

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.

