

In Durban

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Post Items to 34, Field Street, Durban.

Zionist Association.—The annual meeting of the Society was held on Sunday, the 25th ult., at the Jewish Club. Mr. M. Freed was in the chair and he emphasised the lack of support which the association had lately been suffering from. He appealed for a larger measure of interest.

The election of honorary officers resulted as follows: Chairman Mr. Aaron Kaplan; Hon. Treasurer Mr. N. Hertz; Hon. Secretary Miss A. J. Horwitz. Committee: Messrs. M. Stone, J. A. Lewin, E. Horwitz, M. Gevisser, W. Smith, J. Klachko, C. I. Israel, Mrs. C. I. Israel, Mrs. A. Kaplan, Miss B. Kaplan, Miss L. Stone, Mr. L. Shapiro, Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. M. Goldberg, Mr. M. Freed, Rev. N. Mechanemson and Mesdames S. J. Kaplan, M. Gevisser, — Lieberman and — Moss-Morris.

It was decided to establish a fund for the inscription of the name of Mr. M. Freed in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

Mr. E. Horwitz was elected convener of the Special Jewish National Fund Committee and the following were appointed as members: Messrs. N. Hertz, M. Goldberg, C. Friedman, while the following are to be co-opted; Messrs. S. Defries, K. Weitzman, — Hadany, — Klatchko, G. Silberman, B. Hackner, H. Smith, and S. Lutrin.

Mr. M. Stone gave an interesting outline of the present position in world Zionism. The new Chairman, Mr. Aaron Kaplan thanked the meeting for the honour bestowed upon him.

Hebrew Congregation.—Congratulations are to be extended to the Committee of the Durban Hebrew Congregation upon a satisfactory year of work. This is indicated in the report of the congregation just issued and signed by Mr. B. Lurie, the President, and to Mr. N. Meyerowitz, the Treasurer.

During the first year of the office of Mr. Lurie, the Shol has paid off its bond, and the title deeds are now in the possession of the President. At the annual general meeting held last month, Mr. Lurie was thanked by the members for his unselfish devotion to the interests of the congregation, and was re-elected for the ensuing year.

Services during the High Festivals were impressively conducted by the Rev. Menachemson and a well trained choir under the direction of Mr. Jack Lurie. Rabbi E. M. Levy, M.A., delivered erudite and learned sermons which were much appreciated.

New Hebrew Congregation.—Despite the present depression, the congregation has had a satisfactory year of activity. This is indicated in the report of the congregation just issued and thanks are offered to the officers, Mr. E. Magid, President; Mrs. S. Goldberg, Treasurer and Mr. H. L. Magid, Hon. Secretary, for their devoted services.

During the High Festivals services were impressively conducted by Rev. H. Rubin.

United Talmud Torah.—This institution has just issued the first annual report. This indicates that excellent progress is being made. Representatives of every Jewish institution in Durban contribute towards the cost of the excellent Hebrew school and kindergarten. There is an excellent staff and headmaster and every effort is being made to spread the Hebrew language amongst the Jewish children in Durban. A ladies' class for Hebrew has recently been organised by Mr. Klatchko and meets twice weekly.

The President of the United Talmud Torah, Mr. Cecil Lyons, has been elected Natal representative upon the South African Board of Jewish Education. Mr. Lyons is devoting himself to the Talmud Torah and has been doing some magnificent work.

Young Israel Society.—A Book-Tea and Dance was recently held and enjoyed by a large crowd. Rabbi E. M. Levy, M.A., occupied the chair when Mr. Edelstein, one of the trio motoring round the world, addressed the Society on "The Position of the Jews in Hungary." A number of other interesting functions have lately been held.

SEVEN STAR FEATURE AT PALLADIUM.

NO fewer than seven popular stars are to be seen at the Palladium next week in "Montana Moon," an M.G.M. production that bids fair to be a tremendous success. Joan Crawford and Dorothy Sebastian are the principal women, whilst the male cast consists of John Mack Brown, Karl Dane, Ricardo Cortez, Benny Rubin and Cliff Edwards — truly an amazing combination! Joan Crawford gives a moving portrayal of the impetuous girl and a further attraction is some wonderfully picturesque scenery.

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THE ZIONIST CONVERSAZIONE.

THE position of South African Jewry was discussed by Dr. L. Mirvish at the last Zionist conversazione. Dr. Mirvish gave it as his opinion that unless a very strenuous effort were made, it was doubtful whether Judaism could be perpetuated in the sub-continent.

Our chief difficulties here were the facts that we were so far removed from large and active Jewish centres, thus losing contact with the main body of Jewry, and that we lacked a continuous tradition of Judaism due to our newness in this country. The earlier Jews who had settled here had been too little rooted in their Judaism to transplant it to a new environment. They remained "Jews at heart," but could with difficulty transmit their Judaism to the second generation.

As for the older Jews in this country who had come from Eastern Europe, they had developed an inferiority complex in relation to their children, who had become completely westernised, and to whom they could not, therefore, give an adequate lead in matters Jewish.

A large number participated in the discussion which followed. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Abrahams acted as host and hostess, and during the course of the evening Mr. Arnold Lorie gave a pianoforte solo and Mr. M. Natas a humorous reading.

A SUCCOTH CONCERT.

A successful Succoth concert was held in the Zionist Hall last Sunday night, under the auspices of the Dorshei Zion Association.

Those who contributed to the programme were the Bernfield Orchestra, Mr. Boris Rome, who sang, pupils of Miss Pearl Lazarus, who danced, Mr. M. Losman, who recited, Miss Rebecca Cohen, who sang, and Mr. G. Laden, who gave a humorous reading of his own composition. That the items were very much appreciated was evidenced by the enthusiastic applause which all in turn received. During the course of the evening a short address was delivered by Mr. J. Herbstein.

UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN.

AT the last meeting of the above Miss G. Gerber, almoner at the Somerset Hospital, gave an account of the scope of her duties. Miss Gerber pointed out that bodily ills are often interwoven with mental worries, and while the former was the task of the physician, the latter fell to the duty of the almoner, who sought to complete the cure begun by the doctor.

Dr. S. Berman next spoke on "Mental Deficiency and Some Allied Problems." His lecture was interesting and instructive, and was listened to with great attention.

GENERAL.

AT the Oneg Shabbos last Saturday afternoon, Mr. B. L. Rubik, LL.B., spoke on "The Present Position in the Zionist Movement."

Cantor Zwick of Pretoria.

(From Our Pretoria Correspondent.)

THE recent services during the Holy Festival period at Pretoria was made notable by the fact that Rev. Zwick has entered upon his eleventh year as cantor to the Pretoria Hebrew congregation. Much of the appeal and impressiveness in Jewish prayers are embodied in *Chazonuth* and during his decade of service, Cantor Zwick has charmed and stimulated his congregants with his expressive and sympathetic renderings.

The cantor was engaged at the leading Vienna synagogue for fifteen years before he came to Pretoria. It was soon recognised here that the cantor had a wide knowledge of Hebrew and was able to expound traditional *chazonuth* in a modern and intellectual style. His voice is a dramatic-lyric tenor of great power, sweetness and flexibility, and none can fail to be impressed by the sincerity and understanding with which he intones the services. In this country, Cantor Zwick is a pioneer with a Jewish adult male choir, which is the only one of its kind in the country.

Rev. Zwick has always shown a readiness to assist in every worthy Jewish cause and Pretoria Jewry has found in him a sincere and devoted friend.