

Meyerson as to the malady, but as regards the remedy, I am at considerable variance with him. In my humble opinion, the un-Jewish environment and pernicious assimilating atmosphere which our children are at present inhaling must be held responsible for this hostile attitude. These are evils which neither the Rabbi nor the University trained Minister can remedy. A complete change in our educational system must first take place. More Jewish Schools must be established. Trained Teachers possessing cultivated minds and inspired with enthusiasm for the sacred cause must be engaged, and last but not least, the Jewish Home must be restored to its former position. Then the rest will follow as a natural course.

Yours etc.

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Pretoria.

April 13th, 1914.

## Hebrew Music.\*

BY THE REV. A. P. BENDER.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.—Charles Lamb, in referring to the custom of saying grace before meat, gives utterance to his astonishment that the act of eating should have had a particular expression of thanksgiving annexed to it. He feels disposed to say grace on twenty other occasions in the course of the day besides his dinner. "I want," he says, "a form for setting out upon a pleasant walk, for a moonlight ramble, for a friendly meeting, or a solved problem." "Why," he asks, "have we none for books, those spiritual repasts—a grace before Milton, a grace before Shakespeare—a devotional exercise, proper to be said before reading the "Faerie Queene"?" Ladies and Gentlemen, I cannot resist the feeling that so far from your requiring any form of clerical grace from me on this occasion of "a moonlight ramble," it is rather I who have urgent need of grace from you—that saving grace which I am confident I shall receive in profusion—the grace of indulgent consideration—while I speak to you on a subject with which I cannot claim an intimate or even a moderate familiarity, namely, "Hebrew Music." "Sentimentally," as the distinguished essayist whom I have already quoted would say, "I am disposed to harmony, but organically I am incapable of a tune." And let me add, for your immediate relief, that I shall not attempt one this evening. In this case, at least, "heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter." I am too vividly reminded of the story which tells us that when Handel's "Theodora" was performed for the first time, it fell flat. Yet, strange to say, the King of England, George the Second, went frequently to hear

it, His Majesty being almost the only regular attendant. One night Horace Walpole met Lord Chesterfield leaving the Theatre early. "What, my Lord, are you dismissed?" he asked, "is there no Oratorio this evening?" "Yes," answered Lord Chesterfield, "they are still performing; but I thought it best to retire, lest I should disturb the King in his privacy."

It is also not my intention to commence my desultory remarks with the pathetic protest of a paralysing pessimism, voiced by the Psalmist on behalf of the exiles from Judaea in Babylon, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" "For I cannot forget that I have the privilege of addressing you in a city in which not only is the art of music widely and assiduously cultivated, but in every temple of which as it were, the stone cries out of the wall and the beam out of the timber answers it in sympathy with those inimitable and imperishable songs of the spirit which may be called the Hymnal of Humanity—the Psalter.

Ladies and gentlemen, there is a widespread delusion that the notes which are most pleasing to members

of the Jewish race everywhere in the world, are bank-notes. The "jingle of the guinea"—the sound of "clinking golden coin"—is popularly supposed to be the sweetest music to the ears of those whom one half of the human race has never understood, and whom the other half has always misunderstood. But it is almost superfluous to remind you, who live in a place in which the Scriptures of Israel daily receive not only the deepest spiritual homage in the Church, but the fullest intellectual recognition in School and College, that from immemorial antiquity, the Jews have been foremost in interpreting the music of the spheres, The Cosmogony of Israel, unlike any other, reveals the morning stars as singing together on the birthday of creation:

"From harmony, Heavenly harmony,  
This Universal frame began:  
From harmony to harmony  
Through all the compass of the notes it ran,  
The diapason closing full in man."

\*A South African College Extension Lecture.

## RAND MINES. LIMITED.

(Incorporated in the Transvaal.)

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Nineteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the year ended 31st December, 1913, will be held in the Board Room, The Corner House, Johannesburg, on Wednesday, 10th June, 1914, at 11 a.m., for the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1913, and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.
2. To elect Directors in the place of those retiring in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Articles of Association.
3. To determine the remuneration of the Auditors for the past audit and to appoint Auditors for the ensuing year.
4. To transact any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting, or which is brought under consideration by the Report of the Directors.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th June, 1914, to the 16th June, 1914, both days inclusive.

Holders of Share Warrants to Bearer who desire to be present or represented at the Meeting must deposit their Share Warrants (or may at their option produce same), at the places and within the times following:—

- (a) At the Head Office of the Company in Johannesburg, at least 24 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Meeting.
- (b) At the London Office of the Company, No. 1, London Wall Buildings, London, E.C., at least thirty days before the date appointed for the holding of the Meeting.
- (c) At the Office of the Crédit Mobilier Français, 30 and 32, Rue Taitbout, Paris, at least thirty days before the date appointed for the holding of the Meeting,

and shall otherwise comply with the "Conditions as to the issue of Share Warrants or Bearer Shares" now in force.

Upon such production or deposit a Certificate, with Proxy Form, will be issued under which such Bearer Warrant holders may attend the Meeting either in person or by proxy.

By Order of the Board,

H. A. READ,  
Joint Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:  
The Corner House,  
Johannesburg, Transvaal,  
15th April, 1914.

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