

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

The Zionist Conversazione.

"Women's Work in the Zionist Movement" was the subject of a discussion which took place at the Zionist conversazione on Tuesday evening.

The discussion was initiated by Mrs. P. M. Clouts, who emphasised that the leaders of Zionism had never made use of the fact that if a national movement was to exist and be a living reality, it had to have the interest and the co-operation of the women. It would be a lasting blot on the leaders of the Zionist Organisation that they had taken so long to recognise this and had so consistently discouraged their womenfolk.

There were many directions in which woman could bring her influence to bear and take a lead. In Palestine she had shown that she could lead in the work of social reconstruction. But there were also other directions, said the speaker, in which women could take a lead in Palestine. There were, for instance, the questions of education, of solving the Arab problem, of helping Jewish women throughout the world in creating enlightened Jewish homes.

In the Diaspora the women had organised themselves into separate units, but only in the face of much opposition from their menfolk, who failed to realise that these separate units helped to increase the army of women workers by members who could not be got at through the general organisation.

Mrs. Clouts drew attention to various aspects of Zionist work in the Diaspora in which she felt women should be given the opportunity of taking a lead. For instance, she was confident that far better results would be achieved if J.N.E. box work were put into their hands. The women could also do a great deal in furthering Hebrew education in the Diaspora, in helping youth movements, and last but not least, in standing by their women in Palestine.

Those who participated in the discussion were Mr. D. Getz, Miss M. Oblovitz, Miss M. Gitlin, Dr. J. Sachs and Mrs. Ch. Cohen. Mrs. Clouts summed up the discussion.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarif acted as host and hostess and during the course of the evening a number of musical items were given by Mrs. Lewin.

Oneg Shabbos.

A most interesting lecture was given by Mr. Z. Avin at the Oneg Shabbos on Saturday last at which Mr. I. Fine presided. The subject of the lecture was "Shabbos in Palestine and in the Diaspora."

Mr. Avin gave a comprehensive survey in regard to the observance of Shabbos in Palestine and in the Diaspora, and came to the conclusion that the sanctification of the Sabbath was more complete in Eretz Israel than in any other place in the world.

A special feature of the programme was the excellent singing of folk songs in Yid-

dish and Hebrew by Cantor Convisser, which was much appreciated by the large audience.

Mr. Reading recited a sketch by Ansky and Rev. Kassel, of Woodstock, contributed to the success of the gathering by his singing of several items.

"£1 Competition."

The "£1 Competition" organised by the Chalutz Sub-Committee of the Judean Central Council has been won by Miss Stella Wainwright.

Talmud Torah Boys' Minyan.

The Talmud Torah Boys' Minyan are holding services on Shevuos in the Talmud Torah Hall on Saturday evening at 6 p.m., on Sunday and Monday mornings at 9 a.m.

Parents and the younger members of the Jewish community in particular are kindly requested to attend.

Aged Home Appreciation.

The Committee of the Cape Jewish Aged Home desire to thank Miss F. Charnass for allowing a troupe of her Girl Guides to assist at the reception on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new building on Tuesday; also Messrs. Emdin Bros. for supplying, free of charge, the necessary equipment in connection with the refreshments, and Messrs. Bashew Bros. for their donation of mineral waters.

Observatory-Mowbray Jewish Guild.

On Monday a meeting of the Observatory-Mowbray Jewish Guild was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Shaskolsky, Observatory. Miss P. Jaffe was in the chair and deputised for Dr. Lizerbrum. About fifty members attended to hear the result of the literary competition. There were ten entries. The first prize was Dr. Goldstein's "A Mock Trial," second prize was awarded to Alec Epstein for his essay on "Hitlerism," third prize, a poem, "Road to Palestine" by Miss Joyce Feldman. Popular vote decided the prizes. Much humour was displayed in the Mock Trial which was ably read by six members of the Society.

Tea and refreshments were kindly provided by the hostess.

Misses L. Uday and M. Kaplan rendered items during the course of the evening.

Miss B. Miller proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, and Mr. Levenstein to the artists. The evening concluded with the singing of the Hatikvah.

Students' Jewish Association.

On Wednesday, May 9th, Adv. A. Shacksnovis lectured to the S.J.A. on "Israel Zangwill." Mr. S. N. Herman presided.

The lecturer traced the early life of the author amidst the poverty of the ghetto, the heavy burdens he had to shoulder while still young and the consequent development of his character.

Zangwill was an excellent Hebrew scholar and a brilliant writer. On entering the ranks of journalism he started as a humorous writer, depicting Jewish life to the Gentile with remarkable accuracy. The Jewish problem and its possible solution always interested him, although he did not agree with the Palestine movement.

It was a pity, the lecturer concluded, that Zangwill had already been forgotten, when he had rendered such invaluable service to the Jewish people.

After a vote of thanks had been proposed by Mr. G. Gitlin, the meeting concluded.

Aged Home Acknowledgment.

The Committee of the Cape Jewish Aged Home desire to acknowledge with thanks receipt of £11 3s. 6d. from Mrs. Perlman and Mrs. Trotsky as a result of a collection held among the ladies of the Muizenberg Jewish community, for the inmates of the Home.

A Social.

There was a very large gathering at an "At Home" given in the Zionist Hall on Saturday night by the recently-formed Committee of German Immigrants. Among those present were many South Africans and a very cordial and happy atmosphere prevailed throughout the evening.

Musical items were rendered by Mrs. Weigert who, accompanied by her husband at the piano, sang a number of songs, Mrs. Lewin who also proved very popular as a singer, pupils of the Kirsch School of Dancing, Dr. W. Witepsky who sang, and Messrs. Ressel and Slome who, as the "Snappy Boys" gave a number of popular vocal and ukelele renderings. Mr. Hirsch, Chairman of the German Immigrants Committee, presided.

During the evening tea was served after which dancing was indulged in till a late hour.

Dr. Resnekov Lectures at Woodstock.

There was an excellent attendance of members and friends of the Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle on Monday night at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. C. Resnekov, to listen to the second portion of an address upon "The Structure of Jewish Life in Feudal Days." The lecturer, Dr. Resnekov, dealt mainly with the state of feudalism as affecting Jewish communities and showed how the Jew who could neither fit himself into the Christian Guilds or Corporations nor into the military castes, was thrown upon the mercy of the Kings and Feudal Lords. Agriculture was barred to them as they were not allowed to retain Christian servants, and even had to free servants who wished to become Christians. Added to that was the great insecurity of life and property, and thus the Jew had per force to convert his possessions into liquid assets, for at any moment he might be forced to flee.

The communities before the days of R. Gershom were guided by three principal *Takkanoth*, firstly, Herem Ha-Ikkul, secondly, Herem Ha-Yishshub, and thirdly, the privilege granted to any Jew who had a grievance, to interrupt the prayers. The lecturer also dealt very fully with the *Takkanoth* of French Jewry under R. Gershom and R. Tam. It was pointed out that even under modern conditions these *Takkanoth* could not be improved upon, and hence we were forced to concede that the Jewish element in the feudal days were far superior to their neighbours. If Jewry of to-day were to study and assimilate the methods of conducting communal life as in the feudal days, it would be of great advantage to us even in modern times.

After the lecture a short discussion took place.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. S. Kassel and a vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr. B. L. Rubik.

A Shevuos Concert.

The Shevuos Concert of the Woodstock and Salt River Hebrew Kindergarten will take place on Thursday, 24th inst., at 10 a.m., at the Talmud Torah Hall, Argyle Street. All the fifty children of the *gan* will participate in the programme. An enjoyable morning is assured.

Histadruth Ivrit.

On Tuesday evening, May 8th, at the Zionist Hall, Mr. I. Judelowitz, of Johannesburg, delivered an extremely interesting lecture before a representative gathering of the Histadruth Ivrit. His subject was "The Ideal of Historical Judaism," and he treated it in a profound and learned manner.

Messrs. Rabbi Gervis, Lehrmann and Telem participated in the discussion that followed.

Mr. Rubik moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer. Mr. Telem presided at the meeting.

A Shevuos Evening.

A Shevuos evening under the auspices of the Histadruth Ivrit will be held in the Zionist Hall on Monday, 21st inst. An excellent programme has been drawn up and all interested are invited to attend.

In Brief.

Meyer Jonah, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Friedland, "Friedenheim," 15, Clive Street, will read Maftir at the Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh on Saturday morning, 26th inst., *Parsha Noshei*. Brocha: 11 a.m. "At Home" in evening. All friends and relations are cordially invited. No cards.

The Mayor, Mr. L. Gradner, who is at present in Johannesburg, will return to Cape Town during the week-end.

Mr. Morris Kentridge, M.P., returned to Cape Town on Monday.

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Fire at Zionist Office.

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Zionist workers in Cape Town were considerably upset this week by a fire which broke out in the Zionist and "Jewish Chronicle" offices on Monday evening. The fire, which was due to an electric kettle having been left switched on, was detected about 7 o'clock when the Fire Brigade immediately rushed to the scene and set to in quenching the flames which were leaping high above the building. If not for their rapid and efficient work the fire would have attained serious proportions, as it was already extending from the kitchen, in which it originated, into the main Zionist Office.

The kitchen is entirely ruined and the floor and ceiling of the building generally charred, but no documents or files have been affected. It was, however, only on the morning after the fire that those interested were able to ascertain these facts as they were not allowed into the building until then. The anxiety with which some of them awaited the morning can be well imagined.

Owing to the fact that considerable repairs will have to be effected to the building, the Zionist Office will be accommodated until further notice at 134, Plein Street. The telephone number will remain unchanged. The "Jewish Chronicle" offices will remain at 147a, Plein Street.

Misconceptions at Worcester.

To the Editor,
S.A. Jewish Chronicle.

Sir,—We trust you will extend to us the courtesy of your columns with the object of correcting certain misconceptions which may have arisen concerning Councillor P. de Vos of this town.

Some two months ago the Greyshirts applied for the hire of the Town Hall and their application was supported by Mr. de Vos at the meeting of the Town Council.

Although he supported the application, Mr. de Vos definitely disassociated himself from the Greyshirts or any anti-Semitic movement, and taking into consideration the known friendly attitude of Mr. de Vos during the thirty years of his business life in Worcester, the local Jewish community definitely accepts that Mr. de Vos acted on principle and that he based his attitude on the fact that never in the past had the hall been refused to any European—not even to advocates of causes which were known to be extremely unpopular with some sections of the town's population.

Yours faithfully,
M. SENNETT, *Chairman,*
J. FRIEDMAN, *Secretary,*
Worcester Hebrew Congregation.

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