and Fiftieth street, on Wednesday, June 23d inst., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

That the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society of New York Orphan Asylum has convened a special assembly this day to testify to the sorrow which its Directors feel, and which all humanitarians must feel, at the demise of Mayer Lehman, late a Director of the Mount Sinai Hospital, but who was in no small measure connected with many of the leading institutions of charity in this city.

He was always a good, kind and generous friend of the widow and the orphan, the sick and the distressed, and his sudden and untimely death takes from our midst a noble-hearted friend of humanity and one who had a deep and loving regard and sympathy for his less fortunate fellow-beings.

The sincere sympathies of the officers and Board of Managers of this institution are tendered to the bereaved and loving wife and family of the deceased, and this resolution is ordered printed and an engrossed copy sent to the family of the deceased.

W. MEYER,
Secretary.

SAMUEL D. LEVY,
President.

**Extract from Minutes of Meeting of the New York
Board of Directors of the International and
Mortgage Bank of Mexico, held
Tuesday, July 5, 1897.**

"It is our sad duty to record the death of our fellow Director, Mr. Mayer Lehman, which occurred in this city on June 21st, 1897.

"Mr. Lehman's exceptional abilities were so generally recognized that we can only add our tribute to those so liberally bestowed by the commercial and financial world of which he was so important and highly respected a member.

"Mr. Lehman was a Director of this Board since its organization; we owe much to his wise counsels and well matured judgment, and in our future deliberations the benefit of his advice and experience will be sadly missed.

"Far greater, however, is our grief for the loss of a companion, who by his kindness, his courtesy, and his true, generous and manly character, endeared himself to his fellow-directors.

"The Secretary of this Board is instructed to send a copy of this minute to the family of Mr. Lehman as a mark of our esteem."

New York, July 7th, 1897.

I. L. CARROLL,
Secretary.

Montefiore Home for Chronic Invalids,

Grand Boulevard, 139th and 139th Streets.

New York, June 24th, 1897.

Mrs. Mayer Lehman,
5 East 62d Street, City.

Dear Madam:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Montefiore Home, held yesterday, announcement was made of the death of your respected and lamented husband, to whose warm interest in the cause of suffering humanity the founding of our institution was due as much as to anyone else, and who since it has come into existence has at all times taken the greatest interest in the labor of love which we are called upon to perform.

I have been instructed to convey to you and to your family the deep sympathy of our Trustees in your bereavement, and in thus giving expression to our condolence, believe me, dear Madam,

Yours very truly,

JACOB H. SCHIFF,
President.

From the Annual Report of the President of the Montefiore Home for Incurables.

New York, October, 1897.

"It is the course of life that we must be prepared to part from many whom long association has endeared to us. Among the friends who have been called away during the year we make special mention of Mayer Lehman, because he was one of those who, in the Board of Mount Sinai Hospital, first agitated the necessity for the establishment of a Home or Hospital for Incurables, and he never rested until the noble idea was carried into effect. His memory remains therefore specially endeared to us as one of the intellectual founders of our institution, in whose development he ever took the warmest interest and gave it his constant moral and actual support."

The Educational Alliance,

East Broadway and Jefferson St.

New York, June 22d, 1897.

Dear Madam:

I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Educational Alliance, held June 22d, 1897, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee have heard with deep regret the sad news of the death of Mr. Mayer Lehman; and

WHEREAS, The community loses in Mr. Lehman a generous and public-spirited member, who during his life was ever ready to aid the poor, the needy and the unfortunate.

RESOLVED, That our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved family at their irreparable loss; and

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Mayer Lehman.

Yours very respectfully,

F. SPIEGELBERG,

Secretary.

Mrs. Mayer Lehman,
5 East 62d Street,
New York.

**Office of the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville
and St. Nicholas Avenue Railway Co.,**

118 and 120 East 42d Street.

To Mr. Emanuel Lehman, New York, June 24th, 1897.
No. 16 East 46th Street, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting to-day of the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Avenue Railway Company, as well as a subsequent meeting of the Third Avenue Railway Company, it is resolved by the respective Boards of Directors to express their regrets upon the demise of your respected brother, Mr. Mayer Lehman, and to voice their sincere sympathy with you in your grief. I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours very respectfully,

D. C. ANDREWS,
Acting Secretary.

Lebanon Hospital,

Westchester and Cauldwell Avenues, East of Third Avenue.

Mrs. Mayer Lehman and Family: New York, July 1st, 1897.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lebanon Hospital it was resolved:

WHEREAS, We have heard with the utmost sorrow and regret of the death of our esteemed friend, Mayer Lehman, and as in his demise not only his family, but the entire community has suffered a great bereavement, and as his many deeds of charity to our hospital, as well as to the many other charitable institutions who were the recipients of his great and continued benevolence, have been the means of alleviating much distress among the poor and sick; we therefore wish to extend to you our heartfelt sympathies in the great and irreparable loss you have sustained.

Executive Board of Lebanon Hospital,
JONAS WEIL, Pres. Leb. Hos.

The Hebrew Infant Asylum of the City of New York,

Cor. East 149th Street and Mott Avenue.

New York, July 12th, 1897.

Mrs. Mayer Lehman and Family,

City.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hebrew Infant Asylum, held July 11th, 1897, the following resolution has been unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God in His sublime wisdom to take from our midst your beloved husband and father, Mr. Mayer Lehman, who was also a shining member of our institution; it is

RESOLVED, To hereby express to you our most heartfelt sympathy and deep sorrow at your bereavement. Sad and irreparable as the loss is, this Board hopes that the memory of the straightforward, charitable and exemplary life he led will act as a heavenly balm upon your sorrowing hearts. Peace to his ashes; honor to his memory!

I have the honor to remain

Yours truly,

E. GASPARI,
Secretary.

Beth Israel Hospital,

206 East Broadway.

Mrs. Mayer Lehman,

New York, June 24th, 1897.

Dear Madam:

The following resolutions have been unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Beth Israel Hospital:

WHEREAS, We have heard the sad news of the death of Mr. Mayer Lehman, a noble man who will ever be remembered for his excellent works and for his devotion to the cause of charity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we feel deeply the loss sustained by the community in the sad departure of such a man from this life. The more so do we appreciate the great affliction that has befallen his family, and we beg to offer our condolence to them in their time of sorrow.

Very respectfully,

A. E. ISAACS,

Honorary Secretary.

Washington Lodge, No. 19, I. O. B. B.

Mr. Emanuel Lehman,

New York, July, 1897.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The untimely death of your beloved, widely-esteemed brother, Mayer Lehman, has cast a keenly-felt gloom over all his friends and all those who knew him, and has likewise filled the hearts of the Brethren of Washington Lodge with sincerest and deepest feeling of sympathy for yourself and your family in this sad loss.

This assurance is only the echo of the sentiments in the hearts of every brother of your lodge.

May the Lord, who in His infinite wisdom afflicts and heals, bless you with strength to bear up manfully in this your hour of bereavement, and to look forward with resignation and hope for days of sunshine in the future.

Fraternally yours,

A. EMANUEL,

Secretary.

M. ELLINGER,

President.

Mayer Lehman.

Editorial in the "Jewish Standard," June, 1897.

In the death of Mayer Lehman, of the well-known firm of Lehman Brothers, the entire community have met with a loss that cannot be measured or expressed in words.

A true gentleman of the old school, a model of simplicity and courtesy, upright and honorable, liberal almost to a fault, he was the pattern of a man and citizen.

Scarcely more prominent in commercial than in charitable pursuits, he was one of the few that acted upon the precept, "It is better to give than to receive."

His charity was as broad as it was liberal, not bounded by sectarianism, and, although a firm believer in the faith, every appeal to him, whether from a co-religionist or otherwise, met with a hearty response.

He was also a public-spirited citizen and felt that every man should have more than a passing interest in the community and city in which he dwelt.

The great esteem in which he was held among those that knew him best, and these are after all the best judges, is evidenced in the fact that the Cotton Exchange, of which he was so long a prominent member, voted, on learning of his decease, to close the Exchange during his funeral, a mark of respect never previously exhibited in the history of that institution.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family, and every one who enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance feels that he has met with a great personal loss.

No finer tribute could be paid to the character of any man than is contained in our obituary column when we add that it emanates from the pen of one of his most devoted employees, who had the good fortune of being associated with him for many years and had ample opportunity to judge the man, the employer and the friend.

Mayer Lehman.

On Monday, June 21, after a brief illness, Mayer Lehman, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. Thus briefly reads the announcement of the extinguishing of the torch of life of a man who leaves a record that will well bear scrutiny and emulation.

Beginning as a stranger in a strange land, at the lowest round of the ladder, with nothing but a stout heart, willing hands and untiring industry as capital, he carved his way, in the face of innumerable obstacles, and when success had crowned his efforts with full measure, remained, as he always had been, the most genial, unassuming and truest exemplar of an upright man and citizen.

Full of affairs as a member of one of the largest mercantile firms in the community, having numberless diversified interests demanding his constant attention, he yet found time to devote to that noblest of human pursuits, the practical relief of distressed and suffering fellowmen, and none will miss him more than his colleagues in the Board of Directors of Mount Sinai Hospital, of which institution he was for almost a quarter of a century an ardent, enthusiastic and devoted friend and liberal supporter.

He endeared himself to every one he came in contact with by his un-failing geniality, unvarying courtesy, innate modesty and unswerving fidelity to duty and obligations under all conditions.

He had the happy faculty of putting himself in touch with all classes of men, and whether in session as a bank or railroad director, or giving instructions to the youngest employee in his office, he was always the courteous, undemonstrative gentleman.

With no pretensions to a classical education, his mind was a storehouse of practical knowledge, full of tone and character, and one of his greatest delights was to give the benefit of his mature experience and excellent judgment to the many who sought it.

His hand was as open as the day. No one appealed to him in vain, and though he knew many of the recipients of his largess were unworthy, he never hesitated to relieve them. A broadness of heart and spirit characterized his bounty, and it may be safely said that the average of no subscription list was ever reduced by his signature.

Though fully awake to all the pleasures of life and possessed of ample resources, he always lived within the bounds of a self-respecting moderation, and anything that savored of cant or shoddy was abhorrent to his democratic nature.

Resolute, modest, absolutely free from vanity, a firm and consistent adherent to the faith of his fathers, his whole life presents a picture of an honorable and useful citizen, an upright and esteemed merchant and a devoted husband and father.

Blessed is the community which can stand beside the grave of such a man without a single cloud or flaw in his long and useful career, and consoled in the midst of their great sorrow, should be the friends and family, the nearest and dearest of the departed, in the consciousness that the man they so much loved and so deeply mourn was not merely recognized as the type of honor and integrity in our great community, but was equally true, affectionate, sincere, devoted and spotless in every relation in life.

Those who miss him most, who are watching for the kind face that shall never gladden their eyes again, waiting for the familiar footfall which shall never come, and listening for the voice whose music they shall hear no more, will find a comfort in the sweet memories and the many kind deeds that are indelibly linked with and which will long linger around the irreproachable name of Mayer Lehman.

Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of our better days;
None knew thee but to love thee
None named thee but to praise.

I. M.

Mayer Lehman.

The American Hebrew, June 26, 1897.

Died, on Monday last, after a brief illness, Mayer Lehman, in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

"A single good man often weighs more in the scale of humanity than a thousand other human beings who take their place in the ranks of the world." This truth was strikingly set forth before our eyes when the tidings of the lamentable death of Mr. Mayer Lehman reached our ears. What a noble man we have lost, what a precious soul has taken its flight to yonder height! A most affectionate husband, the fondest of fathers, the dearest of brothers, the truest of friends and the noblest of workers in the cause of philanthropy and benevolence, his memory will ever be hallowed by hosts of people, and his good and bright name will never be forgotten by those who knew him and understood how to value and appreciate the sterling qualities of his character. He was, as so many others who had come from Germany, a self-made man, and by his own power and self-help, by his own industry, integrity and honor, in partnership with congenial brothers, he rose to considerable height in prosperity.

To look into Mayer Lehman's face was to look upon a face in which was depicted naught but kindness and goodness of soul. He took a deep and heartfelt interest in the Mount Sinai Hospital, whose faithful Director he was for a number of years, and the way he cared for the sick and ailing will ever remain one of the brightest monuments of his philanthropic activity. We may say, in the language of the Bible, that his place there will remain for a long time "empty." We always looked upon the two brothers, Emanuel and Mayer Lehman, as upon the very image and likeness of the Cheeryble brothers, who so charmingly were pictured in Dickens' famous novel. They both were, in fact, the truest type of the sympathetic heart in all its beauty, loveliness and affection. How painful, therefore, must it not be to think that through this earthly removal a fraternal bond has been broken which, in fact, was a model or ideal bond, of the deepest affection and devotion. We tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family. May they find in the remembrance of their beloved departed every strength and comfort, and may the great Father above ever shelter and protect them, and inspire them with new hope and confidence in the future. Those who die are never lost, for a spiritual tie connects forever the living with the dead.

Hymn Sung at the Funeral Services on Thursday, June 24, 1897.

It singeth low in every heart,
We hear it each and all—
A song of those who answer not,
However we may call.
They throng the silence of the breast,
We see them as of yore—
The kind, the brave, the true, the sweet,
Though they are here no more.

'Tis hard to take the burden up
When these have laid it down;
They brightened all the joy of life,
They softened every frown.
But oh, 'tis good to think of them,
When we are troubled sore,
Thanks be to God that such have been,
Although they are no more.

More home-like seems the vast Unknown,
Since they have entered there;
To follow them were not so hard,
Wherever they may fare.
They cannot be where God is not,
On any sea or shore;
Whate'er betides, Thy love abides,
One God for evermore.