

THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM DENEBEIM, WRITTEN IN THE MONTH
OF APRIL, THE YEAR OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVEN,
FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS FAMILY TO SHOW HIS ANCESTORS AND THE
HAPPENINGS OF HIS LIFE FROM THE AGE OF FIVE YEARS TO THE
PRESENT TIME. THE PLEASURE AND HARDSHIPS, THE JOYS AND
SORROWS.....

CHAPTER 1

Born in the year 1854 in Russia-Poland in the town Lubova and the State, Suwalk.

CHAPTER 2

The son of Moses Meyer and Hannah Denebeim, the grandson of Sammy and Badona on the Father's side and Lab and Sarah on the Mother's side, and the great-grandson of Hirsch and Bessie on the Father's side and of Saul and Rachel on the Mother's side. I was the second child in the family of seven. The oldest being a daughter, then came myself then Louis and then twin girls, then a boy and another daughter. The twins and the brother died in infancy. All the parents who died of old age excepting my father, who died at the age of thirty-five.

CHAPTER 3

At the age of five I was carried by my grandmother to the private school covered with a Talis which was a custom of the day and was taught Hebrew by this teacher who was a Sexton of the Synagogue. A year later I was promoted to another pay teacher who taught higher class as there were no public schools and then promoted from year-to-year to higher classes. The sole object was to learn Hebrew translated from the jargon language and to study the five books of Moses and the Talmud so that I should become a Rabbi. These are the hopes of parents for their children, not so much for business sake but for piety.

CHAPTER 4

At the age of twelve my father died leaving a fair estate for the children and Mother alike. I quit going to school and tried to attend to the estate. Mother being left a widow thirty-five years old with the youngest daughter of two years, concluded to get married to a man by the name of Friedman who lived a few doors from us and who had a large family of his own. I objected and after she got married concluded to keep house with my sister who was fifteen years old, single, and my brother. Mother going with the small child to live with his family. Two years later my sister got married to my mother's stepson. Then my troubles started, how to divide the estate that I should be able to pay off their shares, as the estate could not be sold on account that we being minors and with troubles of getting a customer we finally disposed for a half of its value.

CHAPTER 5

I was then sixteen years old and began to study how to leave the country, for at the age of twenty-one would have to enter the Russian army and serve many years in hardship without pay. I went to an Uncle who lived in the country to consult my affairs and was met by a Russian Officer who questioned my age, and not being possessed with a passport, arrested me and put me in jail. I cried bitterly. The sheriff of the jail not being at home I had to stay until evening and when he came he recognized me as he was a friend of my fathers. He released me and then I thought it was time for me to get away from that country.

CHAPTER 6

To go to America to a land where a different language is spoken, where the customs and ways are different, to leave Mother, Sister, relatives and friends, never to see them again. It was just the same as parting for death. With sorrows and tears, broken hearted, fear of being caught on the Russian-German line, I left the country where I was born and raised in luxury by well-to-do parents to go to a strange land to meet with all sorts of imaginary troubles, over waters which I had never seen the like, on a voyage of seventeen days. The departure was a terrible sight as it had to be in silence that the authorities should not find out or I would be arrested.

CHAPTER 7

Hardship in Travel

When I crossed the border, although I felt like a bird out of a cage, free from the Russian Government, I felt homesick, as I didn't know where I was going or what I was going to do. I traveled with two companions from the same town and got off at Hamburg, Germany where we were going to buy tickets to America. My companions did not have enough money to purchase the tickets while I had enough. It was suggested by the ticket agent that I being small for my age should buy a half fare ticket and contribute the other part toward the fare of my companions. I did so and the journey was made by boat to the city of Hull in England where I encountered trouble with the agent who met us at the landing of the boat and doubted my age. I tried to convince him and it went through. In Hull we had to wait three days and then went by rail to Liverpool. In Liverpool we took voyage to New York. Sixteen days on the water and the hardest time was to get enough drinking water. It was a terrible trip on steerage.

CHAPTER 8

Landed in New York in June, 1872. One of my companions had a brother who was a match peddler. I was disgusted to see the progress he made in the great country of America. So I left New York with one of my companions for Utica, New York where we had two uncles peddling with packs on their backs. They persuaded me to stay in Utica, started me out with a basket of notions to go from house-to-house and sell them. It was my first time in life to start to make money for myself and in the first house my sale was five cents, which my friend who was teaching me the business tried to encourage me, showed me that I made three cents on the deal and told me in Russian money it was equal close to ten cents and told me, my boy, you are going to be a money maker. That gave me a little life and I kept on walking up the hills and down the hills; my days sales amounted to thirty-five cents. Hard work, but with hopes I keep up the work for three weeks until I got communication from an uncle, my Mother's brother who lived in Evansville, Indiana and had been in the United States for ten or fifteen years.

CHAPTER 9

I left Utica for Evansville with the expectation to find my Uncle in a large business, who would employ me and teach me business. To my sorrow I found my Uncle as a country peddler, poor circumstances, married and had one child. Again I was disappointed and heart broken. I stayed in my Uncle's house about a week to rest up and then he taught me how to go out in the country with a pack on my back from farm house to farm house to try to sell the wares. I had to ask for lodging when five o'clock came for it was distant from one farm to another, the country wooded and towns very far apart, that it would be difficult to get a place to stay overnight. I started out with tears in my eyes. I succeeded to get night lodging in a German farm house, for which a small amount was paid for, although the farmer did not want to accept pay, I made them a little gift so to establish, in case I would come there again.

CHAPTER 10

The first year of my hard work and saving I accumulated Five Hundred dollars. I walked miles in order to save a dollar for I found that in America a man that didn't have any money wasn't look upon. That money was the sole object and I could not see how I could make a lot of money in an honest and hard working way, so I concluded, in addition to making money, I would also try to save it.

CHAPTER 11

The second year, becoming a little more Americanized but did not want to work so hard, only saved Four Hundred dollars. Still living in my Uncle's home after coming from the country paid board at 25 cents a meal. On one occasion there was a little differences occurred when I left my Uncle's home and went to a Jewish boarding house. I had a good fourteen day trip, worked very hard that trip, my sales were \$85.00 and kept the pocket-book with the money next to my body at night. About the middle of the night, I felt that someone is near me. I woke and saw two fellows going out of my room. Next morning I found my money was gone but the pocket-book was left. I worried for two days, didn't eat anything. When the proprietor asked me what my trouble was I told him and asked him whether he could help me out in this case for I was afraid to accuse the parties whom I thought took my money. He told me to tell him and I told him that it was his son and nephew who I accused of taking my money and to prove to him, I told him that when I came next trip he should propose to them that they should take my money while I'm asleep, and they are likely to tell him that they have done this once before or refuse. Then he will find out if I am right or not. He praised me for my wisdom in this case and said he would attend to it. I found out later from a friend that he said it was a good thing that they have done this. I left the boarding house and went back to my Uncle's. This man died with a miserable death. I helped bury him - I buried his son and his nephew. My hard working money did them no good.

CHAPTER 12

Happenings on the second year of my traveling on a boat ride. Buying a ticket from Evansville to Newberg, Indiana on the deck, I missed getting off at Newberg. I was put off at the coal mine station on a barge which I found that the barge was tied with a rope to a tree some twenty feet from shore. Alone at night; no way to get off to land, the wind blowing and the Ohio River being very high, I sat with my pack and cried. I felt at times that death would be a relief but with courage and hopes I saw a skiff with three men in it coming toward my place. I called to them and they came and rescued me from that place. However, there was big danger of losing our lives by being four in that skiff. They landed me at Newberg. I stayed in the hotel and made my way by carrying the pack to Kendleton, Indiana, a distance of fifty miles. Have sold on that trip Seventy-five dollars in fourteen days. Walked back to Evansville to save the fare.

CHAPTER 13

On one occasion that I could not get lodging, the weather being 12 below zero, I tried to make my way to a place we called Lincoln City, which, I thought, it being a city I could stop in a hotel. I knocked at a house to make inquiry how far it was to Lincoln City. The man replied, "This is Lincoln City". Only one house where Abraham Lincoln lived in it. A log house with only two rooms and a big fireplace with a big log to burn for heat. I was told by the man that he had no quarters but would not send me away in such a weather and so late in the night. I stayed over Sunday, slept with two boys in one bed, and one quilt to cover us. Very little food, but this was the best I could get and had to be contented with that.

CHAPTER 14

On one occasion, going near Richland, Indiana through a timberland late at night that there were no houses to be seen to get lodging, I finally saw little log house in a corn field. I climbed a rail fence and hollered, "Hello" The man came out. He asked me what I wanted. I told him shelter over night. He told me that it was five miles to the next house. Another family over there were stricken with measles so he would let me stay in his log house. He was there temporarily just to gather the corn. Had only one room and one bed. He made a bed for me on the floor. Sitting by the fire place before going to bed he was telling me a story that a man buying up cattle also stopped with him. The man had a big roll of money. He could have killed him and got the money. It made my hair stand. I don't know whether I turned pale or not for his wife said to him, not to talk that way before a stranger and she said to me not to be afraid, a barking dog never bites. I did not sleep that night. In the morning I had breakfast of black coffee, corn bread and molasses. I was glad morning came and still continued with the hard work and with the hopes that this will cease some day.

CHAPTER 15

Another incident where I thought my life was in danger. Traveling from Evansville called the Anderson Road through a wooded place where I saw a man and lady burning brush for the purpose of planting tobacco. As I passed them the man asked me what I had in my pack. I stopped, opened my pack to show them. The man started to speak German and in showing him a lady's skirt which was in style at that time he said, "Give this to my wife." I said, "I cannot give it to her, but I will sell it to her." He raised his ax which he had in his hands as to strike me. His wife called to him saying,

"Don't scare him." I was scared to death, didn't speak a word but put my goods helter-skelter in my pack and said goodby. This I felt is a providence that saved me for purpose and I thank God for the happenings.

CHAPTER 16

Then comes a letter from my brother, that he wants to come to the United States, so he arrives and starts the same work as I do.

CHAPTER 17

On the third year I receive a letter from my Mother that she became a widow from her second husband, that he didn't leave her any funds and that she has a child and my own sister which they need support. I immediately sent them some money and asked them to prepare to come to the United States, I bought a house with an adjoining lot for them and when they came to the United States, my Mother, brother and I and the sisters had a home comfortably furnished and happy. However, every time I would leave with that pack on my back my Mother would cry because I had to travel in the winter through the cold and snow. So, I bought a horse and wagon and this made her feel better. I traveled with a horse and wagon, bought up produce in exchange for merchandise, but still a great deal of hardship that every night a fellow would have to find a new place to stop and few farmers could accommodate a stranger and slept some nights on the outside.

CHAPTER 18

I then rebelled against the peddling, although I was making money I said to my friends that I am going to open up a small store so I could have every night the same place to sleep in and even if I make less I will be satisfied. I related the story to a merchant from whom I was buying merchandise and he promised to back me.

CHAPTER 19

My brother and I entered into a partnership. I was to stay in the store and he to peddle in the country. So, if one wouldn't make the other would. I selected Rockport, Indiana to open the store. I opened the store in Rockport and was successful in a small way.

CHAPTER 20

I slept in the back of the store and one night I heard someone in the basement when I woke up, I carried a lamp in my hands to see what it is, as there were no electric lights or gas in the building. The party who planned to rob me escaped. The next week on a Sunday morning, I went in the store and found my money which I had in a drawer was gone. It amounted to \$100.00 which was a big sum at the time for me to lose. I reported to the Marshall which was the only protection in the town, and by information we found that the man who planned to rob me the nights before was the one that stole the money. I got back all the money and he was sentenced to the penitentiary without me going to trial. Providence was with me, for I was needed to help and provide for my widowed Mother and two orphans and so success followed me.

CHAPTER 21

Mother and sisters lived in Evansville. I was a small merchant, proud of my action and contented. I was growing larger and adding new lines as shoes, clothing, hats, etc. My brother quit peddling and stayed in the store with me.

CHAPTER 22

An Uncle on my father's side visited me and persuaded me to get married. He said that he knew of a young lady who would make a good wife and that there weren't many Jewish people in that locality, it would be hard to find one to equal this opportunity. A young lady who had been adopted not legally, by an Uncle and Aunt. They are very old and would like to see her marry before they die. I went to see the young lady and thought this would be a good chance especially when my Mother was very anxious to see me married. I was married to Flora Wise, June 24, 1876. The adopted daughter of David and Rebecca Brill and the daughter of Morris and Rosalia Wise. Her mother and father living at the time in Mickstat, Germany.

CHAPTER 23

My mother and sisters moving to Rockport, Indiana where we all lived together happy and contented although there was no picture shows, nor theatres, nor automobile rides. Not even electric lights. We live happy and contented in the town and the only pleasure was to take a ride on the boat to visit relatives in Evansville.

CHAPTER 24

Competition in business started to be very keen, also sickness of my Mother for not being able to eat Kosher meat, as we could only get it by boat from Evansville and in the summer it would get old and upset her stomach. We concluded to move closer to the city and moved to Booneville, Indiana by wagon as there were no railroads at the time. We lived in Booneville contented and happy and doing a fair business where I was blessed with a first born son.

CHAPTER 25

Again competition became very strong from new merchants that came to the town and concluded to look for another location. Towns in Kentucky were recommended, so I got on a boat in Evansville and going as far as Mt. Vernon, Indiana the boilers of the boat began to leak and the captain informed us that we were in great danger and had to get off the boat at 12 o'clock. I then got back and told the story of the happenings, which my Mother pronounced it that it was the will of God that we shouldn't live in a country town any more.

CHAPTER 26

So, I rented a store in Evansville and moved there. I started to do business which was fairly good with a broken country stock. We then moved from these quarters where we paid \$350 a year rent to a store where we had to pay \$1,200. There we started to do good business where our happiness in life grew and our business grew.

CHAPTER 27

I then added on a story to my building and moved a frame house on my empty lot and built another story on it where my Mother and sisters and brother could live in one and I with my increasing family enjoyed the other.

CHAPTER 28

I started to help my relatives in Europe. Brought a cousin over to this country so he could help his parents over there. I then brought over the Bomash Family where I employed the boys so they could support their parents. My dear Wife helping the relatives as they came over - kept them in our house for awhile, cared for them, showed her good heart towards these strangers because they were my family. Happy to say that they later became business men and successful.

CHAPTER 29

I have taken interest in Congregational matters. Helped build the synagogue and was President for many years. Was enjoying good business with fifteen or twenty clerks of which one of my sisters was working in my store. A great favorite of my customers. She fell in love with one of my employees, which I objected. I considered her as one of my own children. Took great care of her and Mother and half sister. My objections were ignored. He was no good. Although I tried to help them and lost considerable money on him. She gave birth to a child, finds her mistake in marrying him, gets sick and dies. Worry and trouble that we could hardly endure but with the consolation that it is the will of God we bore it.

CHAPTER 30

On March 3, 1879, I was blessed with a daughter and on March 3, 1880 with another daughter. On September 25, 1882 with another daughter. On December 23, 1883 with another daughter. In 1884 a son was born and at the age of a year and a half died. With sorrow to me and Wife and with consolation that it was the will of God.

CHAPTER 31

The family growing, the Mother taking the best of care and proud of her children, did not attend any card parties nor dances, and happy and proud of the family. On November 1, 1886 another daughter was born. On March 3, 1887 another daughter was born.

CHAPTER 32

Working hard in the retail business, we concluded to make our life easier to go into the wholesale business where we wouldn't have to stay in the store until eleven or 12 o'clock part of Sundays and holidays, and concluded to sell out and move to Kansas City where there was a boom going on.

CHAPTER 33

I started to speculate a little by inventing a patent on a bottle stopper, where I went to New York City, bought machinery and worked without success. In fact, with the loss of several thousand dollars. Having a good business in Evansville and thinking of going into a still larger business in Kansas City, I quit the manufacturing, sold out, engaged in the wholesale business with my brother on Third Street between Main and Wyandotte, with all kinds of merchandise.

CHAPTER 34

We were living happy and healthy and in 1889 I was blessed with a son. In 1890 I was blessed with a daughter. In 1891 another daughter. 1893 another daughter, 1895 a son, and 1898 another son.

CHAPTER 35

I brought over my sister, brother-in-law, and six children. The brother-in-law being a sickly man and could not peddle. I started a business for him with another brother-in-law of my half sister. Opened a store in Leavenworth, Kansas. The brother-in-laws not agreeing sold the store and moved them to Kansas City, where they took sick and died, leaving the sister and the six children without any funds. My brother and I took care of them. My sister from grief took sick and almost lost her mind. My brother, Mother and I have survived on account of her sickness. Her boys started to peddle with matches so they could learn a little of the language. We took them into our store, paid them wages so they could support the family. They grew up and went into business for themselves, even became small competitors to my business. We did not care so that they could help themselves, and their mother. My sister became an invalid to be home all the time. However, it was my pleasure to visit her every Sunday, talk about olden times of Europe. Some of the happenings of the city. She died and this pleasure is taken away from me and with sorrow and with hopes that she rests in peace after her long struggle in life.

CHAPTER 36

I have taken interest in congregational affairs. Built a synagogue on 15th and Locust and was President seven years. Enjoyed life. Married off one of my oldest daughters to Isadore Silverman of Chicago. In the midst of happiness my wife gave birth to a daughter where ten days after birth on August 16, 1899 she passed away, leaving me with a family of fourteen children without a Mother.

CHAPTER 37

In the midst of my worries and troubles one of the children took sick and had to go through a serious operation. With worry and trouble and large expense and not being very well fixed financially had to bear all of this with hopes and courage and with the help of God out-lived all. The hardship was almost unbearable but with the help of God, succeeded to raise them and married them off.

CHAPTER 38

In 1900 again I was misfortuned by losing my Mother who was my advisor and comforter in time of sorrow. Again, with the consolation that it is the will of God, I bore this.

CHAPTER 39

I had a loss by fire where I lost considerable money and trade. Concluded to go to New York and engage in the manufacturing of clothing. The family remaining in Kansas City. Encountered hard times also with little experience in manufacturing, concluded to quit and start in Kansas City in the retail department store business. There was considerable business, not very much profit, so my brother and I dissolved partnership. I engaged in Groceries and Liquors.

CHAPTER 40

I did a fair business with the help of my family. Then comes an article in the paper that I became an Executor for the estate of L. J. Cohen of St. Louis, a former associate with me in congregational affairs only. I engaged an attorney to help me transact the business of my affairs. I am happy to say that I worked diligently for the benefit of the family felt great of the honor bestowed on me and the confidence placed in me. I succeeded in winding the affairs which amounted to over a million dollars. Placed it in trust of banks for the benefit of the widow, Mrs. Cohen and her four children. They were all satisfied with my work and the legal compensation by the court was Twenty-five thousand dollars, which I received, and was honorably discharged from my duties.

CHAPTER 41

A pleasure trip to California with my daughter Sarah and my Granddaughter. We enjoyed the weather and took several trips around Los Angeles by bus to see the country, also took a trip from Los Angeles to Catalina Island in the glass bottom boat where you can see the wonders in the bottom of the ocean, different specimens of fish, shells and flowers. While on that trip with some friends I related to them the hardship I had once on a boat and thought that this pleasure was a reward for the previous one and thank God that I lived to see that day.

Incidents of pleasure and sorrow in 1923. A trip to Florida and Cuba. Traveling together with my daughter and son-in-law to Florida and Cuba was a great pleasure. However, returning home, finding that my servant Hannah Pesch, who was with me for 35 years, faithful and helping raise the children, passed away of old age. I regretted I could not be at her funeral.

CHAPTER 42

In 1925 I was persuaded to marry again after being a widower 25 years. The sole object was to have a companion at old age. I was married to Mrs. Fannie Skeer, the mother of my son-in-law.

CHAPTER 43

We lived happy and in fair health and contented for ten months. Then sickness came to her for five months. Have taken the best of care of her. My children were deserving praise for the care and pleasure they gave her during her sickness. I took her to Rochester, Minnesota where the decision of Doctors was given that there was no hope for her recovery. She died. I survived with the usual consolation that it is the will of God.

CHAPTER 44

Two years after this. I am living with my daughter and sons to enjoy good health and thank God for the good and everything that happened and let it be a lesson to my readers that Faith in God and hopes for future and contentment will bring joy and happiness in life.

CHAPTER 45

Having described sorrows, worries and troubles, I must also describe pleasure and happiness which I think was worth living for. After married life the happiness which was mutual between my dear wife and myself, religiously and in every way was a pleasure. When the children were born, rearing them and seeing the good health that they enjoyed; the songs and dances and tricks performed was a pleasure. The confirmations and weddings which myself and wife only enjoyed one together was great pleasure. The weddings of my children later were pleasures mingled with sorrow that my dear wife could not be with me to enjoy it. Becoming a Grandfather was a great pleasure. Enjoying confirmation of Grandchildren was a great pleasure. Graduating from school by grandchildren was a great pleasure. Marriage of grandchildren was a great pleasure, and at the wedding of my Granddaughter, Roslyn, where I was called upon to make remarks and the applauding that I received was indeed a great pleasure and for a remembrance, I am quoting here the remarks and the sole object of my remarks is that happiness and contentment should be the Motto of Life which will bring joy and happiness and good health.

CHAPTER 46

"Mr. Toastmaster:

Dear Children, Relatives and Friends: My heart full of joy, with mind with sorrow that the one I loved the best cannot be with me to share this happy event. I can therefore only offer you a prayer which was taught to me when I was a youth, "Sheckeyonu", I thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that thou has kept me and preserved me to see this day; and to you, my dear Grandchildren, you have been made man and wife, in accordance with the laws of the state, the laws of religion and the laws of nature, for God said when He created man that it is not good for man to live alone, and therefore, I will give him a helpmate. Let me hope that you should be a help to one another in all transactions in your life. You are also becoming a partner to God, who created nature and you are therefore to obey His commandments. I will refreshen your mind from the teaching of your Sunday School in Dr. Levy's school, especially the two which I will quote to you, which by observing them will make your lives happy, namely. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife." The same applies that the wife should not covet, the neighbor's husband. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; and since you have a nice bungalow, it is better to have a small bungalow filled with happiness than a mansion without happiness. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's machine, for you have the Illinois Central, so accommodating and so much more economical. This teaches you to be contented with what God will give you.

The next commandment, "Honor thy Father and thy Mother", and that means your wife's father and mother, also, and the same the wife should honor the husband's father and mother. The reward for this is long life. The honor does not mean to give your parents a box of candy or a bouquet of flowers, but it means that your action with the community and your love and happiness to one another should be an honor to them, and therefore, prolong their lives, and by this honor you will even prolong your Grandfather's life, and I hope to be when you celebrate your 25th Anniversary, and should I not be with you, let the words of God and the advice of your Grandfather be engraved upon your hearts and mind. Let me wish you health and prosperity, honor and contentment, the wishes of my heart."

CHAPTER 47

Having been born and raised in an Orthodox family, at the age of 13 I was Bar Mitzva and stepped in Father's foot steps religiously. Have built a Succa and my brother and I ate in it for eight days. It was the talk of the town for two

young orphans to act that way. When I came to the United States, I also followed Orthodoxy until I became President of an Orthodox congregation. Have tried to improve Orthodox style and succeeded by abolishing the auction of "Aleas", the donation on the pulpit by blessing the members as this was a revenue for the upkeep of the synagogue. I introduced in its place a donation on Memorial Day in remembrance of parents, relatives, or friends.

My own Motto is love thy neighbor as you love yourself, meaning, do not to him which you would not want to be done to you.

CHAPTER 48

Politics

I never took great part in politics, to make arguments, always voted for such a man that would make a good officer for the community, regardless of politics. This I found was an easier way to get along with the public.

CHAPTER 49

Dietary Laws

While I haven't been a strict observer, I tried to live as near as I could under these laws, for I believe it beneficial in health and in self control.

CHAPTER 50

Charity

Have always given with a free will in accordance to my means.

CHAPTER 51

Society

Have joined many societies for the sake of learning ways of people and to improve action. Have joined the B'nai Brith, the Kasher Shal Borsel - Knights of Pithias, Independent Order of Workmen, and the Masons. Have taken the Degrees from the Royal Arch Masons and the Chikinai Council Degrees. However, I have quit all excepting Blue Lodge of Masonry, for its teaching

CHAPTER 52

Resurrection

I was taught to believe in a Resurrection, and while I haven't found particular proof to its meaning, I think that man giving up his body to the dust where it was taken from the spirit may go to its place and maybe resurrected in some form, for there is hope for a tree when it is cut down to sprout again, why should Man not resurrect in some form.

CHAPTER 52

Habits

I have lived a temperate life and could control myself in all sorts of habits and passion.

CHAPTER 54

Faults

I have many faults and like human in becoming angry and stay that way for many years. However, if I was angry at a person I did not wish him particular harm nor did I want to do him harm, but could not overcome the feeling to speak to the person with half heart.

This is the biggest part, summing up of the many years of my life. Let my readers take advantage of the good parts in it. Learn lessons and improve on same in their life.

Written while in good health and prosperous at the age of Seventy-three.

A. Denebeim