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JEWISH SYNAGOGUE.

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THE worship of the Jewish synagogue is a very interesting scene. We have visited many of these, both the magnificent new synagogues in New York and other American cities, the stately structures of Frankfort and Amsterdam and other cities of Europe where there is a large Jewish population, and, also, what is probably the oldest synagogue in the world, in the Jewish Ghetto in Rome; and everywhere the Jewish worship is the same. The law, written in scrolls and preserved in embroidered coverings, as shown in our cut, is reverently brought forth and read, or chanted, rather, in a loud sonorous voice, with many bowings of the head, the reader always wearing his hat or other head covering, as do also the whole con-

gregation. The women are relegated to a remote gallery and take little part in the service. The men, however, keep up an intermittent chant, with almost incessant bowings of the head and bendings of the body.

While apparently very devout, yet the veil is not taken away from the eyes of their understandings, and they fail to recognize in the Christ of Nazareth the Messiah of God, of whom Moses and the prophets did write. It is very impressive to hear the chanting in that grand old tongue which Moses and the prophets spoke. We were informed by an eminent Jewish Rabbi that the music of these chants dates back to the time of the temple of Solomon. Let us hope that God will so illumine the eyes of the understanding of His ancient people that they shall embrace the long-rejected Messiah.