

BUILDING THE YISHUV

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CORRECT HEBREW PRONUNCIATION

PROFESSOR N. H. TORCZYNER'S Radio Talks on correct Hebrew usage and pronunciation, have now been published in book form by the Vaad Halashon (Language Board) with the support of the Bialik Institute. It is entitled "Hamivta Healiz" (The Lively Pronunciation) since it also contains by way of illustration some humorous verses.

First Doctorate Thesis Published at Hebrew University

THERE has now been published by the Hebrew University, the dissertation submitted by Dr. Raphael Patai for his Ph.D. Degree. This was the first doctorate to be awarded by the Hebrew University. The thesis is entitled: "Water: A Study in Palestine and Palestine Folk Lore during the Biblical and Mishanic periods." It deals with the importance of water in Biblical and Talmudical literatures from the standpoint of cultural history and sociology.

THE YISHUV'S RESPONSE TO THE KEREN HAYESOD

DESPITE the trials and tribulations the Yishuv experienced during 5696, that year nevertheless has shown an appreciable increase in Keren Hayesod contributions of all sections of the Yishuv, it was revealed at the recent Keren Hayesod conference.

The Keren Hayesod Campaign has been under the direction of Dr. Alexander Goldstein and ever-widening circles of the Yishuv have come to pay what is regarded as the national tax. Thousands of workers, clerks in all offices and institutions, regularly at the end of each month permit a portion of their wages to be automatically deducted for the Fund, while substantial contributions have also been forthcoming from the wealthier elements. The Keren Hayesod receipts have increased from year to year, and the past year—5696—saw the attainment of a record figure.

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A TRIBUTE TO TOSCANINI



As a mark of appreciation of his noble gesture in coming over from America to conduct the first concert of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, the colony of Ramat Hashavim presented a stretch of land to Toscanini. Our photograph shows the famous maestro signing a receipt for the document of presentation.

[Photo: Lilly Brauer.]

American Jewish Workers Visit the Yishuv

A DELEGATION of American Jewish Workers have arrived in the Yishuv as the guests of the Histadruth Haovdim. Accompanied by representatives of the Histadruth, they began their tour with a visit to Haifa and the vicinity. In reply to the welcome extended to the delegation by one of the settlers of Kiryat Hayim (Workers' Settlement in Emek Zebulun—Haifa-Acre Bay tract). Mr. Joseph Schlosberg, one of the leaders of the American Workers, recalled how, when he was there six years ago, he saw before him only sand-dunes. He would, he said, on his return to America, try to convey to their fellow-workers in that country some impression of the transformation which Zionists had wrought in Eretz Israel. There were still, he continued, thousands of workers who were not in Zionist ranks, but he hoped that they also would soon take their place with Zionists in the work for the reconstruction of the Jewish Homeland.

J.N.F. LOOKS BACK UPON 35 YEARS

ADDRESSING a large assembly on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Keren Kayemeth, Mr. M. Ussishkin recalled the romantic career of Professor Hermann Schapiro, originator of the idea of a National Treasury which would be employed in the acquisition of land as the inalienable possession of the Jewish people. The first 40 years of Schapiro's life were spent in a tiny village in Lithuania where he was engrossed in the study of the Torah. One day he left this village and set out on foot to Koenigsberg, urged by his unquenchable desire to acquire still further knowledge. Several years later he had risen to be professor of mathematics at Heidelberg University.

Hermann Schapiro dreamt of two things—a Hebrew University and a Jewish National Fund. He did not live to see the realization of either project, and it was left to others to bring them into being. It was suggested by Mr. M. Ussishkin that Hermann Schapiro's remains should be transferred to Eretz Israel.

Owing to extreme pressure of space this week, our usual two pages of news features from Eretz Israel have had to be condensed into one.

POLICE SURPRISE ARAB HIGHWAYMEN

Jerusalem, January 6th.

HIGHWAYMEN were surprised to night by a police patrol while trying to hold up eight cars in the north of Nablus. The police used a machine gun and killed one of the highwaymen. The others fled.

Last night six armed Arabs held up three men on camels and horseback, who fled and warned an approaching Arab bus of the highwaymen. The passengers of the bus jumped out and fled towards the nearest village, the bandits shooting after them. There were, however, no casualties.

Highwaymen who operated in the main roads, are now prowling in the side roads.

"Habimah" in Egypt

THE tour of the Habimah in Egypt has met with outstanding success. Before the arrival of the Habimah Players in the country, tickets for all scheduled performances had been sold out. In response to the popular demand in Egypt, the stay of the company was prolonged and a further three performances arranged.

PLANE CRASH NEAR AFULEH

Jerusalem, January 5th.

NAHUM POPPER, aged 50, a Jewish engineer, and Mr. Little, an English engineer, both officials of the Iraq Petroleum Company, were killed to-day when a plane belonging to the company crashed on its way from Baghdad to Haifa. The crash was caused by the misty weather.

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