

In and Around the Peninsula.

Lord Melchett.

The news of the death of Lord Melchett has been received by Jewry of the Peninsula with the greatest consternation. There can be no doubt of the fact that the loss which such a death involves to the Jewish people as a whole is irreparable and that this fact has been deeply realised by all.

A meeting in memory of Lord Melchett is being held in the Zionist Hall on Monday evening, 5th inst. In addition to a number of local speakers, several of the visitors at present in the Peninsula will deliver addresses.

During the last week the Zionist flag has been flying at half-mast on the Zionist Hall.

Mr. A. M. Bender.

The news has just reached us that Mr. A. M. Bender, a brother of Rev. A. P. Bender, who is now living in Italy, is shortly to be knighted for services rendered to the Italian Government. It is of interest to note that the public spirit and selflessness in the interests of the community which have always characterised Rev. Bender are qualities shared by his brother.

A Generous Gift.

The Bnoth Zion Association have asked us to announce that among the visitors to the Hebrew Kindergarten, Molteno Road, Cape Town, before it closed for the holidays, was Mr. M. Haskell, Johannesburg. He was so impressed with the work that was being done there that he kindly promised a donation of £20 to the Hebrew Kindergarten Central Fund.

The Coming Conference.

Preparations for the coming S.A. Zionist Conference are at present in full swing. A Conference Committee, representing all local Zionist societies, has been formed to take charge of the arrangements and every effort is being made for the comfort and pleasure of delegates.

The Conference is to be held in the Zionist Hall and will be officially opened on the evening of Tuesday, 13th January. Deliberations will probably take place during the next three days. In addition to the general Conference, we understand, a special meeting of women delegates will be held and also a session for delegates of junior societies.

A reception is being arranged for delegates. We understand that a large number of delegates from all over the Union and Rhodesia have already arrived in the Peninsula and the Conference promises to be one of the most representative ever held in South Africa.

Chanukah Celebration at Muizenberg.

The Masonic Hall, Muizenberg, was filled to capacity by parents, friends and visitors on Sunday evening, the 21st December, on the occasion of the Chanukah celebration organised by the pupils of the Muizenberg and Kalk Bay Talmud Torah and the Young Israel Society. After the ceremony of lighting the candles had been performed by Master H. Danker, Mr. I. H. Guinsberg, Chairman of the Talmud Torah, addressed the gathering, and stressed the importance of the Talmud Torah in the life of the Jewish children. A very learned and interesting address on the significance of Chanukah was delivered by Mr. J. Lehrman (Principal) who concluded with an earnest appeal to parents not to neglect the Hebrew education of the young.

The pupils of the Talmud Torah rendered many Hebrew airs, and also a sketch in Hebrew, which was very much enjoyed by the audience.

The dialogue contributed by Messrs. S. Emdin and L. Lazarus made a great appeal to the gathering and was punctuated with much applause. Special mention must be made of the recitations in Hebrew by Miss M. Danker, Master F. Zimmerman and Master H. Lowenberg, and in English by Miss R. Emdin and Miss T. Trakman, which were very much appreciated. The songs of Mr. B. Solomon and Mr. Sief were very acceptable and were beautifully rendered. Items that found favour with the audience were the piano solos of Miss R. Trakman and Miss Yutar. Those responsible for the organisation of this very successful function were Mr. J. Lehrman and Mr. H. Wolfsohn, Hon. Secretary of the Talmud Torah. A special word of thanks is due to Mrs. S. Wainstein, ably assisted by Miss E. Wolfsohn and Miss Kahn, who were responsible for the refreshments. A most successful evening concluded with the singing of the Hatikvah.

Hospital Appointments.

At the last meeting of the Cape Hospital Board the following appointments, recommended by the Committee of that Institution, were confirmed:—Dr. A. Landau and Dr. R. Meyerstein as House Surgeons, and Dr. Ariel Goldberg, Dr. J. Rabkin, Dr. G. Sacks, and Dr. J. Katz as Registrars in their respective departments, and Dr. L. Blumberg as Lecturer to the nurses for a period of three years.

Dr. F. Forman has been appointed Acting Superintendent at the Somerset Hospital during the absence on leave of Dr. de Wet.

Young Israel Camp.

By the time this issue of the "Chronicle" is in print, the Young Israel Camp will have already begun. We understand that a bigger crowd than ever is attending this year and that a very jolly holiday can be expected by campers.

As usual, interspersed among the social functions on the programme are functions of a cultural nature. On Sunday evening, 4th January, Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., will deliver an address, whilst another address is being delivered on Thursday evening, 8th January, by Dr. J. Mibashan, of Port Elizabeth. During the week a debate is being held and a film of Palestine life is being shown. There will naturally be Synagogue Services on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. The social functions consist of a number of dances, socials and a camp fire concert.

Obituary.

Condolence is expressed with Mr. M. Eilenberg on the death of his brother, which took place last week. The deceased was one of the oldest and most respected members of the Australian Jewish Community.

Social Items.

The marriage took place at the Gardens Synagogue on Sunday morning last of Sarah, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Getz, of Cape Town, to Cyril, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Meskin, of Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Mary Hessen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hessen, of Muizenberg, to Cecil Gawronsky, of Cape Town.

Mr. H. M. Bloch is at present at Maquassi on a visit to his parents.

Among those spending a holiday in the Peninsula at present are Rev. M. I. Cohen, of Bulawayo; Mrs. Jennie Trevor, of Johannesburg; Advocate and Mrs. Norman Rosenberg, of Johannesburg, and Dr. and Mrs. A. Abelheim, of Johannesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Levy, of Sea Point, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

The engagement is announced of Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Scher, of Seaforth, Simonstown, to Nathan, eldest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. T. Amoils, of Johannesburg.