

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH ORPHANAGE.**ANNUAL REPORT.**

Good progress of the institution is indicated in the Annual Report just to hand of the South African Jewish Orphanage in Johannesburg.

During the year, a sum of £8,483 15s. 9d. was received from various sources against a total expenditure of £11,095 1s. 2d. In addition to this amount a further sum of £5,168 19s. 3d. was raised by the campaign undertaken for the Building Fund. The Committee regret that the amount aimed at when this campaign was lodged was not secured. It will be necessary in the very near future to take steps to raise a substantial sum in order to reduce the indebtedness of the Orphanage.

With reference to the expenditure during the year (which ended March 31st, 1924), this was heavy during the year under review, owing to a number of causes. The deficit on the year's working was £2,611 5s. 5d. This is sufficiently serious to justify the Committee in calling the attention of the community to the matter.

It is pointed out that the Jewish community has definitely undertaken the responsibility of these Orphans, and that the assumption of responsibility carries with it the obligation to provide the necessary funds.

The number of children at present in the institution is 142. No application for admission has been refused during the year. The Home is to-day under the control of the Master, Mr. C. Kossick and the Matron, Mrs. R. Mitchell. Of the 118 children of school-going age, eighty attend the Hebrew High School, 36 attend the Jewish Government School at End Street, and two boys are at the Commercial High School.

The children at the Hebrew High School receive their Hebrew education during the ordinary school day at the school itself. Extra provision, however, is made for those children who do not attend the Hebrew High School. The children are all making good progress.

During the past twelve months the Committee found it advisable to apprentice some of the boys and girls who are old enough for that purpose. Three girls are placed as apprentices in a dressmaking and millinery establishment in town; one of the boys is apprenticed to the electrical trade; two boys to the cycle trade, and a fourth boy in an electro-plating works.

The Committee has been successful in interesting a number of medical men in the work of the institution, and a Medical Board has been formed with Dr. Abelheim as Chairman, and Dr. Weinbrenn as Secretary.

It is only possible here to deal with a few of the salient points in the report. It is evident, however, that the institution is doing noble work for a large group of orphans, and that it is entitled to more generous support on the part of the Jewish public of South Africa.

The ordinary Annual General Meeting of the institution will take place at the Hebrew High School, Wolmarans Street, on Wednesday, July 2nd, at 8 p.m., when it is hoped that a large representative gathering will be present.

JOHANNESBURG WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE.

The Tenth Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the above League has now been issued. The Report covers the period of activity from May 1st, 1923, to April 30th, 1924.

The League has been active throughout this period, and has endeavoured to interest and draw into the Zionist movement many women who hitherto had held aloof. It has also sought to maintain the zeal and enthusiasm of the members by means of lectures, debates and social meetings.

The lectures proved so popular that the committee decided to hire a hall for these meetings. The need for the erection in Johannesburg of a Zionist Hall is expressed in the Report. Such a hall, it is claimed, is a great necessity to the community, and would be instrumental in promoting the best interests of the movement.

The Report records with pleasure the formation of a Branch of the League in Germiston, due to the initiative of Mrs. Max Guinsberg. This Branch has a membership of 63, and is doing excellent work in arousing Zionist interest in Germiston.

The League was addressed by Dr. Alexander Goldstein, the special representative of the World Zionist Organisation, now in South Africa. It was at this meeting that the inauguration took place of the Women's Keren Hayesod Campaign in Johannesburg, which has so far yielded £3,000 to the campaign. The League has purchased ten shares in the South African Enterprise (Binyan) Corporation, Limited.

The members were responsible for the social arrangements in connection with the Zionist Conference, and carried these out successfully in a manner appreciated by the delegates.

Thanks are recorded to the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Maude and Rodd, for their kind services.

The Report is signed by the following: Annie Landau (President), Clara Patley, Minna Lipschitz (Vice-Presidents), Lily Scholsberg (Hon. Treasurer), Alice Janower (Act. Hon. Treasurer), Zena Posner (Hon. Secretary).

Committee: Berthe Goudvis, Betty Lipschitz, Rachel Katzenellenbogen, Janie Meyerowitz, Mary Light, Ray Jacobson, Regina Lourie, Edith Adelson, Lily Sive, Olga Guinsberg, Annie Bradlow.

SHEKEL BALL.

The Annual Grand Shekel Ball takes place on July 2nd, 1924, at the Town Hall. Tickets (10/6 double and 7/6 single) will be sold at the door. The proceeds will be devoted to Jewish National Fund, and all Johannesburg Zionists are expected to give their support. Edgar Adeler's Personal Band will be in attendance, and all are promised a most enjoyable evening.

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DRINK CHANDLER'S BEER.