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### REPORTS OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN THE MOTHER CITY

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#### FAREWELL TO DR. MOSSINSOHN.

A farewell reception was given to Dr. Mossinsohn in the Zionist Hall last Wednesday evening and was attended by a very large and representative gathering. Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., presided, and the speakers were Dr. S. E. Kark and Rev. A. P. Bender.

Mr. Alexander stated that this large gathering was a tribute to Dr. Mossinsohn's magnetic personality—a personality which had been largely responsible for the success of his tour throughout the country. His success had been not only a financial one, for his visit had done much in the spiritual interests of Jewry here, and no country was worth anything without spiritual values.

Dr. Mossinsohn had come to South Africa at great sacrifice to himself and to his family and had given of his best. We were extremely happy to have met him and very sorry to lose him.

Dr. Kark referred to Dr. Mossinsohn's forceful personality. Dr. Mossinsohn had not only increased the Keren Hayesod funds by a considerable sum, but he had enriched and ennobled every Jewish community in South Africa that had come under his influence. He had captured the souls not only of the old, but also of the young.

We had bidden farewell to many distinguished visitors, but to-night we felt that this was a particular occasion. Dr. Mossinsohn was a man whose character and mentality had left a lasting impression on us.

Mr. Bender at the outset referred to the presence at the reception of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solomon, of Bulawayo, two of the most whole-hearted supporters of the Zionist movement. Their presence was an eloquent token of the fact that whenever a man of distinction like Dr. Mossinsohn came as an ambassador from the homeland we cherished, he received a welcome from every self-realising Jew and Jewess in the sub-continent.

We had had in this country many distinguished representatives from the Holy Land, but no one had excelled Dr. Mossinsohn in the eloquence and force of his appeal to all that was noblest in Jewish manhood. No one had expressed more irresistibly the romance of the Zionist cause. He assured Dr. Mossinsohn that we would follow his career in the future with heightened interest and that when circumstances would bring him back to South Africa he would be greeted with the same cordiality as he had been during the last few months.

Dr. Mossinsohn had made a personal appeal to all of us because he was a man of deep sincerity and unquestionable faith in the aspirations of his life. He had been successful not only in adding substantially to Keren Hayesod funds, but in leaving behind him a perennial source of inspiration in the hearts and minds of Jewry in South Africa.

At the conclusion of his speech, Rev. Bender presented Dr. Mossinsohn, on behalf of the Keren Hayesod Committee, with a leopard skin.

Amid loud applause Dr. Mossinsohn rose to respond. He expressed himself as deeply moved by the gathering before him. "I very deeply appreciate and feel very much honoured," he said, "by the words from your three representatives. I know there are many things ascribed to me from the goodness of your heart, and to-night I find it overwhelms me. I appreciate this beautiful gift, that will remind me of my stay with you."

He was happy he was returning to Palestine, yet at the same time he found it difficult to part from South African Jewry. He felt he had received as much from his audiences as he had given. At many meetings he had seen sparkling eyes when he had spoken of the rebirth of Eretz Israel, he had seen angry expressions when he had spoken of the injustice of the world towards us, and when he had lived over those moments afterwards he had wanted to call out *Am Yisroel Chai*. This had been a cause of great happiness to him. He felt he had found a response here and not only a material one, though he was the last man to under-estimate material response.

He was, however, very anxious about the future of South African Jewry. We had a strong and united Jewry here, but he did not know how long it would last. For we were not paying attention to the treasury in the hearts of our Jews; were not trying to build it up. We had become nothing but money-pressers. What South African Jewry needed was a youth. "Have your children as your own," he said, "and do not give

them away to others." This was in the interests of Israel as a people.

The question had often been asked, When will the fulfilment of Zionism come? The answer to the question was, Zionism is on the way—we did not know when fulfilment would come about or if it ever would. Meantime we had to go forward.

We had to have strength and determination to carry on. Palestinians felt very bitterly all the drawbacks of recent events, but they did not despair—their difficulties only forced them into deeper determination. "And I tell you, South African Zionists," said Dr. Mossinsohn, "do not despair." This is the spirit I want to leave with you. . . . We in Palestine felt very forsaken last year after the August riots, as though one part of the army was in the trenches and the other part had not come to help it. This made us very despondent. If I can take back a message with me that you are and will be with us—which means not only the giving of money but perhaps also one day the giving of your children and all you possess—if I can take back such a message, and I feel I can—then it was not for nothing that I spent six months of my life in your midst."

During the evening musical items were rendered by the Maccabean Guild Orchestra, by Miss E. Richman, who sang, and by Mr. Boris Rome, who also sang.

Dr. Mossinsohn left by the "Carnarvon Castle" last Friday afternoon. There was a large gathering at the Docks to bid him farewell.

#### THE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Some weeks ago I referred to the very anxious times which the Board of Guardians was facing at present, and to the urgent need for financial assistance which existed in its ranks. The position indeed is a serious one, there now being an overdraft of no less than some £1,300 at the bank to be cleared.

A meeting to discuss the situation was called by Rev. A. P. Bender and held in the Old Synagogue last Sunday morning. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was a small, although representative one. The President of the Board, Mr. I. J. Honikman, was in the chair, and at the outset described the present position. He emphasised the urgency of clearing the heavy bank overdraft and of providing the committee with sufficient funds to meet the increasing number of applications for financial assistance.

Rev. Bender also went into the situation and appealed to all to do their utmost to alleviate the present difficulties.

After Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish had spoken, all present signified their willingness to assist as far as possible in rendering the forthcoming Board of Guardians Week a success. A few substantial donations were promised at the meeting.

#### THE NATIONAL FUND BALL.

The National Fund Ball, which was held last Thursday evening in the Zionist Hall, was without doubt a most successful affair. There was a very large gathering present and the atmosphere which prevailed throughout the evening was an extremely gay, and it was felt by many, homely one. The decorations, the main feature of which were Chinese lanterns of a variety of colours, were very effectively carried out. Excellent music was provided by Sarah Disner's Orchestra and the catering arrangements met with the satisfaction of all.

The committee responsible for the ball consisted of Mrs. F. Clouts (Chairlady), Miss J. Kaufman (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. M. Kentridge, Mrs. M. Zuckerman, Miss L. Levy, Messrs. J. Gitlin and J. Weinreich.

#### GENERAL.

A very heated discussion on Russian Colonisation and Present-day Zionism took place in the Old Synagogue last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Maccabean Guild. Mrs. R. S. Alexander and Mr. J. Lewin led the discussion.

Mr. M. Wolozinsky delivered a lecture on the Jewish author, J. L. Peretz, the fifteenth anniversary of whose death has just been commemorated, last Sunday evening. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Kadimah Association.

Mr. Myer Joffe returned from his visit to Palestine last Monday morning.

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