

CAPE TOWN MACCABEAN ASSOCIATION.

RECENT ACTIVITIES.

On September 8th the Maccabean Association crossed swords with the Students' Jewish Association at the University in an inter-debate on "That the benefits to Jewry of its civil emancipation outweigh the attendant disadvantages." Mr. J. Markowitz, supported by Messrs. L. Hepker and H. M. Bloch, appeared for the Maccabeans, while Mr. S. Lange, supported by Miss H. Hersman and Mr. I. Goldman, represented the students. A large audience followed the arguments, rather warm at times, with great interest.

Taking advantage of a short visit by Mr. J. Herbstein, the president of the association, to Worcester, the Zionist Society of that place arranged a meeting, which was addressed by him on October 4th. The speaker dealt with the present position of Zionism before a full turn-out of the residents.

Mr. Herbstein also addressed a meeting at Salt River on October 21st, and delivered an exceedingly able paper on the Thirteenth Congress to a meeting of the Maccabean Association on October 30th.

On the social side, two affairs have taken place. On September 30th an enjoyable outing to Groot Schuur took place. Thanks to the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. S. Grodzinski, of 18, Kloof Road, Tamboers Kloof, a combined book-tea and dance was held at their residence on October 13th, and the proceeds amounting to about £6 have been devoted to the new Zionist Hall building fund. A gratifying feature of

the book representations was the spontaneous choosing of Jewish books for the purpose.

The Association has thrown itself whole-heartedly into the work of the Oriental Wonderland—the name of the bazaar to take place early next year to raise funds for a new Zionist Hall. This effort promises to absorb most of Capetown's Zionist energy for the next few months, and the Association rightly feels that since such a building is of paramount importance to the younger section of the community, there is a call on its best energies to bring the scheme to successful fruition. On the bazaar committee, Mr. Herbstein is hon. treasurer; Dr. L. Mirvish, hon. vice-president; and Mr. B. Rostowsky, secretary.

As representative of the Association, Mrs. B. Rostowsky has been appointed to the Hebrew Kindergarten committee, and has been elected hon. secretary of that body.

Miss R. Levin and Mr. S. Turtledove have been appointed representatives on the troop committee of the Zionist Troop of Boy Scouts, which, though recently formed, is making excellent progress. Miss Levin was elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the committee.

Since the congratulations extended to members in the last Record on their engagement, further such happy opportunities have since arisen, and the following have the Society's best wishes:—Dr. Sief and Miss M. Futeran, Mr. Julius Geffen and Miss R. Lazarus, and Mr. Fine and Miss F. Kopelowitz.

On Wednesday night, November 14th, the Capetown Maccabean Association gave a social in the Old

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Synagogue, Gardens, to welcome Mr. David Dainow to the ranks of the Zionist Organisation, and to say good-bye to him on his departure to Johannesburg. Adv. Herbstein, who presided, was supported by Mr. I. Schwartz, the president of the Dorshei Zion Association, and Mrs. M. Zuckerman, the president of the Bnoth Zion Association. A large number of members of all the Zionist Organisations were present.

Adv. Herbstein, in welcoming Mr. Dainow, spoke of the very great necessity of inspiring the younger members of the Jewish community with the Zionist ideal, so that they should be able to carry on the work in the years to come. He expressed the hope that Mr. Dainow would concentrate on this particular aspect of the work.

Mr. I. Schwartz (president of the Dorshei Zion), the "Grand Old Man" of the Zionist movement, in a telling little speech, spoke on the ever-present need for the continued success of the Zionist movement. Mr. Dainow had come to South Africa with a reputation, which he had enormously enhanced by his good work, and he felt certain that, with his great gifts, Mr. Dainow would still do greater work. Mr. Schwartz agreed with the need for encouraging the youth of South Africa to take up the reins of office.

Mrs. M. Zuckerman (president of the Bnoth Zion) spoke of the work of the women in Zionist circles and eulogised the work of the younger generation. The Jewish mothers felt that the youth were Jewry's greatest asset, and they had to be carefully looked after. In the junior societies, the very finest raw material was to be found, and this had to be carefully looked after, so that it could prove of value to the Jewish people.

Dr. Mirvish spoke of the needs of junior Zionism and expressed the desire that the word "Zionist" should be submerged in the bigger word "Jewish." The youth of South Africa were not interested in intellectual work, but in sport and materialistic and selfish work. Politics seemed to be the only thing which created any enthusiasm, and the great fight we had to wage was against apathy and materialism. The older generation, caught in the fight for existence, had little opportunity to teach the youth the great Jewish ideals, and we had to take up the task of teaching—a task sadly neglected in the past.

Mr. George Friedman also said a few words of welcome on behalf of the Capetown Young Israel Society, in which Mr. Dainow had taken a great interest.

Mr. Dainow, who was received with applause, expressed his great pleasure that all the local Zionist societies had combined in paying honour to the position he was going to fill. In time of war, it was the duty of every patriot to do his duty to his people. To-day, the Jewish people were in a state of war, mobilising all their resources for the great struggle to make Eretz Israel a reality. When the call came to him to help, he could not refuse. The most bitter enemies of Zionism to-day were not the anti-Zionists, but the non-Zionists, the apathetic members of the community who, not being with us, must be considered against us.

Mr. Dainow, dealing with the position of Jewry in Russia, pointed with pride to the splendid growth of nationalism in the free countries, especially in America, which is taking the place of the great East European centres, which had been ruined by the war.

The Zionist Conference this year would be rendered memorable by the visit of Mr. Nahum Sokolow and Dr. Goldstein, whose visit was a great compliment to the Jewish community in South Africa, and who would do wonderful work in Zionist circles. As far as the young Zionists were concerned, Mr. Dainow felt that they should be greatly encouraged. He felt that the cultural side had to a large extent been neglected, and if he could do anything to help in this work, he would certainly do so. One way of doing this was to turn the *Zionist Record* into a weekly. The Federation was awake to this great need, and there was a movement to do this.

During the evening Miss Cosay and Miss Korelstein contributed to a musical programme, which added much to the success of the evening. Light refreshments were dispensed by the lady members of the Association.

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The South African Jewish Board of Deputies' official representative on immigration matters in Durban is Mr. J. Rothstein, 128 and 130, Point Road (Phone 543), Durban; and in Capetown, Mr. P. Jochelson, 40, St. George's Street (Box 1709, Phone 1671, Tele. address, "Jochels"), Capetown. Those having relatives or friends arriving at either of these ports should communicate with one or the other as the case may be.

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