

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

The Zionist Conversazione.

The subject of race superiority was competently dealt with on Tuesday night by Mr. A. Z. Berman at the Zionist Conversazione.

Mr. Berman at the outset stated that racial questions had not concerned the majority of people until some ten or fifteen years ago. Before this time it was a subject that interested only anthropologists. It had been brought into every-day life within recent years in order to fill a position that had become vacant—the position of that “something” which human society required to bring and join them together. Just as the bond of a common loyalty to the state in the period of the Roman Empire had given place to that of religion after the break-up of the Empire, so religion to-day had made way for something else. Religion had had a long innings and it had its weakness as a human bond—it was too easy to assume membership of a community bound by religion and too easy to cease membership. So a division of humanity into communities with a national bias began to take place; it was far more difficult to join a community bound by other things than merely allegiance and religion—when culture, language, etc., all played a part. This led to a division into races.

The division of mankind into races was sinister and mischievous. It was sinister because it excluded the individual from certain communities without giving him the slightest opportunity of ever joining them. He could not join them by merely becoming naturalised or by changing his religion, and conditions were thus made exceedingly difficult for many persons. The division was mischievous because there was no such thing as clear-cut human races. The division was merely a matter of arbitrary expediency.

Racemongery in Europe went almost hand in hand with belief in racial superiority. The racemongers believed that a superior race could continue to be superior if mixing took place only within the race. But this belief, contended Mr. Berman, brought to light the ignorance of the racemongers regarding the laws of heredity. It presupposed that after the mixing of any two people, a dilution of their qualities would take place in successive generations. But actually this was not correct—such a dilution did not occur. Heredity counted for little in the nature of peoples; it was environment that counted for everything. So the whole purpose of maintaining race “purity” fell away, since a superior race could not transmit its qualities to its offspring. Yet even politicians played with this question, and in the name of “race” unspeakable atrocities were committed.

A discussion took place at the conclusion of the lecture, Mr. M. Comay and Dr. J. Mibashan participating.

Mr. S. Futeran acted as host, and during the evening a pianoforte solo was given by Miss M. Bliden and a recitation by Miss Gell. The news of the week was read as usual.

Meeting at Claremont.

A very well attended meeting was held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Claremont, on Monday night, under the auspices of the Wynberg-Claremont Zionist Society. The speakers were Mr. J. Weinreich and Mr. Alexander Lewin, both of whom were introduced to the gathering by the Chairman, Mr. E. Berman.

Mr. Weinreich, speaking of the Jewish position in Palestine, said that the success of the Zionist movement lay with the Jews themselves. We could only rely on other people to assist us. We were responsible for our fate.

Mr. Lewin deplored the apathy of the Jewish youth towards matters Jewish—an apathy that was partly the fault of the parents who concerned themselves with all aspects of their children's welfare except that of Jewish education.

Mr. Lewin went on to speak of Palestine as the Jewish National Home, stressing that it was impossible as yet to estimate how many souls it could absorb. So far all calculations were wrong.

Short addresses after the speeches were delivered by Mr. H. Garfinkel and Mr. L. Levy. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. Newstead and seconded by Mr. Katz.

Oneg Shabbos.

The Oneg Shabbos held at the Zionist Hall last Saturday afternoon was well attended. Mrs. S. Gordon presided over a large gathering.

Dr. H. W. Altschul was the lecturer and chose as his subject “The Emek.” Dr. Altschul, who incidentally toured the Emek on foot a few years ago, outlined the history of the Emek since biblical times. Many a historical event had taken place in this valley which played a very significant part in the traffic between Egypt and Mesopotamia. In it, too, had clashed the two mighty cultures of the ancient world, of Egypt and Assyria. The lecturer went on to point out the important part the Emek played in the present revival of Eretz Israel.

A humorous sketch by Sholom Aleichem very ably read by Mr. Asher completed an enjoyable function.

Orphanage Lecture To-morrow.

To-morrow night, at the Cape Jewish Orphanage, Miss Lilian Isaacson will address the children on “Musical Appreciation.” Adv. P. M. Clouts will preside, and the lecture will be illustrated by Miss Blanche Gerstman at the piano, Lionel Bowman, at the piano, Adrienne Immelman who will sing, and Charles Kreitzer who will give a violin solo. All are welcome.

The Opening of Congress.

The combined local Zionist Societies will celebrate the opening of the Eighteenth Zionist Congress, which takes place in Prague on the 21st of this month, on Sunday evening, 20th inst., at a function to be held in the Zionist Hall. Speeches will be delivered and a musical programme has been arranged.

Bnoth Zion Function.

The next function of the Bnoth Zion Association takes place in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday afternoon, 22nd inst. Miss Rosa Van Gelderen will deliver an address.

A Hebrew Organisation.

A Hebrew lecture by Mr. Alexander Levin was delivered on Friday night in the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the Cape Town Hebrew Circle (Talmide Ezra). In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of the Circle, Mr. A. Levin took the chair.

The lecturer, in speaking on “The Hebrew Word and Book in South Africa,” expressed his deep regret and surprise that in spite of the attempts which were being made in Cape Town to further Hebrew education, and, by a certain section, to popularise the Hebrew press and literature, there was no Hebrew organisation to carry out this work. The only Hebrew-speaking circle in Cape Town was that of the juniors under whose auspices he was lecturing that night.

A discussion took place at the conclusion of the lecture, Messrs. Natas, Levin, Avin, and Telem participating.

It was finally decided to form a society for the purpose of furthering the development of the Hebrew language and literature in South Africa, and a provisional committee was elected consisting of the following: Messrs. A. Levin, G. Telem, Z. Avin, J. Gitlin, Mrs. J. Mibashan, Dr. Resnekov, and two representatives of the Talmide Ezra—Misses. Polly Salber and Wolozinsky.

Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle.

“The Jews and the Arabs in Palestine” was the subject of a lecture delivered by Mr. Alexander Lewin at the Woodstock and Salt River Talmud Torah Hall on Thursday evening last under the auspices of the Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Cultural Circle.

Dr. C. Resnekov, the Chairman, who introduced the lecturer, also welcomed Mr. I. Mordukhovitz, the Chairman of the Woodstock and Salt River Hebrew Congregation and Talmud Torah, who had returned from a trip through the country.

Mr. Lewin said that the Arab problem in Palestine could best be met by a Jewish majority in the country. This we had to build in the shortest possible time. As long as we had sufficient chalutzim we need have no fear about the future.

After the lecture, Mr. Lewin and a number of the members of the Circle were entertained at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. C. Resnekov where an enjoyable hour was spent in singing Hebrew songs.

The next meeting of the Circle will take place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. Marks, c/o Avenue Road and Salisbury Street, Woodstock, on Thursday, the 17th inst. Mr. Max Ben Arie will speak on “A Bi-National State.”

Jewish Scouts' Success.

Congratulations are extended to the 2nd Muizenberg Jewish Boy Scouts who are the winners of the Gordon's Shield for the third consecutive year. The competition took the form of a week-end camp at which the competing teams were tested in all branches of scouting and general efficiency. Out of thirty-seven patrols of eight scouts each representing all the troops in the Peninsula, the Muizenberg Scouts proved themselves to be the most efficient, winning by a clear sixteen points from the second team (also Jewish boys).

The 2nd Muizenberg Troop, though only six years old, has won the Gordon's Shield, the Blue Ribband of Peninsula Scouting, for the last three years, a fine accomplishment for Jewish boys.

Hebrew Classes for Adolescents.

We have been advised by the Judean Central Council that Hebrew classes for adolescents are being held in the Talmud Torah Building on Thursday evenings from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. There are two classes—elementary and advanced—and each is conducted by a competent Hebrew teacher. About twenty-five persons are attending the classes at present, but the number should be greatly increased.

The classes afford an excellent opportunity for Cape Town young Jewry to acquire a knowledge of our national tongue. Those who wish to attend the classes should communicate personally with any of the members of the Cape Young Israel Executive or write to P.O. Box 1588.

Union of Jewish Women.

A meeting of the S.A. Union of Jewish Women will be held in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday afternoon, 15th inst., at 3.15 p.m. The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. B. Nussbaum, President of the Union, who will deliver an address on her experiences in England and the Continent.

In Brief.

Master Abraham George, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wilk, will read Maftir at the Worcester Synagogue on Saturday, 19th August. A reception and dance will be held on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Zionist Hall, Worcester.

Mrs. P. Marks, of Woodstock, has returned from a five week's holiday spent in Graaff-Reinet and Oudtshoorn.

Mr. Alexander Lewin left on Tuesday for Oudtshoorn.

Mr. I. Mordukhovitz, of Woodstock, has returned from an extended trip through the country, after leaving Kimberley where he acted as the delegate of the Woodstock and Salt River Hebrew Congregation at the S.A. Zionist Conference.

Cantor A. Immerman (the blind Chazan) has been appointed to conduct the services at the Dorshei Zion-Bichur Cholim Minyan during the forthcoming High Festivals at the Zionist Hall.

Mrs. I. Aloney has arrived in Cape Town from Palestine.

Mr. A. R. Bertish returned to Cape Town this week by the "Dunbar Castle."

Rabbi Kahnemann, of Ponevezip, arrives in Cape Town on Monday by the "Winchester Castle."

Obituary.

Mr. William Sagar.

The death of Mr. William Sagar, which took place at Kimberley last Friday evening, deprives South African Jewry of one of its most outstanding personalities.

Mr. Sagar lived for many years in Kimberley and was its first Jewish Mayor—an office which he held in the years 1906-1908. He was Chairman of the Kimberley Hospital for some years, this being only one of the many public institutions with which he was associated. His activities, however, did not exclude his own community. He was actively interested in all Jewish communal affairs, particularly in those concerning the Synagogue, and he was President of the Kimberley Hebrew Congregation for over twenty years. Mr. Sagar was also a past President of the Burial and Benevolent Societies.

South African Jewry—and particularly Kimberley Jewry—mourns the death of a devoted Jew and loyal citizen. The deepest condolences are extended to the family of the deceased, a member of whom is Mrs. Rosen, that well-known social worker in Cape Town.

Mr. Aaron Cohen.

The death took place on Monday after an illness, of Mr. Aaron Cohen, of the Queen's Hotel, Muizenberg. Mr. Cohen, who was a well-known and respected member of the community, will be missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mowbray-Observatory Hebrew Congregation.

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