

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Zionist Conversazione.

The next fortnightly conversazione will take place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 11th inst., at 8.15 p.m.

Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., and Mr. Benzion Hersch will report on the proceedings at the recent S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies Congress and the S.A. Zionist Conference.

Cape Jewish Orphanage.

Another of those gatherings that help so materially to bind many of the rising generation of our people together was held at the Orphanage Home on Tuesday evening, 28th May.

One of the young men originally brought from the Ukraine by Mr. Ochberg in 1921 left by the "Giulio Cecare" on Thursday, and some fifty past boys and girls had been invited by the Committee to evening tea to bid him good-bye. This young man, Archie Ruch, has qualified as a master printer and has by dint of hard work and thrift saved sufficient to enable him to visit the United States and Canada in order, as he pithily put it in his reply to the good wishes of his Orphanage brothers and sisters, "to see something of the world and to gain wider experience and knowledge of my craft."

It was interesting to note that Archie's brother had come all the way from Douglas and another old boy, Shepsel Perch, from Riebeeck West to join in this unique gathering.

Practically the whole of the Orphanage Committee were present. The chair was taken by the President, Mr. J. Weinreich, and some excellent valedictory speeches were made by the Chairman, Mr. I. Ochberg (who was rapturously hailed as the father of these young men and women), Mr. B. A. Crasnow, Mr. J. Kadish and Mrs. S. Emdin on behalf of the Committee.

Mrs. Hyman Lockitch, Mrs. Shepsel Perch and Mr. Jack Schrier on behalf of the Orphanage past inmates also spoke very feelingly.

The opportunity was also taken to extend congratulations to Miss Piankin, who has been the Orphanage dressmaker for a number of years, and is leaving shortly to get married to Mr. Jankelson, of Butterworth.

Mr. Ruch spoke very earnestly and feelingly in reply to the good wishes expressed by all.

It is interesting to note that as a result of a unanimous wish of all these past Orphanage children it was decided to form an "Old Pupils' Union." A committee of six of the boys and girls was at once formed and Mr. S. Emdin, a member of the Committee, undertook to help them to organise the venture. The chief ideas underlying the plan are keep in touch with one another in various parts of the country and to have at least one annual gathering of all associated with the Home.

At 10.30 p.m. Hatikvah and the National Anthem ended this happy celebration, which was another of those indications of the desire of the Orphanage Committee to develop affectionate contact with all those who have had the benefit of Orphanage upbringing.

U.C.T. Students' Jewish Association.

Since the beginning of the year there have been marked signs of increased enthusiasm and interest in the activities of this Society. This is fully borne out by the large and gratifying attendances at the few meetings already held this year.

It has been the custom in the past to hold an Annual Freshers' Social. Owing, however, to the late elections this year, this was found to be impracticable; but an informal Freshers' gathering, at the residence of Mr. Duvveen, proved an adequate substitute. Mr. E. Newman outlined the duties of a university student, and Mr. S. M. Levin explained the aims of the Association to the large number present. Various items contributed to the success of the gathering.

During the term Mr. M. Kentridge, M.P., delivered an address at Groote Schuur on the subject of "The Jews in South Africa." Mr. Kentridge dealt with the question from an historical aspect, and from the point of view of the part Jews had played in the various spheres of life. The meeting was very well attended and an interesting discussion followed.

This Society, for the first time on record, has combined in a discussion with another Society, viz., The International Relations Study Circle. The result was a most interesting and animated discussion on Zionism. From the platform four viewpoints were expressed, two speakers representing the International Relations Study Circle and two the Students' Jewish Association. The subject was then thrown open to the floor. Representatives of both Societies were present in large numbers and several gave their views on the topic, among them being many non-Jews. By 10.30 p.m., the limit laid down at the University for any meeting, many views were still unexpressed.

The office-bearers of the S.J.A. for the current year are: President, Mr. S. M. Levin; Vice-President, Mr. R. Gluckman; Hon. Secretary, Mr. I. B. Mehl; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Goldberg; Treasurer, Mr. I. D. Buch; Additional members, Misses P. Sonnenberg and I. Hefferman and Messrs. E. Tucker and J. Friedman.

Union of Jewish Women.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11th June, at the Zionist Hall, at 3.15 p.m.

The Mayor (Councillor L. Gradner) will deliver an address on "The Serious Economic Position of Polish Jewry."

Mrs. P. M. Clouts will give a report on the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies Congress.

Bnoth Zion Association (Oranjezicht-Branch).

A pleasant social afternoon was held recently by this branch at the residence of Mrs. P. Awerbach, in Kensington Crescent.

The meeting was begun by two 'cello solos by Miss L. Gelb accompanied by Miss P. Marcus. Tea was then served, after which Mrs. Press, the chairlady, introduced the speaker, Mr. S. Futeran.

Mr. Futeran spoke on the urgency of the National Fund, describing how the work of this fund had been hampered by land speculation. Despite the fact that large sums of money had changed hands over land deals, the actual Jewish holdings had only increased by a little over one per cent. He also referred to Mr. Ussishkin's request in his address at the Wizo Conference, that the lady Zionists should make this fund their own daily concern.

A short discussion followed, after which a vote of thanks was proposed to the speaker by Mrs. I. Franks and to the hostess by Mrs. E. Stern.

Youth Oneg Shabbos.

A Youth Oneg Shabbos was held under the auspices of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive at the Zionist Hall on Saturday.

Mr. E. Kluk presided over a fairly large gathering of youths and seniors. The speaker of the afternoon was Mr. Z. Avin, who delivered a very instructive and thought-stimulating lecture entitled "Some Thoughts and Reflections on Shevuoth," which was very much enjoyed by all present.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent in the singing of Hebrew songs and some of the popular Palestinian melodies. With an expression of thanks and appreciation to the lecturer from the chair the proceedings closed.

Bnoth Zion Association (Green and Sea Point Branch).

The quarterly meeting took place on Tuesday afternoon at Alphen House Hotel, Sea Point. It was well attended. Mrs. I. Cohen, who was in the chair, apologised for the absence of Mrs. Wise, who was indisposed. She made an appeal for the J.N.F. Cabaret Ball. Miss Hinda Honikman was admirable in a monologue and recitation which were really appreciated. Adv. B. L. Rubik, who addressed the gathering on Maimonides, was listened to with rapt attention. Mrs. Pachter thanked Adv. Rubik and Miss Honikman in a few well-chosen words, and also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bowman for their hospitality.

Cape Town Herzlia.

An interfunction with the Woodstock Young Israel Society will take place at the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock, on Sunday, 9th inst., at 8.15 p.m. This will take the form of a debate, the subject being "That the Zionist Organisation is Failing."

Zionist Socialist Party.

The Fifth Anniversary Celebration of the above will be held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 9th June, at 8.15 p.m.

An Arlosoroff Memorial Evening will be held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 16th June, at 8.15 p.m.

