

THIRTEENTH ZIONIST CONGRESS.

SOUTH AFRICA'S REPRESENTATIVES.

The elections for South Africa's delegates to the forthcoming Thirteenth Zionist Congress resulted as follows:—

1. Mr. S. Hillman 817 votes.
2. Dr. Schmarya Levin ... 809 votes.
3. Mr. S. Meyerson 656 votes.
4. Mr. E. Gurland 623 votes.
5. Dr. B. S. Mossinsohn ... 496 votes.
6. Mr. J. Hirschowitz... .. 483 votes.

The following three gentlemen were elected alternates to take the place of any delegate should he be elected elsewhere or be unable to attend the Congress:—

1. Mr. A. Schlosberg 479 votes.
2. Mr. S. H. Nathanson ... 403 votes.
3. Mr. S. Landman 278 votes.

Owing, however, to cabled advice that Dr. Schmarya Levin had been elected for Canada, Mr. A. Schlosberg being next on the list, is thus included in the South African delegation.

With the exception of Dr. B. S. Mossinsohn, all the delegates are South Africans, whose activities for the cause of Zionism are too well known to need description, and it may be taken that they will effectively represent South Africa's views at the Congress.

THE LATE DR. BAER EPSTEIN.

We announce with regret the sudden death which occurred in New York as a result of haemorrhage of the brain, of Dr. Baer Epstein, for many years closely identified with the Jewish National Fund.

The late Dr. Epstein, who was devoted to the Zionist cause since its inception, was very active in his native city, Vilna. About ten years ago his services were secured in the interest of the Jewish National Fund, which he organised in many countries in Europe, in the United States, and in South America. In all the countries he visited he stimulated Zionism, and was regarded as one of the ablest workers and propagandists. His premature death—he was under 50 years of age—is a severe loss to the Zionist cause in general and to the Jewish National Fund in particular.

WANTED.

Steady YOUNG MAN for COUNTRY STORE, HARRISBURGH DISTRICT, O.F.S., as Shop Assistant, one with previous experience preferred; must be able to speak Dutch. Reply to H.1., *Zionist Record*.

SURELY THE PEOPLE IS GRASS.

(Translated from Bialik by Bertha Beinkinstadt.)

Surely is the people grass, withered as a tree,
 Surely is the people slain, slaughtered ruthlessly;
 When the thunder of God's voice echoes through all
 space,
 Motionless the people lie as in death's embrace;
 Neither as a lion bold do they roar and bound,
 No man in the city walls trembleth at the sound;
 Nor doth throb the people's heart and with pride
 rejoice
 When the children of the Lord answer to His voice.
 Not a hand in greeting raised, and no word of cheer
 For the souls, who call on Him, faithful and sincere.
 Round its images of gold stands the foolish crowd,
 Lost in nothingness God's voice and His thunder loud.
 Surely is the people lost, hope and faith are flown,
 And decay and rottenness claim them as their own!
 From their midst doth none arise in the hour of woe
 In whose heart a spark divine, bright and pure should
 glow;
 Who should be a guiding star and a leading light
 For the people who are lost in the gloom of night;
 And to whom the name of God and his nation's name
 Should be dearer to his heart than both wealth and
 fame;
 Who with strength and purity, loathing sin, doth
 climb
 On the lofty ladder truth to the heights sublime;—
 With compassion, boundless, free as the open sea,
 Great as is his nation's woe and its misery—
 All this surges in the heart, as the tempest wind
 In the ocean's stormy lap, rages as a fiend;
 All this as an echo clear, ever rings anew:
 "God is with us now, thy work calls to thee, Oh Jew!"

Surely is the people lost in dishonour, shame!
 No foundation for his deeds, in his work no aim.
 Years of weary wandering, exile long and drear!
 They have turned their heart away and no counsel
 hear.
 Can they also feel the pangs other than of flesh,
 They who are accustomed to whip and stinging lash?
 Can they have a care beyond what the moment holds,
 —People sunk in exile's gloom, whom the pit
 enfolds?—
 Lift up to the light their soul, to the coming morn?
 Weave a steady web of life for the race unborn?
 Never with the people wake, but the wrathful scourge
 Wake them! Never will they rise, from their ruin
 emerge!
 From the tree a withered leaf, rustling through the
 air,
 Hyssop springing up on stones, lo, a vineyard bare,
 Yea, a flower breathing out its last fragrant breath,
 Can the crystal dew revive these from eternal death?
 Even when the trumpet call, loud the calm doth break,
 Will they move, the dead, or stir? Will the dead
 awake?

WANTED.

EXPERIENCED HEBREW TEACHER (Lady), with knowledge of Music, for three Girls (6, 8 and 10 years), to educate Children in the Jewish National spirit. Applicant should apply in Hebrew, giving references and educational qualifications, also stating salary required.
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