

Zionist Conversazione.

Mr. J. BLESOVSKY ON "STATE AND NATION."

The fortnightly Conversazione took place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night. Dr. S. E. Kark was in the chair.

Mr. J. Blesovsky speaking on "State and Nation" said that a nation was a group of people bound together by memories of the past and by present conditions and cherishing the same hopes and aspirations. Jews had a glorious past and had contributed much to civilization. Though they were landless and scattered throughout the world they were bound together as a nation by their common hopes and aspirations.

A State was a group of people bound by economic, political and social factors. There were different kinds of states. In the democratic state the rights of the individual were respected and minorities were fairly treated. There was freedom of speech, religion and culture for all groups and individuals. In the Nazi, Fascist and Communist state, the individual was sacrificed to the state and minorities and particularly Jews were allowed no freedom, culturally or economically. These states were characterised by complete uniformity and Jews could not fit into them.

Even if anti-Semitism disappeared after the war, said the speaker, Jews would have to adjust themselves to the socialistic state which seemed bound to come into being. To do this Jews must become more productive, and the best way of doing this was to take up vocational training. They must work together with the liberal and socialistic forces to create conditions where minorities could be happy.

The main solution for the Jews was however Eretz Israel. If Jews showed their will and determination to build up the land, nothing could stop them. Their own achievements would be the best argument in their favour.

Mr. B. Mirvish commented on certain aspects of the address.

Miss E. Stein rendered a pianoforte solo.

Rabbi Abrahams presented Barmitzvah Albums to a number of boys. His address is published elsewhere in this issue.

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Goodwood Hebrew Congregation.

WELCOME TO REV. AND Mrs. B. DOROGOV.

The newly appointed Minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. B. Dorogov, were given an official welcome by the members of the recently formed Goodwood Hebrew Congregation at the residence of Mr. B. D. Ezer, the President of the congregation. The Chairman of the evening was Mr. R. Wolman, one of the committee members.

The President addressed the meeting and welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Dorogov as well as Rev. Dorogov, Sen., of Johannesburg, on behalf of the congregation. He gave a brief resume of the origin and progress of the new congregation, now numbering 25 male members and their families. He expressed thanks and appreciation to the Cape Board of Jewish Education and to Rev. Kaufman, for advice and guidance given to them with regard to the appointment of a Minister. The Talmud Torah, which is being attended by 11 pupils, has already shown fine progress, though it has been only six weeks in existence.

Amongst those present who spoke words of encouragement to the newly established Congregation were Dr. C. Resnekov, of Woodstock, the Chairman of the Board of Jewish Education; Dr. A. Birnbaum, Director of Jewish Education in the Cape; Rev. Kaufman of Maitland and Rabbi Lipshitz of Parow.

The speakers in general expressed their high esteem for the Rev. Dorogov and wished his new congregation the best of luck in the future, with the hope that the congregation would grow from strength to strength.

In a most eloquent address, quoting many sayings from our sages, the Rev. Dorogov replied to the speeches. He emphasised that in his opinion the most important task of a Minister was the care for and the education of the younger generation. He strongly appealed to his congregants to assist him in this difficult but holy task, stressing in particular the need for Jewishness in the home.

Dr. Freedman, the Secretary, thanked the visitors on behalf of the congregation, assuring them that their presence was highly appreciated and very encouraging.

The hostess, Mrs. Ezer, provided an excellent repast and the guests spent a very enjoyable evening. Many Hebrew songs were spontaneously rendered from time to time. Mr. H. Kagan of Goodwood gave

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The Late Mr. J. Port.

The death took place in Johannesburg on Thursday, 1st October, of Mr. Joseph Port a well-known pioneer communal worker on the Rand.

At a special meeting of the Council of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education in Johannesburg members spoke in moving terms of Mr. Port's whole-hearted and devoted service to the Board and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"The South African Board of Jewish Education mourns the sudden and untimely death of Mr. J. Port, one of the most ardent workers in the field of Jewish Education in this country and a member of the Council of this Board for many years. In the death of Mr. Port the South African Jewish community has lost a man who throughout his life strongly upheld the tenets of true Judaism and gave unsparingly of his time and energy to every deserving Jewish cause.

"The Board extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved widow and family."

Miss Henrietta Szold Thanks United Hebrew Schools.

In reply to a letter informing her that she had been inscribed in the Golden Book by the children of the United Hebrew Schools, the Principal, Mr. A. Levin, has received the following letter from Miss Henrietta Szold:—

"My heartiest thanks for the great honour you conferred upon me by inscribing me in the Golden Book. I was deeply touched by the words of affection expressed by the children on this occasion.

"Please accept my most cordial thanks to yourself, the Secretary and all the scholars of your school. May all of you be blessed with everlasting peace and happiness.

Yours,

HENRIETTA SZOLD."

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two Jewish solo items which were enthusiastically received.

It was also stressed that it augured well for Jewry that at a time like this when hundreds of Jewish congregations in Europe were being destroyed by a ruthless tyrant, a small group of Jews in far-off South Africa should feel an urge to establish a new K'hillah.

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