

Nahum Sokolow in Kimberley

Enthusiastic Reception by Local Jewry

MR. SOKOLOW and his daughter, Dr. Celina Sokolow, drove over from Bloemfontein on Sunday, August 4th, and were met at the Free State border by a fleet of about a hundred cars, including that of the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Looney. The same evening he addressed a large and highly appreciative gathering in the City Hall. After welcomes on behalf of the Jewish community by Mr. M. Aronson, the President of the Congregation, who was in the chair and Mr. H. Stoller, Chairman of the Zionist Association, the Mayor expressed the city's welcome and stressed Mr. Sokolow's endeavours for the realisation of the Zionist ideal. Mr. G. H. Barrell, M.P.C., that old and tried friend of Zionism, paid eloquent tribute to the movement and emphasised its broad humanitarian value. Mr. W. B. Humphreys, M.P., spoke of the arduous task which faced the Jewish race in Palestine, and emphasised that the rebuilding of the Holy Land was sacred to Jew and Gentile alike, also referring to the British pledge, the international guarantee, and the sympathy of the world—powerful factors which entitled them to look to the future with confidence. Mr. T. Ericsen, M.P.C., associated himself with the sentiments of the previous speakers.

Rising amidst great applause, Mr. Sokolow, with characteristic dignity and absence of exaggeration, outlined the great need the Jewish people had for the realisation of the Zionist ideal. He explained the precarious position of Jewry the world over, and then went on to stress the achievements of the Zionist Movement, em-

phasising the growth and revival of Jewish cultural values, as was exemplified in the rebirth of the Hebrew language as a vital and living force in Jewish life. As for Palestine itself, that had become "the realistic wonderland." He ended with an earnest appeal for support of the cause.

The thanks of the meeting were accorded to Mr. Sokolow on the motion of Dr. Reichlin, of Postmasburg, seconded by Mr. A. Slosberg, whilst thanks were accorded to the Mayor and the other speakers on the motion of Rev. Konviser.

Next Day

Next morning, which was a public holiday, Mr. Sokolow addressed the Jewish Youth of Kimberley and also met the members of the local Lodge of the Hebrew Order of David. In the afternoon, Dr. Celina Sokolow and Dr. Deborah Katzen, of the Executive of the South African Women's Zionist Council, addressed a gathering of ladies under the auspices of the Ladies' Zionist League, over which Mrs. H. Stoller presided. At this meeting the special women's campaign was launched, the results exceeding all expectations.

Kimberley's response generally has been a generous one, especially when the financial difficulties under which the Diamond City is labouring are considered. Among other factors which the movement has to thank for this is the great interest displayed by the "Diamond Fields Advertiser," which in two leading articles paid tribute to Mr. Sokolow and to the Zionist Movement, besides according other prominent publicity.

Fine Activity by B'Noth Zion, Capetown

Interesting Report on Year's Work

THE annual general meeting of the B'noth Zion is to be held on Monday, the 20th inst., at 2.45 p.m. at the Zionist Hall, Capetown. In anticipation of the meeting an instructive and interesting annual report has been issued.

The report makes reference to the 7th Biennial Conference of the Wizo, stressing the fact that for the first time women Zionists of South Africa were directly represented by two delegates, Mrs. Ethel Hayman and Mrs. T. Saphra. Mention is made with gratification of the Wizo's success in securing representation on the Jewish Agency.

The report further expresses appreciation of the Zionist Federation, and of the work done by Mrs. Ethel Hayman in the preparation for the women's Keren Hayesod campaign.

Dealing with propaganda and cultural work, a detailed account is given of monthly cultural meetings held, and the forecast is made that the intensive propaganda carried on in the Peninsula which has resulted in the formation of seven branches, will prove equally successful when applied to other centres in the Western Province.

Mention is also made of various farewell functions held during the course of the year. In speaking of the Hebrew Kindergarten, reference is made to the formation of a committee drawn from parents, subscribers and members of the B'noth Zion Association, which is allowed full scope in maintaining the progress and development of the institution. Details

are given of the advance which the Kindergarten has made and of its various activities.

The Association has done good work in connection with the National Fund, the sale of Shekolim and the Women's Keren Hayesod Campaign. It was also responsible for the Novelty Dip Stall at the Rainbow Fete held in aid of the Zionist Hall Funds.

Regret is expressed in the report at the resignation of the treasurer of the Association, Mrs. J. Weinreich, and thanks are offered to Miss M. Oblowitz, who undertook her duties until the position was filled by Mrs. N. Philips; to the Hon. Auditor, Mr. M. Berman (in whose name six trees in Palestine have been purchased) and to the Dorshei Zion Association for the free use of the Zionist Hall.

"We are to-day very largely what we are because of what came from the sacred land of Palestine. Pretty nearly everything that is of value in our Western civilisation came to us from two small nations. Our intellectual foundations were laid by the Greeks and our spiritual foundations by the Jews."—Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, Minister of the Interior, in an address at Pretoria.

An Eminent Singer Arrives

MADAM XENIA BELMAS AT THE METRO

A DISTINGUISHED operatic singer has arrived in South Africa and will give her first concert at the Merto Theatre on Sunday evening, 19th inst.

Madam Xenia Belmas, who is a French Jewess, is the possessor of a remarkable soprano voice. She is one of the leading artistes at the Grand Opera House, Paris, and is well known as a guest-artist at the prominent operatic houses on the Continent.

Madame Belmas has a large repertoire of songs, to which she has lately added the compositions of Maurice Ravel and Louis Aubert, two well-known Jewish com-



posers. The concert on Sunday evening at the Metro will have an added attraction in the playing of a full orchestra, which will be conducted by Dr. Alexander Kitchine (until lately leader of the Russian Ballet orchestra). A further additional performer will be Mr. Herman Becker, the well-known 'cello soloist.

The booking for the concert is at Polliacks, Eloff Street. Great interest is being taken by music lovers in the arrival of so distinguished a singer as Madam Belmas. There is every likelihood that the Metro will be well filled on Sunday evening.

WASSERMAN'S LAST NOVEL

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mains the individualist who sees and reproduces only specific human tragedies; a collective feeling is missing. The war and the subsequent economic and social upheavals are indicated only sketchily in the chiaroscuro of the background. The important element is the individual, his quest of his destiny and the finding of his great mission.

To understand the tragedy of Wassermann one must read—and feel—his last great novel. His creative power reaches its apex here. Only one condemned to death can possess a vision as broad and deep as Wassermann's in the last months of his sorrow-burdened life.

Jacob Wassermann must be judged by "Joseph Kerkhoven's Dritte Existenz." With this book his place in early twentieth-century literature is assured.