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TO
REBEKAH KOHUT

Die reinen Frauen stehn im Leben
Wie Rosen in dem dunklen Laub,
Auf ihren Wünschen, ihrem Streben
Liegt noch der feinste Blütenstaub.
In ihrer Welt ist keine Fehle,
Ist alles ruhig, voll und weich,
Der Blick in eine Frauenseele
Ist wie ein Blick in's Himmelreich. . . .

—Julius Rodenberg

“Many daughters have done valiantly,
but thou excellest them all.”

—Prov. xxxi, 29.

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EDITOR'S PREFACE

THE Discourses in this volume were originally preached in German and created a furore at the time of their delivery. They were the author's first efforts in the American Jewish pulpit, which he so conspicuously adorned. Heard by very large audiences, they were eagerly read and discussed throughout the length and breadth of the land when they appeared, week by week, in the columns of *The American Hebrew*, in hastily-prepared translation by his friend Max Cohen, the Librarian of the then Maimonides Free Library. They were afterwards published in book form.

Though the utterances of a stranger, barely familiar with his new surroundings, his words have still a living message to American Jewry. This is the only reason for reprinting this little volume, that has been out of print for twenty years. It has been practically rewritten by the Editor, who has endeavored to be as true as