

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Meeting at Claremont.

On Sunday evening last a combined general meeting of the Claremont and Wynberg Senior Zionist Association and the Claremont Junior Zionist Society was held in the Claremont Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue.

Mr. L. E. Berman, President of the former Association, was in the chair, and a gathering of about a hundred people were present. In his opening address Mr. Berman spoke generally on Jewish problems and stated that though there was nothing wrong with Jewish youth in this country; they had yet to prove themselves. He made an urgent appeal for united effort in communal affairs.

Miss Stella Meyers then gave a much appreciated piano solo, after which Advocate H. M. Bloch addressed the gathering.

Mr. Bloch dealt with the youth movement. He described how the youth of various nations had dominated all national movements in the post-war period and had been the driving force behind the realisation of national ideas. The Jewish youth did not conform with the youth of other countries in this respect. On the contrary, though the time was ripe for a concerted national movement among the Jewish youth, the lack of driving force was deplorable. He ascribed the cause of this partly to the lack of suitable propaganda at the time of the Balfour Declaration, the lack of necessary instruction and the absence of a direct appeal to youth in a manner destined to enlist their enthusiasm.

Mr. Bloch, in conclusion, made reference to the visit to this country of Mr. Maurice Samuel, whom he hoped everyone would make it their business to hear when he came to the Cape.

Miss Julie Berelowitz then recited.

The next speaker was Rabbi I. M. Gervis, of Muizenberg. He stated that he did not entirely agree with Mr. Bloch that the problem of the Jewish youth was similar to that of the youth of other countries. The driving force he had spoken of was not all that was necessary to attain the national ideal. The revolutionising of ideas by the youth bred a Zionism which must necessarily exclude the older generation.

Rabbi Gervis dealt with the philosophy of Ahad Ha'am and stated that only by establishing a spiritual contact between one generation and the other could a Zionism emerge which could never fail.

Mr. L. D. Hirschowitz, Secretary of the Claremont Junior Zionist Society, thanked the speakers for their addresses, and Mr. I. Lazerow, Chairman of the Claremont Junior Zionist Society, thanked the artists for the items rendered.

Union of Jewish Women.

A fairly large gathering of ladies attended a meeting of the Union of Jewish Women held in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday afternoon when Miss Rosa Van Gelderen

delivered an address on various schools she had visited while on her recent travels.

Miss Van Gelderen, who evidently has a deep interest in educational problems, described very adequately her impressions of schools at Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, Zanzibar, Mombasa, Cairo, Palestine, Holland and London. She had been particularly impressed by the kindergartens and creches she had seen in Palestine, by the Montessori School in Amsterdam and the Russel School in London.

Mrs. Nussbaum presided and at the conclusion of the lecture, thanked Miss Van Gelderen for speaking to the Union.

During the afternoon various reports were delivered, and the news-sheet was read by Mrs. J. Gottlieb.

Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

The Muizenberg Young Israel Society held another successful function on Sunday, the 10th inst. Mr. H. Macarthy read the news service, and a play-reading followed. A debate was also held. Mr. S. M. Levin presided.

Next Sunday evening a meeting will be held in the Talmud Torah Hall to explain the aims and workings of the Chalutz scheme. The "Isaac Harold Guinsberg Library" will also be officially opened. All are invited to attend.

An Attractive Gift.

Mr. J. Bernstein, who recently paid a visit to Palestine and who returns to South Africa on Monday, demonstrated during his absence his appreciation both of the local Talmud Torah and the Bezalel work of Jerusalem. While in Jerusalem he forwarded a parcel of Hebrew books bound and covered in the Bezalel workshops for the prize distribution at the Cape Town Talmud Torah. The books are very handsomely got up, most of them having attractive cedarwood covers, and should be more than desirable prizes for those to receive them. The Talmud Torah is extremely grateful to Mr. Bernstein for his gift and very much appreciates his thoughtfulness.

Oneg Shabbos.

A large gathering attended the last function of the Oneg Shabbos over which Mr. B. Padowich presided.

Mr. E. Levitte, the speaker, chose as his subject "Contradictions and Hypocrisy." He dealt first with the meaning of these terms in general. He then dwelt on various aspects of Jewish life, illustrating how full of contradictions the life of the Jew in the Diaspora was. As an illustration of hypocrisy he pointed to the attitude of the world towards the catastrophe of German Jewry: despite the professed liberalism of the world and despite all the expressions of sympathy that had been made, nothing had been done by the nations of the world to assist our brethren in their plight.

Mr. I. Fine read sketches on the life of

old communities of Lithuanian Jewry, which were greatly appreciated.

The speaker at the Oneg Shabbos tomorrow afternoon will be Mr. B. Mirvish, the subject of whose address will be "National Autonomy."

Highlanders' Sham Fight.

We have been advised by Mr. A. Jacobs, that on representations made by him to Colonel Hearn, the Commanding Officer of the Cape Town Highlanders, Jewish members of the regiment need not join the sham fight which commences on Friday, 29th September (Erev Yom Kippur) until Saturday evening, 30th inst, or Sunday morning, October 1st.

In Brief.

The heartiest congratulations are extended to Mr. A. Rosenthal who to-day celebrates his eighty-sixth birthday.

Mr. S. Gesundheit returns to South Africa on Monday by the "Warwick Castle."

Mr. J. Bernstein returns to Cape Town on Monday from a visit to Europe and Palestine.

Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Katz, of Claremont, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Claremont Synagogue on Saturday, 16th inst. A reception will be held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont, on Saturday, 16th inst., at 8 p.m.

The next Zionist conversazione will be held in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening, 19th inst.

Rabbi T. Kahnemann will preach at the Beth Hamedrash, Van de Leur Street, this Sunday at 5 p.m., and at the Muizenberg Synagogue on Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m.

WHERE TO STAY.

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