

Zionist Conversazione.

ADDRESS BY
Dr. H. W. ALTSCHUL.

The Zionist Conversazione took place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday night.

Mr. J. Weinreich was in the chair.

Dr. H. W. Altschul gave an address on "Sorts of Zionism." There were many ways of dividing Zionism, he said, and few of uniting it. The easiest would be to divide it into parties, but that would be fatal because of the heat that would be generated and because of the modern love of labels—the catalogue of the library of our experience was more important than the experience itself. Another way of dividing Zionism was into old and new, but that was risky because of the implications of the N.Z.O. and because the division was arbitrary. Zionism could also be divided into good and bad, but here again it was difficult to obtain a clear idea of what the terms imply.

For the purpose of his talk, continued Dr. Altschul, he would divide Zionism into "complete" and "incomplete". The thing he was concerned with mostly were the tendencies which have not yet crystallised and never may. These tendencies in a nation's life seem to be everlasting—they may never oust one another and may never crystallise.

There was no "complete" Zionism in South Africa as yet, said Dr. Altschul; it was still not part and parcel of our lives. This was partly due to the fact that the older generation, although they had tried to give their children the best, were ignorant; on coming to South Africa they had become drunk with the sunshine and freedom and seemed to be afraid that the gift would be snatched away from them. Their aim was fusion with all that South Africa meant. The Zionism of the first generation of Jews in South Africa consisted in giving money to the cause, not because they did not want to give more of themselves than an emblem but because they had nothing else to give. They did, however, provide in some measure for the education of their children. History had caught us up, and there was a change in the youth who organised study and discussion groups and even showed a tendency to Chaluziuth. The key to the future of the youth if they were to become completely Zionist, was to foster in them a clear conception of Jewish nationalism.

Because, continued Dr. Altschul, in certain countries nationalism had become a fetish this was no reason why others should have nothing to do with it. The Jewish problem is one which has to have a legal international solution. If Zionism and Jewish nationalism were interchangeable forces each of them would be stronger than it is to-day. A complete Zionism would view things differently. As regards vocations, for instance, it would be realised that artisans and farmers are the backbone of a nation and the youth would be brought up accordingly.

As regards Zionist funds, the complete Zionist would realise that the present funds were inadequate and that a loan was essential. The Jewish people would get infusion of new dignity which would be of tremendous value to the physical and spiritual development of the Jewish People.

Dealing with Partition, Dr. Altschul said that the tearing away of any part of Eretz

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Zionist Socialist Party.

WELCOME TO Dr. SOLOMON
GOLDMAN.

A meeting to welcome Dr. Solomon Goldman, the well-known Zionist orator and author was held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday night under the auspices of the Zionist Socialist Party.

Mr. Ch. Achron was in the chair, and in introducing Dr. Goldman spoke of his services to Zionism in general and the Histadrut in particular.

Dr. Goldman in an informal talk gave a very interesting and illuminating account of Jewish life in America. He represented he said a movement, founded by Prof. Kaplan, Henrietta Szold and others, which did not regard the synagogue simply as a religious institution but as a unit of organisation. It embodied in itself the totality of Jewish life and aimed at giving the American Jew, bewildered by the multitude of organisations and institutions a sane and tolerant outlook on Jewish affairs as a whole. There was room for every type of Jew in the *Anshei Emet*, except for the assimilationist. The movement was decidedly nationalistic.

The young generation in America, said Dr. Goldman, had little contact with Jewish life and knew practically nothing of Jewish culture and literature. This was partly due to the parents who did not take the trouble to give their children a real Jewish education. In the short time he was in South Africa, said Dr. Goldman, he had noticed the same tendency here and urged South African Jewry to bestir themselves and educate the youth in the true Jewish spirit before it was too late and the generation be lost to Judaism. Zionism alone was not enough—there must be a full and deep understanding of Jewish culture and literature and a knowledge of the Hebrew language. South African communities were much easier to reach than American and the problem should not present so many difficulties here.

Dr. Goldman went on to deal with the work of the Histadrut, of which he is a staunch supporter. He looked upon the Histadrut as "prophecy in action." No one could have believed thirty years ago that such a movement could possibly come into existence. No other group could boast of so large a number of intellectual men and of such great achievements on the soil. The Histadrut was not a "Union" but a "Melucha"; it was concerned not only with practical affairs but with the cultural and spiritual affairs of the people as well. The leaders of the Histadrut were men of whom only the most bitter opponents could speak with ill-will. The Histadrut was the great living and creative force in Palestine to-day.

A number of questions were asked after the address and Dr. Goldman replied to each in turn.

Mr. B. Padowich proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Goldman.

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Scopus Club.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON TO
Mr. MAURICE SAMUEL.

A Farewell Luncheon to Mr. Maurice Samuel was given at the Martin Melck House by the Scopus Club last Friday.

Mrs. Ch. Winokur was in the chair.

Mr. Samuel speaking on the aims of the Scopus Club, said that the existence of Jewish Clubs which aimed at nothing but social intercourse had become an anachronism. Such clubs must either become Zionist or they would break up automatically. Zionism was the only creative association Jews had in the world to-day. New expressions in music, art and literature could be found only in association with Palestine. Only that which came out of Palestine could have any Jewish significance. There was no harm in just passing the time, in being generally human, but to be reduced to doing this only in Jewish company was merely a form of escape. A vast corrosive boredom leading to mutual hatred would be the result.

If members of a Jewish Club are to accept each other freely and openly, it must be through Zionism otherwise the Club would become only comical and degrading.

Mrs. Gottlieb proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Samuel.

South African Board of Jewish Education. (Cape Committee).

MEETING AT STELLEN-
BOSCH.

In furtherance of the policy of the Board to enlighten communities upon the work and aim of the Board, Dr. C. Resnekov and Dr. B. Rabinowitz journeyed to Stellenbosch and held a very successful meeting with the members of the community.

Mr. Joffe was in the chair and after Dr. Resnekov had given a resumé of the achievements of the Board during the last five years, Dr. B. Rabinowitz gave a very interesting address taking as his subject "Some New Aspects of Jewish Education." As an outcome of this meeting the visitors were cordially thanked and the Inspector of the Schools was invited to spend a few days in the community to re-organise the whole educational system in Stellenbosch.

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Israel was like tearing out the heart of the Jewish people. The Jews might be forced to accept at the point of the bayonet; but British policy was not immutable; it was something that could be shaped by outside forces and more by inside forces. It was the duty of Empire Jewry to assist in shaping that policy.

Messrs. Goldin and W. Rubik took part in the discussion, to which Dr. Altschul replied.

Mr. Witebsky, accompanied by Mrs. Hesser, rendered a song.

The next conversazione will take place after an interval of three weeks, on 27th July.