

## In and Around the Peninsula.

### The Zionist Conversazione.

The Zionist Conversazione continues to be as popular as ever. It is still attended by large numbers and its programme is as interesting and stimulating as when it was first held.

Dr. S. E. Kark acted as host at the last conversazione held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night. He opened the evening with a short introductory speech, calling at the conclusion of it on Mrs. East and Mrs. Kahn, who contributed a very charming vocal duet, and who were enthusiastically encored. He then called on Advocate A. Shacksnovis, who delivered an excellent address on the "Jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of International Justice in dealing with the Mandatory in view of Recent Events."

Mr. Shacksnovis at the outset spoke briefly on the White Paper and the furore it had caused in the Jewish and in a large section of the non-Jewish world. Those responsible for it, he said, had overlooked a very important factor in issuing it—that is, that the Palestine Mandate was different from all other Mandates. For whereas in other Mandates provision was made for the people actually existing in the State concerned, the Palestine Mandate made provision for the whole Jewish people, who need not necessarily be, and who were certainly not all in Palestine. The White Paper had obviously been published with a view to only the actual inhabitants of Palestine. A great wrong had thus been committed and it was necessary that something be done to right it.

It had been suggested in influential circles that the matter be brought before the Permanent Court of International Justice. But this could not be done directly by the Jewish people. According to the constitution of the League of Nations, the body that spoke for the Jewish people—the Jewish Agency—could not bring a petition before the Court. The Jewish Agency had been established to deal solely with the British Government in an advisory capacity and thus had no international status whatever.

The only courses open to the Jewish people were either to obtain the services of some State that was a signatory to the League to put our case before the Court, or to have the matter brought before the League, who would in turn have it brought before the Court. Mr. Shacksnovis personally considered the second measure the wisest. As for the scheme advocated by some of changing the Mandatory, this, he thought, was too drastic.

Discussion took place at the conclusion of the lecture, in which Dr. Sachs, Mr. Rosenblit, Mr. Getz and Mr. Sorokin participated. Mr. Shacksnovis suitably replied.

Mr. Getz next read his usual extracts from the J.T.A. bulletins and after an interval Dr. Sachs read an excellently conceived paper on "The Gesticulating Jew." The evening concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Kark to those who had contributed to its success and with the singing of the Hatikvah.

### Dunam Drive at Muizenberg.

The First Annual Meeting of the South Peninsula Zionist Society was held at the Belgrave Hotel, Muizenberg, last Thursday evening, and was fairly well attended.

The Chairman, Mr. N. Emdin, in opening the meeting, welcomed the gathered, and stated that although the Society had not been too active during the past twelve months, it had, nevertheless, conducted a very successful Keren Hayesod Campaign as well as a very successful Dunam Drive. He concluded by urging members to assist in rendering the Dunam Drive this year just as successful, and by calling on Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., to speak.

Mr. Alexander spoke on the present position of the Zionist movement and on the attitude of the British Government towards Zionist effort. He appealed to the audience not to lose courage in the face of disappointing events, but to continue their work in the cause undaunted and with even greater determination than before.

Mr. B. L. Rubik, the next speaker, also made an appeal for greater faith and activity in spite of events of the last few weeks and particularly urged the younger people to take a more intense interest in Jewish matters.

Rev. H. Isaacs spoke in similar strain, after which the initial donations to the Dunam Drive were announced.

The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows:—Chairman, N. Emdin; Vice-Chairman, H. Gurland; Treasurer, M. Shagam; Hon. Secretary, H. Tucker; Committee, B. Krikler, K. Jacobson, M. Katzen, B. Phillips, W. Satusky, and N. Wolman.

The Chairman in a short speech thanked the speakers and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

£65 for the Dunam Drive was subscribed at the meeting. This figure has since been increased to £120, and it is anticipated that last year's total will be reached shortly.

### Maccabean Guild.

A very successful Flannel Dance was held at the Zionist Hall last Thursday evening under the auspices of the Maccabean Guild. The Dance was preceded by an "Eastern Operette" staged by the Koon Konzert Party.

### Mr. Pickerill on "Good and Bad Music."

A large attendance of members and friends of the Maccabean Guild enjoyed a stimulating lecture by Mr. W. J. Pickerill, conductor of the Cape Town Municipal Orchestra, last Tuesday evening. Mr. Pickerill chose as the title of his address "Good and Bad Music," and he showed how the merits of the piece had to be judged according to form or style, melody, rhythm and general composition. But apart from all these points, personal taste and emotion always influenced musical criticism. Thus the different nationalities reacted differently to the same composition.

To illustrate what was good in music, the Guild Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. George Tobias, played selections from Mozart and more modern composers. Mr. Harry Garfinkel sang a German folk tune and a Mozart melody. "In the Monastery Garden," by Kettleby, was chosen as a piece of poor composition.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Pickerill was proposed by Mr. Tobias, who said that the Jewish Community as a whole were lovers of music and they took pride in the excellence of the Cape Town Orchestra.

Mr. Pickerill commended the playing of the Guild Orchestra.

A highly successful evening was brought to a close with the overture "Figaro" and the playing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King."

### Cape Jewish Orphanage Ball.

The Cape Jewish Orphanage Annual Ball is being held at the City Hall on Wednesday evening, 26th inst., and for those who will be wise enough to attend an extremely happy evening is promised. Marks' Orchestra will be in attendance and many attractive novelties have been arranged. Mrs. H. Stodel, that indefatigable communal worker, is in charge of the arrangements, a fact which in itself should give some indication of the good time in store.

Readers do not need to be reminded of the worthiness of the cause in which the Ball is being held, and we have no doubt will support this undertaking as it deserves to be supported.

### Welcome to Mr. Berold.

Mr. B. Berold, of Parow, who recently returned from a trip to Palestine, was given a welcome by the Parow Jewish Community in the local Communal Hall last Sunday night.

Mr. Freedman presided and in his opening speech expressed the pleasure the Community felt at having Mr. Berold back in its midst. Mr. H. Daitsch delivered a short address, in which he referred to Mr. Berold's activities as a member of the Congregation and as one always prepared to work in the furtherance of the National Cause. He was extremely glad of the privilege which had been accorded him of welcoming Mr. Berold back.

Mr. Berold, in responding, gave a very graphic description of Palestine. He stressed the feeling of "at homeness" which every Jew who entered Palestine experienced. Every Jew, he said, should make it his ambition to visit Palestine and, if possible, to settle there.