



MR. MAX ZALK, whose cut is shown above, is the most honored among the orthodox Hebrews of this city, being president of the Congregation of Idas Israel and Chevra Kadisha, and president of the Duluth lodge, No. 133, O. B. A., a fraternal Jewish organization which binds together the greater part of the Jews of the United States. Mr. Zalk is a pioneer of this city. He came here from St. Paul in 1883. About the same time six families of Jews arrived. He immediately became their leader, and procured for them all the necessities for following their faith. Two years later their number had somewhat increased. They bought a burial ground, and secured a rabbi. They also leased a hall, where they held their religious services. As the years rolled by, together with the growth of the city, the Jewish population increased. They spread to all parts of the city, and established quite a number of places of worship, but neither had a sufficient number of members to build a permanent place, with the exception of one on Seventh street, but this was far too small for holding even one-half of the orthodox Jews of this city. Through his popularity Mr. Zalk succeeded in merging them together and incorporating them under the above name, with himself as president. Mr. Zalk has quite a number of plans for improving the conditions of his co-religionists, and for the completion of the synagogue of which the corner stone was laid on Thursday last, also such as providing a Sunday school with practical teachers, and for bringing a prominent rabbi from New York. In all, the congregation promises to be very prosperous under the continuance of his leadership.