

In and Around the Peninsula.

Readers are invited to send in suitable items of news for publication in this column. All communications should reach the Editor, P.O. Box 2000, Cape Town, not later than Wednesday morning. Secretaries of Societies are also invited to contribute news of the activities of their organisations.

A Popular Wedding.

Rev. A. P. Bender, assisted by Rev. L. Kirschner, officiated at the marriage of Mr. Abe Bloomberg to Miss Miriam Kirsch at the Great Synagogue on Monday afternoon. The bride and bridegroom have hosts of friends and it was not surprising therefore that such a large gathering witnessed the ceremony. The Synagogue had been tastily decorated with pink Dorothy Perkin roses and fern and white agapanthus. Simplicity was the motif of the bride's wedding gown. It was, nevertheless, very graceful and becoming. The short bodice and long, full skirt were lightly embroidered with chenille, and the tight sleeves and oval neck yoke were made of plain oyster georgette. A deep hem of the same material dipped to the heels at the back, and was outlined with seed pearls to match the trimming at the neck.

One Bridesmaid.

The only bridesmaid, Miss Elvira Kirsch, who is connected with her sister's dancing academy, wore a picture frock of heavy cream Tamour lace over a slip of shell pink silk. The skirt was slightly dipped at the back, and the simple bodice had sleeves of cream georgette. A narrow sash of rose-pink moire ribbon was an attractive match to the wide picture hat of baku straw worn. The bride's mother wore an attractive gown of rose-beige georgette and lace cut with a full-flared skirt. The bridegroom's mother wore biskra georgette with lace of a similar shade. All the ladies of the bridal party carried bouquets. At the subsequent reception, held in the Royal Hotel, toasts were submitted by the Rev. A. P. Bender and Advocate Morris Alexander, and dancing was afterwards indulged in. The honeymoon is being spent on an extended trip in Europe.

Boxing Contest.

Keen enthusiasm was shown at the Scout Hall on Saturday last, when a boxing contest took place between the 11th Cape Town Jewish Scouts and the Young Judeans. Boys and girls from both institutions were present, and the judges were Mr. Franks, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Mowl, all of whom are prominent in Cape Town boxing circles. The best bout of the evening was that between A. Solomon (Scouts) and L. Gordon (Judeans), with a win for the latter by a slight margin on points. The contest between the two captains was a

round of brilliant defence and attack, but the superior boxing and stamina of I. Kahn (Scouts) gave him the win. The results were (Scouts mentioned first): 1, Under 75lbs.: H. Bruno beat E. Levinsohn. 2, Under 80lbs.: A. Burtman beat G. Kuperholz. 3, Under 85lbs.: S. Lewis beat D. Levinsohn. 4, Under 130lbs.: I. Kahn beat C. van Gel-

the position of organiser of the Cape Jewish Orphanage. Mr. Kloot takes up his new appointment as from the 1st December.

Cape Jewish Orphanage Amenities.

Life for the youngsters of our Orphanage has been somewhat clouded over of late, owing to an unfortunate visitation of one of the numerous juvenile ailments. Saturday evening last provided a refreshing change in the monotony of enforced segregation, which was as welcome as "the flowers that bloom in the spring."

Mr. and Mrs. Shnaps, of Warwick Street, Woodstock, whose son Cecil

had spent the happiest evening of their married life, seeing all the bright young people having a real good time. Mr. R. Weinberg was also present to represent the Committee of the Orphanage. At the conclusion of the celebration special thanks were rendered to Mr. and Mrs. Beresinsky for the excellent arrangements made for the festivity.

Parents in a similar happy position to Mr. and Mrs. Shnaps might well take a leaf from their book. Their own personal happiness cannot but be enhanced by the sight of so many joyous children and the knowledge that they have been able to bring a little extra happiness into the lives of those not so fortunately placed as their own boys. Help to our Orphanage, socially and financially, is surely but an assurance for future unselfish happiness.

Kadimah Association.

Under the auspices of this Association a "Social" will be held in the Zionist Hall, to-morrow (Saturday) at 8.15 p.m. On Sunday, 8th December, the Dramatic Section of the Association will stage at Paarl "Der Dorfsjung," the proceeds of which will be devoted to the "Workers' Fund."

Oneg Shabbos.

An old South African in the person of Mr. Chaim Joffe, of Tel Aviv, at present on a visit to this country, was the speaker at the Oneg Shabbos meeting held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday, the 16th instant. There was a large gathering of members and visitors present. The speaker dwelt on the significance of Shabbos, as a day when the Jew should divest himself of the material, the gross and the sordid, and be permeated with the great truths and high conceptions of Judaism. A day on which the intense struggle for existence is forgotten, and one is urged on to higher aspirations and fuller expression, and the mind is allowed to encompass the beautiful and the great.

The Chalutzim.

Mr. Joffe proceeded to give an intimate picture of the life of the Chalutzim, and shewed that the consciousness of the worker of his contribution towards the rebuilding of Eretz Israel, invested the most humble and menial of occupations with dignity and nobility. The speaker read extracts from letters recently received from Palestine, which breathed a spirit of resolution, confidence and optimism, and demonstrated that the pioneers are in no way discouraged or daunted by recent happenings. Mr. Joffe was heartily thanked for his address. Cantor Spektor and Mr. Truppin kindly contributed solos, which were much enjoyed by the audience.

Religion and Nationalism.

Last Saturday, the 23rd the Oneg Shabbos gathering had the privilege of listening to a very interesting and learned discourse delivered by Rabbi Solomon Schwartz, a visitor to this country. The learned Rabbi took as his theme the very important and wide question of "Religion and Nationalism." The scholarly address abounded with pearls of wisdom

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Closing December 3rd, 1929. Chanukah Essay Competition.

The Competition is open to boys and girls under thirteen and under seventeen.

For the former section the subject will be "Judas Maccabeus" the essay not to exceed 750 words, and for the latter, "The Origin and Significance of Chanukah," the length of the essay not to exceed 1500 words.

All Essays must be written on foolscap paper—one side only being used, and not signed. Entrants, however, should send in their names and addresses on a separate sheet of paper attached to their efforts.

Manuscripts which should be addressed to the Editor, S.A. Jewish Chronicle, 58, Burg Street, Cape Town, the Envelope being marked "Competition," must be accompanied by a certificate from parent, guardian or teacher, certifying that the essay is competitor's own work.

The decision of the Judges will be final.

The following prizes are offered:—

For Boys and Girls under seventeen:

1st prize £4 4 0.

2nd prize £2 2 0.

Two Consolation Prizes.

For Boys and Girls under thirteen:

1st prize £3 3 0.

2nd prize £1 1 0.

Two Consolation Prizes.

5, Under 90 lbs.: H. Solomon lost to L. Gordon. 6, Under 100lbs.: B. Berman lost to C. Newman. 7, Under 110lbs.: L. Purwitsky lost to S. Abel. 8, Under 115 lbs.: H. Kuperholz beat M. Metter. 9, Under 120lbs.: A. Dusheka even with S. Rechtman. 10, Under 130 lbs. (exhibition): I. Kahn v. M. van Gelderen. Final result: Scouts, 5½ bouts; Judeans, 4½ bouts.

Cape Jewish Orphanage.

Mr. E. H. Kloot, late headmaster of the Hope Lodge School, has been appointed to succeed Mr. I. M. Goodman, who has resigned from

was Barmitzvah on Saturday, improved the joyful occasion by sharing their happiness with the pupils of the Orphanage. They gave them a special Barmitzvah Party, and from 8 till 11 the fine Orphanage dining room was a scene of merriment and pleasure. Refreshments were provided on a lavish scale; various artists gave of their best to keep the children amused; many of the children themselves contributed vocal and instrumental items; speeches were made, and when Mr. Shnaps responded to Mr. J. Kadish's speech of welcome and thanks, he declared that he and Mrs. Shnaps

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SOME PROBLEMS OF JEWRY.

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the general public would be served with undistorted and unbiased views on things Jewish and the Zionist ideals.

Another question was how they were to keep the Jewish Agency in existence and unify Jewry under the Agency. That was a somewhat big problem, because in the past thirty years vast changes had taken place in Jewry, probably more than in hundreds of years previously. The centre of gravity of Jewry had changed from Russia and Eastern Europe to America. Secular education had come to the Jewish masses, whose attitude towards life in general had greatly changed.

The Jewish religion did not seem to have such a strong hold as previously on large numbers of its adherents. For instance, Russian Jewry, the bulwark of orthodoxy, had changed and might even be lost to them. To off-set that, however, there was the fact that in recent years the Jew had a greater feeling of self-respect and of unity and it was time now to take advantage of this movement.

The best way to act was to inculcate in these people the knowledge of their history and traditions, not merely up to Talmudical times, but up to the present day, for the Jews had played important parts in the various world States and it was as well that their activities should be recognised. The representatives of the Jewish Agency, a suggestion he had already made, should be sent to the various states of the world, which could also act as emissaries, and who would see that the Jews were kept in touch with the affairs of the Jewish Agency and with one another. Such would be the connecting link between the various sections of Jewry and the Jewish Agency. This would give a certain amount of homogeneity to the attitude of the various sections of the Jews to the pressing problems of the day.

It would never do for the Zionist Organisation to develop into a mere money-collecting Agency, for in that case the Jewish people, and more especially the younger generation, were bound to lose touch with it. Bereft of its main object, to obtain a right to Palestine for the Jewish people, which above all else gave to the Organisation its idealistic outlook, it must lose its members unless it could substitute something equally appealing.

The Zionist Organisation was the only Organisation at present in existence that could undertake the new burdens and new conditions of the Jewish people. It would be an invaluable aid in solving the various questions that he had mentioned and

he had no doubt whatever that if it undertook the work it would carry it out with the same zeal and enthusiasm and efficiency as it had done in the past. In time the Zionist Organisation would be synonymous with the Jewish people and he felt sure that its members desired no better aim.

Following the lecture there was a short discussion, in which Mr. M. Kentridge, M.L.A., and Mr. L. Simenhoff took part, after which the lecturer dealt with one or two points raised by these gentlemen.

Dr. S. E. Kark, who was the Chairman of the evening, moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was unanimously carried.

Wynberg Talmud Torah.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The newly enlarged and decorated Synagogue was crowded on Sunday afternoon when the annual prize distribution took place. In the absence of the Chairman of the Talmud Torah, the chair was taken by Mr. V. Rifkin, President of the Congregation.

Mr. Rifkin welcomed the Rev. A. P. Bender, and reminded the audience that it was over 25 years ago since Mr. Bender had laid the foundation stone of their Synagogue, and during this period the reverend gentleman had always willingly associated himself with their functions when called upon.

Mr. I. D. Fryde, hon. secretary of the Talmud Torah, then gave a brief report of the activities of the Talmud Torah and mentioned that the financial position of the school was extremely sound and that 65 children were attending the classes. It was the intention of the Committee to inaugurate Sabbath afternoon classes especially for the children, and the teachers were giving equal attention to the teaching of Hebrew as a language as well as using it as the medium in which to teach the children the ancient rites and customs of their religion.

The Rev. A. P. Bender, in his address, congratulated the Committee of the Talmud Torah on the excellent results of their labours and wished the officers prolonged life of devoted service to the noble cause of education. He was delighted, he said, to see the magnificent result of renovating and redecorating their Synagogue. It was indeed "a very House of God." He impressed upon the gathering the stressing need for a sound spiritual training for the children and declared that it was the home and not the Synagogue that furnished the proper environment for such training. The "true mothers in Israel" were the only

ones who could ensure the children practising the highest ideals of Jewish life, and he was indeed glad to hear that Sabbath afternoon classes were to be inaugurated.

The reverend gentleman concluded by stating that the Wynberg Congregation would be invited to participate in a movement for the federation of synagogues from the Cape to the Zambesi. Whilst each Congregation would retain its own identity, one Board, fully representative, would manage the broader and more general affairs of the Synagogue, and a move would be made to federate firstly the Peninsula Synagogues in the early part of the year, when advantage would be taken of the Congress of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, which this time was being held in Cape Town, and when representatives of most of the Synagogues would be in Cape Town. He spoke of the benefits of such a federation and hoped that Wynberg in line with other Congregations would send delegates to the preliminary meetings which he, Mr. Bender, intended calling.

A short musical programme, contributed by the children, was then presented, after which Mr. Bender presented the prizes, congratulating the prize-winners and encouraging those who had not been successful to do better in the future.

Before the proceedings closed with the singing of the "Hatikvah," the Rev. Mr. Bender congratulated the teachers, the Rev. Gordon and Mr. Rabinowitz, on the excellent results obtained and complimented the hon. secretary for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Talmud Torah.

After the children had dispersed, Rabbi Schwartz, a visitor from overseas, addressed the older members and was given an attentive hearing.

During the afternoon, a speech in Hebrew was delivered by Master Jack Braude and an English one by Master Philip Shock, and Hebrew recitations were given by Master Selwyn Myers and the Misses Yelfand and Esther Chait.

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from the Talmud and Gaonic writings, in which the Rabbi found abundant material in support of his observations and opinions. To many of the Talmudical scholars present, the discourse brought memories of their days in the Yeshivos long, long ago. The keen interest aroused in the lecture was evinced by the great number of those present anxious to contribute their opinions on the subject, and it is worthy of note that as late as 7.30 in the evening the discussion was not yet concluded. It will be resumed on another occasion. The proceedings were enlivened by many song, including "Yechi

Agudoseinu," given lustily by the whole gathering.

On Saturday next, the 30th, Mr. Natas will speak on the "National Fund, the foundation of our freedom." Members and visitors cordially invited.

Dr. Louis Blumberg.

I have much pleasure in learning that Dr. Louis Blumberg has again been appointed Assistant Medical Officer of Health for Cape Town. Dr. Blumberg is one of the more promising of our younger medical men. He is extremely interested in public health work and in the promotion of the larger welfare of the Community as a whole. He has fulfilled with distinction various positions in the public service, having acted as Port Health Officer on more than one occasion and as Superintendent of the New Somerset Hospital, of which he is now the Hon. Registrar. Dr. Blumberg is also a very popular lecturer at the hospital and for St. John's Ambulance Association. It is very pleasing to find a young Jew taking such a wide interest in civic matters.

Bris Melah.

My best wishes to go to the Rev. and Mrs. S. Kibel upon the birth of their infant son, Moses Aaron. The Bris Melah took place at the residence of the Rev. Kibel in Hatfield Street last Thursday. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Kibel himself in the presence of the Rev. A. P. Bender and the Rev. Kibel's colleagues.

To Mr. M. Eilenberg fell the Mitzvah of placing the child on the Chair of Elijah. Dr. Bernstein acted as Sandig and Dr. Berelowitz held the child for naming. Amongst those present were the President and Vice-President and other prominent members of the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. S. Cassel acted as Kwater to the baby.

Mrs. Katzin.

There left for Europe last Friday Mrs. Katzin, a lady who is well known in Cape Town for her many-sided social activities. Mr. Katzin, who owns Nannucci's, left for Europe some months ago, where Mrs. Katzin is to join him. Mrs. Katzin is the mother of Winnie Katzin, a playwright and translator well known in America, and at present in Berlin, and of Olga Katzin (Mrs. H. Miller), the dramatic elocutionist and writer. The latter came to London from New York with her two children to meet her parents. Mrs. Katzin's youngest daughter, Norah, is at the moment also in London enjoying a round of the theatres, for she, too, is greatly interested in the drama. Mrs. Katzin's meeting with the scattered members of her family will therefore be in the nature of a re-union.

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