

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Address by Col Patterson.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Students' Jewish Association took place on Monday evening at Groot Schuur when Col. J. H. Patterson, D.S.O., delivered an address on his experiences as commander of the Jewish Battalion during the Great War.

Col. Patterson related a number of interesting anecdotes, several of which were extremely humorous. The battalion were given the motto "No Advance without Security" which they bore with good humour. They were a fine lot of men, said the lecturer, and excellent discipline prevailed. The men entered into their new adventure full of optimism and in a very short time were physically well equipped for their task.

The lecturer dealt with the campaigns in Gallipoli and Palestine and stressed the important influence the legion's success had on world Jewry. They had definitely gained world sympathy and respect. He had had extraordinary difficulties in originally completing the creation of the unit, with opposition coming from influential English Jews.

The Jewish soldiers, although faced with severest odds, did not flinch before their duties. His only regret was, said Colonel Patterson, that some of the old soldiers who were living in Palestine at the present day were being neglected. The J.N.F. and Keren Hayesod had done something for them but not enough. He had issued a public appeal which had brought some relief. The lecturer paid a special tribute to the heroism of Captain Trumpeldor and said that a braver man never lived.

In replying to numerous questions, Col. Patterson praised the achievements of the Chalutzim in Palestine and spoke enthusiastically of the fine type of child growing up in the Homeland.

Mr. S. N. Herman was in the chair. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. I. Adler.

Address by Mr. Landau.

Mr. Jacob Landau, managing director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, will deliver an address on Tuesday, 28th inst., at 8.15 p.m., at the University, Rondebosch. The subject is: "My Travels: Impressions of World Jewish Position."

Bnoth Zion Meeting at Sea Point.

A highly successful meeting of the Sea Point Branch of the Bnoth Zion Association took place on Tuesday at "Clonbrook," Fresnaye, the residence of Mrs. Leon Segal. There was an attendance of about seventy ladies over whom Mrs. H. G. Wise presided. She reported that the Society had 160 members.

Mrs. H. Wolff drew attention to the Golden Book Nahum Sokolow inscription. Mrs. I. Cohen read the W.I.Z.O. news-sheet.

Miss B. Fagan then gave two brilliant piano solos and Mr. Boris Rome delighted the gathering with his songs in English and Yiddish. The meeting was then entertained to tea.

Dr. C. Resnekov gave a most stimulating address on the "Lessons of History." He claimed that a nation's past was a guide to its future. No nation was born in a day. It had to pass through travail and development. Laws and customs were an expression of the national spirit, and public opinion always helped to amend existing laws, thus fostering national development.

The Jewish nation, labouring under a foreign yoke, had benefited from the catastrophic state of the Great War. The present of the Jewish people did not yet lie in their own hands, nor would the future, unless the Jews were careful to learn from the past. Not every individual felt the hunger for free existence, yet the masses longed for the day when Israel would enjoy its own glory. The past needed to be treasured most when the nation was not secure on its own soil. Tradition was an all-pervading force in Jewish life.

"We cannot be honoured guests anywhere," said the lecturer, "unless we can play the host ourselves." He then proceeded to attack the different types of Jews who had no time for Israel's ancestral inheritance or its future nationhood. He contrasted civil emancipation with national emancipation, emphasising the importance of the latter.

Persecution was the best teacher, continued Dr. Resnekov. The Jewish people would continue to live because a spiritual entity could not suffer annihilation. It was a neglect in the study of our own language and literature that led to despair. The Jewish people were always in need of a spiritual prop to lean on in times of adversity. When the sun was shining the Jews could walk with other nations; in darkness they were separated. They had to consolidate their own forces and thus their continued existence would be guaranteed.

Dr. Resnekov then replied to several questions.

Mrs. M. Epstein expressed the Association's appreciation and thanks to the lecturer, the artists and Mrs. Segal for her kind hospitality.

Oneg Shabbos.

The Oneg Shabbos which takes place in the Zionist Hall to-morrow afternoon, will be held under the auspices of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

This is the first function of its kind to be arranged by the youth in Cape Town, and will commence at 4 p.m.

Mr. E. Kluk will be in the chair, and Adv. J. Herbstein will deliver an inaugural lecture.

Brith Trumpeldor.

A farewell to Chaver Dector, who left on Sunday for the Chalutz farm, was held last Saturday night at the Betar Hall.

The meeting was opened by Mafaked Katchef who congratulated Chaver Dector on his being one of the first members of the Betar to leave for the Chalutz farm. Other speakers of the evening were Miss Bercowitz and Messrs. Kotlowitz and Lipshitz.

Chaver Dector, in replying, said that it was always his ideal to go to Palestine. He stressed that whatever might happen he would always remain a Betari.

After Mafaked Katchef had presented Chaver Dector with a Menorah the meeting was closed.

On Sunday evening many members were at the station to bid farewell to Chaver Dector. Hebrew songs were sung.

A "Kibutz Klali" will be held on Sunday, 26th August, at 8.15 p.m. Every Betari must be present.

Copies of "The Legion," the official organ of the S.A. Betar, are now obtainable from the Secretary of the Betar.

Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

The fortnightly Senior Study Circle was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mirlin on Friday evening, 17th inst.

After the news service was given, Rabbi Gervis delivered an address on "Orthodox and Reform Judaism." He traced the history of the reform movement in Germany, America and England. Zionism, he said, had played an important part in checking its progress, but it also failed owing to its inherent weakness.

A keen discussion was provoked and Rabbi Gervis answered various questions.

A Junior Study Circle gathering will be held on Friday, 24th inst. The next Society meeting will be a Conversazione in conjunction with other local bodies on Sunday, 26th inst. An old members' re-union takes place on September 2nd.

Conversazione at Muizenberg.

The first Conversazione to be held at Muizenberg will take place at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday evening, 26th inst., under the auspices of the combined Jewish societies at Muizenberg. The function promises to be an interesting one and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

"Education Week."

Sunday, 16th September, to Sunday, 23rd September, has been declared by the S.A. Board of Jewish Education (local committee) as an "Education Week." A special effort is being made to obtain the services of the youth and it is trusted that the public will generously respond to the appeal that will be made to them during the week.

Lecture at Orphanage.

The fortnightly Orphanage lecture to-morrow evening, 25th inst., will be given by Miss Muriel Johns, Government Kirstenbosch Botanical Lecturer. The subject, "Some South African Animals and Flowers" will be illustrated by lantern slides.

All Orphanage friends are welcome.

