

## Obituary.

### Rev. HORACE R. ISAACS.

The death occurred in the Simon's Town Hospital on Sunday morning of the Rev. Horace Rudgart Isaacs, of Bristol, Albertyn Road, Muizenberg, at the age of seventy-five.

Educated in London, Mr. Isaacs gained several medals and scholarships, and then became a pupil teacher at his school. He studied Rabbinics and Talmudics privately, and was later ordained a Jewish minister by the Very Rev. Dr. Adler, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire.

He came to Kimberley in 1889 to fill the position of Jewish minister of the Griqualand West Area, and three years later took up the position of Rabbi at the Park Station Synagogue, Johannesburg, where he stayed for seven years.

While he was in Johannesburg, he took a prominent part in the inauguration of the first Jewish school in the Transvaal, was a foundation member of the Johannesburg Zionist Society, and was connected with the Jewish Helping Hand Society.

From there he was recalled to Kimberley in 1899, and went through the siege of Kimberley, being mentioned in despatches by Lord Roberts for the valuable work he did.

Mr. Isaacs was the first Jewish minister in the British Empire to be so mentioned. He also received the Kimberley siege medal. He took an active part in School Board affairs, and was Vice-Chairman of the Kimberley School Board for seventeen years.

After a service of thirty-eight years, he retired through ill-health in 1927 to Muizenberg, where he became very popular amongst all sections of the community.

Mr. Isaacs is survived by a widow, seven sons, three daughters, and five grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon at Muizenberg and was very largely attended. The coffin was taken into the Synagogue where Rev. Gordon, of Wynberg, delivered an impressive Hespel. Cantor M. Katzin intoned the Hazkorah.

At the graveside Cantor Katzin and Rev. I. Frank officiated.

## Worcester Activities.

A very interesting and most enjoyable conversazione was arranged by the Worcester Bnei Ubenoth Zion Society on Sunday evening, 12th inst., with Mr. and Mrs. Donen acting as host and hostess.

At the outset the organiser, Mr. M. Rabinowitz welcomed the audience and the visitors, Mr. B. Padowitz and Mr. B. Ladin, who came out specially for the occasion.

Mr. Padowitz, in his lecture, gave a comprehensive account of the achievements of the present Zionist Executive and the problems which had arisen as a result of a one-sided development in Palestine. He made an earnest appeal to assist the Zionist organisation to fight this evil. In the discussion that ensued, Messrs. A. Volks, J. Rabinowitz, I. Shirken, J. Friedman and M. Rabinowitz participated.

Mr. Ladin gave two humorous readings which were very much appreciated by all. Thanks are also due to Misses B. Stein, S. Green, J. Sacks and Master J. Sennet for their rendering of musical items.

At the conclusion, Mr. J. Friedman, Chair-

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# The J.N.F. Campaign.

## Muizenberg Reception to Dr. Benzion Shein.

The combined Societies of Muizenberg, comprising the Men's Zionist Society, the Bnoth Zion Association, and the Hebrew Congregation held a reception to Dr. Benzion Shein on Tuesday evening, 16th May, at the Rio Grande Hotel. There was a large and enthusiastic audience present.

Mr. D. L. Davidowitz, who presided, extended a very warm welcome to Dr. Shein, and also to Adv. M. S. Comay, Secretary of the Keren Kayemeth Campaign, who accompanied him. Mrs. R. Movsovic, Chairlady of the Bnoth Zion Association, and Mr. W. Satusky, Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, also welcomed Dr. Shein.

Adv. Comay, in addressing the gathering, expressed himself as being very happy to be associated with Dr. Shein. The latter was a protégé of Ussishkin, who realised that he had all the qualities which made him an ideal emissary for the purpose for which he had come to South Africa.

Referring to the conditions in Palestine at present, the speaker pointed out that in spite of the hectic commercial activity and prevailing boom conditions, there was a very urgent need for acquiring land on a national basis. More and more Jews were going to Palestine, and owing to shortage of national land, they were congregating in the towns—out of all proportion to those settling on the land. The speaker stressed the point that the over-crowding of the towns without the creation of a corresponding Jewish peasantry, would be fatal to the development of Palestine. The acquisition of land by private individuals was not sufficient in itself, as their scope was limited: only by the national scheme were marshes being drained, bush country cleared, and so on. Hence, it was an obvious necessity for every Jew to contribute towards the fund for national land purchase, namely, the Jewish National Fund.

Mr. Natas then gave a humorous reading, which was much appreciated by the audience.

After tea Dr. Shein, by means of lantern slides, showed the great strides that had been made in the development of Palestine. Flourishing settlements were seen where once, and not so long ago, there had been only marshy-lands. The tremendous growth of the towns, the introduction of numerous industrial ventures, and life in almost every sphere in Palestine, were illustrated. Dr. Shein commented adequately on each slide. He concluded with a short inspiring speech in which he appealed to the audience to help to strengthen the foundation of Eretz Israel: then, he felt, would we look forward to the future with new hope, new power and energy.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Shein, Adv. Comay and Mr. Natas, was proposed by Mr. Arenson and seconded by Adv. M. Barnett.

A highly successful function concluded with the singing of the Hatikvah and God save the King.

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man of the Bnei Ubenoth Zion Society, proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, and more particularly to Mr. Dubowitz who was good enough to bring them out to Worcester in his car.

The meeting closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

## Dr. Shein Addresses the Youth.

On Saturday evening a combined Youth mass meeting was held at the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive. There was a fairly large attendance of junior Zionists from town and the Peninsula.

Mr. E. Kluk, President of the Executive, was in the chair, and in opening the meeting introduced Dr. Shein as a noted Zionist ambassador and much travelled emissary for the National cause.

Dr. Shein spoke on "Some Aspects of Palestinian Life" and the lecture was illustrated with a wealth of lantern slides depicting in a most graphic and picturesque form the story of Zionist upbuilding work in the country, from the kindergarten to the school and then to factory and field. Almost all the occupation of the Yishub were portrayed. Particularly striking were the pictures of contrast, the Emek as it is to-day and the malaria infested swamp it was just over a decade ago. Then was shown Huleh as it is to-day and one could well picture it five years hence. It undoubtedly left a lasting impression on those present.

Many popular Hebrew songs were sung during the evening, in which everybody present joined in. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Dr. Shein for his interesting address.

## Further Afield.

### THE CAMPAIGN IN THE WESTERN PROVINCE.

#### A Busy Week.

The last week has been one of undiminished activity, and the campaign has reached its height. The first phase of the Peninsula meetings was concluded with the highly successful function at Muizenberg on Thursday, the 16th inst., and the canvassers everywhere are now busily continuing the good work. Since then Dr. Shein has visited the communities of Worcester (with Adv. H. M. Bloch) on Sunday night; Wellington (with Mr. J. M. Weinreich) on Monday night, and Stellenbosch (with Dr. H. W. Altschul) on Tuesday night. Great enthusiasm was aroused at these country centres, and the response promises to be as successful as in the Peninsula. Fuller reports of these meetings will appear in our next issue.

### Stellenbosch University Lecture.

Last night (Wednesday) Dr. Shein was the guest of the University of Stellenbosch, where he lectured to a packed audience of Professors and students on "Palestine To-day," with reference also to the origin and growth of Zionism. The talk was illustrated with lantern slides.

Dr. Shein was accompanied by Adv. M. S. Comay, who made a short introductory speech in Afrikaans. A fuller report of this important occasion will appear in our next issue.