

In and Around the Peninsula.

The Late Mrs. Futeran.

The death took place last Sunday morning after a prolonged illness of Mrs. S. Futeran, wife of Mr. Futeran of the well-known firm of E. Sacks, Futeran & Co. Mrs. Futeran belonged to a family which is held in very high esteem in Cape Town for its generous support of all Jewish causes and its active interest in matters communal. The deepest sympathy is extended to it in its bereavement.

Kosher Kitchen Benefit Dance.

The Kosher Kitchen at the Somerset Hospital has benefited by some £22 as a result of a dance held in the Sea Point Town Hall last Thursday evening. A gathering of some 250 people were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the course of the evening a dance interlude by the pupils of Miss Pearl Lazarus proved an attractive item and there were also several novelty dances. The organisers were Mrs. D. Berkowitz, Misses A. and E. Suritz, and Messrs. M. Hyman and M. Torf, to all of whom great credit is due for a very excellently arranged and successful affair.

Mr. Benzion Hersch.

Mr. Benzion Hersch, the well-known Zionist, has just paid Cape Town another of his now frequent visits. He arrived from Johannesburg last Friday and spent practically the whole of this week here. He left yesterday by the Union Limited.

The Library Concert.

The concert held last Tuesday evening in the Zionist Hall in aid of the Zionist Hall Library was a most successful one from every point of view. There was an extremely large attendance and the programme presented, partly musical and partly dramatic, was in every way an entertaining and enjoyable one.

The first item was a song by Miss Pauline Cosay, whose rendering of a lullaby and, as an encore, the well-known "By the Waters of Minnetonka," was very charming. Miss Mavis Scott captured the hearts of her audience by the excellent recitation of several very humorous monologues. Mr. Boris Rome as usual excelled himself in his rendering of the exquisite serenade from "Don Pasquale," Act III.; Leonecavallo's "Mattinata"; Gladstein's "Wiege Lied" and two Jewish songs. Other items during the evening were dances by the pupils of the Miriam and Elvira Kirseh School of Dancing, two very picturesque tableaux portraying "The Finding of Moses" and "Moses Pleading for Liberation," arranged by Mesdames A. Trapler, J. M. Weinreich and D. Zuckerman; two sketches, "Three Minutes Dead," played by the Dramatic Section of the Kadimah Association, and "The Brass Door-knob," played by Miss Marcia Gitlin and

Mr. Laurie Weinreich, and piano solos by Mr. Phineas Lewis. Special mention must be made of the latter. Owing to the fact that Mr. Pierre de Beer, who was supposed to have played, was at the last moment unable to appear, Mr. Lewis, who happened to be in the hall, very kindly consented to step into the breach. The Concert Committee was also very grateful to Miss Pauline Cosay, who at extremely short notice obliged by taking the place of Mrs. A. Jacobson as one of the singers of the evening, since the latter, owing to an unfortunate accident, was unable to perform. There can be no doubt that without the assistance of these two people the concert would have been far from attaining the success it did.

C.T. Junior Zionist Society.

There was a poor attendance at a debate held by the Junior Zionist Society in the Old Synagogue on Sunday last, when the subject, "That a Junior Zionist Society should adopt the Revisionist Programme," was discussed; Mr. S. Kahn presided.

Mr. D. Schrire, in moving, showed that Revisionism sought to rectify the inadequate means of defence in Palestine, and would see that Britain should fulfil her obligations to the Jews in the matter of waste lands, as expressed in the Mandate. He attacked the selling of their principles by Zionists in the composition of the Extended Jewish Agency.

Mr. P. Kaplan, who opposed the motion, exonerated the General Zionists from blame in the recent massacres. They realised only too well the need of defence, but the Palestine Administration could not be forced. The Revisionist programme is far too drastic and lacking in caution.

Mr. H. Zuckerman, seconding the motion, said that Revisionists aim to secure a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine by a Jewish majority, so as to ensure permanency for their economic achievements. Revisionism has been defined as Zionism in a hurry. With the avenues of emigration from oppressed countries inexorably closing, the quicker Zionism hurries, the better.

Mr. E. Miller, who seconded the opposition, maintained that the aim to establish a Jewish majority on both sides of the Jordan is in conflict with Zionism. The Revisionists refused to give Zionism a fair chance to develop in the short time of its existence. Patience is as necessary as persistence.

After discussion from the floor the question was put and was won on the casting vote of the Chairman. A vote of thanks to the speakers concluded the proceedings.

An Old Complaint.

We would draw the attention of our readers to the introductory remarks to the report of the Library Concert, which appear in the "Cape Times" of last Wednesday.

Whilst complimenting the Jewish Community on its excellent support of this function, it refers to the unpunctuality of the audience and the interruptions caused by "latecomers who strolled in and took their seats with a maximum rather than a minimum of noise."

There is nobody who recognises better its shortcomings in this respect than the Jewish Community and nobody more honest with itself in regard to those shortcomings. But there is nobody, on the other hand, who takes less pains to remedy its defaults than that community. It is a community which takes a deep pride in its so-called aristocratic failing, which clings to it as to a long-cherished possession, and which is as loath to part with it as from a dearly-loved friend.

The subject is an old and worn one, and it would be wearisome for us to go deeply into it now. Also, we harbour the same feeling with regard to it as a certain judge during the course of a recent trial—we feel that all we can say will make no difference. In spite of this, however, we do make one more appeal. It is not asking too much that a little consideration be given to artists who are kind enough to offer their services in a communal cause and that they be given the courtesy of a hearing. Tuesday's concert was, of course, not more remarkable for the absence of this than any other Jewish affair. But it was bad enough—certainly bad enough to call for a comment from the general Press and to remind us once again that it is high time we made an effort to reform in such matters.

Mr. Saul Albow.

One of the passengers by the Armadale Castle to-day is Councillor Saul Albow, who leaves for an extended tour of England and the Continent. Mr. Albow is well known for his activities in connection with the Board of Guardians. For the last four years he has been a member of the Committee of this body, during three of which he occupied the presidential chair with considerable success. After the weekly meeting of the Board last Wednesday night, the whole Committee adjourned to the residence of the President, Mr. I. J. Honikman, where an illuminated address was presented to Mr. Albow. Several speeches wishing him bon voyage and good luck were delivered, in practically all of them reference being made to Mr. Albow's invaluable services to the Board. Mrs. Honikman contributed to a very pleasant little function by kindly providing the refreshments of the evening.

Hospital Collection.

The Jewish ladies' collection for the Peninsula Hospitals, organised every year by that energetic social worker, Mrs. H. Stodel, took place last Wednesday. Up to date the actual total result is uncertain, but it is estimated that it will be in the neighbourhood of £760—a figure which is some £50 in excess of last year's result. Mrs. Stodel and her assistants are indeed to be congratulated on their success, particularly in view of the fact that times are as bad as they are and that the coins dropped into the collection boxes were considerably smaller than those of previous years.

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