

### *The Reform Advocate (Chicago, Illinois) (September 1, 1899)*

ROUMANIA. Recently, another trial for "Ritual Murder" took place before the Court of Huschi. A Jewish innkeeper named Marcu Butmaria had to answer the charge of attempting to kill a child for the sake of obtaining its blood for ritual purposes. The counsel for the prosecution, Jonesen-Dolj, who appeared for the Public Prosecutor, said that amongst Jews there existed a sect who used Christian blood. The proofs for such a statement were contained in books written by a baptized Jew, Veofit, and by M. Drumont. Herr N. M. Eismann, for the defense, delivered a brilliant address. The Court acquitted the accused.

Dr. Emanuel Schwarzfeld, now of Paris, has come somewhat prominently to the front within recent years as Secretary of the Jewish Colonisation Association. But he has long been known and honored in his native country (Roumania) as a scholar, a novelist and a defender of the oppressed. He has just celebrated his twenty-five years' jubilee as a writer, and a number of his compatriots who have met at Basel for the Zionist Congress have availed themselves of the opportunity to send him from there to Paris a congratulatory telegram of which the following is a translation: "To the Champion of his co-religionists, to the artistic delineator of Jewish Life and Jewish History, to the Elijah of the Roumanian Jews, his friends and admirers pay homage on the occasion of his 25 years' literary jubilee." the first signature to the telegram is that of Dr. Gaster, now of England, and of the other signatories the best known are Dr. Karpel Lippe, of Jassy, and Herr Samuel Pineles, of Galatz.