

PRETORIA NOTES.

The activity in Zionist circles here during the last few months has been energetically followed up during June. A good deal has already been done, and more has been scheduled to be done during the month, from which considerable benefit may be expected, both for the various funds administered under Zionist auspices and in an educational way.

On the 30th May the Krugersdorp Jewish Amateur Dramatic Society staged a play in Yiddish, entitled "Ohn a Heim." This effort was a success both from the histrionic and the financial points of view. The nett profit realised was £76 17s., which will be devoted to the Orphans' Fund. Every praise is due to those participating for the fine performance put up. Thanks are due to Miss Sophie Pack for managing the orchestra, to Mr. P. Schwartz for the loan of the necessary furniture, and to the Pretoria Electrical Company for the loan of electrical fittings.

On the 13th and 14th of June a film under the significant title of "Endurance" was shown at the Town Hall. Every possible assistance was given to the promoter by the local Zionist Guild, for which it will receive 25 per cent. of the nett profits, to be allocated to the National Fund. Like every other film, it may on close examination reveal several points for criticism, but it has served to indicate the propaganda possibilities of the cinematograph for the furtherance of our cause. The film is a record of the life of the great Jewish moving spirit, Dr. Herzl, and includes many scenes from Jewish history, which serve to show the greatness and glory that was once Jerusalem.

A general meeting of the Zionist Guild was called for the 20th of the month. At this gathering a ballot was to be taken for selecting the South African representatives at the next Zionist Congress. During the same evening Mr. M. Schaeffer, B.A., LL.B., will give a lecture on "The League of Nations and its Relation to the Jewish Problem."

One has to record that steps have already been taken towards a further effort to swell the funds of the Keren Hayesod, and that several generous donations have been made. It is confidently expected that Pretoria will uphold in this instance also the reputation it has made in its response to the call for funds for the Palestine National Restoration Fund.

SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

MAY 30TH.

Present: Mr. A. M. Abrahams (in the chair), Messrs. J. Janower, B. S. Hersch, W. Senior, and J. Alexander.

The following further nomination was passed for the forthcoming elections to Congress:—Mr. E. Gurland.

The draft of a circular to be issued in connection with the ballot for the election was approved, as well as the draft ballot paper.

JUNE 12TH.

Present: Mr. A. M. Abrahams (in the chair), Messrs. B. Gordon, M. Kentridge, W. Senior, J. Janower, B. S. Hersch, L. Braudo, M. S. Aaron, H. Lourie, Dr. J. M. Edelstein and Mr. J. Alexander.

Apologies were received from Dr. Landau, Messrs. M. de Saxe and Kuper.

The proceedings of the previous meeting, at which a quorum was not present, were confirmed.

It was reported that as the result of the action initiated by the executive, a Joint Zionist Council for Johannesburg had been formed.

It was reported that all communications in connection with the forthcoming elections to Congress had been duly issued, and that the remittances to London for Shekolim receipts had now reached the figure entitling South Africa to six delegates.

An application from the S.A. Zeire Zion for affiliation was granted.

JUNE 17TH.

Present: Mr. A. M. Abrahams (in the chair), Dr. Landau, Dr. J. M. Edelstein, Messrs. B. Gordon, L. Braudo, W. Senior, M. S. Aaron, J. Janower, H. Lourie, and J. Alexander.

Apologies were received from Messrs. Hersch, De Saxe and Kentridge.

It was reported that the head office receipts for contributions of the Golden Shekel were not yet to hand.

An application from the Woodstock-Salt River Hebrew Congregation for affiliation was granted.

Communications from the Keren Hayesod, head office, were read with regard to the prospects of a prominent representative visiting South Africa after the Congress.

It was reported that Mr. Maurice Moscovitch, the famous actor, who was now in South Africa, and who was a strong supporter of the movement, would be glad to avail himself of an opportunity of meeting and addressing South African Zionists, and several members of the executive undertook to interview him in Durban and make suitable arrangements with him for an evening to be devoted to this purpose during his season in Johannesburg.

A large number of miscellaneous items of business was also disposed of.

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