

A Year's Work Reviewed

Annual Meeting of Union of Jewish Women

THE interesting announcement that a cheque for £114 was to be forwarded to the Crippled Children's Home for a cot in the name of the Union of Jewish Women was made at the third annual general meeting of the Johannesburg branch of the Union, held at the Jewish Guild on Monday morning, the 29th ult. The meeting was well attended and provided an interesting review of the year's work. Mrs. Trevor, the President, was in the chair.

The Secretary, Mrs. D. Meyer, in her report, revealed that the membership had increased from 145 to 227. Several new sub-committees had been formed, and much valuable work had been done. The Union was associating itself with the United Hebrew Schools, and had kept in touch constantly with the Board of Deputies. They had also established contact with the National Council of Women. Mainly owing to the efforts of the Union, women had for the first time voted on the Synagogue committees.

Several important functions had been held during the year, and many interesting lectures had taken place. In March Mrs. S. P. Bekker, wife of the Administrator of the Transvaal, had been entertained by the Union. Other guests of honour had been Mesdames I. Solomon (Mayoress of Pretoria), M. Nestadt (Mayoress of Benoni), and M. Freeman (Deputy-Mayoress of Johannesburg). In September, the Mayoress of Johannesburg, Mrs. Penry Roberts had been shown over the Jewish Aged Home, the Girls' Hostel, and the Jewish Orphanage.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Starfield, reported a total revenue of £146 13s. 10d.

Mrs. I. Marks, the convenor for hospital visiting and social welfare, reported several cases, and praised the Benevolent Society for its generosity. She thanked those ladies who had kindly sent papers for patients, and expressed satisfaction at the work of the Kosher kitchen.

Mrs. Franks, who was in charge of German relief and entertainments, reported that attendance at English classes had fallen off considerably, but that was due in part to the fact that many refugees had obtained employment outside Johannesburg. Social evenings had been well attended, and the thanks of the committee were due to Mrs. Hirsch of the Jewish Guild, and all the ladies who had assisted in the promotion of these socials.

Mrs. Saphra, who was in charge of collections for the Union of Jewish Women of Germany, thanked all helpers and contributors, and the other affiliated bodies of the Union in Capetown, Bloemfontein and Port Elizabeth for their efforts, as a result of which £21 19s. 6d. had been sent to the head office in Berlin. She appealed to members to assist as much as possible, as even small help was most important.

Mrs. Trevor, the chairlady, in moving the adoption of the various reports, praised the work of the Union, and said it was promoting greater understanding between Jews and Gentiles. She paid tribute to the work of the various sub-committees, and thanked the members for their loyal support, particularly Mrs. D. Meyer for her untiring services as secretary. She also thanked the Press for valuable publicity, and spoke highly of the Jewish Board of Deputies, who were tackling the anti-Jewish question in a most efficient manner.

The adoption of the report and balance-sheet was seconded by Mrs. E. Gordon.

Mrs. Saphra broached the important matter of convening a congress for the formation of a Union in the true sense, as at present there were only isolated branches. It was necessary to have a Central Executive and she urged that the suggestion be borne in mind for the future.

Mrs. Trevor, who was unanimously re-elected President, said there was need for increased membership and greater publicity. She announced that Miss G. Rogaly had agreed to represent the Union on the National Council of Women.

The following were elected to office for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. G. Trevor; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames A. Ettlinger and E. Gordon; Treasurer, Mrs. B. Starfield; Secretary, Mrs. G. Davis; Convenors of sub-committees: Mrs. I. Marks (Hospital Visiting and Social Welfare); Mrs. I. Geffen (Juvenile Probation); Mrs. Franks (German Relief and Entertainments); Mrs. D. Saphra (Collections for U.J.W. of Germany).

Palestine Club

The 105th meeting of the Palestine Club will be held to-morrow (Saturday) evening, commencing 8.15 p.m. sharp, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Milwood, 19, St. Andrews Road, Parktown. The lecturer will be Mr. Edgar Bernstein who will address the club on "The Mind of Sarah Gertrude Millin."

"Jewish Music and Music by Jews"

At the Criterion Restaurant, Johannesburg, on Sunday evening, November 4th, Mr. J. Idelson will deliver a lecture on "Jewish Music and Music by Jews." The lecture has been convened by the Association of Jewish Groups. Mr. Idelson will be assisted by the Choral Group of the Association which will render various excerpts to illustrate the types of music commented upon. The lecture will commence at 8.15 p.m. sharp, and it is anticipated that a large audience will be present.

Campaign Drawing to a Close MR. TAGER IN THE CAPE AND FREE STATE.

CONTINUING his tour by car of those few remaining centres which have not yet held their Keren Hayesod campaigns, Mr. Tager visited Springfontein on Wednesday, October 17th, and addressed a gathering of the community in the synagogue, Mr. S. Mitchell presiding. Next day, Thursday, the 18th, he addressed a well-attended meeting at Burghersdorp in the Synagogue, Mr. Lichtenstein, President of the Zionist Society, being in the chair. There was an excellent response. Next day, Friday, by making a long detour, Mr. Tager was able to visit Venterstad, where, thanks to the assistance of Dr. Brumberg, donations were secured, whilst Dr. Brumberg will approach those who were away. Arriving in Steynsburg late the same afternoon, Mr. Tager was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Weintraub, of the Cornwell Hotel. On the Saturday evening he went over to Hofmeyr, accompanied by Mrs. Weintraub and Mr. M. Kretzmer, of Steynsburg, and met the few local residents at the house of Mr. Breger. Returning to Steynsburg, Mr. Tager addressed a gathering there on Sunday morning, the 21st ult., and met with a goodly response. The same evening he reached Dordrecht, where Mrs. L. Stein, chairlady of the Zionist Society, presided over a well-attended meeting in the Synagogue. The financial response was adversely affected by the present wool position, on which industry Dordrecht so largely depends. Thanks are due to Mrs. L. Stein, Miss Sadie Schneider and Miss T. Stern for their assistance to Mr. Tager, and to Mr. and Mrs. Maltz, of the Central Hotel, who kindly entertained him as their guest.

It is gratifying to know that every-one of these centres without exception contributed its quota to the Keren Hayesod.

Next afternoon, Monday, October 22nd, Mr. Tager reached Queenstown, whence on the following Wednesday he started off on a round of visits to the Transkei and other neighbouring areas, whilst next week he is visiting Steynsrust, Senekal and Hennenman in the Free State.



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