JOHANNESBURG
DAY BY DAY

ANOTHER FEDERATION.

On Thursday evening, 6th January, there was a meeting of the Jewish Guild to discuss the proposed federation of the Talmud Torahs of the Witwatersrand. It was decided to organise a mass meeting when the scheme with all its details could be put before the Jewish public. For this purpose the Selborne Hall has been engaged for Sunday morning, 13th February, and the meeting will open at ten o'clock sharp. The full programme has still to be arranged, but some of the leading members of the Rand Jewish community have promised to be present and to give their views. It is known that the question of finance stands in the way of federation, but the workers for the cause believe that when Johannesburg Jewry fully understands the position and the great impetus to Hebrew education that will follow the amalgamation, they will be persuaded to dip a little more deeply into their pockets and provide the necessary funds.

GENERAL HERTZOG'S LETTER.

The Prime Minister's Secretary has sent the following letter to the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation, in acknowledgement of *their telegram welcoming his* return: "I have been requested by General Hertzog to thank you very cordially for your kind telegram of welcome, which reached him at the Paarl. All sections of the community have vied with each other in bidding him welcome, and he is deeply senstive of all the expressions of goodwill, very often coming from men not of his own race or political persuasion, but from those who realise the tremendous importance of the resolutions taken at the Imperial Conference. The General desires me to thank his Jewish friends very heartily for their kind words and to express his deep appreciation to them."

YOUNG ISRAEL.

It is a curious fact that Young Israel Societies do not flourish in Johannesburg, the town which contains the largest Jewish population in the Union. There have been numerous attempts at organising such associations, but after a brief existence they dwindled, and eventually ceased to function. At the Conference of Transvaal Young Israel Societies, recently held in Pretoria, fifteen different associations were represented, yet only Braamfontein Judean Society could send delegates from Johannesburg. The Reef has done much better, for Germiston, Boksburg North, Benoni, Springs, Brakpan and Krugersdorp were represented. Mr. H. Rajak, who presided over the Conference, referred to this secular apathy of the young Jewish people of Johannesburg, and hoped that a change would soon ensue.

The Mayor of Pretoria, Councillor C. M. de Vries, attended the opening of the Conference and gave the delegates a hearty welcome. He was pleased to see so many young Jews and Jewesses carrying on the good work of their elders. He also said that in his opinion the best indication of a prosperous city and district was the presence of a large Jewish community.

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The following were elected members of the Transvaal Young Israel Executive Council: Mr. H. Rajak (Pretoria), President; Mr. R. Kahn (Germiston), Hon Treasurer; Mr. M. Friedman (Germiston) and Mr. I. Taitz (Springs) Hon. Secretaries; Miss R. Mandelstam (Standerton), Mr. J. Silverman (Brakpan) and Mr. A. Rajak (Krugersdorp). The Sports Section of the Pretoria Jewish Guild and the Pretoria Young Israel Society combined to orgnaise a very successful dance in the Jewish Memorial Hall in honour of the delegates; and the visiting team of Jewish cricketers.

THE LATE ASHER GINZBERG.

Zionist circles on the Rand deplore the death of Asher Ginzberg, better known as Achad Haam (one of the people), which took place in Jerusalem last week. The news was cabled by Reuter's Agency and obituary notices, containing full particulars of his life and works, appeared in the Johannesburg daily press.

So many of the Rand Zionists have already visited Palestine where they obtained the privilege of a brief interview with the famous Hebraist that they feel the significance of the loss to Jewry more than others can do who never knew him.

The ideals of Achad Haam will always be treasured by his disciples, and the wonderful essays which contain the gist of his teaching constitute a legacy for the Jewish people which time cannot destroy.

On Sunday evening next, the 16th inst., there will be a memorial meeting in the Standard Theatre. Mr. A. M. Abrahams, President of the South African Zionist Federation, will take the chair. Addresses will be given by the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, and other speakers, including Mr. B. L. Rubik, who is coming from Cape Town for this purpose. Chief Cantor Pincasovich, of Park Synagogue, will sing "El Mole Rachmin."

OUR SCOUT VISITORS.

It was a bad beginning to the holiday visit of the Durban Jewish Boy Scouts, when young Smolensky stepped on an open clasp knife and badly cut his foot. This untoward happening was on the train journey from Durban, but first aid was promptly rendered, and the lad was only in the hospital a few hours before he was removed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ratzker, who so kindly volunteered to look after him. Mr. Ratzker, who is the President of the United Hebrew Congregation of the Witwatersrand, has shown much kindy interest in our young visitors, and on Saturday afternoon Mrs. Ratzker entertained them all at tea. It was a jolly party, and the number of pretty girls who assisted the hostess in her hospitable ministrations were an additional attraction. In the morning the Scout contingent had attended the service in the Great Synagogue, Wolmarans Street, and afterwards were the guests of Mrs. Wunsch and Mrs. Sieradski at the first named lady's residence in Hopkins Street, Yeoville.

Mrs. Ratzker, also lives in Yeoville at 14, Francis Street, so the Scouts did not have far to march for their tea-party, as they are camping in the class-rooms of the Yeoville Syna-

They are now under the supervision of Scoutmaster Rosendorf, whose firm transferred him from Durban to Johannesburg only a few months ago, so it was a happy reunion between him and the boys. They came up-country under the care of Assistant Scoutmasters F. Ashe and E. M. Hanson. The lads range in age from eleven to seventeen, but they have one cub with them who is only nine. Their wounded comrade was on the verandah of Mrs. Ratzker's house to welcome them, and he enjoyed the party as much as anyone, although he could only look on at the games. All seemed very proud of little Hyme Brookstone, the eleven year old comedian, who rendered comic songs with all the aplomb of an experienced music hall star.

The Scouts were very appreciative of the hospitality shown to them. During their stay on the Rand other communal leaders will have an opportunity to make their holiday a happy memory.

They are a fine-looking, healthy and well-mannered contingent, and a splendid example of the results of Scout training and discipline. When young Brookstone was momentarily stumped for a line in one of his songs, his comrades urged him to try another song, but he replied like a flash: "A Scout never gives in," and the next moment he remembered his words and continued as if nothing had happened, while the audience was still applauding his sally.

We desire to draw the attention of our readers to the advertisement appearing in this issue of Mr. H. Kimmelman, the well-known Johannesburg Cabinetmake r and Office Fitter. His advertisement gives some particulars of his specialities, and our representative, who had an opportunity of inspecting his works, speaks highly of the excellent manner in which Mr. Kimmelman finds it possible to deal with the orders entrusted to him.

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