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REPORTS OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN THE MOTHER CITY

From Our Own Correspondent.

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THE DUNAM DRIVE.

Zionists during the last few years have been divided on many points. Since the inauspicious month of August last and the many unfortunate events which followed, they have been even more so till one sometimes wonders whether among all the various sects and ideas which abound in the movement to-day, there can be found even a few points of contact. One, however, there certainly is, and that is on the question of the land. On that point all are agreed—the land must be redeemed before it can become Eretz Israel and before Jewry can become completely nationalised. Zionists may differ as much as they please as to the ways and means of obtaining a Jewish majority in Palestine, on labour or any other problems in Palestine. All such problems presuppose first and foremost that the land will be theirs and ours.

And so, whatever else may be necessary it is essential that we at the outset must concentrate our energies on the question of land. This has been done so far by the Jewish National Fund, the result of whose endeavours in this connection have met with success which has called for the admiration of all who have seen them. Jewish holdings in Palestine may be comparatively few to-day but the work of reclaiming is proceeding steadily. And as for the work which is being done on that reclaimed land—the converting of malarial swamps and fever-stricken marshes into habitable areas as in very many cases for instance—is nothing short of marvellous.

In South Africa once again we are on the eve of a "drive" for the Jewish National Fund. Realising the urgency and importance of the cause, there can be little doubt that Cape Town Jewry will come forward in its usual generous manner and give of its best. Until only a year or two ago Cape Town was the premier city in the Union as far as National Fund work was concerned and the balance sheets revealed that its annual contribution towards the Fund stood far above that of any other centre in South Africa. It will, one feels certain, make more than an effort to regain that distinction and at the same time render the forthcoming Dunam Drive as successful as it deserves to be.

HOSPITAL KOSHER KITCHEN.

It is a more than deplorable fact that the annual meeting of the Jewish Ladies' Society (Hospital Kosher Kitchen) should have been so sparsely attended last Sunday night that it was found necessary to have it postponed till a later date. The Jewish Ladies' Society is performing invaluable work in the interests of the Jewish patients at the New Somerset Hospital and it must certainly find it far from encouraging to see its efforts meet with so little appreciation as demonstrated by such a state of affairs. We sincerely trust that the next meeting will be more successful and that Cape Town Jewry will thus show it is not altogether devoid of interest in matters so closely concerning itself.

The report which was to have been delivered at the meeting is in every way one on which the Society can pride itself. It is very short but illustrates clearly that excellent work has been done. Since the inception of the Society, we are told, "there has not been a single complaint from either the patients or the Hospital Authorities. We have spared no effort to ensure satisfaction to all, and are highly gratified that our endeavours have met with such a satisfactory result.

"We are pleased to state that during the Feast of Passover we were successful in maintaining strictly Kosher L' Pesach, a special supervisor being appointed for that purpose."

With reference to the finances of the Society, it is stated that "through the untiring work of the Executive and Committee to enrol new members, we have been successful in reduc-

ing last year's deficit by £55 19s. 6d., leaving still a deficit of £211 5s. 8d.

After paying attention to the fact that "two members of the Committee have been visiting regularly every week the Kosher Kitchen and patients at the New Somerset Hospital, as well as the patients at the City Hospital, who receive their food from the Kosher Kitchen," the report concludes by thanking all those who assisted in the work of the Society.

A MOTION OF PROTEST.

The following motion of protest was passed unanimously at a meeting of the Young Judeans last month: "That this meeting of the Cape Town Young Judeans protests against the wording of the report published in the *Zionist Record* of August 29, 1930, and contributed by Hasofer, concerning the 4th Anniversary of the above Society, and desire to state that they had full confidence in the committee they themselves elected for the purpose of arranging the function, and are highly satisfied with the result of their efforts."

I am disturbed beyond measure. I am also somewhat puzzled. May I ask what I am now expected to do?

SIMCHAS TORAH CELEBRATIONS.

A very jolly evening was spent in the Synagogue Hall of the Roeland Street Synagogue last Wednesday evening when a Simchas Torah celebration was held by the New Hebrew Congregation. There was a very large gathering present, over which Mr. M. Gurland, President of the Congregation, presided.

In a short opening speech Mr. Gurland welcomed the guests. Other speakers were Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn, Rev. M. J. Cohen, Mr. Morgenstein and Mr. Hoffman. Both Cantor F. Spektor and Mr. Trupin contributed to the programme by rendering several excellent songs. During the evening refreshments were served and festivities proceeded with a swing until a late hour of the evening.

A UNIQUE OCCASION.

Last Saturday marked the thirty-fifth anniversary of the holding of the Sabbath afternoon services for boys and girls at the Gardens Synagogue. There was a very large gathering at the service in the afternoon, a large number of whom were present as youngsters at the first service held. The occasion was indeed a unique one and the scene in the Synagogue most impressive.

The Saturday afternoon services were begun at the instigation of the Rev. A. P. Bender soon after his arrival in this country. Since then they have been held regularly and have always been fairly well attended by the girls and boys of Cape Town. Rev. Bender throughout has constantly acted as a guide and inspiration and has earned for himself the love and esteem of every child attending the service. The value of his work in this, as in most other connections, has been invaluable.

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