

Happy Function at Hillel College

Distribution of Medals and Prizes.

The Mayor of Johannesburg (Councillor M. Freeman), distributed the King's Jubilee medals, and the Mayoress the prizes, to the pupils of Hillel College on Sunday morning. The function took place on the lawns of the college, Oxford Road, Parktown, those present including the Rev. A. T. Shrock, Rabbis Rosenzweig and Zimmerman, Chief Cantor Berele Chagy, and other visitors, as well as parents of the children.

Captain I. Levinson, the Principal, welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress and other guests, after which the Rev. A. T. Shrock intoned the Jewish prayer for the Royal family.

The Mayor, having distributed the medals, addressed the children and pointed out that he was there not only as the Mayor of the city, but also as a co-religionist. The significance of his presence also pointed a moral to them, that they could become a mayor of Johannesburg and be a member of the Jewish faith at the same time. They were living in a time of stress and duress, and the object before them must be to grow up to be good Jews and good and loyal citizens of their country and their King. That was a cardinal principle of their religion.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress was proposed by the Rev. Mr. Shrock and supported by Captain Levinson. The pleasant little function terminated with the singing of the National Anthem and "Hatikvah."

"A. Z. Idelsohn: Man and Works"

Under the auspices of the "A. Z. Idelsohn" group of the Association of Jewish Groups, there will be held on the evening of the 5th June at the Elgin Hotel, informative and interesting lectures on the labours and achievements of the eminent Jewish musicologist, A. Z. Idelsohn. Professor P. R. Kirby (of the Department of Music, Witwatersrand University) will deliver an address on "The Musical Research of A. Z. Idelsohn." Rabbi M. C. Weiler will speak on "The Life and Works of A. Z. Idelsohn." Musical illustrations will be rendered by members of the group.

All interested are invited to be present.

The "Reps." in "Chinese White"

Last week-end the Johannesburg Repertory Players gave a creditable performance of Val Gielgud's play, "Chinese White," at the Jewish Guild, Johannesburg. The play was produced by Miss Blodwen Lloyd, who managed her characters and groupings well. The acting ranged from good to fair, and was effective in the moments of crisis in the story.

Norman Van Weenen gave an easy and polished performance as the Reverend Patrick James; Harry Boyd managed a difficult part well as Leslie Dale; James Thornton was rather stiff and restrained as Gerald Havelock; Rosamond Pryce-Jones a trifle too theatrical as Sheila Havelock; while Janet Evans could have been more staid as Janet James. Edward Grantaire's Chinese-English, in the part of General Wu-Tso-Ling, sounded rather more like the English of an Italian-American gangster. Jack Hyham, James Orkin and Carlos Nolte performed minor parts without mishap.

Generally, quite an enjoyable show.

Poale Zion—Zeire Zion

A meeting of members of the Zionist Socialist Party was recently held in the Party Club, Capetown. Mr. Ch. Achron initiated a discussion on the achievements of the Zionist-Socialist Movement in South Africa, particularly enlarging on its activities in the future.

On the 1st inst. a May Day Celebration was held. Owing to the sudden and tragic death of Mr. H. Pakter, a committee member, the musical items prepared for the occasion were not rendered. The chairman, Mr. G. Telem, spoke about the significance of May Day and the Working Palestine. Mr. Ch. Achron spoke on the position of the Labour Movement in the various countries. Mr. Z. Avin also spoke.

A large gathering of members and friends attended the meeting which took place on the 14th inst. in the Party Club. Mr. B. Padowich initiated a discussion on the problems confronting the forthcoming South African Zionist Conference. Messrs. Ch. Achron, Z. Kagan, G. Laden, L. Matthews, G. Telem and others, also addressed those present.

Mr. G. Laden was elected delegate of the Party to the Conference.

During the course of the evening a news service was rendered, and cards of people to be canvassed for the J.N.F. Campaign were distributed amongst members.

In connection with the five-year existence of the Zionist-Socialist Party in Capetown, a celebration will be held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 9th June.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Berea Branch.—Rabbi M. C. Weiler will be giving a lecture on "The Task of the Jewish Leaders" for the Berea branch at Mrs. K. Jasper's residence, 2 Young Avenue, Houghton, on Wednesday, the 12th of June. All interested are cordially invited.

Observatory Branch.—An interesting and instructive paper on "The National Tongue and the Spoken Language" was read by Miss B. Ben-Jacob at a meeting of the Study Circle, which met at the residence of Mrs. G. Cohen, on the 7th inst. There was a large and appreciative audience. Mrs. M. D. Hersch proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer and hostess. The next meeting of the Circle will be held on Tuesday, June 11, when Mr. Lezar will speak on "The Fore-runners of the Cholutz Movement." All interested are welcome.

Hillbrow Branch.—A literary meeting of the Hillbrow branch was held on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at the residence of Mrs. Asher, 51 Fortescue Road, Yeoville, at which there was a record attendance.

Mrs. Kwitz read an interesting paper on current events here and elsewhere. Unfortunately, Mr. Klewansky was unable to attend to continue his lecture on Jewish History, so Dr. Binion kindly read an interesting paper on "Jewish Women in the Home." Mrs. Hersov proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and the hostess.

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Striking features will be presented by the magnificent new building which is being constructed at the corner of Eloff and Pritchard Streets, and to be known as "Polliacks' Corner."

The existing buildings from Messrs. Polliacks' present premises in Eloff Street to the corner of Pritchard Street, are to be demolished, and in their place Imperial Buildings, Ltd., are erecting this modern building. The responsible architects are Messrs. Kallenbach, Kennedy and Furner.

One remarkable constructional feat will be the linking together of six of the ten floors with the present show rooms of Messrs. Polliacks, thus considerably increasing this firm's showroom space for the display and demonstration of their many modern domestic electrical appliances and musical instruments. Every department will be specially equipped to allow of modern service in every form to the public.

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