

In and Around the Peninsula.

Conversazione.

The Minor Zionist Hall was crowded to capacity on Tuesday evening on the occasion of the first Conversazione after a break of three months. Dr. C. Resnekov, who has just returned from a flying visit to Palestine, was the guest of honour and gave an extremely interesting address on his trip to Eretz Israel.

Dr. Resnekov enlarged on the various points given in his interview with our representative last week. He stressed the fact that unless we have the background of Eretz Israel in our minds all the time, the whole work in the Diaspora is practically valueless.

Another important point was brought home to him in his discussions with the various people in different centres and that was how essential it was to bind up Jewish education with Zionism. The Zionist Federation should be able to direct, to a certain extent certainly, the educational efforts of the communities. As Chairman of the Board of Jewish Education he took this opportunity of throwing out this hint.

Dr. Resnekov enlarged on the facts that the communities up North were neglected and that the communities at Cairo and Khartoum, etc., were apathetic. He suggested that the right type of emissary was not sent to them. They should have a man with an Eastern outlook similar to theirs, who could thus strike home in the way no Western mind could appeal to them.

A glowing picture of Tel-Aviv was painted and an interesting account of the activities in Haifa was given, but here again Dr. Resnekov stressed an important point, namely, that not enough Jews were coming to Haifa. They were all concentrating on Tel-Aviv, and it was urgent that Jews should settle in Haifa otherwise they would lose any chance they had of getting a Jewish majority in this harbour town with its necessarily international population. He pointed out that the Jewish Agency was quite alive to this fact. He had a message from Mr. Ussischkin who complained that not sufficient attention was paid to the Keren Kayemeth—the National Fund, the importance of whose work was not fully appreciated.

Dr. Resnekov showed the difference in type of the colonies Dagan and Nahalal—the former was on a communal basis, the latter a co-operative one. He then outlined the various industries which are flourishing in Eretz Israel.

One point that the speaker regretted very much was the multiplicity of parties existing in Palestine as here. This was dangerous. Our numbers were not strong enough to be divided—we should be united.

Dr. Resnekov, in his concluding remarks, said that he hoped to return to Palestine in the near future.

Questions were asked by various people to which Dr. Resnekov replied.

The week's news was read by Mr. D. Getz and a piano solo was rendered by Mr. Rabinowitz and a very amusing sketch read by Mr. Lazar.

Mr. Ochberg, in the chair, drew the attention of the gathering to Shekel day on Sunday and the meeting for the forthcoming bazaar in aid of the Zionist Hall funds which will take place on Tuesday next.

Woodstock-Salt River Cultural Circle Welcome Dr. Resnekov.

One of the most successful and interesting evenings of the Woodstock and Salt River Cultural Circle was held on Monday evening, the 13th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks, where a large gathering of members of the Circle and others met to welcome Dr. Resnekov back from Eretz Israel.

Mr. B. L. Rubik, who was in the chair, in welcoming the guest, said that Dr. Resnekov had created records by flying to Eretz Israel and back. He eulogised the work of Dr. Resnekov in connection with the Cultural Circle and Talmud Torah, the good work done in sponsoring the Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Ladies' Society and also the Kindergarten which is in such a flourishing condition to-day.

Mr. I. Mordukhovitz and Mr. A. Rubin welcomed the guest on behalf of the Congregation and Talmud Torah, and Miss Glazer, with a few appropriate words in Hebrew, on behalf of the Kindergarten.

Mrs. Bloch spoke enthusiastically of Dr. Resnekov's flight to Eretz Israel and welcomed him back on behalf of the Jewish Ladies' Society, and stressed the point that if the Kindergarten and the Talmud Torah were amalgamated, the work of the two institutions would greatly benefit by the united efforts of all concerned. Mrs. Bloch, on behalf of the Ladies' Society, assured him that they would not shirk any work of a national or educational character.

Rabbi Gravitky and Rev. Kassel then spoke a few appropriate words of welcome, Mr. M. Kapelus on behalf of the Junior Zionist Society expressed his welcome, too.

Rev. Kassel then rendered a song and Miss Kudewitzky a recitation. After the interval, during which refreshments were served, Rabbis Gervis delivered a short and interesting address.

Dr. Resnekov then gave a description of his flight and the different places he had visited. He described most interestingly the various phases of our national activity in Eretz Israel, particularly at Tel-Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem, and he laid particular stress on the great urgency of our acquiring more and more land through the National Fund. He spoke of the various

industries at Haifa, referring to "Shemen," "Nesher" Cement Works and the Dead Sea Works, and in conclusion he urged with great feeling, the need of the combination of all Zionist Societies to take a greater interest in furthering the Hebrew education of our children, as without a thorough and sound Hebrew education, the work of Zionism becomes impossible in the Galuth as the two are inseparably bound together.

Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

The Junior Branch of the above Society continued its birthday celebrations when it was "At Home" to parents and friends on Saturday, March 11th inst., at the Marine Hotel, Muizenberg. There were over two hundred guests present, including Rabbi Gervis, Mr. S. F. Waterson, M.P., and Mr. Max Sonnenberg, M.P.C.

Mr. S. M. Levin, the Chairman, welcomed those present and pointed out that this was the first anniversary of the formation of the junior section. Adv. J. Herstein then delivered an enthusiastic address and exhorted the gathering to realise its Jewish responsibilities.

With the supervisor Mr. H. L. Stern, presiding, eight excellent variety items were rendered and were received with acclamation. Oberkantor Katzen sang two songs.

During the interval, adequate refreshments were served after which the Chairman of the Muizenberg-Kalk Bay Hebrew Congregation, Mr. Jankelowitz, took the chair. The toasts of "Young Israel Society," "Judaism," "Zionism," "Muizenberg Jewry" and "Our Seniors" were respectively proposed by Messrs. Max Sonnenberg, M. Horwitz, H. Zuckerman, S. Kovalsky and S. Levin, and were responded to by Mr. H. Cohen, Rabbi I. M. Gervis, Messrs. W. Satusky, J. Zackon and B. P. Philips. All these gentlemen spoke in the name of different associations or institutions in Muizenberg and its environs. Mr. Waterson delivered a short speech in which he offered his congratulations.

The hall was then cleared and dancing was indulged in to a late hour. During the latter proceedings, the Executive of the Judean Central Council gave a demonstration of the "Hora." This concluded a most successful gathering.

The birthday week concluded the following evening with a concert in the Pavilion Theatre, as a result of which the local Talmud Torah funds will benefit materially. A word of appreciation must be extended to the Scouters and Scouts of the 2nd Muizenberg (Jewish) Troop, to whose assistance a large portion of the success of this concert is due.

Bialik Evening.

Under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party (Poale Zion-Zeirei Zion) a Bialik evening to celebrate the poet's sixtieth anniversary will be held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 19th March, 1933, at 8.15 p.m.

The programme includes speeches in English and Yiddish, musical items, songs and recitations.

All are welcome.

Trumpeldor Evening.

A memorial meeting was held by the Brith Trumpeldor on Sunday, March 12th, in memory of Captain Joseph Trumpeldor and his comrades who fell in the defence of Tel Hai.

Mr. Rogoff, Mefaked of the Betar, spoke on the life and death of the hero. He traced the life of Trumpeldor from his childhood until he met his death at the hands of the Arabs.

His parents were assimilated Jews and on reaching boyhood he protested against this by asking them to keep Kashruth in their home.

He was refused admission to the University because of the "numerus clausus" which existed in Russia. In the Russian Army which he joined he reached the rank of Captain. He lost his left arm in the Russo-Japanese War, at the end of which he went to Palestine but left again as under the Turkish regime it was compulsory to join the army. In Alexandria he met Jabotinsky with whom he discussed the formation of a Jewish Legion. He left for Russia again after assisting in forming the "Zion Mule Corps," and there was responsible for the Halutz movement.

With a group of Halutzim he returned to Palestine and they worked in the colonies. When trouble arose with the Arabs he went to Tel Hai and with a handful of comrades defended the colony against the bloodthirsty Arabs but they lost their lives in the defence.

The meeting concluded with the Betar Hymn.

Claremont Community and the Orphanage.

A very happy gathering took place at the Claremont Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday last. The occasion was the assembling of the Claremont Jewish Community to pass and adopt the statement of collections in Claremont for the Orphanage.

An excellent programme had been arranged and also several members of the "Belle of New York" Company by kind permission of Mr. Phillip Levard and Mr. J. H. Stodel helped towards the success of the evening.

Mr. Katz, the Chairman, submitted the statement of receipts in the collections which had been organised and gave details of the work done. The statement, duly audited and signed by Mr. J. M. Wenreich, Hon. Treasurer of the Orphanage, was unanimously adopted.

Several members of the Orphanage Executive addressed the gathering on various phases of Orphanage work and activities.

The following members were elected for the Orphan Aid Committee for 1933:—Mr. Katz, Chairman; Mr. Nat. Gerber, Hon. Treasurer, and Mesdames A. Katz H. Gorfinkel, Freedman and Sebba.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

The celebration in connection with the sixtieth anniversary of Ch. N. Bialik which was originally arranged for Thursday, March 16th, had to be postponed for Tuesday, the 21st inst. The programme will be interesting. All items will be in Hebrew. Members, friends and all admirers of Bialik are cordially invited.

Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh.

The annual general meeting of the Beth Hamedrash Hachodosh held in the Beth Hamedrash on Sunday last at 3.30 p.m. was fairly well attended.

Mr. H. Sandler was in the chair. The report and balance sheet was adopted. In the elections which took place Messrs. H. Sandler (Chairman), K. Sacks (Vice-Chairman), N. Tuch (Hon. Treasurer), D. Kalwerisky (Hon. Secretary). Committee: E. Mankowitz, J. I. Borok, S. H. Friedland, H. Winnett, S. Washkansky, M. J. Kaplan, J. Pasvolsky, S. Atkatz, S. J. Goodman, L. Bloch were re-elected; J. Winnett elected.

Union of Jewish Women.

The monthly meeting of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa, Cape Town Branch, was held in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, March 14th. Mrs. Frenkel was in the chair and introduced Captain I. Levinson, who addressed the meeting on the subject of "Some Experiences of a Jewish Teacher in South Africa."

Captain Levinson outlined his experiences from the time of his arrival in Johannesburg in 1906 to the present day, and in summing up, remarked that the solution of Jewish problems lay in the education of Jewish children in Jewish schools, especially in the elementary stages where the foundation was laid.

Mrs. J. H. Stodel gave a most comprehensive and interesting report on the work of the Cape Jewish Orphanage.

Mrs. P. Marcus, in her capacity as representative of the Union of Jewish Women on the National Council of Women, read a most interesting résumé of that Society's last meeting. With a vote of thanks to Captain I. Levinson the meeting closed.

Talmidei Ezra.

A joint Bialik and Purim celebration was held by the Talmidei Ezra Hebrew Circle at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday last. The gathering was large but intimate. Messrs. M. Wolozinsky and Z. Avin delivered suitable addresses on Purim and Bialik respectively. Misses S. Zuravsky and M. Kolonik and Masters S. Caplan and A. Fridgood recited a number of Bialik's poems.

A most successful evening was concluded with the singing of Bialik and Chalutzim songs.

Exhibition.

The Fourteenth Annual Exhibition of the South African Academy (under the auspices of the Transvaal Provincial Institute of South African Architects), for original works of art, executed by South African artists and craftsmen will be held in the Selborne Hall, Johannesburg, from the 24th April to the 6th May, 1933, both dates inclusive.

The exhibition will be open for paintings (all media), sculpture, tapestry, embroidery, stone and wood carving, metal work, enamel, book-binding, modelling plaster work, leather work furniture, jewellery, ceramics, miniatures and architectural drawings.

Intending exhibitors should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, 67, Exploration Building, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg, for forms of entry and all particulars relative to the submission of works, the sending-in date and general instructions.

Oneg Shabbos.

There will be an Oneg Shabbos gathering in the Zionist Hall on Saturday, March 18th, at five o'clock. Mr. Levinsohn will lecture. An interesting programme has been arranged.

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ADDITIONAL LIST.

- £3.—B. Rostowsky.
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In Brief.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Gurland and daughters arrived in Palestine this week.

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AT The Home, Montrose Avenue, Oranjezicht.

Business:

1. Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting, 28/2/32.
2. Adoption of Report and Balance Sheet.
3. Election of five Executive Officers and ten members of Committee.
4. To adopt Committee's recommendation: "That in view of the necessity having arisen to admit young destitute children, not actually orphans (in accordance with Bye-law 20a), admission to the Orphanage be restricted to a quota of 90 per cent. orphans and 10 per cent. non-orphans."
5. Such other business as may arise.