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Introduction

The aim of the *Częstochower* executive in Montreal had been to publish a brochure of some two or three dozen pages, that would reflect the relief and communal activities of the *landsmannschaft* in Montreal. That was the embryonic basis of this book.

As soon as a Book Committee was chosen, headed by Dr Benjamin Orenstein as editor, this plan was completely altered. Instead of a report brochure, it became a book, in order to constitute a supplement to all the numerous hitherto publications.

This book contains historical treatises, documents, testimonies taken from miraculously-saved *landsleit*, and descriptions of the communal and cultural life of our bygone, cherished Częstochowa. There are essays here about institutions, personalities, outstanding people and common Jews and, in addition, on a broader scale, regarding the activities of the *Częstochower landsmannschaft* in Montreal.

May all the more books indeed be published. May all the more be written, not allowing the world to forget the grisly massacres by which the Nazi-*Amalek* people gruesomely and cruelly annihilated a third of the Jewish people - innocent children, women, men and the elderly.

Each line printed in this book is a documental treasure for the generations to come - especially for the future historian and researcher to analyse the genocidal policy of two-legged beasts in the twentieth century - and also a bloody Mark of Cain for evermore on the cursed German cannibals.

Concurrently, this book serves as a worthy headstone for the Częstochowa martyrs and heroes, who fell in the sanctification of the Name [of God] and People [of Israel].

The Book Committee, as a whole and each member personally, deserve our gratitude and acknowledgement for donating their time, toil and efforts, as well as raising the financial means by which to publish this book.

Strengthened be the hands of those who worked with [us] and aided in the publication of this book.