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Reports of Jewish Activities in the Mother City.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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Communal activity is on the ebb. It is not the time for meetings, where so often heat is generated, when King Sol is having things pretty well his own way. The brilliantly fine days are calling our people out of doors, to the sea, to the roads, and the more venturesome to the mountain; while the beautiful evenings (when the sou'-easter is not doing its best to lift the roof) have a charm all their own, to which indoor gatherings are no sort of counter-attraction. It is but natural, therefore, that the summer should not be fruitful of much noteworthy communal effort. Our irrepressible workers feel the influence of season, even as did old Coulson and his daughter in O. Henry's characteristic story, "The Marry Month of May." And so, except for the carrying on of what might be termed essential services, there is little to mark the passing of the week.

"CAPE TIMES" AND THE NATIONAL HOME.

Perhaps the most outstanding event has been a striking leading article, more than a column long, which appeared in the *Cape Times*, on the Jewish National Home. It came as a pleasant antidote to the news which has recently been reaching us of the anti-alien, anti-Semitic press agitation in England, and, if truth is to be told, in contrast, too, to the attitude to our people taken up by this leading South African daily some years ago, but since totally reversed.

The occasion giving rise to a present consideration of the subject is doubtless the presentation on December 10th by the Permanent Mandates Commission of its report to the Council of the League of Nations, accounts of whose sittings have been telegraphically received in South Africa. The article refers to the memorandum submitted to the Commission by the Zionist Organisation at the opening of its session in October, and, in fact, it is largely in its detailed information an abstract from that document. As a summary of the memorandum appeared in the *Record* of November 21st, there is no need for me to repeat the statistical part of the article. What is important, however, is the introductory part, as showing the impression which Jewish achievement in Palestine makes on the outside, impartial observer. It is of the highest significance, too, that a general daily should feel itself prompted, quite of its own accord, to deal with the question of the National Home as part of the world's politics of which it has to take cognisance. Thus do we see to what dimensions Zionism has grown. The sentences I refer to are the following:—

"The memorandum makes enthralling reading, for its formal language and official facts and figures, dry enough in themselves, tell the moving and romantic tale of the return to its historic home of a mighty nation which, both before and after its dispersion, has ever been a powerful factor in the moulding of the destinies of mankind. The actual movement of return is still in its beginnings, but so much has been done in so short a time, and the spirit animating those who take part in it is at once so intensely idealistic and so definitely practical that it is impossible to doubt that Zionism will eventually achieve its purpose."

Later on, a graceful tribute is paid to the Chazuzim, and then the article goes on to deal with the salient facts as contained in the memorandum. When non-Jews so heartily approve and admire, surely every vestige of reason for opposition, doubt or apathy on the part of the Jews is removed.

TALMUD TORAH PICNIC.

From time to time these notes have given an account of the activities of this institution, and in them I have endeavoured to impress its importance and its honest attempt to grapple in a practical way with the problem of Jewish education as it presents itself in this country. How different it is conducted from the old Chedarim, which, whatever may have been their advantages in other places and at other times, are totally unsuited for South Africa, could be seen by anybody who took the trouble to pay a visit to the annual picnic which took place at Camps Bay on Sunday, 18th inst. The special cars chartered for the occasion were hardly enough for the 200 odd children who took part. Headquarters were established on the wooded camping ground behind the Marine Hotel, where immediately on arrival tea and cake were served. Thereafter the Camps Bay sports ground resounded with the shouts of rival teams as the sports programme came into active operation, under the able direction and with the active participation of the secretary, Mr. Carasov. Relay races, and other items of a similar nature were indulged in until lunch, when each child had his fill—and that is saying a lot—of sandwiches, fruit and tea. Then swimming and more sports followed until tea-time, and one is given a good indication of what

the children thought of the proceedings when one learns that, in answer to their general request, the time for departure was postponed. The picnic was in charge of the headmaster, Mr. B. Turtle dove, who, together with a number of teachers and Messrs. M. Mauerberger, J. Gesundheit and Baker, of the committee, and some friends, worked hard to ensure the children's enjoyment. Mrs. J. Lurie, of Camps Bay, deserves a special word in consideration of her strenuous labours in preparing the food and supervising the catering.

When the school reopens on Monday, 26th, one feels sure that the pupils will return all the more readily after being given so delectable a taste of its lighter side.

Talking of the Talmud Torah reminds me that the committee of investigation into Hebrew education, appointed by the Education Conference held at the instance of the Gardens Synagogue at the end of November, has been called together for Sunday morning, the 25th inst. I had something to say some time ago about its dilatoriness, and am therefore glad to learn that it has not faded away altogether, as such committees have a habit of doing. One looks forward with eagerness to learning the results of its enquiries.

BNOth ZION ASSOCIATION DANCE.

Although they may have come in a bit late in the Muizenberg "season," this Association would not let pass altogether the opportunity afforded by the presence of visitors to the Peninsula from up-country for achieving some advantage for the National Fund. Through the kindness of Mr. Stewart Neave, the spacious lounge of the Alexandra Hotel was secured for a dance, which took place on Tuesday, the 20th, and attracted a large attendance, while one feels sure that many tickets were taken in town which were not made use of. Music was provided by Miss Rave Levin's "Original Ladies' Dance Orchestra," and during the evening an "eccentric" dance was gracefully performed by Miss Freda Bolman and Mr. G. T. Desmarais. Dancing was continued until midnight, and everybody seemed to be enjoying himself or herself to the full. Refreshments were served by, and the whole was under the management of, Mrs. M. Zuckerman, the president, and a number of her committee.

In this way, a little energy and enterprise leads to the National Fund gaining another sum which would otherwise remain untouched.

RELIEF FUND.

This organisation held a conference on the morning of Sunday, 11th inst., at the Old Synagogue, under the chairmanship of Rabbi Ch. Mirvish, to consider the future of the fund, and to decide on what should be done in relation to the resolutions adopted by the S.A. Conference recently held in Johannesburg.

There was considerable discussion, needless to say, amongst the representatives of a fairly large number of institutions who were present. Eventually it was decided to endorse the Johannesburg findings to carry on for another year, so that the South African obligation of maintaining the 130 orphans, who were by our efforts settled in Palestine, could be honourably met. As already explained in the *Record*, another £12,500 will be required to fund this scheme.

This, it was resolved, should absorb 75 per cent. of the collections, the remainder to go to the relief of widows and orphans in the Ukraine.

With these ends in view, a special appeal will be made in the near future throughout the country for the necessary funds, and the appeal in both its parts cannot but have our warmest approval and ready help. While it is not easy to raise money at present, one believes that this, after all, moderate sum should be attained. The greatest difficulty, however, is the securing of workers; the way these have fallen away in relation to relief fund effort is one of the phenomena of post-war conditions. If they are secured, and properly organised, one feels certain that success will be achieved, having regard to South Africa's characteristic generosity.

"ZIONIST RECORD" CANVASS BY MACCABEAN ASSOCIATION.

It was high time that something should be done to bring the new *Record* to the immediate attention of the local public, for its new form and improved contents should readily secure an ever-widening circle of readers.

The matter has been taken in hand by the Maccabean Association, which last week issued an attractive circular, in which the advantages and special features of the journal were well set out. The circular invited subscriptions and

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announced the visit of a canvasser on the 18th, and so it was that on a hot summer morning one saw members of the Association journeying systematically from door to door, armed with forms, receipt-books, and copies of the *Record*. One feels sure that something came of their persuasiveness, although Sunday, at this time of the year, is not ideal for such a canvass, as so many people go to the sea.

It cannot too strongly be urged that it is the duty of every Jew to keep himself fully acquainted with what is happening in relation to his people, and no better medium for this exists for the South African Jew than the *Zionist Record*, which not only brings him news from all over the world, but also deals in detail with what is nearest home. Every reader should make it his business to get his friends to subscribe, for a very simple reason. If he has found it necessary, useful and interesting himself, surely his friend will, too, and it behoves him to see that he does his friend this good turn.

THIS AND THAT.

The Rev. W. Hirsch, B.A., of Pretoria, was the preacher at the Great Synagogue on Saturday, 17th inst., and will preach at the new Muizenberg Synagogue the following week, when Cantor W. Wilder, who has recently returned from Johannesburg, will intone the service.

Mr. Joel Myerson made his final appearance with the Capetown Orchestra on Saturday, 17th inst., supported by several other artists. As on previous occasions, he was received by a large audience. Again "Kol Nidrei" was the *pièce de resistance*.

The complimentary dinner given by the Garrick Dramatic Club, the Owl Club, the Repertory Society and the Operatic Society to Mr. Leon M. Lion and his company, as announced in my notes last time, took place in the Royal Hotel on Sunday, 11th inst.

Laudatory speeches were delivered by Mr. F. K. Kendall, who presided over a representative gathering, and by Mr. Cecil J. Sibbett, representing the Owl Club. Mr. Leon M. Lion, in replying, dealt with the welfare of the theatre and the important function it could and should carry out in a community. He desired to raise the slogan, "Take your theatre seriously." Life was like a jig-saw puzzle, and the theatre showed how it could be fitted in.

Next week, his highly successful play, "Outward Bound," gives way to "The Mask and the Face."

The local press gave prominence to an interview given by Mr. Kentrige, M.L.A., in Johannesburg, on the proposed clause to remove natives from the liquor trade in the Transvaal, contained in a Liquor Bill, to come before the next session of Parliament.

A popular wedding was that of Pearl, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kushlick, of Capetown, to Wolff, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Sorokin, of Bloemfontein, which took place at the Roeland Street Synagogue on Sunday, the 11th inst., the Rev. Steinberg officiating.

A large number of friends attended the reception, which was held at the Goede Trouw Hall. The bride has been active amongst the young workers in this city in Zionist and general Jewish affairs.

The large number of congratulatory messages received and of friends who gathered at the wedding of Feodora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Friedlander, to Advocate Philip Matthew Clouts, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Clouts, bore testimony to the high esteem in which both are held by Jew and Gentile alike. The ceremony took place at the Gardens Synagogue, the Rev. A. P. Bender and Rev. Kirschner officiating. The reception took place at the beautiful residence known as "Welgemeend," once the home of "Onze Jan." The bride was a couple of years ago "head girl" at the University, in whose life she took a prominent part, devoting herself much to the Jewish Association. The bridegroom is a young barrister with a growing practice, and is held in high esteem by his colleagues, who were well represented at the wedding. He takes a lively interest in Jewish affairs, and among other offices held for some time that of President of the Jewish Literary and Historical Society.

One heard with regret of the death of Mr. Eiser Sagorsky, a man widely respected for his upright character and Jewishness. The deceased gentleman was a member of the Dorshei Zion Association since its inception. Much sympathy has been extended to his relatives.

Mr. Saul Albow, who recently stood unsuccessfully for the Municipal Council for the Maitland Ward, was last week returned unopposed in a bye-election in the same ward.



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