

In and Around the Peninsula.

The Zionist Conversazione.

The twenty-fourth Zionist Conversazione took place in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening last, Dr. and Mrs. C. Resnekov acting as host and hostess.

Mr. B. R. Matz was the chief speaker of the evening, and he chose as his subject "Hebrew Education."

The speaker described the chaotic state in which the question of Hebrew education found itself to-day. We had no authoritative body to control and supervise our teachers, no proper syllabus for the teaching of Hebrew, and finally, we all differed in opinion as to what extent religion should be taught in the Hebrew schools. The lecturer also mentioned the difficulties which arose out of the child's having to receive his instruction in Hebrew after the regular school hours, when his Gentile friends were free to play. This circumstance roused in the child an antipathy towards Hebrew that was far more deep-seated than was his antipathy, if he felt any, towards other subjects. Hebrew became to him a burden.

Mr. Matz suggested that the best solution to the problem was the inclusion of Hebrew as one of the subjects of the ordinary school curriculum. There was no objection to the Board of Education's looking after our educational affairs or to a competent Gentile's teaching Hebrew to Jewish children.

A discussion followed, in which Messrs. A. Levin, Miss N. Ben-Arie, Mr. M. Ben-Arie, Mr. Rubik, Dr. C. Resnekov, Mrs. C. Cohen, P. M. Clouts and M. Teichman participated.

During the evening the news was read as usual and a song was rendered by Miss F. Marks, which met with a very favourable reception.

Bnoth Zion Concert.

Those who did not take the opportunity of attending the Concert in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, the 6th inst., have reason to regret having missed an exceptional evening's entertainment. The programme started off with a few "turns" by the tiny tots of the Hebrew Kindergarten, whose renderings of Hebrew songs and recitations won the heart of the audience.

The little pupils of the Miriam and Elvira Kirsch School of Dancing executed some very graceful and spirited items, and proved very popular as usual. Miss Gelb, who took the trouble to come all the way from Stellenbosch, gave a few charming and well executed 'cello solos.

Miss R. Cohen's singing, too, evoked well deserved applause.

That outstanding humorist, Mr. M. Natas, then related his troubles and joys when

"Shopping a Hoot mit mein Weib," whilst Mr. E. Natas delighted the audience with his talented rendering of two recitations, "Gneive" and "Guest."

Last, but not least, our old friend, Mr. Boris Rome, who, in addition to several Yiddish songs, sang two new Hebrew numbers for this special occasion, proved a general favourite as usual.

During the evening Dr. E. Kark addressed the audience on the importance of supporting the Hebrew Kindergartens, in whose aid this concert was organised by the Bnoth Zion Association.

Green and Sea Point Talmud Torah.

An examination of the children of the Green and Sea Point Talmud Torah was carried out recently by Mr. S. H. Friedland and Mr. B. Chidekel, Treasurer and Committee member respectively of the Cape Town United Hebrew Schools.

The School consists of 20 pupils, who are placed in four standards. There are eight pupils in Standard I., four pupils in Standard II., four pupils in Standard III., and four pupils in Standard IV. All of them have made excellent progress during the last year and the examiners were very pleased with the results. Special praise for this is due to Mr. N. Zieff, the teacher, and Messrs. I. Mauerberger and S. Kaplan, the leaders of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation, which supports the Talmud Torah. Mr. Mauerberger is also known as an active member of the Talmud Torah in Cape Town, with which he has been connected for over 30 years.

Junior Guardians Concert.

For the popular concert which the Junior Guardians Concert on Wednesday night was supposed to be, the programme might have been a little more varied and contrasted. It was, it is true, a good programme, but it was of the "goodness" that can attract only the musically inclined—which, of course, is far from what is desired in a charity concert. It was this fact, no doubt, which accounted for the somewhat disappointing attendance.

Outstanding on the programme was the excellent rendering by Mr. Paganelli and Mr. Farrel of an exquisite duet, "Del tempio al liminar," which occurs near the beginning of Bizet's opera, 'The Pearl Fishers.' Solo items during the evening by these two singers were equally delightful.

Miss Cecilia Wessels also gave some very fine renderings, whilst Mr. Boris Rome proved as popular as ever with his renderings of Yiddish and Hebrew melodies. Specially noteworthy was his singing of "Rachem" to the accompaniment of the organ.

Madame Marta May played a well-selected group of pianoforte pieces with taste and sympathy and Miss Beryl Pickstone, in the absence of Miss Gladys Lazarus on account of indisposition, won great favour with the audience with the recitation of humorous sketches.

Mr. Alban Hamer, F.R.C.O., gave a number of excellent organ selections. He also accompanied several of the artists as did Miss Hilda Schwalbe, L.U.C.T. and Miss Joyce Browne, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., L.U.C.T.

After the concert a reception was held in the Mayoress' Parlour in honour of the patrons and artists. The organisers were: Miss M. Myers, Miss L. Myers and Mr. H. Nathanson (sub-committee), Miss G. Seltzer, Miss R. Harris, Mr. W. Gershowilitz, Mr. A. H. Honikman, Mr. H. Nankin, Mr. M. Oblovitz (general committee).

Wynberg Talmud Torah.

At the invitation of the Wynberg Talmud Torah Committee, an examination of the children of the school was carried out about a fortnight ago by Mr. M. Helfand and Rabbi Zimmerman. The result was very favourable. The pupils of all six standards

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