

## In Cape Town

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By an error, the address of "Hasofer" was given in last issue as 47, Hope Street.

Another busy fortnight has elapsed since my last report. Each society in its own way has striven to stimulate the interest of its members and as far as possible also the general public.

The Dorshei Zion were responsible for the holding of a lecture by Rev. Diamond on "The Future of Judaism in S. A." The reverend gentleman is a newcomer from New Zealand, and his remarks were in the nature of first impressions. It goes without saying that he drew parallels with his experiences in the Antipodes, and his audience found much to interest in his description of life there. One gathers that assimilative tendencies are pretty strong, and that the Jewishness of the sister Dominion is not quite as vigorous as our own.

The Maccabean Association has adopted the method of circularising their members with a programme for some time ahead. Many interesting things are promised, and one notes that the various items are well balanced. On Sunday 7th, they held what was called a Mystery Social. If the large audience had gathered to witness anything intriguing, then one imagines they must have suffered disappointment. The unusual title connoted nothing more than a sort of games evening supplemented by a dance. Not an unpleasant evening resulted, but the committee would be well-advised, if they intend any more such affairs, to see to their stage managing. Long waits between items pointed to a want of certainty in the minds of the organisers.

As if to show that there can be too much of a good thing even in attendance at society meetings, the number of Maccabeans who came to hear a lecture by Dr. L. Mirvish, on the following Sunday, was not over large. The lecturer, who was *au fait* with his subject "Recent Zionist Events," had no difficulty in holding the attention of his audience on the many controversial points the period displayed.

The Students' Jewish Association which is also maintaining the regularity of its meetings, held a debate between past and present members on the previous evening. Miss Hersman, and Messrs. Bloch and Matz appeared for the students, while Miss F. Friedlander, B.A., Mr. S. Turtledove, B.A., LL.B., and Mr. J. Cohen, B.Sc., took up the cudgels on behalf of the "old boys." The resolution submitted by the latter was, "That the Jewish National Movement and Contemporary Judaism owe more to Western ideas than to Jewish tradition." One is given to understand that this debate is the first of its kind, but reunions between "past and present" should require no additional recommendation.

The Jewish Girls' Association is an organisation which has done valuable work among the working girls of Capetown for some years. Bearing testimony to its usefulness is a membership of upwards of a hundred. Meetings take place every Thursday, and are devoted to needle-work, house-craft, elocution, music and other mild literary and intellectual pursuits, and generally to things which engage the young feminine mind. The social facilities come as a boon to many a girl whose circumstances and occupation in making a living cause her to welcome the opportunities for congenial companionship thus afforded.

On Thursday 11th, one of the Association's periodic dances took place, when the gentlemen friends favoured with invitations spent a very enjoyable evening. A few days later, this time under the aegis of the Zionist Scouts, a pleasant dance took place in the Goede Trouw Hall. By all appearances the financial results sought must have been attained, so that the troop will be enabled to improve its equipment. Several high scout officials, as well as other well-wishers, made a point of being present.

A new note was struck by Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Kark who celebrated the Barmitzva of their son by a huge children's party in the Banqueting Hall. As grown-ups had no business to be present, one has to trust to rumour for report, and it has it that hundreds of invitations went out bearing the request that guests come in Biblical costume. Making the Barmitzva to interest the boy's companions is in marked contrast to the speech-making adult affairs which are the general run, and where the boy himself often seems a stranger at his own feast. The following day the children of the Orphanage were entertained at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Kark.

The approach of the Yomtovim has already been heralded. More or less accurately worded advertisements in Yiddish calculated to attract the attention of those who replenish their raiment for the Holy days, have made their appearance under the headings of several leading Gentile business houses. The temporary places of worship are notifying the public of their presence. The accommodation in the larger Synagogues is practically all taken up by regular seat-holders.

The fact that the Festivals follow immediately on the week-end will not be taken amiss by most. It makes a holiday worth while.

Your correspondent seizes this opportunity of wishing you and your staff and all readers the compliments of the season. May the New Year prove rich in honour for the *Zionist Record*, and may Israel be blessed with Peace and Progress.

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### WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANISATION.

The Benoth Zion Association intends to hold a house to house collection on Sunday, October 5th, in aid of the Women's International Zionist Association, and has circulated an appeal. In this appeal, it is pointed out that the sympathy and interest of Jewesses in a large number of countries have been enlisted, and it is hoped that women in South Africa will come forward in the same generous spirit.

The efforts of the organisation have thus far achieved good results. At the hostel, situated in Jaffa, the first of the great schemes realised, a good elementary training is provided in all branches of household work, cookery, etc. The usefulness of institutions such as Infant Welfare Centres are self-apparent and it seems unnecessary to dwell thereon.

A further scheme to be set on foot is the establishment of an agricultural school at Nahalal. The preparatory work of this institution has been started, but enormous sums of monies are still required for its completion. When ready, the school would accommodate sixty students to whom it would afford a comprehensive training in all branches of agriculture and farming.

Funds are not only required for the realisation of this scheme, but also for the upkeep of the hostel and welfare centres. The co-operation of all Jewish women in every country is urgently required in order to carry on the good work which has been set on foot with such remarkable success, and all women members of the community, Zionists and non-Zionists alike, are urged to contribute.

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## CAPETOWN MACCABEAN ASSOCIATION.

### RECENT ACTIVITIES.

The new committee, elected on 10th of June, soon got into stride and arranged an elaborate programme for the session. An interesting lecture by Dr. Julius Herman, mentioned in our last report, was the first fruits of the committee's endeavours.

This was followed soon after, on July 12th, by a social dance, which was largely attended by both members and friends. The Goede Trouw Hall was the venue, and dancing was continued until midnight. Much appreciated musical items were interspersed between the dances, and a general spirit of comradeship prevailed, a state of affairs much sought after but which can never, for some reason or other, be previously assured. In welcoming the guests, the President explained that the dance marked the opening of a new session, for the success of which the large attendance was a happy augury.

A fresh note was struck on the 20th of the same month when a literary symposium took place in the Zionist Hall. Short papers of about ten minutes duration on "The Future of Judaism in South Africa" were contributed by five members of the society, Dr. M. D. Immerman, Miss Rose Lewin, Mr. A. Sagorsky, Miss G. Jackes, and Mr. B. Rostowsky. The papers were not only of a high literary standard, but showed the result of thought, and considerable insight. It must have proved a source of astonishment to many that five people speaking on the same subject should each find something different to say. But so it was, and the novelty of handling and diversity of views, material and conclusions, proved both entertaining and interesting. A vigorous discussion followed in which Mr. D. Getz, member of the Federation Executive, was a welcome visitor. His speech was attentively listened to, but raised a perfect hornet's nest of criticism, which he apparently enjoyed no less than anybody else in the prevailing good humour.

All in all, both from the point of view of members present and the keenness evinced, the meeting was one of the most successful in the annals of the society. It served also to bring forth hitherto hidden talent, and thus the participants are encouraged to study and in a simple and easy form to express themselves before a public, while everybody seems to have a more personal concern in the doings of the evening. These benefits are so obvious that there is every inducement to make such meetings periodic.

Towards the end of the month our Association commiserated with the other societies in the holding of the Herzlzeit. As a full report of this gathering has already appeared in the *Record*, no further mention is called for.

In the first week of the new month, despite stormy weather, a fair audience assembled in the Zionist Hall to hear a paper by Mr. S. Futeran on "An Unwritten Chapter in Jewish History." This cryptic title proved to be the caption of a description of the Classicist Movement, that romantic and fascinating period in comparatively recent Jewish history. Mr. Futeran's sentiments certainly showed him to be a Chassid—and what is more, he wasn't ashamed to admit it. An interesting discussion followed on the permanent values of Chassidism.

Blossoming forth in a new light, the Association held a concert in the banquetting hall of the City Hall on Tuesday, August 12th. A charge was made, to be devoted

to funds to be sent to a study Kvutzah in Tel-Aviv. A splendid programme was provided, consisting of outstanding young Jewish artistes in the city. Those who participated were Misses Raie Da Costa, Bertha Satz, Adelaide Newman, Sybil Marks, Rose Policansky and Mr. George Tobias, while Miss Ethel Zin was the accompanist. Appreciative notes appeared in the local press on the following days.

In the second half of the same month Professor Eric A. Walker contributed a paper on "The Historical Setting of Early Old Testament History."

Research in the last fifty years had thrown a flood of light on a period for our knowledge of which we had hitherto only had the Bible to go upon. Antiquarian discoveries, as well as contemporary writings and inscriptions, had provided much invaluable information. Discovery was still proceeding, of which the recent Tutankhamen excavations were only an example, though an important one.

The lecturer dealt with his subject in proper historical fashion, examining evidence and probabilities, and mentioning much that was new. And withal there was sympathetic understanding and a reverence too often lacking in an examination of the Scriptures by so-called "moderns." The Professor showed how intelligent reading of the Bible gave us, after taking into consideration the weaknesses inherent in any historical account, a pretty faithful picture of events.

A fortnight later Mr. H. J. Mandelbrote, who is Senior Lecturer in History at the University, lectured to a large audience on "The Political Organisation of Judea under the Kings." The subject was presented in a most absorbable form, the important points picked out and emphasised. It was shown that Israel had a normal development from the patriarchal to the tribal system, and then to the Kingdom. The lecturer pointed out that the large combination of the tribes which the Jews effected, and the unity thus achieved was a step much in advance of their neighbours, who were organised for the greater part into tiny kingdoms, the heads of which, though called kings, were probably on a par with native chieftains. Mr. Mandelbrote advanced the opinion that the break-away of the northern kingdom was due to the fact that this idea of unity, as well as the idea of Divine Unity, was in advance of the times, and the people fell back from this high standard. He put it down as one of the causes of the ultimate destruction of the State that Judea fell in between the two political systems of the age; it was too big to form a City State, though there was a tendency to concentrate on Jerusalem, and too small to become an Empire, which Jewish exclusiveness also hindered. Its position in the highway of marching armies was, of course, too, a precarious one.

It will be seen then that our Association has spent a pretty active time, and every effort is being made to maintain the standard. A social event of a rather novel nature is to follow on this lecture, and a report will appear in due course.

In addition to having lectures from outside speakers we attempt to encourage our own members to read and study, and give the rest the benefit of their accumulated knowledge. On Sunday, 14th September, Dr. Mirvish gave a very interesting "Review of Zionists events of the past year." He dealt with the subject under three heads: (1) external events, (2) happenings in the Zionist movement, and (3) progress in Palestine, and very ably grouped his material to show the general progress made in Zionist activities recently.

With the New Year we look forward to even greater efforts and renewed activities, and hope that this successful session will be followed by many more of the same kind.

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