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Annual General Meeting of Miriam Marks' Hebrew Schools in Pretoria

THE annual general meeting of the above institution was held at the Memorial Hall, Beatrix Street, on Sunday, the 6th instant, at 10 a.m. Mr. L. J. Hack, Chairman of the Executive Council, who presided, extended a welcome to Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik, Director of Hebrew Education in South Africa.

In submitting his report, the Chairman dealt with the recent examinations conducted by Rabbi Zlotnik and stated that it was most gratifying for the Board to learn that the Pretoria Hebrew School had made such wonderful progress. At present 100 pupils were attending the Miriam Marks School, and twelve pupils the Arcadia branch. Three pupils had included Hebrew as one of their subjects in the last matriculation examination, all of them receiving first class passes.

He also referred to the improved financial position of the institution, and paid tribute to the treasurer, Mr. H. Herzberg, for his untiring efforts, to Mr. Percy Goldberg, the honorary auditor, and to the outgoing committee for their wholehearted co-operation.

The treasurer, Mr. H. Herzberg, who submitted the financial report, which was adopted without much comment, was congratulated on having converted the overdraft, existing at the time that he took over office, to a substantial credit balance.

The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, L. J. Hack; Vice-President, M. J. Freedman; Treasurer, H. Herzberg; Hon. Secretary, Marcel

Ginsberg; ex-officio, Rabbi Hirsch; Committee: M. Swirsky, S. Lieberman, Katzen.

Rabbi Zlotnik's Address.

Rabbi Zlotnik, who addressed the gathering, expressed appreciation for the invitation extended to him to be present at the annual meeting of Talmud Torah. His examination of the various classes had revealed to him that Pretoria devoted more to Hebrew than the average Hebrew school in South Africa. He praised the spirit of co-operation existing between the teachers and their pupils and added that the Pretoria Hebrew School ranked amongst the first schools in the Union.

Dealing with the importance of a library for the pupils, he congratulated Rabbi Hirsch on having established one some years ago, but stated that this, with the assistance of the Pretoria Jewish community, would considerably be enlarged. He also stressed the necessity for continuing classes for members who had completed their Hebrew education at Talmud Torah.

Mr. M. Ginsberg expressed thanks to Rabbi Zlotnik for his recent visit to Pretoria and his inspiring addresses, and for the special effort he had made to be present at the annual meeting of the school.

Rabbi Hirsch expressed his appreciation of Rabbi Zlotnik's visit to Pretoria and stated that the Hebrew school in Pretoria would, in the future, be affiliated to the Board of Hebrew Education.

Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Cohen.

Palestine Symphony Orchestra

News of Interest

Milhaud to Visit Palestine

DARIUS MILHAUD, leading French-Jewish composer, has accepted the invitation of the Management to come to Palestine and conduct his own works next season. The date of his visit will be made known in the near future.

a cheque for the box taken by Harold MacMichael for the concert given during the last season, his aide-camp writes that the High Commissioner had directed him to state that the concerts had given him and Lady MacMichael and their friends the very greatest pleasure, and they were looking forward very much to the next season.

Tel-Aviv Municipality's Gift

The Municipality of Tel-Aviv has donated a plot of land, adjacent to that on which the new Habimah building is being erected, to be used by the Orchestra for the construction of a concert hall to be the permanent home of the Palestine Orchestra. It is hoped that in the not too distant future funds will be forthcoming with which to erect this hall.

Jewish Composition

Professor Leo Kestenberg, in the course of a letter addressed to the Johannesburg Palestine Orchestra Society, writes that the Palestine Orchestra is doing all in its power to encourage local talent as well as extend a helping hand to musicians deprived of a platform in other parts of the world. At its next concert, the orchestra will have a local conductor, and a Yemenite girl as a singer. The programme will include compositions by Jewish composers from Palestine.

The Johannesburg Palestine Orchestra Society is anxious to get in contact with all similar societies formed by Col. Kisch in South Africa and Rhodesia. Will the secretaries of the above societies kindly communicate with the Secretary, P.O. Box 5933, Johannesburg.

The High Commissioner's Interest

His Excellency the High Commissioner, Sir Harold MacMichael, and Lady MacMichael, are among those who regularly attend the concerts given by the Palestine Symphony Orchestra. In a letter enclosing

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