

it is the converted to whom Zionists direct their efforts and, whilst this is very good in its way, sight must not be lost of those who know nothing of what has been accomplished by Jewish money and work in Palestine. If the Arab malcontents or any of their supporters think for a single moment that they may be able to make the British Government go back on its pledges then they are sadly mistaken. No greater proof of the obstinacy of the few plausible Arab leaders need be given than this latest action. They prefer to let Palestine drift along in the same old manner as in the days gone by whereas, Zionists wish to see it progress and become prosperous. Assurances galore have been given by Zionist leaders that they do not wish to rule the Arab majority but work in harmony. Unfortunately, the Arab population is very poorly educated and is easily led by a few "trouble makers" who, in their lust for power, care not to what depths they descend as long as they achieve their purpose.

Zionists need not be at all disheartened at the recent trend of events they must pursue the same constitutional policy as hitherto but, with the addition of a little more vigour and in the long run they will gain their long desired victory.

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CAPETOWN NOTES.

THE ORPHANAGE.

A FINE LECTURE.

GENERAL NEWS.

(SPECIAL TO THE "S.A. JEWISH CHRONICLE")

At the annual meeting of subscribers to the Cape Jewish Orphanage last Sunday there was a well filled hall and the interest in the proceedings was such as to cause the meeting to extend over several hours. The chair was taken by Mr. I. Ochberg who expressed his pleasure at being once again in Cape Town, and at a meeting of subscribers to so noble an institution. The reputation of the Cape Jewish Orphanage was well known throughout the Jewish World, and the generous action of Jewry in the Cape in looking after Jewish orphans was well spoken of abroad.

Mr. J. Kadish, acting president, then moved the adoption of the annual report and balance-sheet. He eulogised the work of the Ladies' Committee, without whom the institution could not prosper. The Jewish residents in country districts were supporting the Orphanage generously but more interest was needed from the 20,000 Jewish souls in the Cape Province.

Mr. L. Raphaely, hon. treasurer in seconding the adoption of the report, stated every possible economy was being carried out in the management. He urged upon all classes of the Jewish community to come to the aid of the institution.

The Rev. A. P. Bender congratulated the committee on having produced such an excellent report. He wished to mention the work which had been carried out by the director and secretary, Mr. David Dainow, who had instituted an excellent system of accounts, and whose heart was devoted to the interests of the Orphanage. He also congratulated the committee on having a principal and matron who had inculcated a fine discipline in the children. In giving

As I had no credit and had no cash, I entered a drugstore and made a dash! The bottle I needed was there alright. I took it for nix and vanished from sight! I took it for cough. I took it for cold, I took it before I was ten months old. I took it because it's so good and sure—I always take Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

contributions to the Orphanage, the donors were only keeping up the old traditions of Jewish charity.

Mr. Bender felt that as an adjunct to the Orphanage there would shortly have to be established in Cape Town a hostel for boys and girls who reach the age limit when they must leave the institution and start to make their way in the world. For a number of years such children would need watchful care. Mr. Bender concluded by saying that the gratitude of the whole Jewish community of South Africa was due to the ladies and gentlemen of the committee who had worked so valiantly throughout the year.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted unanimously. The election of hon. officers then took place, Mr. Isaac Ochberg being appointed president with acclamation. The other hon. officers elected were Mr. J. Kadish, vice-president; Mr. L. Raphaely, hon. treasurer; Mrs. H. Stodel, lady chairman, and Mrs. J. Lurie, lady vice-chairman.

Great enthusiasm was shown in the nominations for the general committee, the following being finally elected: Miss L. Blumenau, Mrs. B. Jacobs, Mrs. H. Levin-kind, Mrs. P. Policansky, Mrs. P. Rosenberg, Mrs. L. Schrire, Mrs. B. Sloan, Mrs. A. Silbert, Mrs. A. Shapiro, Mrs. B. Hill, Mrs. E. Teperson, Mrs. Herbstein, Mrs. I. Wittenberg.

Messrs. J. M. Cohen, B. A. Crasnow, D. I. Fryde, E. Goldsmith, S. Gesundheit, L. Gradner, J. Ginnes, Rev. J. M. East, J. Woolf Harris, Advocate J. Herbstein, Jos. Ochberg, M. M. Smollan, P. Trappler, R. Weinberg, P. Reynolds, J. L. Zadik.

Last Sunday evening at the Old Synagogue, Mr. Augustas Yorke, the actor, of Potash and Perlmutter fame, kept a crowded audience keenly attentive to his remarks on the subject of "The Jew as an American Citizen."

The meeting was presided over by Advocate J. Herbstein, the President of the Cape Town

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Maccabean Association, under whose auspices the gathering was held.

Mr. Herstein appropriately welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Augustas Yorke to Cape Town.

Mr. Yorke began his lecture with the earliest days of American history. Like all good Americans, he went back to Columbus and showed how that worthy explorer's adventure was backed by Jewish capital. In 1906 the Puritan settlers drove the Catholics, Huguenots and Jews to the west; and it was when the Settlement of New Amsterdam, afterwards New York, was made by the Dutch, that the Jews first come into the story.

The speaker went on to trace the history of the Jew in America, and mentioned the interesting fact that Hyman Solomon, a Jewish banker, had lent George Washington 10,000 dollars, and not being repaid by Congress, had gone bankrupt. That Jews took part in the War of Independence, and fought bravely, appeared from the fact that Jews belonged to that famous aristocratic assemblage of the descendants of those who fought—the Daughters of the Revolution.

Mr. Yorke then passed on to the Civil War, and related the history of Judah P. Benjamin, who was made a member of the Cabinet of the Jefferson-Davis. At the end of the war, Benjamin escaped to England on a sailing vessel, became a member of the English Bar, and finally was raised to a judgeship on the King's Bench Division.

In the Western states it was a common thing to find Jews as Governors of the various States, and to-day in Utah there was a Jew as Governor.

Mr. Yorke went on to treat of the present position of the Jews in the States. The only positions which had not been achieved by Jews were those of President or Vice-President. In 1916 President Wilson appointed Judge Brandeis as the first Jewish member of the United States Supreme Court—the highest court of judicature. Senator Lodge strenuously opposed the election of Judge Brandeis, but in spite of this the Senate confirmed this.

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The lecturer went on to describe the life of the emigrant Jew in America, his education and his opportunities for development. Several times in the course of the lecture he showed parallel conditions in South Africa. He spoke of the Jew in the great cities, the Jew in the

universities, in business in public life and in the theatrical and musical world and on all these subjects he had ample matter freshly and sympathetically presented.

In New York and its environs, there were about 2½ million Jews. These had been attracted by the vista of freedom and liberty. Mr. Yorke graphically described the life of the immigrant arriving in New York, and showed how gradually the Jew, by hard work, managed to make his way, gradually improve his manner of living and soon became 100 per cent American.

In every sphere the Jew was as happy as he could be, and there was a great future for him in the western world.

At the conclusion of the address the lecturer replied to a number of questions put to him and was enthusiastically applauded a warmly thanked.

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Mr. Adolphe Hallis, the South African pianist now in London, is about to pay a visit to this country again. He will be in Capetown at the end of June, and intends to give a concert during the first week in July.

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The Maitland Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society is giving a Ball in aid of the Local Talmud Torah and the Jewish Relief Funds, in the Maitland Town Hall next Thursday.

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Mr. H. M. Fridjohn is lecturing on "Judaism and the Future" to the Jewish Literary and Historical Society next Tuesday.

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The 11th Cape Town (Jewish) Troop of Boy Scouts met on Sunday morning in the Scout Hall for the Annual election of officials and committee for the ensuing year.

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A meeting of the Students' Jewish Association of the Witwatersrand University was held on Tuesday in the University Buildings, Eloff Street, Johannesburg, in Room 24, when Mr. I. S. Judelowitz delivered a lecture in Yiddish on "What is True Judaism?"

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RELIGION VERSUS MORALITY.

by SOLOMON FRANK.

One is quite accustomed to the statement so often heard to-day: "Religion is old-fashioned. We don't need it. As long as a man leads a good moral life that suits us perfectly." And going along in this strain they will give you proof aplenty, that some of the great figures of history who were truly good men were without religion.

But this proof is insufficient; it really does not hold. Such good living may suffice when all is serene and perfect, but when things take a turn for the worse, then it likely as not falls to the ground. The Psalmist said: "Because the Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." This is by far the truer teaching, that he and he only is safe throughout the world's turmoils who is supported by faith and belief.

But there is a still more important factor to be considered. What is it that enables men to go forth on some great ideal though they oppose the whole world in their beliefs, if not religion? What else was it than faith in a liberty-loving God that prompted John Brown in the old slave days to go down South and proclaim the cause of liberty?

It is this spirit of idealism fostered by religion that set man adorning the great tasks of life that would otherwise remain undone.

We can well imagine Moses when starting his campaign for the freedom of his people being told by the "practical" business men of Egypt to remain home a prince of Pharaoh, rather than to become a leader of a small group. He well realised that if he remained home he would enjoy all the pleasures of life, but that if he went forth he would have to go through all the hardships of a pilgrim. But his God-inspired idealism conquered and he went forth in the wilderness, suffered all the trials and troubles that mortal man can stand, and in the end he died and was buried in an unknown grave. But still to-day he is the grandest figure in all of history, a man who accomplished the great things that he did because of his religion-inspired idealistic concept of life.

The greatest need of the world to-day, as it has ever been, is the implicit acceptance of the world revealed to Israel at Sinai, as incorporated in the teachings of Judaism.

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