

## Children Celebrate Passover.

### SECOND KINDERGARTEN OPENED.

It will be remembered that in August last year the Hebrew Kindergarten established by the Bnoth Zion Association in Molteno Road, Cape Town, was officially opened. On that occasion Mrs. F. Clouts, President of the Association, expressed the hope of her Committee that this would not be the only kindergarten of its kind to be established, but that a chain of such institutions would eventually be formed throughout the Cape Peninsula and beyond. This was evidently not merely an idle wish nor were the Bnoth Zion half-hearted in their intentions, for through their endeavours Cape Town has been given to behold in its midst another Hebrew Kindergarten which has been opened in the basement of the Zionist Hall and which caters for children who live too far away from the Molteno Road one to be able to attend it regularly.

The new kindergarten is as a charming a haven for children as the first one, and that is saying a great deal. It is very attractively furnished and is bright and gay enough to delight the most insensitive child. Teaching through play—the method employed at the first kindergarten—is of course the system applied at the new one and already in the few weeks in which the kindergarten has been opened, the children attending it have learnt a surprising amount of Hebrew.

The official opening of the new kindergarten took place in the Minor Zionist Hall on Sunday morning last when an entertainment in celebration of Pesach was given by the children of both kindergartens. Little Hebrew songs were sung with much enthusiasm and most remarkable was the fluency and excellent pronunciation of the singers. The story of the exit of the Jews from Egypt was enacted very successfully whilst the little song *Chag Hapesach* was sweetly sung. Very charming too was "The Dream," sung and acted.

During the course of the morning an address was delivered by Rev. A. P. Bender. Rev. Bender spoke of the wonderful way in which the children were being taught Hebrew. They had to make no effort at all, but were taught whilst they were enjoying themselves to the utmost in song and play. This was a more than considerable improvement on the methods employed only a generation ago when it was believed that nothing could be learned if not through hardship.

Rev. Bender spoke of the necessity for Jewish children to learn Hebrew and he congratulated the Bnoth Zion Association on its enterprise, its devotion to the interests of the community and its care for the future of young Jewry, which had actuated it in establishing this institution.

Mrs. Clouts, in tendering the thanks of the Association to Mr. Bender, stated that the Association hoped to be able to establish many more such institutions. The greatest difficulty so far had been that of finding suitable teachers.

She spoke of the excellent work being done at the kindergartens and urged that parents should send their children to them.

Before the conclusion of the function blue and white packets of nuts were handed out to every child in the hall. The adults evinced much interest in examining the work of the kindergarten children which was on exhibition and the proceedings were brought to a close late in the morning with the singing of the *Hatikvah*.

All good wishes are extended to the Bnoth Zion on their new venture. The fact that Mrs. S. Gordon has again offered her assistance with the running of it is undoubtedly excellent indication that it will be a success. Miss Rifka Goldin is now in charge of the first kindergarten and is excellently following up the tradition set by her predecessor, Mrs. Gordon.

## Iraq Oil Pipe Line.

### Major Portion for Haifa.

It is reported that agreements have been reached with the Governments concerned for the pipe lines of the Iraq Petroleum Company. This completes all arrangements.

A convention was concluded between the Palestine Government and the Iraq Petroleum Company, whereby seventy per cent. of their oil will be conveyed by the Haifa branch line of the bifurcated pipe line. The remainder will be conveyed by the Tripoli branch.

There had been some dispute about the quotas, but all is now settled. Negotiations with the Government were conducted by Sir John Cadman, who early this year toured the oilfields. While in Palestine he was the guest of the High Commissioner.

## Plungjan Destroyed.

### Assistance Needed.

We are requested by Mr. M. Bloch of M. Bloch & Co., Cape Town, to announce that he has received a cable to the effect that the village of Plungjan was burned down and that assistance is urgently needed.

All contributions should be sent to Mr. Bloch.

## Anniversary of Hebrew University.

### Celebration at Stellenbosch.

On Sunday, April 5th, the Stellenbosch Young Israel Society organised a Social Evening on the occasion of the anniversary of the opening of the Hebrew University.

Mr. J. Levinson presided and the hall was well filled by a gathering of almost the entire Jewish Community.

The Rev. Mr. Goldberg was the first speaker, and in an eloquent speech he spoke of the Passover and the occasion.

A musical programme was the next portion of the proceedings. The first item was a Jewish song by Miss Hessie Shulman and Miss Annie Kaplan.

Miss Lilyan Gelb played a cello solo and then Miss Yetta Levinson and Miss E. Levinson sang. Miss Marcus played the accompaniment.

Mr. David Getz then delivered an address. He spoke of the University and its progress and gave some reminiscences of other similar celebrations at which he had assisted. He then proceeded to discuss recent developments in the Zionist Movement dealing with the October White Paper, the Simpson Report and the MacDonald letter.

Mr. Getz concluded by making an appeal for the improvement of Zionist activities in Stellenbosch.

There was considerable discussion on Mr. Getz's suggestion and it was agreed to take steps to improve the position.

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