IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

Bnoth Zion Association.

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting, presided over by Mrs. Movsovic, at the Zionist Hall on 26th November

Adv. J. Herbstein gave an interesting and informative lecture on "The Arab Problem in Palestine."

The Arabs, he said, could be divided into two big economic groups—the Effendi who had grown rich through the centuries and wielded much influence. They owned the greater part of the soil of Palestine and in many cases did not live in that land. From them the members of the other group, the Fellaheen, a poor class, comprising peasant or tenant farmers, manual labourers and Bedouins, rented property and paid in rent as much as twenty-five per cent of their earnings. When this money was not paid these people lost their land and became agricultural labourers.

Thus instead of having a class of Arab workers rooted to the soil, the land belonged to a class not interested in the development of Palestine and the source of most of the trouble between Arabs and Jews.

When the Histadruth or Federation of Labour attempted to raise labour standards of Arabs and town trade union the clash between Jews and the Effendi was inevitable.

It has been shown to be erroneous that the Jews have been guilty of economic exploitation and have driven Arabs off the land.

Arabs unable to earn a living left Palestine prior to 1931. Since then, not only have no Arabs left but tens of thousands have entered Palestine from Transjordan. Also their wages have increased and are three times as large as wages earned by Arabs in Egypt and Syria.

Arabs as well as Jews have shared in the benefits accruing from circulation of millions of pounds invested. Arabs infantile mortality has decreased and the birth-rate is much higher than before.

To-day, too, the question of religious antagonism is not mooted by the Arabs as it was in the 1929 riots and is not likely to amount to anything in the future. The existing difficulty in regard to social and cultural relationship was being used for political purposes against the Jews. The latter had come into a country which had been catapulted in a few years from the Middle Ages to modern times, a process which had taken other countries several hundred years. A common platform for Jews and Arabs had to be found. The establishing of a chair of Arab culture in the Hebrew University was a step in the right direction. The trade unions, too, were a means of approach between Arab and Jew.

A comprehensive and interesting review of "Thy Neighbour" by Lord Melchett was given by Mrs. M. Kottler.

There was an appeal for support for the Zionist Hall Library Funds by Adv. M. Comay.

A hearty vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Mrs. Bloch.

The lecture given last week by Dr. C. Resnekov to the Muizenberg Branch on the "Influence of the Haskalah" was of absorbing interest and was listened to with rapt attention by an appreciative audience.

A bazaar in aid of the Jewish National Fund will be held at the Muizenberg Pavilion on January 5th. A large and energetic committee, under the convenorship of Mrs. Joeum, is busy preparing for what promises to be an interesting and lucrative day. A number of stalls will provide attractive wares. There will be a cookery demonstration and a very carefully arranged children's concern, and a dance will take place in the evening. The service of Stan. Thomas' Orchestra has been secured. The Hon. Organising Secretary is Mrs. Libby Cohen.

The next meeting of the Oranjezicht Branch will take place on Monday, December 7th, at 3.15 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. S. Schach, "Wembley," Upper Orange Street.

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Dr. Felix Gross will deliver an address.

W.P. Habonim Camp.

The third annual W.P. Habonim Camp is being held this year at Cilliers' Farm on the Berg River above Paarl. It commences on the 23rd inst. and will conclude on January 3rd. Judging by the increased number of entries, the value has been recognised for providing at one and the same time the training of Habonim and a holiday under canvas. The camp is, of course, open only to members of the movement, and then only those who have passed their Hakdasha (Initiation).

Furthermore the camp will be run in conformity with the structure of Habonim. Thus the Kevutza System will operate absolutely, each tent containing a Kevutza of eight with a Rosh and Segan; each Kevutza in turn will do orderly and cooking duty for a day; the camp will be divided into Bonim and Bonoth sections, each with its own kitchen and appointments.

The activities will run to schedule with provision for outdoor work, general knowledge, Jewish history, tradition and aspirations. At the same time ample time is set aside for games and rest periods.

The Ba-Koach for the Western Province, Mr. H. L. Stern, will be in charge of the camp, and the Manhig, Mr. Norman Lurie, is coming down specially to participate.

The health of the children is being well safeguarded. There will be a full-time medical officer in charge of a "hospital tent." Camp hygiene will be practised, and the drinking water will be specially purified to guard against contamination.

Visitors' Day is on Sunday, December 27th, and all parents and friends of Habonim as well as the general public will be very welcome. A special Medura (camp fire) will take place that evening. On other days visitors will not be admitted.

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Social and Personal.

The engagement is announced of Rev. I. H. Levine, son of Rev. and the late Mrs. J. l. Levine, of Pietersburg, to Lily, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Bernstein, of Johannesburg.

Mr. G. Gordon is leaving to-day in the "Giulio Cesare" on a visit to Europe.

Mr. B. Padowich is leaving on Sunday morning for Beaufort West from where he will continue his tour on behalf of the Keren Hayesod.

Miss R. van Gelderen and Miss H. Purwitsky are leaving to-day in the "Giulio Cesare" on a visit to Europe.

Mr. V. Resnekov left on Saturday in the "Dunbar Castle" on a visit to Europe.

Miss L. Gesundheit is leaving to-day in the "Giulio Cesare" on a visit to Europe and Palestine.

Miss J. Grodzinski is leaving to-day in the "Giulio Cesare" on a visit to Europe.

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Habonim is certainly to be congratulated on the strides it is making. It has taken upon itself the training of the Jewish boy and girl of to-day into an upright, self-reliant, fit grown-up, of inculcating good citizenship, of making them proud of their Jewish heritage and staunch in their faith in the Zionist ideal to rebuild Eretz Israel.

Cape Jewish Orphanage:

A farewell to Mr. E. H. Kloot on his departure for England on holiday was given in the Home on Monday night. Members of the Committee and a number of the Orphanage Old Boys' and Girls' Union were present. Mr. J. Weinreich was in the chair, and paid a tribute to Mr. Kloot for his wonderful work for the Orphanage.

Mr. I. Ochberg, Hon. Life President of the Dorshei Zion Association, presented Mr. Kloot with a box of pipes in appreciation of his work in connection with the May Fair.

Mrs. Lockitch, President of the Old Boys' and Girls Union, thanked Mr. Kloot for his interest in the Union.

Mr. Kloot responded, thanking the speakers for their kind remarks.

Wynberg Hebrew Congregation.

The annual general meeting was held on Sunday morning in the Synagogue Hall. Mr. S. M. Kaplan presided over a large gathering, summarising the activities of the Congregation for the last year.

The general election then took place, and the following hon. officers and committee were elected: Mr. J. Freedman, president; Mr. A. Anzisko, vice-chairman and Gabai; Mr. P. Maizel, treasurer. Committee: Messrs. A. Bloch, W. Freedman, S. Galloon, S. M. Kaplan, A. Katz, M. Katzin, M. Mendelson, A. Shifrin, L. Selibowitz, S. Wolman, I. Zinman. Trustees: Messrs. A. M. Matz, I. Schoch, V. Rifkin. Auditors: Messrs. I. Gordon and B. Preiss. Mr. J. Potashnik, secretary.

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Union of Jewish Women.

The next meeting will take place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 8th December, at 3 p.m.

Mrs. P. Clouts will deliver an address on "The Present Position in Palestine."

Cape Town Hebrew Kindergartens.

A Chanukah concert will be given by the pupils of the Kindergartens in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 6th December, at 10.30 a.m. A delightful programme, in which the children will recapture the real spirit of Chanukah, is being arranged. Adults as well as children should make every effort to attend and spend a pleasant morning.

Wynberg Hebrew School and Kindergarten.

A Chanukah concert will be held in the Royal Hotel, Wynberg, on Thursday, 10th December, at 7.30 p.m. An enjoyable evening is assured. Tickets: Adults 1s.; Children 6d.

Green and Sea Point Talmud Torah.

A Chanukah celebration and prize distribution will take place at Alphen House, Sea Point, on Thursday, 10th December, 1936, at 8 p.m.

Rev. Levine will deliver an address. A musical programme has been arranged, including songs by Cantor Katzin. All welcome.

Woodstock and Salt River Jewish Ladies' Society.

The annual general meeting was held on Monday night in the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock.

Mrs. P. Marks was in the chair and thanked the ladies of the Committee and particularly the Secretary, Miss F. Gelb, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Merkel, for their valuable assistance.

Mr. Basker thanked all the ladies, and especially the chairlady for all they had done for local institutions during the year.

Mrs. Bloch also expressed thanks to the Chairlady, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Chairlady made a presentation to Miss Gelb and Mrs. Merkel, who suitably responded.

Mrs. Merkel presented the balance sheet. Mrs. Marks gave a detailed account of activities during the year, which reflected great credit on the Committee.

Election then took place with the following results: Mrs. P. Marks, chairlady; Mrs. S. Marks, vice-chairlady; Mrs. Merkel, treasurer; Miss Gelb, secretary. Committee: Mesdames L. Katz, A. L. Furman, Baigel, Kushner, Bloch, Basker, Konoetz, Davidowitz, Spitzglass, Katz, Meyerowitz, Resnick, M. N. Marks, Galloon, Traub.

Mrs. Dobe rendered a pianoforte solo and Miss Freda Marks a recitation.

Sium Hatorah at Claremont.

The Sium of the Torah presented to the Claremont Hebrew Congregation by the Claremont Jewish Ladies' Society will be held at the Synagogue, Grove Avenue, Claremont, on Sunday, 6th December, at 7.30 p.m. A reception will be held in the Talmud Torah Hall.

Histadrut Ivrith (Hebrew Circle).

A meeting took place on Monday 23rd ult., in the Zionist Hall.

Mr. J. Gitlin was in the chair.

Mr. M. Natas spoke on the Hebrew Conference which took place recently in Tel-Aviv.

Mr. Z. Avin spoke on "The Hebrew Book."
It was decided to hold a Hebrew Book
Month. The arrangements are well in hand.
Biennial Conference of the Cape Jewish

Zionist Socialist Party.

A well-attended meeting was held on Sunday evening in the Zionist Hall.

The meeting took the form of a symposium on Jewish-Arab labour relations in Palestine. Mr. M. Ben-Arie, who was in the chair, stated it was significant that during the recent Arab riots Jewish workers protected Jewish farms and property, and that immediately after the cessation of the riots, these self-same Jewish landowners whose properties had been guarded, replaced Jewish workers by cheap Arab labour.

Mr. G. Laden then read extracts from the works of David Ben-Gurion, the Palestine Labour leader, relating to this problem. Discussion then arose, in which Miss Gitlin. Messrs. Achron, Ben-Arie and Avin participated.

The meeting terminated with the singing of the Techezaknah.

Young Israel Camp.

The annual Young Israel Camp will be held at the Strand from December 31st to January 14th. The fees are £2 10s. for Seniors (over sixteen) and £2 for Juniors. Special rates for week-end and part-time campers. A telephone has been installed (Strand 002) and numerous other innovations have been introduced.

Worcester Hebrew School.

The annual prize distribution and Chanukah concert will take place on Sunday, 13th December, at 8 p.m. A Hebrew Chanukah play, written and adapted for the stage by Mr. L. Goodman, the Principal, will be staged. Special decorations and period costumes are being arranged. An interesting and ejoyable evening is assured.

United Hebrew Schools.

The annual prize distribution and concert will take place on Thursday, 10th December, 1936, at 8.15 p.m. Members, parents and supporters are kindly invited to be present.

Hebrew Teachers' Association.

The last general meeting of this year took place in the Talmud Torah Hall, Hope St., on Sunday, the 29th November, when Mr. Z. Avin gave a detailed account of the activities of the Committee regarding the following:—

- (1) The question of the suitability of certain text-books.
- (2) The changing of the pronunciation of Hebrew in the Talmud Torahs.
- (3) The question of the suitability of the time for the annual examinations.
- (4) The changing of the Talmud Torah school year and holidays.
- (5) A library for the Association.
- (6) The coming Vacation Courses.(7) Arrangements for the picnic and the
- coming 15th of Shevat.
- (8) The Hebrew syllabus for J.C. and Matriculation.
- (9) The changing of the times for the meetings of the Association.

A discussion on all these matters then took place and resolutions were adopted on all but the first two, which were left to be discussed during the period of the Vacation Courses.

Mr. A. Levin and Mr. A. Sive were then elected to represent the Association at the Board of Education.

"Sugarman the Shadchan"

A GREAT SUCCESS.

The Zionist Hall was well filled on Wednesday and Thursday nights when "Sugarman the Shadchan," a play in three acts by I. M. Goodman was produced in aid of the Zionist Hall Library.

The play itself is clever and amusing and the excellent cast certainly helped to make it the great success it proved with the audiences, who were vastly entertained.

A. E. Davis as Sugarman the Shadchan and speculator in shares, was outstanding, and his faultless characterisation proved him once again a very fine actor.

Mary Segal as Mrs. Shteinreich, J. A. Davidson as David Shteinreich, Sarah Zuckerman as Katjie, and H. L. Stern as Chayim Cohen were all excellent. Roma Gottlieb and Joan Comav as the Shteinreich sisters looked beautiful and played their parts well.

The rest of the cast consisting of N. Davis, May Gorfinkel, G. Gordon, N. Kaye and M. S. Comav were all in good form and left little to be desired.

Mrs. Beatrice Kahn Hadley is to be congratulated on a very fine production.

Mr. Maurice Lazerow was the stage manager.

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CONSECRATION.

HERBSTEIN.—The consecration of the tombstone in memory of the late Moritz Herbstein will take place on Sunday next, December 6th, at 11 a.m., at Woltemade, Eighth Gate.

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