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Johannesburg Women's Benevolent Society Annual General Meeting

THE importance of rehabilitation rather than relief was emphasised by the various speakers at the sixth annual general meeting of the United Jewish Women's Benevolent Society, held at the Carlton Hotel on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. E. Nathanson (chairman) presided over a large and representative gathering.

In presenting the annual report, Mrs. Nathanson said that the six-year-old Benevolent Society was, in fact, the amalgamation of two societies which had been in existence for 43 and 53 years respectively. The society was working smoothly and efficiently, and applicants were receiving better attention than ever before. She paid tribute to the suburban branches through whose efforts, she said, the membership of the society had reached a figure of over 5,000. She paid fitting tribute to the late Mrs. Emily Cohen for her selfless and untiring efforts on behalf of the society.

Mrs. M. Franks, who presented the financial statement, specially referred to the sum of £2,000 bequeathed to the society by the late Mr. B. Gordon to further the education of young Jewish boys and girls and also to the gift of £1,000 from the Jewish Women's Communal League, which would also be used for educational purposes.

The gathering was addressed by Professor L. Rabinowitz, who congratulated the society on its fine record of service and stressed the importance of rehabilitation.

The Deputy-Mayor, Mr. M. J. Green, congratulated the society, on behalf of the City Council, on the excellent work it was doing.

Greetings were brought by Dr. J. McPherson, representing the National Council of Women, Mrs. M. Adler,

chairman of the Union of Jewish Women, and Mr. Melamed, Welfare Officer of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies.

Mrs. A. Landau, hon. life member, in congratulating the society on its work, said that it owed much to the pioneers who had founded it.

It was decided to change the name of the society to the Jewish Women's Welfare Association.

Mr. Hillman's Gift

The meeting was preceded by a luncheon at which Mr. Woolf Hillman handed a cheque for £500 to the society. He emphasised that if it cost £500 to make one family self-sufficient, it was a better way of spending money than by giving regular relief of, say, £10 per month. He also urged the immediate formation of a Jewish Welfare Board.

Dr. F. Sichel, in a comprehensive address, gave a cross-section of her day's work. Medical care was provided for those in need; overworked mothers were sent on holidays; educational grants were arranged for those who otherwise would be unable to continue their schooling or training; new clothing was provided; people were placed in convalescent homes and arrangements made for the children to be looked after in the mother's absence.

New Office-Bearers

Hon. life vice-president, Mrs. A. Isaacs; hon. life vice-chairman, Mrs. E. Nathanson; chairman, Mrs. Inez B. Jacobson; vice-chairmen, Mesdames G. Pollack and E. Silverman; hon. treasurer, Mrs. M. Franks; assist. hon. treasurer, Mrs. V. Marcus; hon. secretary, Mrs. A. Distiller; branch commissioner, Mrs. E. Kantor; hon. case supervisors, Mesdames Levin, Friedgut and Isserow.

NOTABLE SIYUM IN CAPE TOWN

A notable Siyum, marking the completion by the Great Synagogue Chevrat Shass of Seder Nashim, took place at the "Old Shool" on March 19. There was a very large attendance, including representatives of all the Peninsula Talmudical Societies. The catering arrangements were carried out by members of the Ladies' Guild under the convenership of Mrs. I. Goldberg.

After a few opening words by the president, Mr. A. V. Altshul, the chair was taken by the acting chairman, Mr. D. Rechtman. Rabbi Morgenshtern, the Maggid Hashiur, completed the Exposition of Tractate Kiddushim and delivered a learned "Hadran."

Chief Rabbi Prof. Abrahams gave a scholarly address on the position of the woman in Jewish tradition. Other speakers included Adv. Clouts (representing the committee of the Great Synagogue), Dr. C. Resnekov (chairman of the Board of Jewish Education), Mr. Arenson (representing the Sea Point Hebrew Congregation) and Mr. Friedland, of the Vredehoek Talmudical Society. Cantor Boris Rome sang a number of Chasidic folk songs.

Article on Zionism in Afrikaans Magazine

A comprehensive article on Zionism appeared in the February issue of the Afrikaans journal "Koers." The article, which was written by Rabbi Dr. M. Wald, of East London, gave an interesting survey of Zionism and was published, as stated in an editorial note, as an exception to the policy of the magazine in order to shed light on the present problem of Zionism.

Pietermaritzburg Women's Cultural League

At the 8th annual general meeting of the Pietermaritzburg Women's Cultural League, Mrs. M. Diamond, who presided, expressed satisfaction with the work and achievements of the League during the past year.

Mrs. Diamond surveyed the activities of the members of the League and said that the cultural aspect had in no way been overlooked. The literature received by them from the S.A. Zionist Federation was read at all meetings and proved of an absorbingly instructive nature, being very much appreciated.

The newly-elected office bearers are: Mrs. M. Diamond (chairman); Mrs. D. Benjamin (hon. secretary); Mrs. M. Caminsky (hon. treasurer); Mesdames Magnus, M. and I. Kinkel, Rubinsky and Liefman (committee).

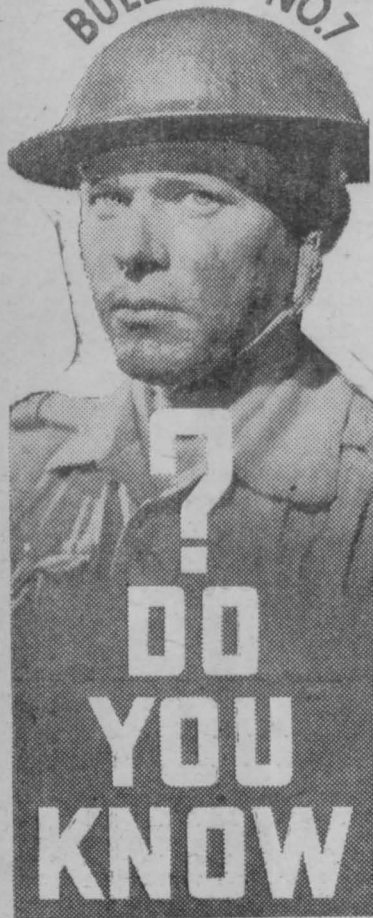
Annual Meeting of S.A. Friends of Palestine Orchestra

The annual general meeting of the S.A. Friends of the Palestine Orchestra and Habimah Theatre will take place at Mrs. F. Behrmann's flat, 21 Mentone Court, Killarney, on Sunday, April 7, at 8 p.m.

Rabbi Dr. M. C. Weiler will give a talk on cultural achievements in Palestine and Miss Ann Taylor will render songs.

The committee will take the opportunity of bidding farewell to Mrs. L. Sowden.

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connected with financial assistance — which nevertheless totals over £4,000,000 — but that they have helped ex-volunteers to solve every kind of problem?



THAT in January, 1945 (when the plan came into operation) there were 592 applications for financial assistance; that in December, 1945, the figure jumped to 12,000?



THAT by the end of 1945 the amount paid out in gratuities to ex-volunteers was over £5,000,000?



THAT the total releases and discharges from the Army grew from 2,000 in April, 1945, to nearly 20,000 in December, 1945; and that the estimated total for January is 25,000?



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THAT South Africa's demobilisation plan has been in operation for only one year?



THAT in this period 321 Discharged Soldiers' and Demobilisation Committees have had 185,000 interviews with ex-volunteers who had difficulties in settling back into civilian life?



THAT only a portion of the Committees' work has been