



Jepestown Hebrew Congregation—Annual Meeting.

The twenty-third annual general meeting of members of the Jepestown Hebrew Congregation will be held on Sunday next the 16th inst., when various matters will be discussed. For the first time for many years the financial result shows a loss of revenue over expenditure of a little over £60, but this is due to the fact that the Congregation had to make special grants of over £200, but the Congregation is in the happy position of being very sound financially.

In its endeavours to meet the needs of the rising generation by the provision of facilities for Hebrew education the committee has had to work under great difficulties but nevertheless much good work has been accomplished.

The report also places on record the excellent response to the appeal for funds for the erection of a new synagogue at the Oval, and the hope is expressed that building operations will be commenced in the near future.

Also included in the report is the Rev. A. M. Kaplan's account of the work accomplished during the year under review in which he puts forward suggestions for further progress and improvements.

Agudath Chavray Chalukath Hashas.

A General Meeting of the Agudath Chavray Chalukath Hashas will be held on Sunday, the 16th instant, at 3 p.m., sharp, at the Jewish Guild War Memorial Hall, Von Brandis Street, for the purpose of acquiring the services of a great Orthodox Rabbi from Overseas, for Johannesburg and surrounding districts.

This meeting is under the auspices of the above Association and sanctioned by the leading members of all Jewish Congregations on the Witwatersrand.

The Yeoville Jewish Literary & Debating Society.

On Sunday, August 16th, Mr. S. M. Goldstein, Editor of the

"S.A. Jewish Chronicle" will read a paper before the members of the Yeoville Jewish Literary and Debating Society entitled, "Wit and Humour of the Ghetto."

The "Chronicle" Cake—No. 844.

Writing under date of the 11th August, Mr. Bernard Alexander, J.P., President of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies says.—"I thank you for having awarded me the "Chronicle" Cake, No. 844, and for the graceful references you have made regarding me on my re-election as President of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and for the good wishes you have expressed, not only for myself, but for South African Jewry."

The United Hebrew Congregation.

On Tuesday evening last, the world famous Cantor, S. Pinkasovitch, who has been appointed the first reader at the Park Synagogue, the largest synagogue in the Union, arrived in Johannesburg to take up his new position. The renowned cantor has won high praise from the press both in England and on the Continent and the following are one or two extracts from press reports:

"Students of singing who wish to learn the details of style in musical ornamentation should not miss hearing Cantor Pinkasovitch at the South Broughton Synagogue. The use of the under auxiliary note as the lower note of a shake which has almost passed out of use in our present-day music, is specially well exemplified in his singing, and he is in many other ways a singer to be heard." The Yorkshire Post, under the heading, "A Remarkable Jewish Singer," says: "At a Jewish concert in the Leeds Albert Hall a remarkable singer appeared in the person of the Rev. S. Pinkasovitch a Russian, who now occupies the position of chief cantor in the new synagogue at Manchester. It is claimed for Mr. Pinkasovitch that his range

extends over nearly four octaves. Certainly he sang equally well last night in the deepest of bass notes or in the higher tenor register. In some of the prayers, as sung in synagogues, he was able to bring his various voices into use, and in these he sang with wonderful fervour. The audience was roused to such a high pitch of enthusiasm that double encores were actually demanded. Mr. Pinkasovitch sang a couple of operatic selections, and his rendering of 'On with the Motley' (sung in Italian) made one wonder why he had not chosen the operatic stage for a career."

The reverend gentleman was born in a small Russian village in 1886, the son of a learned and famous Rabbi. He lost his father in early youth, after he had already shown unusual musical talent. The winning of a scholarship at the Odessa College of Music enabled him to follow his vocation and study various languages. He also studied composition under Professor Vinogradnikoff. At the age of 18 he went to Vienna to study singing under Professor Habesh and Steinoder, and later he proceeded to Italy to finish his training with Professor Broggi.

His first position was at Czernowitz, on the Russia-Austrian border, a centre of horror and bloodshed during the war. He and his family took refuge in Hungary, and after the war he accepted the call to act as first reader for the Hildersheimer Orthodox Congregation in Berlin. He made a great name in Germany and gramophone records proved very popular, but because of the post-war conditions in that country he decided to accept the offer of the Manchester Congregation.

The reverend gentleman on his arrival at Park Station was met by the members of the Council of the United Hebrew Congregation including Mr. Joseph Ratzker, President, Mr. M. Reuvid, Vice-President, Mr. Braude, Treasurer, Mr. B. S. Ginsberg Chairman of the Council, Mr. Gustave Frankel, Mr. Peter Kaplan, Mr. B. M. Patley, Mr. S. L. Sive, the Rev. B. I. Beckman, Rev. A. D. Lyons, Rev. M. Lopato, etc. etc.

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