

HOBART.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The annual general meeting of the Hobart Hebrew Congregation took place at the Synagogue Chambers on Sunday, 13th May. There was a very good attendance, and the President, Mr. Benson Harris, was in the chair. The report, from which the following is extracted, was read and adopted:—The balance-sheet shows a credit of £16/1/1. Considering that the treasurer, Mr. Reuben Benjamin, had started with a deficiency of £50, overdrawn by the ex-treasurer, the finances of the Hobart Hebrew Congregation reflect great credit upon its executive. During the past year over £90 was raised for the Jews of Alexandria Fund, the receipt of which sum was duly acknowledged by the Chief Rabbi, Professor Pargola, of Alexandria.

The Hebrew School, under the superintendence of the Rev. I. Morris, is doing very good work, and the children are making very good progress.

Our very best thanks are due to Mr. Nat Edwards, hon. secretary, for his untiring and splendid efforts for the benefit of this congregation, through whose ability the congregation once more has attained a proper management. During the procedure, the work of the minister, Rev. I. Morris, was spoken of and highly appreciated, and the following resolution was conveyed by the secretary to him:—“That this meeting notes the great interest taken by our minister, the Rev. I. Morris, in all matters appertaining to the affairs of the Hobart Hebrew Congregation, and fully recognises his undoubted zeal and ability, and is pleased to place on record its keen appreciation of same.”

Great regret was expressed by all present that the vice-president, Mr. J. Glasser, is compelled to leave Hobart for the benefit of his health, and they sincerely trust that, under Divine Providence, he may soon return in perfect health, and be able to resume his good work on behalf of the Jewish community.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, B. Harris; vice-president, J. Glasser; hon. secretary, Nat. Edwards; treasurer, Reuben Benjamin; committee, Messrs. S. Newman and Geo. Benjamin; minister, Rev. I. Morris; auditors, Messrs. J. Levy and D. Mendes.

The balance-sheet, as presented, was duly received and adopted.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

It was mentioned that the Hobart congregation had benefited by the presentation of a most handsome Marriage Canopy from Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hart, of St. Kilda, and a Communal Succah was erected on the synagogue grounds, the gift of Mr. D. Mendes.

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The services for the Pentecost were efficiently conducted by the Rev. I. Morris, who also preached an impressive sermon entitled "The

Sixth Commandment in War Time." The synagogue was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers and palms by Miss R. Benjamin, Mesdames Morris and Forbes. The attendance was exceedingly good, amongst whom were several co-religionists from the mainland, as well as Christian friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, of Sydney, have taken up their residence in Hobart.
