

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Bnoth Zion Association.

Mrs. Rabbi Kirzner presided over a good gathering of members of the Gardens Branch assembled at the residence of Mrs. I. Cohen, Schoonder Street, on the occasion of the last meeting of the Charlaft Circle.

Miss Lily Guinsberg was the guest speaker. In a paper as charming as it was learned, she dealt with Deborah, reviewing in detail the historical background of her character and the effects on the nation of her action. Appreciation of Miss Guinsberg's presence and of her paper was expressed by Mrs. M. I. Cohen.

Mrs. Ch. Cohen was another speaker, and her character study of Sarah was both instructive and entertaining.

Mrs. Kaplan and Mrs. B. Buntmann gave appropriate readings in English and Yiddish respectively, while Miss Miriam Malamed delighted the audience with some fine musical renderings.

A vote of thanks to the artist, the speakers and the hostess was moved by Mrs. Peimer.

A cloth presented by Mrs. R. Hirschson was raffled during the afternoon and won by Mrs. M. Levin.

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1943 Diary. The Bnoth Zion has launched out on a new venture for the J.N.F. They are busy getting ready for publication a 1943 diary, which will contain useful information and yet will not be too large for a woman's handbag or a man's pocket. The diary will be on sale early in December and the price will be 2/6. Orders can be placed with members of Bnoth Zion Committees or with the Secretary.

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Will members kindly note that the Discussion Group meeting which takes place on the third Wednesday morning of each month will not be held this month, as Dr. Birnbaum will not be in town on that date.

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The stool raffled by the Sea Point Branch in aid of the J.N.F. has been won by Mrs. L. Carter, 15 St. George's Street, Cape Town, and the tapestry by Mrs. N. Sacks, Sunningdale, Johannesburg.

Union of Jewish Woman.

The members' meeting for November took place on Tuesday, 10th inst., at the Zionist Hall. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Movsovic, the largely attended meeting was presided over by Mrs. P. Auerbach, who moved a vote of condolence to Mrs. Sara Sloman on the death of her husband. The meeting rose as a mark of sympathy to Mrs. Sloman and her family.

The guest speakers were Mrs. P. M. Clouts and Adv. H. M. Bloch. Mrs. Clouts addressed the meeting briefly on the pro-

gress of the S.A. Jewish War Appeal and on the assistance that the women would be called upon to give. The chair assured Mrs. Clouts, on behalf of the meeting that the Fund and its work would have the support and fullest co-operation of the organisation.

Mr. Bloch's very interesting address was on "Practical Judaism" and the keynote was that the Jewish people in the main had come to concern themselves with two issues — that of maintaining the very physical subsistence of Jewry and that of improving it. The pursuit of these ideas had caused regrettable and unnecessary cleavage in Jewish life, whereas both ideologies were, in fact, interrelated and indivisible. The present crisis facing the Jew called for a complete reconciliation of both conceptions—that of the struggle for preservation and that of the striving towards a national resurrection. Both processes were necessary, but any comparison of the work of one against the activities of the other was to be deplored. Mr. Bloch made a striking plea for the development in the mind of the Jew of a longer perspective. The fundamental idea of every Jew was for the reinstatement of his people and to this end there was no place for trivial dissension or for the denial of any one Jewish cause against the other. In the absence of a better approach it remains necessary in furthering the practical work involved to call for charitable contributions. It was essential that the Jew should help to provide for every aspect of Judaism, in its maintenance in the community in which it lived, and in its mighty task of growing into a separate national entity. Mr. Bloch referred to the War Appeal and to the forthcoming visit of Dr. Rieger in connection with the Palestine University. He appealed to members to support these and all such matters so important in the rehabilitation of the Jewish people.

Mrs. J. Weinreich moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Bloch.

Among activities and forthcoming events discussed at the meeting were the following:—

"Our Children's Day." In addition to the sum of £128 19s. 6d. handed over to the fund for "Our Children's Day" as a result of a concert recently held, a further sum of about £86 was raised at the stall convened by Mrs. Auerbach and Mrs. Harris at the Street Market held last Friday.

Headquarters—Union of Jewish Women Conference. Mrs. Epstein informed members of the holding of this conference on the 22nd and 23rd December. Representatives from the 16 branches would attend and the conference would serve to review

the work of the past year and the activities for the coming session. Resolutions should be sent in immediately.

National Council of Women. Mrs. A. Mandelbrote gave a condensed but interesting report on the proceedings at the Annual General Meeting of the N.C.W.

Massadah Association.

A provocative address entitled "J'accuse" was delivered by Mr. Jack Bobrov to a large attendance of Massadah members at the Zionist Hall on Sunday night, the 8th inst. Mr. Bobrov accused Jews and Jewesses of his own generation of not being fully aware of their responsibilities to the Jewish people and of neglecting the most vital force of Jewish life to-day, namely, Zionism. Owing to the war and the upheavals that have followed in its wake, our responsibility to Jewry and to Palestine has become disproportionate to our numbers, said the speaker; a responsibility that we should be proud to discharge.

A lively discussion followed, at the conclusion of which a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the speaker.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrahi Organisation.

At the general meeting of the Cape Branch of the above organisation, Mrs. Berzack, who presided, submitted a report on the various activities and referred especially to the satisfactory increase in the membership.

Important communications from the headquarters in Jerusalem were read by the Chairlady, Mrs. Haide Reingold and Mrs. Kaplan expressing deep appreciation of the good work started here for the movement and explaining in detail the various Mizrahi activities in Palestine.

An interesting discussion took place, after which Mrs. A. Kirzner spoke on the future activities of the society as a result of the stirring appeals made by Rabbi Berlin during his recent visit here.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. Ch. Cohen to the speakers.

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A bring and buy sale was held on 28th October at the residence of Mrs. I. Cohen, 11 Schoonder Street, which was a financial success.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

The Hon. Treasurer gratefully acknowledges the following two bequests: Estate late L. Burstein, £89 12s. 7d.; Estate late J. Nathan, £25.

Zionist Socialist Party: Women's Group.

A very successful inaugural meeting in regard to the formation of a Women's Group within the Zionist Socialist Party was held at the residence of Mrs. E. Decktor, 15 Kensington Crescent, Orangezicht, last week. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Mary Segal and among those present were Mrs. Dubb, of Port Elizabeth, and Miss Tamara Samsonov. Mrs. Fay Decktor, 29 Glen Crescent, Orangezicht, is the secretary of the group and any persons interested are requested to get in touch with her.

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