

In and Around the Peninsula.

The Deputies Congress.

The forthcoming Congress of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies to be held at Bloemfontein during the coming week-end will no doubt be a significant one in view of recent local happenings. Unfortunately, we understand that the delegation from Cape Town and the Peninsula will be a small one, and Mr. Morris Alexander, Chairman of the local Board and one of its most active and hard-working members, will not be able to attend at all, since nomination day for the bye-election at Woodstock, in which he is a candidate, has been fixed for January 5th.

The Conference has many important matters before it with which to deal, and one can only hope that the deliberations at it will be fraught with success.

Cape Town Junior Mizrachi.

A fair number of members of the Junior Mizrachi were present at the general elections of the Society held on Sunday, 20th inst., in the Talmud Torah Hall. Unavoidable circumstances necessitated a change, and the personnel of the Committee will not be announced till later.

In place of the usual Friday night study circle, a function in the form of an Oneg Shabbos was held on Saturday, 26th inst., at the residence of Mr. Kahn, Mill Street, Cape Town. Mr. S. Kahn read a paper entitled "Hassidism and its Founder." In the course of an hour Mr. Khan gave a broad survey of a large and relatively unknown subject, and drew a skilful picture of the Besht, the Founder of Hassidism.

Keen discussion followed the paper, Mr. Kahn replying to several questions.

Refreshments were served and animated discussion took place upon several topics introduced by Mr. Rogoff.

The Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Kahn's hospitality in offering the use of their residence and in providing refreshments for a successful function.

Dr. S. Zuckerman.

The large number of friends and acquaintances in South Africa of Dr. S. Zuckerman must have read with no small amount of pleasure the excellent review of his book, "The Social Life of Monkeys and Apes," which appeared in the London "Sunday Times" of December 6th and which was reprinted in the "Cape Times" this week. Dr. Zuckerman, who is an ex-student of the University of Cape Town, is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Zuckerman, of Cape Town.

The review is by Professor G. Eliot-Smith who says "it is no exaggeration to claim

that Dr. Zuckerman's book marks the beginning of a new epoch in the critical study and convincing interpretation of a subject which is the essential foundation of the biological approach to sociology."

Zionist Socialist Party.

The amalgamation of the Zionist Socialist Party and the Cape Town Kadimah Association was celebrated at a social gathering on Tuesday, the 29th inst., in the Zionist Hall. Despite the heavy south-easter the function was very well attended.

Mr. G. Telem, in his opening address, delivered in Hebrew, explained the aims and ideals of the Socialist faction in Zionism, and the vital part it plays in the upbuilding of Palestine, and stressed the necessity of all supporters of the Working Palestine to stand together in this hour of despair and unite in working for a better national future.

Mr. Z. Avin, speaking on behalf of the Kadimah Association, set out the reasons which led them to amalgamation, and ably defended the attitude of his organisation. He claimed that inasmuch as the aims and activities of two bodies coincided it was most natural for them to unite.

Mr. C. H. Achron dealt in brief with the history of the Zionist Socialist Movement, and declared that their true aims were twofold—namely, the work for the creation of a productive Jewish community in Palestine and for the bringing about of a more socially just order in the Diaspora.

Mr. Achron was followed by Mr. M. Ben-Arie, who made a special appeal to the socialistically minded local English-speaking Jewish youth to join their banner and co-operate in working for the realisation of common ideals.

During the interval Mr. B. Padowich extended a few words of welcome to the gathering.

The musical programme comprised a pianoforte solo by Miss Goldstein, recitations in Yiddish by Miss Radowsky, and songs by Miss Rabinowitz and Messrs. Kovarsky and Kaminsky, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Kurland.

The Conversazione.

Due to our having to go to press on Wednesday this week on account of its being a public holiday to-day, we are unfortunately not able to publish a report of the conversazione which took place on Wednesday evening. As far as we understand, a large number of visitors were invited to attend, and great care was taken with the arranging of the programme. Dr. Julius Herman, who was the speaker of the evening, has been good enough to give us a copy of his paper which we publish elsewhere in this issue.

The Young Israel Camp.

Crowds of youngsters drawn from all the Cape Province and even beyond will assemble to-day at the Strand to join one of the jolliest Jewish camps in the country. They are members of various Young Israel Societies affiliated to the Judean Central Council of the Cape Province, the body which organises this camp annually and which so far has been most successful in its efforts. Elsewhere in this issue we publish details of the camp programme, and the wide range of interests represented gives promise that the camp will be a very happy affair for all participants. It is also gratifying to note that cultural functions have not been overlooked, and that definite attempts are being made to utilise the excellent field for Jewish educational work created by the meeting of some 130 Jewish boys and girls who will spend some fourteen days together in an environment as Jewish as is possible under the circumstances.

The Young Israel Camp is indeed an excellent institution.

11th Cape Town (Jewish) Scout Group.

The 11th Cape Town (Jewish) Troop of Boy Scouts are holding their annual camp at Ceres. This is their second furthest camp from Cape Town, the furthest being the one held at Sandhills, near Worcester, a few years ago. A neighbouring river affords excellent bathing and a great deal of amusement to the scouts.

Owing to the indisposition of the Scoutmaster—Mr. Levenberg—the camp is being run by the Assistant Scoutmaster, Marcus Opland, commonly known as "Chetowaik."

At present the A.S.M. is undertaking a practical demonstration of bridge building. A bridge, made entirely by the scouts, is being flung across the river.

The Scouts attended synagogue the first Friday night at camp. The following day a special service was conducted by the Rev. N. Natas. "Alijas" were given to the boys and Maftir was read by Scout David Goldberg.

Social Items.

Dr. David Slome and Mr. Isidore Slome, M.Sc., sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. Slome, of Cape Town, left for London in the "Nyassa" on Monday to continue their studies. Dr. Slome has been awarded the 1851 Exhibition Research Scholarship for South Africa. He was recently capped M.B., Ch.B., and is in addition a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy. He gained distinction in all three of his professional examinations, took his degrees with honours, and won the City Council's gold medal as the most brilliant medical student of his year. Mr. I. Slome holds the Michael Hiddingh Scholarship of the University of Cape Town.

The marriage was solemnised at the Great Synagogue, Gardens, on Wednesday evening last of Roma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, of Kensington Crescent, Cape Town, to Julius, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gottlieb. Rev. A. P. Bender officiated. A well attended reception was subsequently held in the City Hall.

