

In and Around the Peninsula.

The Zionist Conversazione.

There was a very festive atmosphere about the Zionist conversazione held at the Zionist Hall last Tuesday evening. It was the first conversazione to be held for a number of months now and the fact that it fell on Purim provided an occasion for a rather less serious type of evening than has been usual at the conversaciones in the past.

Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Kark acted as host and hostess and after a short introductory speech in which he referred to the Festival now being celebrated, Dr. Kark called on Mr. Sereisman, who, accompanied by Mrs. Serisman, gave a violin solo.

A lecturette on Purim was then delivered by Mr. M. Wolozinsky, who provoked some discussion among the gathering. Contributions to the discussion were made by Messrs. Rabkin and M. Gurland.

Mr. M. Natas concluded the first half of the programme by reciting a Purim sketch of his own composition and an interval then ensued during which tea and *hamantaschen* were served.

The second half of the evening was opened with a vocal duet by Mrs. East and Mrs. Kahn. Mr. Losman recited and Mr. D. Getz finally read extracts from the J.T.A. bulletins dealing with Jewish world events. The evening was brought to a close with the singing of the *Hatikvah*.

The conversazione was on the whole a most enjoyable one and gave promise that this function will continue to maintain its popularity. The usual informal atmosphere prevailed and a keen interest in the proceedings was shown throughout by the assembled gathering.

Lecture by Rev. Andrews.

Under the auspices of the Maccabean Guild Rev. C. F. Andrews delivered an address last Thursday night on "Eastern Ethical Philosophy as contrasted with Western Philosophy."

Rev. Andrews dwelt on two very important differences which existed between the philosophies of East and West. The first was the difference in the idea of God. In the West God was considered as a unity, as personal. He was supreme and transcendental. In the East God was thought of as all-pervasive and impersonal. He was oneself and at the same time the Universe. All external things were transitory, the only lasting thing was the Eternal.

The second difference in the philosophies of East and West lay in the ideas of existence and pre-existence. The East believed in the doctrine of reincarnation—that after

death the soul entered another body and lived another life. Long before our lives to-day we had had hundreds of births and yet would have hundreds till we become one with the Eternal. The nature of our existence in the next life depended on our manner of living in this one—goodness was rewarded with a happier existence in the future.

Westerners, on the other hand, could not think of birth and death as anything but definite and final. They did not believe in pre-existence.

An interesting discussion took place at the conclusion of the lecture in which Messrs. B. Fine, Wengrove, S. Cohen, Dr. W. Altschul and P. Jochelson participated. Mr. S. Nell presided over the meeting and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., who paid a very warm tribute to Rev. Andrews.

Lecture by Mr. Jacobi.

A lecture by Mr. S. Y. Jacobi, C.E., will be delivered in the Zionist Hall on Thursday evening, 12th inst. under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association. Mr. Jacobi will speak on "Zionist Problems of To-day." All interested are invited to attend.

Bnoth Zion Orange Grove Fete.

A meeting of ladies convened by Mrs. M. Kentridge and Mrs. P. M. Clouts was held on Tuesday, 3rd March, when it was decided to organise a fete to take place on 5th May, in aid of the Zionist Hall funds. The ladies enthusiastically consented to take charge of the different stalls, and were confident of making the fete a success. It was decided to name the fete the "Orange Grove Fete," and that stallholders, as far as possible, should concentrate on having only useful and moderately priced articles.

Lecture by the Rev. A. A. Green.

The Rev. A. A. Green, Emeritus Minister of the Hampstead Synagogue, London, will deliver a lecture in the Zionist Hall on Monday evening, March 9th, at eight o'clock. Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., will preside. The Rev. A. P. Bender, Mr. S. Goldstein, President of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, Mr. M. Eilenberg, J.P., and Mr. M. Rosen will speak. All will be welcomed.

Rev. Green will be the guest and speaker at the Maccabean Guild Luncheon to be given in the Carlton Hotel on Wednesday, 11th March.

Bnoth Zion Concert.

The concert held last Sunday night in the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association was most successful from every point of view. The programme, which had been arranged by Mrs. John M.

Weinreich and Miss Jessie Zuckerman, was an excellent one and was very much enjoyed by the fairly large gathering which attended the concert.

The first item on the programme was a pianoforte solo by Miss Jessie Zuckerman, whose selection, beautifully rendered, won great favour. Miss Mabel Lewin sang very charmingly and little Miss Ray Kirsch was delightful in her Russian dance. A recitation by Mrs. Louis Tyfield was the next item and it was followed by a song from Miss Belle Pinn, who is well known to Jewish audiences. A duet dance, "Fire and Water," executed with much grace and beauty by Misses Phyllis Lusman and Myra Zlotnick, brought the first half of the programme to a close.

The second half of the programme opened with a violin solo, very well rendered, by Miss Ethel Farber. Miss Mabel Lewin sang again and another recitation was given by Mrs. Louis Tyfield. A Spanish dance by Miss Freda Fernandez was very much appreciated, and the last item, a vocal duet by Miss Belle Pinn and Mrs. J. Pinn, was equally well received.

The dancers, whose items were very attractive, were all pupils of Miss Pearl Lazarus.

Mr. Weinreich Addresses the Juniors.

Mr. J. Weinreich lectured to members of the Cape Town Young Judeans last Saturday evening on "The Progress of Zionism from 1919."

Mr. Weinreich briefly outlined the position of Jewry to-day, emphasising the fact that throughout the world the gates were shut to Jewish emigrants from Eastern Europe, where Jews were subjected to inconceivable persecutions. The lecturer gave a detailed account of the progress of Jewry in Palestine and the work of the *Halutzim* in cultivating the land and modernising Palestine. He quoted statistics to show the increase of exports during recent years and the advance of industries. The lecturer stated that in spite of difficulties created to hinder the Jews in their development of Palestine, yet the small number of *Halutzim* who represented the seventeen million Jews of the world carried on their work in Palestine as enthusiastically as ever.

The meeting concluded with the *Hatikvah* after a vote of thanks had been moved to the speaker.

Purim Festival at the Hebrew Kindergarten.

The Purim Festival held at the Hebrew Kindergarten in Molteno Road on Wednesday morning was a very delightful affair it was generally agreed by the large gathering of parents and other interested visitors who had assembled to watch the proceedings.

The kindergarten room had been very charmingly decorated for the occasion and the children, flushed and excited, were all in fancy dress costumes. The story of Purim was enacted with great enthusiasm and the various characters played their parts with considerable success. It is remarkable