

Johannesburg Day by Day.

By "BEN HAMAGID."

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The Revisionists Active.

The growing activity of the Revisionists in South Africa was further indicated by the holding of a meeting on Sunday evening at the Grand National Hotel for the purpose of acquainting the general public with the objects and aims of the Movement.

Mr. A. R. Bloch, M.P.C., was in the chair and presided over a gathering of 50 people. He said that the meeting had been convened for the purpose of giving publicity to Revisionism, so that when their leader, Mr. Jabotinsky, arrives in South Africa a suitable welcome will be given to him.

The first speaker was Mr. I. E. Judes, who recently arrived in this country after some years' residence in London, where he was associated with the leaders of the Revisionist Movement in Europe. Mr. Judes made a very strong attack against the present leaders of the Zionist Movement and claimed that they had failed the Jewish people in many directions. He also attacked severely the British Government for not carrying out the provisions of the Balfour Declaration.

Mr. A. Schlosberg gave an outline of the progress of Revisionism during the last few years and dwelt upon its significance in so far as the future is concerned.

A lengthy speech in Yiddish was delivered by Mr. J. L. Judelowitz.

Talmud Torah Sunday.

Over a hundred canvassers gathered on Sunday morning to participate in the "Talmud Torah Sunday" Drive. Quite a number of Jewish households in various districts were called upon, the canvassers being supervised by conveners in charge of each district.

On the whole, it might be said that a cordial reception was given to the canvassers and in many Jewish homes knowledge was introduced for the first time about Talmud Torahs generally.

It is yet too early to indicate the number of new members enrolled as a result of the canvass, but in a conversation which I had to-day with Mr. Michael H. Kam, the Secretary of the United Talmud Torahs of Johannesburg, he informed me that the names of 300 new members have come in, but that a total of 500 is expected. These additional members are very welcome and should add to the general income of the Organisation. Whilst creditable work has been carried out by the

canvassers, it must be admitted that the 500 new members secured is only a small portion of the Jewish households in the neighbourhoods canvassed and it is, therefore, obvious that some further efforts will have to be made to secure the much-needed support necessary to keep the "United" going.

The War Memorial Tablet.

In connection with the promise made by His Excellency, the Governor-General, to perform the unveiling ceremony of the War Memorial Tablet at the Jewish Guild, it is now announced that the date has been changed from 12th January to 5th February at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Millin.

Mr. Philip Millin, K.C., is going to England to meet his wife, Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin, the eminent novelist, upon her return to that country from the United States. Many of her friends will regret to learn that on her arrival in New York Mrs. Millin, owing to ill-health, decided to abandon the idea of carrying out the engagements which she had undertaken. Her stay in America has thus been of a purely holiday nature.

Mrs. Millin has a large reading public in the United States and she has received a most cordial reception from the highest literary circles in that country.

Mr. I. W. Schlesinger.

Although Mr. I. W. Schlesinger does not take an active part in communal life in Johannesburg, his return this week is arousing interest. Mr. Schlesinger is one of the most hard-working men in Johannesburg and is often seen walking to his office at seven o'clock in the morning.

The progress made by this remarkable man is always contemplated with wonder by the average Jew in Johannesburg. Each of his visits to Europe or America is fraught with great financial development and his return journeys to this country usually indicate some new scheme of interest to the general public. Just prior to leaving Europe, Mr. Schlesinger founded a public company, The Associated Sound Film Industries, Ltd., with a nominal capital of £1,000,000, to acquire the benefit of inventions connected with the photographic method of recording sound on celluloid or other material, and the method of projecting or translating such sound.

A Diamond Wedding.

On Sunday night at the H.O.D. Hall a most unusual function took place. It was the celebration of 60 years of wedded life on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hart of Bellevue. The couple were married 60 years ago in London, and have 30 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren, who reside within the Union of South Africa and Rhodesia.

The gathering on Sunday night, which filled the hall, was composed mainly of relatives who were received by Mr. and Mrs. Hart. It is interesting to learn that this old couple arrived in South Africa in 1889, bound for Johannesburg. They lived here through the adventurous days of the Rand, but fled to the Cape as refugees during the Anglo-Boer War. They are full of reminiscences of pioneer life in many of the districts in South Africa.

The Jewish Guild.

A "Tragi-Comedy" bill will be presented by the Jewish Guild Dramatic Section on Sundays, 8th and 15th inst., at 8.15 p.m. The programme is a varied and interesting one, the plays being as follows:—"Over-ruled," a comedy, by G. B. Shaw, produced by Rhoda K. Fridjohn; "Progress," a tragedy, by St. John Ervine, produced by Edith E. Nathan, and "The Warrior's Husband," a farcical comedy, by Julian Thompson, produced by Oscar Lazar.

Excellent casts have been chosen and every effort is being made for the success of the productions.

"The Singing Fool."

Film fans in Johannesburg have been crowding the Bijou Theatre here upon the first release in South Africa of "The Singing Fool," "talkie film," in which Al Jolson demonstrates his ability as an actor, singer and creator of "sob stuff." It is interesting to learn that this actor, who stands at the top of his profession to-day, is the son of a Washington Cantor. When early in life he joined the stage, he played a part in Zangwill's "Children of the Ghetto." In Washington later he endeavoured to enter the United States Army but was rejected. He then became a clown in a circus and did a variety of other work and went through a whole series of adventures before he gained success as a negro interpreter.

It is indeed a strange transformation from the son of a *Chazan* to the head of modern "talkie" actors, but such is the soaring adventures of some of our brethren in the maelstrom of American life.

It is said that Al Jolson still remembers some of the *Chazonuth* taught him by his father. It would be rather interesting, therefore, if some enterprising film company would engage Jolson to interpret a number of Hebrew melodies on the screen.

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