

In and Around the Peninsula.

Zionist Conversazione.

The Conversazione in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday was in the nature of a Bialik celebration. The lecturer of the evening was Mr. B. L. Rubik, who delivered an exceedingly erudite and interesting address on Bialik, the poet.

Punctuating his remarks with quotations in Hebrew and English, Mr. Rubik traced Bialik's development and also his various phases as a poet. He illustrated how definite poems marked definite periods in his life. To understand Bialik, one must know the period in which he lived, said the lecturer, who also stressed the point that Bialik's poems suffered enormously in the Translation into English. It was impossible to express in English which is an analytic language the nuances and subtleties of the Hebrew, which is synthetic. There was another difficulty of translation—poetry should be translated by a poet.

Mr. Rubik revealed the various influences on Bialik as a poet and his poetic expression of reactions to certain incidents—e.g., his humiliation at the behaviour of the Jews in the Kishinev pogrom.

The vigour and force of Bialik's poetry was illustrated by quotations and also the gentleness and beauty and peculiarly Bialik quality of his love poems and nature poems.

Mr. Rubik exhorted the gathering—if they wanted to honour Bialik—not to do so by the clapping of hands and expressions of praise but by actions, and in conclusion he hoped that Bialik would give us another song, not about a City of Slaughter but about a City of New Life.

Among those who took part in the discussion were Dr. Mibashan, Mr. G. Telem and Mr. Z. Avin.

Dr. Kark was in the chair and in introducing the speaker of the evening spoke a few words about Bialik.

A piano solo was rendered by Miss Arnowitz and Miss Richmond contributed a song. The news was read by Mrs. Kottler.

Dr. Resnekov at Paarl.

There was an exceedingly large and representative gathering in the Paarl Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday, March 26th, when Dr. Resnekov delivered an address on his recent visit to Palestine by air.

Before the speaker commenced to describe his visit, he congratulated Paarl Jewry on their excellent achievement in introducing Hebrew classes into the local High Schools.

A description of the cities of Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem was given, and Dr. Resnekov painted a beautiful picture of the harbour and surrounding mountains of Haifa.

The speaker emphasized the fact that, at the present time, industrial and agricultural workers are most needed in Palestine, hence the University is not yet catering for the medical and other professional faculties.

After Dr. Resnekov had replied to a number of questions, Dr. Epstein, on behalf of the enthusiastic audience, thanked the speaker for his interesting address. Mr. Semer briefly seconded the vote of thanks.

Dr. Resnekov, the visitors and Zionist Committee were entertained after the lecture at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wisnekowitz.

Strand-Somerset West Zionist Association.

A Bialik celebration and conversazione was held under the auspices of the above Association at the Grand Hotel, Somerset West, on Sunday, the 25th March. The function was well attended. The host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller (Somerset West).

Mr. Miller, in opening the affair stressed the importance of these functions and appealed to the public for their support. This was only the third monthly conversazione, he said, but it had evidently come to stay. He further stressed its importance in that they were celebrating Bialik's sixtieth anniversary.

Mr. Miller apologised for the absence of Mr. Rubik, who should have addressed the gathering. He also apologised for the absence of Mr. H. M. Jaffe (Chairman of S.S.W.Z.A.) who was unfortunately indisposed. He then called upon Miss Helen Dembovsky to give a pianoforte solo, at the conclusion of which he introduced the two speakers—Mr. Z. Avin, of Cape Town, and the Rev. Bardin, of the Strand.

Mr. Avin said that it was difficult to speak of Bialik in any other language but that in which he created—namely modern Hebrew. He said there was only one Bialik and we should know how to appreciate him.

He was a descendant of our prophets and wise men. He further explained that besides being a poet he was a philosopher and a writer—a man of unassuming character, but nevertheless one of our National heroes. Mr. Avin quoted liberally from his works, and showed how he wrote something from every aspect of Jewish life. He stated that although Bialik does not take an active official part in Zionism he is nevertheless essential to Zionism.

During the interval refreshments were served. After which Rev. Bardin addressed the gathering on Bialik. Both Mr. Avin and Rev. Bardin spoke in Yiddish.

An opportunity was given to the audience to question the two speakers.

Mr. Michael Comay (Cape Town) and Dr. B. Isaacson (Strand) addressed the gathering.

Mr. B. Cantor (Strand) passed a vote of thanks to the speakers. After the host had thanked all those for making the affair the success it was, the meeting closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

South Peninsula Zionist Association

Under the auspices of the above Association a jubilee celebration will be held at the Hotel Rio Grande, Muizenberg, on Sunday, 2nd April, at 8.30 p.m., in honour of Bialik. All are cordially invited.

Dorshei Zion Concert.

In spite of counter attractions on Sunday evening last there was a large attendance at the grand concert given under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association.

The programme was an attractive one; those helping towards the success of the evening were Miss B. Cohen who sang, pupils of the Kirsch School of Dancing who supplied the ever-popular dancing items; Mr. Dubowitz contributed to the programme; Mr. Geo. Laden gave humorous readings; Mr. L. Kovarsky sang Yiddish songs, and Master Lighton and Mr. Koorland pianoforte solos. Mr. Koorland also accompanied all the singers.

Mr. J. M. Weinreich addressed the gathering during the interval on the proposed Dorshei Zion Membership Campaign, for which a special committee had been formed. He outlined the work of the Dorshei Zion Association, and emphasised the fact that one could not enjoy privileges without fulfilling obligations and having responsibility as well.

The achievements of the Dorshei Zion were remarkable considering their small membership said Mr. Weinreich, who also referred to the forthcoming bazaar to assist in maintaining the hall and help to liquidate the debt thereon.

The singing of Hatikvah and God Save the King concluded a very enjoyable evening.

Shiurei Shabbos.

Under the auspices of the Cape Mizrahi Association the Shiurei Shabbas started once again, after an interval of some months, last Saturday, at the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall.

Mr. Morgenstern delivered a lecture on Reb Chaim Volozhiner, to a large gathering.

Mr. Sheul was in the chair and welcomed those present.

The lecturer briefly reviewed the life of Reb Chaim Volozhiner, who lived a hundred and fifty years ago. He came from a very distinguished family. His father was a great Talmudist and his mother was associated with a family of Goanim. It was, therefore, no wonder that the child was an infant prodigy.

Reb Chaim Volzhiner identified himself with many activities, but chiefly with the foundation of the Volzhiner Yeshiva. He was the first to introduce a system by means of which the Rabbi would not need to depend upon the community for a livelihood.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Oneg Shabbos.

The Oneg Shabbos will meet on Saturday, April 1st, at five o'clock, in the Zionist Hall. Adv. J. Herbstein will lecture on "Our Generation." A good programme has been arranged.

Strand Young Israel Society.

The second fortnightly study circle was convened at the residence of Mrs. L. Nocho-mowitz, of the Strand, on Saturday night, the 25th inst. In the absence of Mr. Solly Friedman, Mr. Louis Shapiro acted as convenor.

An essay competition and a oratorical competition was inaugurated. All members of the Society are eligible for the competitions.

Another interesting feature of the study circles is the teaching of Hebrew songs. An attempt is being made to run these circles as far as possible on the lines of the Leader's Club Classes now being held under the auspices of the Judean Central Council, Cape Province, in Cape Town.

The attendance so far has been satisfactory, and keen enthusiasm is being displayed.

Cape Jewish Aged Home.

At a meeting of the newly-elected Committee of the above Institution the following were elected for the Executive for the ensuing year: President, Mr. H. Rosen; Vice-President, Mr. M. Pevsner; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. Pinn; Chairlady, Mrs. M. Rosen; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. R. Lewis.

The following were appointed for the Finance Committee: Mr. L. Pinn (Chairman), Messrs. M. Rosen, M. Shnaps, S. Goldstein, B. Wolf, D. Gordon, Sr., and the following were appointed for the Building Committee: Messrs. W. Harris, L. Grader and M. Shnaps.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

On Sunday evening, 26th inst., the question of the adaptation of the Junior Certificate and Matriculation syllabus in Hebrew to conform to the needs of present day Jewish youth was considered. After an interesting and earnest discussion in which Messrs. Hirschon, M. Natas, M. Tickin, A. Levin, Potashnik, Berezinsky, A. Levitte and J. Abitz took part, a syllabus was agreed upon which they hope will meet with the approval of the Jewish Board of Education and will supersede the present syllabus, where overdue emphasis is placed on grammar and translation and too little attention paid to the Hebrew language as a living entity, and to its literature both ancient and modern.

A lecture was read by Mr. A. Levin, the President, on "The Educator and the Disciple."

The lecturer pointed out that there could be no teaching without education, just as no education could prove successful without systematic teaching. He outlined the different views held by various schools of educators.

Mr. Levin recalled the dry, uninteresting up-bringing of the ghetto Jew, an upbringing (consisting for the most part of prohibitions) which could not hold its own against outside influences, resulting in friction between members of the same household which often included a mixture of every shade of thought from extreme orthodoxy to unrestrained free thinking. The breach became particularly wide among Jews who emigrated from Eastern Europe, more so than among other nations who became assimilated to their environment only after the lapse of many generations.

The introduction of modern psychological methods in education during the last twenty-five years however has brought the Jewish youth appreciably nearer.

The teacher must set a proper value on his work and realise that the pupil will be

impressed and influenced only if his study appeals to him. The art of teaching lies in forging a link between the matter taught and the soul of the pupil, and only to the extent that he is successful in this will the teacher-educator find compensation for his many tribulations.

Messrs. Berezinsky, Hirschon, Sadofsky and Levitte took part in the subsequent discussion.

Talmud Torah Ball.

A meeting will be held in the Parliament Cafe, Darling Street, on Thursday, April 6th, at 3.30 p.m. in connection with the Talmud Torah Ball. Mrs. J. H. Stodel is the Convenor and all those interested are cordially invited.

Union of Jewish Women.

The next meeting of the above Union will be held at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 4th April, at 3 p.m.

As this is the last meeting of the first year of the existence of the Union it is hoped that there will be a record attendance.

Apart from the ordinary business of the meeting the annual report of the London Union of Jewish Women will be read, as well as Mrs. T. Saphra's report of the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls and Women and also a report on the final arrangements for Synagogue representation.

Mr. Adv. J. Herbstein will be the guest of the afternoon and will speak on "The Zionist Hall and the Community."

Boys Own Zionist Society.

On Sunday, the 26th inst., the Boys Own Zionist Society held a picnic on Table Mountain. On the way their flag was borne aloft while marching behind it were the members singing Palestinian and Chaluzim songs. The flag was planted, and around it a mock trial was carried on, the accused being Pharaoh. A few games were also arranged. The picnic proved a great success.

On Sunday night, the 26th inst., a Joseph Trumpeldor commemoration evening was held by the B.O.Z.S. in the Zionist Hall. The meeting commenced at 8.30 sharp, and there was a full attendance. The Chairman, Master A. Friedgood, duly opened the meeting and cordially welcomed all members. The sports organiser, Master A. Berrett, then spoke on a sports day which had been arranged by the committee. The Chairman then called upon Mr. Charloff to deliver a lecture on Joseph Trumpeldor. This was exceedingly interesting, dealing with the life and heroic deeds of Trumpeldor. Next followed impromptu speeches by the members to whom subjects were dealt out. The boys showed a keen knowledge of present-day happenings. The meeting was concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

On Tuesday, the 28th inst., the "Sports Day" was held at the Cycle Track.

Silver Wedding.

Heartly felicitations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Max Rabie who are celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding which took place at Paarl on April 5th, 1908.

Mr. Rabie is a well known member of the Community—though he has not lived in Cape Town many years and takes an active interest in the various institutions, etc., of the city, and is a keen Zionist.

Celebration at Aged Home.

On Monday afternoon the Matron of the Cape Jewish Aged Home, Mrs. F. Franks, in celebration of her birthday, entertained the inmates of the Home to tea. Several members of the Committee were present as well as other guests—Mrs. Stodel, Mrs. Waynick and Dr. Rebecca Katz.

Mr. Carasov deputised for the President and extended felicitations to Mrs. Franks.

Mr. J. Kadish made a presentations on behalf of the inmates. This was in the form of a cut glass dressing table set.

Mrs. Lewis (Vice-Chairlady) referred to the good work done by Mrs. Franks as Matron of the Home. Mrs. Franks responded.

Molteno Road Hebrew Kindergarten.

We have been asked to announce that the fees for children attending the above kindergarten have now been reduced from fifteen shillings to ten shillings per month. It is hoped that this will enable many more children to take advantage of the excellent opportunity of learning Hebrew under ideal conditions. The children are very happy at the kindergarten and apart from being taught the language become familiar with the Jewish Festivals and customs.

In Brief.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Segal and family leave for England on the "Warwick Castle" to-day.

Congratulations are extended to Rev. and Mrs. Kassel, of Woodstock, on the occasion of the barmitzvah of their eldest son, Aaron.

The marriage of Dr. S. N. Sennett and Miss Olive Hilson, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Hilson, will take place in Johannesburg on April 5th.

The marriage took place in Johannesburg on Wednesday, March 29th, of Cecilia, elder daughter of Mrs. R. D. Goodman, and Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sonnenberg, of Muizenberg.

Mr. I. Dunsky, Organiser-Secretary of the South African Zionist Youth Council arrives in Cape Town to-day to attend the Young Israel Conference.

BARMITZVAH.

KASSEL.—The eldest son, Aaron of the Rev. and Mrs. S. Kassel, of Woodstock, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir in the Synagogue, Woodstock, on Saturday, 1st April, 1933.

SILVER WEDDING.

RABIE-HOTZ.—The marriage of Max Rabie and Margaret Hotz was solemnized at Paarl on 5th April, 1908, by Rev. Mazzur.

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