In Cape Town

(From our own Correspondent.)

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THE EDUCATION CONFERENCE.

The announcement that the Education Conference has been postponed sine die is a matter for extreme regret. I did not expect, for any other, conference to perfect the system of education magically with a wave of the wand—or, perhaps the correspondents would prefer it—with a wave I do not think this. Prof. Mirvish scored a point when he maintained, at the recent local conference in Capetown, that the enthusiasm and the interest of the South African conference, with the attendant hustle and discussion, could not but stimulate action and eventually bring about the improvement envisaged.

One thing is certain, that if adequate attention is not paid to the educational requirements of our children on lines suitable from the public, and in this connection hold up the example of the Gardens congregation, which contributed 1£ from each of its members.

The Rev. A. P. Gates, the president, expressed his satisfaction with the attention paid to the religious side of the curriculum, and hoped that attendance at Synagogue will be associated in the minds of the children with their studies. He looked forward to the day when that school would be regarded as a Hebrew college.

Rabbi Mirvish, Messrs. I. Mauerberger, and Sam Chomsky spoke.

Thereafter a committee was elected.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

On Wednesday, December 3rd, a special meeting of the committee of this body was called to consider how to deal with the present heavy call being made on their resources. While the income is being maintained at a satisfactory level, the number of applicants for relief has grown too large to cope with, and all the reserves have been swallowed up. To this meeting, number of special committees were appointed to consider ways and means of the "drive." A start was made there and then, and, using insect Mr. L. Kramer contributed £300 and Mr. P. Polecynski £100.

If the organisers set to with energy there is every expectation of raising several thousand pounds for this important cause.

BNOTH ZION.

The women Zionists presented an excellent programme at a meeting held early in the week, at the Zionists Hall. Unfortunately, the warmth of the weather militated against large attendance.

Beginning with musical items and finishing with Miss Ganisheft, there were several speakers.

Miss G. Jaches read a thoughtful and well-written paper on "The Legend of the Blue and White." Mr. Ch. who has just returned from a health trip to Europe, on a long visit to Palestine, gave a stimulating little talk on what he had witnessed. He told the audience of the conviction that the Jews had established themselves in time and was building a beautiful life there. What hardship was to a great extent ascribed to the present support everywhere in the Goluth.

Mr. D. Dainow, our editor, who is down at the Cape on a well-earned holiday, with his headquarters at the bracing resort of Muizenberg, was also present, and said a few words at the invitation of the chairlady, Mrs. M. Zuckerman.

THE GUILD.

On the following Wednesday, this society celebrated its first year of existence by an "at home" at the Railway Institute, where a large number of members and friends forthwith showed their appreciation of the work and progress of the Guild by a large showing. Tables were arranged about the hall, and guests enjoyed ample refreshment while being delighted with two excellently staged and performed operatic productions. They were entitled, "The Test Kiss," and "Mollie and the Milliner."

Much hard work must have been put in by the members who took part, and the producer, Mr. Jack Zachon. Dancing rounded of a very enjoyable evening.

OPERATIC CONCERT.

On Wednesday, the 10th, there was a crowded attendance of Jews and Gentiles at the City Hall, where an operatic concert was given by Mr. Joel Myerson. Mr. Myerson, who was enthusiastically received, was in fine voice in a wide range of classical selections. He was ably assisted by Miss Helen Chiappini in a number of songs and duets. Mr. Eli Marx played a group of interesting solos on the violin, while Mr. Victor Hely-Hutchinson accompanied very finely throughout. One was rather disappointed, however, that there were only one or two Jewish numbers, including that good old favourite, "Kol Nidrei." Sometimes I think that our non-Jewish friends must be under the impression that this piece is our whole musical stock-in-trade, as it is "trotted out" on every possible and impossible occasion. There is a certain cachet in town, in fact, which has its inherent charm, and this "Kol Nidrei" on Yem Kippur. In trying to account for this, or even ludicrous practice, I am at a loss to put it down to the fact that the numbers a show must have been put in by the attendance of the Jewish patrons at his establishment on that day, so that he chooses this curious way of pricking their conscience, or whether he is adopting a subtle way of reminding his other clients of the reason for the absence of his best customers. But perhaps what he really intends is to pay an obbligement to us, and thinking the season calls for something Jewish, orders the playing of the only piece he knows of.

But after all, we have some beautiful classics and folk-songs which I feel confident that they would win the appreciation of both the musicians and their audiences, if only they were made known and were locally procurable. This is the matter of the Zionist Federation which would take up by making inquiries among overseas' publishing firms, and carrying a few of the finer religious numbers forward. This facility, our large number of amateur musicians would surely acquire, or take up real Jewish music, and the effect would be a very valuable one from every point of view.

HERE AND THERE.

On Monday, of the previous week, a very large crowd of fellow Zionists and other friends was present at the start of the week's meetings at the Reform Synagogue, Mr. Miss Gitlin has been a very keen worker in local young Zionist circles and has frequently given well-informed papers to the various societies. Her going to Palestine will be the satisfying of a great ambition, whereas her return to the City will give her especial facility in participating in the life there.

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