

the vacant positions. However, there appears to be one country at least, that seems to have at least more *chazanim* than it needs at present. So much so that many of them have taken to the concert platform with some degree of success from the financial point of view. It is not our intention to urge that we in South Africa should fill the vacant positions that may exist by appointing any of these gentlemen but we notice that one or two of the more enterprising are embarking upon world tours and intend to pay particular attention to the British Empire. We have no doubt that South Africa will be included in the itinerary and we take up the same position as that taken up by the Association of *Chazanim* of England, who, on hearing that one of their calling proposed to visit England to give a number of recitals took the opportunity of making a dignified protest, stating that if these gentlemen visit England as secular artists, the matter was no concern of theirs, but if they advertise themselves as "Rev." or "Cantor" or *Chazan*, they would feel that the holding by them of public concerts at which the recital of prayers were made on a concert platform was degrading to the position. We are certain that the same course of action will be pursued here should any of America's superfluous *chazanim* decide to make a concert tour. There are sufficient remunerative positions that they could have if they cared to apply and not lower the dignity of a noble and holy calling.

STILL AT IT.

A few weeks ago we drew attention to the fact that some contemptible person or persons, were endeavouring to stir up anti-semitic feeling by posting broadcast badly-printed circulars containing wild, as well wickedly malicious statements attacking Sout African Jewry. We do not think for a single moment that we are betraying any secrets when we say that the course of action then pursued by the Board of Deputies had the effect of dealing a vital blow at the miscreants then responsible and, we are certain, that the same measures will be taken to deal with the vile slanderers who now essay to follow in the footsteps of those already dealt with.



Excellent Appeals.

Three of the shortest, yet most effective speeches on behalf of the South African Jewish Relief, Reconstruction and Orphans' Fund were delivered by Mr. Joseph Kessler during last week end. At the conclusion of his performances, in response to the continued demands for a speech, he first of all thanked his audiences for their support and the manner in which they had received him and his company and then reminded them that whilst they there were enjoying themselves, their relatives and friends were starving in Eastern Europe and it was their duty to support the holy cause of relief work. All those who were present upon these occasions were deeply touched by the simple yet telling eloquence of the great actor.

A Jewish Concert.

Last Sunday's concert in the Town Hall, Johannesburg, on behalf of the Relief Fund Drive was a great success from all points of view. With one exception all those taking part were members of our own flock and each item was well received but, owing to the length of the programme, no encores were permitted. Amongst those taking part were Mesdames Weinbrenn, Karnofsky, Martini, Sylva, and Augenblick, Misses Freeman and Cantor and Messrs. Joseph Kessler, Sydney Rosenbloom, R. Kofsky, J. Sherman, Max Weinbrenn, J. Idelson and Sydney Augenblick. A word of thanks is due to those ladies and gentlemen who acted as stewards, programme sellers etc.

"Full Speed Ahead."

Now that the Cabaret and Concert are over Relief Fund workers must concentrate upon the Arabian Nights entertainment and, from now onwards, "full speed ahead" must be the signal. To raise twelve thousand five hundred pounds is no small undertaking and, to my mind this must not only be obtained but exceeded. To do this every worker must do his or her best.

A Single Day's Cables.

Jewish misery overseas continues unabated. In a single day, a batch of cables brought news from every portion of Europe that spoke for conditions that make one's hair stand on end, merely upon reading reports. In Smyrna, Jews are forced to flee as a result of the concentration of Turkish troops on the Syrian frontier. At the University of Bucharest, Jewish students and professors are threatened with death. In answer to a call to "patriotic" Roumanians to join the life or death struggle against the Jews, 40,000 students are reported to have enrolled into the Fascisti party. In Warsaw, the anti-Semitic Rozwoj party is reviving the "Protocols of Zion." Several Jews were wounded in a Warsaw riot when a gang of Polish hooligans invaded the Jewish quarter on Saturday night and shouted "death to the Jews." These are merely a few of the reports received in one day. While the Jewish body is being tortured, however, our spirit remains intact and Israel is, nevertheless, showing greater signs of strength than ever. Anti-Semites are resorting to the wrong means of getting rid of the Jew when they use force.

Sir Deedes On Zionism

Sir Wyndham Deedes, former Civil Secretary for Palestine, has again given proof of his friendship for our people and his interest in the rebuilding of Palestine as the Jewish homeland. At a meeting of the English Zionist Federation at London, Sir Deedes declared that through Zionism the world was righting a wrong committed against the Jews by Christians 2,000 years ago. Sir Deedes rejoiced at the fact that 95 per cent of the Jews in Palestine spoke Hebrew and quoted that as a sign that Palestine was fast developing into a Jewish homeland. The former Palestine secretary declared that only money was hampering Zionist progress in all directions. English Jews please take notice.