

Dorshei Zion Association.

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Dorshei Zion Association took place at the Zionist Hall on Sunday night.

Dr. S. E. Kark was in the chair and at the outset referred to the death of Mr Vladimir Jabotinsky and paid a tribute to his memory. He also referred to the loss of Zionism in South Africa had sustained during the year through the death of Rev. M. I. Cohen, of Bulawayo. He asked the audience to rise as a mark of respect to them as well as to members of the Association who had passed away.

In moving the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet, Dr. Kark said:—

"In submitting the Association's Annual Report, it has always been customary for the Chairman to review generally the position of world Jewry, the present state of the Zionist Movement, the conditions in Eretz Israel and, finally, the activities of our local organisation. This well-established procedure, however satisfactory it was found in former years, would not serve a useful purpose on this occasion. For since our last annual meeting, the long-threatened war has broken out. Momentous events have since taken place, fraught with consequences, equally great to humanity in general and to us as Jews. Italy's entry in the war is especially threatening to the future of Eretz Israel.

"But no one can foresee or properly assess the implications that are bound to follow in the wake of the present great upheaval. For like the interval between Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur, during which fateful days, we are told, all humanity stand in awe, so also do we stand now in terrible suspense, for the final judgment is still to come.

"However, we have every faith and hope that the judgment will be cast for freedom and the Democracies. Our sympathies are wholly with them. Our ethics and world outlook are in harmony with theirs. Our material existence in the Galuth and our future in Palestine is closely linked up with their success. Jews in Eretz Israel and the world over have therefore wholeheartedly rallied to the side of the Democracies in their present struggle against oppression and intolerance.

"It is also for the same reason, namely, the present world condition of flux and instability that, I believe, it would serve no useful purpose in reviewing other events, which are of considerable significance to our

movement. I refer to the recent change in the British Cabinet, MacDonal's White Paper, the attempts to carry its proposal into effect, the question of illegal immigration, and the proceedings at the Twenty-first Zionist Congress when, by the way, Dr. Weizmann declared that we stand or fall with Great Britain.

South African Zionism.

"Zionist activity in South Africa during the year under review," continued Dr. Kark, "perhaps more than in any previous year, was crowded with events of importance of general as well as of local value. For during that period we had four large scale campaigns in connection with the Keren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth, the Youth Aliyah, and the Hebrew University. In each of these campaigns many members of our Association, and practically all members of my Committee, have taken an active and often prominent part in the work entailed. It is especially gratifying that Mr. Herstein my predecessor in this chair, was chosen as the Chairman of the Keren Hayesod for the Western Province. Under his able and energetic leadership not only was there a very satisfactory material response, but the significance of the fund and its ideals were eloquently brought home to the people.

"The Keren Kayemeth Campaign led by Colonel Kisch, a man of inspiring personality, was likewise a great success. His addresses at the Seventeenth Zionist Conference, held at Johannesburg, greatly enhanced the proceedings and contributed no little to its success.

"As a result of these campaigns we had the pleasure and privilege of coming in close contact with several leading and distinguished men from Eretz Israel and the Galuth. I have already mentioned Colonel Kisch, an old friend with whom we were happy to renew acquaintance. Other leaders in the Zionist Movement whom we were glad to meet were the Keren Hayesod delegates, Dr. Traub, Mr. Dov Hos and Mrs. Hadassah Samuel; Mrs. Ilse Warburg, who came to South Africa on behalf of the Youth Aliyah, and Dr. Walter Fischel who organised and put fresh life into the South African friends of the Hebrew University.

"We were also glad to welcome two great Jewish musicians of world-wide reputation, Bronislaw Huberman, the founder of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, and Mr. Arthur Rubinstein the celebrated pianist.

They not only charmed us with their music, but also with the eloquent and cultured addresses they delivered.

D.Z.A. Activities.

"In addition to these outstanding events our Association organised many smaller but very pleasant functions. In particular the fortnightly conversazione continues to be a regular and popular forum for the discussion of cultural and general topics of Jewish interest. It also serves as a social centre for entertaining and welcoming honoured friends and strangers.

"In conclusion, it gives me pleasure to be able to state that the various organisations in Cape Town connected with our movement not only pull together, but each and all pull their full weight. The Bnoth Zion Association is especially vital. Other very active bodies are the Massadah Association, Zionist Socialist Party, the Zionist Youth, the Western Province Propaganda Council and the Cape Board of Jewish Education.

"In this war, more than any previous one, both the consequences and therefore the obligation to us, too, are tenfold. It affects us as citizens in a free country as Jews and as Zionists. As regards Eretz Israel it touches the vital centre of our existence.

"Our problems as the outcome of the war are great and difficult; the stakes are enormous and it will be for you and your incoming Committee to see that these problems and difficulties are answered with foresight and courage."

Dr. H. W. Altschul seconded the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet.

Mr. C. K. Friedlander, on behalf of the Massadah Association, and Mrs. L. Segal, on behalf of the Bnoth Zion Association, congratulated the Committee on the excellent report.

The adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet was carried unanimously.

Elections.

The following Executive was elected: Chairman, Mr. H. M. Bloch; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. M. Weinreich; Hon. Treasurer, Dr. I. M. Hurwitz; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Gitlin.

The following members were elected to the Committee for two years in place of seven retiring members: Dr. H. W. Altschul, Messrs. M. S. Comay, J. M. Heneck, Myer Joffe, Dr. S. E. Kark, Dr. C. Resnekov, Mr. Leon Segal.

The following six members continue on the Committee for another year: Messrs. Max Cohen, G. Gordon, J. Sarif, B. Wilder, J. J. Wilk, J. Zuckerman.

During the evening Adv. H. M. Bloch delivered a lecture on "Zionism and the War," a report of which appears on another page.

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