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REPORTS OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN THE MOTHER CITY
From Our Own Correspondent.

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OUR STUDENTS.

There appeared in the *Zionist Record* last week an announcement which gave us food for some useful thought. It was the announcement to the effect that a Students' Zionist Association had been formed at the Witwatersrand University, since "for a long time past there has been a growing feeling for an organisation" to devote all its time and energies to the study and propagation of Zionism. In almost every country of the world Student Zionist Societies exist side by side with the general Jewish student body, South Africa apparently being the only exception to a well-established rule."

This is indeed a very welcome piece of news, for it certainly goes to show that there is among the Jewish students at the Witwatersrand University—even if only among a section of them a strength of national feeling and consciousness to serve the needs of which an Association of general Jewish interest is not sufficient. Indeed, how welcome it is can only be realised by those who are aware of the lukewarm attitude towards the Zionist question which has been adopted within recent years at the Witwatersrand University, and which in fact, is to be found in many of its sister organisations throughout the Union.

Of course, the purpose of these remarks is not merely to congratulate the Jewish students of the Witwatersrand University on their achievement—it is far more practical, even if less pleasant than that. It is, to put it briefly, to ask a very pertinent question. Why do we not see a similar Zionist Association formed or being formed at the Capetown University? Many will remember the controversy which raged in these columns not so long ago regarding the aims and purpose of the local Students' Jewish Association, the latter maintaining, in spite of various opinions expressed by the general public and of heated denials by quondam members, that it was an impartial body which set out purely with the purpose of discussing Jewish questions in academic fashion. Assuming that the Association is still of the same opinion regarding its function, where is that body which is definitely out to further Zionist aims and ideals which it is only natural to expect to find in the institution at which are assembled presumably the intellect of our Jewish youth? As far as we can see it does not exist, whilst we consider the possibility of our assumptions being wrong and of the S.J.A.'s having become once more Zionist in policy, then we cannot honestly say that we find the situation very radically altered. During the last two years or thereabouts the Association has been as inactive as one could ever hope to find any society and its activities in the field of "academic" consideration of Jewish questions as negligible as its activities in the study and propagation of Zionism.

Viewing the circumstances as they are, then, it seems that there is only one conclusion we can come to—that national feeling is a minus if at all existent, quantity among the large number of Jewish students at the Capetown University and that there is not among the latter even a few interested enough to attempt in any way to further the national cause. We are reluctant to draw this conclusion, but we can conceive of no other. For even supposing that Zionist activity were limited at the University itself, one might yet have expected to see at least a few University men taking an interest in such activity outside its walls. This, however, is not the case. The sight, which was frequent only a few years ago, of students taking an active part not only in the cultural functions of Jewish organisations, but also in its spheres of more practical work, is not to be seen to-day. The bulk of Zionist work to-day is done either by people who have never entered a University lecture-room, or have passed out of it for good and all.

We do not know whether Zionism is losing so very much by the absence of Cape Town students in its ranks. Possibly it is not, but more probably it is. This, however, hardly worries us. We are not concerned at the moment so much with Zionism in the present as Zionism in the future. To-day we still have as leaders those who are imbued with the enthusiasm in the Zionist cause and the erudition in its principles acquired in Eastern Europe, as well as that staunch and solid band of ex-students whose interest in the cause we spoke of above. But when the former class is no more—as it will be only too soon—and the latter has also gone the way of all flesh, who then will take their places as the future Zionist leaders. A few will be found, no doubt, keen enough to promote the Zionist ideals, but

keenness, necessary and desirable as it is, is not sufficient to qualify a man as leader. What is needed besides is intellect, knowledge—knowledge not only of specifically Jewish, but of world questions—understanding of human and national relationships, ability to deal with one's fellow-beings. Rightly or wrongly, speaking generally, one has always looked to the University to produce men with these qualities. But Zionists, it seems, will look towards it in vain to-day. As far as producing future Zionist leaders is concerned, the University is a broken reed.

These, we are aware, are gloomy forebodings and none hope more than we that we are wrong. Perhaps the Jewish students at the Cape Town University will yet form a Zionist Society. Perhaps even the most unexpected will yet happen and the S.J.A. become ardent champions of Zionism. One can never tell. But we fervently trust that something of this nature will happen and that the record of Jewish activity at the University will once again shine as brightly in the future as it did not so long ago in the past.

ONEG SHABBOS CONCERT.

The annual Oneg Shabbos Concert was held in the Zionist Hall last Sunday night and was a very successful affair. The programme arranged was a very enjoyable one.

Those who contributed to the programme were Miss Jessie Zuckerman, who gave a number of pianoforte solos; Mr. Boris Rome, who sang; Mr. M. Natas, who recited, Mrs. B. Hammerman, who recited, Mr. Koorland, who played the violin, Messrs. Losman and Reubeni who took part in a one-act play entitled "Oneg Shabbos," Mr. Ascher who recited, Mr. Laden, who recited, and Mr. Losman, who recited.

A fairly large audience was present and were delighted with the undoubtedly excellent programme provided.

GENERAL.

The marriage took place at the Gardens Synagogue on Monday evening, 15th inst., of Janie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kuritzky, of Cape Town, to Adolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Feitelberg, also of Cape Town.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Zionist Hall and was attended by a large gathering. Toasts were proposed by Rev. A. P. Bender and Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., and dancing took place till a late hour. During the evening the sum of £20 was collected among the guests in order to have the names of the bride and bridegroom inscribed in the Golden Book and £13 was collected for local charities.

Dr. J. Mibashan, of Port Elizabeth, is spending a short holiday in Cape Town.

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