

Johannesburg's Jubilee and the Golden Book

A CHAT WITH MRS. B. REINHOLD

By Dora Sowden.

"WHATEVER happens in Palestine, our work must go on." As Mrs. B. Reinhold, President of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, spoke these words to me in her quiet, decisive tones, it seemed as if she was voicing the sentiments of every active Zionist.

There can be few women as hardworking, and yet as modest as Mrs. Reinhold, for when I asked her how the excellent idea of having Johannesburg inscribed in the Golden Book of the National Fund, had originated, she disclaimed all credit.

"A lady from Cardiff gave me the idea," she said. "I just met her socially and discovered that she was a zealous worker for the Zionist cause in her own town. She told me of the work that was being done there, and when she mentioned that the name of Cardiff was inscribed in the Golden Book, I thought we might have a similar thing here, to celebrate the Jubilee."

Mrs. Reinhold added that the custom of presenting Palestine "trees" to new-born infants, which is spreading all over South Africa, also comes from Cardiff.

"It was a great pleasure to find the Mayor of Johannesburg, Mr. Maldwyn Edmund, so much interested in our proposal. All the branches of our League are taking a keen and active part in the scheme, and are working enthusiastically for its success."

NOT at all deceived by her modest, unruffled manner, I asked Mrs. Reinhold just how much of the work she was carrying on her shoulders.

"Please do not pick me out for special mention," she asked. "Everyone is doing

her share and I am acting in this matter in my official capacity as Chairman of the League. There is no 'I' in it. 'We' are all doing it. We shall endeavour to make a fitting contribution on behalf of Johannesburg to the National Fund and shall present a certificate, specially designed by the well-known Palestinian artist, Raban, to Johannesburg."

Mrs. Reinhold also informed me that the Mayor and Mr. D. F. Corlett had taken an interest in the design and had made suggestions which were being incorporated into it.

"I cannot give you any definite description of the design yet," said Mrs. Reinhold, in answer to my query. "That has been left to the artist. But I can tell you that it will have the crest of Johannesburg in it, and maybe, even a mine dump! I am confident that it will be a noble effort, worthy of the occasion of Johannesburg's Jubilee."

The certificate is to be presented to the Mayor on September 21. It is to arrive shortly from Palestine. Everyone had felt that this was the finest way in which Johannesburg Jewish women could participate in the Jubilee celebrations.

I ASKED Mrs. Reinhold whether the Women's Zionist League had any other schemes on hand.

"Always," she said with a smile. "One work is scarcely begun before the next is being planned. Our endeavour can never cease. An instance of this is the plan for spreading a knowledge of Jewish history. The idea originated from the League and the Zionist Federation may take it up. A series of short biographical papers is being prepared and will be circulated to all



[Photo by Levson.]

Mrs. B. REINHOLD.

the branches here and in other towns. They deal with various personalities in Jewish history, beginning right from Abraham. Though these papers are not yet completed, we have already received many requests for them, especially from centres which find difficulty in getting lecturers to come to them personally. The papers will be of especial use at the sewing and reading circles."

"Is it possible that you have any time for private interests?" I asked, looking at Mrs. Reinhold's cool, neat appearance. She smiled.

"I am a medical woman," she replied, "and my personal hobby is keeping abreast with medical progress through periodicals and contacts. Having two medical students at home makes this all the easier and more interesting."

Bloemfontein Women's Zionist Society

The local Women's Zionist League held its monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. J. Fainsinger, on the 19th inst. Mrs. Tcherney presided over a good attendance. The secretary, Mrs. Lewis, read a letter of thanks from Miss Henrietta Szold, for the inscribing of her name in the Golden Book.

Mrs. Tcherney delivered a comprehensive report on the O.F.S. Zionist Youth Conference, recently held in Bloemfontein.

It was reported that six trees had been donated on the occasion of the Herzl-Bialik Yahrzeit. It was decided to plant a tree on the occasion of the birth of a child to any member of the society, in the child's name. Mrs. Kretzmer delivered an infor-

mative lecture, entitled "The Jew in Modern Drama." Sunday, the 30th inst., is to be set aside as "National Fund Day." A Sewing Circle has been started, and the necessary garments, etc., were to be distributed to the various members of the society. Mrs. Fainsinger was thanked for placing her residence at the disposal of the society.

"THE LAST JOURNEY" AT THE COLOSSEUM.

From to-day Colosseum audiences will see an exciting picture entitled "The Last Journey." Besides being a "thriller," the film has a certain amount of drama and comedy and altogether should make good entertainment. Taking the leading roles are Julien Mitchell (Britain's latest screen personality), Conway Tearle, Hugh Williams and Olga Lindo—so well-known to South African theatrical audiences.

Contemporary Music Society

The sixth concert of the South African Society for Contemporary Music will be held on Friday, September 4, at 8.45 p.m., in the private concert hall kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. Fred Cohen at Stand 164, Hearn Drive, Northcliff. For the benefit of those who will find difficulty in reaching the hall, a special 'bus to Northcliff will leave the corner of Loveday and Kerk Streets, at 8.15 p.m.

The soloists for the evening are Professor Gerrit Bon, of Pretoria; Erwin Bröedrick, Jose Rodriguez-Lopez and Miss Betty Pack. The selections will include works by Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Debussy, Hindemith, Pijper and Schonberg.

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