

"Kapay"—Its Aims and Objects.

In view of the house-to-house collection being held on Sunday next on behalf of the League for the Working Palestine (Kapay), we publish below an article dealing with the aims and objects of this organisation, from the pen of Mr. L. Tager:—

The long struggle of the Jewish worker in Palestine, is well known. With great perseverance the "Balebatisher Kind" from Eastern Europe has succeeded in mastering the various labours so that to-day there is no work in which he is not skilled. Yet, there are still many Jewish employers who do not employ a sufficient number of Jewish workers, also in many works created indirectly by Jewish capital, Jewish workers are not employed.

The campaign fell on the shoulders of the Jewish workers themselves during the last 25 years and only in the last few years have they been supported by the "Vaad Halumi."

The low wage for unskilled labour in agriculture, or in the public works enables our Jewish labourer merely to exist and therefore the constructive help for the worker is important in improving his living conditions.

The importance of the Keren Kayemeth in buying ground, and the large constructive works carried on with the money of the Keren Hayesod in providing necessary means for our settlers, the promotion of education and the maintenance of health centres is well known. But the Keren Kayemeth uses its money in buying ground while the Keren Hayesod cannot as yet provide for all necessities. For instance, there have not been founded schools for manual work, nor does it provide means for the travelling expenses of our Chaluзим, who on the average are short of money for this purpose, and so on.

However important the buying of ground and the providing of sufficient means for colonisation, we cannot waive the necessity of helping our Chaluзим with their passage to Palestine, and assisting them until they are settled.

The Palestine workers, who for over 25 years have struggled with these conditions, have originally formed Palestine Workers Fund (Kapay).

This fund maintains schools for manual work (trade schools), covers a part of the travelling expenses of the Chaluзим, supports the Workers' Sick Fund (Kupath Cholim), co-operates in the expenses of providing the cultural needs of the workers in the way of evening classes for Hebrew, libraries, etc. With the help of the "Kapay" have been founded workers' quarters (Schunoth Ovdim) near the towns and colonies, such as Schunoth Borochoy, near Tel Aviv, and others.

The last few years the "Kapay" spent a great deal of money, together with the World's Women's Zionist League (WIZO), in founding "Chaveroth Hapoaloth,"—farms on which girls obtain agricultural training.

The "Kapay" has also made possible the establishment of many workers' co-operatives, providing as a loan a part of the necessary means for the buying of machinery, and also with working capital.

At present the "Kapay" has to strengthen financially the "Yakhin," which, as a workers' co-operative contractor for the various agricultural works was established in 1926. It takes on contracts for the planting of oranges, bananas, grapes, etc., and while charging for their work the same prices as that which the cheap Arab labourer would cost. The orange plantations of Messrs. Policansky, Joffe and Gurland, have been

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The Jewish Orphanage.

Record Number of Children.

The monthly bulletin of the South African Jewish Orphanage reports a record number of 282 children in the care of that Institution. The previous month's figures totalled 279. Nevertheless the number of applications received at the fortnightly Committee meetings shows no diminution. An appeal is made to friends in town and country to favour the Orphanage with donations of poultry, eggs and other foodstuffs as special new year gifts, which will be gratefully appreciated.

The ordinary revenue in July amounted to £648 12s. 3d., which, although an improvement on the previous month, was still short of the monthly expenditure incurred. The Bulletin records remittances received from 29 country towns. The Jubilee Ball of the Orphanage to be held on Wednesday, November 4th, in the City Hall, and the Johannesburg One Day New Membership Campaign that has been fixed for Sunday, October 11th, have already been mentioned in a previous issue.

With regard to the branches of the Orphanage in the country, the Bulletin reports new ones having been established in Boksburg, Boksburg North, Britz, Ficksburg, Frankfort, Morgenzenon, Randfontein and Trichard. In Kinross a dance was held last month with regard to which Mr. J. Snipelisky the dance chairman, reports that the Orphanage will receive a sum of from £25 to £30. He also hopes to have a membership campaign in Kinross. Promises of assistance in this connection have also been received from Senekal, Vryheid, Heidelberg and Hoopstad. Further donations for the New Wing Building Fund include one of £100 from the United Tobacco Co., Ltd., through Mr. B. Kaumheimer, the President of the Orphanage.

The annual meeting of the Brakpan Branch of the Orphanage was held at the residence of Mrs. L. Kaplan, and the following new committee was elected:—Chairlady, Mrs. H. Greenberg; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. L. Kaplan; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. C. Markunsky; Committee: Mesdames R. S. Milwid, S. Bauer, L. Kirkel, B. Joffe, E. Robinson, M. Shlain, L. Miller, H. Linton, S. Smith, M. Nestadt, Misses R. Joffe and Drucker.

AN ANECDOTE EVENING.

On Friday evening last the children of the Jewish Orphanage at "Arcadia" were entertained by Mr. David Dainow, who delivered a lecture dealing with various aspects of Jewish humour. The address was illustrated with anecdotes dealing with certain specific sides of Jewish life and these were keenly enjoyed by the children. At the conclusion of the address, Hebrew songs were sung and altogether a happy evening was experienced by the orphans.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaer, principal and matron of the Orphanage, expressed appreciation to Mr. Dainow for having given the children so delightful a treat.

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planted by the same "Yakhin," and the part which has been completed has turned out to the entire satisfaction of the owners. The increase of orange plantations naturally increases the work submitted to the "Iachim" and this requires a greater working capital and more machinery.

Sixty per cent. of the money collected for the "Kapay" comes from the American Jewish workers. In other countries, the "Kapay" is partly supported by the same people who support the Keren Kayemeth and Keren Hayesod. "Although Societies called "League for the Working Palestine" are established in different countries to assist the "Kapay," they do not in any way interfere with the main Zionist funds.

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