

The Hebrew University.

POSITION OF STUDENTS.

At the beginning of the first term the number of students enrolled at the Hebrew University for the current year was 770, distributed among the Faculties as follows:

<i>Old Students.</i>	<i>New Students.</i>
Humanities ... 310	Humanities ... 220
Sciences ... 130	Sciences ... 110

In addition there are 50 students who work in the University as Research Students.

Student Certificates.

During the Winter Term 445 students' certificates were obtained by the Hebrew University, 200 of which were allotted to students from Central European countries: 150 to Austrian and 50 to German students. An additional 60 certificates were obtained during the second term.

Scholarships.

For the first term 31 scholarships for Austrian and German students were put at the disposal of the Hebrew University.

Twelve of an average value of £70 were granted by the International Students' Service, who have also committed themselves for the exemption of two students from payment of tuition fees.

Eight scholarships of £140 each were given by an anonymous donor in England.

Eight scholarships of £60 each were granted by the Jewish Agency.

Three scholarships were given by Sir Montague Burton.

During the second term the following scholarships were obtained:—

An additional eight scholarships from the anonymous donor in England.

Eight scholarships from the Council for German Jewry.

Ten scholarships from the Council for German Jewry and the Jewish Agency jointly.

Compulsory Training in Hebrew.

As most of the students who are able to obtain certificates to enter Palestine and study at the Hebrew University do not know any Hebrew when they arrive, classes have been established for them.

The creation of these classes actually means the realisation of a long-planned project: Provision at the Hebrew University for compulsory training in Hebrew for students who have not received their previous education in Hebrew schools abroad.

The number of students who registered for the beginners' class during the first term was so large that four parallel classes had to be run simultaneously.

PIQUETBERG HEBREW CONGREGATION.

SCHOCHET AND TEACHER REQUIRED.

Salary £17 per month.

Single man preferred.

Please apply to the President, I. Jawitz, Piquetberg.

Palestine Symphony Orchestra.

*Col. Kisch and Mr. Arthur Rubinstein
Appeal for Support.*

After the brilliant concert by Arthur Rubinstein at the Alhambra on Thursday night, 15th inst., Lieut.-Col. F. H. Kisch gave an informal reception in his honour at the Mount Nelson Hotel.

Mr. Rubinstein mingled freely with the guests with whom he made personal contact.

COLONEL KISCH, in an address, expressed gratitude to Mr. Rubinstein for the pleasure he had given the large audience

intense love of music amongst the people particularly among the working classes for whom there is a repeat performance of each concert of the Orchestra. The Orchestra should be a source of pride to all Jewry, and the Jewish people should be happy to support it. The direct income of the Orchestra is £16,000 a year whereas the expenditure involved is £25,000. Financial support had been received from a number of countries, particularly America, and he hoped that South African Jewry would be-



Toscanini and Huberman during a visit to Palestine.

that night by his magnificent playing. Artists such as Mr. Rubinstein, he said, shed lustre on the Jewish name and brought honour to the Jewish people.

Colonel Kisch then dealt with the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, of which he is Treasurer. He described how the Orchestra came into being through the initiative of the great violinist, Bronislaw Huberman, who had been deeply impressed by the musical appreciation of the Yishuv during his earlier visits to Palestine. Many exiled musicians from Germany of outstanding brilliance were enrolled in the Orchestra. The great Toscanini has conducted the Orchestra on two occasions and it is hoped that he may be able to do so again in the near future. Other famous conductors have acted as guest conductors, among them being Dr. Malcolm Sargent, Issay Dobrowen, Eugene Szenkar and H. W. Steinberg. A number of very distinguished soloists have also played with the Palestine Orchestra, including Huberman himself, Moiseiwitsch and Adolf Busch.

No country, said Col. Kisch, supports an orchestra in proportion to its population to the same degree as Palestine. There is an

gin to show some practical interest in the Orchestra. From the refugee point alone the Orchestra was of great importance for most of the players were exiles from the Nazi regime and some had even been taken out of concentration camps in order to join the Orchestra. Including the musicians' families, 210 souls were dependent upon the Orchestra for their livelihood.

Colonel Kisch also stressed the great part which the Orchestra plays in maintaining the morale of the Yishuv during these difficult and dangerous times.

It was significant that some time ago when Herr Hitler was fulminating against the Jews in an address to the Reichstag, in Jerusalem a Jewish Orchestra with a Jewish Choir directed by a Jewish conductor was giving a wonderful performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Schiller's "Ode to Joy" on the theme "All men are brothers." He believed that the spirit of the Ninth Symphony would prevail and that the phenomenon of a Jewish

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