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Obituary.

HERR D. VON GUTMANN.

We regret to announce the death of Herr David Ritter von Gutmann, who passed away in Vienna in his 78th year.

Herr von Gutmann, who was the "Coal-King" of Austria, also occupied a very prominent position in the Jewish Community. He was President of the Israelitish Alliance of Vienna for the last 23 years, President of the Baron Hirsch School Trust for Galicia and of the Jewish Orphan Asylum, Dobling. He and his brother Wilhelm (father-in-law of Sir Francis Montefiore) created a number of important charitable institutions, and only very recently he presented a fund of £120,000 for the establishment of a children's hospital. By the death of Herr David von Gutmann the Jews of Austria have lost one of their most devoted leaders, and the esteem in which he was generally held was testified at his funeral, which was attended by members of the government and the chief representatives of the financial world.

SENHOR ABRAHAM BENSAUDE.

The death is reported of Senhor Abraham Bensaude, of Lisbon, at the age of 75. The deceased took a prominent part in the affairs of the Jewish community in Lisbon, of which he was one of the founders as well as Hon. President. His generosity extended, however, far beyond the Portuguese capital, and among the large number of bequests made by him to Jewish institutions is one of £400 to the Beth Holim Hospital in London. He also expressed in the will his desire that his heirs should contribute the sum of 1,000 lire annually to the Synagogue in Lisbon and continue his usual subscription to the Society Someh Nofim in that city.

Will.

Mr. Gustav Sachs, who died on April 19 at Athens, has left £71,027 gross and £70,888 net. He bequeathed £100 to the German Hospital, Dalston; £100 to the German Society of Benevolence, South Street, Finsbury; £100 to the Jewish Board of Guardians; £25 to the Anglo-Jewish Association; £100 each to the executors; £2,250, and his leasehold house and effects therein to his wife; £50 each to Elise Martial and Alida Hirsch; and £200 to Heinrich Meyer. The residue of the property is to be held in trust to pay one-half of the income to his wife for life, and subject thereof one moiety of the whole is to be held in trust for his son Edwin Otto Sachs and his issue, and the other moiety in trust to pay £2,000 to the Jews' Free School, Bell Lane, or should his son so desire £1,500 to the school and £500 for such hospitals in the United Kingdom as he may direct, the residue going to the son and his issue.

JEWISH PIONEERS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

A meeting of the Jewish Historical Society will be held on Monday, June 3, at Nedry Lodge, Holland Street, Campden Hill, W. (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Mendelssohn) when a paper will be read by Mr. Sidney Mendelssohn on "The Jewish Pioneers of South Africa. Mr. Mendelssohn will exhibit a few books and prints bearing on the subject.

JEWISH TERRITORIAL ORGANISATION.

The date of the International Conference of the Ito announced a fortnight ago has been altered. The conference will take place in Vienna on June 27, 28, and 30.

SABBATARIAN JEWS IN HUNGARY.

At Szegedin, Hungary, a child was registered as belonging to the Sabbatarians, but as this sect is not officially recognised in that country, the child was entered as a Jew. The Sabbatarians in Hungary, who were once considerable in numbers, had to undergo fierce persecutions for their strong tendencies towards Judaism, and it was only during the 'sixties that 34 Sabbatarian families in the village of Bozodnifalu were permitted to adopt the Jewish faith.

NEWS FROM ABROAD.

JEWISH SENATOR IN TURKEY.

Emanuel Effendi Carasso, a deputy of the Turkish Chamber, has been raised to the rank of Senator, and it is stated that another Jew, M. Moise Cohen, is likely to be elected for his constituency in Salonica. Carasso was one of the delegates of the Young Turks who announced to Abdul Hamid his deposition from the Sultanate.

THE POLES, THE IRISH—AND THE JEWS.

The Polish Party in the Duma have sent a telegram of congratulation to the Irish National Party in the British House of Commons on the second reading of the Home Rule Bill. No one more than the Poles, said the telegram, could rejoice at this victory for truth and justice. It has been pointed out in Russia, however, that while the Poles have made this demonstration in favour of "ideals which belong to the whole world," they have, during the present session of the Duma, grossly denied the application of those ideals to the Jews living in their midst. They had no hesitation in practically excluding the Jews from the local government which was to be granted to Poland by the Russian authorities.

RUSSIAN PRIESTS AGAINST JEWISH CONVERTS.

The Russian Orthodox Consistory in Ryasan have issued to the priests under their charge the following order: "If Jews should apply to you with the request to be admitted into the Orthodox Church, it is necessary to make detailed inquiries, and not to baptise them without the authority of the Bishop. If a Jew, who has already been converted to Roman Catholicism or Lutheranism should desire to be admitted into the Orthodox Church, it is also prohibited to admit him without such special permission. It is a great sin, fathers of the Church, to dispense the blessings of God to those who do not believe in the Holy Orthodox faith, and who only desire to abuse it for private purposes. Great shall be our responsibility before God if we spread the gifts of the Holy Ghost among men who are not worthy of it and thus scatter pearls before swine."

ANTI-JEWISH SCENES IN THE DUMA.

The Duma has been the scene of some anti-Jewish outbreaks, brought about by the brutal manner in which the reactionary deputy, Samislovsky, attacked the Jews. He was repeatedly interrupted by the Jewish deputy, M. Nisselovitz, who stood his ground against a howling mob of "True Russian" deputies. Both were finally called to order by president. A speech was delivered by M. Friedman, one of the two Jewish deputies in the Duma, recapitulating the recent restrictions imposed on the Jews.

THE SITUATION IN FEZ.

M. Elmaleh, the director of the Alliance School in Fez, states in his latest report to headquarters that a relief committee of 14, instituted by order of the Sultan, is at work. Sixty murdered Jews have been buried, and 50 wounded are in hospital. The situation is lamentable, and M. Elmaleh does not mince words as to responsibility of those who made the Jews suffer to ensure the safety of the European quarter. For the moment, the chief question is how to find shelter for the victims. Over a thousand Jews will have to seek accommodation elsewhere, owing to the very limited space in the Jews' quarter. He makes it clear that the Jews should demand compensation for their very great losses, and asks for the intervention of the Alliance, with the French Government, for this purpose.

CANTOR STEINBERG TO VISIT LONDON.

Cantor Bernhard Steinberg of Temple Beth El, New York, is coming to London early in June to give programmes of traditional Hebrew temple music. The congregation has granted Cantor Steinberg a leave of absence for the purpose of touring Europe in a series of programmes that will exemplify American-Jewish musical progress. Cantor Steinberg has a baritone voice, whereas most European cantors are tenors.

Messrs. Herman Herzog, Joseph Steinberg and Ben H. Atwell, all of New York, have arrived in London to organise a chorus of mixed voices to support Cantor Steinberg in his local concerts and to travel with him throughout his tour of the continent. As many of the choral numbers are sung in classical Hebrew, this is proving no small task. In addition to the Hebrew temple selections Cantor Steinberg will sing arias from popular oratorios in English and from standard operas in Italian.