

UNITED SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH RELIEF, RECONSTRUCTION AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Barkly West.

On account of the Relief Fund Drive, Mr. M. L. Genussow has forwarded to the head office of the fund in Johannesburg the sum of £42 3s. 6d., kindly collected by Mesdames P. Dartle and M. L. Genussow from the Jewish residents of Barkly West district. In order to make this collection, Mr. Dartle kindly gave his services and the loan of his motor car, the party driving about 200 miles to complete the collection.

De Aar.

The local branch of the fund, per Mrs. R. Blumenthal, the hon. secretary, forwarded the sum of £11 19s., being June collections, made up as follows:—£4 15s. 6d., monthly subscriptions; £2 3s., junior section; 15s. 6d., Mr. Hirsch's matches fund; half collection at brismillah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowenberg, of Hanover, at which Rev. Feldman, of De Aar, officiated, the collection realising £8 10s., of which half was given to the fund, making the total of £11 19s.

Elisabethville.

Mrs. J. Blumenthal, the representative of this fund in Elisabethville, has forwarded to the head office in Johannesburg the sum of £12 16s. 10d., being subscriptions obtained by her for the cause served by this fund.

Koster.

Mrs. M. Grusin, the energetic hon. secretary of this branch, has remitted £20 17s. 6d. to the head office of the fund, being the nett proceeds of a bioscope entertainment in aid of the Drive.

Nylstroom.

The energetic hon. secretary of this branch, Miss D. Lipschitz, who has conscientiously performed her noble work for the fund since its inception, forwarded to the head office in June the sum of £6 16s. 6d., being May collection £4 14s. and June collection £2 2s. 6d., for which the Central Executive Committee is very grateful.

Pietermaritzburg.

Under the auspices of the Hebrew congregation, a committee of ladies and gentlemen, consisting of Mrs. Levine, president; Mrs. P. Jacobson, vice-president; Rev. Levine, treasurer; Mrs. Gough, organiser; Miss A. Kinkel, secretary; Messrs. M. Maister, A. Jacobs, G. Benjamin; Mesdames Fineberg, Maggines, Levy, H. Benjamin, and the Misses E. Cohen and D. Blumenfeld organised a very successful grand bazaar in aid of the Ukraine Orphan "Drive Week," which was held at the Y.M.C.A. Hall on June 13th, resulting in a net profit of £183.

The Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs. D. Sanders, under whose patronage the bazaar was opened, were received at the hall by the Rev. and Mrs. Levine, Mrs. Gough and Mr. Maister, president of the congregation, the Mayoress being presented with a bouquet in the shape of a Mogen David by Miss Ph. Gough, and the Mayor with a button-hole by little Ed. Benjamin.

Rev. Levine, who welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress, in the course of his remarks said it was the first time in the history of the town that Jew and Gentile had united in a great work of charity, such as the relief of the unfortunate orphan, who, left alone to battle with the cross currents of the worldly ocean, unprotected and uncared for, formed one of the greatest of human tragedies. The very ready and generous support the committee received from all sections of the community proved to them that thinking men and women were beginning to realise that, however wide the gulf that divided them, religiously, socially and politically, in face of suffering and disease, they felt that they were all the children of the one Great Father, and expressed the hope that not only would the bazaar be the means of bringing relief to the unhappy orphans of the Ukraine, but that it would also create a spirit of brotherhood and true fellowship among the various sections of their cosmopolitan city.

The Mayor, in declaring the bazaar open, expressed his appreciation of the excellent work the Jewish community was doing, and praised the fine example set by them in the cause of charity.

The following were the stall-holders:—

Fancy Stall.—Mesdames Jacobson, Fineberg and A. Levy.

Cake and Sweets.—Mrs. M. Maister, Miss Blumenfeld and Miss Alter.

Produce.—Mesdames Kinkel, Jolliffe and Miss F. Greenberg.

Novelty.—Mesdames Stein, H. Benjamin, and Miss D. Blumenfeld.

Fruit and Flowers.—Mesdames Asher, Isaacs and Upfold.

Refreshments.—Mesdames R. Benjamin, Pecker and Miss I. Benjamin.

Palmistry.—Mrs. R. Maggines.

Special mention should be made of the good work done by Mrs. Gough, the organiser, and Mrs. Froomberg, who were so ably and wholeheartedly assisted by the other ladies and gentlemen of the committee, to whom the success of the bazaar is entirely due.

Pietersburg.

On Thursday, May 24th, 1923, the second annual general meeting of the local branch of the fund was held at the Communal Hall. Mrs. Kallmeyer, in the chair, presided over an excellent attendance, over 100 people being present. The chair welcomed those present in a few well-chosen words, and especially expressed thanks to those who came from outside solely with the object of attending that meeting, as that showed that they had the cause at heart. The printed report and balance sheet of the branch submitted to the meeting were enthusiastically adopted. These covered the period of twelve months ending March 31st, 1923. The report showed the activities of the branch in the year under review, and also dealt with the five orphan children for which the branch was responsible, stating how happy and contented these children were, and the visit they paid to Pietersburg during the year. The balance sheet showed that the excess of expenditure over revenue for the year amounted to no less than £85 15s. 9d., the total received during the year being £270 9s. 6d. The following were elected for the ensuing year:—Chair, Mrs. J. Kallmeyer; hon. secretary, Miss A. Kallmeyer; committee members, Mesdames Herschman, Israelsohn, Levy, Herman, Miller, Marcus, Gifter, Solomon, Palte, Manasewitz, Kruger and Levine; hon. committee members, Mrs. S. Saks (Bandolierkop), Mrs. B. Meyer (Boschkopies), Mrs. Max Himmelhoch (Louis Trichardts). At the conclusion of the meeting little Harold Marcus recited in a most appealing and sweet manner "Liebe Yidden," and Miss Daphne Manasewitz recited in her usual charming way the beautiful poem "Our Own." The tableau, representing a starving family appealing to charity for help, in which Misses Lena Israelsohn, B. Eichholz, R. Levine, N. Simmons and Master B. Lichtwitz took part, was most effectively got up, and was so realistic that hardly a dry eye was to be seen. For this tableau Mr. and Mrs. Meriene were responsible, as they arranged the tableau and trained the children. Rev. Levy gave an appealing address with his customary eloquence. Various people were thanked for their help, including Mr. E. Young for kindly auditing the books of the branch, and the *Zoutpansburg Review* for its courtesy to the fund. Tea and cake were served, and the partaking of these refreshments concluded a very interesting and harmonious meeting.

Piet Retief.

At the brismillah of the infant son of Mr. C. Spilkin, a collection was made realising £16 15s. 6d. for the Jewish Relief Fund, which has been received from Mr. S. Meas-roch, the hon. secretary of the Branch, by the Head Office in Johannesburg.

Potchefstroom.

The sum of £100 has been received by the Head Office in Johannesburg from Mrs. Bloch, the hon. secretary of the Branch, being £50 for the Ukraine Orphans and £50 for the Palestine Orphans' Fund. Of this amount £94 15s. represented money collected from regular subscribers by and from the local Ladies' Society and £5 5s. the proceeds of a raffle of a cushion presented by Miss Rachel Sack.

Witbank.

In connection with the Drive week, the Witbank Jewish Amateur Dramatic Society staged a drama entitled "Broken Hearts," by S. Libin. The leading parts were taken by Mrs. Luntz, Mrs. Hope, and Mrs. Resnick, the other members of the cast were Miss G. Katz, — Goldie Hershman, C. Young, and Leah Hershman, Messrs. I. Berman and Young, Master and Miss Polliackowsky. The musical programme was rendered by Mrs. Hamlin and Mrs. Barnett, and songs by Miss Mary Berkowitz. The play was a huge success, both socially and financially, and great credit is due to Mrs. Luntz for having produced the play, also to Mrs. Hope for so ably assisting her.

Zastron.

A bazaar was held here, organised by all the Cheder boys and girls, the oldest of whom is only twelve years, in aid of the fund. This was held at the residence of Mrs. Ch. Rabinowitz, and realised £4 16s. This amount was included in a cheque for £7 16s. 6d. received by the head office from Miss E. Pinshaw, the energetic hon. secretary of the branch, made up as follows:—Monthly subscriptions, £2; junior section, 11s.; sale of button-holes by Miriam Eisenstein, 9s. 6d.; and the proceeds of the bazaar mentioned.

JOHANNESBURG SHEKEL BALL.

A successful function rounded off the year's work done by the numerous enthusiasts who work so splendidly in connection with the sale of shekolim. The Town Hall was packed with a gay throng of jubilant dancers on the night of the 6th June. The executive responsible for the organisation of the dance consisted of Mr. B. Gering (chairman), Mesdames Belcher and Ginsberg (vice-presidents), Miss L. Kottler (hon. treasurer), and Misses C. Weinberg and R. Gingold (hon. secretaries). These were ably backed by a committee consisting of Mesdames M. S. Aaron, Fishman, Kerson and Barsel, Misses Davis, Klass, A. Goldstein, and F. and J. Kroomer, Messrs. M. Mentor, Drukman, J. Bahr, M. Sarovitch, J. Bloch, R. Drobis and D. Gering. The chocolate, flower and novelty stalls were successfully managed by Miss Davis, Miss Klass, Mr. Sarevitch, Miss A. Goldstein, Miss J. Kroomer and Miss L. Kottler, respectively. To mention other names would fill pages of the *Record*, but all contributed by their efforts to make the function a success. The refreshment committee deserves special praise. It is expected that £100 will be handed over to the National Fund.

OBITUARY.**Mr. J. SCHATZ, Brandfort.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. J. Schatz, formerly of Freinburg, Kurland. Mr. Schatz was one of the founders and for many years the hon. treasurer and chairman of the Brandfort Hebrew congregation. He was also chairman of the Brandfort Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Brandfort Municipality. He was closely connected with every charitable institution in the town, and his loss to the congregation will be greatly felt. He passed away at the age of 56, on the 5th April last, to the great sorrow of his bereaved wife and the whole congregation. May his dear soul rest in peace.

BEN YEHUDA.

A committee has been formed to see through the publication of the monumental dictionary of Ben Yehuda. Many important scholars have promised their co-operation in connection with this scheme, and Mr. Leon Simon, of London, is the English member of the committee. The sum of £2,000 is required to finish the publication of the work, the first five volumes of which are already being sold. Six volumes have yet to be published, but all material for them is quite complete, and it remains now to find the money to effect the publication.

Many promises have been received, and no doubt many others interested in the publication of this great Hebrew dictionary will be glad of the opportunity of subscribing to this very worthy object. Anyone wishing to give subscriptions may send their money through the S.A. Zionist Federation, P.O. Box 18, who will forward the money to the proper source.

The completion of this dictionary is of the greatest importance to Hebrew scholars throughout the world, and it is hoped that lovers of Hebrew in South Africa will do their utmost to further the scheme.

THE KEREN HAYESOD IN ENGLAND.

Reports are not yet to hand of the results of the London "drive" for the Keren Hayesod, which was arranged for the fortnight—May 20th to June 3rd. It is evident, however, that the arrangements were on an unprecedented scale, and we hope to be able to report equally striking results.

A large number of voluntary canvassers was enrolled for the purpose of a house to house canvass. Arrangements were made for suitable addresses to be delivered in the Synagogue during Shevuoth. The *Jewish Chronicle* and *Jewish World* gave prominent editorial support. The Chief Rabbi, Dr. Hertz, issued an appeal in connection with the campaign to the Jews of England, in which he pointed out that both Zionists and non-Zionists must answer the call; the Zionist so as to demonstrate that his love of Zion was more than a phrase, and the non-Zionist so as to help Great Britain "in the arduous, the glorious task entrusted to her by the civilised nations of the world."

KEREN HAYESOD IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Activity is well maintained in Poland. In the month of April returns from 136 centres were received.

Dr. Feiweil's recent visits to Czecho Slovakai and Austria have proved very beneficial to the Keren Hayesod work in those areas.

A campaign has recently been conducted in Finland under the direction of Dr. Wilensky. The results at Helsingfors were poor owing to an economic crisis; but in Abo and Viborg they were very good.

An energetic campaign is proceeding in Bessarabia, especially at Kishineff.