

Activities at Strand.

MONTHLY CONVERSAZIONE

(From a Correspondent.)

The monthly conversazione of the Strand-Somerset West Zionist Association was held at the Majestic Hotel, Strand, on Sunday last. Miss H. Purwitsky, of Cape Town, addressed the gathering on her impressions of Palestine. The host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. B. Friedman.

Miss Purwitsky at the outset apologised for the absence of Miss Van Gelderen who was unavoidably detained and who should also have addressed the gathering.

Speaking of Tel-Aviv, Miss Purwitsky said this was a very modern city and there was something about it different from any other city. What surprised her very much was that everyone was on an equal footing. The bus-driver, the waiter, the policeman were by no means people of inferior intellect. The people were very keen on intelligent ways of spending their evenings and attended lectures almost every evening. Very impressive were the order and discipline at these meetings.

She and Miss Van Gelderen delayed their stay for an extra fortnight in Palestine in order to witness the Purim Carnival, which truly was a sight worth seeing. Thousands of people from every part of the country flocked to Tel-Aviv for this festival. People in fancy dress danced in the crowded streets, but there was no disorder whatsoever, and street brawls were conspicuous by their absence. In fact, the police were not even augmented for the occasion.

Speaking of Jerusalem, Miss Purwitsky said that it could not be compared with Tel-Aviv which for her had a great charm. Thousands of tourists came there every year, and every church of the world seemed to be represented in Jerusalem. The town was very commercialised and far too sophisticated for her liking.

Miss Purwitsky spoke with admiration of the Emek and described the life in the communal settlements. One could tell immediately, she said, when one was travelling across Jewish territory, because one saw well made roads and smiling cultivated fields which ceased as soon as one reached Arab territory.

During the tea interval musical items were rendered by Miss Miriam Blusger and Miss Violet Miller. Mr. Louis Shapiro announced that official news had been received that Mr. Maurice Samuel would in the near future lecture at the Strand. Mr. W. Miller, Vice-Chairman of the Association, congratulated Mr. H. M. Jaffe, the Chairman of the Association, on his being elected Mayor of Somerset West for the fourth time in succession. He referred to the good work rendered by Mr. Jaffe to the community.

Those who participated in the discussion that followed the lecture were Mr. Hoffman, of Somerset West, and Dr. B. Isaacson, of the Strand. Mr. Solly Friedman proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker. This was seconded by Mr. Hyman Cantor.

The meeting closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

Successful Mannequin Tea.

SPRING AND SUMMER FROCKS DISPLAYED.

In Aid of Rainbow Fete.

An exceedingly large gathering of ladies watched a charming display of spring and summer coats, gowns and millinery at a Mannequin Tea held at the Mount Nelson Hotel on Tuesday afternoon. The display was of goods stocked by the Alliance Trading Company, and the shoes were supplied by Messrs. Edworks, Ltd.

A group of attractive mannequins, including Mrs. Buchi, Miss King, Miss Comyns, Miss Thera North, Miss Green, Miss O'Molony, Miss Cynthia Horne, Miss Davis, Miss Voigt, Miss McLeod, Miss Kolver, Miss Gwynneth Marsden, Miss Elizabeth McCausland, Miss Monica Dolphin and Miss Williams, displayed the clothes to advantage. Washing frocks in all shades and styles, sporting ensembles which showed a decided preference for checks and stripes, spring coats in gay colours and, in the majority of cases, with short cape sleeves; party and dinner frocks in floral silks and georgettes worn generally with large picture hats, and finally, evening frocks in the very latest and most fascinating designs, all received their due attention as the mannequins grace-

fully walked down the centre of the long dining-room. Many of the outstanding ensembles drew rounds of applause from the spectators.

The display served to prove not only that a large variety of goods is stocked by the Alliance Trading Company but that there is an equally large variety in the prices of the models which, incidentally, are imported from Paris and Vienna. Programmes were handed out during the afternoon giving details as to the models and stating the price of each—an unusual procedure which was of considerable assistance in enabling spectators to better appreciate the value of what they were seeing.

In between the displays of frocks, a musical programme was carried out.

Madame Weigart and Mademoiselle Corda, recent arrivals from Germany, gave a number of vocal items and they were accompanied by Herr Weigart. Incidental chamber music was provided by a quartette consisting of Mrs. Ginsberg, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Harris. During the afternoon little Anita Wise presented Madame Weigart, Miss Corda and Mrs. Ginsberg with bouquets.

The function was held in aid of the Rainbow Fete under the auspices of the Sweet Stall. Particularly hard work for the success of the function was put in by Mrs. J. Frenkel, Mrs. S. Gesundheit and Mrs. J. Gottlieb.

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