

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Bnoth Zion Association.

A successful meeting of the Orangezicht Branch took place on Wednesday, 2nd December, at the home of Mrs. Theo Snitcher, "Mount Pleasant," Belmont Avenue.

Mrs. Glaser, the Chairman, presided over a very large gathering of members and friends. The guest speaker was Dr. Anni Samuelsdorff.

In introducing Dr. Samuelsdorff, Mrs. Glaser expressed pleasure at having in their midst a woman who has done so much for Wizo. Dr. Samuelsdorff gave a most inspiring, informal talk dealing with the work done by the Wizo. Her address gave much food for thought to all present.

Mrs. Henry Harris moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Samuelsdorff and the hostess, Mrs. Snitcher.

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A successful members' meeting of the Sea Point Branch was held at the residence of Mrs. Mary Segal, 6, Avenue Disandt, Sea Point, on the 4th December.

Mrs. Segal presided and welcomed Dr. Anni Samuelsdorff and all present, and expressed her appreciation at seeing so large a gathering.

A pianoforte solo was beautifully rendered by Miss Rachel Rabinowitz.

After tea Dr. Samuelsdorff in a stimulating address outlined the development of the Wizo and referred to the important part women played in the upbuilding of Palestine and their close and active participation in the defence of the country.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the speaker, artist and the hostess for her gracious hospitality.

Young W.I.Z.O.

An informal gathering took place at the Hotel Assembly on Saturday afternoon, November 28th, when Dr. Anni Samuelsdorff was "At Home" to the young Jewish women of the Peninsula.

Dr. Samuelsdorff gave a graphic account of the pioneering achievements of the women of Eretz Israel. Before her arrival in South Africa she had had no idea of forming any young girls' societies here, but during her tour of the country she had been struck by the lack of knowledge of conditions in Palestine displayed by young girls and had realised the necessity for the formation of young Wizo groups in this country. A group had already been formed in the Transvaal and she appealed to those present to form a similar group here, which, if formed, would be the pioneer of a young Wizo movement in South Africa. Dr. Samuelsdorff explained that although they would be Wizo groups, at the same time they would be affiliated to the S.A. Zionist Youth Council.

Those present displayed a keen interest and questions were put to Dr. Samuelsdorff on various points, to which she replied.

A large number handed in their names as prospective members, and the date for

the inaugural meeting of the Young Wizo was fixed for Wednesday, 2nd December.

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On Wednesday evening a very successful meeting of the newly formed group took place at the Zionist Hall. Dr. Samuelsdorff outlined a programme of work for the group, which was to be partly cultural and partly practical, and which would require the co-operation of every individual member. The cultural programme would besides other items stress current problems in Palestine, and the main part of the practical work would consist of the support of the Henrietta Irwell Training School for Young Girls in Palestine. The amount necessary for a scholarship for one girl per annum was £30, and the group should work out ways and means of raising money which would go towards the Scholarship Fund. It would also be possible for them to specify that the money raised by them be used for the education of any particular girl.

Convenors were then appointed to take charge of various aspects of the work of the group, such as cultural, fund-raising, sewing and knitting, Hebrew, Jewish National Fund, etc.

A telegram of congratulation on the formation of the group was read from the Women's Zionist Council, Johannesburg.

New members to this group would be welcome. Enquiries from Cape Zionist Youth Executive, 6 Barrack Street, Cape Town—'phone 2-1904.

Dr. Samuelsdorff at Woodstock.

Dr. Anni Samuelsdorff delivered an address on Tuesday evening, December 1st, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Basker, 51, Roodebloem Road, Woodstock, under the auspices of the Woodstock-Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle, Bnoth Zion Association and Junior Zionist Society.

Mr. Kassel was in the chair.

Dr. Samuelsdorff gave a very interesting account of the activities of the Wizo Organisation in Palestine and of the important part women were playing in the war effort and in the upbuilding of the country. The work of the Wizo, she said, would have to be expanded considerably in order to cope with the large influx of immigrants which was expected after the war. She urged support for Wizo institution which had done so much for local and immigrant women.

Questions were asked at the close of the address to which Dr. Samuelsdorff replied.

During the evening Mr. Galloon gave readings in Yiddish. Mr. J. Levin delivered the news service.

Wynberg Hebrew School.

The annual General Meeting of parents, committee, friends and students of the Wynberg Hebrew School was held on Sunday morning, 6th inst., at the Wynberg Communal Hall. Mr. D. Kavalsky, Chairman of the School Committee, presided. In the course of his opening address he emphasised the importance of a proper Jewish training of the youth and stressed

the obligation of parents and community towards the educational institution.

Mr. Z. A. Lison, Principal of the school, gave a very interesting analysis and comprehensive report of the school's activities during the year under review. Judaism does not mean the accident of having been born a Jew, but the moulding of conduct and character by the acquisition of the Jewish spiritual and national heritage; all the activities of teacher and pupil must be directed to this aim. He registered fine progress and achievement by all the students, and enumerated many children who were placed on the list of distinction and honour. He appealed to parents and communal workers to give every assistance to enable the institution to reach the ideal in Jewish education.

Dr. C. Resnekov, Chairman of the Cape Board of Jewish Education, extended congratulations on behalf of the Board and expressed his satisfaction with the report presented by the Principal and with the fact that the teachers were aiming at further improvements. He made a profound and most impressive plea on behalf of true Jewish training. A real Jewish existence in the diaspora was impossible without the inspiration drawn from our national legacy, he said, quoting historical instances with great effect. Dr. Resnekov referred to the significance of Chanuka, emphasising that the dignity of man was vindicated by this historic struggle.

Rev. Ch. Gordon, dealing with the Festival of Chanukah, pointed out the historical and symbolic lessons we ought to derive from those heroic times, and the necessity of implanting a similar spirit in the heart of parent and child.

Delightful items performed by pupils of the Hebrew Kindergarten and School added to the success of the function.

Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrachi.

A meeting of the Muizenberg Branch of the Cape Peninsula Women's Mizrachi was held on Sunday, 29th November, at the Talmud Torah Hall. Mrs. E. Maissel was in the chair. Mr. Phillips extended a welcome to the members and their friends who were present. Mr. A. Friedgood, Chairman of the Youth Mizrachi Movement, gave an interesting and elucidating address on "Our claim to Eretz Israel." Miss R. Hayman read a letter received from the American Women's Mizrachi welcoming the formation of the Peninsula Women's Mizrachi. Mrs. Hayman read some interesting articles in Yiddish taken from the American Women's Mizrachi magazine and the "Future," the South African Mizrachi paper.

Mrs. Maissel gave a report of the progress of the Mizrachi, which was very satisfactory indeed, exceeding most optimistic expectations, both from a financial point of view and from the point of view of membership. Mrs. Levin, representing the Cape Town Branch, then handed in a cheque for £100, being for the Keren Mizrachi and for the Women's Mizrachi in Jerusalem. Mr. Asher delighted the audience with a very amusing reading. The gold watch donated by Sister Friedman was raffled, the winner being Miss Gay Strasberg, of Port Elizabeth. A box of chocolates donated by Mrs. Kosover was also raffled, the winner being Mr. Policansky, of Muizenberg.

Observatory-Mowbray Hebrew Congregation.

At the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th December, a warm tribute