

S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies.

PROGRESS OF ENDOWMENT FUND CAMPAIGN.

A well-attended meeting of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies was held at the Jewish Guild Building, Johannesburg, on Sunday, presided over by Mr. S. Raphaely, the president.

A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. A. Behrman, a member of the Board, on the death of his father, who was one of the earliest pioneers in these goldfields and took an important part in the development of the local Jewish community. The recent deaths of Lord Melchett and Mr. Nathan Straus were also referred to, and votes of condolence to their respective families were passed. A similar vote was passed to the Minister of the interior on the death of Mrs. Malan.

Mr. Harry Carter, M.P.C., the Hon. Treasurer, submitted the financial statement for the past two months, and the Chairman congratulated him on having turned the debit balance reported at the last meeting into one of credit.

Mr. Carter, as Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee, reported the progress made with the scheme for establishing such a Fund, the interest of which would be used for the purposes of the Board. Local committees were being formed in different towns. Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., the Chairman of the Capetown Committee of the Board, was forming a Committee for the Cape Western Province, which will include the Jewish members of Parliament. A strong committee had been established in Bloemfontein. Members of the Endowment Fund Committee were going to Pretoria the following evening to assist the committee being appointed there. The campaign throughout South Africa would be started in the near future.

Mr. A. Lipworth, the convener, and Mr. G. A. Friendly, the chairman, of the Press Committee reported on the work of that Committee. The report submitted and adopted included resolutions that no official action be taken in regard to the reported speeches of Mr. Roberts, M.P., at Vrededorp and Brixton, as these were unworthy of notice, and to appeal to members of constituent bodies to refrain from writing letters to the non-Jewish Press on matters affecting Jewry.

Reports of the Naturalisation Sub-Committee and of the Proselytism Commission were also submitted. The latter had held a number of meetings and was engaged in the taking of evidence on the subject of its inquiry.

It was decided to appoint a Parliamentary and Statistical Sub-Committee with power to deal with matters affecting the status of Jews, and to merge this with the Press and Naturalisation Sub-Committees to form one committee, so as to avoid overlapping and confusion.

A congratulatory cable sent to Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs on his appointment as Governor-General of Australia and His Excellency's acknowledgment and thanks were reported.

A GRAND CONCERT.

In Aid of the Hebrew College.

The concert to be held at the City Hall, Johannesburg, on Sunday, February 1st, at 7.30 p.m., in aid of the Johannesburg Hebrew College, promises to be of unusual excellence. Cantor S. Steinberg, of the Berea Synagogue, with his choir, will give excerpts from synagogue music. Mr. Joel Meyerson will give a number of songs and Mr. John Connell will preside at the organ. During the evening the Jewish Symphony Orchestra (Hazamir), consisting of 35 musicians, will perform.

It is hoped that Johannesburg Jewry will support this function and in this manner assist the Hebrew College, which finds itself in financial straits.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH ORPHANAGE.

The monthly Bulletin of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage to hand states that there are now a total of 268 children, including 95 under the control of the After-Care Committee.

Although this year the school vacation was spent in the Home, care was taken that the children should have an enjoyable time, and this they had. Amusements of all kinds were frequently provided, including visits to the pantomime and a number of bioscopes. During the vacation the children gave some very nicely got-up concerts for the entertainment of their visiting friends and relatives, and every day different parties of children were taken to the swimming baths, where they reported themselves to their hearts' content.

An ambitious undertaking, very creditably performed, was the compilation and issuing by the children of a vacation journal entitled "Bits and Pieces." This consisted of short stories, sketches, some very nice drawings, crossword puzzles, jokes, etc., contributed by the youngsters. The editorial board consisted of four of the senior children and there were about thirty contributors. Germiston Lake was chosen for the annual picnic. This was held on January 11th.

The ordinary revenue of the Orphanage for December was an improvement on that of the previous month of close upon £100. The donations showed an increase as compared with November, but this was mainly accounted for by special donations usually received in the December month. Particulars of remittances received from 25 country towns in December are given. Of these, Pretoria sent in £133 1s., Bloemfontein £47 4s., Benoni £30 10s. and Pietersburg £30 6s. 5d.

Further receipts for the New Wing Building Fund are recorded, including £53 1s. from the Brakpan Branch of the Orphanage, as proceeds of that branch's annual drive.

A NEW HEBREW KINDERGARTEN.

Consequent upon the closing down of the morning classes at the Hebrew High School, Mrs. S. Rosenthal and Mrs. B. Cranko, two members of the teaching staff, will open a Hebrew Kindergarten at the Hebrew High School, where the latest advanced methods, devised for interesting young children in Hebrew language and culture, will be employed.

The Kindergarten opened on Monday, the 26th inst., and the two Kindergarten Mistresses were in attendance on that day for the purpose of enrolling pupils.

PALESTINE CLUB.

The 69th meeting of the Palestine Club will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hersch, 59 Mons Road, Observatory, on Saturday evening, the 7th February, at 8.15 p.m., when Mr. J. Daleski will lecture on "Impressions on the 13th S.A. Zionist Conference."

THE JOHANNESBURG HEBREW CIRCLE.

A meeting of the above Circle took place in the Doornfontein Communal Hall on the 24th inst., Mr. Z. Goldberg presiding. The secretary of the Circle, Mr. E. A. Bakst, lectured on "Anan, the Founder of the Karaith Religion." The lecturer discussed with skill the various theories relating to the origin of Karaism.

JEWISH GUILD (JOHANNESBURG).

An interesting programme will be presented to Guild members on Sunday, February 1st, when a concert programme and a one-act play by Barrie will be produced. The concert items will be supplied by Miss Jean Gluckman, Mrs. D. Mann, Mr. I. Magid, Mr. R. Kofsky, Miss Bertha Egnos, and Mr. A. Arensburg. The play is "The Twelve Pound Look," one of the best-known of Barrie's one-act plays.

The annual meeting and general elections of the Jewish Guild, Johannesburg, will be held at the Jewish Guild War Memorial Hall on Sunday, 22nd February, at 8.15 p.m.

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