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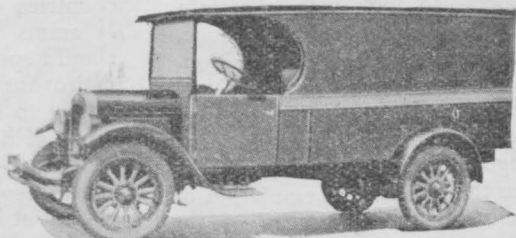
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**SOME HAPPENINGS OF THE TIME.**

From the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle," May 20, 1902.

**THE JEWISH SCHOOL.**

A perusal of the agreement published in another column, entered into between the governing body of the Johannesburg Jewish School and the Director of Education as representing the new Government of the Transvaal Colony, will well repay the reader. From it, it will be seen that while retaining everything of any value, conserving the best interest of the community and doing the very best they could for the education of the youth of both sexes in Johannesburg, the Jewish community in the Golden City are freed from the financial responsibility which has hitherto been so great a strain upon them. From the report of the meeting it can be easily seen that the entire assembly, while not numerically strong, yet comprised most of those fitted to express an opinion upon so momentous a subject; and those present were unanimous in their decision.

From the speech of the chairman one can gather that in this instance at least, "our people" would have everything to gain and nothing to lose. As he said: "The school would remain a Jewish school in every sense of the word. If the Government took it over there would be absolutely no change in its Jewish characteristics, except that they should have better teachers, competent teachers from Home who would teach secular subjects and religion, and it would be purely a school for Jewish children"; and as is seen from the agreement every precaution is taken to safeguard the interests of not only the children themselves, but also of the community as a community.

Regarding the suggestion that some people might prefer to have their children educated in an imaginary "high-class" school where they would be permitted to pay fees, we ourselves are inclined to the opinion of Mr. Max Langerman, when he said that he "expected the present Government would give them such a school that they could not improve upon it. They ought to do away with that class distinction of the rich man and the poor man"; and its says much for the

feeling of the meeting that these remarks were received with much cheers. Still it would appear that Mr. Langerman's objection was not actuated by any parsimonious feeling, as at the conclusion of the meeting he stated that a friend and himself were prepared, immediately the agreement was signed, to give two scholarships to start with.

This naturally evoked applause and it is only to be hoped that other members of the community will respond as freely, and provide the means whereby those boys and girls of our faith who show signs of more than ordinary ability, may be permitted to continue their education at high schools and universities.

**DECORUM.**

It is curious to note the divergence of opinion, in the local synagogue, on the question of the proper times to rise or sit during the recital of the Sabbath morning or other prayers. There are times when the solemnity of the prayers demand an upright position and yet it is possible to note that but few conform to this time-honoured custom. The worst offenders in this direction are the young girls who may be seen lolling in their seats even when the *Kadish* is being chanted or the *Kadusha* intoned. The idea that such a manner betokens independence is fallacious—it but demonstrates bad taste.

Mr. S. Judelsohn who is now writing a new march entitled "The Coronation March," has returned to the Rand in 1899 after completing four years of study in Brussels and may safely be considered an acquisition to the musical circles of Johannesburg.

Mr. Phil de Jong has returned to the Rand. During his stay in Cape Town he manifested that interest in local worship which, together with his excellent voice, have made him one of the leading South African authorities on synagogal melodies.

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