

wrote to the delegates. It is generally considered that the Conjoint Committee in London is not remarkable for the aggressive nature of its attitude and that, upon occasion, its members are wanting in pressing forward Jewish claims to recognition as enthusiastically as they might. The holding of the Congress in Canada, attended as it was by a Member of the Cabinet, the occurrence of last Friday as far as South Africa is concerned and the probability that Australia will follow suit, will strengthen the hands of the Conjoint Committee and probably force them to take up a more definite attitude in the future than they have done in the past. Supported as they will be by the expressions of the opinions given by their brethren in the "British Dominions beyond the Seas," they will be in a position to lay Jewish claims before the British Government in a manner that they have hitherto lacked by reason of the fact that this is, we believe, the first occasion upon which Colonial Jewries have definitely stated their views. For these reasons therefore, as well as for the fact that its holding has demonstrated the solidarity

of South African Jewry, the Congress has been a complete and a convincing success, and those responsible for its holding are to be congratulated upon their achievement.

#### THE ONE WHO WINS.

If you think you're beaten, you are,

If you think you dare not, you don't,

If you'd like to win, but think you can't,

It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you've lost,

For out in the world you find

Success begins with a fellow's will,

It's all in the state of mind.

Full many a race is lost

Ere ever a step is run;

And many a coward fails

Ere ever his work's begun.

Think big, and your deeds will grow,

Think small, and you'll fall behind,

Think that you can and you will,

It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are;

You've got to think high to rise,

You've got to be sure of yourself before

You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go

To the stronger or faster man,

But soon or late the man who wins

Is the fellow who thinks he can.

#### THE ZIONIST CONFERENCE.

No one attending the Conference, which occupied two whole days, this week could fail to be struck by the fact that the majority of the followers of the cult are Yiddish speaking as well as Yiddish reading, and, though there were not wanting speakers who were able to voice their views in good and coherent English, the vast majority of Zionists in this country are not either British by birth or English as linguists. Similarly, it may be argued that the English reading and speaking Jewish public in South Africa are not active Zionists despite the fact that it is generally accepted that Jews as a rule are inclined to look with sympathy upon the movement which has the acquisition of Palestine as a legally assured domicile for our people as its principal objective. Not the least interesting discussion was that which took place upon the proposition of Mr. M. L. Genussow to pub-

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lish some, if not the greater portion, of the "Record"—the official organ of South African Zionists—in Yiddish, and we are only quoting that gentleman's words when we state that it was generally conceded that no less than eighty per cent. of the South African Zionists are Yiddish reading. We fully agree with the opinions expressed by the protagonists of Yiddish as the medium for expressing Zionist views and, if we may venture to offer a word of advice to the Federation—advice based upon a desire to witness the increased flourishing of Zionism in this country—it would be that they should address their arguments in the language which appeals to those whom they are wishful to interest. The "Record" has always suffered from a paucity of advertisements, and consequently the efforts to popularise the paper have been cribbed, cabined and confined by a fear of increasing the loss which is generally admitted to be made upon its production, but if the Federation act on the suggestion made to them and use the language which appeals to their constituents, then the advertisements, which invariably and inevitably follow circulation, will be obtainable and the hope expressed by the Rev. M. I. Cohen of "improving the "Zionist Record," and if possible, making it the representative Jewish organ of South Africa" will be possible of accomplishment.

#### JEWISH MUSIC SNUBBED.

It is strange that the excellent programme submitted on Saturday evening at the reception in honour of the delegates to the South African Jewish Congress and the South African Zionist Conference was remarkable for the omission of any Jewish music or compositions of Jewish composers and, had it not been that it was advertised as a Jewish happening and Miss Levinson responded to the request of one of the delegates and played the *Hatikvah*, one might have concluded that there was no such thing as essentially Jewish music. We are by no means thin-skinned upon this subject, and, as a matter of fact, we think that the attitude of those who would bann the playing of Wagner and the works of other great German composers is puerile, since music is universal, possessing no particular race or creed. But we do think that whoever was responsible for the arranging of the programme might have taken into greater consideration the fact that it was to be performed before a gathering of delegates who had come together not only for the purpose of demonstrating the general cohesion of South African Jewry, but of arranging for such representations to be made as would lead to the eventual recovery of our original home. Considering that two-thirds of the performers belonged to our own people, more

might have been done to afford opportunity for the admiration of Jewish music and the works of Jewish composers, since their entire absence from the programme is well calculated to give the impression that we are poor in both—a fact which is entirely incorrect and remarkably easy to disprove.

#### THE UNITED HEBREW CONGREGATION.

The first annual meeting of this formation took place on Sunday morning last in the vestibule of the Great Synagogue, Wolmarans St., when Mr. B. Alexander presided over an excellent attendance of members. The annual report and balance sheet submitted by the Council, which had previously been circulated amongst the members, was duly adopted after considerable discussion, which necessitated the adjournment of the meeting until the afternoon. The following honorary officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. I. Brodie, Vice-President, Mr. J. Ratzker; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. S. Goldberg; Chairman of Council, Mr. B. Alexander; Trustees, Messrs. Max Langermann, V. S. Kark and A. Lee; Council: Messrs. S. Raphaely, A. Atkins, J. Freundlich, J. Vogl, B. S. Guinsberg, A. J. Israel, S. Shapiro and Dr. Horwich.

It was decided that Mr. Jacques Klisser be elected an honorary Life Member in recognition of the services rendered by him to the late Johannesburg Hebrew Congregation.

It was also resolved that a tablet, giving the names of all the past presidents of both the Witwatersrand Old Hebrew Congregation and the Johannesburg Hebrew Congrega-

tion, and of the first Council of the Johannesburg United Hebrew Congregation, be placed upon the walls of the synagogue.

#### THE JEWISH GUILD.

Last evening an interesting discussion under the auspices of the Culture Section of the formation was held at the Carlton Hotel, when Mrs. Asher introduced the subject of "The Future of the Jew." Those present debated the matter at some length and varied opinions were expressed anent future possibilities.

#### JEPPESTOWN HEBREW CONGREGATION.

—We would draw the attention of the residents of the Eastern suburbs who are members of the Jeppestown Hebrew Congregation, and also of those residents who should be members, to the fact that the fourteenth annual general meeting will be held on Sunday next at 10 a.m. The agenda is set forth in the advertisement appearing elsewhere and we trust that there will be a large and interested meeting.

As may be seen from the advertisement appearing elsewhere the Calvinia Hebrew Congregation require the services of a fully qualified "Schochet," "Chazan," "Mohel" and Teacher, and applications for the position must reach the Secretary not later than the 18th inst.

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