

UNITED SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH RELIEF, RECONSTRUCTION AND ORPHANS' FUND.

THE CAPE BRANCH.—MR. RENDEL'S TOUR.

Mr. E. Rendel, the honorary travelling lecturer of the United South African Jewish Relief Fund, arrived in Capetown on Thursday, March 15th, and was met at the station by Messrs. S. Zackon (hon. treasurer), C. Nell (secretary) and S. Levinsohn.

The Inaugural Reception.

In the evening a social was held in the Old Synagogue Hall, Gardens, to welcome Mr. Rendel and discuss the business of the propaganda campaign. Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.L.A., presided over a large attendance of representatives and delegates from institutions, and read apologies for non-attendance from the Rev. A. P. Bender and the Simonstown community. The chairman, in introducing Mr. Rendel, mentioned that the first the Cape branch heard of Mr. Rendel was when Mr. R. Feldman, the chairman of the Propaganda Committee, mentioned the work being done by Mr. Rendel, who gave up ten days of every month in service to the Fund. Now it was Capetown's turn, and in view of the size and importance of this centre, Mr. Rendel was going to spend fifteen days with them. It would be Mr. Rendel's object to divide the town into districts and conduct intensive campaigns in each by appointing conveners and electing a local committee for each district. They should not be satisfied with welcoming Mr. Rendel, but should put his ideas into practice and thus benefit the Fund. He called upon Mr. Rendel to address the gathering.

Mr. Rendel, who was greeted with applause, thanked those present for the very kind reception which they had accorded him, and stated that he would be sufficiently recompensed for his trouble by the success of the campaign he had come down to institute. He proceeded to describe the work of the Fund, and the system of organising the monthly collections, and concluded by appealing for volunteers to act as conveners and assist in the house-to-house collection.

After several questions had been asked and answered, the chairman announced that the following names had been handed in:—Messrs. Jackson, Gesundheit, A. Lipman, Suritz, N. Ipp, A. Abel, L. M. Sacks, F. Rabinowitz, L. Edstein, L. Gladstone, Baker (senr. and junr.), Mrs. L. Schrire and Mrs. Nell.

Mr. Jackson regretted the absence that evening of representatives from many of the more important Jewish institutions, and said that it was a fact to be deplored. He suggested that these people be specially written to again.

Rabbi Mirvish suggested that the senior members had done so much in the past that it was now the turn of the junior members of the community to assist in this work. He specially mentioned the Save the Jewish Children's Fund, and suggested that they undertake the house-to-house collection.

Mr. J. Frank stated from past experience that it was inadvisable for the old and tried collectors to give way to junior members, as it was an easy matter to refuse a junior.

After Mr. Rendel had replied, it was decided to hold a meeting of workers the following Sunday, when arrangements could be made for the house-to-house collection.

This concluded the business of the evening, and the gathering came to an end with a vote of thanks to the guest and to the chair.

The Collection Meeting.

A meeting of workers was held in the Old Synagogue Hall, Gardens, on Sunday, March 18th.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., M.L.A., Rabbi Mirvish presided. In his opening remarks the chairman explained the object of the meeting, which was to arrange for a house-to-house collection to be held the following Sunday under the direction of Mr. Rendel, who had come to the Cape on a special propaganda mission in connection with the Fund. He mentioned that Mr. Rendel gave a third of his life, i.e., ten days in every month, in service to the Fund, and the best they could do out of appreciation for his efforts on behalf of the Fund would be to make this collection an outstanding success. The need to-day was greater than ever before, and he

trusted that Mr. Rendel would be successful in rekindling the enthusiasm which was so necessary for the success of the Fund.

Rev. Bender joined very cordially in the welcome to Mr. Rendel, and said that he would be very glad to assist in every way possible. He trusted that Mr. Rendel's mission would be crowned with success, and he would then be amply rewarded for the time and trouble occasioned by his visit to Capetown.

Mr. Rendel stated that his idea was not that they should make spasmodic efforts on behalf of the Fund; the need for help was ever-present, and as long as that was the case it was their duty to have regular collections. He proposed that next Sunday's collection should be the forerunner of regular monthly collections. The town should be subdivided into districts, and conveners should convene meetings of workers in their respective districts during the week, when he would be present to address them on the needs of the Fund. Local committees could be elected for each district, and they would be held responsible for regular monthly collections. He trusted that sufficient volunteers would be forthcoming that morning to act as conveners.

A discussion ensued on the activities of the Save the Jewish Children Fund, and the general opinion seemed to be that they should take an active part in assisting in the monthly collections. Mr. Cohen, the chairman of the Fund, however, stated that the whole question would be gone into.

After further discussion, Mr. Jackson agreed to become the convener for the Sea Point area, Mr. and Mrs. Gesundheit and Mrs. Policansky for the Gardens and Oranjezicht areas; Mr. Zadik promised to consider the question of undertaking to be responsible for the Tamboer's Kloof area.

There being no further volunteers forthcoming, Mr. Gesundheit suggested that volunteers be called for at that evening's mass meeting in the Alhambra Theatre.

The meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks.

Public Mass Meeting.

On March 18th, at the Alhambra Theatre, a public mass meeting under the auspices of the United South African Jewish Relief, Reconstruction and Orphans' Fund (Cape branch), took place, Mr. Alexander, K.C., M.L.A., presiding. He was supported by the Rev. A. P. Bender, Mr. E. Rendel (Johannesburg), hon. travelling lecturer of the Fund, and Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish.

The chairman said that they were starting a new campaign in connection with the Relief Fund, and they were fortunate in having in their midst Mr. Rendel, the hon. travelling lecturer, who would remain in the Peninsula until the 26th instant. He was going to help to organise the Fund throughout the Peninsula.

Unfortunately, the condition of the affairs in Continental Europe remained appalling. He could see that for many years to come they would have to call upon their friends to make sacrifices for this Fund. The money that was collected all over the world was not sufficient to cope with the terrible distress that existed on such a gigantic scale. Mr. Alexander mentioned that he had received a cablegram from London containing the welcome news that the War Victims Fund in London and the Ukrainian Federation had amalgamated. The text of the message was as follows:—

"War Victims Fund and Ukrainian Federation unitedly appeal further help essential towards continuing relief kitchens, orphanages, hospitals, rescuing 30,000 refugees from expulsion Poland and Roumania. Wide reconstruction scheme adopted in which the Jewish Colonisation Association co-operating for helping Jewish traders and agriculturists maintain themselves. Kindly arrange Passover appeal behalf our great effort for rescuing tens of thousands fellow Jews."

Mr. Alexander added that money was never so necessary in order to relieve the distress prevailing as it was at the present time.

Mr. Rendel said that during the past eight years the Jews had suffered tremendously. Over half a million children had been left behind to be cared for. With the opening of communications with Eastern Europe, the terrible and appalling state of things was only now being revealed. During the past eight years South Africa had collected over £500,000 towards relief of the sufferers. One of the first acts of the united executive when unity was achieved at Bloemfontein last year was a decision to send 250 orphans

to Palestine to be brought up in a Jewish national atmosphere.

"We must not forget," remarked Mr. Rendel, "that 600,000 orphans are waiting for our help. Would that Jewish charity were as great as are Jewish troubles." He drew a vivid picture of the lamentable conditions in the Ukraine, and exhibited a sample of the black bread, made of a mixture of clay and straw, upon which many of the people had to subsist. It was, he urged, absolutely imperative that something should be done to rescue the orphans from their awful surroundings. More kitchens should be opened, and measures should be taken to fit these hosts of suffering children for the future. "Help the living, and you will have erected the best memorial to those who have been done to death."

The Rev. A. P. Bender followed with an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Fund. Those of them who lived in South Africa and had the privilege of living in the freest country in the world to-day and a country in which even under the adverse conditions of modern commerce and trade they were enabled, at any rate, to gratify every reasonable desire and enjoy comfort, would, he was sure, be not unmindful of the calls of their less fortunate brethren in the war-stricken areas overseas.

Rabbi Mirvish also gave an address.

Woodstock.

A meeting was held in the Woodstock Synagogue on Monday, March 19th, at 8 p.m.

Mr. W. Satusky, who was in the chair, in introducing Mr. Rendel, expressed his regret at the small attendance, which he attributed to the fact that the meeting was called at very short notice.

Mr. Rendel having given an eloquent address on the need of the Fund, it was decided to form a committee, the results of the election being as follows:—Chairman, Mr. Præd; treasurer, Mr. Oblovitz; secretary, Rev. Kassel; committee, Messrs. Klein, Katz and Morduchowitz.

It was further decided to have a house-to-house collection on Sunday, March 25th.

Rev. Kassel undertook to act as supervisor of the junior branch.

Claremont.

A meeting was held in the Synagogue at Claremont on Tuesday, March 20th. Mr. Rendel, in addressing the meeting, pointed out the objects for which the Fund was working, and the terrible position in the Ukraine, and in conclusion appealed to those present to continue the noble work.

Mr. Seligman, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Rendel, appealed to all present to give generously to the Relief Fund and thus reward Mr. Rendel for his sacrifices on behalf of the Fund.

Mr. Gerber undertook to call a meeting for the purpose of forming a branch, and the Rev. Hurwitz agreed to act as supervisor for the junior branch.

Observatory.

The same evening Mr. Rendel proceeded from Claremont to Observatory, where a meeting was held in the Synagogue. Mr. Linde presided and welcomed Mr. Rendel.

Mr. Rendel, in his address, stated that he did not come to them as a representative from Johannesburg, but as a representative of the Cape branch. After describing the position in Eastern Europe with his usual eloquence, the lecturer outlined his plan of campaign and appealed to all to give generously to the monthly house-to-house collection.

The chairman, Mr. Linde, in calling upon Rev. Kawitzky to move a vote of thanks to the lecturer, appealed to all present to start work immediately. He asked that all present should remain after the lecturer left to elect a committee.

Mr. Rendel remarked that his usual procedure was to remain until the committee was elected.

An election then ensued with the following result: Chairman, Mr. R. Zabow; treasurer, Mr. S. Shaskolsky; secretary, Mr. S. Linde; committee, Messrs. L. Hertzberg, M. L. Jaffe, M. Efmán, K. Zabow, A. Kowalsky, I. Goldman and H. Schapiro.

Rev. Kawitzky undertook to act as supervisor of the junior branch.

Worcester.

The following day Mr. Rendel travelled to Worcester. On his arrival he was met at the station by the chairman of the branch, Mr. A. Traub; the hon. treasurer, Mr. S. Lange; the hon. secretary, Mr. S. Geibelson; and Messrs. J. J. Wilk, Sher, J. Rabinowitz and Rev. Stein.

In the evening an enthusiastic and well-attended meeting was held in the Town Hall. Mr. A. Traub, who, supported by Mr. Geibelson, presided at the meeting, introduced Mr. Rendel in a few well-chosen words.

Mr. Rendel, in a lengthy but interesting speech, detailed the activities of the Fund during the past, and outlined the plans for the future.

Questions were asked, to which the lecturer replied.

It was decided that the same committee should remain in office for the ensuing session, and that monthly collections be held.

Rev. Stein undertook to form a junior branch and to act as its supervisor.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Rendel, Mr. Traub, Rev. Stein and Messrs. A. Volks, I. J. Senitzky, L. Goldberg and H. Cohen were moved and seconded.

The meeting terminated with the singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King."

Save the Jewish Children Fund.

A general meeting of the Save the Jewish Children Fund was held at the Old Synagogue Hall, Gardens, on Sunday, March 25th, at 8.15 p.m.

Rev. A. P. Bender, the patron of the Fund, who presided, expressed his satisfaction at the unusual punctuality, and called upon the hon. secretary, Miss D. Winnett, to read the minutes of the inaugural general meeting, and, no objections being raised, these were confirmed.

Mr. I. Cohen, the chairman, then read his presidential report. He thanked the members of the committee for the ready manner in which they had assisted him, and expressed the hope that they would render the same assistance to his successors.

The chairman, in addressing the meeting, expressed his willingness to assist the committee whenever possible. He dwelt upon the advantages of an energetic committee, such as had been in office during the past session, and eulogised the invaluable work done for the Fund by Miss Winnett and Mr. Cohen. Further, he asked for the co-operation of all present. He also paid a tribute to the efforts of Mr. C. Nell on behalf of the Fund. He hoped that the committee elected at that meeting would carry out Mr. Rendel's suggestions. In conclusion, Rev. Bender appealed to all present to give as much as possible, and not wait until dances and socials be held before helping the starving children in the Ukraine. In introducing Mr. Rendel, he mentioned that Mr. Rendel had come down from Johannesburg to organise the Cape branch of the senior Fund. He was experienced in his work and had been successful in forming junior branches in many parts of the Transvaal and Free State.

Mr. Rendel said that he was satisfied with the meetings which he had held in and around Capetown, as a result of which Woodstock, Observatory, Claremont, Muizenberg and Worcester were organising junior branches. He said that the senior Fund had a good organiser and secretary in Mr. Nell. He was satisfied with the first monthly house-to-house collection held here, and hoped that the following collections would be as successful. It was his opinion that the young people of Capetown were dedicating themselves to good work.

The chairman, in calling upon the hon. treasurer, Mr. M. Sacks, to give his report, said that the few shillings brought in by children organising bazaars and concerts were more valuable than guineas obtained from fashionable houses.

The hon. treasurer then gave a report of the financial work of the Children's Fund, from which it appeared that close on £300 had been collected during its seven months' existence.

Mr. D. I. Fryde remarked on the very small amount obtained from subscriptions, and suggested that the new committee should canvass the city for regular subscribers.

In reply to Mr. Fryde, Rev. Bender said that it was no easy matter to obtain subscribers, and, amid applause, suggested that Mr. Fryde assist the new committee in this connection.

The election of officers and committee for the ensuing session then took place with the following results:—Chairman, Mr. S. Nell; vice-chairman, Mr. E. Zion; hon. secretary, Miss D. Winnett; hon. assistant secretary, Miss B. Cohen; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. Sacks; committee, Misses E. Zinn, M. Gitlin, S. Rogoff, P. Kushlick, L. Fogelman, N. Mirvish, D. Nell, Messrs. C. Barnett, Albert, L. Cohen, and D. I. Fryde.

A vote of thanks to Rev. Bender was moved by Mr. Cohen and seconded by Mr. Rendel.

Rev. Bender, on behalf of those present, wished Mr. Rendel a happy journey and hoped it would not be long before Mr. Rendel would again honour them with a visit.

Muizenberg.

A meeting was held in the Muizenberg-Kalk Bay Synagogue on the morning of Sunday, March 25th, Mr. Simon being in the chair. After his address, Mr. Rendel asked that those present should immediately form a branch and elect a committee.

Rev. Walt proposed that a provisional committee be elected, and that the committee should call a combined meeting of the congregation, the Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society and the Young Israel Society to elect a standing committee. This was agreed to, and the election of the provisional committee then took place, the following being the result: Chairman, Mr. I. Simon; committee, Rev. E. S. Walt, Messrs. N. Emdin, H. Hassen, C. Schapiro and M. Shagam.

Rev. Walt undertook to supervise the junior branch.

The chairman, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, pointed out that it was their duty to do their utmost for the cause, and that they had promised to do this.

Rev. Walt seconded the vote of thanks.

Maitland.

In the afternoon of the same day a meeting was held in the Maitland Synagogue. Mr. A. Kaufman, the chairman, introduced Mr. Rendel.

Mr. Rendel, having delivered an eloquent address, the chairman explained that they had on several occasions elected a committee, but, unfortunately, activities always slackened. He therefore proposed that a paid collector should be engaged.

Mr. Rendel explained that he objected, on principle, to the engagement of such a collector. But he further said that he was not prepared to interfere with their internal arrangements. The following volunteered as honorary collectors: Messrs. D. Manaschewitz and S. Kramer, A. Kaufman and Dembovsky, L. Arenson and M. Kramer.

Mr. Manaschewitz proposed that a meeting be held on the second day of Passover to arrange for the immediate commencement of activities.

It was arranged to call a meeting of the juniors at an early date.

The chairman thanked Mr. Rendel for the trouble he had taken in coming out to address them.

Mr. Rendel replied that he felt fully recompensed by the satisfactory result of the meeting.

Bertrams.

This branch, encouraged by the positive success of the limelight ball organised last year in conjunction with the Southern Suburbs branches, is now busy on its own with the preliminaries of a similar function this year, the Town Hall having already been booked for the 4th July, 1923. Good results to the Fund are expected. Young men and women willing to assist in the work should communicate their names and addresses to the branch secretary, Mr. I. Metz, box 2083, or telephone central 2263.

De Aar.

Mrs. R. Blumenthal, the energetic hon. secretary of this branch, remitted £26 14s. 6d. to the head office, made up as follows: £5 8s. 6d., monthly subscription; 16s., junior section; and £20 10s., proceeds of social. With regard to the last item, the social was held at Mr. and Mrs. Jassinowsky's residence on the 2nd April, and proved a great success. Many thanks are due to the host and hostess in placing their residence at the disposal of the committee, and thanks are also due to all who helped to make the evening a success. Rev. Feldman presided, and opened the social in a few well-chosen words. Musical items, etc., were

rendered by Mrs. I. Blumberg, Miss V. Jassinowsky, Mr. M. Hoffman, Miss F. Feldman, Miss Neuman and the Misses L. and V. Feldman. All refreshments were supplied by the local Jewish ladies, and articles kindly donated by Mrs. Hoffman (Psalm book), Mrs. Blumberg (liqueur), Mrs. Joffe (tea-cloth), and cakes, etc., were sold by American auction. Dancing was kept up till the early hours of the morning, and the social concluded with the singing of Hatikvah and the National Anthem.

Kopjes.

A silver trinket box, raffled by little Miss Madeline Schultz, realised the sum of £1 for the fund, for which the committee is very grateful. They also desire to express their thanks for the special donation of £1 5s. given by G. Hoffmann, at the Pidjen Haben of Harry Berman, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Berman.

Ladybrand.

Mrs. Friedgut, the energetic hon. secretary of this branch, remitted a sum of £10 10s. to the head office of the Fund, made up as follows: £8 15s. 6d., April collection; £1 1s., special donation at Yahr Zeit service, from J. Segall, of Smithfield; and 15s., further proceeds of last month's bridge drive, less 1s. 6d. for money order.

Springfontein.

A sum of £100 has been received by the United South African Fund from the Springfontein branch, per Mr. I. Warschawczik, the hon. secretary, made up as follows: Monthly collections, £11 2s. 6d.; junior section, £4 7s. 3d.; collected at Bris Milah, G. Rabinowitz, £16 6s.; collected at Bris Milah, A. Harris, £13; donations: Mrs. G. Segall, £2; I. Jaffe, £1 1s.; D. Hersch, £2 2s.; collected at "At Homes"; Mrs. S. Mitchell, 10s.; Mrs. A. Rubin, £2 16s.; and part proceeds of dance, £46 15s. 3d.

Palestine Orphans.

In connection with the settlement of 250 Ukrainian orphans in Palestine, regarding which it has already been announced in this column that a start has been made with 100 children, the Relief Fund has now cabled to the Palestine Orphan Committee to increase the first batch to 125 instead of 100 as previously cabled. This extra 25 is on account of the Jewish community in Rhodesia who are anxious that their children shall be among the first transferred to Palestine.

"LONDON JEWISH CHRONICLE" LAND OF ISRAEL SUPPLEMENT.

The Keren Hayesod Committee of the South African Zionist Federation has received a supply of several hundred copies of the above twelve-page supplement—devoted exclusively to the Jewish resettlement in Palestine, and containing interesting articles, statistics, news and numerous photographs—issued with a recent issue of the *London Jewish Chronicle*. The supply received has been distributed to Zionist societies and Keren Hayesod committees throughout the country, but a few are held in reserve, and can be obtained free on application to Box 18, Johannesburg, by individuals who are not in touch with societies or committees.

NORDAU PHOTOGRAPHS.

The South African Zionist Federation has in stock photographic cards (a little larger than post-card size) of the late Dr. Nordau, and can supply same, either singly or in bulk, at 3d. each post free.