

WITWATERSRAND HEBREW BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

A Satisfactory Report.

The 33rd Annual Meeting of the members of this association will be held in the Hebrew High School on Sunday next for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the period July 1st, 1925, to 30th June, 1926, to elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year and to transact General Business.

We have received a copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts which provides interesting reading. During the past year 287 applications were received; 20 were refused, 267 were granted of which 3 loans are on hand to be paid out, amounting to £95; 12 Loans were cancelled (owing to applicants not having called) amounting to £350; 1 Loan was withdrawn amounting to £50; 251 Loans granted and paid out in accordance with the regulations, amounting to £8,051 10s. Of the Loans paid out, 216 were to married residents on the Witwatersrand, 25 to persons with families residing abroad, and 10 to single men. The respective amounts of the loans advanced were as follows:—4 at £75; 3 at £60; 1 at £59; 1 at £57 10s.; 14 at £50; 2 at £45; 57 at £40; 15 at £35; 67 at £30; 34 at £25; 40 at £20; 9 at £15; 4 at £10.

The average basis is £32 1s. 7d. compared with £31 13s. 5d. during the previous year. The advance shows an increase of £6 10s. compared with the previous year, and the repayment an increase of £658 10s. 8d.

Comparing the figures of the past year with those of the preceding year it will be noticed that the financial position of the Society is somewhat improved, but in order that the members should not become too optimistic the Committee deem it their duty to point out that of the total assets of £12,395 17s. 3d. no less an amount than £10,672 11s. 4d. is outstanding among our poor, where the sureties in many cases are perhaps not better off than the borrower.

The Report concludes with expressions of thanks to different donors, the Honorary Solicitors (Messrs Reeders & Rosettenstein) and other gentlemen.

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Truth is always strange—
Stranger than fiction.—Byron.

Witwatersrand Hebrew Benevolent Association.

The Thirty-Third
ANNUAL MEETING

of Members of the
WITWATERSRAND HEBREW BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

Will be held in the
HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL
(Wolmarans and Claim Streets),
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 8th, 1926,
at 10 a.m. sharp.

For the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the period July, 1st, 1925, to 30th June, 1926; to elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year, and to transact General Business.

By Order,
Johannesburg, August 4th, 1926. P. CASSEL,
Hon. Secretary.

A FINE CHAZAN.

DOORNFONTEIN'S GOOD FORTUNE.

That well managed little Snagogue in Doornfontein which was founded some twenty years ago by the Rev. M. L. Harris is now the fortunate possessor of a very fine "Chazan" and it will be surprising if the different services during the forthcoming "Yomim Neroim" are not crowded to the doors.

The new Cantor is the Rev. Israel Abramowitz, who was trained in Kovno and not only is this gentleman possessed of a particularly powerful voice, but he is well versed in the traditional "chazanous"

Last Friday evening a representative of this journal attended the Doornfontein "Shool" and had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Abramowitz's rendering of the Sabbath Eve service and was greatly impressed with the excellent manner in which the new "Chazan" chanted the different melodies.

The Rev. Abramowitz is a young man of charming appearance and though his knowledge of English is but scanty, he has a thorough knowledge of Hebrew and it is obvious by the way in which he phrases his singing that he thoroughly understands the import of what he is rendering. Somewhat diffident in manner—possibly due to his not feeling too much at home in English—he is a typical Eastern European "Chazan" and the Doornfontein congregation are to be congratulated upon their latest acquisition which cannot fail to add to the popularity of their Synagogue.

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DOES YOUR BACK ACHE?

Bad Backs Bring Suffering to Many Johannesburg Folks.

Is that dull, constant backache making you feel old and miserable? Does your back throb and ache until it seems you cannot keep going? Do you suffer headaches, rheumatic twinges, dizzy spells and urinary disorders, feel weak, tired and worn out? Then look to your kidneys. Delay may lead to the development of rheumatism, lumbago, sciatica and dropsy. Use Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, the remedy your neighbours find so good. Read what this Germiston woman says:—

On 15th August, 1908, Mrs. M. Hechter, Selkirk Street, South Germiston, Johannesburg, Transvaal, said: "For nearly two years I have been suffering with pains in the small of my back. The pain used to catch me whenever I stooped. I also had frequent headaches and dizziness.

"I used Doan's Backache Kidney Pills for this, and a few doses made me feel better. Two boxes quite cured me."

On April 18th, 1926, Mrs. Hechter said: "I always recommend Doan's Pills since they cured me. I am still free of the complaint after eighteen years. (Signed) M. Hechter." Insist on Doan's. Price 3/3, all dealers. Sole Proprietors: Foster-McClellan Co., Post Box 1297 Cape Town.

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The song that nerves a nation's heart is in itself a deed.—Tennyson.

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Who is the happiest of men? He who values the merits of others, and in their pleasure takes joy, even as though 'twere his own.—Goethe.