

## Palestine in Parliament.

London.

### Imperial Preference.

"This question is under consideration," Major D. J. Colville, the Parliamentary Secretary for Overseas Trade, said in the House of Commons, when Mr. David Adams, Labour member for Poplar, asked the President of the Board of Trade, whether His Majesty's Government intended to issue an Order-in-Council declaring that the Mandated area of Palestine should profit on the preferential treatment accorded to the British Empire in the Imports Duty Act.

### Palestine Land for Jewish Settlement.

Mr. Adams also asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether any steps had now been taken to give effect to the statement made in the Prime Minister's letter to Dr. Weizmann of February 13th, 1931, that it was the intention of His Majesty's Government to institute an enquiry as soon as possible to ascertain what State and other lands in Palestine were or could be properly made available for early settlement by Jews.

Sir Robert Hamilton, in replying, said: "I hope it will be possible to institute the enquiry at an early date, but at the present stage I am not in a position to make a further statement."

## Modern Synagogue Music.

### NEW PUBLICATION BY CANTOR SPEKTOR.

Cantor F. Spektor, of the New Hebrew Congregation, has just composed and compiled an interesting and useful collection of modern synagogue music.

This is a work which badly needed doing, as may be judged by the following appreciative remarks passed on the publication by Mr. N. R. Ingleby, the city organist.

"Having," he writes, "on several occasions during the last few years become acquainted and associated as accompanist with the art of the Cantor as expressed in the musical ritual of the synagogue, it is with great pleasure that I at last see a serious attempt to print and publish in book form musical settings to words taken from the Psalms, the Talmud and other sacred writings.

"My experience in the past as accompanist has been far from pleasant, having usually been handed a torn and dilapidated sheet of manuscript, the music on which was badly written, full of mistakes, and sometimes almost indecipherable by reason of alterations and mistakes."

Cantor Spektor's book, however, is an admirable attempt to set matters right in every direction. The music, says Mr. Ingleby, is rhapsodical in character with beautiful lyric passages, and a feeling for climax.

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## Dr. & Mrs. Weizmann in Rhodesia.

£2,500 SUBSCRIBED AT BULAWAYO.

(Special Telegraphic Report).

Johannesburg, Tuesday.

An enthusiastic reception was accorded Dr. and Mrs. Chaim Weizmann at Bulawayo last night. £2,500 was raised and the canvass is proceeding.

## Activities at Paarl.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TALMUD TORAH.

(From a Correspondent.)

On Sunday afternoon, the 20th February, the thirteenth annual general meeting of the Paarl Talmud Torah took place in the Talmud Torah Hall. There was a fair attendance, and Dr. Epstein was elected chairman of the meeting.

The President, Mr. L. Berman, reported on the progress made by the scholars during the last year. The annual examinations had been held during November of last year, and they had been conducted by Mr. C. Beresinsky, principal of the Cape Jewish Orphanage, Mr. A. Kaufman, of Maitland, and Rev. Strelitz, of Paarl. The report of the examiners showed that the general progress of the pupils was satisfactory.

The Balance Sheet submitted by the Treasurer, Mr. M. Wisnekowitz, showed that there had been much practical work done by the Committee and the Paarl ladies for the Institution. The proceeds of the dance held recently were about £200, and the proceeds of the bazaar organised in conjunction with the Paarl Lemaan Zionist Society were £72 16s. 7d.

The Report and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

### Periods of Teaching.

The question was then raised as to the advisability of decreasing the periods of teaching at the school from six a week to three, as it was thought by some parents that their children had too little leisure time. A heated discussion took place in which the following participated: Messrs. Rosenberg, S. Rabinowitz, J. Rabinowitz, Dr. Epstein, Dr. Cohen, B. Berelowitz, L. Berman and others.

It was eventually decided to refer this question to the incoming Committee, as also the question of certain proposed changes in the personnel of the teaching staff.

In the elections which took place towards the close of the afternoon, the following were elected to serve on the incoming Committee: Messrs. L. Berman, chairman; M. Wisnekowitz, treasurer; B. Zetler, secretary; Committee: Dr. Cohen, J. Rabinowitz, J. Geffen, L. Hoffman, B. Volks, Fogelman and M. Semer. Messrs. S. Amasovitz and J. Shapiro were appointed auditors.

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## Mrs. Pevsner's Will.

### LOCAL CHARITIES TO BENEFIT.

The interest of the late Mrs. M. Pevsner in local charitable efforts is well demonstrated by the terms of her will, which has just been filed. Mrs. Pevsner has bequeathed a substantial sum to local charities, and among her other bequests are £500 to the New Somerset Hospital, £500 to the Cape Jewish Orphanage, £500 to the Cape Jewish Aged Home, £500 to Rev. A. P. Bender to be distributed by him at his discretion among local charities, and £500 to the Mayor of Cape Town to be similarly distributed.

## A Jewish Club for the Peninsula.

### TO FOSTER "SOCIAL AND CULTURAL" INTERCOURSE.

At a well-attended meeting of senior residents of the Muizenberg area held at the Sidmouth Hotel, it was unanimously resolved to form the South Peninsula Jewish Club. The aim of the society is to foster social and cultural intercourse among its members, and, to this end the constitution provides that the society shall, *inter alia*, maintain rooms to be used as club-rooms, which shall be open to members and to such other people as the Committee may determine; form sections for various activities to be decided on by the Executive Committee; and have periodical lectures, debates, etc.

Judging by the enthusiasm displayed at the meeting, the society promises to have a very successful future. In addition, a very strong committee, consisting of the following members was elected: Hon. President, Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., Hon. Vice-Presidents, Rev. A. P. Bender, Rev. H. Isaacs, Mr. M. Sonnenberg, M.P.C., Mr. A. Liberman, M.P.C., Messrs. I. H. Guinsberg, J. Kadish, M. Pevsner, B. Barnett, and the Chairman for the time being of the Muizenberg Hebrew Congregation; Chairman, Mr. J. L. Pincus; Vice-Chairman, Dr. A. Gordon; Hon. Secretary, Adv. S. Kovalsky; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. Emdin; Committee, Mrs. M. Rifkin, Misses R. Gordon, B. Pincus and S. Schur, Dr. S. M. Cohen, Messrs. Wortreich, M. Meltzer and G. Joffe.

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