

In and Around the Peninsula.

C.T. Hebrew Circle.

The second of the series of lectures on the Bible was delivered on Thursday evening, 6th instant, at the Zionist Hall, by Mr. M. Ben-Arie, who chose as his subject "The Song of Songs."

The lecturer described how the "Song of Songs" differed from most of the books of the Bible in that it was difficult to define with what object it was written, and told how it had been rescued from non-inclusion in the sacred collection by Rabbi Akiba who, himself a shepherd, felt the appeal of its portrayal of nature in its attachment to the soil.

As its name implied, it was probably a collection of folk-songs and various allegorical interpretations had been given to it.

The theme of the book was love. Its beauty lay in its undeveloped primitiveness and its similes drawn from primitive nature. The Jews, masters in the art of expression, here concentrated on the triple theme of spring, youth, and love, and the book had the same appeal for us in the present time as for the Jews in their own land at the time that it was written.

Mr. Ben-Arie read the first chapter, explaining it in detail, and urged his audience to read or re-read the whole book, in which all would find delight.

Mr. A. Levin, the President, ascribed the authorship of the book to King Solomon, who probably wrote it at the time of his marriage to the Egyptian princess. Like all great works it had become the possession of the whole people.

The following members took part in the subsequent discussion:—Miss B. Strul, Mr. Zohar, Miss N. Ben-Arie, Messrs. M. Natas, Lehrman, Z. Avin, and G. Telem.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer closed the meeting.

On Wednesday evening, 19th instant, Mr. B. Lipshitz will lecture on "The Samaritans."

The Circle is arranging a trial of the Jewish youth, the date of which will be announced later.

C.T. Young Judeans.

On Saturday, 8th August, the above Society held its general elections, at which there was a fairly large attendance. The minutes of the last elections were read, after which Mr. S. M. Levin proceeded to give his Chairman's Report, in which he stated that the Society had made considerable progress.

The Sporting Circle report showed little activity, a circumstance which it was hoped would soon be improved. The Judean Central Council report was read, in which a

special appeal was made for subscribers to the "Judean." The balance sheet showed that the Society was in a fairly sound financial condition. As was shown by the attendance report, a definite improvement was made in the attendance of committee members.

The elections then took place and the following were elected:—Hon. Chairman, Mr. S. M. Levin; Hon. Vice-Chairlady, Miss E. Bernadi; Hon. Joint Secretaries, Miss Y. Joffe and Mr. L. Jochelson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. F. Wyner; Hon. Assistant Treasurer, Miss P. Pieters; Hon. Judean Commissioner, Mr. R. M. J. Rosenberg; Hon. Committee Members, Misses S. Posel, A. Soloman, G. Melnick, and Messrs. L. Cooper, A. Miller and M. Coleman.

The meeting concluded with the singing of "Hatikvah."

Oneg Shabbos.

The speaker at the Oneg Shabbos tomorrow afternoon will be Rev. N. Cohen, who will deliver a lecture on "Jewish History." The Oneg Shabbos will be held in the Zionist Hall and is open to the public.

Dorshei Zion Concert.

There was an enthusiastic audience at the Dorshei Zion Concert in the Zionist Hall on Sunday night. The programme was varied and interesting and met with a very favourable reception.

The C.T. Maccabean Guild Sextette, consisting of Mr. A. Lorie (leader), Mr. E. Narunsky (2nd violin), Mr. A. Maag (viola), Mrs. P. Herbstein ('cello), Mrs. I. Lewis (clarinet), and Mr. P. Lewis (piano), were in excellent form and gave several very pleasing renderings. Miss Belle Pinn did not disappoint her audience who has learnt to expect excellent singing from her. The pupils of the Miriam and Elvira Kirsch School of Dancing were very graceful, whilst Miss R. Cohen's vocal solos were much appreciated. Mr. B. Garfinkel also gave a number of very pleasing songs, and Mr. M. Losman recited with good effect.

During the course of the evening a humorous sketch, "The Australian Florin," composed by Mr. M. Natas and recited by Mr. P. Dibowitz, caused considerable amusement and received a great deal of applause.

The proceedings were concluded with the singing of Hatikvah and God Save the King.

Concerts.

Concerts, it seems, are fast becoming a popular type of function among local Jewish Institutions. The Dorshei Zion Association has just completed a series of Sunday night concerts and on Sunday evening, 16th inst., the Bnoth Zion Association are holding another of these functions.



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