

## In and Around the Peninsula.

Readers are invited to send in suitable items of news for publication in this column. All communications should reach the Editor, P.O. Box 2000, Cape Town, not later than Wednesday morning. Secretaries of Societies are also invited to contribute news of the activities of their organisations.

### Dangerous Scandal.

Last week's mail brought a London Jewish paper which published an unpleasant and untrue story of anti-Semitism in Cape Town.

A little Jewish boy was supposed to have been seized by some coloured children in the Hope Street enclosures and thrown on to a pile of branches which they set alight. The story goes that the children did this "because he was a Jew."

After thorough investigation I find that there is no truth whatever in the tale. The authorities at the fire station inform me that they sent one engine to extinguish a small fire in the brushwood. They found no children in danger. The police, who are supposed to have rescued the boy, state definitely that no child was ever thrown on to the wood. The two old ladies of the Ladies' Christian Home (not thirty-four as stated in the report) were so alarmed at the outbreak that they rushed to the telephone and were therefore unable to see what happened. The only other witness, a High School boy, saw the coloured children light the fire and drove them away. He reported positively to the police that no child was ever thrown on. One thousand school children, of whom seventy per cent. are Jewish and who live in the immediate vicinity were questioned on the occurrence. They knew absolutely nothing about it.

The "Argus" published the story two days after the fire from hearsay, announcing that a European boy had been put on the stake. Other papers in the Union repeated the story. Then somebody invented a tale of anti-Semitism and the story was mailed from Johannesburg in this new garbled version. The London "Jewish World" issued the story under the caption: "Anti-Semitism in Cape Town." There is no knowing how the story may grow or what harm it may do. The individual who spread the tale and sent it overseas deserves the censure of every Jew in South Africa. A cable denying the whole story, authorised by Major Buston of the Cape Town Police and the Rev. A. P. Bender, has been sent overseas.

### Moses Kottler.

Moses Kottler is very busy at his studio in Bayswater, London, where he is executing a number of commissions, including a portrait bust of Mrs. S. B. Joel.

Though he has been away for some months he is not out of touch

with South Africa. He has nearly completed his female figure, larger than life size, which in multiplicate is to form the motif for the entablature of the New Technical College at Pretoria. As these figures take the place of the classic column, they must of necessity be severe and dignified in design. This simplicity and dignity Mr. Kottler has achieved.

Just previous to his departure he completed the bust of the late Hyman Liberman. The bust has been cast in bronze under Kottler's personal supervision and is now in Cape Town. Those who have been privileged to see it declare it to be one of Kottler's finest pieces. The bust will find its home in the Liberman wing.

### Mrs. Ruth Alexander.

On Wednesday night Mrs. Alexander delivered a clear and striking address on Colonisation in Russia to the Junior Zionist Society in the Minor Hall of the Zionist Hall.

At the recent Conference in Johannesburg she was struck by the large number of young people who were interested and enthusiastic about the movement. She stressed the importance of a liberal and instructive attitude to matters of Jewish moment, particularly in a country where conditions tended towards narrowness and provincialism.

The speaker outlined the post-revolutionary conditions in Russia which led to the commercial distress of the Jew, "the age-long specialists in suffering." Jews all over the world had come to their assistance. "But," continued the speaker, "the only thing that is as bad for people as dying of starvation is living on charity."

American Jews, men of high character, unimpeachable personal integrity and hard common-sense, had made a contract with the Russian Government, facilitating land settlement. On the practical side there could be no doubt whatever as to the progress being made by those fortunate Jews who had become self-respecting and independent once more. On the moral side the scheme admitted of no argument. Unless Jews were prepared to see people of their own race die a double death,—moral and physical,—they must support the scheme.

On the cultural side there was no need to fear for the Jews in the Russian colonies. In the schools in their own autonomous communities they could teach what they liked. The dread that the Jews there would be irreligious need worry nobody. Jewish tenacity was stronger than any opposition. About ninety-five per cent. of characteristically Jewish literature and Jewish thought had come out of Russia in the last thirty-five years. In time to come Russia would probably give

inspiration to Palestine as well as receive it.

Mr. Julius Lewin then spoke. He said that the time had come for the younger generation to judge matters on their own merits and not to be led in their opinions by their elders.

Mr. M. Wolpe was in the chair, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. S. A. Kahn and seconded by Mr. Schrire.

After the meeting, tea was served in the Committee Room.

### Troop Leader Oblowitz.

During the absence of Scoutmaster Levenberg at the Jamboree, Troop Leader Oblowitz has been acting as Scoutmaster. He has just cause to be proud of his work during that period, for not only did he keep the remaining troop together, but the size of the troop has been nearly doubled under him, having increased from twenty to thirty-eight. Few people realise the tremendous amount of work that falls to the lot of a Scoutmaster. There are two parades a week and at least two other assemblies. The man in charge has to come fully prepared with a detailed programme of work and play. There is no doubt that a lot of responsibility attaches to this job. Young Oblowitz found no difficulty, and says that it is not a duty but a pleasure to run a troop.

Now that Scoutmaster Levenberg is back, Troop Leader Oblowitz will take leave till the end of the year in order to put in some hard study at the University, where he is taking his B.Comm.

He hopes to become an Assistant Scoutmaster and intends to run a Jewish troop of his own in Tamboers Kloof after he leaves college.

### At the Orphanage.

Mr. E. H. Kloot, ex-Principal of the Hope Lodge School, having promised to give a series of lectures on hygiene, gave the first on Saturday night, taking as his subject, "Making of a Home." Mr. Kloot is quite *au fait* with that subject, as it has always been his aim to train our boys and girls to become perfect men and women. Several members of the Committee and many friends of the Orphanage were present in addition to the inmates. Mr. Ch. Beresinski, the Principal, was in the chair, and he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer. Mr. Rozier, the chairman of the Young Judeans Society, seconded. Following the lecture there were a number of musical items and recitations by some of the children. Miss Lilian Pevsner has proved herself to be a perfect tutor of elocution for the children who she has taught acquitted themselves very creditably on Saturday night. It was a very enjoyable evening and the children are looking forward to Mr. Kloot's next visit to the Home.

### Preparing for the Yomtovim.

With the approach of the High Festivals our ladies are busy shopping and adding to their wardrobes. There are frequent visits to the dressmaker, milliner and shoe store.

Departmental stores are having a busy time this year. This is amply borne out by a visit to the shopping centres. Rejane's wonderful display of gowns is proving a great attraction, and among those in the well-filled showroom I saw my esteemed colleague, Rozilda, trying on several of Rejane's latest models. She looked most becoming in a "Mandarin" suit with a pleated skirt of petunia, hand embroidered in Chinese colourings. I intend looking out, during the Holy Days, for the wearer of this creation.

### Felicitations.

Last Sunday Mr. A. Rosenthal, that veteran social worker, celebrated his 82nd birthday. It so happened that on Sunday morning there was a meeting at the Old Synagogue in connection with the proposed federation of Jewish Institutions, and it was there suggested that the whole committee should, at the conclusion of the business, call upon Mr. Rosenthal to felicitate him on the occasion. It was a very happy suggestion, seeing that the meeting was one that fully represented Peninsula Jewry, and thus could speak for the whole community.

### Quite Unexpected.

Mr. Rosenthal was obviously pleased with the unexpected and informal visit, for among his visitors were many colleagues who for years had laboured with him in the sweet cause of charity. The deputation was headed by Mr. H. J. Stodel, and as an ex-president of the Mother Congregation he was able to speak of the active part Mr. Rosenthal had played in congregational affairs extending over a period of many years. He assured Mr. Rosenthal that the whole community, of which he was a distinguished member, desired, through the deputation, to be associated with the congratulations they brought. Mr. M. Eilenburg especially referred to Mr. Rosenthal's connection with the Aged Home, as did Mr. M. Rosen. The latter also pointed out that Mr. Rosenthal was still regarded as the Father of the Helping Hand Association, of which he was one of the original founders. Mr. J. Weinreich, on behalf of the younger generation, offered his congratulations, and added that the younger members of the community took Mr. Rosenthal as an example and an inspiration to give their service for the good of the community. It was a very happy incident, and I would like to add my sincere congratulations to one whose work on behalf of Cape Town's congregational and charitable institutions dates back so many years. My readers, I am sure, will join in the wish that Mr. Rosenthal will live to see many more birthdays.

### The Deputies' Congress.

For the first time in the history of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, Cape Town has been selected as the venue of the next Congress. The dates fixed are January 5th and 6th. Following this the S.A. Board of Jewish Education will hold their first Conference on the 7th January.

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Both the Congress and the Conference will be held at the Zionist Hall. There was a meeting on Tuesday night of the Cape Town Executive of the Board of Deputies, together with representatives of constituent bodies of the Board. The object was to form a "Congress Reception Committee" to act both in connection with the Board's Congress and the Educational Conference. The meeting unanimously elected Mr. Morris Alexander, Chairman; Mr. Morris Rosen, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. J. Carasov, Hon. Secretary. Provisional arrangements were made with regard to a social programme for the entertainment of the delegates and sub-committees were formed. Further meetings of the Committee will be held at a later date.

### The Mozart Evening.

I have been favoured with an advance copy of the programme of the concert arranged under the joint auspices of the Cape Maccabean Association and the Cape Jewish Guild, and which is to be held on the 25th inst. During the evening the Rev. S. Kibel will describe the life and compositions of Mozart, and the musical items will serve as illustrations for his talk. Music lovers are in for a treat, and for their information I give the programme as it will be presented. I might add that the entire net proceeds will be devoted to the Palestine Relief Fund. The programme is as follows:—Items by the Cape Jewish Guild Orchestra: Conductor, Mr. George Tobias,

A.R.A.M. Overture, "Nozzi di Figaro." Overture, "Don Juan." Minuet from G. Minor Symphony. First Movement from Jupiter Symphony. Violin Concerto in D (op. 218); soloist, Arnold Lorie. Piano and Violin Sonata (No. 2); Mrs. Helen Lewis, L.R.A.M., A.R.A.H. and Arnold Lorie. Piano Sonata (Nos. 4 and 6), Sonata in A. minor, Fantasia and Sonata in C minor; Miss Jessie Zuckerman, L.R.A.M. Vocal Items: "With a Swan-like Beauty Gliding" (in English) and "Wiegenlied" (in German), by Miss Elise Heller. "Can this be Love" (in English) and "Pergi Amore" (in Italian), by Miss Rebecca Goldblatt. "Within these Sacred Halls" (from Magic Flute), "Come, Open Wide Thy Window" (from Don Giovanni) and "Violet" by Harold Littlewort.

### "The Tochahchah."

In this week's Sedra, Deuteronomy chapter 28, verse 43, we read: "The stranger that is in the midst of thee shall mount up above thee higher and higher; and thou shalt come down lower and lower."

The Bible is well known for its brief and concise expressions. It is therefore very difficult to understand why the words "Máalah Mah-lah" and "Mátah Mahtah," "higher and higher . . . lower and lower" should appear in this verse, as the same idea could be expressed without these words. The answer to this is as follows. It is human nature that when a person who is in a very comfortable position suddenly meets with a reverse and becomes poor, a great deal of sympathy is shown to

him by all who know him. On the other hand, if one is very poor and suddenly becomes rich, the sudden change to wealth causes a great deal of jealousy. While if a rich man gradually becomes poor, the reverse is not so noticeable and there is very much sympathy. The poor man who gradually becomes rich does not meet with any jealousy.

This is what Moses told the children of Israel in the "Tochahchah," that the stranger in their midst would rise "higher and higher," viz. by degrees, so that there would be no jealousy, while the children of Israel would come down "lower and lower," viz. by gradual process, so that they will even lack the sympathy of neighbours. Unfortunately Israel has met with that reverse within the last few weeks. The stranger in their midst, in the land which was at least considered to be theirs, has risen above them. Yet Israel does not lose courage and is looking forward to the time when misery will be a thing of the past, when they will reach the stage when the words of Moses (Deut. 28, verse 10), "And all the nations of the land will see that thou art called by the name of the Lord."

### Bnoth Zion Association.

The Committee of the above Association has recently inaugurated a series of "At Homes" in order to bring members and their friends into closer contact. The first of those functions took place at Mrs. H. Harris' residence, Oranjezicht, on which occasion Mrs. T. Saphra delivered a short address.

The second function took place at Mrs. Leon Segal's residence, Sea

Point, when Mrs. P. Clouts and Mrs. Saphra delivered short speeches.

Both these functions were very successful and pleasant social events, and I understand that several non-members of the Association were enrolled as members. We understand that the Committee intends arranging a number of similar functions in future.

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# JEWES OF SOUTH AFRICA!

A determined attempt has been made by our enemies in Palestine to destroy our work and shake our faith in the upbuilding of our National Home.

Our foes are trying to intimidate us and cause us to desist from our historic task.

Jews of South Africa: What should be our answer?

Our answer should be: A more determined effort! Let us show the world that nothing will deter us from making the Jewish National Home in Eretz Israel a complete success.

We have taken a high resolve to increase our strength and influence in Palestine by buying more land on which more Jews will be settled.

It is incumbent on the Jews of South Africa to translate this resolve into action and make our aspirations a living truth.

At the Zionist Conference held at Bloemfontein in May, it was decided to embark upon an effort to raise £75,000 in three years and with that sum to purchase 15,000 dunams of land in Palestine in the name of South Africa. It has already been definitely proposed that South Africa's money should buy a tract of 15,000 dunams in the Plain of Sharon, land eminently suitable for citrus culture, immediately adjoining the great stretch recently purchased in the name of our sister community of Canada. On this tract it is proposed to settle several hundred new Jewish families.

Of the sum £75,000, at least £30,000 must be available within the next few months, so as to enable the purchase to be effected and the title deeds secured. The proceeds of the Land of Promise Fete, recently held in Johannesburg, will provide the first instalment. The rest is covered by the assessments laid upon each centre in South Africa, these amounting, in the aggregate to £25,000.

The forthcoming Balfour Day (November 2nd, the anniversary of the issue of the Balfour Declaration) provides the occasion for each centre to secure its quota. On that day, or rather during the week ending with that, every Jew must be asked to contribute the sum required to redeem *one or more dunams* of the new piece of Palestinian soil which, by the generosity and national spirit of South African Jewry, is to come into our people's possession. Such a step must and will be welcomed by every Jew.

Jews of South Africa! Remember that the greater our effort, the more rapid our progress! And the more rapid our progress in acquiring land and settling Jews thereon, the more secure our position in Palestine becomes, and the less danger there is of attacks on the part of our enemies!

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