

Book Review.

"SALUTE THE KING" by Arthur Mee.
(Hodder and Stoughton, Ltd., London.)

With the Coronation occupying so large a place in everyone's mind at present, this book will be read with the greatest interest. It gives, in the first place, a most vivid and arresting character-sketch of King George VI., revealing his manifold interests and his deep concern for the welfare of his people. It shows how much the King is like his father, and how he is indeed a king after the nation's own heart.

The book also deals in a most effective manner with the symbolism of the crown, the glittering gem which binds five hundred million people into one, and conveys all the solemn significance attached to the long and mysterious ceremonial of the coronation of which there is a full description.

We are given a bird's-eye view of the thousand years of the history of the throne and are told in a most graphic manner of the glories of the Motherland and the Empire.

The spirit of the Flag, the universal symbol of the British people, which flies over a quarter of the earth and on ships on every sea, is most comprehensively dealt with. "It is not for nothing that the sun never sets on this banner of our ancient land," we are told. "Out of the historic past it flies, the assurance to mankind that Freedom lives."

Written in simple yet dignified language, the book will make an appeal to both young and old. It also contains a number of beautiful photographs which in themselves make the book one definitely worth having.

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SUTIN.—Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Sutin, of Paarl, will read a Portion of the Law and Maftir at the Paarl Synagogue on Saturday, the 20th. At Home: Sunday from 3 to 6 at the Central Hotel. Relatives and friends cordially invited. No cards.

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A Passover Appeal.

The annual appeal for contributions towards the 1937 Passover Fund has been issued under the auspices of the Peninsula Congregations in conjunction with the Board of Guardians.

Representatives of all Congregations are soliciting contributions but it will be readily appreciated how difficult it is for them to call on everyone personally.

To all readers of the "Jewish Chronicle" an earnest appeal is made to support this worthy cause, and if a personal application is not made, they are asked to send in a contribution direct. Cheques may be sent to the Congregation of which they are members, or to the office of the Board of Guardians, P.O. Box 1501.

It is desired that all requiring Moeschitum should be given the means to observe, in traditional manner, the Festival of Pesach, and a generous donation will be gratefully received.

Men's, women's and children's clothing and shoe wear is also urgently required. There are numerous applications, and parcels of suitable articles will be appreciated. They may be sent to the office of the Board of Guardians, Lloyd's Buildings, 58, Burg Street, Cape Town.

HEBREW EDUCATION IN EAST LONDON.

The Editor, Jewish Chronicle,
Cape Town.

Sir,—Re the report on "Hebrew Education in East London," which appeared in your issue of 26th February.

As a parent who is greatly indebted to the Principal of the Chedar, Rev. O. Altschuler, for the thorough Hebrew education and love of Judaism inculcated in his child, I cannot let this report pass without comment. Mr. Max Cohen has done his best, but he had a few years of tuition only to give to the boys—boys who owing to the wonderful teaching abilities of Rev. Altschuler had a basic knowledge of Hebrew, so that any teacher could train them for the Junior Certificate.

I have had five children and they all attended Chedar for the same period in their school time, and the ability of various teachers who from time to time had taught in East London is reflected in their knowledge. The only one to have a real knowledge of Hebrew, to read and write the language well, is the one taught by Rev. Altschuler.

I am surprised that the person who sent in the report should have written as he did for a paper with a circulation such as yours. To ignore the Principal of the Chedar and give all credit to the teacher who has only taught the children for a comparatively short time calls for some explanation.—Yours, etc.,

DAVID ALBERT.

(This correspondence cannot be continued.—Ed.)

Answer to Correspondence.

Miss Fanny Goldin.—We regret that we are unable to publish your letter, as it adds nothing to previous correspondence on this matter.—Ed.

Cape Zionist Youth Activities

The first Council meeting of this year will be held at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town on Sunday 21st inst. Four members of each Society will attend and various reports will be presented and discussed. Various problems effecting Societies will be considered.

Dance:—In the evening a Council Dance is being held at the Kirsch Studio, Long Street, to which everybody is invited. Entrance is by Donation of 1/6.

Oratorical Contest:—The first contest of the year will be held on 4th April. Societies will receive full details at a later date. They are however requested to keep this date open.

Peninsula Rally:—On 10th and 11th April another Peninsula Rally will be held at Stellenbosch. The usual interesting programme is being arranged and Societies are being circularised about details.

The News Sheet has been published this week and copies may be obtained from the Secretary.

J.N.F. Box-placing Effort:—Members of Societies are asked to co-operate in a J.N.F. Box-placing effort which will take place on *Sunday 11th April*, and are kindly asked to communicate with Mr. E. Charloff in this connection.

Observatory-Mowbray Jewish Guild.

The annual General Election was held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Lizerbrum on Sunday 14th March.

Mr. Beresowski, representative of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive presided during the deliverance of the reports and the elections.

The Chairman, Mr. R. Rabinowitz, gave a general survey of the activities of the Guild during the past year.

After a short discussion the report was adopted.

Miss Hodes the Treasurer and J.N.F. Commissioner, presented both the financial and J.N.F. reports, both of which were confirmed. The Guild was congratulated by Dr. Altschul for its excellent J.N.F. work done during the year.

The following office-bearers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. R. Rabinowitz; Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. Lawrence; Hon. Sec., Miss R. Goldman; Treasurer, Miss J. Flax; Committee, Miss Hodes (J.N.F. Commissioner), Mr. A. Epstein (Menorah Commissioner), Miss Gamsu and Mr. Tockar (the three Supervisors of districts).

Members of the Social and Sports Sub-Committee are Miss Epstein and Mr. R. Joffe. The position of Convenor of this Sub-Committee will remain unoccupied until the next meeting.

The Chairman then thanked the members present for re-electing him, and this was followed by short addresses by Mr. Beresowski and Dr. Altschul. Mr. C. Jaffe proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers.

The meeting closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

Maccabi Cultural Society.

A well attended meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Yasvoin, 6, Roeland Street, Cape Town. In the absence of the Chairlady, Mr. Yasvoin presided.

A paper on the Royal Commission was read by Mr. Arelesky.

Mr. E. Charloff delivered a very instructive and interesting address on Palestine and South Africa. The number of members

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OUR CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

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Our Motto:

"Do not unto others, what you would not have others do unto you."

"A little child shall lead them."—Isaiah xi., 6.

My dear little Cousins,

This week I shall tell you a story about the great Rabbi of Vilna, Elijah Hagoon (the genius). From the time he was a very little boy he loved to study; as he grew older he became so interested in his books that he took very little to eat and drink and when he did sit down to his meals, he ate only the simplest food. He did not go to bed early or sleep late for he did not want to steal a single moment from his studies.

One day a messenger came to Rabbi Chayim one of the Gaon's favourite pupils, asking him to come to his teacher's house at once. When he arrived there, he found the Rabbi in bed.

"Master," he cried, "are you ill?"

"No, my son," answered the Rabbi, "I am not ill in body but I am sick with care." And he turned his face to the wall.

"He has not eaten for three days," cried the Rabbi's wife who stood by the bed. "And he has hardly slept at all. Soon he will be really sick unless you coax him to take better care of himself."

"Tell me what troubles you, Master, and I shall do my best to help you," whispered the student bending over the pillow.

"There are certain passages in the Talmud," answered the wise Rabbi. "I have puzzled over them until I am really sick. But, come, let us study together, for two are better than one, and maybe we shall be able to work out what puzzles me."

The two men bent their heads over the heavy book. Hours passed; the sun began to sink. The Rabbi's wife who had already blessed the sabbath lights, did not dare to disturb them, although she was afraid her husband and their guest would not be ready before the sabbath began.

It grew too dark for the men to read. Suddenly the Rabbi gave a great cry of joy and sprang out of bed; for at last he and his pupil had worked out the meaning of the hard passage in the Talmud.

The Rabbi's wife helped him to dress in his Sabbath garments. Soon they were all seated round the family table, rejoicing in the coming of the Sabbath. The face of the Rabbi shone with happiness; he had often known the "care of the Torah;" now he knew the joy which comes to one who studies the holy book with all his heart.

Correspondence & Exchange.

Woolf Kantor, 1 Scott Street, Cape Town, would like to correspond with a boy or girl overseas (particularly Palestine) about twelve years of age.

Elaine Nagler, 4015 Stuitevant, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., would like to correspond with a boy or girl in South Africa about thirteen years of age.

Correspondence.

Joyce Volks.—Thank you very much for your letter. I hope you do well in the Hebrew exam. Please write again soon.

Woolf Kantor.—Thank you very much for your letter. I am glad you are doing so well at school. Please write again soon.

Solly Kessler.—Thank you very much for your letter. I hope you will enjoy Pesach. Please write soon again.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

[To become a member of Our Circle write down your name, age, address and anything else you choose, and send it to Cousin Helen.]

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followed dialogues, sketches and musical items, all of which were exceedingly well received by the large audience. The participants in these items were Mr. S. Cohen, assisted by Misses H. Sladen, S. Simonowitz and P. Luzard, Messrs. S. Weinstein, I. Bor-kum, B. Nolick and B. Miller.

The latter half of the programme consisted of songs and plays, both English and Hebrew. Those participating in the selection of Hebrew songs under the leadership of Mr. S. Weinstein, were Messrs. B. Nolick, on the mouth-organ, B. Miller, H. Miller, S. Lewis, L. Lichtenstein, S. Miller and G. Tredman. Miss E. Chase was at the piano.

A vote of thanks to Mr. S. Cohen was proposed by Mr. A. Osry. The meeting terminated with the singing of Hatikvah. The proceeds for the hospital amounted to £3 10s.

A Study Circle has been formed under the following sub-committee: Chairman, A. Arenstein; Cultural leader, S. Weinstein; Secretary, J. Batzofin, and Committee, Misses P. Noll, S. Simanowitz and Messrs. M. and L. Miller, S. Cohen, F. Morris and Sammy Miller.

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participating in discussion was evidence of success. Miss L. Symons proposed a vote of thanks. During the interval shekolim were sold.

A very successful dance was held on Sunday 14th inst., at the Phillips Studio.

The next meeting which is taking the form of a book-tea, takes place on Wednesday, 7th April.

Muizenberg Y.I. Society.

The above Society ushered in its new session with a very well-attended Welcome Evening. Mr. I. J. Cohen was in the chair, and after he had welcomed the members and expressed his desire for their co-operation in the future just as they had given it in the past, he passed on to the opening of the evening's programme, which proved to be a successful and pleasing blending of Cultural and Social entertainment.

Items by Miss M. Danker and Messrs. N. Rozenzweig, S. Rifkin and S. Frankel were followed by a debate "That the modern Jew in South Africa is not progressing along correct lines." The motion which was carried, provoked much interesting discussion from the floor.

After the singing of Hebrew Songs, the Evening concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Claremont-Wynberg J.Z. Society.

The General Election took place on 14th March in the Cogill's Hotel, and the following office-bearers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. A. J. Silber; Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. Katz; Secretaries, Mr. V. Sebba (Correspondence) and Mr. A. Schneider (Circulars and Minutes); Treasurers, Mr. J. Bloch (Books) and Mr. F. Gluck (Subs); J.N.F. Commissioners, Mr. W. Sebba (Claremont) and Mr. L. Mendelsohn (Wynberg); Menorah Commissioners, Mr. S. Katz (Wynberg) and Mr. R. Meyerowitz (Claremont); Additional Members, Misses E. Scher, E. Zabow and F. Chiat.

Mr. Silber proposed a vote of thanks to the ex-chairman, Mr. M. Meyerowitz, who owing to pressure of work was forced to resign from any Executive position of the Society.

Oudtshoorn Young Israel Society.

A variety evening held in aid of the local hospital was opened by the Chairman, Mr. A. Arenstein, on Sunday, March 6th. Mr. Arenstein seized the opportunity of appealing to the parents to support the Society by sending their children.

The evening commenced with an opening speech by Mr. Stan. Cohen. The first item was by the Stan. Lawrence Orchestra. Then

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