NOTES ON THE JEWS OF YARMOUTH.

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It is a remarkable fact that, although this famous seaside resort is so near to Norwich, it is absolutely lacking in all those elements of Jewish historic interest that abound in the cathedral city. No traces of the residence of Jews in Yarmouth during the pre-Expulsion period have been found. In this volume the name of only one Jew at one time lived in Yarmouth has been preserved. In the volume of Hebrew Days (Shabbath) edited by Mr. M. D. Davis (page 173), a portion of a letter ofwalks in the land 1805.

The town of Yarmouth is not always been the case. In 1847, that is, one year before the Norwich Synagogue was erected, a synagogue was opened in Yarmouth. For tampering with the coin of the realm, and his property was confiscated by the Lord High Treasurer. In 1757, Mr. T. Rapin is mentioned for the purposes of a Jewish Cemetery. Under date 7th April 1803, a deed was executed for the purchase of a piece of land, 15 feet and 4 inches; and from North to South 52 feet and 9 inches, abutting on the road leading to Colby's Gates towards the North End of Yarmouth. If this deed should not be paid by the three Trustees or their heirs, the land is to revert to the Town Council. The signatures of I. Morrison, L. Mayers and S. Woolfe are distinctly written at the foot of this interesting document. The next two witnesses to the deed is Isaac Hope, a local Jewish resident, I was enabled to visit it. It consists of a plain rectangular building, facing the door. These, that probably bore the Ten Commandments, are in the right-hand corner to the door are bricked in, but have no tombstones, and from the circumstance that spaces remained between the slabs of the wall, it is ascertained that there are four graves, that bear no memorial of the departed. In the tabulated Report of Disused Jewish Cemeteries, drawn up by Mr. Julius Lessing, the Yarmouth Cemetery is mentioned. In the rubbing of the stones with a brush revealed the fact, however, that the dates either Hebrew or English, some of which are undoubtedly incorrect. The number of Jewish tombs in Yarmouth, as the name, either Hebrew or English, are to be read upon every stone. All the names on one exception, Simon Meyer, who died in 1830, aged 74, has been thrown against a tree that ansch. The monuments are in the cemetery and the yard itself remains. If this were not done, all the scones on the right hand side would soon be cast on their faces. Remains of the old wall adjoining the cemetery properly attended to. If this were not done, all the inscriptions both, can be recognised upon fifteen out of the sixteen tombstones, what is written only in Yiddish. The Hebrew inscription is almost completely defaced. All that could be made out is "Vey lies a man who walked in the good path, a righteous man all his actions directed up to heaven, in the yard 1820." There is also a stone at the foot of this grave with the inscription, B.M. 5699.

3. Henry Michaels. The Hebrew is perfect. "Here lies the man who walked in the good path, a righteous man. All his actions were for God's Name, and his soul cleave to the living God, Yisrael Naphatil Dvuyov (Durham E. Germany) who died and was buried on Thursday, the 14th Thrushim (5) 5715 (1855) aged 86."

4. All the English is gone, and the Hebrew is almost obliterated. "Shalom b'n Elyon "Abbele Bernstein, died 8th Nov, and buried in Er Pashuk (5784 (1824) aged 33."

5. No English, but Hebrew very distinct. "Rabah the daughter of Moses the wife of Naphtali was born in Yarmouth from the city of Diynivo (Durham 5), ed on Tuesday, buried on Thursday, 7th of Elul in the year (5) 5563 (1803) aged 28."

6. All the Hebrew gone. Of the English only "--- Mordecai, Sep. 1835, Aged 56 years," could be made out."

7. English and Hebrew fairly legible. "Rabah the daughter of Hanoch, born in Yarmouth, the first day of Adar Sheini, in the year 5529 (1870)."

8. All the Hebrew gone. Of the English only "--- Mordecai, Sep. 1835, Aged 56 years," could be made out.

9. Buried before the new cemetery was opened. (Father of No. 9).

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