

In and Around the Peninsula.

The Orphanage Twenty-first Anniversary Fete.

A well attended meeting of the Ladies' Committee formed in connection with the Orphanage Twenty-first Anniversary Fete was held at the City Hall on Monday afternoon last. Mrs. H. J. Stodel, assisted by Mrs. L. Gradner, presided. Various arrangements for the event were decided upon.

The Secretary reported that the following had signified their agreement to extend their patronage to the Fete: H.E. the Governor-General and Lady Clarendon, General and Mrs. Hertzog, General and Mrs. J. C. Smuts, H.H. the Administrator and Mrs. Conradie, The Rt. Hon. Chief Justice J. D. De Villiers and Mrs. De Villiers, the High Commissioner Sir Herbert and Lady Stanley, the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Stephan, the Deputy-Mayor and Deputy-Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gradner, Sir Harry Graumann, Rev. A. P. Bender, M.A., J.P., Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P., Mr. A. Liberman, M.P.C.

The following Presidents of local communal institutions have consented to act as Hon. Vice Presidents: Mr. M. Rosen, President, Cape Town Hebrew Congregation; Mr. M. Garland, President, New Hebrew Congregation; Mr. H. Rosen, President, Cape Town Jewish Aged Home; Mr. F. Suritz, President, Bickur Cholim.

The following official appointments were made: Mr. B. A. Crasnow, chairman; Mr. H. J. Stodel, vice-chairman; Mr. J. Weinreich, hon. treasurer; Mr. Leon Segal, assistant hon. treasurer; Miss Pearl Jacobson, assistant hon. secretary. Publicity Committee: Messrs. J. Stodel, N. Wittenberg, Harris and Hart. Men's Committee: Messrs. H. Stodel, J. Weinreich and L. Segal, with Mr. Stodel as chairman, and power to co-opt. Hon. Artist, Mr. E. Meyerowitz. Hon. Architect, Mr. J. Lonstein.

It was decided to engage the City Hall for Tuesday and Wednesday, August 23rd and 24th, for the Fete.

Observatory-Mowbray Hebrew Congregation.

On Tuesday, 5th inst., the members of the Observatory and Mowbray Hebrew Congregation met to elect a Chairman in the place of Mr. M. Snowise, who, owing to failing health, felt it incumbent upon him to resign.

Mr. J. Goldstein, who up to this time had acted as vice-chairman, was unanimously elected to the chief office. Mr. A. Tockar was elected as the new vice-chairman, and Mr. A. Pogrund was elected to fill the vacant place on the Committee. At the same time Mr. B. Pimstone was co-opted as an additional Committee member.

Mr. J. Goldstein, in thanking members for the confidence they had placed in him, expressed the regret that this election had to take place owing to the ill-health of Mr. Snowise. All members heartily endorsed the chairman's remarks with regard to the good work done by the former chairman.

The Zionist Conversazione.

An animated discussion on the cause of anti-Semitism took place at the Zionist conversazione last week. The discussion was initiated by Mr. A. Z. Berman, who gave it as his opinion that anti-Semitism was caused "purely, primarily and exclusively by economic forces."

Mr. Berman ridiculed the idea that anti-Semitism was due to instinctive hatred of the Jews on the part of all other nations. It was the fear of competition which gave rise to racial discrimination against the Jews. He disputed the theory too that anti-Semitism was due to a dislike for the stranger or to a disinclination on the part of the Jew to assimilate. Anti-Semitism, as a matter of fact, he stated, was frequently strongest where Jewry was on the high road to assimilation.

Mr. Berman referred to cases of persecution in Jewish history in order to prove his thesis. The majority of these cases, he said, could be traced to economic causes.

Those who participated in the discussion were Messrs. M. Joffe, M. Kentridge, M.P., Dr. J. Sachs, J. Lewin, P. Gross, J. Gordon and J. Rubik. Mr. Berman replied to the various points raised.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Weinreich acted as host and hostess. Miss M. Bliden obliged with a pianoforte solo at the beginning of the evening, and the Jewish news was read as usual.

South Peninsula Jewish Club.

The inaugural meeting of the South Peninsula Jewish Club took place on Sunday night, the 3rd inst., when the Committee were "At Home" to the members at the Club rooms.

About eighty people were present when the chairman, Mr. J. L. Pincus, opened the proceedings by outlining the functions of the Club. The Hon. President, Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., then formally declared the Club open. In doing so he said that the Club filled a long-felt want in the False Bay suburbs, where otherwise there would be nothing to do during the long winter evenings. Now, with the establishment of the Club, members could meet in a homely atmosphere where comradeship and fellowship would be prevalent. Mr. Alexander also stressed the fact that the Club could serve a useful purpose by instilling the idea of service for the community into the minds of its members.

The following artistes then rendered items: Mrs. P. Herbstein (cello), Miss R. Schur (recitation), and Miss M. Kadish (songs). Refreshments were served after which those present indulged in dancing. Judging by the enthusiasm and keenness shown at the opening meeting the Society promises to have a very successful future.

C.T. Jewish Youth Circle.

A new Society, under the name of the Cape Town Jewish Youth Circle, has been formed to cater for the needs of the Jewish youth in Cape Town. At a well attended meeting held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, the 13th March, the following Committee was elected: Chairman, Mr. Max Lange; Vice-Chairman, Miss Anne Nell; Secretary, Miss Julia Winnett; Treasurer, Mr. Louis Kahn; Committee: Miss R. Gesundheit, Miss H. Suchedowitz, Mr. L. L. Cooper, Mr. B. Hellman.

The Society started with an "At Home" to the delegates of the Eighth Cape Young Israel Conference in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, the 27th March, and the affair proved an outstanding success.

Membership is open to girls and boys of eighteen years of age and over, and membership forms may be obtained from the Secretary, whose address is 117, Hope Street, Cape Town.

Dr. Resnekov and Brith Trumpeldor

The title of Honorary Officer of the Brith Trumpeldor was conferred on Dr. C. Resnekov at a function held last Sunday night in the Brith Trumpeldor Hall under the auspices of that Association. A fair number of members and friends were present.

Dr. Resnekov expressed his gratitude for the honour which had been paid him.

Toasts were proposed by Rev. Kassel, Mr. Teichman and others, and singing and merry-making took place till a late hour.

A Pesach Concert.

A concert under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association will be held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, 24th inst. The concert, which is being held in honour of Pesach, promises to be a very entertaining affair.

A number of very delightful items have been arranged, among them a dance by the pupils of the Miriam and Elvira Kirsch School of Dancing. In addition, Miss Elvira Kirsch will herself contribute a dance, and this should certainly prove an attraction to those who consider attending.

Mrs. L. Gradner.

Mrs. L. Gradner, Deputy-Mayoress of Cape Town, underwent an operation at the Volkshospitaal this week. She is, we understand, progressing favourably, and the best wishes are extended to her for a safe and speedy recovery.

Social Items.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Manaschewitz, of Pietersburg, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Laura, to Mr. Moss H. Cohen, formerly of Oudtshoorn.

Miss Annette Joelson will deliver an address in the Zionist Hall on Thursday evening, 28th inst., under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association.

Mr. I. Ochberg, who has been in Johannesburg for the last fortnight, is expected back to-day.