

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Feminine News and Views

By "DOBELEAH"

TWO thrilling stories of Jewish heroism were told by Mr. Ehud Ben Yehuda to the combined Kensington and Belgravia branches of the Women's Zionist League recently at the home of Mrs. Sandler.

Mr. Ben Yehuda is paying a visit to this country on a mission in connection with his father's great Hebrew dictionary. He called his address "Sarah and Deborah." In slow, picturesque, but simple English, Mr. Ben Yehuda told "two little stories of two Jewish heroines of to-day—or the last fifty years."

"In 1881," said the speaker, "Deborah was a young girl of seventeen. She, together with a young man a couple of years her senior, decided to build a Hebrew Home in Palestine—Hebrew in culture, spirit and language."

The children of this young couple all spoke Hebrew as their national and only tongue. The experiment succeeded, but after ten years of struggling with poverty, Deborah died.

"Unfortunately, we have forgotten this Deborah," said the lecturer. "There are only a few pictures of her. Her grave is on the Mount of Olives, but it is hardly known."

"For us, for our movement, we require heroism, heroines, examples, to reach greater achievements. Perhaps you Jewish women of Johannesburg will take such matters up and see that such great women are not forgotten."

The other great pioneer of whom Mr. Ben Yehuda spoke was Sarah Aaronson, who gave her life for the Jewish cause and the furthering of the Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Mr. Ben Yehuda (who came late and left early) was not the only speaker of the afternoon. I have never heard Mr. Israel Dunsky speak better. The unanimous vote was that it was rare to have two such eloquent speakers on one occasion. Mrs. B. Patley, who was present as "League" representative, voiced her praise of Mr. Dunsky's speech in no uncertain manner. Votes of thanks to lecturers, visitors and hostess were moved by Mrs. S. Fogel and Mrs. G. Horwitz.

Mrs. A. Friedgut, chair of Kensington and of the afternoon, told me that the Belgravia and Kensington branches always combined for cultural meetings. I thought it a very wise procedure to adopt, for the large attendance (a record, it was said) contributed very materially to the success of an exceptionally interesting occasion.

HOUGHTON'S CARNIVAL.

When I arrived at Mrs. N. Katzenellenbogen's house on the morning of Wednesday, 17th, the elections were over. Mrs. S. Hirshman had been re-elected chair, with Mrs. I. B. Joffe as vice-chair, and Mrs. A. Behrmann as literary chair, Mesdames P. Crane and C. Lyons as joint secretaries, and Mrs. L. First as treasurer.

Mr. I. Dunsky had just begun speaking and his address, dealing with our reaction to our circumstances and our need for a national home, Hebrew, and Zionism, afterwards provoked a great deal of animated discussion.

I learnt that all arrangements for the Children's Carnival, which is to be held in Mrs. M. Udwin's garden, 44, St. David's Road, on Sunday afternoon of March 21st, have practically been completed. Everyone is immensely excited about the Zionist

section of the fancy dress parade, and keen competition is expected. Mrs. Hirshman was busily distributing tickets, which are so low-priced that they ought to sell in enormous quantities.

MR. E. KLUK ON PALESTINE.

Nothing is more stirring than first hand information adequately presented, and Mr. E. Kluk, assistant secretary of the S.A. Zionist Federation, who addressed the Union of Jewish Women at the Jewish Guild last Monday morning proved himself a most effective conveyor of first hand information of conditions in Palestine during the last nine months.

Mr. Kluk himself acted as special constable during the Arab disturbances, and he told of the fortitude, bravery and orderliness displayed by the Jews of Palestine. The Yishuv had stood the brunt of the riots with heroism, and so great were the numbers of volunteers for special service, that lots had to be drawn. The speaker stressed the pride which was taken in the new harbour at Tel-Aviv and the hope and courage with which Jewish Palestine faced the future.

Mrs. G. Trevor read a report from the Board of Deputies, and Miss Rogaly from the National Council of Women. Mrs. I. Marks moved a vote of thanks.

"JUSTICE FOR THE JEW."

At last week's meeting of the "League" at the Langham, Dr. Deborah Katzen, choosing as her subject "Justice for the Jew," reviewed the Jewish position in the world and declared that the Jewish demand for justice rested on historical, economic and humanitarian grounds. She traced the Jewish right to Palestine from the days of Abraham and showed that no other people had proved such a definite affinity for Palestine as the Jews.

"There is some indissoluble link between them," said Dr. Katzen. "Jews belong to Palestine and Palestine must and shall inevitably belong to the Jews." She declared her conviction that England would stand by the words to which she had committed herself. The Jews had shown their earnestness during the War by forming a Jewish Battalion to fight specifically for Palestine. Since then, Jewish national work had created the miracle of the twentieth century.

Mrs. B. Reinhold, who was in the chair, welcomed Mrs. Moss Morris, chair of Durban, who was in their midst. Mrs. H. Davidoff spoke on the shekel, Mrs. J. Horvitch read news items, and Mrs. B. Patley thanked all the speakers for their excellent efforts.

DR. KATZEN LEAVES.

Everyone was bidding Dr. Katzen, who is leaving for overseas this week, a pleasant voyage and enjoyable holiday, after her interesting address, and congratulating her on the presentation made to her of twenty trees by Mrs. Reinhold on behalf of the League. Mrs. Katzen had also been presented with trees by her own branch (Parktown), and few have deserved such honour more. Mrs. Katzen's work for Zionism is well known and everyone is looking forward to her resuming her activities, after her four months' visit to England and America.

HEBREW CULTURE.

Rabbi M. Chigier, B.A., was the speaker at the meeting of the Study Circle of the Observatory branch last Tuesday morning. Those who knew Rabbi Chigier's intellectual attainments expected an absorbing address, and they were not disappointed. The speaker pointed out the value of Hebrew language and culture as a unifying force among Jews, and the im-

MOLLY PICON AT THE EMPIRE



American Star Supported A Strong Company

THE world renowned Jewish comedienne, Molly Picon, is the new variety bill which opens the Empire to-morrow.

Miss Picon is probably the greatest living artiste of her type. She is beloved personality on the American English and French stage, and in America she has been given the national honour of having a theatre named after her. She is the wife of J.J. Kalisch, the American Yiddish producer.

Miss Picon's accompanist on her present tour is Abe Ellstein who incidentally, a well known composer of Jewish songs and music. He has written the musical score for numerous Jewish plays.

Medvedeff's Russian Balalaika is also included in the vaudeville and provides excellent music rendered by skilled Russian musicians. Other artists who are appearing are: Perfect, soprano; Dai Jones, star of the "London Follies" and Jimmy Hunter and Dan Yon (comedians of "London Follies"). Others on the programme are Adara Eddie Daros, singing and dancing comedians; Ted Ray, eccentric violinist; the popular Tex McLeod, spins yarns and ropes; a new dancing trio, Laurie, Joy and Gracie and Campbell and Wise, cross-comedians.

important role the mother had to play in the proper Hebrew education of her child. If nationalism was to be a success, it must become part and parcel of the Jewish character. For such an end, it was easier to deal with a child than the adult, and Jewish mothers had to equip themselves to help their children to become national Jews, emotionally and intellectually. Mrs. N. M. Sloat was the hostess and moved a hearty vote of thanks.

"THE COUNTRY DOCTOR" AT THE COLOSSEUM

The famous Dionne Quintuplets are the stars in "The Country Doctor" at the Colosseum Theatre this week. Everything that has ever been written or read about these babies comes very insignificant when you actually see them on the screen. The story is a very fine one and combines drama, thrills, romance, suspense and comedy. Jean Hersholt gives an excellent portrayal of the title role. Others in the cast include June Lane, Michael Whalen, Slim Summer and Dorothy Peterson. The first of the programme is well up to standard.

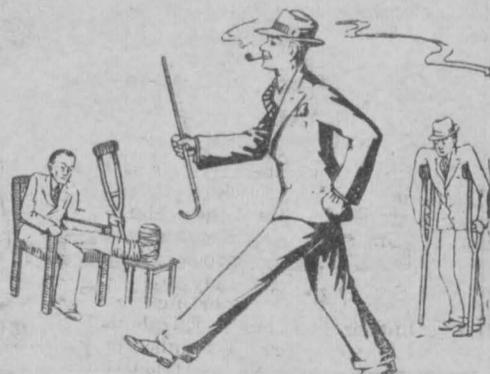
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