

IN DURBAN

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

Jewish Nationalism.—"That Jewish Nationalism should adopt a more militant attitude" was the subject of a debate arranged by the Circle and held in the Railway Institute Hall early last month. Whether the fault lay with the nature of the subject, or is to be attributed to any other particular cause, is difficult to say, but the standard of the discussion was very low, and the debate, considered as a whole, both from the point of view of the material employed and the arguments adduced, was one of the poorest in the history of the Circle Culture Section.

There are two reasons, perhaps, why the poor standard of the function was so marked, and proved so disappointing. One, that the array of speakers was an imposing one and included well-known debaters, the other, that all past debates have maintained so high a standard.

The nature of the subject left an opening for a very interesting investigation into, and discussion of the principles of Revisionist Zionism, and afforded ample opportunity for the introduction of the latest developments in the movement. But none of the speakers seemed to come to close grips with the subject, and most of them satisfied themselves with a vague and very general treatment of the question.

On the whole, the debate stood out in very strong contrast with all the previous similar functions held during the past session.

The movers were Dr. Lipworth, Dr. Broomberg and Mr. Stone; the opposers, Dr. Goldberg, Mr. Obel and Mr. Klatchko. Mr. Sol Cohen occupied the chair.

The Luncheon Club.—The Luncheon Club was honoured at its last meeting held in the Central Tea Rooms with the presence of Dr. Manfred Nathan. The luncheon was attended by a small but representative gathering.

Mr. F. C. Hollander, M.E.C., occupied the chair, and in welcoming the distinguished guest of the occasion, congratulated him on his recent appointment to Presidency of the Income Tax Court.

Dr. Nathan, in a short address, in which he thanked the Circle for the hospitality extended to him, expressed the hope that on his next visit to Durban, he would be in a position to take a greater interest in local communal activities.

Mr. Moss-Morris, Vice-Chairman of the Durban Jewish Communal Council, expressed thanks to Dr. Nathan, and Rabbi Levy, in an appropriate speech, paid tribute to the distinguished position held by Dr. Nathan in the public life of South Africa.

The function closed with a few words from Mr. Max Wolpert, Chairman of the Durban Jewish Circle.

The Hasholom.—The April issue of *The Hasholom* which has just been published, while occupied largely with information affecting the impending opening of the Durban Jewish Club, and with discussions of the incorporation of the Circle by that body, contains a number of interesting individual contributions.

"Yehudi," who, it is pleasing to note, is now a regular contributor provides an article in his usual interesting style on "The Hebrew Renaissance."

Rabbi Levy, in "The Communal Spirit," contributes a thoughtful analysis of the social features of our people, and the basic nature of religion in the national existence of Jewry.

Adv. Gus. Friendly, well known in South Africa as a keen student of Jewish questions, and a new contributor to the pages of *The Hasholom*, treats of anti-Semitism under the heading "Apathy or Ignorance?"

Apart from two clever poems by A. Lex, and one or two minor contributions, Dr. J. Zidel considers an interesting subject in "Jewish Peculiarities in Relation to Disease," while Mr. Marcus Lewis continues his fascinating accounts of Jewish achievements in the legal world with a sketch of Sir George Lewis, in his time one of the leading English lawyers of the present century.

Good-bye to the Circle.—The latest issue of *The Hasholom* is, apart from its literary value, of special interest, as it takes the form of the swan song of the Circle qua Circle. In other words, it is probably the last issue which will be produced before the incorporation of the Circle in the Durban Jewish Institute.

It is appropriate here, in bidding farewell to the Circle, to attempt an assessment of the vast results achieved by this body, whose influence has permeated every phase of our communal activities; the society that has for some fourteen years past guided, with unflagging devotion and limitless energy, the progress of Durban Jewry.

If it were truly farewell, the occasion would indeed be a sad one. But it is only a formal farewell. The Circle will remain in essence, though gone in name. As the leading article puts it: "The spirit of the Circle will transform cold brick and mortar into a living organisation which will be ever more able than has the Circle to serve the community."

The Circle has not gone, it has removed to a new and a wider realm covered by the banner of the Durban Jewish Club, there to carry on its work under that banner, in the name of the first organised general home for Durban Jewry.

General.—A novel step in the world of music is being taken by Myer, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Rosenbach of Durban, who leaves at the end of the month by the "Warwick Castle," for England, there to take up his studies at the Keech School of Music in London, in the banjo, guitar, mandoline, and other kindred instruments.

Myer Rosenbach, who has devoted himself for some years now to a serious study of the banjo, has achieved some reputation in Durban on the concert platform, and best wishes are extended for his success, from his numerous friends in South Africa.

IT MUST BE
"BLACK
&
WHITE"

THERE IS NO FINER WHISKY

SCOTCH WHISKY
"BLACK & WHITE"
SPECIAL BLEND
CHOICE OLD SCOT
James Buchanan & Co.
SCOTCH WHISKY

Support Zionist
Record Advertisers