

THE LATE LORD MELCHETT.

From Rabbi E. M. Levy (Durban).
To the Editor of the *Zionist Record*.

Sir.—Your readers may possibly be interested in the letter of which I enclose a copy, received by me from the late Lord Melchett—then Sir Alfred Mond—in 1915.

I am sure they will agree that to-day in the light of subsequent events, the document is of considerable interest.

Yours, etc.,

E. M. Levy.

The Letter.

35 Loundes Square, S.W.,

January 14, 1915.

Dear Sir.—In reference to yours of the 4th January the present upheaval in the European situation extending as it does to Turkey and Asia Minor, certainly brings the question of the re-establishing on a solid basis a Jewish State in Palestine within the range of possibility. As you know it is one of the most difficult questions that has occupied those interested in any race for many years. Personally I feel very sympathetic to the natural desire of the Jewish race, specially those members of it living in countries where they have suffered disabilities and hardship on account of their religion, to establish themselves once more in the home from which they came. I have been strengthened in this sympathy by the fact that such Jewish Colonies as have been established in Palestine, according to the accounts which I have received from those who have visited them, have flourished exceedingly and have recreated populous communities under very unfavourable circumstances. It seems to me therefore that there is no reason why, with reasonable guarantees for safety and security this movement could not be largely extended, and a real State founded, where, under their own government, Jews who may wish to leave countries in which they are now living, should find a home and an ordered field for their activities.

Yours faithfully,

Alfred Mond.

E. M. Levy, Hon. Secretary,
Swansea Zionist Society.

Our Hebrew Schools.

From Mrs. S. L. Cohen (Capetown).
To the Editor of the *Zionist Record*.

Sir.—I shall be glad if you will kindly publish a correction to a report appearing in the *Zionist Record* of March 27. In this I notice that "Hasofer" has reported on the conversation at which I read an article on "Our Hebrew Schools." I was surprised to see that I am supposed to have said: "Chief of these (disadvantages) was the lack of a Government grant as in the case of secular education, a fact which resulted in the lowering of the tone of Hebrew educational institutions, and a consequent loathness on the part of parents to send their children to them."

This is totally different from anything I said. I merely stated that Hebrew schools did not receive a Government grant, and were, therefore, dependent upon voluntary support by the Jews themselves. I then went on to explain that if the support of the Hebrew schools was, at the outset, recognised by every Jew and Jewess as a Trust and Duty, and not as a "charity," and the subscriptions to these schools were paid as a voluntary tax by each man and woman, the tone of our Hebrew educational institutions would be raised. Many parents, able and willing to pay the fees asked by the Hebrew schools (who to-day do not care to send their children to an institution supported by "charity") would in that case send their children.

Yours, etc.,

Sarah L. Cohen.

A NEW DELICATESSEN STORE.

Mr. L. Segell, the well-known butcher of Beit Street, Doornfontein, has opened a delicatessen store at 41a Joubert Street, situated right in the heart of Johannesburg's shopping centre. Jewish housewives are asked to call and inspect the fine selection of the very best smoked meats, tongues, polonies, sausages, stuffed turkey, etc.

JEWISH WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN.**A House-to-House Canvass.**

Arrangements are progressing most satisfactorily for the campaign to be inaugurated by the Johannesburg Jewish Women's Benevolent Society on May 3. On that date it is proposed to institute a house-to-house canvass for the purpose of enrolling members and as the subscription fee is the modest sum of £1 1s. per annum, it is confidently expected that a successful campaign will result. The suburbs to be canvassed have been allocated to district conveners as follows:

Berea: Mesdames A. Udwin, A. I. Miller, I. J. Balkin. **North Western:** Mesdames Hurwitz and Cartoon. **Houghton:** Mesdames Millin and Hirschman. **Hospital Hill:** Mrs. H. Williams. **Hillbrow:** Mesdames S. Solarsh and Srage. **Observatory:** Mesdames L. Braudo and E. Woolf. **Parktown:** Mesdames Gordon and L. Moross and Misses Maisels and T. Cohen. **Saxonwold:** Mesdames Hayman and D. Ordman. **Wanderers View:** Mrs. M. Davis. **Yeoville.** Mrs. G. Sieradzki.

These district conveners are busily engaged obtaining canvassers and any ladies interested are kindly requested to communicate with the Joint Hon. Secretaries, Mrs. Woolf and Mrs. Graff, 'Phone, Yeoville 1032. A meeting of district conveners and canvassers was held in the Jewish Guild on Thursday.

CHERKASSKY'S FINAL CONCERT.

In view of the success achieved by Shura Cherkassky during his present visit to Johannesburg, he has consented to give a final concert at the City Hall on Sunday evening next. There is no doubt that there will be another large audience to greet the brilliant young player, who is classed as one of the greatest living pianists.

On Sunday last Cherkassky attracted a large audience to the City Hall, when he was heard in a programme peculiarly suitable to his poetic temperament. The most striking work on the programme was the "Kreisleriana" of Schumann. This is a most difficult and intricate composition of a brilliant and fascinating impromptu character. Cherkassky was able to enter into the whimsical mood of the composer and to give a polished performance which aroused the enthusiasm of a critical audience.

It is pleasant to note how Cherkassky's maturity of age is developing his talent. Besides the strength and power of the young genius, there is entering into his work the intelligence and intellect of a great mind. It must be admitted that Shura Cherkassky is the most unique pianist who has ever visited South Africa.

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PALESTINE CLUB.

The seventy-first meeting of the Palestine Club was held on Saturday evening last at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Caine, Regent Street, Yeoville.

Mr. I. J. Hersch presided and welcomed Dr. W. Sachs, who gave an interesting discourse entitled "The Psychological Aspect of Zionism." This proved to be a most illuminating analysis and elicited an animated discussion. All the points raised were replied to by the lecturer to whom a cordial vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. David Dainow.

A vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their kind hospitality was proposed by Miss Frieda Sack.

Dr. Sachs will read his interesting lecture to the Literary Section of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League on Tuesday afternoon next and a report of the paper will appear in next week's issue of the *Zionist Record*.

NORTH-EASTERN HEBREW CONGREGATION.

At a function held on Sunday, the 12th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. Kramer, Fifteenth Street, Orange Grove, the following donations were made in the course of half an hour towards the Synagogue Building Fund of the above congregation:—N. Kramer, 28,000 bricks and 59 bags of cement; Messrs. Cohen and Colman, 25 guineas each; Mr. Friedland, 20 guineas; Mr. Berzack, 15 guineas; Messrs. Todes, Segal and Gladstone Bros., 10 guineas each; Messrs. Keel, Katz, Pikover, Gadden, Lyons, Cohen, Jnr., and O. Kramer, Jnr., 5 guineas each; Mr. L. Mendelssohn, 10s. 6d.

Auctioneering of chocolates, organised by the junior section, realised the sum of £6 2s. 7d., the able auctioneer being Mr. A. Pikover.

LECTURE BY MR. RAVICZ IN PRETORIA.

On Sunday, April 26th, a lecture will be delivered by Mr. Meilach Ravicz at the Jewish Memorial Hall, Beatrix Street, Pretoria. The subject will be "The rise of Jewish Literature in the Twentieth Century" Professor G. P. Lestrade of the Pretoria University, will also address the gathering.

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