

Zionist Conversazione.

The fortnightly conversazione took place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night.

Dr. I. M. HURWITZ was in the chair.

Adv. GERALD GORDON gave a very interesting lecture on "Palestine and the League." The League, he said, was a modern conception, and was the culmination of the peace treaties. It was an important landmark in the history of international law, which there was no means of enforcing before the war. Two new concepts arose after the war, viz., minorities and mandates.

The system of mandates was incorporated in the League of Nations Covenant. The function of the Mandatory was to assist the power under the mandate which was unable to stand alone as yet, to develop as an independent state.

The Balfour Declaration, said Mr. Gordon, was the keystone of modern Zionism and the Mandate over Palestine was given to Great Britain before the League confirmed it. International lawyers regarded the Palestine Mandate as peculiar and different from all the other Mandates in that it went beyond the borders of Palestine, and aimed at fostering the growth of a Jewish National Home by the industry not only of Palestinian Jewry but of Jews all over the world. England was not only the Mandatory Power but the administrator for an absent people. Jews all over the world were affected by the Palestine Mandate. As long as the League stood, each Jew was a member of the Jewish nation.

The idea of a Jewish National Home rested on (1) the principle of nationality, (2) the historic connection of the Jewish people with Palestine (3) a National Home in Palestine. The historical connection had to be internationally recognised and the Jews were recognised as a nation by the fact that they constituted minorities and by the preamble to the Mandate.

International Law, continued Mr. Gordon, was of the greatest importance in Europe to-day, and Fascism was its greatest danger.

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Hospital Kosher Kitchen.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Hospital Kosher Kitchen took place at an "At Home" on Tuesday afternoon at the Zionist Hall.

Mrs. L. GRADNER was in the chair and extended a welcome to those present. At the outset she read the names of those members who had died during the year and asked the audience to rise as a mark of respect.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet she said the report gave a very good idea of the work done. About five hundred patients a month were given nourishment and attention; everything possible was done to relieve patients of pain and to provide them with all they required. About fifty patients outside the hospital also received care and attention. For this an expenditure of about £70 per month was required and she appealed to the ladies to do their utmost to raise funds and to enrol new members.

In the new hospital the expenditure would be even greater; every facility had been given them there for carrying on their work, but this would entail additional labour and expenditure.

Mrs. Gradner then welcomed Mr. Bender and paid a tribute to him for his great and invaluable assistance to the committee. She thanked all the members of the Committee and the representatives of the various districts.

Mrs. C. SHER seconded the adoption of the report and balance sheet. The financial year, she said, had been better than previous years but the expenditure had also been greater. Mrs. Gradner, as Chairlady, had been an inspiration and in spite of her heavy duties as Mayoress, had devoted a great deal of time and attention to the work of the Kosher Kitchen.

Rev. A. P. BENDER paid a tribute to the work of Mrs. Gradner in connection with all branches of activity at the hospital and particularly for the great interest she took in the work of the Kosher Kitchen, whose establishment was due to her initiative. The new hospital, he said, would make greater claims on the Jewish community, and there was abundant room for philanthropic ladies to take part in the noble work. Every Jewish person who required care and nourishment received it through the Kosher Kitchen, and the fact that all food was prepared in accordance with the Jewish dietary laws was very much appreciated by Jewish patients. He assured the ladies that the men of the community were very sympathetic to this great and noble work they had undertaken, and gave it their whole-hearted support. Their work was widely and deeply appreciated and no effort should be spared in seeing that it was carried on.

Mrs. B. BEROLD proposed a vote of thanks to Rev. Bender and Mrs. Gradner and appealed to the ladies to enrol new members.

Elections to the Committee then took place with the following results:—

Chairlady, Mrs. L. Gradner; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. B. Berold; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. S. R. Sher. Committee: Mesdames Leibowitz, Stoller, Phillips, Roytowski, Jacobson, Press, L Klein, I. Klein, Lipman, Friedman, Levy, Rabinowitz, Sandler, Fisher, Schnaps.

Mrs. GRADNER extended a welcome to the new Committee and expressed the hope that their year of office would be a pleasant and interesting one and of great benefit to the patients.

Mrs. LIPMAN proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairlady and this was carried with acclamation.

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