

and Around the Peninsula

Zion Association.

A special meeting of members was held at the Zionist Hall on Wednesday morning, 24th October, to discuss the agenda and resolutions to be submitted at the Women's Zionist Conference. M. Segal presided. The resolutions were one by one and a great deal of discussion took place. The delegates to Conference were given the mandate to vote in the light of the opinion expressed at the meeting.

The monthly committee meeting of the Wynberg Branch held at the residence of Mrs. S. Silverlea Road, Wynberg, during October, had as a special feature the presence of Mrs. M. Segal, a visitor from Palestine and a sister of Mrs. Galloon. At the end of the meeting Mrs. Segal gave a very interesting talk on her work in Palestine, the subject being "The Psychological Aspect of Problem Children."

A bottle of whisky donated by Mr. B. Chait and raffled by him was won by Mr. Posvolsky.

Dr. Ruth Ivrith.

Dr. C. Lanpen gave the first of a series of three lectures on "The Woman in Modern Hebrew Literature" at the Zionist Hall on Sunday night. Dr. Avin was in the chair.

Dr. Lanpen said that since Biblical times until the Emancipation, women, with a few exceptions, played no part in Jewish literary activity. In the ghetto the wife had to earn a living for the family while the husband devoted himself to study and learning. Some women tried to break their isolation and to express themselves in literature. The necessity forced women to come into contact with the outside world even before the men. When the Emancipation came, therefore, women were the first to break away from the shackles of religion and tradition. The reaction, however, also affected the women more quickly; they realised how the ground had slipped away under their feet. In the national revival women were in the forefront and together with the men played their part in all spheres of activity in the rebuilding of Eretz Israel.

Dr. Lanpen then gave an appreciation of the work of the poetess "Rachel," who, she said, was a symbol of the new Palestine, and read several of her poems. She also referred briefly to the poems of Anda Pinkerfield who is full of life and is known chiefly as a writer for the youth, but who also expresses in her poems the present-day tragedy of the Jewish people.

Dr. Lanpen read several poems to illustrate her remarks.

Dr. Avin thanked Miss Lanpen for her interesting address.

Association of Rondebosch.

A meeting was held on 22nd Oct. at the residence of Mrs. S. S. and Mrs. T. T. The speaker was Mr. S. S. B.S.C. (Eng.), who spoke on "The Emerging Possibilities of Palestine." After mentioning that the subject was a very vast one which would really be the subject of a treatise, rather than a lecture, Mr. Morris proceeded to show his audience what a fertile field Palestine is when viewed from an engineering viewpoint. He mentioned road construction, harbour development, communications (at present designed more for traffic than economic purposes) and then passed on to a consideration of the Lowdermilk proposals. He showed how the diversion of the sweet waters of the Jordan could open up vast areas for cultivation while the linking up of the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea would liberate vast quantities of water (a figure of one thousand million horse-power) as mentioned in the annual potential output. Mr. Morris mentioned the cost and pointed out that only an international loan would raise the money to put such a scheme into operation although the returns from it would make it a very attractive proposition. However, one prerequisite for the profitable working of this scheme is a large and progressive population and this is lacking in Palestine at the present moment. In conclusion, the speaker said that with a little engineering vision Palestine should be able to sustain a population of 15 millions.

Meeting of Jews and Christians.

The Metropolitan Hall was crowded on Monday evening when a second "Brains Trust" was held under the auspices of the Society of Jews and Christians. Mr. A. Gordon Bagnall was the guest speaker and the team comprised Dr. L. Bosman, M.P., Mr. A. E. Abrahams, Dr. S. H. H. Prof. W. Hutt, Miss Sarah Goldblatt and Mrs. L. Rubin.

Among the questions put were the following:

"Is there any truth in the gibe that Zionism consists of two Jews asking a third Jew to go to Palestine?" "Is it right or wise for a particular race such as the Jews or gypsies to keep themselves apart racially from the people amidst whom for generations they have chosen to live?" "How can Jews reconcile their hostile attitude to Great Britain with the clear proviso in the Balfour Declaration that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine?" "Would Britain and America be justified in attempting to satisfy Zionist claims to Palestine in full if by doing this they ran the risk of permanently alienating the Arab world?" "Can anti-Semitism when first recognised be nipped in the bud?" "If the Jews are unpopular, why is that so?" "Would a change in the economic system tend to eliminate anti-Semitism?"

The members of the team, while expressing varying points of view, were clear and concise in their answers and held the interest of the audience throughout the evening. They were thanked by Bishop S. W. Lavis.

Synagogue Centre: Phantasia of Jewish Music.

On Tuesday evening, October 23rd, Mr. L. Schach, M.A., delivered an interesting talk on Jewish music which he illustrated with records from his collection. In the first part of his lecture Mr. Schach set himself the question, "Are Jews musical and have they a musical history?" Drawing analogies from the Bible, tracing the musical background of the festivals and elaborating on the music of the Temple period, Mr. Schach drew the conclusion that the Jews did have a musical background and showed how Jewish traditional music of that period influenced church music of a later day.

Mr. Schach then set himself the question, "Why do Cantors sing?" and very cleverly traced the development of the position of the Chazan from the post-Temple period down to the present day. The lecturer advanced the theory that Chazanim had done more than any other influencing factor to keep alive the traditional melodies as well as certain traditions of our form of worship. In conclusion, with record illustrations by Jewish composers and by compositions rendered by Jewish artists, Mr. Schach submitted that there was no real present-day Jewish music, but he hoped that in Palestine, with the influence of the Yishuv and the activities of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra there would be achievements in this direction.

Rabbi I. Abrahams, Chief Rabbi of the C.T. Hebrew Congregation, in proposing the vote of thanks to the speaker, said that rarely was an audience treated to so fine an intellectual exposition and he hoped that in the near future not only would Mr. Schach's paper appear in print, but that he might be persuaded to again deliver it to a larger audience.

Mr. A. V. Jacob who in the absence of Mr. Hoffman took the chair, associated himself with the remarks made by Rabbi Abrahams.

Wilner Society.

On 28th October the first general meeting was held in the Zionist Hall of the newly established Wilner Society. A very large attendance was present of people originally from Vilna and neighbouring towns.

Mr. J. Ash was in the chair. He explained the aims and objects of the society. Mr. Padowich in the name of the Lithuanian Landsmanshaft appealed to the Wilner Landsleit to join the society and take an active part in the work. Mr. Joffe in the name of the Swentzner Society extended greetings and promised support.

Adv. Kriger, Messrs. Glazer, Stoltzman, Resnik, Seidel and others took part in the discussion. A provisional committee was elected to draw up the constitution and arrange details for the next general meeting. All information re the above society is obtainable from Mr. J. Ash, 6 Corporation Street, phone 3-0893.

Claremont Youth Guild.

The inaugural meeting of the above Guild was held at the Claremont Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday, 7th inst., and had an attendance of over 120. It was unanimously decided to form the Guild, which would be constituted as a cultural, social and non-political organisation. The following provisional organising committee was elected: Miss T. Katz, Chairlady; Miss L. Carclink, Organising Secretary; Miss F. Madeisky, General Secretary; Mr. J. Friedman, Treasurer; Messrs. S. Kriger, J. Joffe and L. Atkins, additional members.

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested Jewish youth to attend the next general meeting on 4th November, which will take the form of a beetle drive and a short talk by Capt. Ralph Rechtman.

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Social & Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Rosenberg, who are leaving for Palestine on Monday, 5th November, will be "At Home" on Sunday afternoon, at 54 Buxton Ave., Oranjezicht, to bid farewell to relatives and friends.

The marriage will take place at the Gardens Synagogue, on Wednesday, 7th November, at 3.30 p.m. of Dr. Jack Gelb, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gelb, and Beryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mendel Wolman. Reception 4 p.m., Zionist Hall, Hope Street. No cards. Relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation.

The engagement is announced between Barney (Berl), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Ben-Zion Katz, of Bulawayo, to Tilly (Ciporah), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aron Karol, of Gardens, Cape Town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Abitz (née Celia Gelfand) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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Vredehoek Jewish Cultural Circle.

A meeting took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Talberg, "Herzlia," Yeoville Road. Unfortunately Dr. I. M. Hurwitz was not able to give the lecture he intended and so at a moment's notice Dr. F. Ronald stepped into the breach and gave an interesting lecture on "Peace" which was very much appreciated by the audience.

After the tea interval the annual general meeting took place and the following committee was elected: Messrs. H. Benson, Chairman; M. Glick, Vice-chairman; A. Traub, Hon. Treasurer; Mrs. G. Wolff, Hon. Secretary; Committee: Messrs. H. Baker, I. Kurgan, G. Laden, H. Pokroy, Dr. F. Ronald, M. Schneider, M. Sacks, J. Talberg, Mrs. G. Feinstein.

Massadah Associations of Vredehoek and Oranjezicht.

An interfunction was held with Sea Point Massadah on Tuesday, October 23rd, at the residence of Miss E. Lichtenstein, Belmont Avenue, Oranjezicht, and took the form of a "Quiz." A team of ten drawn from Vredehoek and Oranjezicht members competed against a similar team from Sea Point with Mr. J. Bobrov as question-master. A series of very instructive questions on Zionist topics was put to the teams, and their answers, or attempts at answering, provided the very large audience with an enjoyable evening. Dr. Werner Bloch, one of the J.N.F. Campaign delegation in South Africa, was among the visitors present, and at the conclusion of the "quiz" gave a short but forceful address. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. J. Hanson to all the participants and to the hosts.

Muizenberg Wizo Group.

At a Wizo meeting held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Muizenberg, Mrs. G. Katz of "The Klinkers," Clevedon Road, was presented with a certificate of ten trees, given by the Wizo workers in appreciation of the splendid work she has done for this group.

The next Wizo meeting will take place at the residence of Mrs. S. Jocum, "Illuxt," Clevedon Road, on Thursday, 8th November, and all members are invited to attend.

Muizenberg Holiday Fair.

A very successful card evening was held on Sunday night, 28th October, at the Queen's Hotel. There was a very good attendance and the proceeds amounted to £50. This function was ably convened by Mrs. Navias and Mrs. B. Greenblo, and much appreciation and thanks are due to Mrs. Iloni for having loaned her premises and also for providing all the refreshments.

The next card evening will take place on Sunday, 4th November, at the Atlantic Hotel, Muizenberg, convened by Mrs. L. Rifkin and Mrs. L. Arcus. Members are asked to bring friends and arrange their games.

A cultural evening of the Worcester Women's Zionist League (Wizo) was held at the residence of Mrs. Wolf Heller, on Tuesday, 23rd October. The resolution to be submitted to Conference was read, upon which some discussion ensued. The gramophone records, "Through the Ages," were played and met with great success. These lectures on gramophone records are a boon to country societies who do not often get an opportunity of hearing speakers from other societies.

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