2/a certain age..nay, it is rather another copy of the great moral code of humanity and a sublime enunciation of the noblest truths, given to the whole world, to unify its peoples, so that Peace and Righteousness and Justice shallremain the fundementals of human living. For never, never at any time, has it come into the world to diversify the hearts of men by sowing the seeds of suspicion and hatred, which we know, have ultimatley led men to innocen bloodshed and eath and ruin and destruction.

Well do we know these pernicious elements in our midst. Have we not witnessed with our own eyes, the prevalent chaos and the confusion of a world which strives to live in defiance of the word of God? Do we not know, and have we not OURSELVES expereienced those evils which have beset our own generation when tyrants and barbarians have united to perform onlt the negative commandments of our Torah; Whe murder and jealousy and false witness became the ruling powers on earth; yea, when the goal became to dethrone God.??

But when we, the Jewish people had nothing left we still had the Torah and that was enough: and year by year, we renew our pledge and we learn its purpose:that thou mayest observe

and do all that is written therein"

In all matters affecting our daily life, our very thoughts and actions; our daily conduct in our homes, in our business dealings, whether in our pwn Religious Community or within the citizenship of this enlightened country. it is still the recognition of man's obligation to God that can determine man's happines for it shall ever remain to the everlasting glory of the Torah, that it has once procalimed and still proclaim the highest ethical truths of human rights, of justice of of Peace in the world by which man can live, but without which, he cannot exist.

But,ny friends, shall we dare to deny that our greatest danger to-day is the danger of losing this very Torah. Shall we deny that to most of us, it has become like" a graden enclosed; like a spring which has been shut; like a fountain which has been sealed" How true are the words of the ancient Prohet HOSEA(812)