

HADASSAH SAMUEL.*(Continued from "Precious Page)."*

I once asked Hadassah Samuel: "Surely you knew other great men besides Balfour? At your home in Jerusalem and London you must have met most interesting personalities."

And straightway I began to cross-examine her:— Do you know Gandhi?— Yes, he dined with us at my father-in-law's house in London.

And Masaryk?—When we were in Czecho-Slovakia, we were invited to Masaryk's palace and stayed there three days. I am indebted to the Masaryk family for having given me an opportunity of observing the work of the Red Cross in Czecho-Slovakia. It was then that I became interested in the methods of training active workers for our movement. For this I owe a debt of gratitude to Masaryk's daughter, my friend Alice. Some time later the Masaryks visited Palestine, and we had an opportunity of repaying their hospitality. I was very happy to be able to receive them in Nahalal.

And Einstein?—In Berlin we were his guests. I still remember his home in Kapot near Berlin and the boat ride on the lake. You want me to tell you about Einstein? That would be a story without end. I shall mention only one amusing incident. When Einstein was in Palestine, he stayed at Government House. My mother-in-law was away at the time and I performed the duties of hostess. Every time he wanted something, he was told "Ask Hadassah." Einstein heard the same thing time and again. Finally he could no longer control himself and said, "What? For every little thing I want you expect me to apply to America?" He thought "Hadassah" meant the Hadassah Women's Organisation of America.

The eminent personalities Hadassah Samuel has known, the special circumstances under which her activity has been carried on, the disappointments and the undying hope to which she has been a witness, the life of a true daughter of Palestine—all this I have tried to convey, at least in part, to our Jewish brethren of South Africa.

In Bialik's poem dedicated to the little Hadassah, then Hadassah Grazovsky, the following verse appears:

"Not every Hadassah can become a queen,
But each may gain a kingdom
Where love reigns, all serene."

Go in peace, Hadassah, and may you return—in peace.

Palestine Symphony Orchestra Society.**RECEPTION TO MR.****BRONISLAW HUBERMAN.**

Arrangements are being made for members of the Society and all those interested to meet Mr. Bronislaw Huberman, the famous violinist at a reception to be given in his honour at the Hotel Bordeaux, Sea Point, on Sunday, May 5th, at 4.30 p.m.

As is well known, Mr. Huberman is the founder of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra and it is in a large measure due to his enthusiasm and disinterested work that the Orchestra occupies the position it does to-day.

Zionist Conversazione. Remittances to Relatives in Lithuania.**INTERESTING ADDRESS BY MRS. ABE HERMAN.**

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

Dr. I. M. Hurwitz was in the chair.

Mrs. Abe Herman gave a very interesting address on "Jewish Life in an Antagonistic World." It was a tragedy, she said, that the Jewish home was being broken up and its influence vanishing. In England the evacuation of children and mothers to the country had created many problems. The Jewish child was being deprived of the influence of religion, home and parents. Communal and Zionist workers were trying to cope with the problem but it was intensely difficult. Moreover the presence of Jewish children and women in non-Jewish homes was creating a superficial form of anti-semitism which was not important at present but which might become a serious menace in the future.

Social Problems.

Mrs. Herman said there was a tendency for Zionists to neglect ordinary social problems. As a social worker in England she had investigated numerous cases and had come to the conclusion that in a large number the reason why children were difficult was because of lack of understanding and harmony between Jewish parents who usually came from little villages and children who were brought up in large towns. They thought of things in different terms and this created conflict. The child also had his first taste of anti-semitism in the school and this often led to neurosis. Mrs. Herman gave concrete examples of cases she had dealt with in illustration of this. Jewish youth movements such as Habonim were of great importance in this connection.

Refugees.

Mrs. Herman dealt with the position of refugees in England and from her own personal experience showed what a difficult social problem they had created. Many had become mentally deranged and others had deteriorated morally to an alarming extent.

Strength of Jewish Life.

There was much struggle and misery in Jewish life, said Mrs. Herman, yet in spite of this there was about it a singular beauty, pathos and strength which showed itself in its power to resist all onslaughts made upon it. The greatest manifestation of its strength was the courage and devotion put into the work in Palestine. We must, at whatever cost, build up a more secure life, for the lack of security was the basis of all psychological ills. We must devote everything to the task which provided the only solution to the great social problems of Jewry. The child born in Palestine had at least a chance of a healthy and normal existence, and the children of Palestine were living proof of this.

Mr. J. Herbstein expressed appreciation to Mrs. Herman for her interesting address.

Miss Canard rendered a pianoforte solo and Miss Sara Sopher (accompanied by Mr. Bobrov) Hebrew and Yiddish songs.

The Honorary Consul for Lithuania in Johannesburg has been informed that since 10th April, 1940, all applications for drafts on London have had to be referred to the Exchange Control, Pretoria, by the Banks, hence the delays.

Applications for drafts on London are still accepted by the local Banks, as formerly, and are issued by the Banks on receipt of permission from the Exchange Control, which is generally granted.

Women's Auxiliary Services Meeting.

At the first annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Services held at the City Hall on Tuesday, April 23rd, the Mayoress, Mrs. Brinton, who presided, apologised to the Jewish auxiliaries for the holding of the meeting during the Passover festival. She explained that no other date was available and a message of greeting and goodwill was read from Mrs. I. Abrahams, a member of the Executive Committee.

Gordonia Wizo Activities.

The annual general meeting took place at the King George V Memorial Hall, Uppington, recently. Mrs. B. Hirschfield was in the chair. After reporting on the year's activities, she thanked her Executive and Committee for their loyal support.

The financial statement was then presented by Mrs. B. Jacobson.

After tea the election took place with the following result: Chairlady, Mrs. C. Brower; Vice-Chairlady and Treasurer, Mrs. B. Jacobson; Secretary, Mrs. T. Kowen. Committee: Mesdames N. Davis, M. Kowen, B. Hirschfield, S. Werbeloff, Ellert and Lowenberg.

Oudtshoorn Branch of Union of Jewish Women.

On the 24th April, Mrs. F. Luntz, as convenor of a very happy and successful function under the auspices of the Oudtshoorn Branch of the Union of Jewish Women, entertained the public in her beautiful home to dancing, card games and balloon competitions. Besides the local band, the Cape Town Highlanders Pipe Band were in attendance and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. The United Hebrew Institutions will benefit by a considerable sum.

Clothing for Refugees.**COLLECTION SUSPENDED.**

Owing to all mails to the Baltic States having been closed for the present, the Oudtshoorn collection of second-hand clothing has been suspended indefinitely.