

S. A. JEWISH ORPHANAGE.

Annual Function at "Arcadia."

Last Wednesday evening, at "Arcadia," a four-fold function—a special Chanukah service, distribution of prizes, the Barmitzvah of five Orphanage boys, and an entertainment by the children—was held.

The special Chanukah service was beautifully rendered by Obercantor S. Inspektor and Cantor N. Lopato, of the Park and Yeoville Synagogues respectively, assisted by the joint choirs of both synagogues under their choirmaster, Mr. G. Grossberg.

Mr. W. Hillman, the President, welcomed those present on behalf of the Committee. He said he was that evening not going to ask for any money, but only that they should spend a very pleasant evening. The number of children was rapidly increasing, so much so that the Committee was compelled to solve the problem of accommodation and the only way to do so was by building a new wing. This wing would provide for about 100 children, and he hoped that that would be sufficient and enable them to continue the policy of not refusing any application for admission on account of want of accommodation. The wing would cost about £5,000, of which they were still short by £2,000. He was glad to say that the Orphanage had the Jewish public behind it.

Mrs. Sam Kruger distributed the prizes to the successful children.

There followed speeches by the Barmitzvah boys, Masters L. Nawra (speaking in Hebrew), H. Walchuk (in Yiddish), S. Paiker (in English), and H. Jacobson (in Afrikaans).

Dr. J. L. Landau (Chief Rabbi), in his address, referring to the boys' speeches, said they were all deeply moved by the touching words spoken by those young and helpless children, who had expressed their heartfelt thanks to those who were maintaining and rearing them. None of those present could have remained indifferent when one of the boys said that he had never seen his parents. There were many sorrows in life, but he did not think that one could experience a greater sorrow than the loss of parents. It was one of the defects of human nature that one never appreciated what one possessed, but only realised its value when lost. He could thank God that there were human hearts filled with the glow of sympathy and pity, and with regard to charity no enemy of theirs, however great his hatred of the Jew, could dispute the fact that Jews were *Rachmonim bnei Rachmonim*.

Mrs. Pheenie Sand made the presentations to the Barmitzvah boys, and returned thanks to the committee for the honour given her.

A Milestone.

Mr. R. Kaumheimer, the Vice-President, gave an address, in the course of which he said that that day was one of great importance for the Barmitzvah boys, for it marked a milestone in their lives. They stood upon the threshold of manhood when they had to take upon themselves the greater responsibilities of life.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Kaumheimer thanked the Chief Rabbi for coming and addressing them that evening. He also thanked Mrs. Sand, the Chairlady of the House Committee, for making the presentations to the Barmitzvah boys, and he was very glad that the committee had taken this opportunity of showing some appreciation of the excellent work done by her. They were grateful to Mrs. Kruger for having distributed the prizes, and he referred to Mr. and Mrs. Kruger as having been for years among their most liberal supporters. He thanked Obercantor Inspektor, Cantor Lopato, Mr. G. Gross-

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berg, and the choirs, for the beautiful service they had rendered, and also the United Hebrew Congregation for having permitted their officials to take part in the function.

He wished to take that opportunity, on behalf of the committee, to express to the Jewish public and to the branches of the institution their grateful and sincere thanks for the support they were giving to the Orphanage.

270 Children.

Proceeding, Mr. Kaumheimer said that the number of children had now reached 270. It required about £1,000 per month to carry on the work of the Orphanage, and he assured them that no money was wasted, nor were they spoiling the children. On the contrary, they were ever mindful of the necessity of bringing them up in such a manner as to place them in the position to earn their living as speedily as possible, and in a manner most suited to their individual abilities and avocations. Needless to add, the children did not go short of anything. He appealed for their continued support to enable them to carry on the great work with which the Community had entrusted them, of maintaining and bringing up their orphan and destitute children, and making them good Jews and Jewesses and good citizens of South Africa, the country they all loved so much.

Miss Bella Bernstein, one of the Orphanage children, played a violin solo in good style, being accompanied on the piano by Miss Dolly Weinbrenn.

Hebrew songs and recitations by the younger children followed, after which the boys attending the Hebrew classes presented a Hebrew play entitled "Hannah and Her Seven Sons," in which they acquitted themselves very creditably.

Refreshments were then served, bringing a very happy and delightful evening to a close.

RABBI J. GURNIANSKY.

Rabbi J. Gurniansky, one of the well-known rabbis of Lithuania, and now a permanent resident in Palestine, visited Livingstone as the guest of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Sher, and delivered an address to Livingstone Jewry on behalf of the *Hitachdut Harabonim*, in the synagogue.

Mr. M. Grill, president of the Livingstone Hebrew Congregation, assisted Rabbi Gurniansky in his mission, and his appeal met with generous response.



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