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Society of Częstochower Landsleit in Argentina

The Society of Częstochower Landsleit in Buenos Aires was founded in 1929. As the main task it set itself, was to provide landsleit in need, here locally, with material aid, in the form of loans on easy payment terms. The number of members then was small, because Częstochower landsleit showed no interest in the Society.

The leaders of the Society consisted of a committee of seven men. The Society’s income was derived from tea parties, where the people would come together to have a chat with a landsleit whom they had not seen for a long time. On these occasions, they heard a few words from the leaders regarding the necessity to support the Society.

We must admit that the Society’s principles were unpopular. The Society bore a petit bourgeois character through-and-through and, as a result, did not receive proper support from the Częstochowers, who had a different view on communal issues. After a short time, the Society’s activity ceased.

In March 1943, when the horrifying news reached us here, in Argentina, from Częstochowa and the whole of Poland, we realised that we needed to exert all our strength to create aid for our hapless sisters and brothers. The Częstochower Landsleit Society reorganised with great enthusiasm. Many members immediately contributed large sums, while others pledged to pay in instalments, until the time came when we should have an exact address in Częstochowa to where to send the accumulated funds.

Our work in our Częstochower Landsleit Society is an active one, just as in other landsleit organisations - some of which have only recently been organised. All the landsleit organisations are now concentrating on one primary task - aid for the home of old.

The address of the Częstochower Landsleit Society in Argentina is: [Calle] Junín 122, Buenos Aires.

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