

A Successful Purim Carnival

400 PARTICIPANTS AT THE LANGHAM.

NEARLY 400 people participated in the Purim Carnival, at the Langham Hotel, on Sunday evening, the 12th inst. The Carnival was outstanding for its originality and for the real Jewish national spirit with which everybody was imbued. What impressed all those present were the tableaux, which were presented at the beginning of the evening. No less than 40 people participated in the various scenes, which depicted episodes from the story of Purim. It was in the nature of a musical review and the various Hebrew melodies, which were sung during the evening, made the whole affair reminiscent of a Purim Carnival in Palestine.

The part of King Ahasuerus, was taken by Mr. M. Ginsberg, that of Homon, by Mr. I. Blankfield, Mr. P. Friedlander took the part of Mordecai. The "Queen Esther Beauty Contest" resulted in Miss Freda Fridlander, being chosen as Queen. Mr. Morris Sewitz, who wrote the tableaux for the Carnival, acted as chief chamberlain. The king's fan bearers were Miss F. Unterslak, and Miss G. Fein. The two most impressive scenes were the entry of Queen Esther accompanied by her two chambermaids, which part was taken by Miss L. Appel and Miss M. Hersowitz, and the procession of Yemenite women, bringing gifts to the Queen and pleading with her for the redemption of the Jewish people from the Persian exile. Those who participated in this scene were the Misses F. Blumberg, L. Bolel, L. Slabe, S. Margolius, Bonen, Green, J. Levithen, F. Blankfield, S. Hayman, Keel, Buskin, B. Ratner, and D. Ratner. Grandeur was lent to the whole performance by the King's body-guard, who consisted of J. Joffe (officer), N. Feinstein, M. Zulberg, U. Meyers S. Ginsberg, H. Drutman, J. Saul, E. Feinstein, I. Freinkel, Josefson, and Samuels. The entrance of all personages in the presence of the King was announced by the King's Herald, which was acted by Mr. I. Freinkel. The prizes for the best ladies costumes were awarded to Miss Lily Slabe, and Miss A. Keel, while the prizes for the best men's costumes went to "The Unknown Arab" and Mr. B. Pearlstein. The English songs for the tableaux were written by Mr. S. Berg.

Mr. H. Hillman (President of the Jewish Board of Deputies) addressed the gathering and extended congratulations to all who participated in so enjoyable a function.

Representatives of the Hatechiya Organisation and the Bertrams Judean Society, under whose auspices the Carnival was held, expressed gratitude to Mr. I. W. Schlesinger, who was kind enough to supply them with costumes.

Baratz and Harzfeld in Port Elizabeth

(From a Correspondent.)

The most significant feature of the visit of the two chaltzim was the spirit of enthusiasm which these pioneers succeeded in arousing in all who came in contact with them. They did not find it necessary to speak on Zionism as some abstract ideal, because they themselves are an actual vindication of the fulfilment of the ideal itself.

Many of us were thrilled to hear them speak about the every-day events in Palestine. One could not help admiring the courage and the hopefulness for the future which these people displayed in spite of the many difficulties which beset them. The songs which they sang brought a spark of joy mingled with sadness, and the sight of many men and women of all ages dancing to their melodies was a proof of the appeal of the spirit of the new life in Palestine to the men and women of other countries.

Besides the public meetings which they addressed, Messrs. Baratz and Harzfeld were entertained at several semi-public gatherings where people were enabled to discuss problems with them in a most intimate manner. At an informal conversation held at the residence of Councillor A. Schauder, Mr. Harzfeld showed himself to be a master of the economic questions in Palestine, and elsewhere he showed what a thorough grasp he had of the political situation.

An interesting incident in connection with their visit was the meeting of Mr. Harzfeld and Professor Dingemans, who is professor of Dutch at Rhodes and Chairman of the Senate of the University of South Africa, and who is widely known on account of his liberal views and his interest in Jewish affairs both past and present. He attended one of meetings and was so impressed that he gave a generous donation to the fund. Afterwards when Prof. Dingemans gave an address on the Sephardic Jews, Mr. Harzfeld also attended his meeting and later he had the opportunity of explaining to Prof. Dingemans the recent political and economic developments in Palestine. One need hardly say that on this occasion, as so often previously, the efforts of Mr. B. Weinronk, the indefatigable Zionist worker contributed largely to the success of the visit.

The value of a visit and campaign like this cannot be measured in mere terms of £.s.d. These men succeeded in arousing interest and enthusiasm where more renowned visitors had failed to do so.

NORDAU CLUB.

The first of a series of fortnightly discussions will be held on Tuesday, 21st inst., at 8 p.m., at the Hebrew High School, when Mr. J. Blumenthal will deliver a lecture on "Political and Cultural Zionism." Discussion will follow.

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