

ק"ק כנסת ישראל.

Kingsbury Hebrew Congregation.

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RABBI N. S. RABINOWITZ has been connected with the Kingsbury Hebrew Congregation since the date of its inception, three years ago. He was invited here at that time by one of its founders who hoped that the services of a man of his calibre would prove an asset in a newly-developed district, devoid as it then was of any facilities for worship, education and the usual social amenities sought by Jews. That this action was justified has been proved by the continuous growth of the newly-formed Congregation, whose status has already been officially recognised by the United Synagogue and admitted to its register of Affiliated Congregations. The Kingsbury Hebrew Congregation may well thank Rabbi Rabinowitz for such a progressive step in its early history, for its present membership roll is due almost entirely to his tireless efforts. He has spent - and, indeed, he still does spend - many hours in canvassing a very wide-spread community, and has been instrumental, even where there unfortunately existed extreme apathy to affairs religious, in stimulating an interest in the Congregation that should ensure a lasting and, I believe, an ever-growing membership.

His official duties, both as Minister and Reader, have invariably been undertaken with a conscientious thoroughness and his sermons, while being thoughtfully and adequately prepared, have commanded the attention of his listeners by their air of apparent spontaneity. His duties have also extended to the Headmastership of the Hebrew and Religion Classes, where his organising power and execution of a well constructed syllabus have evoked the commendation of the Inspectorate of the Union of Hebrew and Religion Classes. In this respect, too, Rabbi Rabinowitz has, in conjunction with other Hebrew Classes in the N.W. London area, assisted in the organisation of group functions and festive celebrations. He was instrumental, also, in organising sports activities for the children of the Classes and he has, without effort, commanded the respect and earnest attention of his pupils, resulting in a steady and continuous growth in the roll. These Classes are, in fact, a credit to a newly established Congregation and Rabbi Rabinowitz is to be congratulated on the strides he has made since their formation.

Finally, I would like to refer to the

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establishment of a Social and Literary Society for the adolescents in the district. This Society, of which Rabbi Rabinowitz was the Founder and President, provides ample scope for the interchange of ideas and social activities among the younger members of our community and the opportunity for the formation of Zionist sections and Study Circles have thereby been readily presented, a fact which undoubtedly bears a further testimony to the energetic and unceasing efforts of Rabbi Rabinowitz. The Congregation he has served so well will find it difficult, should the occasion arise, to replace him and, while wishing him every success in his future career, would regret his departure.

Leonard Silverman

Hon. Secretary and Warden.