

In Pretoria

From Our Own Correspondent.

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Women's Zionist League.—There was a record attendance at the monthly at home of the local Women's Zionist League which was held at the Memorial Hall on the 18th inst., Mrs. Machanik presiding.

Introducing the speaker, Mrs. Machanik referred to Dr. Katzen's life-long association with Zionism and to the distinction the speaker enjoyed of being the first lady doctor in South Africa.

Dr. Katzen spoke on "Some Modern Aspects of Zionism," in which she dealt with the renaissance of the Hebrew language and literature and the notable and enormous strides made in the direction of improving public health due to the Hadassah movement, as evidenced by the almost incredible drop in infantile mortality and the practical disappearance of trachoma. Progress had been achieved in the face of innumerable obstacles and despite the uncertainty of the present political situation, there were little grounds for pessimism. A hopeful feature was the increasing part taken by Jewish youth in the Zionist movement, as shown by the personnel of the recent Congress. At the conclusion of the address refreshments were served, after which Miss D. Feinberg sang in a charming and appealing manner.

Mrs. Isaacson proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the League to Dr. Katzen for her interesting address and to Miss Feinberg for the musical items rendered.

Jewish Guild.—The Jewish Guild, in pursuance of its policy of steady development, is gradually extending its activities, and next week its first acted performance will be given in the Macfadyen Hall.

The production is an event of great importance. Hitherto, Jewish dramatic and histrionic talent have dispersed among non-Jewish organisations and no attempt had been made to produce plays regularly under Jewish auspices. How far the Guild will go must depend to a large extent on the success of "go ahead," and its performance will be watched, therefore, with close interest.

Fortunately, in Mr. E. Joffe, who has been entrusted with the task of launching the new enterprise, the Guild has a producer with a wide experience and sound practical knowledge. He has succeeded in gathering together an able and talented cast, some of whom have already shown themselves capable and convincing performers. Of these, perhaps the best known is Mrs C. Isaacson, who is equally at home in English and Yiddish plays. Miss M. Zaidel and Mr. A. Abrahamson have also shown themselves to be gifted and polished actors. Of the other principals little can be said at this stage. They have had hardly any experience but if the enthusiasm of the produced can be taken as a criterion, an excellent, all round performance can be safely predicted.

Apart from the interest in the new venture, there is the Bursary Fund, which will benefit to the extent of the public

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support of the show. The proceeds will be given to the fund and, at one and the same time powerful impetus can be given to two worthy causes. Only one performance will be given on Wednesday next, the 2nd September, and the community will witness and enjoy a production of outstanding merit.

Women's Benevolent Association.—The 34th Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Women's Benevolent Association was held at the Memorial Hall on the 12th inst. There was a very large attendance. The retiring President, Mrs. M. Niefert, in her report, stated that the Society had had a very successful year, financially and otherwise. Although there were many calls for assistance they had managed to meet them and still keep the funds in a sound position.

On election the following were appointed as office-bearers and committee:—Mrs. Monty Levy, President; Mrs. F. Goddard, Vice-President; Mrs. A. Etin, Hon. Treasurer; Mrs. H. R. Schewitz, Hon. Secretary; Committee, Mesdames J. Abramson, J. Druian, D. Sliom, D. Goddard, S. Schmulow, R. Osipowitz, A. Levin, J. Berkow, S. Malitsky, Friedland, E. Rom, S. Goldblatt, P. Payne, S. Lazar, S. Price and S. Ginsberg.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring office-bearers and committee for their untiring efforts on behalf of the society.

Mr Kentridge's Visit.—Arrangements are well in hand for the Conversazione taking place on the 30th instant, at which Mr. and Mrs. S. Rutowitz will act as host and hostess. The speaker will be Mr. M. Kentridge, M.L.A., who will give his impressions on his recent visit to Palestine and the position of the Jews there. Musical items will be rendered by Mrs. Ivan Solomon and Cantor A. Zwick. An invitation is extended to all interested to attend.

Watch this column for the big surprise which the Pretoria Zionist Society has in store for you in regard to the Ball being held in October.

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