

Destitute or Orphan Children?

The Problem of S.A. Jewish Orphanage.

A New Synagogue Wanted.

THAT the S.A. Jewish Orphanage in Arcadia maintains not only orphans but also destitute children, was the statement made by Mr. Bert Mendelsohn, the acting President of the Institution, who presided at the annual meeting held at the H.O.D. Hall on Thursday evening last.

He further pointed out that the total number of children at present at the Orphanage was twice as many as nine years ago, and he was afraid that unless an additional wing was built in the near future, they might be compelled to refuse further admission. Mr. Mendelsohn thereupon made an appeal to some generous-minded individual to emulate the noble examples set by Mr. W. Hillman and Mrs. Rose Lewis in building and endowing a further wing for the Institution.

The Chairman called attention to the necessity of providing more synagogue accommodation at the home. The present synagogue accommodated about 130 children, and place was required for 100 more. Here was a chance for a donor to erect a glorious memorial in memory of some dear one. A new laundry was also necessary, and the estimated cost was in the neighbourhood of £1,000.

A special tribute of appreciation was paid by the Chairman to the Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Shaer, who cared for the children with whole-hearted parental affection. He also thanked the Secretary, Mr. Percy Cowen, and the staffs of the Home and office for their loyalty during the past year.

Endowment of Beds.

THE adoption of the report and balance sheet was seconded by Mr. Henry C. Isaacs, the Honorary Treasurer, who said that they could congratulate themselves on showing a nett surplus of £600. Referring to the various matters of fund-raising, the Treasurer expressed thanks to the Honorary President, Mr. I. Heymann, for the continued success of the Endowment of Bed Scheme. The total received in this direction since the initiation of the scheme some years ago amounted to £7,420.

Heartless Parents.

CHIEF RABBI DR. J. L. LANDAU regretted the paucity of the attendance, but said that that was probably due to the fact that the community had complete confidence in the Committee. Dr. Landau added that the Jewish Orphanages in various parts of the world did not admit destitute children. Unfortunately, however, there were parents who took their duties very lightly, and the children of these deserved to be pitied. He (Dr. Landau) congratulated the Committee of the Orphanage upon the splendid work carried out, and assured them of the gratitude of the whole of the community.

A few words of congratulation were also expressed by Mrs. J. L. Landau.

The Chairman, in reply, said that the rule that only orphans were eligible for admission was honoured in the breach more than in the observance. He asked whether deserted children were not in a more pitiable position than the orphans. Seemingly other institutions failed in their duty, and if the Committee erred in admitting destitute children, they had done so out of a feeling of deep sympathy for those who were left helpless.

Mr. W. Hillman said that he had supported the idea of taking in destitute children, and felt sure that the community supported the Committee in this work.

Dr. Landau suggested that the name of the institution should be altered to "Orphans' and Destitute Children's Asylum."

The adoption of the report and balance sheet was then unanimously passed.

Election of Executive and Committee.

THE election of Hon. Officers and Committee was then proceeded with, and the following were elected:—President, Mr. B. Kaumheimer; Vice-President, Mr. Bert Mendelsohn; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Henry C. Isaacs; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. Moss Morris; Committee: Mesdames A. Atkins, E. Brasch, Maurice Franks, H. Light, M. Mendelsohn, B. Meyerowitz, A. Nathan, W. Sachs, Messrs. E. Cohn, L. Hochstadter, M. Gordon, L. Snider and John Massey; Trustees: Messrs. A. S. Joffe, A. Sive and I. Soskalne.

Mr. Henry C. Isaacs proposed the re-election of Messrs. Isaacs & Kessel as Auditors, and moved a hearty vote of thanks to them for the work they had done gratuitously in the past year. Mrs. A. R. Bradlow seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The Rev. A. T. Shrock proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair, and, in doing so, said that Johannesburg Jewry could claim that they need in no way be ashamed of its achievements in comparison to others.

Mr. I. Marks expressed the thanks of the community to the two retiring members of the Committee, Messrs. A. Sieradzki and A. Ullmann, who had done excellent work for the Institution.

At the instance of the Chairman, votes of thanks to the Executive and the Committee of the H.O.D., Dr. Herzl Lodge, for the use of their hall for the meeting, and to the Press for their attendance that evening, were passed.

FORDSBURG-MAYFAIR HEBREW BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The fourteenth annual general meeting of the above Association was held at the Lyceum Bioscope Hall, Mayfair, in the 29th ult. Mr. M. Sadowsky presided and there was a good attendance of members.

Before opening the meeting, the chairman asked those present to stand as a mark of respect to the following members who had passed away during the year: Mrs. Elkin, Mr. and Mrs. B. Fisher, Messrs. S. H. Rappaport, N. Sewitz, I. Lopatkin, S. Chaskelson, S. Knep and I. Wes. The report and balance sheet was then adopted.

An appeal was made for honorary life members, a sum of £10 entitling a member to this privilege.

The elections of honorary officers for the ensuing year then took place. Mr. M. Sadowsky was unanimously re-elected chairman; Mr. L. Raff, treasurer; L. Rappaport, hon. secretary. Committee: H. Sandler, H. Copans, A. Kasmy, R. Bloch, J. Rakusin, H. Garrun, J. Terespolsky, B. Jankelowitz and A. Jankelowitz.

Thanks were recorded to Mr. J. Daleski for acting in the capacity of Honorary Legal Advisor, and he was unanimously re-elected to this post.

Messrs. Schnaid and Fullerton were re-elected Honorary Auditors.

A "SHALOM ALEICHEM" EVENING.

An interesting entertainment is being organised by the S.A. Zeire Zion Society and will take place at the Jewish Guild on Sunday evening, July 3rd. This will be in the nature of a "Shalom Aleichem" evening, when two one-act plays will be produced by the Dramatic Section of the Zeire Zion. The plays are "Menschen" and "Olam Haboh." These are both of a humorous character and are likely to be appreciated by those present. The programme will also include a number of short "Shalom Aleichem" monologues.

VOICE PRODUCTION.

A distinguished teacher of voice production and singing is Madame Bal, who has her studio at Wembley Buildings, 82 Von Brandis Street, Johannesburg (opposite the Jewish Guild). The pupils of Madame Bal usually gain the highest distinctions in examinations and it is of special interest to note that this teacher makes a speciality of coaching her pupils in five different languages.

STUDENTS' ZIONIST ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16th, at 8 p.m., Mr. J. Blumenthal will deliver a lecture on "British Fairplay in Zionism," at the Nordau Club Hall (Federal House, 2nd floor, next to Rondi's, Harrison Street), under the auspices of the Students' Zionist Association. All interested are invited to attend.

OF INTEREST TO LADIES.

The aim of women is to be beautiful. It should, therefore, be of interest to ladies to know that there is in Johannesburg an expert, with a European reputation for skin and beauty-culture treatment. She has evolved a perfect and successful treatment for the elimination of pimples, ugly pores and other facial defects. The beauty of woman and her health can be improved by consulting Madame Rose, 33, Harvard Buildings, Joubert Street, Johannesburg.