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Edward M. Baker, re: Eisenman Award given to Baker at annual
meeting, Jewish Welfare Federation, Cleveland, 1939.

- 1/ Each year - This year - & that -
- 2/ To praise - He has for so long - instit.
must have sensed.
Com. has demonstrated it over and over -
this taken simply places - real -
- 3/ Pioneer - Founder - Served, in one capacity
Guided unfolding policies - practical, uplift.
- 4/ Saw our Com. grow - Helped - "Bird"
- 5/ Nothing essential - Philant - etc. -
Rode no short. Hobles -
- 6/ Worked for Unity - Keen a doctrinaire
Revise
- 7/ Took leading part - heavy Resp. - 25-Relief
Strived - Org.
- 8/ Zealous in defense - For Jr. dist. member
A Proud Jew - reverent - champion
- 9/ Lik all true Amer. J. leaders - not restricted

Last year - cited - Cl. Com. Fund
Served on numerous

10/. And if I add, what you also surely know
that all this rich - characterized -
unselfishness - ennobled character -

And if I add, forbidding & venerable -
warm friend - who loves



1/ Each year - "Charles Eisenman Award" is bestowed upon that person or persons ^{in Cleveland} who during the year or by their continuous public service, have made a contribution of note to the welfare and social progress of Cleveland. This year the Award is bestowed upon Edward M. Baker.

2/ I thought that I'd let you in on the secret right away to spare you the strain of the customary verbal pyramiding which usually precedes such announcements.

To praise E.M.B. in our community is to paint the lily.
He has for so long been an institution in our communal life -
so inseparably bound up with all the thinking, planning and building which transpired in it for nearly 40 years,
so indispensable in all our commun. enterprises,
so eagerly sought after for counsel and leadership,
that he must have sensed all along our profound appreciation of his great services. The commun. has demonstrated it over and over again in its quick readiness to follow his intelligent and wise leadership.
This last token simply places the seal of our Community upon an unspeakable testimonial of many years.

3/ Pioneer - One of Founders - Served, in one capacity or another, guided its policies - practical good sense upheld by vision.

4/ Saw our Community grow and helped it grow in social maturity, civic responsibility, in our appreciation of the mandates of our J. H. "Bible" - Cannot fly with our wings & Leaders of the

5/ Nothing essential to the full complement of a well-ordered J. Comm. was alien to him - ~~sociology~~, philanthropy, education, relig. in., citizenship. He rode no institutional hobbies. His interests were wide and comprehensive.

6/ He worked for unity and solidarity in our ranks - that unity which recognizes and concedes differences of background, interest and points of view and attempts to harmonize them - He was never a doctrinaire - prepared to revise his opinions, but firm and indep. in

7/ He took a leading part in that heavy resp. which last 25 yrs - the War and post-bellum years - placed upon Am. Jewry - for relief -

He has stirred the conscience of our people and helped to org. large-scale efforts

8/ He was zealous in defence of J. rights abroad and at home. For years distinguished member of Am. J. Comm - and Tr. Chev. Report. A proud Jew - reverent of noble traditions - & ready to champion and defend them

9/ He has all time Am. J. leader - interests and activities not confined to J. Comm. alone - Last year E. W. B. was cited by A. Comm. Fund for distinguished service to entire Comm. of Chev. He has served on numerous important advisory and committees

10/ And if I tell you, on top of it all, ~~that~~ what
you ^{also} surely know - that all this rich and fruitful
service ~~has~~ ^{has} always been characterized by unselfishness,
by fairness, by impeccably good taste, ennobled by clear
thinking and by a logical and attractive exposition
of thought -

And if, I add to it all that he is a warmer
friend, and loves ~~manhood~~ ^{men} not only in the
aggregate, but as individuals - you
will understand fully why we are
proud and happy to bestow this award
upon Echov in Bath -

