

Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Gurland.

To Settle Permanently in Palestine.

AN exceptionally large gathering was present at the special Conversazaine which was held in the Zionist Hall, Capetown, on Tuesday last when the opportunity was taken of bidding farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Max Gurland, who with their family, are leaving on Sunday the 29th inst., to take up permanent residence in Palestine; also to Mrs. Joffe, mither of Myer and Chaim Joffe (who is going to settle in Palestine) and to Miss Weinstein, who is leaving together with the Gurland family.

It was the intention also to bid farewell to Dr. Resnekov, who is embarking on a flight to Palestine, but unfortunately he was prevented from being present at the function.

Dr. S. Kark acted as host on this occasion. Rabbi I. M. Gervis of Johannesburg delivered a short lecture on Achad Ha'Am's theory of Palestine as a spiritual home and stressed the need for intensifying the implications of that theory to-day.

Dr. Kark, in bidding farewell to Mr. Gurland, expressed regret at his departure, but joy at his going to Palestine. He referred to Mr. Gurland's scholarship and learning and said the Gurland's represented the finest flower of middle-class immigration into Palestine. Dr. Kark also referred in terms of the highest appreciation for Mrs. Gurland's manifold Zionist activities into which she entered tirelessly and enthusiastically. He paid particular tribute to her taking up the study of Hebrew only a few years back and being proficient in the language to-day.

Dr. Kark added farewells to Mrs. Joffe and Miss Weinstein. He also took the opportunity of welcoming Mr. M. L. Genussow to Cape Town, who in replying in a short speech, bade farewell to those departing for Palestine and referred reminiscently to the Zionist work carried out thirty years ago and in which Mr. Gurland had been very active.

Mr. Gurland, in replying, said that the time had arrived for Zionists to act, not to speak, and consider what they had achieved after their work in strange lands. The time had arrived to do something for ourselves in our own land. It was strange that people had to be persuaded to go to Palestine to-day, while in the days of Moses people were plagued because they wanted to go.

Mr. Gurland went on to say that investments in Palestine were possible to-day largely because they had the good fortune to be able to co-operate with men like Mr. Chaim Joffe, Messrs. L. and H. Policansky and Mr. Salber. If not for Mr. Joffe who had been on the spot keeping an eye on the pardess until others were able to come there, it was doubtful whether any investment would have been made and if he would now be going to Palestine. Mr. Gurland hoped that their going would be followed by many more and then he would be able to found a South African Club in Eretz Israel where South Africans would be given all facilities and assistance and a warm welcome.

Suitable responses were also made by Mrs. Gurland, Mrs. Joffe, Miss Fanny Gurland and Miss Weinstein.

During the evening Miss Freda Rogoff played the piano while Miss R. Cohen sang.

GUILD OF ISRAEL CAMP.

A successful camp, organised by the committee of the Guild of Israel, an affiliated body of the Transvaal Young Israel Executive, and a section of the Johannesburg Jewish Guild, was held at Parys, extending over the latter half of December, which was attended by some 75 members of the society and their friends.

A reunion dance has been arranged to take place at the Jewish Guild on Saturday, February 18th, to be followed by a mystery picnic on the following day. It is hoped that guild members, campers and their friends will make every effort to attend.

CANTOR A. RUDY.

There was a large crowd at Joubert Park on Sunday evening last, when a concert was given by the City Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. John Connell. Added interest was aroused at the appearance of Cantor A. Rudy, of Kimberley, who was well received. He sang a number of Yiddish songs and also some operatic arias, which were much appreciated by the huge audience. The cantor showed himself to be possessed of a very fine tenor voice.

Death of Dr. David Epstein.

A Brilliant Young Scientist.

THE sudden death of Dr. David Epstein which took place on Sunday, the 22nd inst., came as a great shock to his relatives and friends. Dr. Epstein was only thirty-one years of age and was lecturer in Pharmacology at the University of Cape Town. He was on holiday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. L. Epstein in Johannesburg at the time of his demise.

Dr. Epstein was one of the most brilliant of the younger school of Jewish scientists in South Africa. He graduated in medicine in 1925, receiving the Gold Medal given by the University to the most distinguished student in the medical course for the year. In addition, he was awarded a scholarship and joined the Department of Pharmacology where he proceeded to do research work in that subject, subsequently receiving the degree of Ph.D. Dr. Epstein carried out certain of his researches at Oxford during a portion of 1932. His publications include a number of important papers on pharmacological subjects in local and overseas journals.

His death has removed from our community a very able young man of high promise and the deepest sympathy is extended to his parents and family in the sad loss they have sustained.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND RECEIPTS.

Owing to technical difficulties, the acknowledgment of Jewish National Fund receipts for December, already in type, cannot appear in the present issue. They will appear in our next number. Acknowledgments of January receipts will appear in our number of February 10th.

WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE.

The Parktown branch of the Women's Zionist League are the first to arrange a Cabaret for their quota for the Redemption of the Sharon. A large and representative meeting was held recently at the residence of the Vice-President, Mrs. Elias Gordon.

The Cabaret is under the patronage of His Worship the Mayor (Mr. B. C. Vickers) and the Hon. Mr. Justice Greenberg and Mrs. Greenberg. It will be held at the Carlton Hotel on Wednesday, March 15th.

The committee has many novel features for the Cabaret. A cold supper will be served and the turns are new and original. The committee is composed of an enthusiastic band of workers, and tickets are selling very well indeed.

CAST-OFF CLOTHING WANTED.

Mrs. Solomon, President of the Johannesburg Women's Benevolent Society of 59, Leijds Street, appeals for cast-off clothing and wearing apparel—men's women's and children's. These are urgently needed for distribution amongst the poor applicants for relief.

The Benevolent Society is finding itself in extreme financial difficulties, owing to the large number of calls upon its resources in connection with applications for relief. All donations will be thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged.

JEWISH GUILD (Johannesburg).

In connection with the dance to be held at the Jewish Guild on Sunday, the 29th inst., members are requested to book their tables immediately in order to facilitate catering arrangements. The admission fee is 3s. each, including refreshments. Gerrardo's Orchestra will supply the music, and members and their friends are assured of plenty of surprises and novelties.

"MISS HOOK OF HOLLAND."

In view of the great success of "The Belle of New York," the African Consolidated Theatres, Ltd., has decided to produce another old-time success in "Miss Hook of Holland." This fine musical comedy will be produced on an elaborate scale at the Empire Theatre on Monday night. Old playgoers will remember that "Miss Hook" is full of tuneful melodies. The production should also appeal to younger playgoers, in view of the attractive music and the opportunity given for fine acting and singing.

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