

Fourteenth South African Zionist Conference.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with this issue of the *Zionist Record*, notices will be received by every Zionist Society and other body in South Africa affiliated to the S.A. Zionist Federation, calling upon them to appoint their delegates to the Fourteenth S.A. Zionist Conference, and to submit any resolutions which they wish to be considered and decided upon by the Conference.

The Conference will be held in the Kimberley Town Hall, opening on Thursday, May 25th (Ascension Day), and continuing up to and including Sunday, May 28th. It will be preceded on Wednesday, the 24th (Empire Day), by a South African Young Israel Conference, whilst a Women's Zionist Conference will also form part of the proceedings.

A South African Zionist Conference is held once every two years and is the sovereign body of South African Zionism, for it receives and discusses the reports of the outgoing Executive Council, decides all broad questions of policy and activity to be pursued during the ensuing two years, and elects an Executive which, under the general mandate conferred upon it by Conference, is responsible for the execution of all Zionist work until the next Conference.

The Executive Council expresses the earnest hope that every affiliated body will make a special point of being represented by its full quota of delegates, and of selecting the very best and most experienced men and women to fill this important role. The time chosen is convenient, including as it does a public holiday and a week-end, and being immediately preceded by another public holiday, so that no business time is lost in travelling to the Conference. The place chosen, Kimberley (where no previous Conference has taken place since 1911) is very central, enabling delegates to travel at minimum expense and sacrifice of time. The Zionists of Kimberley have formed a very strong and representative Conference Committee, which is busily engaged on making the very best arrangements for the success of the Conference and the comfort and entertainment of the delegates.

As barely more than a month remains it is essential that every Zionist Society and affiliated body should lose no time in complying with all instructions and requests in connection with their participation in the forthcoming Conference, which we trust will prove the most successful in the whole history of South African Zionism.

New Grand President of the Hebrew Order of David.

BRO. R. N. EDELSTEIN ELECTED.

The Grand Lodge of the Hebrew Order of David, which has a very large membership, consisting of 29 lodges, situated in the four provinces, have elected for the next two years the following: Wor. Bro. R. N. Edelstein, grand president; Wor. Bro. Dr. I. J. Balkin, deputy grand president; Wor. Bro. M. Back was re-elected grand treasurer; Bro. E. Melamed, grand master of ceremonies; Wor. Bros. V. B. Simon and L. Sheingold, Grand Lodge trustees; Wor. Bros. L. Faiga, L. M. le Roith, J. Distiller, W. Sheinbaum, B. Levius, M. Franks, A. Lazar and I. Soskalne, grand executive; and Bro. M. Donner, grand inner guard.

Cantor Berele Chagy.

The well known cantor, whose services in Johannesburg are attracting such large congregations at the *Beth Hamedrash Hagodel*, is proceeding on a tour to a number of outside centres. The cantor will conduct *Mincha* and *Maariv* services during the *Sefira* period. He contemplates visiting such places as Kimberley, East London, Bloemfontein, Port Elizabeth, Capetown, etc.

A Zionist Society for Nairobi.

MESSRS. HASKEL AND CORNFELD AT WORK.

SEVERAL important Zionist events took place towards the end of last month in Nairobi, when Mr. Peretz Cornfeld arrived there from Palestine at the request of Mr. M. Haskel, to discuss matters affecting Palestine and the Zionist situation.

On 24th March Mr. Cornfeld addressed a meeting of the Rotary Club, choosing as his subject, "The Ethics of Zionism," which was well received by the distinguished gathering.

On the evening of the same day, a public meeting was held in the Theatre Royal. The organising committee for this meeting included Lady McMillan, Lady Delamere, and the Hon. Leslie Melville.

Major Grogan presided and on the platform were also Major Cavendish-Benting and Mrs. Kampf. The hall was packed with people, both Jews and non-Jews, and among those present was Lady Leonore Cole, sister of the present Lord Balfour. Major Grogan related that it was he who had received the representatives of the Zionist Organisation thirty years ago, when they had come to inspect Uganda. He told amusing reminiscences of how the Zionists had been startled out of their tents by elephants.

Mr. Peretz Cornfeld then addressed the gathering on Palestine and Zionism, and dealt with fundamental questions affecting Zionism, portraying the position of the Jewish people throughout the world, and the necessity of the Jewish National Home. He described the economic and ethical aspects of Zionism, and told of the development of Jewish life in Palestine.

The lecture was most enthusiastically received by the large audience. After these lectures, which had created the deepest interest among all sections of the public, several complaints were made by members of the British community to the effect that the Jews did not make sufficient propaganda for their cause among non-Jews. The Jewish community also expressed its regret that it was completely ignored by the Zionist Organisation.

Mr. Haskel was present at a meeting of the Jewish community held in the Jewish Guild, where he spoke to the gathering on Zionism. A Zionist Society was formed, with an enthusiastic committee and with Mr. Haskel as Hon. President.

A Mass Meeting

The Commission for the Amalgamated Parties—the Zeire Zion, Zionist Socialist Party and Poale Zion—is arranging a mass meeting to be held at the Jewish Guild, on Sunday, the 23rd inst., at 8.30 p.m.

The speakers will be Messrs. I. Batnitsky, B. Pado-wich and W. Rybko. Mr. L. Tager will preside. Mr. A. Harzfeld will extend greetings on behalf of Palestine Jewish Labour.

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