

## Mr. George Giorini.

### A CELEBRATED TENOR VISITS SOUTH AFRICA.

There arrived in Cape Town by the "Carnarvon Castle" on Monday an interesting personality in the form of Mr. George Giorini. Mr. Giorini is a world-famous tenor and is one of the few really great Jewish singers of opera in the world to-day.



In America, where he has paid several visits, on each occasion receiving excellent press criticisms, he has earned for himself the title of "the Jewish Caruso." It is the intention of Mr. Giorini

(who will stay in this country but a short while) to give several recitals.

Mr. Giorini is not only a great singer, but a great national singer. He is a very ardent Zionist and has devoted himself for many years to the furtherance of operatic production in Palestine. For this he abandoned a more distinguished career in Europe and forfeited a wider popularity that would certainly have been his there. In Palestine and other parts of the world, where he is known, however, he is one of the most well-beloved characters on the stage.

Mr. Giorini came to Palestine at the invitation of Mr. M. Golinkin, founder of the Palestine Opera Company, and his services rendered in connection with the latter and with the development of Opera generally in Palestine have been invaluable. The creation of facilities for a Hebrew Opera Company in Palestine. Mr. Giorini told a representative of the "Jewish Chronicle," was as important a cultural achievement as the establishment of a gymnasium or university.

Mr. Giorini gave some interesting information in reply to certain questions with regard to the operas that have been produced in Palestine. Some of the most famous operas, such as Faust, Rigoletto, Pagliacci, La Juive, La Tosca, Carmen, etc., have been produced there. The performances are given in Hebrew. The librettos are likewise printed in this language, with a short synopsis in English and Arabic.

Questioned with regard to the interest displayed by the Palestinian public in opera, Mr. Giorini said that from the first day of

its creation, the Palestine Opera aroused keen interest. The degree of appreciation was naturally not equal everywhere, but there was no doubt that on the whole it had become a great favourite with the public.

Mr. Giorini said he was eagerly looking forward to his recitals in this country. He felt, he said, he had a message to bring us with his singing—a message of the spirit of hope and freedom which those in Palestine were enjoying to-day, a message in song from the Yishub to the Diaspora. He hoped that he would be able to transmit something of that spirit to us here.

We eagerly look forward to Mr. Giorini's appearance in Cape Town, for we well remember those Press reviews that tell us of the strength and beauty of his voice which leaves so deep an impression on those who hear him; of his remarkable powers of interpretation, and of the depth of feeling with which he sings; of his exceptional performances as "Othello" in the well-known Opera of that name, or as Eliezer in "La Juive," and of the other extraordinarily difficult roles he has taken in numerous Operas with such great success. But not for these reasons alone do we look forward to hearing this celebrated dramatic tenor. It is because we also harbour a hope that as he sings he will perhaps lead us, in spirit at least, to the country of Eretz Israel and let us forget for a little while that we are in Goluth.



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