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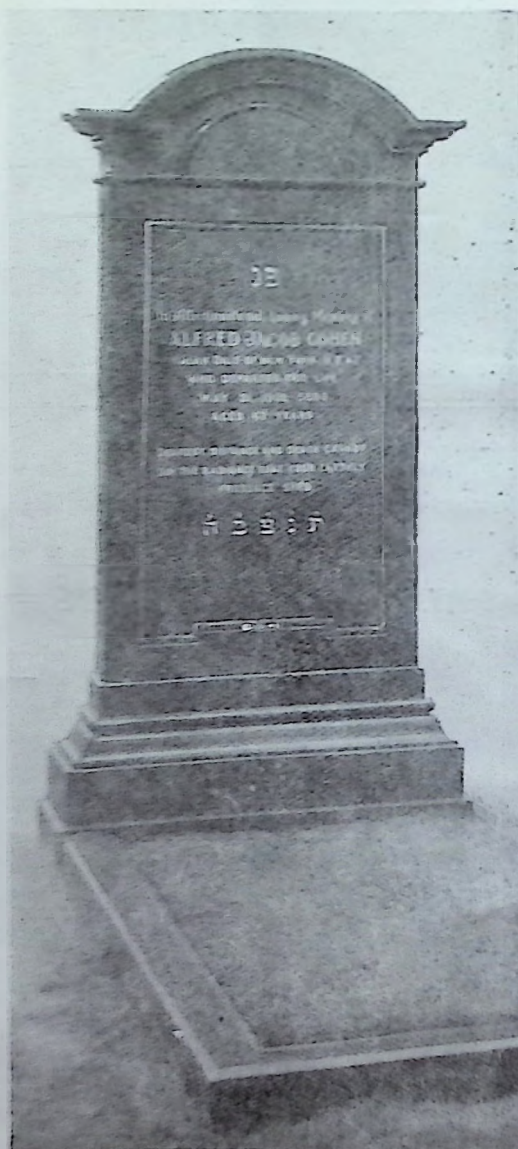
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The Editor's Message.

The communication which we publish elsewhere from "A Birmingham Jew" makes it necessary for us to return to the subject of the Fascist peril. This problem has two distinct aspects: one general and the other local. So far as the latter phase is concerned, each community must determine what action it should take in the light of the conditions which obtain in its city. For the present there is no specifically Birmingham problem; and it would be obviously impolitic to take any steps to prevent Fascist meetings being held here before the nature of such meetings was revealed in actual experience. Any attempt to do this would certainly meet with a rebuff from the authorities.

As for the general aspect of the problem, it is difficult to see how anyone could read into our "Message" the complacent thought that since we, in Birmingham, are not at the moment afflicted with Fascist propaganda, we should ignore the whole matter and do nothing. Surely, the whole purpose of the Editorial was to point out the necessity throughout Anglo-Jewry for loyal support of our accredited leaders. To repeat that we wrote a month ago: "The paramount need to-day is for discipline; otherwise we shall be a mob instead of a united force, and our power of resistance will be weakened."

The letter of our correspondent will illustrate the point we wish to make. If our leaders were to decide that it is a wise course for Members of Parliament to be written to and waited upon, that policy should be adopted throughout the community and Birmingham Jewry would pursue it as actively as possible. No such recommendation has been made. It has no doubt been considered. If it was rejected, it must have been because its efficacy was questioned. Except in very few constituencies the Jewish vote is negligible. The deputation to the Home Office of the Mayors of five East End boroughs failed to secure a ban on the proposed march of Fascists a month ago.

The problem is much more complex than most people understand. A treasured tradition in this country is the right of assembly, liberty of speech and freedom to criticise. The Government has to take this into consideration in deciding its action. Moreover, and this is the most important point of all, these rights are the strongest safeguard against the creation of a totalitarian State in England. Fascism has no chance here so long as these rights are upheld. Jewry must therefore beware of giving even the impression of seeking to undermine them in any measures they advocate to counteract anti-semitic propaganda. The best legal brains in Anglo-Jewry are concentrated upon this intricate problem. We must follow their well-considered opinions rather than our own impulses.

Any Jewish householder who has not received a copy of the "RECORDER," or who has changed the address, should communicate with Mr. L. H. Drapkin, 86, Langleys Road, Selly Oak,

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

By S. P. ABRAMS, B.A.

Non-Jews are divisible into three categories: those that accept Jews, those that tolerate them, and those that dislike them. The first considers them to be normal members of society, the second would rather they lived elsewhere, and the third is ready to accept and swallow and, if necessary, invent anything against them. Dislike so warps the judgment that what is incredible can become real, and the Jewish people have been disliked so deeply, so long and so widely, that all the hell's brew of accusations, suspicions and superstitions ever conceived against men and nations has been believed and is still believed to apply to them. But beliefs are the main-spring of action and the diabolical offspring of this dislike and these beliefs is to be seen in the persecutions, pogroms and bestialities which have been and are still being practised, in this twentieth century of civilisation, upon the ordinary men and women and children who happen to have been born into the Jewish people.

The most recent of these accusations are the forgeries published under the above title. They are, not unexpectedly, the work of a Russian—a pre-Revolution Russian. The author of the "Protocols" was Sergei Nilus, an official in the "Foreign Denominations" Department of the old Russian civil service. He was, or posed as, a religious mystic and published in 1901 a work entitled "The Great in the Little, or the Advent of Anti-Christ and the Rule of the Devil on Earth," in which he gives a message received by direct revelation from the Holy Spirit about the future of the world. Here it is:—"Before the second advent of the Lord and the last day of judgment, the other will come in his name—that is, the Antichrist—who, springing from Jewish blood, will become tsar and emperor of the whole world, a Messiah from the House of David, from the same Israel upon whom rests the guilt of the blood of the true Messiah, and whose destinies even to-day are managed by the Pharisees and Scribes."

According to Nilus, this Jewish Messiah would disintegrate and finally dominate Holy Russia and the world by spreading liberal ideas among the people. This doctrine would naturally be most acceptable to our author's masters, and at the same time it enables us to place him in the proper category. He is a confirmed Jew-hater and religious hypocrite, a member of the old Russian anti-Semitic administration and the self-appointed prophet of the old priesthood.

These were the powers, whose incompetence and corruption ground down the Russian peasants into misery and superstition, and when matters became critical knew of only one plan, which was to make the Jews their scapegoats and goad the peasants to murder and rapine.

Nilus demonstrated to his masters that this was justified by divine revelation, and one would have thought that the word of the Holy Spirit would have sufficed; but this was not to be the case, for in 1905 Nilus published a second edition of his work with an appendix, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." The "Protocols" showed that the Holy Spirit was not mistaken.

Nilus says it was a "miracle" that he should have obtained the "Protocols" and so it was, as we shall see. For the "Protocols," he asserts, are his Russian translation of nothing less than the secret plans of the Jews, which prove them out of their own mouths to be the antichrist. These plans set out in detail in twenty-four discourses, the methods of the Jews and the Freemasons for the destruction of the Christian world, how they propose to use dictatorships, deception, cunning and treachery for this vile end, just as had been revealed to Nilus in 1901 by the Holy Spirit. Someone had got hold of these Jewish documents, he does not say who or how without equivocation; but, as it were by a second intervention of the Holy Spirit, they came into his hands. These plans, Nilus avers, were concocted by King Solomon, i.e. in 929 B.C. E., some 2865 years ago, and handed down with appropriate variations to the Zionist Congress in Basle in 1897, and finally came to him. Needless to say, our author does not produce his evidence for the authenticity of these documents; in fact, he specifically disdains to do so. Here is his statement: "In the year 1901, I succeeded in having a certain manuscript placed at my disposal by a close friend of mine. In this manuscript the development of the world Jewish Freemasonic conspiracy was described with unusual accuracy and truth. I submit this manuscript under the general title 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion' to all those who are eager to hear, to see, and to understand. . . . Where such criminal actions are involved, direct proofs must not be demanded, but we are compelled to content ourselves with the convincing force of circumstantial evidence which fills every Christian observer with indignation."

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One would have thought that before making charges against 14 million people, the clearest proof should be necessary. However, the Protocols were very much to the taste of anti-Jewish minds, and new editions of Nilus's work were issued in 1911, 1912 and 1917. In 1919 it was translated into German, but the "Protocols" only, with additional commentaries—the mystic work they were intended to explain and illuminate being conveniently omitted. This publication was the signal for a veritable wave of translations into practically every European and Eastern language. The Jew-haters devoured the "Protocols" with avidity. So widespread was its acceptance that in May, 1920, the "Times" expressed the alarm which was being felt even in serious circles and wrote: "What is the meaning of the Protocols? Are they authentic? Which malevolent society made these schemes and is now triumphing over their realisation? Are they forged? From where does the weird gift of prophecy spring that partly has come true and is partly to be realised? Have we fought these years in order to dissolve and destroy the nefarious organisation of the German world empire, only to discover behind it a much more dangerous conspiracy because of its secrecy? Have we escaped a German peace by straining all our national resources, only to submit to a Jewish peace?" Henry Ford lent the weight of his purse and influence to spread the contents of the "Protocols," and by 1921 they had become the stock weapon against the Jewish people.

They were used to demonstrate that the Jews were responsible for the Russian Revolution, the Great War of 1914-1918, and the downfall of the German monarchy. They were given to the soldiers of the White Russian Armies in 1918-1920 in order to foment the massacres in which more than 100,000 Jews perished. Henry Ford made use of them to foist upon the Jewish people the responsibility for the miserable condition in which the world found itself after the deflation policy begun in 1920, and they remain to this day the political text book of Nazi Germany next to "Mein Kampf."

It is clear that the "Protocols" cannot be dismissed by saying they are the product of an avowed anti-Semite. Jew and non-Jew should be interested to know who did write the originals which Nilus says he translated, in what language they were written and when, and what was their purpose.

Until 1920 the authenticity of the "Protocols" had not been tested, but in that year the German edition was critically examined and exposure followed swiftly. What is the truth about the "Protocols"?

Although the Russian translation of the "Protocols" went through four editions until 1917, Nilus gives no indication anywhere of the language of the original; further, not a single page of the original document was ever reproduced, nor has anybody seen one to this day. This may be satisfactory for a novel, but not for a serious piece of work. Again he says he obtained the document in 1901; but he did not publish it until 1905—why did he withhold publication? Was it because 1905 was the year of the Russian Revolution?

In the 1917 edition he asserts that the "Protocols" were submitted by Herzl to the Zionist Congress at Basle in 1897. This is the one solitary fact that Nilus supplies about the "Protocols," and it is false. The evidence of those who were present throughout the proceedings of the Congress, which were held in public, is that no such documents were ever referred to or discussed.

Exposure came finally in 1921. In that year, August 16, 17 and 18, the "Times" published three articles on the subject of the "Protocols." They dealt with a worn French booklet purchased in Constantinople from a former officer of the Ochrana (Russian Secret Service), entitled "Dialogues in Hell between Machiavelli and Montesquieu or Machiavellian Policy in the 19th Century by a Contemporary" (Maurice Joly)—published in Geneva in 1868. The "Times" correspondent had been struck with the similarity of passages in the "Dialogues" and the "Protocols," and the articles give the result of a detailed comparison. What was the result? Here is a quotation: "The Protocols are, to a very large extent, as much a paraphrase of the Geneva original, as the published version of a War Office or Foreign Office telegram is a paraphrase of the original."

The "Dialogues" are, the "Times" points out, a satire on Napoleon III in twenty-five dialogues, and in them Napoleon is made to describe and defend the repressive measures, the massacres, the tyranny and the wasteful financial system he had imposed upon France. That Napoleon did not relish this satire is shown by the fact that Joly received 18 months' imprisonment. The "Times" shows that in all these, the "Protocols" of Nilus follow the "Dialogues," "Protocols" 1 to 19 corresponding with the "Dialogues" 1 to 17. The schemes are almost identical, absolutely identical indeed in many details, while portions of the "Dialogues" have been lifted verbatim into the "Protocols." The conclusion is that the "Protocols" are largely paraphrases of the Geneva "Dialogues," hastily and carelessly translated and put together. The one thing missing in the "Dialogues" is the Jewish people. There is no mention of the Jews in them. The devil in the play is Napoleon III.

Nilus replaces the French monarch with the name of the Jews, and thus saddles them with the vicious outlook, the tyrannical measures and villainous projects attributed by the satirist to Napoleon III. Having stolen the work of another writer, he forges to its contents the name of the Jewish people, and he does it hastily and carelessly because he desires to publish the lies in time for an attack on the Jews during the Russian Revolution of 1905. The final comment of the "Times" is: "The disclosure . . . finally disposes of the Protocols as credible evidence of a Jewish plot against civilisation."

This is a handsome retraction of their attitude in 1920. In 1927, Henry Ford retracted the calumnies which his papers, "The Dearborn Independent" and "The International Jew," had spread about the Jews and which had been based upon the "Protocols," and this retraction received world-wide publicity.

But anti-Semites are hard to convince. Lord Alfred Douglas, a week or so after the "Times" exposures, declared in his journal, "Plain English," that Maurice Joly was a Jew, "circumcised as Moses Joel." To this, the reply came in November, 1924, in the Parisian monthly review "Paix et Droit," where the facts of Joly's biography, written in 1878, are given. He was a Catholic, as the details of his certificate of baptism in the parochial registers show. The truth about the "Protocols" is now known. It was confirmed for the second time at the trial in Berne in December, 1934, after having been the subject of the following judgment in the well-known Grey Shirt libel action at Grahamstown, South Africa, in August, 1934: "The Protocols are an impudent forgery, obviously published for the purpose of anti-Jewish propaganda."

EX-SERVICEMEN'S REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.

The Annual Parade at Whitehall assumes exceptional importance this year, in view of recent happenings, and it is desired that the attendance should be as large as possible. Every Jew who served in the British Forces should regard it as a duty to attend.

The Service will be held on November 8th, and a train will leave Snow Hill station at 9.35 a.m., arriving at Paddington 11.45 a.m. The return journey will be made at midnight, arriving in Birmingham at 2.28 a.m.; but

they who prefer to return earlier can travel on the 8 o'clock train from Paddington.

Train tickets (6/6) and tea tickets (2/6, or 5/6 for ex-serviceman and guest) are obtainable from the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. M. Berner, 81, Alcester Street, Birmingham, 12.

It is advisable that immediate application should be made so that the necessary accommodation in the train and the Albert Hall may be made. Birmingham has always been worthily represented at these impressive annual gatherings. There should be a record muster this year.

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Society News.

JEWISH LITERARY AND ARTS SOCIETY

If the triumphant inaugural meeting of the new session, which was held at the Communal Hall on October 11th, when the Presidential Address on "The Present Position" was delivered by the Rt. Hon. Lord Melchett, be any indication as to the subsequent success of the newly amalgamated Birmingham Jewish Literary and Arts Society, then all promoters and supporters of the "Merger" scheme may indeed congratulate themselves.

The densely packed audience, which taxed the utmost capacity of the Hall, eloquently testified to the far-reaching influence that the personality of Lord Melchett exerts in the community, which obviously realised that in honouring Lord Melchett it honoured itself.

His Lordship was introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Ivan Shortt, who indulged in no mean flight of oratory. Indeed, throughout the evening, his able and forceful remarks, frequently illumined by his keen humour, proved yet once again that the Society's choice of Mr. Shortt as Chairman for a second successive year was a happy one.

After receiving a tremendous welcoming ovation, Lord Melchett proceeded to address the Society in a speech that was characterised by the highest qualities of statesmanship. With pitiless clarity he sketched the scene of present-day European policy, together with tragic effects on the Jewries concerned. And from all this his Lordship's main thesis unmistakably emerged, namely that in a world torn between the political forces of the Left and the Right, the only possible creed for a Jew, qua Jew, is that of Zionism, which can no longer be regarded as a subject of academic interest or experiment, but as a dire and bitter necessity.

This speech which was closely followed by the audience concluded amidst prolonged applause which eloquently testified that Lord Melchett's listeners had not failed to realize the truth of the clear-sighted vision expressed in masterly phrase by a great communal leader.

In characteristically graphic fashion, Dr. Cohen proposed the vote of thanks and outlined the theme of Lord Melchett's recently published book entitled "Thy Neighbour." After Councillor J. Silverman skilfully seconded the vote of thanks, the whole problem was thrown open to a discussion in which several members of the audience expressed their views or asked pertinent questions, to all of which Lord Melchett patiently and conscientiously replied.

At the close of this memorable meeting, the usual Annual Supper was held at the Midland Hotel. Over one hundred members were present at this most enjoyable function, and were delighted to make a closer and more personal contact with Lord Melchett. The president's Toast was admirably proposed by Mr. Deutsch whose humorous sallies were received by his Lordship in a charming manner.

Mr. E. P. Hollander, J.P. proposed the toast of "The Association," in reply to which Mr. Shortt's wit shone forth even more luminously than in its manifestation before Supper. And so ended an evening that will ever be remarkable in the annals of the Society.

Members are reminded of the following important fixtures:—

Nov. 15—Lecture on Zionism by Prof. H. G. Wood, M.A.

Nov. 22—Dramatic Evening by the Leeds Dramatic Society.

Nov. 29—E. P. Hollander, Esq., J.P. Lecture "The Children's Courts."

JEWISH SOCIAL AND DRAMATIC CLUB

On September 27th, the Birmingham Jewish Social and Dramatic Club opened its session with a dance which, judging by the large and enthusiastic attendance, provided a suitable send-off for its twenty-first Birthday. A microphone complete with crooner, Mr. Harry Jaffa, proved the surprise of the evening, together with the announcement that the microphone would be in evidence at all dances during the season and that a crooning competition would be held for which prizes would be awarded.

By the time this issue of the "Recorder" is in print, two further meetings will have taken place, notably, an address by the Rev. D. J. Seligson on the "Challenge to Jewish Youth" on October 18th at the Communal Hall; and also on October 25th the first of the meetings in the rooms, Ena Bentley's studios in Broad Street, which took the form of a Competition and Novelty Dance. So we come now to our future attractions. On November 15th at the Communal Hall we present "Guest Night" a feature pioneered two years ago and repeated with great success last year. This year we star the newly formed "Birmingham Hebrew Choral Society" with the Rev. W. Levi, under the personal Directorship of the well known Hebrew composer, Mr. S. Alman. An enjoyable evening is assured.

The Table Tennis section, under the chairmanship of Mr. Harry Brown, has been reorganised and three teams have been affiliated to the Birmingham and District Table Tennis Association and entered in the various Leagues, one in the First Division of the Birmingham League, a second in the First Division of the Harborne League and a Ladies Team in the Ladies League. Match Nights and Practice Nights are held every Thursday in the Hebrew Schools, St. Luke's Road, and prospective members and spectators are welcomed. Further particulars may be had from the Section Secretary, Miss Kruseff, 145 Gooch Street, Birmingham.

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

An impressive attendance marked the opening Reception and Dance at Blucher Street, on October 4th, and the success of the evening was left in no doubt.

Our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ostrov, provided excellent refreshments for all and it was with one accord that the toast of the evening, "Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ostrov, coupled with the success of the Young Israel Society," was drunk.

On all sides there was ample evidence of the satisfaction expressed at the facilities afforded by our new Headquarters.

Members are asked to note that the Wednesday evening Socials, under the auspices of the Joint Council have recommenced, and that half-a-crown entitles them to admission for the season.

November activities are to be found in detail in the appropriate section of this issue, but special note should be made of the annual Armistice Dance to be held on Wednesday, November 11th, at Tony's. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Committee.

This month, also, we are entering for the Union Drama Festival, which takes place in London on the 22nd, and any member desirous of accompanying the players should get in touch with the Secretary as soon as possible.

JEWISH BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB. CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR THE WINTER SEASON.

The Club re-opened at the beginning of September and most of the old members have rejoined.

The Table Tennis team has started practice, and League matches commence during the

present month. A Junior Team playing "friendly" matches is being formed.

A series of inter-club visits are being arranged with non-Jewish Boys' Clubs.

Sports Ground.—There are "whispers in the air" that the Club will shortly have facilities for out-door sports. These will be free to all members.

Junior Members.—The attention of parents is drawn to a letter in this issue, appealing to them to encourage their boys to join the Club. The advantages offered, apart from the moral aspect of good companionship, discipline, and the "Club spirit," are surely sufficient to tempt parents to interest themselves in the good work. There must be dozens of Jewish boys in this city, with time hanging heavily on their hands, to whom the Club would be a boon.

ZIONIST NEWS.

BIRMINGHAM WOMEN ZIONISTS.

The annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15th, at 3.30 p.m., at the Central Synagogue Classrooms, 120 Bristol Road. A cordial invitation is extended to all ladies to attend. A report of the Annual Conference of the Federation of Women Zionists will be given at this meeting by our delegate, Mrs. S. A. Cohen.

The fortnightly Sewing Classes, which were such a success last season, were recommenced on Monday afternoon, October 26th, at 13 Speedwell Road, Edgbaston (by kind permission of Mrs. Mandelkorn). The following ladies have been elected officers of this Section:—

Chairman: Mrs. C. Bernstein.

Cutter: Mrs. Faber.

Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. E. Cohen.

All ladies are welcome at these sewing meetings.

At a social afternoon, given by Mrs. H. Silverstone, 64 Harborne Road, on October 5th, over £12 was realised for the funds of the Society.

ZIONA.

The Annual General Meeting of the Birmingham Branch of Ziona was held on Monday, October 5th, at the residence of Mrs. J. Leek, 300 Hagley Road. Miss Vera Davis presided. The report submitted showed that the past session had been most successful in connection with all its activities. The outstanding feature of the year was the increase in membership, which now stands at 52 as against 25 in the previous year.

The statement of accounts, presented by Miss Joel, the Treasurer, showed that the sum of £56 had been remitted to London. In addition the sum of £30 was realised by the Ziona stall at the Jewish National Fund Garden Fête.

The election resulted as follows:—Miss Vera Davis, Chairman; Mrs. L. Leek, Treasurer; Miss Ruth Cohen, Hon. Secretary; the Misses E. Berry and E. Goodman, Cultural Chairmen; and a committee. Mrs. J. Leek was elected to be in charge of Palestine Produce.

The new session commenced on Monday, October 26th.

POLISH RELIEF FUND WOMEN'S EFFORT.

In aid of the Fund a well-attended Tea was held at the Communal Hall on October 13th, with Mrs. L. Bloom as hostess. The sum of £20 was raised.

The gathering was addressed by the Rev. Dr. A. Cohen, and also by Messrs. Goldberg and Horwitz, who had travelled from London. The speakers described the terrible plight of the Jews in Poland, where two million were on the verge of starvation. They urged the need of continuous help for some time to come. The want of articles of clothing, especially in view of the oncoming winter, was stressed.

Offers to arrange Teas will be gratefully received as well as parcels of clothing to be forwarded to Poland. The latter may be sent to the Central Synagogue, 120 Bristol Street, for collection.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Bloom for arranging the function. The names of Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Freedman, and Miss B. Rose Davis were mentioned as the originators of the scheme to hold fortnightly Teas and as ardent workers for the cause. Mrs. Coleman was unfortunately prevented from being present through indisposition.

Birmingham Judeans R.F.C.

At the first General Meeting of the Club, held on Sunday, September 20th, the following officers were elected:—

Hon. Secretary.—Philip Levy, 257 Pershore Road, Edgbaston.

Hon. Treasurer.—Myer Thomas, South Lawn, 25 Augustus Road, Edgbaston.

Captain.—Harold Bridger.

Committee.—John Barnett and Reginald Salberg.

Assistant Hon. Secretaries.—Rachel Hyman and Cora Davis.

Membership of the Club is open to both players and supporters. The subscription is 5s. per annum. It is earnestly hoped that members of the community interested in the game and the Club will rally to its support and help to establish a club worthy of Birmingham Jewry.

Initial expenses are extremely heavy, for the cost of hiring the ground, jerseys, entertainment of visitors, etc., cannot possibly be met by subscriptions of members only.

The "Judeans" play most Sundays on the ground of the Birmingham R.F.C., Northfield, where visitors will always be welcome. Any member of the Committee will be pleased to supply further particulars, either to intending members or supporters.

The Club is holding a Dance on November 1st and hopes that the Community will give its support by attending in large numbers.

On November 1st the Club is due to play Manchester Maccabi in Birmingham. Come and support your Rigger XV.

The B.J. F.R.C. met the London Maccabi XV on October 4th for the first match of the season and won by 18 points to 13 after a satisfying and vigorous match.

The teams and visitors were afterwards entertained to tea at the Imperial Hotel. The return match takes place in London on March 7th, 1937.

Our grateful thanks are due to those hosts and hostesses who so kindly entertained the visitors to lunch.

JEWISH LADS' BRIGADE.

The Birmingham Company were honoured on Sunday, October 11th, with an invitation to take part in the Annual Church Parade of the Warwickshire Infantry Brigade. The invitation was accepted, and the boys met the Brigade outside the Cathedral and marched past Lord Leigh and General Lawrence at the Council House. They then marched on to Thorp Street Barracks, where the prizes and trophies for the year were distributed.

The Birmingham Company were successful in winning:—

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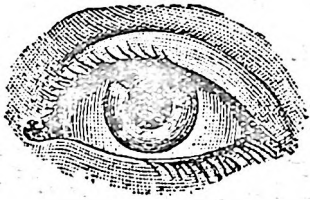
County Phase for the Boxing Competition.

It is gratifying that the Warwickshire Cadet Association desire the Jewish Lads' Brigade to join with them in this Parade.

An invitation has been extended to and accepted by the Brass Band of the Manchester Cadet Battalion, Jewish Lads' Brigade, to attend the Chanukah Parade on Sunday, December 13th. An interesting programme is being arranged.

Several Football Matches have been fixed to take place on Sundays versus the Brigade. The boys seem very keen on putting up a good performance.

The Annual Dance takes place on Thursday, November 26th, at the West End Dance Hall, and it is hoped that there will be a record attendance.



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To the Editor,
"Birmingham Jewish Recorder."

Sir,—I shall be glad if you will allow me to correct a statement in the third paragraph of your last Editorial.

A few weeks ago, when the situation in Palestine] became critical and British policy seemed likely to be influenced by Arab propoganda, I rang up a leading member of our community (who, like myself, resides in Edgbaston) and suggested that Edgbaston Jews could help their co-religionists by putting the Jewish case before our M.P., who happens to be an influential member of the Government. As Mr. Chamberlain was away from Birmingham a deputation (which would have been probably the most satisfactory method of approach) was out of the question. The only collective action which seemed possible was for a number of Edgbaston Jews to adopt the time-honoured procedure of "writing to their M.P. about it." This was the course I advocated, and I went on to explain the substance of a letter which I had just written. But my request for the communal leader's support and help in inducing others to write similar letters met with such a decisive refusal that I dropped the whole scheme and tore my letter up. I did this because a single letter would have had no effect—obviously the success of such a scheme depends on a number of similar letters being sent at the same time. I do not believe, and I do not suppose that many others will believe, that such "isolated action" as a letter to an M.P.—if its contents are reasonable and polite—can ever do any harm, though of course it will probably have little effect unless it is supported by other similar letters. "A letter to one's M.P." is a traditional method by which electors can influence their parliamentary representative, and let him know their views. A member of the Zionist Executive who is a distinguished authority on English constitutional procedure as well as an old political hand, and with whom I happened to discuss the principles involved, was of the opinion that the course I advocated was perfectly correct, that no harm could possibly have resulted from it, and that it might have produced a useful effect.

But while the facts of your third paragraph are of limited interest and concern, the policy implicit in your conclusion is a matter of general importance to the community, especially if this represents the considered attitude of its Birmingham leaders. If I interpret you aright, sir, you suggest that our leaders here will not need to attack anti-Jewish propoganda until this comes to Birmingham. Surely this is to advocate a policy of "isolated action" by each community! When Fascism comes to the Midlands it will be too late "to check the evil of lying propoganda." "The ugly scenes which have disgraced London" are as much a matter of concern to the Jews of Birmingham as to those of London. If we can in any way help our fellow-Jews in London to fight Fascist and other anti-Semitic propoganda, it is our duty to them and to Jewry to do so, and it is, moreover, to perform at the same time a vital service to ourselves. There is no sign that the terrorisation and insult which are the daily experience of Jews in certain parts of London have been in any way diminished by recent prosecutions. Unless the situation in London and elsewhere improves quickly, there is no excuse for compacent inactivity on the part of any community, no matter how good its behaviour in public life. Fascist and anti-Jewish propoganda does not owe its success merely, or even largely, to the sins

of the Jews, unless perhaps it owes something to the Jewish sin of not claiming and defending our elementary rights as British citizens. I hope, sir, that Birmingham Jewish leaders will not wait for things to get worse here before they dare to express their alarm at the failure of the authorities to control and prevent irresponsible propoganda conducing to public disorder. But perhaps I misinterpret your meaning. I shall be happy to be shown that I do.

Yours faithfully,

"A BIRMINGHAM JEW."

["A Birmingham Jew" 'phoned "a leading member of our community" to inform him that he intended writing to the Member for Edgbaston that if the Government suspends immigration into Palestine he will vote against him at the next election. Whether a letter of this nature can be considered "reasonable and polite" is open to question. "A Birmingham Jew" was told that a member of the community had a few days previously sent Mr. Chamberlain a long, reasoned statement of the Jewish case and a request that he should use his great influence against a decision which would have been unjust to Jewry. In spite of this information, "A Birmingham Jew" certainly gave the other party to the conversation the impression that he intended writing the letter. It is good to know that wiser counsels prevailed and the letter was torn up. The latter part of the communication is dealt with in "The Editor's Message."]

INDISCRIMINATE CHARITY.

To the Editor,

"The Birmingham Jewish Recorder."

Sir,—You recently warned members of the community against giving money to Jewish vagrants who knock at the door or casually meet them in the street. How wise was your advice may be gathered from an instance which has come under my notice.

The case is that of a young man who recently arrived in this town after an interval of a few years. He was given temporary assistance by the Board and then refused further help. He has relatives in Birmingham, of which he is a native, and they declined to support him.

Hitherto he had succeeded in living without working; but apparently the Jewish public here are all readers of the "Recorder," because he has now discovered that begging no longer pays. Deserted by all, down and out, feeling very sorry for himself, this young man, to use his own words, "found no alternative but to work." He has secured a job and is regaining his self-respect. Had the Board or his friends shown him any "pity," he would remain a "shnorrer" instead of being self-dependent.

Yours faithfully,

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The Editor,

"Birmingham Jewish Recorder."

Dear Sir,—Society members have lately been complaining of the lack of "something different" to entertain them. Quite a few young people are interested in the widely known movement, "Amateur Cine'." They are desirous of forming a Birmingham Jewish Amateur Cine' Society, for the production of films featuring local artistes. Opposition to this idea

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has been voiced on the score that professional standards are necessary. May I take the liberty of quoting Mr. Adrian Brunel, the cinema expert, in the September issue of "Home Movies and Talkies":—

"In the professional studio we have been forced by competition for public approval to take these things seriously, and we have gained a great deal by enlisting help from the professional stage. Cannot the amateur film-maker do the same? Why not enlist the help of the amateur stage actor?"

I would be pleased to hear from any young ladies and gentlemen who are interested in the idea. Camera enthusiasts to amateur theatricals are needed.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY A. SINGER.

JEWISH BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB.

To the Editor,
"The Recorder."

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Yours faithfully,
THE CLUB MANAGERS.

HEBREW CHORAL SOCIETY.

A meeting was held on Tuesday, October 6th, 1936, when the Birmingham Hebrew Choral Society was formed. The following officers were elected: Mr. Oscar Deutsch, Hon. President; the Rev. W. Levi, Chairman; Mr. Altschuler, Hon. Treasurer; Miss Vera Davis, Hon. Secretary; and a committee.

The Society is fortunate in having procured the eminent composer of Hebrew music and songs and Choir Master of the Hampstead Synagogue, London, Mr. S. Alman, to act as Musical Director to the Society. Mr. Alman will attend rehearsals monthly.

The aim of this Society is to inculcate a love of Hebrew compositions and folk songs. Rehearsals will be held at the Hebrew School, St. Luke's Road, on Tuesday evenings at 8.30 p.m. Intending members please apply to the Hon. Secretary, Miss V. Davis, 28 South Road, Handsworth.

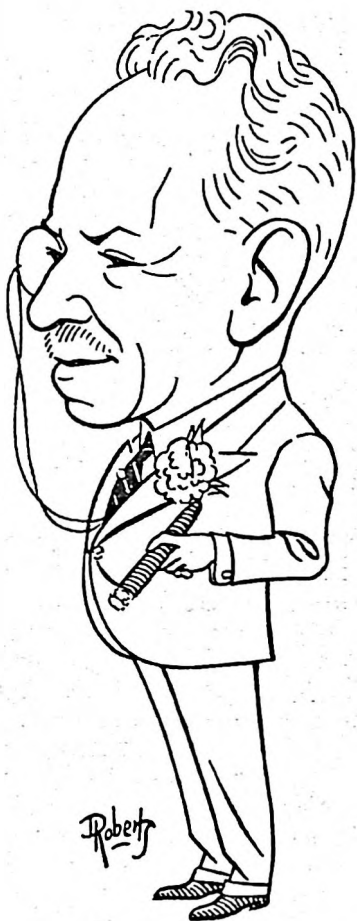
EVA BLOOM AND FREDERICK JACOMBS SOCIAL CLUB.

A new Club is being opened by the Eva Bloom Lodge and Frederick Jacombs Sports Lodge at "Victory House," 35 Hurst Street. Members will be notified of actual date of opening. New members will be welcomed and particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, H. Isaacs, 15 Upper Gough Street, Birmingham 1.

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COMMUNAL SKETCHES

No. 2.

(I. L. JACOBS.)
The Congregational Doyen.

The event of the month is the engagement of the Rev. S. I. Solomons to Miss Ethel Silverstone. The heartiest congratulations of the entire Community will be unstintingly tendered to the affianced couple. Members of the family of the bride-to-be have actively identified themselves with Jewish activities locally, and we are sure that as the wife of one of the officials of the Congregation Miss Silverstone will in due course prove herself a valuable asset to our communal life. * * *

Everyone will be glad to learn that Mrs. Edith Freedman is making an excellent recovery after her serious illness. She is looking forward eagerly to the time when she will be able to resume her charitable labours, and all hope that this will be possible in the near future. * * *

A notable distinction has been gained by a pupil of the Hebrew School, Jack Freeland. In competition with pupils from all the elementary schools in Birmingham, he gained the Fellows History Prize. Councillor J. Fryer, representing

the Birmingham Education Committee, handed him the prize at an assembly of the pupils of the Hebrew School on September 29th. * * *

We would again direct the attention of our readers to the proposal to create a Hebrew Speaking Class. They who wish to join should communicate with the Secretary of the Congregation without delay. * * *

The "Recorder" is evidently being widely read. In our July issue we printed a limerick by Q.M.C. beginning "There was a young fellow from Sydenham." In the September number of "Our Empire," the magazine of the British Empire Service League, the same limerick is published. * * *

The news of the passing of Miss Lazarus, whose life was so long connected with the Hebrew School, will be received with profound regret by the host of her former pupils. * * *

The Dance held under the auspices of the Council of Friendly Societies was anything but a success. The lack of support shown on this occasion is evidence of the serious effect which the closing of the Bristol Hall is having on the members. It would be a great pity if this fine movement were to suffer through want of a "home." * * *

The Social and Dramatic Club, which has entered on its twenty-first year—and may it enjoy many more successful seasons—presented wedding gifts to two newly married couples, viz.: Mr. and Mrs. M. Chesler, who received a Kiddush cup; and Mr. and Mrs. Dancyger, who were the recipients of a sweet casket. * * *

The raffling of a diamond ring, presented by Mr. H. Siebenberg on behalf of the J.N.F., will shortly take place at a function to be arranged by the local Zionists. * * *

Remember November 8th and fill the Alexandra Theatre in support of the Talmud Torah. * * *

Hearty congratulations to Mr. L. Morris and Miss Teofil on their engagement. Mr. Morris is the Secretary of the Montague, Lord Swaythling Lodge of the Order Achci Brith. * * *

Jewish ex-Servicemen ! duty calls you to London on November 8th for the annual Remembrance Service. For railway tickets (6/6) and tea tickets (2/6), make immediate application to Mr. M. M. Berner, 81 Alcester Street, Birmingham, 12.

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Young Israel : Fancy Dress Carnival.
- Wed., 4—Joint Social.
- Sun., 8—Ex-servicemen's Annual Remembrance Service in London.
Benefit Concert in aid of the Talmud Torah, Alexandra Theatre.
- Wed., 11—Joint Social.
Young Israel : Armistice Dance at Tony's.
- Sun., 15—Lit.-Arts : Lecture on "Zionism" by Prof. H. G. Wood, Imperial Hotel, 7 p.m.
Social and Dramatic Club : Guest Night.
- Wed., 18—Joint Social
- Sun., 22—Lit.-Arts : Dramatic Evening, 7.45 p.m.
Young Israel : Newspaper Evening and Dance, Blucher Street Rooms.
- Wed., 25—Joint Social.
- Thur., 26—Annual Ball of J.L.B. and Boys' Club, West End Dance Hall.
- Sun., 29—Lit.-Arts : Lecture on "The Childrens' Courts," by E. P. Hollander, Esq., J.P.,
Imperial Hotel, 7 p.m.
Young Israel : Cabaret and Dance.

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The Ladies' Page



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Editorial

YOU are lucky again! Two splendid articles this week by the Misses E. Berry and I. King.

NOW wake up, and see what you can do for me; by sending a small article of interest for this page.

Staying at home

By Miss I. King.

I HAVE been asked for my views on the merits and demerits of "staying at home."

THE thought has often occurred to me that the Business Girl must enjoy the thrill of the early morning hurry and bustle to the city, and her return in the evening with other workers; must be content in the thought that she has helped (if only in a very small way) in the progress of her country: that I think must indeed be gratifying. I myself am interested in commerce and world affairs, but lack the opportunity, which the business girl has of obtaining knowledge at first hand of these things; she benefits also by learning something of the management of an office or stores.

CONSIDER now the benefits of staying at home:—one may have the practical experiences of household management, one has the leisure to enjoy outdoor exercise during the whole year, but the business girl must needs exercise indoors during the winter.

SPEAKING personally, there is a great deal of satisfaction in not having to get up early in the morning, much pleasure in wandering leisurely round the shops at any time, and a vast host of other enjoyable things, of these I could give a hundred and one, but as space is limited, I will spare the readers of the "Recorder" from such a list (that is if anyone has bothered to read this article) and will conclude with the thought that leisure gives the opportunity of playing a part in philanthropic and communal work.

RENELLE

Says to the Readers of

"The Recorder" **Thank you!**

Jack: I should send your lady friend some flowers; as this is your first gift to her.

Grace: For goodness sake don't stop at home and make yourself miserable. Why not join one of the Societies? and as you mentioned that you were fond of singing, why not join The Birmingham Hebrew Choral Society, under the directorship of Mr. S. Alman.

Ann: I have just asked a doctor about the chilblains and the redness of your hands; and he advises you to start immediately a course of liquid Calcium, and every time you wash your hands rinse them for a moment, just under running hot water and then cold, finishing up with hot water.

FOR AFTERNOON TEA Stuffed Monkey.

Flour, 8 oz. One small egg
Butter, 6 oz. Cinnamon, $\frac{1}{4}$
Light brown tea-spoonful.
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For the Stuffing.

Citron peel, 2 oz Butter, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
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Yolk of an egg.

Rub the butter into the flour; add the sugar, cinnamon and a beaten-up egg. Knead to a pliable dough; roll out and divide into two parts. Place one half on a greased sandwich tin; cover with the filling. Place the other half on top and press the edges together. Brush over with white of egg and bake in a moderate oven for about 30 minutes. For the filling, chop up the citron peel finely; add the ground almonds and butter, and flavour with a few drops of essence of vanilla. Bind with the yolk of an egg.

It's all "U-P"

By Miss Eta Berry.

THE English language consists of various and complex terms. Words of many meanings swarm among its eccentricities, but no word has been put to greater use than that little insignificant preposition "up."

IN the morning the husband wakes up, hurries up, and tells his wife to buck up. Consequently wife flares up, gets up and dishes up. Maid, who cleans up, says she's fed up, is going when week's up. Wife tells her to shut up, to bear up and dust up. But maid sticks her chin up.

HUBBY jumps up, brushes up, gets 8-15 up, and eventually at office turns up. Immediately he 'phones up, finds stocks up, checks up, reckons up and all's up!!! Meanwhile wife makes up, 'phones friend up, dresses up and to town trips up. Sales!!! She rushes up, looks up, takes a lift up, buys up and in the mix-up finds in stocking a ladder up. She's now heated up, waded up and finds she's spent up. However, time's up, so on 'bus she jumps up. It's crowded up so has to stand up and gets her parcels crushed up. Back home again, she stirs up, mixes up, minces up, mashes up, hashes up and smashes up!!! 11111...333000 PPP...MMM... But 11111...333000 PPP...MMM. hubby hasn't turned up, so wife waits up. 'phones up, fills something's up. Hears a loud hicc-up, starts up, picks umbrella up. Hubby lifts latch up, wife strides up, Hubby looks up, then—Bust up!!!!!!

AS space is up, this article must end up or else editor will tear this up.

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Children's Corner.

My dear Boys and Girls,

" 'Tis the last rose of summer left blooming
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All her lovely companions are faded and
gone."

It is the cold, bleak days of autumn which have brought these words to my mind. No doubt quite a number of you know them already; but if you do not, just ask your mothers and fathers if they do—they will probably sing them for you, because the melody to which they are set is as well known as the words themselves.

In the days when they were written, autumn meant (except for the rarer Christmas roses) the end of the roses until the following summer. But to-day, when hot-houses are perfect and flowers from France and other countries are sent to England, we can have roses all the year round. Science, which has invented trains, ships and aeroplanes, has made it possible for the flowers to travel so quickly that they arrive here still fresh and beautiful. Science and progress instead of helping to destroy nature, as so often happens, enable us, in this case, to enjoy one of nature's most perfect creations—the rose—throughout the whole year. Even on the bleakest winter days we can look in the flower shops and see roses, cheering us on with their reminder of a new summer to come.

Now roses are very much like the hopes that spring into life in our hearts. Even the smallest boys and girls have hopes, for all the things they long to do and see throughout their lives—hopes for themselves and for their fellow-beings. Sometimes our hopes blossom and come to perfection, and then we say that our hopes have been realised; sometimes they wither and fade, and we know what disappointment means. But when the "last rose" of our hopes has "faded and gone," as it has for so many of our suffering people, then we can feel that, just as the roses come to us all the year round from other countries, even in deepest winter, so fresh hope will come to us, even in the darkest days, from other sources, which perhaps at the time we cannot see.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast,"
just as the roses bloom somewhere, in some
country of the world, all the year round.

* * *

Roses remind us of gardens, and gardens of meadows and fields. It is an easy step in our thoughts from fields to forests and from forests to Palestine, which is never very far from our minds. I wonder how many of you know these words from Rudyard Kipling's poem "The Glory of the Garden":—

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are
not made

By singing:—"Oh, how beautiful!" and sitting
in the shade,

While better men than we go out, and start their
working lives

At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with
broken dinner knives.

There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a
head so thick,

There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a
heart so sick,

But it can find some needful job that's crying to
be done,

For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth everyone.

Beautiful words, so true of this lovely England where we are fortunate enough to live. But equally true of Palestine, where so many of our people are yearning to go to "start their working lives," to till the soil, to work on the land, to cultivate that "garden" that is to be our own. It seems so far away, doesn't it? Sometimes that makes it matter to us less than it should, but over here there isn't one of us who cannot "find some needful job that's crying to be done" to help in that great work. And every tree we plant in the King George Jubilee Forest is another of those "needful jobs" done; every halfpenny that one of you sends to our Fund is helping to build up the "Glory of the Garden" of Palestine, and showing your devotion to the memory of King George, and your gratitude to King Edward, and through him to England, for all they have done and are doing for the Jewish people. Your trees have already been planted in the name of "Birmingham Jewish Boys and Girls"—do let us have six of our own before the end of this year. Please send me your contribution—I shall be grateful for every halfpenny.

I have not had many entries for the Poetry Competition as yet. Two prizes are being given, one for boys and girls over twelve, and one for those under twelve, and in each case the prize will be for the best original poem.

Prize-winning poems and the two next best will be published in this page. You will find the rules at the bottom of the page. Don't be shy of sending in your efforts—I know there are many of you who can write poetry, and I do want as many as possible to enter.

Good-bye till next month,

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5. Write your name, age and address on a separate slip of paper and pin to your poem. Your name must not be on the same paper as your poem.



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The Editor's Message.

It is not many years ago that the Birmingham Community could be justifiably accused of lack of initiative. There was a tendency to rest on its laurels and be satisfied with what had been provided by former generations. Such a criticism could not apply to-day. Not only has there been much activity, resulting in the completion of the Communal Scheme, but the present issue of the "Recorder" demonstrates that the creative instinct is still very much alive.

Two new schemes of great importance are adumbrated in our pages this month. One is for the establishment of a Sports and Social Club which aims at providing amenities for adults and for the youth. An exceptionally fine opportunity has presented itself to fill a long-felt want of a playing field in an accessible locality which should be a centre for sports and social recreation. The terms on which the ground can be secured on a long lease are most favourable.

The second project is to fill the gap which was caused when the Friendly Societies were turned out of their premises in Bristol Road. Although this happened only a few months ago, serious consequences have already ensued. The lack of a "home" had an adverse effect upon the Movement by a diminution of active interest among members. It was felt by the leaders that the future of the Lodges was imperilled unless new premises were soon acquired. Through the public-spirited action of Messrs. Moss and Mendel Mendelsohn these fears have now been allayed, and suitable accommodation will be available in the near future.

It might at first be thought that both these undertakings make a limited appeal, since they touch only sections of the Community. Such a view we hold to be mistaken. These schemes mean much to Birmingham Jewry as a whole and deserve widespread support, because they are the means of solving a grave problem. We have been latterly hearing disquieting reports about the behaviour of the younger element, many of whom spend their evenings, and especially Sunday, loitering about the main streets in the centre of the City and spending their leisure hours in a certain café. Their rowdyism has already given rise to unfavourable comment from non-Jewish beholders.

This is an evil which must be stamped out for the good name of Jewry. We appeal to the guilty to reflect on the harm they are doing to their people. We call upon the Community to give the young people no excuse for spending their leisure hours as they are doing at present, by firmly establishing two centres which will be glad to provide them with healthy recreation.

Any Jewish householder who has not received a copy of the "RECORDER," or who has changed the address, should communicate with Mr. L. H. Drapkin, 86, Langleys Road, Selly Oak.

The Jew in Hungary.

By DOROTHY S. GREENE.

"Oh! Hitler is doing wonderful work in Germany . . . his treatment of the Jews . . . need for someone like him in Hungary . . . follow his example . . ." I remember he was a fatuous youth, it is true. He went on to say how he hated all Jews, could tell one a mile away, and would not sit down at the same table with them. I retorted coolly that he had enjoyed the company of four of these outcasts and pariahs at my birthday celebrations the night before, and departed leaving him wondering.

Memories of this encounter and fragments of the conversation of two years ago came back to me when I returned to Hungary this summer. I was able to affirm once more that my young friend, more blessed by birth than brains, was only stating the view of a preponderating body of his countryfolk. Since my last visit the Hakenkreutz party has grown in strength and esteem; with its increasing numbers and spreading doctrines the Hungarian Jews have, according to their individual temperament and convictions, proportionately weakened or strengthened their adherence to race and religion.

Hungarian Jews seem to fall fairly comprehensively within two categories: the "Hundert-prozent Orthodoxen" and, on the other hand, the Jew-by-accident-of-birth who boasts no convictions and observes no rites or dogma. The half-way compromisers are very rare. But whichever class he falls into the Hungarian Jew has experienced the same repercussion of the Hitlerism ideas abroad and at home, namely, a growth of Jew-consciousness. Only the final results are different.

I met an interesting example of the first-class, a young cattle-dealer, belonging to a family with a long tradition of strict orthodoxy. He boasted of thriving on difficulties, and had never yet met an obstacle great enough to hinder him in the slightest detail of observance. In his business he sometimes has to be away from home for as long as three weeks or a month, and where he knows he can obtain no kosher supplies he carries provisions with him to last over the period of his travels; if they should happen to run out he would fast. He claimed that in all his wide travels, through the most fiercely anti-semitic areas, he has never encountered anything but respect for his Jewishness, inspired by his steadfast sincerity and the obvious depth of feeling he displayed.

Now for the "revers de la médaille." The Jew—consciousness of the non-observant Jew has led to ever-increasing proselytism. I have listened to many apologies from those who, while not themselves crossing the Rubicon, eagerly defend their friends and relatives who have. The eternal theme of their arguments is "not for ourselves, but for our children." My hostess was at great pains to explain the situation. The oppression in Hungary is no official policy, but in actual fact there is as little prospect for the Jewish youth there as in Germany. Particularly since the Communist revolution of 1923, headed by Bela Kuhn, the pretext exists that every Jew is a potential revolutionary and a menace to the State. It is almost safe to say that every non-Jew in Hungary is a Judenfresser.

Now Hungary is a land where few, if any, may arrive at their chosen goal by their own striving. "Protection," what we call patronage and wire-pulling, affords the only road; and where is the despised Jew to find the necessary friend at Court? The Universities are theoretically not barred to him, but in practice it is well-nigh impossible for him to find the strong enough "Protection" to gain admission. When he is finally inscribed, there awaits him the ignominy of the "Ghetto," for so the students name the back benches of the lecture theatres to which the Jews are relegated; and every now and then there will be "Prugeleien" in which the students will discharge the superfluity of their animal spirits upon their Jewish Kollegen.

If, with a struggle, he gains an education, there is no career upon to the Hungarian Jew; everything is controlled eventually by the State. A veterinary surgeon asked whether his son, soon of school-leaving age, would follow his father's profession, answered that if he qualified there would be no opening for him. The Jews in Hungary are great agriculturists, but since about twelve months no Jew can buy land.

"Lassen Sie Ihren Sohn sich taufen, gnaedige Frau (let your son be baptised, madam)—it is the only chance for an intelligent youngster." A Jewish professor from Budapest University had thus urged my friend when her son was leaving school, and he voiced the

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opinion of all those who have not, like the young cattle-dealer, found in strict adherence to their Faith strength to withstand material difficulties. Either that or no children at all; and in actual fact some couples refuse to have children as the world into which they must introduce them is so empty of a future.

One last illustration of the situation of the present-day Jew in Hungary: a situation that struck me as so supremely illogical that my first reaction was to laugh at its ludicrousness. A friend related how a cousin of hers, with a ten-year old daughter whom she worships, had, since my last visit, been baptised "for the child's sake." The father, though entirely non-observant, was still a Jew in name, and refused to countenance the idea of the child ever marrying a Christian, although, as far as I could gather, she was being brought up to no particular religion. The mother's ambition was that her daughter should eventually marry

another baptised Jew! In the grandchildren's veins, I protested, would still run pure Jewish blood, and nothing would have been gained if they wished to rid themselves of the taint of Judaism! No matter, as far as social prejudice was concerned the end would be gained; the child would be accepted in a society that does not tolerate Jews, and by the third generation the Jewish tradition would be lost. Though physical characteristics might recur, the trace of the Jewish ancestors would gradually be obliterated by inter-marriage.

This is the difference between anti-semitic Hungary and Nazi Germany: while such a proposition involving direct Rassenschande would not be tolerated there, the anti-semitism of Hungary is only directed against the nominal Jew. No matter what his antecedents may be, if he can produce his certificate of baptism all roads, social and professional, will be open to him.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB.

On November 4th at the Communal Hall a Public meeting was held with the object of forming a Sports and Social Club in the City for the Jewish Youth.

Mr. Eric Leek presided and in his opening remarks said that there had become available at Eastern Road, Edgbaston, a 4 acre plot of ground which would ideally suit this project. It would be possible to lay down 4 hard tennis courts; there was already a cricket pitch and, if possible, arrangements would be made to make a Rugby pitch also. A pavilion was on the ground and this, together with that already belonging to the Tennis Club who were joining up with the scheme, would for a short time suit the requirements of members.

The Boys' and Girls' Club and Lads' Brigade also signified their intention of co-operating in the scheme, and had promised to contribute an annual sum on the condition that their members would be allowed the use of the ground for Sunday matches and weekday practice.

The Chairman stated that the initial outlay of at least £500 would be required to start the Club. This amount included laying out of the courts, installation of heating and lighting and sanitary arrangements. Already several donations had been promised, and it was hoped to raise the remainder in time to have the Club opened by the following summer.

Several of those present asked a number of questions after the close of the Chairman's address. Finally the scheme was adopted and the following Committee was elected and empowered "to bring into being and take all necessary steps for the running of the Club, and to co-opt further members where necessary:

Messrs. E. Leek, D. Bernstein, L. Wilk, P. Carver, E. Graham, I. Jacobs, V. Harris, J. Rose, N. Jacobs and M. Einstein, also representatives from the Boys' and Girls' Club, Lads' Brigade and Joint Council. At a later Committee meeting, Mr. E. Leek was elected Chairman, Mr. D. Bernstein, Vice Chairman, Mr. V. Harris, Ass. Treasurer and Mr. M. Einstein, 82 Alexandra Road, Edgbaston, Hon. Secretary.

A FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' INSTITUTE.

All who are interested in the Friendly Society Movement and appreciate its value will be pleased to learn that the premises situated at 20, Bristol Road, have been secured and will shortly be opened as an Institute. Not only will there be accommodation for Lodge meetings, but it will be furnished as a centre where members and their friends can meet for social recreation.

The scheme has been made possible by the generous co-operation of Messrs. Moss and Mendel Mindelsohn who, though primarily interested in the welfare of "The Rachel Mindelsohn Lodge," have been instrumental in providing the movement with a much-needed home.

A private limited company is in formation to control the finances and management of the Institute. The Chairman and Managing Director will be Mr. A. L. Ostrov, and the services of Mr. M. Pollecof, LL.B., and Mr. G. Braunton, A.C.A., have been secured in an honorary capacity as Solicitor and Accountant respectively.

Lodge Secretaries who desire information about lettings should communicate with Mr. Ostrov or with Mr. J. Rosenberg, Secretary of the Friendly Society Council.

Chanukah Lights.

I kindled my eight little candles,
My Chanukah candles, and lo !
Fair visions and dreams half-forgotten
Were rising of years long ago.

The names of our heroes immortal,
The noble, the brave, and the true ;
A battlefield saw I in vision,
Where many were conquered by few ;

His eyes shone like bright stars of heaven,
Like music resounded his voice :
" Brave comrades, we fought and we conquered
Now let us in God's name rejoice !

He spoke, and from all the four corners
An echo repeated each word ;
The woods and the mountains re-echoed :
" For the people and towns of the Lord."

I musingly gazed at my candles,
Meseemed in their quivering flame,
In golden, in fiery letters
I read the old, glorious names ;

And mute lay the Syrian army,
Judea's proud foe, in the field ;
And Judas, the brave Maccabeus,
I saw in his helmet and shield.

We conquered ; but know, my brave comrades,
No triumph is due to the sword ;
Remember our motto and watchword,
" For the people and towns of the Lord,"

And swiftly the message spread, calling :
" Judea, Judea is free !"
Rekindled the lamp in the Temple,
Rekindled each bosom with glee !

My Chanukah candles soon flickered,
Around me was darkness of night :
But deep in my soul I felt shining
A heavenly, wonderful light.

(From P. M. Raskin's " Songs of a Wanderer : " Jewish Publication Society of America.)

JEWISH HUMOUR.

Beard and Board.

The bridegroom had been promised board and lodging in his father-in-law's house until his beard was fully grown. Some time after the marriage he was discovered in the act of clipping his beard. The father-in-law expostulated with him and said : " If you do that, your beard will never be grown and I shall have to keep you all your life. Besides, as a Jew you must not cut your beard."

When the young man was subsequently seen repeating the act, he was summoned by his father-in-law to appear before the Rabbi, who asked him : " Why do you cut your beard ? "

" For the same reason that you cut your moustache," came the reply.

" But I trim my moustache because it interferes with my eating," urged the Rabbi.

" Exactly," retorted the son-in-law, " I trim my beard because it would interfere with my board ! "

A Continued Obstacle.

A couple came to the Rabbi for a get. He tried hard to reconcile them, but without success. He therefore was compelled to discuss terms with them. Everything proceeded satisfactorily until it came to the question of the custody of the children, of whom there were five in number. Each parent insisted on having charge of three, and there was a deadlock.

At the length the Rabbi remarked : " There is only one solution to the problem. Postpone the Get for a year, and perhaps during that time there will be an addition to the family.

A year passed, and the couple failed to renew their application. When the Rabbi met the man, he inquired : " Well, are you ready for a Get ? " " No," was the answer, " we must wait another year." " For what reason ? " the Rabbi asked, " was there no child ? " " It was twins ! " the miserable man replied.

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LITERARY AND ARTS SOCIETY.

On October 18th a departure was made from the customary form of Inter-Debates, and a successful meeting was held in conjunction with the Birmingham University debating Society, the motion discussed being, "That the League of Nations had failed and should be abolished." The two opening speakers, who acquitted themselves well, were Mr. Louis Joseph and Mr. Arthur Joseph, M.A., F.I.A.

On the following Sunday, October 25th the Association was particularly glad to welcome Dr. Cecil Roth, President of the Jewish Historical Society, as their speaker, not only because of his eminent position in the world of scholarship, but also for the more personal reason that he is a Past President of the Society. Dr. Roth delivered a brilliant address entitled "The Challenge to Jewish History," in which he traced the history of the Jews in England in every sphere of life, from their earliest known origins. (This lecture has since been published in the Literary Supplement of the Jewish Chronicle.) Both Dr. Roth and Mr. Wilfred Samuel, Chairman of the Jewish Museum, who accompanied him to Birmingham, outlined the value of the work done by the Jewish Historical Society in England and appealed for new members. As a result of this meeting several new names have been added to the list of members of the Jewish Historical Society. Dr. Cohen proposed the vote of thanks for what he described as an "amazing" lecture, and stressed the value of the "ammunition" provided by the Jewish Historical Society when facts are needed to refute the misrepresentations of the enemies of Jewry. Rev. S. I. Solomons seconded the vote of thanks.

An interesting debate was held on Nov. 1st when the motion "That the political freedom granted to Jews is responsible for the present day religious indifference," was discussed, the principal speakers being Messrs S. Belman, C. Angel, A. Silverstone, and Rev. D. J. Seligson.

Members are asked to make a note of the following important dates in our programme.

Dec. 20th.—Children's Chanukah Party, organised by Miss J. Cassell (253 Hagley Rd. Edgbaston) from whom tickets can be obtained priced 2/6 for children and 1/6 for adults.

Dec. 28th.—Annual Dance at the Botanical Gardens. Tickets at 7/6 including a running buffet are obtainable from Miss R. Hyman, 33 Wheellys Rd., Edgbaston.

SOCIAL AND DRAMATIC CLUB.

On Sunday October 18th the Club's literary session was inaugurated with an address by the Rev. D. J. Seligson entitled "The Challenge to Jewish Youth," at the Communal Hall. The evening proved most enlightening and all present were unanimous in their appreciation of the speaker. A most successful dance was held on Sunday October the 25th at the Ena Bartley Studios. Mr. Gerald Jacobs, the M.C. was swamped with aspirants to the title of crooning champion; and as ladies predominated it will be "crooned" off throughout the season.

Future events include an Inter-Debate with the Young Israel Society on December 6th and a grand Chanukah Ball on December 20th, both to be held at our new headquarters, the Ena Bartley Studios. The inter-debate will be followed by a dance.

The Table Tennis Section continues to arouse interest, and the table tennis committee are considering plans for the increasing of facilities. The three teams seem to have found their form and are fast gathering points in their various divisions of the league. On January 19th the Annual Tournament for the Alfred Jacobs' Table Tennis Cup, the present holder of which is Mr. Herbert Walden, will be run off, and all members interested are invited to communicate with Miss D. Kruseff, 145 Gooch Street, or the Chairman, Mr. H. Brown, for particulars of entry.

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

By the time this report appears in print a busy month in the activities of the Y.I.S. will have elapsed. The Fancy Dress Carnival held at the Communal Hall was a huge success; and the Annual Dance at Tony's Ballroom, the Film Star evening at Headquarters, and the Kiddies Kabaret and Dance, following quickly on each other will doubtless have proved that the versatility of the Society leaves nothing to be desired in the matter of quick-changing entertainment.

December brings the opportunity of renewing friendships with the Metropolis, inasmuch as Golders Green and Ealing Young Israel Societies are visiting us on the 13th and we are "going to town" to be entertained by our Finsbury Park friends on the 20th.

Meanwhile the Executive are sparing no pains to plan the future entertainment, which includes the fourth Annual Broadcast, the Concert at the Alexandra Theatre, and the Vice-President's Reunion and Supper.

The Annual Armistice Dance was held at Tony's on November 11th and the company

exceeded 250 in number. In the course of the evening a presentation of silver cups was made by Mrs. M. Mindelsohn to the winning team of the Ostrov Tennis Shield, the cost of which was defrayed by an anonymous donor. Prizes to the winners in various competitions were presented by Mrs. A. L. Ostrov. The ball-room has been secured for a function on the evening of Coronation day.

JEWISH LAD'S BRIGADE.

The attendances continue to be quite satisfactory and all boys are looking forward to the Chanukah Parade on December 13th., when the Manchester Brass Band is to join in the Parade and take part in the service. The whole of the Company, together with the Manchester contingent, is being entertained to Tea by the Council in the evening.

A Guard of Honour will be formed for the new Lord Mayor (Alderman Roberts), and it only requires fine weather to make the Parade a great success.

The Annual Prize Distribution takes place in January, when it is hoped that the Lord Mayor will distribute the prizes.

BIRMINGHAM "JUDEANS" RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Birmingham XV met the Manchester Maccabi Rugby Football Club on the ground of the Birmingham R.F.C., Northfield, on Sunday, Nov. 1st. A large gathering of supporters were present to see the "Judeans" win by 6 points (2 tries) to 3 points (penalty goal) after a hard and keen game.

The visitors were entertained to tea at the Bartley Studio, Broad Street, and the evening concluded with a Dance which was attended by a large number of the Club's supporters.

The sincere thanks of the Club are due to Miss Rachel Hyman and Miss Cora Davis for their invaluable assistance in organizing the catering and dance arrangements.

Any supporters who wish to be informed by post of future matches (including the return fixtures in London and Manchester) should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Philip Levy, 257 Pershore Road, Edgbaston.

(In the report of the Club's activities published in the last issue, the result of the match with the London Maccabi XV was given as a win for the local team, whereas the reverse was the case. Ed. B. J. R.)

MONTAGU, LORD SWAYTHLING LODGE.

At a recent meeting the Lodge decided unanimously to assist in every possible manner towards the combating of Anti-Semitism, and a donation has already been sent to the appropriate Fund. In addition, members individually are doing their share in this vital cause.

By joining the Lord Swaythling Lodge, young Jews will be doing a great service to themselves and to Jewry in general, for only in unity lies that strength which alone can withstand and defeat the malicious falsehoods which emanate from ill-wishers.

It has been decided to contribute towards the fund to assist the continuance of the "Recorder," which proves so valuable in all aspects of Birmingham Communal affairs.

WOMEN'S EFFORT FOR POLISH RELIEF.

At a Tea in aid of the above, held at the Conservative Club, and given by Mrs. Colman, of Francis Road, and her daughters, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Lee, on October 21st, £12 5s. was realised.

On November 11th, a Tea was given by Mrs. Ben Herbert and Mrs. Hamilton, at the Communal Hall. It was a most successful afternoon and the gathering was addressed by Rabbi L. Rabbinowitz, M.A., one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Federation of Jewish Relief Organisations. After his stirring address, the splendid sum of £60 was collected.

MEN'S ZIONIST SOCIETY.

A Meeting of the Men's Zionist Society was held at 81 Francis Road, Edgbaston, on Monday the 26th October.

Mr. S. Temkin of London, addressed the Meeting, and urged the Society to undertake propaganda work to show the non-Jewish Public what Zionism is doing.

A resolution was passed that this should be done, and a further resolution was passed to send speakers if required to all Societies in Birmingham.

A very attractive programme for the year has been arranged, with fortnightly Meetings, at which the following speakers have undertaken to give addresses:—

- Prof. Norman Bentwich, M.C., M.A.
- Rev. Dr. A. Cohen, M.A., Ph.D.
- Viscountess Reading.
- Barnett Janner, Esq.,
- Simon Marks, Esq.
- Sir Montague Burton.
- Dr. J. M. Yoffey, M.Sc., F.R.C.S.
- Rev. M. L. Perlzweig, M.A.

and the Society will wind up the year's activities with a dinner at the Queen's Hotel.

Proposal forms for admission can be obtained from:—E. Alec Colman Esq., F.V.I., Chairman; Gerald Braunton, Esq., A.C.A., Treasurer; A. Silverstone, Esq., Hon. Secretary, 118 New Street, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM WOMEN ZIONISTS.

The Women's Zionist Society has entered upon its new session with a series of very successful social afternoons. On October 27th, Mrs. Charles Blankstone arranged an afternoon at which £8 14s. 6d. was realised. Mrs. P. V. Brooks and Mrs. E. Woolf were the joint hostesses on November 10th, when the sum of £10 was collected.

A Whist Drive and Card Evening has been arranged for Monday, December 14th, at the Communal Hall. Many valuable prizes will be given and an enjoyable evening is ensured. Tickets (2/-) can be obtained from any member of the Committee.

A cultural group, under the auspices of the Society, has been formed with Mrs. H. Silverstone as Chairman and Mrs. I. Ackerman, B.A., as Secretary. Further details of its activities will be given at a later date.

Attention is again drawn to the Sewing Classes held fortnightly on Monday afternoons, at 13, Speedwell Road. All sorts of garments for mothers and babies are urgently needed in Palestine, and the work of these classes cannot be over-estimated. If any lady is unable to attend regularly, gifts of sewing or knitting done at leisure at home will be greatly appreciated.

ZIONA.

A meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Levine, 30, Speedwell Road, on November 9th, at which Mrs. H. Silverstone gave an interesting address on "The Mandate, Great Britain and the Jews." A vote of thanks was moved by Miss J. Levi, which was warmly acclaimed.

A Chanukah Party will take place on Thursday, December 10th, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Edgbaston Conservative Club, Balsall Heath Road. There will be dancing, games and special attractions. Tickets are 3/- each, including refreshments.

Other meetings arranged for the month are: an address by Miss Constance Shine, of London, on Sunday, 13th, and one by the Rev. D. Seligson on "How Herzl Happened," on Monday, the 21st.

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE FEDERATION OF ZIONIST YOUTH.

President, E. Alec Colman, 39 Newhall St. Birmingham; chairman, Rabbi D. Seligson, Bennetts Hill, Birmingham; treasurer, Dr. Salmon, 340 Moseley Road; Secretary, Mr. George Colman, 81 Francis Road, Edgbaston, (Tel. Edg. 2822); librarian, Mr. G. Abraham's, 136 Salisbury Road, Moseley, (Tel. South 0081).

Rev. Seligson addressed the Meeting and promised to prepare a Syllabus and hold fortnightly Classes upon the History of Zionism.

On Tuesday the 3rd November, the first Meeting took place, and the Rev. Seligson addressed a well represented assembly.

Meetings take place fortnightly at 81 Francis Road, Edgbaston, at 8.30 p.m. every other Tuesday.

Members of Ziona are invited to come, and will be admitted free on presenting tickets signed by Miss Vera Davis.

Anyone interested can become a Member of the F.Z.Y. on payment of a fee of 5/- per annum, providing they are not above 25 years of age.

Full particulars can be obtained from Mr. George Colman, 81 Francis Road, Edgbaston (Tel. Edg. 2822).

HONOURING THE SABBATH.

Extract from letter written by Mrs. L. Caselberg, of Wellington, New Zealand, to her Mother, Mrs. M. Lyons, of Bristol Road, Birmingham.

"There is a Debutantes' Dance at Government House the end of next month, and I was invited to present Val on that occasion. As you can guess, we were all very thrilled, until I realized that the Ball was on a Friday night; and Val, knowing how I felt about going out on Friday night, at once said, "We'll just have to cut it out Mum." I guess you can understand how I felt, but I couldn't bring myself to do anything else except write a letter saying how I regretted not being able to avail myself of the honour of presenting my daughter to their excellencies, as it was our Jewish Sabbath—and thought that would be the end of it.

Well, the following morning the President of the Shool rang up, telling me that the aide-de-camp had just rung him up to say how very sorry Lord Galway, the Governor, was to know that Friday night was not suitable for the Jewish debutantes, and would he inform them that another Ball will be held very shortly, which will certainly not be held on a Friday night, and that the debutantes will be invited to that one! So now your daughter and your grandchildren, dear Mother, are rejoicing again and I am being congratulated on all sides for being the first person to refuse an invitation to Government House because the function happened to be taking place on Friday night."

(We print this extract, firstly because it will interest the many friends of the writer here, and also for the reason that such a gracious act of consideration should be more widely known. Ed. B. J. R.)



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A PROPOSED JEWISH AMATEUR CINE SOCIETY.

11 Hermitage Road,
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Sir,

With reference to Mr. Singer's letter in this issue of the "Recorder," I would point out that there is already in existence a local Amateur Cine Society. I submit that any of our young people who are interested should apply to it for membership, and the formation of a separate Jewish Society should only be considered if they are not accepted.

Yours sincerely,
J. W. Levy.

INDISCRIMINATE CHARITY.

10 Alexandra Road,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham, 5.

Sir,

"Subscriber to the Board" elucidates an isolated case of what he terms "indiscriminate charity." His opposition to such a state of affairs does not by one iota lessen the fact that the new system of charity advocated by the Board is most retrogressive. This is particularly so in view of the fact that, whereas previously charity was reluctantly given by those who could well afford to give, they now have a moral support for their non-charitable instincts.

It may be agreed that indiscriminate charity induces vagrancy; but how can we Jews possibly discriminate in the giving of charity? To us Jews charity is the very life blood. It may also be agreed that many are not genuinely in need; but if we discriminate even the deserving may be left unhelped.

My contention is that there were treble the number of vagrants visiting Birmingham, it would still be the duty, and it would still be within the power, of Birmingham Jewry to support them, whatever their "credentials," based as they are for the most part upon that old style of Judaism which has certainly done more to keep the flame burning through the Dark Ages, than have Jews who have discriminated in the giving of sharity—as if such a thing was humanly possible.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD JACOBS.

(Mr. Jacobs seems to misunderstand the term "vagrants." He is thinking of Jews who come here from abroad to collect money for themselves or Jewish institutions. The Board is concerned about the increasing number of

able-bodied Jews, mostly British-born, who will not work for a living, but prefer to wander from Community to Community picking up whatever they can collect. Who can possibly approve of "indiscriminate charity" which helps to create and maintain a disreputable band of Jewish tramps? Ed. B. J. R.)

THE TALMUD TORAH CONCERT.

11th November 1936

Dear Sir,

Although the formal acknowledgements of thanks have been made to all whose assistance ensured the success of our Talmud Torah Concert at the Alexandra Theatre on November 8th, I should appreciate the hospitality of your columns to express my personal gratitude to them all.

While it may be invidious to single out any individual, I am sure that none will deny the generosit yof Mr. Leon Salberg, Mr. Derek Salberg and Mr. B. Goodman, whose kindness made this Concert possible.

We can be proud to have in our Community such noble-hearted man as they to whom the Talmud Torah is such a vital and urgent cause.

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By "SHMOOZER."

It was bound to happen, you know; so don't blame anyone or anything for the appearance of the tripe (or should it be worst?) that will be thrust on your breakfast-table once every month from now on.

Rather should this advert be put to the credit, or debit, of the latent bardic, artistic, turbulent, seething mass of journalistic blood which has at last surged to the top in me, and caused me to gush forth with a store of hitherto hoarded wealth of wit (?), humour (??), pathos (???), poetry, prose, placidity, patience, plus packets of painstaking penmanship . . . Phew!!

And the reason for all this? Well, I'll

tell you. I have been thinking for a long time of offering my services towards the improvement of this journal. (What do you mean?—Ed.). Don't take any notice of that . . . you will find these interpolations cropping up at every few inches of my script. The Editor usually inserts such remarks when he thinks I have exceeded his literary capabilities . . . just a case of professional jealousy. To proceed . . . I approached the aforementioned Editor, and spoke to him thus: "Sir, I have a magnificent proposition to make to you. I am prepared to undertake to write a humorous column in your monthly publication subject to the following trivial conditions." And I proceeded to reel off about half a century of details, the most important of which were the providing of a study and suite of rooms, a shorthand typist, a dictaphone (for use when the stenographer was otherwise engaged) (Slow up.—Ed.). There he goes again . . . a percentage of all increased sales, five thousand shares in the company, a car, a typewriter and a blue pencil (for checking proofs). Well, of course, he was rather interested; but, naturally, as a keen business man, he suggested a compromise on the terms.

Well, to cut a long story to bits, we came to some sort of an agreement. He promised me the pencil, and I agreed to forego the other conditions. And that, my poor fish, is when, where, why, and how, you will feverishly and impatiently wait for the first Shabbos in every month. My identity will remain a secret between the Editor and myself, so it's no use your attempting any sort of reprisals.

Now, in conclusion, I am going to show you how versatile I really am by bursting forth into verse. (A condition brought on by the light-headedness achieved by having got my first effort "off my plate," or should I say, pate?)

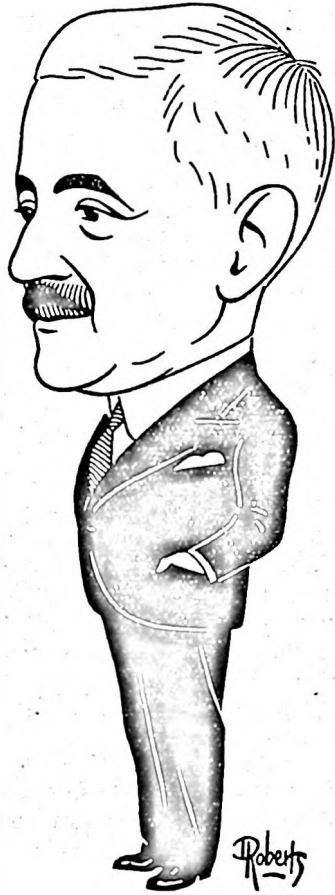
In each monthly issue,
I'll endeavour to "plissue,"
And brighten up most of your day.
But if on occasion,
You attempt some dissuasion,
I'd remind you that I've come to stay.

And if there's a time,
When my verses won't rhyme,
Forget it . . . imagine it's prose.
Then my humour, again,
May give you a pain,
Then give it ME right on the nose!

For the time I'll retire,
'Cos the force of your ire,
Might extinguish my brilliant (?) flame.
But before I depart,
Now that I've made a start,
Don't forget that "The SHMOOZER" 's
my name!

Be with you again next month.

Here and There.



COMMUNAL SKETCHES

No. 3.

(I. L. LYONS.)

THE "RECORDER" CHAIRMAN.

The local Community will learn with pride and pleasure of the high compliment paid to Mr. E. P. Hollander, J.P., by his appointment as Chairman of the Birmingham Juvenile Court Panel, which carries with it a seat on the General Purposes Committee of the Justices. Mr. Hollander possesses characteristics of mind and temperament which make him peculiarly fitted for the task of dealing with juvenile delinquents; and the valuable work he has done in this connection since he was appointed a Magistrate is now signally recognised.

The Ball, held under the auspices of the Birmingham Aid Society of the Jewish Orphanage, was a success, both socially and financially. The Tombola and Auction, which were organised by Mr. and Mrs. Eric Leek, proved very remunerative. A welcome guest in the course of the evening was Mr. Larry Adler, the well-known Music-Hall artiste. Mr. Michael Cohen, a member of the London Executive of the Orphanage, made a plea for additional support, in view of the fact that several Birmingham children are being cared for.

His many friends note with pleasure the rapid strides which Mr. Percy Freedman (alias Percy Franks) is making in his profession. He gained his experience as the leading comedian in the Revues staged by the Social and Dramatic Club. Last year he appeared in support of the Talmud Torah Concert at the Prince of Wales Theatre and previously he gave his services in aid of the Board's Benefit Performance at the Theatre Royal. This year he was prevented from appearing at the Talmud Torah Concert by a fortnight's engagement in Manchester. He will broadcast in a Variety Show from Birmingham on December 11th, in which he will be assistant producer; and he will later appear in "Mother Goose" at the Alexandra pantomime.

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Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cotton on the birth of a daughter. An inquiry has been sent to us whether the letters "F.A.I." indicate Family Assiduously Increased?

Perhaps the proud father will reply!

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There is wild excitement in Literary Society Circles, caused by the rumour that a piano is to be provided shortly for the Communal Hall. On all lips the question is heard, "Can it really be true?"

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While at a hospital the other day, Mr. Sidney Caro was requested to summon a Blood Donor for a case where transfusion was urgent. The person in question being out, Mr. Caro offered himself for the purpose; and the test proving satisfactory, transfusion was performed with his co-operation. Well done, Mr. Caro!

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The Wednesday Evening Socials are not being as well-attended as they should. It would be a great pity if this desirable project had to be abandoned for lack of support. Ideas for attracting larger numbers would be welcomed by the organisers.

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In connection with their 21st anniversary celebrations, the Social and Dramatic Club would be glad to get in touch with as many former members as possible. Would they communicate with Mr. Max Einstein, 82, Alexandra Road?

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The programme at the Talmud Torah Concert was exceptionally fine. Why was it not better patronised? Mr. Leon Salberg kindly defrayed all the expenses in connection with the Theatre, for which act of generosity the Committee is most thankful.

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Diary of the Month.

(Unless otherwise stated, the meetings, etc., are held in the Communal Hall.)

Wed., 2—Joint Social.

Sun., 6—Lit.-Arts. : Old-Fashioned Evening, 7-45 p.m.

Social and Dramatic Club : Inter-debate with the Young Israel Society, at Ena Bartley Studio.

Wed., 9—Joint Social.

Sun., 13—Chanukah Service, attended by the Lord Mayor, at the Synagogue, 3.30 p.m.

Lit.-Arts. : Forensic Debate, Imperial Hotel, 7 p.m.

Young Israel : Chanukah Party, at Headquarters.

Wed., 16—Joint Social.

Sun., 20—Annual Prize Distribution, Hebrew School, 11.30 a.m.

Lit.-Arts : Children's Chanukah Party, 3-30 p.m.

„ „ „ The City Fathers Meet,” 7-45 p.m.

Social and Dramatic Club : Chanukah Ball, at Ena Bartley Studio, 8 p.m.

Wed., 23—Joint Social.

Sun., 27—Social and Dramatic Club : “Ye Olde Bulle and Bushe,” 7-30 p.m.

Mon., 28—Lit.-Arts : Annual Dance, Botanical Gardens.

Wed., 30—Joint Social.

* DON'T MAKE A DATE FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1937. Watch this page for further announcements.



The Ladies' Page



conducted by Renelle.

Editorial

A GAIN I must thank you for taking such an interest in my page, I can now truthfully say that my mailbag is beginning to grow into a very nice size this month I have had so many beauty queries (and I know you are all going to try and look your best for the Christmas holidays, which are now well on their way). So I have decided to devote a special column for my readers needs.

Tale of a tie

OH, I'll buy him a tie, yes, I'll buy him a tie. Non-committal is that. His people won't spy "Is she more than a friend?" My people won't say: "Well, you've money to spend Have you any to lend?" So I'll buy him a tie.

Oh, I bought him a tie, yes, I bought him a tie. I found a large store and I felt rather shy. Young men gathered round. So bewildered was I. "This way, Madam, please. Take a chair, take your ease while I just show you these." Yes, I bought him a tie.

I was firm at the start and quite boldly I said: "It must be quite quiet and he doesn't like red." "As you wish," said a young man, shaking his head "Spots are the fashion for young and for old, But especially for young men, at least, so we're told. Though some prefer stripes or a floral design. This ties very well—this is quite a new line."

But bewildered and shy I said: "Sir, if you please I am terribly sorry, I cannot bear these. Let me wander around for a minute or two, I'll return when I've found a design that will do." I returned to the counter and happy was I. I had found something nice, Not the tie I had dreamed of, but still a nice tie.

Young men gathered round and they smiled and they sighed.

"They said: 'You know best!'" "Don't you like it?" I cried, feeling deeply depressed Then with shrug aggravating and smile deprecating They looked at the tie that I wanted to buy. and each shook a head: "For Ascot, perhaps—" "For a wedding, perhaps." "For your uncle, perhaps."

"But not quite the tie for your—" "Brother," I said. "For your brother, quite so." I could bear it no more, So I put down my shillings and clutched the first tie.

ENVOI:

Oh, she gave me a tie, yes, she bought me a tie. And I'll wear it or die. But to think such a sweet girl Could choose such a tie.

(Extract)

The beauty clinic

Pale Hands. Cold cream and lemon slices can make red hands look as pale as lilies.

Place the hands in very hot water until the pores are open. With outdrying, massage with cold cream until the hands feel cool again.

Wipe off the cream by massaging with lemon. Finally rinse in cool water and dry thoroughly.

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During the winter months when one cannot serve quite so many cold dishes for luncheon or supper, sausages come as a real boon to the housewife who likes to vary her daily menus.

Sausage Hotpot.

Sausages,	1 lb.	Potatoes,	2 lbs
Spanish Onions,	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	Tomatoes,	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Stock		Seasoning.	

Peel and slice the potatoes, onions and tomatoes. Cut each sausage into three or four pieces. Arrange in layers in a casserole and season each with salt and pepper; have a good layer of potatoes on top. Half fill the casserole with stock; cover and bake in a moderate oven for an hour. Remove the lid the last fifteen minutes so that the potatoes can brown.

Apple Soufflé.

Apples,	1 lb.	Sugar,	4 ozs
Lemon rind.		White of three eggs.	
		Water, $\frac{1}{2}$ teacupful.	

Choose good stewing apples. Peel, core and slice them thinly. Put the fruit in alternate layers in a greased baking dish. Sprinkle each layer with sugar lemon juice and grated rind, and melted margarine. Pour over the water, cover the dish closely, and bake for half-an-hour. Remove the cover and bake for another ten minutes.

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Children's Corner.

Dear Boys and Girls,

It seems hardly a minute since I was writing to you about summer holidays, blue skies and sea, and actually sitting by the sea as I wrote. It was blue and calm and sparkling with sunshine then—now I suppose it is dull and grey, wind-lashed and angry,—breaking in large white-topped waves over the wintry shore. For wintry it certainly is—I expect any morning now we shall find the ground covered with snow.

Don't you think snow is one of the loveliest sights in the world? I don't mean when it is muddy and bedraggled, but when it is clean and white and sparkling, draped over trees and flowers, when the sun shines down upon it and makes it glisten and sparkle.

Don't you feel when you see it like that, as if you had been carried into another world—almost a fairy world? Can't you hear the sleigh bells ringing and see the fairy princess in her sleigh, drawn by six milk-white horses, as she goes on her way to visit the Snow King—dear me I had better stop this, or I shall be writing a fairy tale instead of getting on with my letter! Perhaps some of you would enjoy a fairy-tale; but you don't write and tell me about yourselves, so I don't really know what interests you.

Now what were we talking about? Oh yes—snow, decorating the trees and houses. Or do you prefer it actually falling, snowflakes, such as Longfellow describes:—"Out of the bosom of the air,

Out of the cloud-folds of her garments shaken,
Over the woodlands brown and bare,
Over the harvest fields forsaken,
Silent and soft and slow
Descends the snow,"

Winter! It is rather a cosy time, isn't it? When you sit round a glowing fire and draw the curtains early in the afternoon—almost like being grown-up and staying up really late. Which is really nicer—going to bed in the dark like the grown-ups do, or going in daylight as you do in the summer, like the little boy in Robert Louis Stevenson's poem?—

In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candlelight:
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
And hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

I think, when I was a little girl, I liked winter best. I loved the warmth and comfort in the house, the glowing fires and bright lights. And talking of bright lights, it will very soon be Chanukah. I expect you all look forward to lighting the candles each night, reminding us of the bravery of Judas Maccabeus and his little band of followers, who fought for the ideals of the Jewish people—and won. The story, well-known to all of you I am sure, is one of the most splendid in Jewish History, and it is with great pride, as well as with gratitude that we light the Chanukah candles evening after evening for eight days.

The Poetry Competition is still open, boys and girls. The Rules are at the bottom of the page. Please send in your entries soon, as I shall not be able to keep the competition open for another month. Don't forget that prize-winning poems will be published in this column.

ANSWERS TO LETTERS.

Jack Gould. Thank you for your letter and donation. Very many happy returns of your birthday—I hope you had a happy day. Perhaps you could persuade some of your little friends to follow your splendid example.

Good-bye till next,

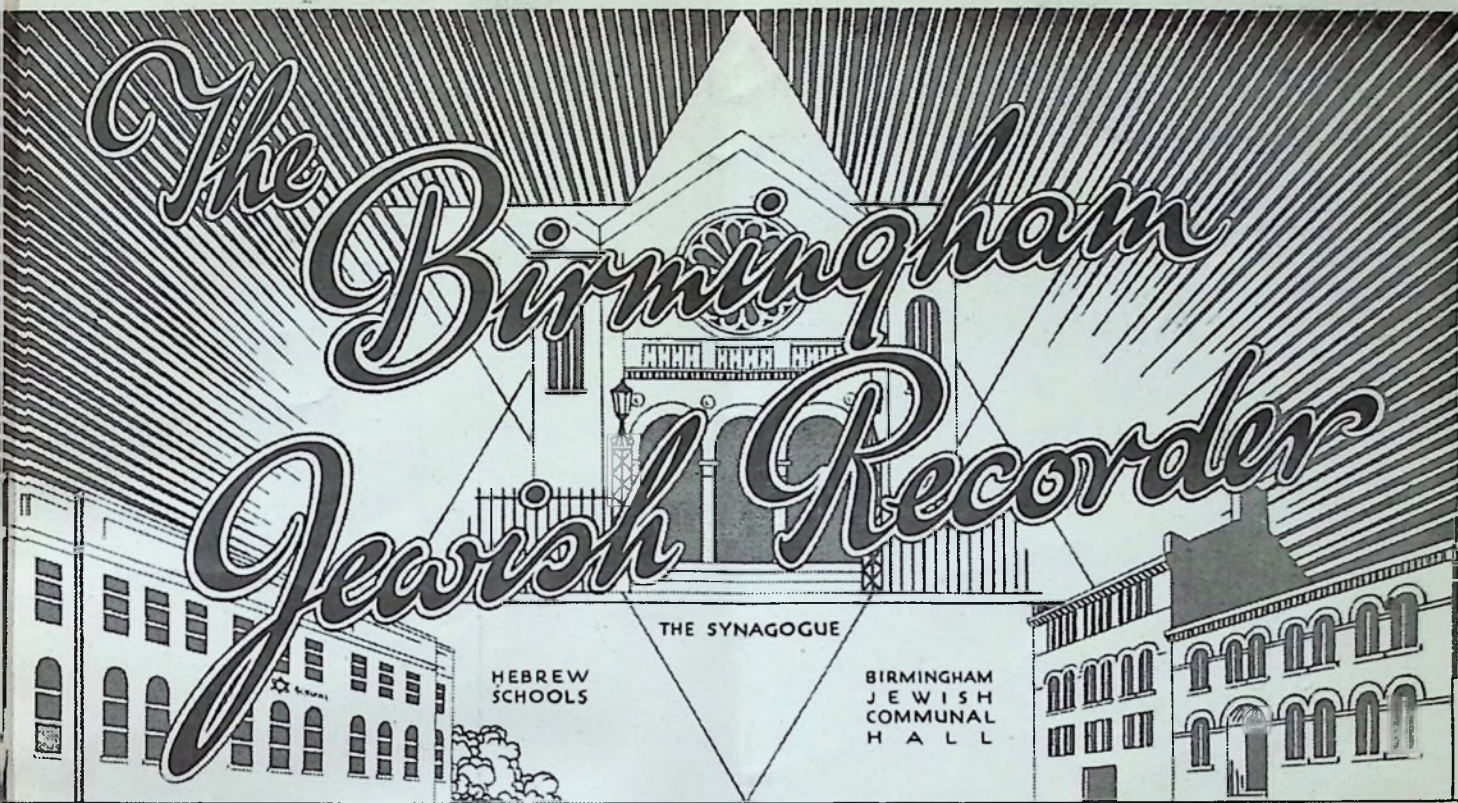
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3. Write on one side of the paper only.
4. Write your name, age and address on a separate slip of paper and pin to your poem.
5. Entries must be in not later than December 12



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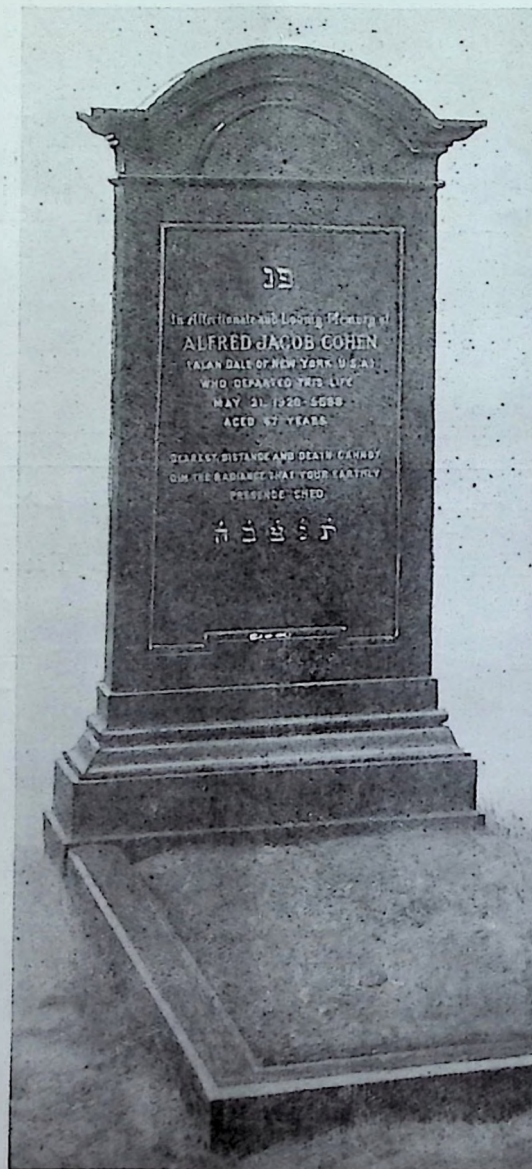
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The Editor's Message.

The extract which we printed in our last issue from the letter of Mrs. L. Caselberg, of New Zealand, has aroused considerable interest and admiration. The choice she made between loyalty to Judaism and the acceptance of an invitation to a Ball on the Sabbath at Government House is highly to be commended. Her decision must have the effect of increasing respect for the Jew in the country where she resides.

The decision she came to is in conformity with the best traditions of Anglo-Jewry. Among many other instances which could be cited, the following two will suffice. Horace Walpole, in a letter dated October 3, 1763, records: "I have given my assembly, to show my gallery, and it was glorious; but happening to pitch upon the Feast of Tabernacles, none of my Jews could come; so I am forced to exhibit once more." In 1836 Sir Moses Montefiore was elected Sheriff of London and Middlesex. According to established custom the inauguration dinner was to be held on September 30; but since that date coincided with Rosh Hashonoh, he had it postponed to October 5th.

These examples illustrate how English Jews in the past declined to desecrate the Jewish holy days to keep public engagements. They did not suffer thereby socially; but on the contrary they raised their people in the esteem of their neighbours by their action. The moral is one which should be borne in mind by the present generation. The practice is becoming too common of allowing Jewish duty to go to the wall when it clashes with functions of even trivial importance. Such conduct lowers our prestige. Faithfulness to religious obligation invariably commands respect. On the same principle an understanding Gentile is always disgusted when he sees a Jew partake of food which is known to be forbidden by our dietary laws.

The moral may be applied in another direction. There are clubs of various kinds which bar membership to Jews. What should our own reaction be in such circumstances? Not to endeavour to have the bar raised, but to display towards these bigotted persons the contempt they deserve. Narrow-minded individuals of this type are not worth associating with and intercourse with them should be avoided. If we give them the impression that we hanker after their society, their anti-Jewish prejudice will harden. A dignified air of indifference may deflate their exaggerated sense of self-importance. Jewish self-respect is the only way to advance our claim that we shall be judged on our personal merits or demerits and not on our racial descent.

Any Jewish householder who has not received a copy of the "RECORDER," or who has changed the address, should communicate with Mr. L. H. Drapkin, 86, Langleys Road, Selly Oak.

The Arab Problem in Palestine.

By Dr. C. WEITZMANN.

There are Arabs who have a certain feeling of justice and who say, "It is true that everything you have achieved here has not only not harmed us, but has even aided us. Very well. But Palestine is a small country, and the Jews keep on coming in by fifty thousand, sixty thousand, seventy thousand a year. This condition cannot continue. It is true that the absorptive capacities of the country are very elastic, and the more Jews come in the more room there is. But you know that when a balloon is being blown up there is a danger of its bursting."

There is another grievance added to that one. "For the time being you are trying to live at peace with us. But there are Jews who say that they must become a majority in the country, and this is what we want to avoid in the interest of our children and grandchildren. It is this danger that we wish to prevent as long as you are not a majority in the country; after that it will be too late."

These are the grievances which are supposed to be at the bottom of the events now taking place in Palestine. It is not concern for to-day; but concern for to-morrow. Our answer, in my opinion, is that majorities are not made for oppressing minorities, nor are minorities made for being oppressed by majorities.

We say to the Arabs, taking full responsibility for our words: to-day we are a minority, to-morrow we may be the majority; to-day you are the majority, to-morrow you may be a minority. Whatever may happen in Palestine, we do not want to dominate or be dominated. We want to be there as equals. We have the greatest respect for your language, your religion, your holy places. But we, on the other hand, ask you to respect our religion, language, our labour, and our lives!

There is room in Palestine for the two peoples, and on that basis we can live in harmony. If you wish to be the majority in order to oppress us we will not permit you. We are an old people, and we respect our given word. You and ourselves have been designated by fate to live together in the same small country, a country

which in the eyes of the world stands for extraordinary moral worth. There is room in the country for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren, as well as for your children and grandchildren. We are ready to build up the country together with you. We have already shown that in a spot where one person could barely manage to support himself formerly, five can live today. We can increase the absorptive capacity of the country, six, seven, and ten times, and create room for the generations to come. That is the only answer which we can give, and which the world will understand, especially, I hope, the British world. We must find our own solution, and I hope that in the course of the next ten years we will find that solution. In that time peace will prevail in Palestine, and we shall be able to continue with our labour.

[The above is an extract from a speech by the Zionist leader made at Antwerp and reported in "The New Judea," October, 1936. We append part of a statement made by Dr. S. Brodetsky on the same burning question: "What is left of the Arab case? There are no Arab grievances economically; there are no Arab grievances in regard to promises. The problem is a purely political one. The Arabs of Palestine simply do not want us. But we Jews are accustomed to this; we are not frightened by this attitude because we have heard it so often. We know that we are not wanted. As soon as we have done our work in any country we are told, 'We don't want you.' This is the very essence of the Galut. This has been the history of Jewry for nineteen centuries. We help to build up a country. We make that country a better country to live in. For a time we think that we are accepted as equals; then they suddenly turn round and say, 'We don't want you.' But if we must suffer this in the Galut, in Palestine we cannot accept this mentality. We have come to Palestine to build up that country because that country is to represent the terminus of Jewish wanderings, because in that country we are to build up our own future national life. We have every desire to live in peace with the Arabs and in co-operation with them."]

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"The old order changeth, giving place to new." Mention has already been made in these columns of the new headquarters of the Association of Jewish Friendly Societies. We of the Rachel Mindelsohn Lodge, are particularly desirous of recording here our grateful thanks and appreciation to our Sponsors, the Mindelsohn family, for giving us permanent and pleasant headquarters for our own undivided use, centrally situated, viz., the upper floor of No. 20 Bristol Road.

This is the most acceptable 21st birthday gift we could possibly have; but, while expressing our delight in our good fortune, we wish to place on record our appreciation of the courtesy and good-will extended to us by the Jewish Social Club during our sojourn in their midst.

A Card Evening was held, refreshments being provided by seven of the Lodge members, and half of the proceeds was donated to the Jewish Benevolent Board.

More members have been enrolled and more will be welcomed. Our new headquarters, remember, will be a club room, open every night in the week except Fridays and Sundays.

A Card Social Evening will be held at 3 Yew Tree Road, Edgbaston, by kind permission of Sister A. Freedman. Admission 1/- including refreshments on Monday, January 11th.

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BIRMINGHAM LODGE'S JUBILEE.

Montagu, Lord Swaythling Lodge's Impressive Record.

Twenty-five years ago a small band of enthusiasts, headed by Mr. M. L. Rainbow and the late L. S. Abrahamson, founded the Montagu Lord Swaythling Lodge, the forty-sixth under the banner of the Order Achei Brith.

To mark the Silver Jubilee of its inception, as well as to celebrate the long and enthusiastic quarter-century of achievement, a special committee has been formed to organise a fitting celebration, which will take place in Sept. 29th, 1937.

It is confidently anticipated that in view of the outstanding benefits to be derived from membership of the Lodge, all records for membership will be surpassed during this year which constitutes an important landmark in the story of the Friendly Society Movement in general and the Montagu Lord Swaythling Lodge in particular. The present officers are:—

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WAS IT?

(An original short story).

By "ERNESTEH."

Start a conversation on any subject; there is no knowing where—or how—it will end.

At a Brith Millah, the liquor stage having been reached, conversation veered from anti-semitism to football; war possibilities to Reform Shools; England's export trade to Harry Roy and his Princess-crooneress wife; from Jaffa oranges to predestination—"basherrt"—fate.

On fate, the party halted. So much so that the presiding minister, having other engagements, interrupted the conversation in order that ceremonial obligations could be completed. These satisfied, he and a few guests departed.

Strangely enough, those remaining resumed the conversation where it had been left off.

"But if you are convinced we are ruled by fate, of what credit is man's own effort?" asked one, Sam Kurtt.

"You can hardly expect God to pour lockshun soup down your throat without some assistance from yourself, if that assistance is confined to merely opening your mouth," retorted fatalism's chief exponent, a Mr. Hyam, amidst laughter.

"I do. If all that happens to me is fore-dained it must include everything. I want no sub-clauses, no provisos. Defend fatalism if you wish, but be consistent."

"How can one ally spiritual predestination with life's essentials?" interjected another non-fatalist.

"Now we're getting pulpity," chaffed one of the bluff and hearty type. "And what is 'spiritual predestination'?"

"Everything leading one to an ordained destiny. There are no such things as accidents for instance. Whatever hurts is meant to teach," affirmed Hyam. "Injuries, large or small, quickly forgotten or fatal; all are fore-dained: inescapable."

"No such things as accidents, eh?" quizzically re-iterated the sticker for consistency. "Have you forgotten your car? 'I've sold it, never to buy another' you told me. 'Too many darned fools on the roads for my comfort. I'm giving motoring up before it gives me up. My wife objected but I feel it in my bones to have been a proper decision. Fate decides.' How contradictory! 'Too many fools on the roads.' That is sense. Then 'it is in my bones' (to give it up). That's instinct, caused by fear. Finally, 'fate decides.' Rather irrational I think?"

They waited for Hyam's reply.

"Yes, yes: I know. Irrational is right," he admitted. "At least as far as words are concerned. Understanding people FEEL the truth. They seek no logical explanations for the mysterious . . . I . . . I . . ."

"Listen." Kurtt was pressing his apparent advantage. "I'll buy a car. In it I will drive you every morning to your business in town. I am healthy; clearheaded. There will be little risk for you or me. If, at the end of six months after our first journey, either of us has sustained an injury while in my car, necessitating seven days in bed I will give £25 to local hospitals and £25 more to the Jewish Benevolent Board."

"Your reason?"

"To disprove—to defy—fate."

Silence. Hyam sipped his brandy.

"I'm of the cautious sort as you know, but I do want to prove accidents **are** accidents. With what is in your bones accompanying me, well, fate should have every chance . . . Is it a deal?"

Hyam was not impressed. "I am to travel daily in a learner's car, on roads full of lunatics, to let you prove the unproveable. Sorry. As a joke it . . ."

"I suppose fate prompts you to refuse, eh? Of course, in that case . . ."

"Kurtt's sarcasm was irritating."

"No, by God!" burst from Hyam. "You can't get away with it like that. Proof or no proof, I accept your challenge." Then, chuckling, he asked, "want any advice on car-buying?"

"Which reminds me," said the host, forthwith plunging into a series of yarns. Laughter prevailing, good feeling restored, the affair ended in harmony.

The immediate upshot was that a man who had sworn never to occupy an automobile seat again in a car of his own, found himself committed to do so in someone else's every business morning for the following six months.

He viewed his future gloomily. Forgotten was his former trust in fate: forgotten his instinct to heed what was 'in my bones': forgotten his genuine belief—a belief previously supplying him with robust mental strength—that if harm was to overtake him neither staying in bed or a regiment of soldiers could prevent fore-dained catastrophe . . .

Time passed. With much more nerve strain than either would have imagined, Kurtt and Hyam were nearing their contract's end.

"What will it prove if nothing happens?"

If the worst happens? if whatever happens takes place two days before the half-year is up? if you alone suffer severely two days after this period expires?" asked Hyam of Kurtt one morning in serious mood. "The truth is we are both obstinate. No debate can settle this question and foolish tests remain just foolishness."

"Then you don't believe . . . ?"

"If I am about to walk down Baker Street, change my mind and walk up North Road, so missing an explosion in Baker Street, which may have killed me, it proves nothing, because I may have changed my mind through being late or early, tired or fresh, hungry, sudden rain, a forgotten appointment, a whim, a chance meeting: oh! for any reason in a thousand."

"So you're arguing against fate?"

"Absurd: I'm not. I argue against your method of proving its absence. Fate cannot be sorted, labelled or marshalled this way or that. Suppose my instance works the other way? I pass Baker Street and walk **into** an explosion. Does that indicate fate's handiwork unmistakably? At the Brith Millah you wanted logic: do you also want the argument both ways?"

"But why . . . ?"

"I'm uneasy . . . I feel . . . to explain is beyond me."

"Why worry? I've not worried the insurance yet. What have we suffered? A buckled mudguard. Pooh! I think I've driven marvelously," laughed Kurtt. "Accidents? Not with men like me at the wheel."

His words seemed braver than his tone.

"Accidents are never one's own fault."

"You're right there, anyhow," Kurtt agreed heartily. Suddenly: "What do you suggest?"

"Sell the car. Let me share depreciation losses and let's forget the silly business."

"I'm satisfied," replied Kurtt with alacrity. "I'll admit my nerves will improve without wrestling daily with . . . with . . . oh! call it what you like."

"Splendid! I feel a new man already. What about the Cartland for a schnapps, eh? Good. Now be careful of the next crossing. Sam, old man, the jolly old 'bus for me in the morning. I'm as happy as . . ."

Cra-sh-sh-sh!

A new ambitious island and one-way traffic system had come into operation. A driver, strange to the city, had not noticed he was in a secondary street. He dashed his huge, heavily laden lorry over the main carriage way. At that time of the morning a collision was inevitable.

Kurtt's car?

It is well not to go into details.

HEBREW CHORAL SOCIETY.

The above society has now established itself in Birmingham and is proving highly successful. Weekly rehearsals have been held for the past six weeks, at which the average attendance has been thirty. These rehearsals are conducted personally by Professor Alman of London. The repertoire of the Choir now consists of seven Modern Hebrew Compositions. Mr. Oscar Deutsch, President of the Society, addressed the members at a recent rehearsal. He said he was pleased to accept the invitation to become President, offered him by the Chairman, the Rev. W. Lewi, because he was convinced that such a movement was needed in Birmingham. He expressed his thanks to Prof. Alman, who gave up much of his time to conduct the choir and also in providing the music of all compositions which are being studied.

Rehearsals are held every Thursday at 8.30 p.m. at the Communal Hall. Intending members should avail themselves of the opportunity of joining the society as soon as possible and should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Miss Vera Davis, 28 South Road, Handsworth.

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Society & Club News.

BIRMINGHAM JEWISH LITERARY AND ARTS SOCIETY.

On November 15th, the Society listened with interest to a lecture given by Prof. H. G. Wood, Director of Studies at Woodbrooke, Selly Oak, on "Zionism: Its Problems and Prospects." His audience followed with great attention the views of this distinguished non-Jew, and several members participated in the ensuing discussion which centred round various controversial points raised by the lecturer.

On November 22nd a crowded audience at the Communal Hall enjoyed an excellent entertainment provided by the Leeds Jewish Institute Dramatic Society, members of which courageously defied the worst of weathers in order to reach Birmingham. A varied programme of dramatic entertainment was provided; but, undoubtedly, the piece-de-resistance was a one-act play entitled "The Miracle of Lodz," by Alan Peters (Dr. J. Hipshon), which was the winning play in the 1936 Jewish Drama Festival at Manchester. The winning cast again presented this play which was unanimously acclaimed as being a most admirable performance by both actors and author.

The vote of thanks to the Leeds Society was proposed by Mr. M. S. Harris (an ex-Leeds man who appeared to know practically all the Leeds players as well as their relations), and was seconded by Councillor J. Silverman.

In supporting the vote of thanks, Mr. H. Levine pleaded for more performances of Jewish plays by Jewish Players.

On November 29th, Mr. E. P. Hollander, J.P., addressed the Society on "The Children's Courts." The lecturer approached his subject not only as a magistrate, but also as a psychologist, and gave a most illuminating account of his personal experiences in the children's courts. An interesting discussion followed, after which the Rev. S. I. Solomons and Messrs. S. P. Abrams and S. Marks, voiced the appreciation of the audience.

The "Old-Fashioned Evening," held on December 6th, took the form of a dance, which proved most enjoyable and the old-fashioned dances, danced to old-fashioned tunes provided a pleasant variation in the programme of the evening.

On December 13th, a Forensic Debate was held at the Imperial Hotel on the motion, "That Socialism is detrimental to progress." Miss M. Samper, B.A., presided, and Councillor J. Silverman, speaking for the negative, was opposed by Mr. E. Alec Colman.

Considering the very high standard of the

speeches made, and the quality of the questions and replies that followed in such rapid succession, the Society can congratulate itself on possessing so many members who think soberly and intelligently on the vital questions of the day.

SOCIAL AND DRAMATIC CLUB.

A successful debate with the Young Israel Society, "That the Jews and Arabs will eventually co-operate," was held at the Ena Bartley Studios on Sunday December 7th. The Speakers for the motion were Mr. Henry Chesler (Y.I.) and Mr. Gerald Jacobs (S.D.C.), and against the motion:—Mr. Max Einstein (S.D.C.) and Miss J. Morris (Y.I.). The motion was defeated. An absorbing discussion was followed by a Dance.

21ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

The Club's 21st Birthday year will be inaugurated on Sunday Jan. 17th at the Ena Bartley Studios, Broad Street with a Dance. The evening will comprise modern and old fashioned ballroom dancing (M.C.'s—G. Jacobs and Alec Burstein); and as this is the commencement of the Anniversary celebrations, all past and present members are cordially invited to participate in the "Simcha" and co-operate in the effort to hold a series of celebrations in keeping with the tradition of the twenty-one years that the club has been in existence.

On Sunday the 24th, the special celebration week commences with an afternoon Reunion Tea Dance at the Communal Hall from 2.30 to 5.30. The evening programme starts at 7.30 with a Reception, and the Re-union Supper (at which many distinguished past members have kindly consented to be present) will follow at 8. Invitations and reply cards are being sent out, and all members past and present are requested to communicate their intention of being present to Mr. Ivan Jacobs at an early date. An elaborate Revaudeville Cabaret and Concert is designed to follow the supper. The Table Tennis Annual Tournament for the Alfred Jacobs Cup will take place on Tuesday the 26th at St. Luke's Road Schoolrooms as well as a tournament for old members for a special Veterans' Table Tennis Trophy. On Wednesday 27th the Joint Social Dance at the Communal Hall will be under the auspices of this Society—Free Entertainment and free "Eats"—so a crowd is anticipated! February 7th will be the grand finale of the Celebration Week. A Fancy Dress Ball and Carnival will be held at the Broad Street Headquarters—the culmination of the anniversary week of Revelry.

Everyone who has been a member during the last twenty-one years will receive details by circular.

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

November provided us with an interesting and active programme, outstanding amongst which were the Annual Armistice Dance at Tony's, and the Cabaret and Dance, both of which proved highly successful.

December gave us the opportunity of entertaining our friends from London, and also going up to see them.

The future holds a very promising outlook, as we have some really appetising dishes; on the 10th of January entertaining our Vice-Presidents at a Reception and Annual Reunion at the Communal Hall. This function will enable us to give members the chance of seeing Mr. Harry Levine's play "Honour thy Father" with which he won first Prize in the playwriting section of the recent Union Drama Festival in London. We came fourth in order of merit in the play competition proper, and outstanding performances were given by Mr. Sam Chesler, Mr. M. Dight, and Miss Fay Goldman, ably supported by Mrs. H. Levine, Miss S. Cohen, and Messrs. R. and C. Morris, and H. Chesler. Members are recommended to see this fine presentation of Jewish home-life.

On January 31st we are presenting a novelty evening, details of which will be given at a later date.

Looking further ahead, we would remind members that the Fourth Annual Broadcast is being planned now by Mr. Gerald Blumenthal, and from what the writer has already gathered, the show promises to surpass all previous efforts in its unique, topical and communal originality.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB.

A number of new members, mostly junior, have enrolled since the last report. The Club roll is approaching the century mark.

A party of 52 boys, with Managers, visited the Scala on November 30th; another Cinema party will take place shortly.

We have had visits from the following non-Jewish Boys' Clubs:— Unett Street, Edgbaston Unity, and Bournville and we shortly expect Kings Heath and St. Thomas's Clubs. Return visits will be made by our boys.

The Table Tennis Section is holding its own in the Fifth Division. We have also joined the Federation of Boys' Clubs League.

Sunday appears to be the most popular day and the Club then has a good crowd of boys between the ages of 12-14. Tournaments or games are organised for the younger boys.

L. Shuster and J. Astley have been appointed representatives on the Boys' Committee of the Birmingham Federation of Boys' Clubs. The first meeting was held at Headquarters on December 3rd.

JEWISH LADS' BRIGADE.

It is remarkable to note the enthusiasm of the Cadets at the weekly Meetings. The attendance is generally well over 80 per cent. and the smartness and keenness of all Ranks is being continually praised.

By the time this appears in print, the Annual Chanukah Parade will have taken place. Following this Parade, there is to be a Tea, kindly given by the Council of the Hebrew Congregation, and a Dance at the Communal Hall in the evening. This year, the Manchester Brass Band is coming to Birmingham to join in the Service. These combined Meetings tend to promote the spirit of friendship and goodwill among Boys from the different Towns.

The tournaments at the Club are now in full swing and we hope to have the Finals played off early in January.

BIRMINGHAM JUDEANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The above Club visited Manchester on Sunday, November 29th, for the return fixture with the Maccabi XV. Although the Birmingham side lost by 15 points to 3, the game was by no means as one-sided as the score might suggest.

In the six matches played in the first half of the present Season the Judeans have scored 36 points against 77 scored by their opponents, and with improved combination the second half of the Season commencing in January should produce a greater measure of success. The lessons learned in these initial matches will be of real value, and when the defence is of the same standard as the attacking power of the XV, it will have developed into a very useful side.

The Club owes a great debt of gratitude to those who have shown their interest and support of this venture by contributing so generously to its funds. The following donations have been received: Mr. Leon Salberg, £5-0-0; Mr. Jack Cotton, £2 2 0; Mr. Philip Marenson, 10s. 6d..

The Committee and members offer their sincere thanks for these contributions which will enable the Club to have a sound financial basis.

WOMEN'S EFFORT FOR POLISH RELIEF.

At a "Tea" in aid of the above, given by Mrs. E. Rubery at the Communal Hall on Wednesday, December 9th, £8-0-0 was collected.

The Committee wish to thank the ladies and gentlemen who have kindly given or sent clothing in aid of Polish Relief; also the hon. Collectors, Miss L. Lessar, Mrs. H. Faber, and Mrs. A. Glass. More clothing is urgently required; will intending donors please communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Miss B. Rose Davis, 273 Great Colmore Street, Birmingham, 15.

JEWISH UNITED BENEVOLENT BOARD.

The urgent needs of the poor of the Community call for special support at this period of the year and a strong effort is being made by several ladies to supplement the Funds of the Board by the holding of a Card Afternoon on Tuesday, January 26th, 1937, at the Communal Hall, Ellis Street, at 3 p.m.

It is earnestly hoped that there will be a large number of ladies present.

Tickets, price 3/6, are obtainable either from Mrs. H. Silverstone, 64, Harborne Road, Edgbaston or Mrs. Moss Mindelsohn, 9, Carisbrooke Road, Edgbaston.

WOMEN'S ZIONIST SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Sunday, November 15th; Mrs. S. A. Cohen in the Chair.

Reporting on the year's activities, Mrs. Cohen said that very satisfactory progress had been made. Many new members had been enrolled, and all the social functions which were held were financially and socially very successful. Particularly satisfactory was this year's Palestine Quota, which was increased to £136 12s. 6d.

The Sewing Guild had also done excellent work and over 200 garments were sent to Palestine. In addition, a large public meeting was held, which was addressed by Mrs. Ariel Benson. The Society had also participated in all the J.N.F. activities of the town.

The Balance Sheet was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. Hyman, and showed an income of £167 17s. 8d.

In conclusion, Mrs. Cohen paid tribute to the energy and devotion of the Executive and Committee which had contributed so largely to the success of the year's work.

The following were then re-elected: Chairman, Mrs. S. A. Cohen; Vice-Chairmen: Mrs. A. Cohen, Mrs. I. Ackerman; Treasurer, Mrs. Hyman; Secretary, Miss M. Lothein and a Committee.

Mrs. S. A. Cohen then gave a very interesting report of the Annual Conference of the Federation of Women Zionists.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Cohen for her excellent report and her very valuable work for the Zionist cause, was proposed by Mrs. Silverstone and supported by many of the ladies present.

On November 16th, Mrs. S. A. Cohen, Mrs. B. Hyman, Mrs. H. Silverstone and Mrs. I. Ackerman, addressed a meeting of Coventry ladies, at the Synagogue Rooms, as a result of which a Women's Zionist Society was formed, with Mrs. Angel as Chairman; Mrs. Jacobs,

Secretary; Mrs. Mark Fisher, Treasurer, and Mrs. Glieberman, Vice-Chairman.

On December 14th a Whist Drive and Card Evening was held at the Communal Hall. The function was very enjoyable and a great financial success.

The Society's thanks are due to the three M.C.'s, Mr. I. Jacobs, Mr. N. Jacobs and Mr. C. Halter for their valuable services.

BIRMINGHAM JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COMMISSION.

At the Annual General Meeting and Reception to J.N.F. workers, held on Sunday, December 6th, at the Imperial Hotel, the following officers were elected: Mr. S. P. Abrams, Chairman; Mr. I. Cohen, Mr. I. Shortt, and Mr. H. Siebenberg, Vice-Chairmen; Mr. Maurice Joseph, Hon. Treasurer; and Miss Doris Davis, Hon. Secretary.

A full programme of activities is under consideration, including the holding of a Bazaar on a large scale during the first week of December, 1937. The annual Purim Ball will take place on February 24th, at the Edgbaston Assembly Rooms.

Monthly Meetings of the J.N.F. commissions will be held during the forthcoming year, the first of which will take place on January 18th.

ZIONA.

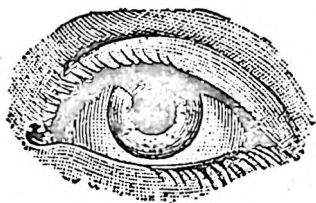
Meetings of Ziona were held at the residences of Mrs. A. Cohen, 2 Highfield Road, on Monday, November 23rd, and Mrs. I. Ackerman, 44 Charlotte Road, on Monday December 7th.

At the former, Miss J. Levi gave a report of the Ziona Conference held in London on November 8th, mentioning that the Birmingham branch was highly commended for its activities during the past year.

At the latter, a Cultural meeting, members read interesting articles from "The Palestine Review," and current WIZO news items.

The Ziona Chanukah Party which was held on Thursday, December 10th, at the Edgbaston Conservative Club, was well attended, and proved a success both socially and financially. Rev. W. Lewi lit the Chanukah candles, the "Hora" was danced and novelties and prizes were distributed, all adding to the enjoyment of the evening.

We would like to thank Mrs. E. Leek and Mr. M. Cowan for acting as M.C.'s, Mr. Leslie Freeman and his band for providing the music, Miss R. Leek, who was in charge of the catering, Miss C. Sadler, chairman of the sub-committee, and all other helpers for their share in the success of the dance.



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Something Different.

Dear Mr. Editor,

It was very jolly of "the mystery man," who disguises himself under the very suitable nom-de-plume of "Shmoozer," to treat us to such brilliant nonsense in the November number of the "Recorder." He certainly can talk! I take it that he has youth in his favour; but he is not "the only pebble on the beach" to develop what he calls "latent humour in poetry and prose." Some of us do so much later in life, although without the least hope of emulating "Shmoozer's" wealth of wit.

It certainly is the day of the young people; and I very much admire them, with their cheerful ways and many amusements. All the same, the old folks should not be quite "left in the lurch." A year ago I was living among a small crowd of bright young people whose age probably averaged a third of mine. At first I was naturally shy with them. Being partially deaf, I was unable to join in their fun; but they were kind enough quickly to put me at my ease. Finding that I was not of any use as a "listener-in," I adopted the role of "looker-on." I made rather a success of this and was duly thankful to find so much amusement in my old age.

The result was that I wrote rhymes and limericks about most of these good-tempered young people, starting usually by showing up their pet weaknesses and finishing with a little discreet flattery. Perhaps when I mention that these were the first rhymes I had ever written, you will say (without seeing them), "Don't do it again!" Anyhow, it was gratifying to know that I had been the cause of all the merriment that followed. Since these jocular verses were personal, they cannot be published; but, surely, even the Censor cannot object to my telling what I said about myself when there was no

response to my challenge that somebody should write about me. It may seem undignified, or even frivolous, when, unlike "Shmoozer," I reveal who I am; but no matter, if it causes smiles!

There is an old woman aged seventy-six,
Who astonished the natives with new tricks,
Writing verses about them and limericks.
And since she invented them all alone,
She must have knocked her funny-bone.
All that she said and all that she meant
Must be taken with the best of intent.
All her victims, everyone,
Considered her rhymes a bit of fun.
You'd suppose at her age she'd be thinking of
dying,
But no, she's considering taking up flying!
Now who she is please keep in mind,

Yours,

Mrs. Katie Rachel Bind.

Our new contributor "Shmoozer" has called forth the following from another reader, Mr. L. F. Lewis. He has much to answer for! (Ed., B.J.R.)

Congratulations Mr. Shmoozer,
It seems you are no boozier!
Your mind is clear, your humour good,
It should inspire and change our mood.
We'll look for further rhymerie
Amidst your monthly causerie;
And if it is not so exact
Don't worry, who'll that expect?
There's no need this to mention
So good is your intention.
Well I'm ready to help disburse
All that's poured into your purse.
So, cheer up, rhyme, keep on the border,
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A Monthly Causerie.

By "SHMOOZER."

I've got some wonderful news for you this morning! After only one article from my humble pen, I have gathered together a marvellous following of "fans." Yes, sir. I knew I was good but, really, this reception of my efforts has literally overwhelmed me. In fact, the G.P.O. is seriously considering suspending my articles during the Christmas season, as the poor postmen are already overworked to capacity.

I know that you will all be very glad to hear of my success, a success which can only be judged by the size of my "fan-mail" which I am afraid is causing our friend the Editor no small amount of inconvenience.

You see, owing to my anonymity, my adorers sent their letters of appreciation to HIS address.

Let me read a few at random, just to show you how highly my advice and opinion are considered in the Community.

"Dear Shmoozer,

I noticed that you have commenced a feature in the "Recorder." Well, all I can say is, that if the tripe you served up in this issue is repeated, then the future of the "Recorder" is solved. Yours etc., Ike Andoit."

Note the last sentence, "the future of the 'Recorder' is solved"; what fame! But a nasty minded individual might read that the wrong way, so I'm going to quote another letter just to show 'em.

"Dear Shmoozer,

It is with great pleasure that I write this to you. Your first article in the 'Recorder' was marvellous, marvellous to me how it got into the journal. Go back where you belong! And stay there!"

Yours etc. Ars gratia artis."

See the deep sincerity underlying that simply penned missile, I mean missive. Not

only does he express himself or herself amazed at my readiness to sacrifice my art to a mere local journal, but he nobly insists that I should go back to my original and rightful place in the world of letters.

And lastly I feel I must answer poor little, or should I say, big, FATIMA SYSE, who writes as follows.

"Dear Mr. Shmoozer, (note the Mr.)

I am writing to you because I feel that reading between the lines of your wonderful introductory "causerie" you must have a heart as big as a house. Would you therefore in the kindness of that heart please tell me if, in the course of the world experience of which I am sure you are in possession, you think that laughing makes one grow fat. I am 35 stone, and have begun to despair of ever reaching the slim contours of a mere 20 stone."

Yours etc. F.S.

Well, my friends, I felt that the urgency of the situation called for an immediate reply which, for the benefit of other of my readers who desire to reduce, was to the effect that merriment is very conducive to increasing weight. By return of post came the grateful reply:

"Dear Mr. S.

Thank you for your advice. I sincerely trust that you will continue writing your humorous column, as I am looking forward to it every month.

P.S. Since reading your column I have lost 3 stone."

Now isn't that nice of her!

In conclusion, dear well-wishers, may I just ask you to be very careful when posting explosives to me. The last time-bomb nearly exploded in the Editor's postbox. Please remember that I do not receive my correspondence until much later, and set the time switch accordingly.

Toodle-OO!

Here and There.



COMMUNAL SKETCHES

No. 4.

(RENELLE)

Miss Doris Davis has been appointed Secretary-Almoner of the United Benevolent Board. Her selection for this responsible position will be generally approved. Miss Davis has for many years given service to the Community in an honorary capacity. Especially in connection with the J.N.F. she has displayed great zeal and ability. We all wish her well in her new sphere of activity.

Incidentally the President of the Board paid a tribute to the advertising value of the "Recorder." The vacancy was advertised in the "Jewish Chronicle," a leading local daily, and in our Journal. We were responsible for the large majority of the applicants. Advertisers please note!

The cause the vacancy was the approaching marriage of Miss P. M. Rosenberg. In the name of the Community we offer her hearty congratulations and all good wishes for her happiness. If she proves as capable a wife as she did a secretary, her bridegroom will always have cause to consider himself fortunate.

Felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. David Marcuson on the birth of a son and heir. Ken yirbu!

Samuel Roy Bernstein, elder son of Mr. Arthur Bernstein, L.D.S., and Mrs. Bernstein celebrated his Bar Mitzvah. May his career earn him much I.S.D.

The news of the engagement of Miss Rene Leek and Mr. Baron Woolf aroused widespread interest and general congratulations. It is an open secret that Miss Leek is actively connected with this journal and all its readers wish her every happiness.

The attendance of the Band of the Manchester Lads' Brigade gave great pleasure to all who were present at the Chanukah Service. Their accompaniment of Mo-ouz Tsur and the National Anthem produced a thrilling effect. The smart appearance of our own cadets created a most favourable impression.

In connection with the Chanukah Service one is compelled to wonder why parents have not more sense than to bring very young children with them whose presence spoils the decorum!

The Inter-debate between representatives of the Joint Council of Literary Societies and members of the Sparkhill Congregational Church proved a very happy affair. Miss M. Samper and Mr. H. Levine acquitted themselves well in maintaining "that modern inventions do not make for material happiness." The Minister of the Church, who presided, expressed the hope that a "return match" would be arranged next season.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The winter issue of the "Unit Magazine" contains this favourable notice of our Journal:

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"Also, at least, one other article or story of general interest, and excellently written, is included. The rest of the issue is of specifically Birmingham interest, written in a style that attempts to be light and humorous."

We greatly appreciate the commendation of our contemporary; and in return, we remind readers that the "Unit" is "the official organ of the Northern Federation and of the Union of

Manchester Jewish Literary Societies." Since the Literary and Arts Society is affiliated to the Northern Federation, its members would be well advised to subscribe to this attractively compiled Magazine, which provides full information about its activities. Copies may be obtained from the hon. secretary of the Lit.-Arts.

J. N. F. Ballot for Diamond Ring has been won by Mrs. V. Gould of Aston.

In our last issue we referred to the progress which Mr. Percy Freedman was making in his profession. We regret to learn that since then he has been forced to give up his work through indisposition.

We hope it is only a temporary check, and that he will soon be restored to good health.

Diary of the Month.

(Unless otherwise stated, the meetings, etc., are held in the Communal Hall.)

- Sun., 3—Literary and Arts: Joint meeting, by invitation, Lecture by Rev. Dr. A. Cohen, on "Reflections on the Jewish Situation," 7.45.
- Wed., 6—Joint Social.
- Sun., 10—Young Israel: Vice-Presidents Annual Reunion and Supper.
- Wed., 13—Joint Social.
- Sun., 17—Literary and Arts: Dramatic Evening, 7.45.
Edgbaston Picture House. The Palestine Film, "Land of Promise." 3 p.m. Admission Free.
- Wed., 20—Joint Social.
- Sun., 24—Social and Dramatic Club: 21st Birthday Reunion.
- Tues., 26—Card Afternoon in aid of the Benevolent Board, 3 p.m.
- Wed., 27—Joint Social.
- Sun., 31—Literary and Arts: Lecture by Dayan Dr. A. Feldman, "A Day at the Beth Din," 7.45.
Young Israel: "If You Could Only Cook," Blucher Street, Headquarters.

* DON'T MAKE A DATE FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1937. Watch this page for further announcements.



The Ladies' Page



conducted by Renelle.

Editorial

CHANUCAH, Xmas and other times of revelry have passed, leaving happy memories and—dare I say it?—a few extra wrinkles and tired eyes. This is where a kind, clever sister comes in useful. Renelle is here to help you solve your problems in the coming year. I don't want to be mean but, honest girls, some of you OUGHT to take me into your confidence.

WINIFRED SILVERSTONE has given us her ideas on hobbies. In between dates a hobby is a useful animal to cultivate. Can I assist you?

Hobbies

HOBBIES are like the measles or mumps—you either have had them, likely to have them, or never have them. Unlike the aforementioned complaints, however, although having suffered from them at one time or another, hobbies are liable to crop up at any time, without warning or mercy. On the least provocation one has the overwhelming desire to have a hobby; who hasn't—when even a child—had the urge to collect objects, whether they are marbles, stamps, other people's cigarette cards, lead pencils, chocolate box ribbon or theatre programmes. More often than not, however, far gone the obsession has progressed it is eventually abandoned, either in favour of something more absorbing or because one finds that these things have no end, and have a tendency to become a mania, much to your own and your family's discomfort. Still, hobbies, fortunately, have their uses.

Who hasn't met the collector of autographs, antiques, stamps and the collector of rare manuscripts, and seen the rapt and joyous expression of the collector when exhibiting his collection and how many life-long friendships have been cemented by fellow collections.

A hobby for the young shows a healthy sign of mental balance and keeps the young hobby-fiend out of mischief and gives him the necessary outlet for his superfluous spirits. In the young man or woman it shows a purpose and a goal to be pursued and brought to a successful issue. In the amateur carpenter, with his fretwork machine, one can be sure, is future householder, with a great pride of home and a capacity for home building.

The great boon that a hobby can be proved in a middle-aged man when in the autumn of life he lays

down his work and then the great blessing of employment is shown when he can devote himself to a hobby and so carry on his life in happiness and contentment.

EVANGELINA

EVANGELINA had a face
That was the family disgrace;
Her nose was neither short
nor long
But people said "There's some-
thing wrong!"
For endless years of misery
A wall-flower she seemed doomed
to be.

ALTHOUGH her hair was odd
in shade
And figure somehow looked
home-made,
Evangeline did not weep,
Or take to drink, or lose her sleep;
She said "There's nothing left
for me
Except my personality!"

THE Fates could hardly have
been meaner
Than when they made
Evangelina.

HER mouth, so very odd and
quaint,
She plastered thick with
scarlet paint;
She did her best to emphasize
The lament greenness of her eyes;
And just to show she din't care
She did a Garbo with her hair.

INSTEAD of running after men
She told them what she thought
of them,
And though it may seem odd to you
Her list of boy friends grew and
grew.
You might have thought she'd get
the bird—
But this year's husband is her
third!

(Extract)

Here's an Idea

Joyce.—Down on the face is bleached with 20 volume peroxide of hydrogen, which should first be mixed in a saucer, with about 5 drops of household ammonia. In salons they do this with a short-handled brush, just like a child's toothbrush.

Mrs. Greenberg.—If onions make you weep try this way of frying them: Slice thinly, then place them in the frying pan with just enough fat and a covering of cold water. Boil briskly to evaporate the water, when it will be found that they have tendered and absorbed the fat evenly, which enables them to fry to a delightful even crispness. Best of all—no one in the house will guess beforehand that there are onions to come, for there is no trace of odour.

Lucy.—This is what I have gathered from a Model House on fashion:

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Children's Corner.

My Dear Boys and Girls,

Such a short time since I last wrote to you! Yet in those few weeks history has been made in this country—we now have a new King and Queen ruling over us. You, who are citizens of to-morrow feel, I know, as we all do, the desire to show King George and Queen Elizabeth that loyalty and devotion which we, their Jewish subjects, have to offer them.

Now for the poetry competition. You know I do feel that there are many more poets among you than have come forward! There were very few entries compared with what I had hoped for, but perhaps that shyness or modesty or whatever it is will disappear more quickly if you would write me more about yourselves and your interests—the kind of things you like to read about and competitions you would really enjoy (particularly the boys among you who quite obviously are not a bit interested in writing poems!) Of course, I **am** getting to know you better—I know now, for instance, that you do **not** like writing poetry! Now suppose you are sporting enough to let me know what you **do** like. The holidays are upon us; you will have lots of free time, so please make my mail-bag a big one.

The senior prize, for those over 12 years of age, goes to Rosa Joseph, aged 14, and the junior prize to Ruth June Henry, aged 9.

Congratulations to you both.

Do you know, I think we shall soon be able to buy our fifth tree. Of course, I **am** anxious about those trees and always glad to have your donations, but I don't want you to feel that you can't write to me without sending money—of course you can, and I am equally pleased to have—just letters.

You mustn't feel discouraged if you can't send money just now, or if you can only send a halfpenny or a penny where others send more. Every **farthing** helps and, although it will take us a long time to plant all the trees we have set our minds on, we **have** made a beginning.

There are four trees already planted in the names of Birmingham Jewish boys and girls. I read some lovely lines the other day in a book called "Four Hedges"; they rather reminded me of **us**, "building up" our little corner in "The Recorder," and our trees in Palestine, so I thought I would like to let you read them for yourselves. Here they are:—

"I know a woman who had a marvellous herbaceous border—it looked exactly like the outside cover of a seed catalogue—I was filled with envy. 'How long have you had this garden?' I asked." It must have been years and years and years.' She boasted to me that this

was her first summer. I was amazed and envious of her skill. But I learnt later from some neighbours that she had put the entire place into the hands of a landscape gardener, who had imported earth, plants and all.

"Suddenly, I felt sorry for her; she had known so little of the joys of gardening, for she had not had to fight . . . Her planning had never excited or troubled her. For everything had been done for her.

"So when I find that we lack some flower that we should have, I remember that we have ourselves watched this garden grow slowly, year by year, from rude meadowland to flowering beds and bushes. And I decide that it is fun to notice the omissions each season, and to determine how we shall enrich the garden next year."

Good-bye till next month. Happy holidays!
AUNTIE WENDY (47, Rotton Park Rd.).

"PALESTINE."

(Senior prize-winning poem, by Rosa Joseph, aged 14).

Palestine is our land of yore;
Far from it we have strayed.
When into captivity we were sold,
For the redemption of Zion we prayed.
To Jews, you are the land of the future.
To rebuild you up is our aim.
We want just you — no other land,
To call our own again.

Outcasts in foreign lands,
Fighting for our liberty,
With only one hope, one happy thought,
"Palestine to return to thee."

The Hebrew nation working together,
Striving for one thing.

Stop! Listen! Think
Of all the happiness it will bring.

A model home for all Jewry.
She will take her rightful place;
Be respected by all the world—
A home for her chosen race.

Jewry will assemble there,
To rehearse the righteous acts of the Lord.
Then, perhaps, it will come to pass:
The plough will take the place of the sword.

The junior prize-winning poem, "Spring," by Ruth June Henry, will be published next month.

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The Editor's Message.

A famous Rabbi of the first century of the present era found it necessary to exhort his co-religionists, " Know what answer to give a heretic." Even at that early period the Jew found himself on the defence with respect to the dogmas of his religion. Attacks were being made upon Judaism, and the duty rested upon its adherents to be qualified to resist them with sound knowledge and convincing argument.

It is to be noticed that the exhortation was not addressed to the Rabbis and teachers, but to the rank and file of Jewry. Any Jew was liable to be drawn into a controversy; so every Jew must prepare himself to play the part of defender of the faith.

That advice of nineteen centuries ago is urgently necessary at the present time, though in a different sphere. The heated debates on theological questions, so frequent in the past, are becoming rarer now; but the attacks upon the Jewish people are as common and virulent as ever. Every perversion of the truth that human ingenuity can devise is being added to the stock of ammunition placed at the disposal of professional Anti-semites. Every event which causes disquiet is attributed to Jewish machination. Every condition which is disliked is alleged to be a Jewish creation.

An insidious and assiduous propaganda, skilfully organised and heavily subsidised, is resulting in the poisoning of the public mind against the Jew. He is now a conspicuous target, open to be shot at from all sides and at any time. Unexpectedly he may find himself in the position of having to answer slanderous accusations, and he should be ready to reply. He cannot do this without adequate preparation. He must be master of the facts in order to expose lies. A weak defence harms our cause more severely than does a sharp attack, and the defender must consequently stand on sure ground.

We feel that the " Recorder " can perform a useful service by enlightening its readers on subjects of this kind—not by suggesting abstract arguments, but by supplying concrete facts. We have already published an article giving a complete exposure of the falsity of " The Protocols of the Elders of Zion "—that egregious fabrication which the Nazis are so active in circulating. In the present number we print an article giving up-to-date information on the governing personnel in Russia, which disposes effectively of the allegation that the country is dominated by Jews. In future issues we hope to deal with the other charges that are now being hurled at our people.

Any Jewish householder who has not received a copy of the "RECORDER," or who has changed the address, should communicate with Mr. L. H. Drapkin, 86, Langleys Road, Selly Oak.

Jewish Influence in Russia

The rulers of Germany persistently speak of "Jewish Communism" and endeavour to create the belief that Soviet Russia is controlled by Jews. In his notorious speech at the Nuremberg Conference last September, Hitler had the audacity to make the assertion that 98 per cent. of the men controlling Russia were Jews. Since it is unbelievable that he could be so grossly misinformed, he stands condemned as telling a calculated lie when speaking as the head of a State.

In its endeavour to create prejudice against modern Russia, German propaganda has adopted the old device of labelling it "Jewish." The belief is widespread, even in this country, that the U.S.S.R. is dominated by members of our race, although unbiased investigators of the situation always report in the opposite sense. In an illuminating book published over a year ago, entitled "Inside Europe," an American journalist, John Gunther, stated: "It is frequently alleged that Russia is run by Jews. Nothing could be further from the truth" (p. 452).

Whatever influence individual Jews wielded in the early stage of the Russian Revolution quickly dwindled until it is non-existent at the present time. The accuracy of this statement is proved up to the hilt in a very informative article which appeared in "The Daily Telegraph" on December 10th. The writer is Alan Houghton Brodrick who, to judge by his name, has no Jewish affiliations. It is manifest from his article that he has an intimate knowledge of Russian affairs. He does not merely generalise, but quotes facts in detail; and it is the facts which he quotes that attach so much value to what he writes.

The title of the article is "Stalin's Emergence in a Changing Russia," with the significant sub-title, "Decline of Jewish Power in Soviet Politics." While his account of the change in Russian domestic and foreign policy, brought about by Lenin's successor, is of absorbing interest, as Jews we are naturally more concerned with his proofs of the vanished Jewish influence.

His general conclusion on this point is stated in the following terms: "The German propagandists—Dr. Goebbels at the head—tell us in and out of season that Bolshevism is a

Jewish invention and that most of the Soviet leaders are Jews. They seem to forget, even if this were true, that it is the Germans themselves who made the Soviets possible in Russia and transported Lenin and Trotsky across Germany to Russia in 1917. It is undeniable that there was a time when the Jews did play a very important part in revolutionary Russia, but they have been almost all eliminated; and to say that the present leaders of the U.S.S.R. are nearly all Jews is simply an impudent piece of anti-Jewish propaganda."

That Bolshevism is "a Jewish invention" is strenuously denied by the writer, who says, "Communism has always been a specifically Russian thing . . . The Russian peasant has a horror of capitalism." This view is confirmed by other students of the subject. It will be sufficient to refer to the chapter on "The Jews and Bolshevism" in Valentin's excellent work, "Antisemitism," which opens with these sentences: "The spiritual fathers of Bolshevism are not Jews. Marx, who, as we have said, was antipathetic to all things Jewish, is probably the only exception. The tutors of the radical and revolutionary Russians in atheism, materialism, nihilism, terrorism, socialism and anarchism were Russians, such as Alexander Herzen, Bielinsky, Pisarev, Tschernyshevsky and Bakunin, or Englishmen, Frenchmen and Germans." He quotes from an article in a German encyclopædia the statement of J. H. Seraphim, a high authority on the subject and a non-Jew: "The origins of Bolshevism lie deep down in the Russian nature and in the politic-economic structure of the Empire of the Tsars. To conceive it as merely a variant of proletarian Socialism of the Marxist school would be to disregard its distinctively national character."

It follows that the oft-repeated assertion that there is an organic connection between Jews and Bolshevism is a falsehood invented to discredit Jews and Bolshevism. Considering the oppression under which the race existed in the days of the Tsarist regime, it is understandable that many Jews would be driven in desperation towards the extremist elements who desired the overthrow of the tyranny. It would have been surprising if that were not so, seeing that Jews were the worst victims of the system.

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So far as the supreme governing body is concerned, Mr. Brodrick supplies us with precise information which is most valuable.

The original Political Bureau, which was the controlling power in Russia, consisted of Lenin, Trotsky (alias Bronstein), Kamenev (alias Blumenfeld), Zinoviev (alias Apfelbaum), Rykov, Tomsy and Stalin. Thus there were three Jews in a body of seven. The proportion is certainly high; but the figures demonstrate that Jews were not the dominating force. The outstanding personality of all, Lenin, who outweighed all the others in importance, was racially a pure Slav.

Let us contrast the position to-day. The Political Bureau, Mr. Brodrick tells us, now consists of ten members: Stalin, Molotov (who is also president of the Council of People's Commissaries), Voroshilov, Kalinin, Orionikidze, Andreiev, Kossior, Mikoian, Chubar and

Kaganovitch. The writer's comment on the list is: "With the sole exception of Kaganovitch—who is Stalin's father-in-law and a Jew—all the members are either Russians or, like Stalin himself, Georgians." He adds: "None of the three vice-presidents of the Council of People's Commissaries is a Jew, and of the 16 commissaries—roughly the equivalent of Cabinet Ministers—only four are Jews, and they do not hold any of the more important posts. Even the Communist International contains but few Jews, and although Zinoviev was its first chairman it is now presided over by a Bulgar. This Dr. Goebbels cannot fail to know, since Dimitrov was one of the supposed incendiaries of the Reichstag in Berlin."

It is therefore clear from the evidence that a deliberate and successful effort has been made by Stalin to remove Jews from influential positions in the Soviet Republic. So far as the government of Russia is concerned at the present time it is all but "Judenrein." Never before, since the outbreak of the revolution, is it so gross a falsehood to assert that Jews are dominating the country; and in the interests of Jewry a knowledge of the facts should be widely disseminated.

A. C.

Purim in Palestine.

Tel Aviv, the most important of the completely Jewish towns in the world, celebrates Purim with a carnival. From ten o'clock on the morning of the day of Purim hundreds of children are seen dressed up in tasteful fancy clothes, being taken by their mothers to the children's carnival.

One child is dressed as Mordecai, a small girl leads her brother who is dressed up like a bear, another is queen of the flowers, and there a group represents Joseph's dream. Some very youthful chalutzim and infantile old men and women are collecting for the National Fund; and there a group of children carries a horse by its feet to remind everyone of the end of Achad Ha'am's humorous tale, "To Please Everybody."

The exhibition grounds have been prepared for the children's carnival, where we see them riding on camels gaily decked with carpets and carrying bells which tinkle rhythmically as they sway in desert majesty. Neither is music nor dancing lacking. The band of municipal police plays in a large hall for the countless children who dance the "Hora." The number of Jewish fathers and mothers who have come to feast their eyes on this happy spectacle is swelled by some Arab women who have come in from Jaffa to gaze unveiled on this unfamiliar exhibition.

In the wide and spacious boulevard Rothschild the Wireless Institute has set two loud speakers from which issues forth during the days of Purim appropriate music. In the evening a chapter of the "Megillah" is heard sung in the traditional manner. Towards noon on the day of Purim one notices that most of the wayfarers are decked in fancy dress. The houses in Allenby Street, Nahalat Benjamin, Herzl Street and all that neighbourhood are tricked out with flags and banners. There the crowds throng together in the early afternoon to watch the carnival procession as it moves slowly through the town. From the Tshlenov quarter to Allenby Street, thence to the sea and back through Nahalat Benjamin, the carnival cleaves its way through a sea of boisterous onlookers. The spectacle is indeed a gay one. In front of the offices of the Jewish National Fund in Allenby Street sit the judges who assess the credit due to each of the exhibitors as they pass before them.

The choice for Tel Aviv's queen of beauty for the year, who is also queen Esther in the

carnival, fell on a Yemenite maiden. Great was the surprise and greater still the rejoicing and the preparations in the Yemenite quarter, where the choice was taken to be not only a vindication of importance, but also a sure sign of redemption.

The Yemenites set about their preparations in a truly Oriental spirit. Motor cars, lorries, carriages, wagons, horses, camels, donkeys and bicycles were all offered and used for their procession. At the head rode a horseman carrying a large blue and white flag on which was written, "And the Lord shall blow on a trumpet and go with the whirlwind of Yemen" (Zech. ix, 4). He was followed by a motor car in which sat the Yemenite orchestra who played their folk tunes. Then in glorious fancy dress rode past the great king Ahasuerus attended by his chamberlains, next Mordecai the Jew and then the various characters of the "Megillah."

There followed a guard mounted on camels, horses and donkeys, then cars of Yemenite men and women who danced and sang. From all sides came the shouting, "Long live the queen!" "Long live the Yemenites!" "Long live the people of Israel!" The group around Queen Esther who, attended by her maidens, nodded majestically in acknowledgement of the enthusiastic greetings of her subjects, is followed by the fire brigade in uniform, each man carrying a small Hebrew flag. A detachment of the "Brit Trumpeldor" marches next to the tune of their band.

Posters, letters, pamphlets, samples and Purim presents are cast among the crowd by the various business firms. The procession lingers on till nightfall, but the carnival continues in the streets and in the Purim balls, after which the streets ring again with the song of the returning multitudes. The light of the full moon reveals a panorama of unique charm.

(From "Purim," A Historical Study, by N. S. Doniach, published by the Jewish Publication Society of America.)

PURIM CARNIVAL.

The social event of the year will be held on Wednesday, February 24th at the Edgbaston Assembly Rooms, during 8-30 p.m. and 2 a.m. We have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Edgar, to act as Judge for the Fancy Dress Parade.

Society & Club News.

BIRMINGHAM JEWISH LITERARY AND ARTS SOCIETY.

The Children's Chanukah Party was held at the Communal Hall on Sunday afternoon, 20th December, 1936. About 70 children and a number of grown-ups were present. Mrs. M. Joseph spoke a few words to the children on the importance of Chanukah, and also with regard to the plight of the Jewish children in Poland, in whose aid the party was held. A Cinematograph entertainment followed after tea and then games, and every child went home with a present. The Committee are very grateful to all those ladies and gentlemen who by their service, kind gifts and donations, enabled the Society to raise a sum of £10 2s. for such a deserving cause.

"The City Fathers Meet" was the title of the meeting of the Society on Sunday evening, 20th December, at the Communal Hall. This followed on the lines of a City Council Meeting, Councillor John Silverman taking the part of the Lord Mayor. Several amusing petitions were put forward for the consideration of the Corporation, and the members spent a very delightful evening.

The Annual Dance took place at the Botanical Gardens on Monday, 28th December, and about 180 members and friends were present. Harry Engelman's band provided the music, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, although the Committee would have liked a larger number to be present.

The second half of the session opened on Sunday, January 3rd, 1937, at the Communal Hall, when Rev. Dr. A. Cohen, delivered a most interesting and illuminating address entitled "Reflections on the Jewish Situation." Members of the Jewish Social and Dramatic Club and Young Israel Society were also present. Judging by the discussion which took place following the lecture, it was evident that it was much appreciated by all those present.

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

Nineteen Thirty-seven's first event in our Programme was the always popular Vice-President's Annual Reunion and Reception which took place at the Communal Hall on January 10th.

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An attractive succession of features promises to uphold the reputation of the Society from now on, as we have two interesting Addresses to which to look forward, our Annual Broadcast,

Mr. F. G. Humphrey's evening, an intervisit from Willesden and one to Ealing, apart from incidental arrangements, chief amongst which is a suggested Pantomime Party.

During the last few weeks, a Chanukah Party and a visit to Finsbury Park have been the outstanding items, and the former deserves special mention in view of two unusual features. The first was the arranging of reserved seats at the Chanukah Service in the Synagogue on December 13th, for our London friends, an innovation which was really appreciated. The second was the presentation, at the Dance in the evening, of a beautifully bound book, entitled "Jewish Thoughts," which our President Mr. A. L. Ostrov, was instrumental in providing for everyone present. It is felt that these little surprises will continue to attract young Jewry to the ever-increasing ranks of the Young Israel Society.

An important announcement of great interest to all members will be made in the very near future, and though I am not at liberty to say at present what exactly it is, I can say that it will prove to be the most interesting of the Season.

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SOCIAL AND DRAMATIC CLUB.

The session of 1936/37 will be long remembered by the members of the Club. Besides the celebrations for the 21st birthday, a report of which will appear in the next issue, the Committee have still some excellent evenings arranged for the delight of members.

Chief among these are the Fancy Dress Dance on February 7th, and "Ye Olde Bulle and Bushe" arranged for February 21st—both at the Communal Hall. At the former, valuable prizes will be presented to those who attend in the best costumes. A special programme has been arranged for this evening and it is hoped that members will turn up in large numbers.

"Ye Olde Bulle and Bushe!" What memories this phrase must conjure up in the minds of those who attended a similar function some years ago. For this evening an elaborate programme has been drawn up. First, the Communal Hall will be "redecorated" to resemble a Tavern of the gay nineties. Members are requested to help in this respect by coming dressed in late Victorian attire; frock coats, narrow trousers, etc., for the men and the usual bustle for the ladies. An "Official" opening by the "Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Aldermen and Council," will be one of the features. Mine Host, will of course, be present and conduct the affairs of the evening in the typical manner of the jolly old days of yore. There will also be those old-fashioned dances that thrilled our parents in their youth.

In addition, there will be solo items by various members. Those who attended the last "Bulle and Bushe" will recall the fact that during the evening several of those present sang some of the old tavern song which did a great deal towards creating the "Gay Nineties" atmosphere. The Committee would like some members to come forward to contribute similar items. Let us hear from you.

Mention may be made that a special concession has now been made to any person desiring to join the Society at this stage. Application may be made to the Treasurer or Secretary at any of the meetings.

JEWISH LADS' BRIGADE.

The Annual Chanukah Parade took place on December 13th, and was a great success. The Manchester Brass Band accompanied us to the Synagogue, and we took the opportunity of their presence to have a short march round town first. The Lord Mayor was received with a Guard-of-Honour and a most enjoyable Service was held in the Synagogue.

At the Tea, which took place at the Headquarters of the Girl Guides, over 100 boys participated. There were speeches by members of the Council and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee. After a Concert given by the Band at the Communal Hall, a Dance was held in the evening for the boys and their friends.

The Tournaments are now in full swing at the Club on Tuesday evenings.

The Annual August Camp this year will be held at Bridlington. It will be remembered that when we camped there two years ago, one of the most enjoyable ten days' holiday that the Brigade had ever spent was at this place.

The Annual Prize Distribution this year has been postponed to March 14th. The Lord Mayor has kindly consented to present the prizes.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB.

The number of members continues to grow and is now over one hundred, with an average attendance of about 50.

A party is being organised to see the play at the Repertory Theatre during January.

St. Thomas' Boys' Club is visiting us on January 14th, and we are making a visit to the Edgbaston Unity Club on January 20th.

On January 31st, the Club is paying a visit to the Stamford Hill Jewish Boys' Club, and also the Settlement in the East End. This is the first visit of its kind ever attempted from this Club.

Mr. P. Levy has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Birmingham and District Federation of Boys' Clubs.

COURT JACOB'S PRIDE A.O.F.

The Annual General Meeting of the Court was held on Tuesday, January 19th, at Victory House; the Chief Ranger, Bro. Eli Witton, presiding. The annual Balance Sheet was submitted, the total assets of the Court amounting to over £3,000.

The newly elected Officers were installed, Bro. G. Cohen being Chief Ranger and Bro. E. Baker Sub-Chief Ranger. It was agreed to insert an advert in the Birmingham "Jewish Recorder." A presentation to Bro. Eli Witton for services rendered as past Chief Ranger, was made by Bro. L. H. Drapkin.

If the success of this meeting can be any criterion, the Court's future prosperity is assured.

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An important meeting was held on Monday, January 11th, at the Social Club, Bromsgrove Street, when the Officers for the ensuing year were nominated and elected.

The resignation of the Secretary, Bro. L. P. Morris, was accepted with regret, and Bro. M. A. Morris was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

Bro. L. H. Drapkin continues as President, whilst Bro. L. P. Morris was elected as Vice-President.

The remainder of the Officers and Committee were chosen and duly elected, and the activities of the Lodge under their able guidance will doubtless prove most valuable and attractive.

A Propaganda Committee has been formed with a view to placing the advantages of the Lodge before the young men of the community. It was agreed that the advertisement space as well as the general columns of the "Recorder" should be utilised to the full, and arrangements are being made accordingly.

A postcard to L. P. Morris, 185, South Road, Handsworth, 19, will be sufficient for the sending of all details of membership, benefits and advantages of the Montagu Lord Swaythling Lodge.

RACHEL MINDELSONH LODGE.

In celebration of our 21st Birthday, the Lodge is holding a Supper, which will follow the Annual Installation proceedings, and is to be held on April 4th.

The price will be 5/6 to members and 6/6 to friends and relatives who wish to celebrate with us. If you wish to come, too, get in touch with the Secretary, Miss E. Goodman, 135 Belgrave Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

A Meeting was held on the 4th January, at which nominations for the new Committee were taken. This being an important year in the history of the Lodge, Sis. Doris Morris was unanimously requested to re-accept the Presidency, in recognition of the excellent services she has already rendered in this capacity.

A Card and Social Evening was held at 3 Yew Tree Road, on Monday, January 11th, by kind permission of Bro. and Sis. J. Freedman. A miniature whist drive was held, also a Table Tennis tournament, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our new headquarters will shortly be thrown open to a selected band of home-makers, and the Lodge will soon be in complete possession.

JEWISH STUDENT'S SOCIETY.

S.O.S. FOR I.S.S.

The Jewish Students' Dance, in aid of the International Student Service, will be held at the Guild of Undergraduates Union, Edgbaston Park Road, on Saturday, February 13th.

The Union, which possesses one of the finest dance floors in the Midlands, is seldom visited by non-members of the University. We feel certain that all dance-lovers will avail themselves of this opportunity. In addition to many other attractions the Union incorporates a Bar (which we hope will be used judiciously). There is also a free car park.

The International Student Service, in aid of which the function has been arranged, is concerned with the plight of the many refugee students who look to England for support. This is not only just another charity appeal but an invitation to accept the hospitality offered to you by the Jewish Students.

The whole evening's entertainment will only cost 2s. 6d. and tickets are obtainable from all members of the Jewish Students' Society.

FEDERATION OF ZIONIST YOUTH.

Birmingham Branch.

On Tuesday, the 12th January, a very excellently attended Meeting took place of the above Society, at 81, Francis Road, Edgbaston.

Mr. Maurice Dight was in the Chair, and a good Lecture was enjoyed, with a discussion following.

MEN'S ZIONIST SOCIETY.

A Meeting was held at 81, Francis Road, Edgbaston, on Thursday, the 21st of January, under the auspices of the Men's Zionist Society, and a most interesting address was given by M. J. Linton, Esq., B.Com., of London, who spoke on "Immigration to Palestine."

The fairly large assembly were very impressed by the speaker's information and several participated in the discussion that followed the address.

E. ALEC COLMAN.

WOMEN'S EFFORT FOR POLISH RELIEF.

At a "Tea" in aid of the funds, given by Mesdames J. Goodkin and C. Fisher at the Communal Hall on January 6th, £8 was collected. On Wednesday, March 3rd, the second anniversary "Tea" will be given by the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. S. Coleman, at the Communal Hall at 3-30 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a large number of ladies present.

ZIONA.

During the past month three meetings have taken place. On Monday, December 7th, at the residence of Mrs. I. Ackerman, several members read interesting articles from Jewish publications and current WIZO news. On Monday, the 21st, at the house of Mrs. Siebenberg, the Rev. D. J. Seligson spoke on "How Herzl Happened." A discussion followed, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Miss E. Berry. Short papers on "Why I am a Zionist" were read by the Misses Davis, Berry, Kamensky, Coleman and Cave at a meeting held on January 11th, Mrs. R. Goodman acting as hostess. A Keep-Fit Class will meet at the Communal Hall every Monday evening from 7 to 7-45 p.m. All members and friends are invited to attend.

WOMEN'S ZIONIST SOCIETY.

At the General Meeting of the Society, Mrs. E. Bloom, who attended the Conference of Women Zionists in London, proposed a vote of thanks to the delegate, Mrs. S. A. Cohen, for the able way in which she presented her report.

At a Social afternoon, kindly arranged by Mesdames W. M. Cohen, H. Spiers and I. Saffer, the sum of £9 5s. 6d. was collected.

On January 12th, Mrs. Liebster from London addressed a meeting at the Communal Hall. Mrs. Liebster, in her very interesting talk, dealt particularly with what should be the woman's attitude towards Zionism.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Mrs. Gould, vice-president of the Edgbaston Branch, and seconded by Mrs. I. Ackerman.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, Mrs. S. A. Cohen, was proposed by Mrs. Silverston, seconded by Mrs. Bloom.

Mrs. Bloom kindly acted as hostess to Mrs. Liebster during her stay in Birmingham.

FEDERATION OF WOMEN ZIONISTS.

EDGBASTON BRANCH.

A cultural meeting was held on Wednesday, 6th January, at 11, Clarendon Road, Edgbaston, by kind permission of Mrs. Strauss. Mrs. John Hollander was in the chair, and the speaker was Mr. Sol. Cohen, Secretary of the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls, Women and Children, whose address proved extremely interesting. He presented an entirely new point of view on Palestine, from the angle of his own particular work, giving information as to the handling of Juvenile Delinquency in Palestine and similar problems. The meeting was very successful and the speaker much appreciated.

The Sewing Circle is now progressing well with the work undertaken and already has quite a large number of finished garments ready for despatch to the Baby Home in Jerusalem; but we should, of course, be very glad to see more and more members coming to our meetings.

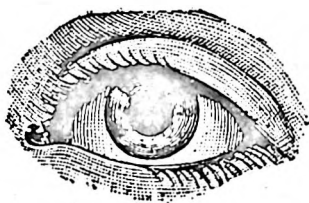
A large quota has to be raised for this year, and a Novelty Evening, Bridge and Games, is being planned for early in March. We hope that all readers of the "Recorder" will give us their generous support and help us to make the evening the success for which we are all working very hard.

ZIONISM.

Mr. A Hurman will visit Birmingham on February 9th with the object of endeavouring to form a local Branch of the Habomim. All interested should communicate with Mr. E. Alec Colman, 81 Francis Road, Edgbaston.

The Zionist Federation is arranging a trip to Palestine leaving London on February 9th and returning on March 15th-16th. The passage from London to Haifa and back is £28 10 0

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To the Editor,
Sir,

On the cover of this month's "Recorder" a gummed slip is attached with the above heading printed on it. Why has this further appeal been necessary? Is it because the "Recorder" has outlived its usefulness? **Certainly not.**

It is due to the present articles and news being centred round a "selected" group of Birmingham Jewry, and therefore only of interest to that particular section. Why should this be so? When this journal was first published it was intended to interest all CLASSES, but gradually it has deteriorated to such an extent as to please the minority at the (expected) expense of the majority.

It must be obvious from the response obtained from the first appeal made that I am not alone in my opinion.

After reading the above it will be quite clear to the 53 contributors why they have been mentioned and why the remaining 1,247 have not responded to the Fund.

F. M. I.

(We do not think that our correspondent's criticism will be generally endorsed. The field of interest has been widened, not narrowed, since this Journal began publication. Nor do we believe that the explanation suggested, why the majority of our readers have not responded to the appeal, is accurate.—Ed., B. J. R.)

ANSWERING CHARGES.

Pershore Road,
Edgbaston.

The Editor, "The Recorder."

Dear Sir,

A remark made at the last meeting of the Lit.-Arts Society to the effect that material for the refutation of anti-Semitic charges should be in the hands of every Jew leads me to suggest that the columns of the "Recorder" form the ideal medium for such material. Not all of us have facts and figures at our finger tips to disprove the wild and malicious attacks hurled forth by anti-Jew demagogy. Below are a few of the statements made by the detractors of our race. Could we not have conclusive answers to these and similar fancies in the shape of easily understood articles containing facts; statistics and authoritative statements?

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The Jews lead the Communist party in every country.

The Jew is absolved from all his contracts each year (Kol Nidrei!).

I feel sure that there are those among your readers who will take up the cudgels here offered.

Yours faithfully,

P. LEVY.

(We deal with this matter in our Editorial. In our next issue we hope to publish a powerful article by Mr. John Stone on the myth of the international Jewish financier.—Ed. B. J. R.)

AN APPEAL.

The Editor, 273, Great Colmore Street,
The "Recorder."
Sir,

May I take advantage of your columns to invoke the assistance of some of your readers. On February 21st, the Birmingham Jewish Social and Dramatic Club are being carried back in time to "Ye Olde Bulle and Bushe" of the late Victorian era; and in order to recapture the atmosphere of that period its costumes, both male and female are required. I should be extremely grateful, therefore, to hear from anyone in a position to lend the club any article or articles of clothing reminiscent of the late Victorian period.

I can give my personal assurance that every article loaned will be treated with care and returned undamaged.

Yours sincerely,

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By "SHMOOZER."

Feeling particularly bardic, I intend to dedicate my opening verse to my two champions (bless 'em) who filled the correspondence columns of the last issue with glowing praise of my endeavours.

MRS. BIND.

Oh! Mrs. Bind,
You are so kind,
I hasten here to thank you.
Upon my start,
You give me heart,
A first-class sport I rank you!

MR. LEWIS.

And, dear old pal,
If you're not a gal,
I'll meet you sometime when I'm out.
You say I'm no boozier,
I'll prove you're on a loser,
Without any possible doubt.

Notes on News.

"Kaffir shares touch new peaks," says our financial column. I presume it is out of respect to the investors who have paid for the new caps.

A woman fell asleep recently as the result of laughing. I did the same thing at the cinema the other night . . . except that the comedy did not make me laugh.

A gossip writer mentions that writers are among the highest paid workers in the U.S.S.R. Well, cheerio, folks!

Having got that off my chest, I really must tell you about the hand I held at Solo the other day. It was such a nice hand, and the other two didn't see us . . . What? . . . Oh, I'm so sorry, I've got the wrong hand. I meant the hand of cards I held. Ace, King, Queen, Jack, thirteen times diamonds . . . I dealt.

Now, I don't think the other players would have been quite so nasty if my thirteen cards hadn't got a different pattern on the back. But I can't for the life of me see why they should have been so suspicious even with that, can you? What really troubled me was the fact that the first caller called an Abundance in Diamonds!! . . . And isn't it marvellous how nicely you are treated in Hospital?

Incidentally, I went shopping at the January Sales . . . or it would be more correct to say that the January Sales went at me. The bargains I got were wonderful, and I really must recommend Bloggin's shirts. The fellow who got the other half of mine also got a bargain. And the ties they've got there. MY HAT! I should think that all the Christmas presents have been brought back from the recipients. In fact, I'm sure . . . because I bought one at half the price I'd paid for it just before Christmas for a friend of mine. He will get a shock when I give it him for his birthday!!

To prolong this agony would indeed be inhumane, so I am going to conclude (cheers!) with a new innovation. Each month I am presenting a putty "Schmoozer" medal for the best joke I've heard since the previous issue.

This month it goes to the originator of the following, whosoever he or she may be:—

Abe (to Operator): "Central Double Von, Double Von!"

Operator: "You're through, press Button A."

Abe: "For vy should I press Button A, huh? If I press Button B I get my money back! D'you think I'm a Shlemil?"

Anyway, what do I want with a putty medal?

The mystery of "Schmoozer's" identity has not been solved. We are asked to state that he is not Mr. A. L. Freedman.—Ed. B. J. R.)

Here and There.



COMMUNAL
SKETCHES
No. 5.

A "RECORDER" POETESS

Our heartiest congratulations and good wishes are extended to "Sonny" Cohen on his engagement. Mr. Cohen is an indefatigable worker in everything he undertakes. The former Arts Society and the J.N.F. are particularly indebted to him for his zealous labours. We are confident that the important step he has taken will not mean any relaxing in his valuable activities for the communal good.

The early death of Mr. Harold Samuels is a tragedy which is widely deplored beyond the family circle. He was a man of lovable disposition who made many friends. They will long miss his pleasant company.

We are glad to learn that Mr. A. B. Davis is making good progress after his serious operation. We wish him a complete recovery.

Mr. S. Addleman was installed Master of the Moseley Lodge during January; Mr. M. Dent will undergo the same experience in the Lodge of Loyalty early in February, and the odds are in favour of Mr. Loo Bloom receiving the same honour in the Lodge of Loyalty in March.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. B. Winter on the birth of a second son. They seem determined that the Talmud Torah shall not lack pupils!

As the result of the energetic efforts of Mr. I. Woolf, of 111 Gough Road, a successful Study Circle, for the promotion of Hebrew and Religious knowledge among boys who have left school, has been held during the past three years. It meets at the Central Synagogue on Friday evenings from 8 to 9-30 and on the Sabbath for an hour before Minchah. During the Summer the Circle meets on Sunday afternoon instead of Friday evening. On an average twenty students gather for instruction in Bible, Rashi, Mishnah and Talmud under the tuition of Rev. R. Rabinowitz, who will be pleased to welcome all who are interested. No fee is charged for membership.

A large crowd had gathered round two men who were lying prostrate on the pavement. "What's the matter here?" asked a newcomer to another man standing near. "Oh, not much," was the reply. "A house agent was trying to sell a house to a motor-car salesman who was trying to sell him a car. They were pretty evenly matched, and they've both dropped from exhaustion."

JEWISH NATIONAL NEWS.

Extract from the "Birmingham Gazette," January 18th, 1937 :

"THE LAND OF PROMISE."

Palestine's Development Depicted in a Film.

A large audience, which included many non-Jews, saw the presentation at the Edgbaston Picture House, Birmingham, yesterday afternoon of the sound film, "The Land of Promise," depicting all phases of life and work in Palestine.

The film, which was shown under the auspices of Birmingham Zionist Council, constitutes a remarkable history of Palestine's development during the past 17 or 18 years.

At the conclusion of the showing, Dr. A. Cohen, the president of the Zionist Council, commented that they had seen evidence of a dead country coming back to life, and considering the short period in which work had been in progress the transformation was little short of miraculous.

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" It represents the sinking of £90,000,000 of Jewish capital in the country and the work of 400,000 immigrants," he added. " It would seem unthinkable to any right-minded person that after all this the country should be handed over to the Arabs to do with as they please, considering this work was undertaken under the aegis and mandate of the League of Nations and the guarantee of the British Government."

" It was a particularly good film, and as a farmer, I was very impressed with the very up-to-date and high class cultivation of the soil and the good breed of cattle."

Extracts from Letters by prominent non-Jews.

On Sunday I visited the Edgbaston Picture House and was most interested in the film called " The Land of Promise." It certainly shews a remarkable spirit on the part of those who have gone there to make their home in Palestine, and I am sure that many others like myself were glad to have the opportunity of seeing this film.

We thank you for your courtesy,

Yours very truly,

The above demonstrates the non-Jewish reaction to our Zionist effort. Unfortunately, the members of our community did not give the support one would expect ; no more than 500—600 being present. The cost of arranging the performance was about £14 and Zionist Funds will be involved in a loss of about £4, due to the lack of support.

Thanks are due to the Associated British Cinemas and their staff for the use of the Edgbaston Picture House free of charge.

Diary of the Month.

(Unless otherwise stated, the meetings, etc., are held in the Communal Hall.)

- Wed., 3—Joint Social.
Y.I. Intervisit with Willesden Y.I.S. Tea Dance, 3-30 p.m. Address by Mr. A. Goldberg, LL.B., on " Libel."
- Sun., 7—Benevolent Board: Benefit Performance.
- Mon., 8—Ziona: Lecture by the Rev. Dr. A. Cohen on " Palestine at the Crossroads."
- Wed., 10—Joint Social.
- Sat., 13—I.S.S. Dance at the Guild of Undergraduates Union, Edgbaston Park Road, 7-30 p.m.
- Sun., 14—Y.I. Intervisit with Ealing Y.I.S. in London.
Lit. Arts: Lecture by Dayan Dr. A. Feldman, " A Day at the Beth Din," 7-45 p.m.
- Wed., 17—Joint Social.
- Sun., 21—Lit.-Arts: Visit to Liverpool.
Social and Dramatic: Fun Fair, 7-30 p.m.
- Wed., 24—J.N.F. Purim Carnival Ball, Edgbaston Assembly Rooms.
Joint Social.
- Sun., 28—Y.I.: Address by Mr. F. G. Humphrey, Blucher St. Headquarters.
Lit.-Arts: Dramatic Evening and Concert, 7-45 p.m.



The Ladies' Page



conducted by Renelle.

EDITORIAL

My Dear Readers,

I AM writing this in the lounge of a Jewish hotel in Bournemouth: most of the people staying here are from towns other than Birmingham and it is interesting to compare them with the Jewish residents of our own city.

The first thing that strikes me is that they seem to have learned little from the Fascist menace; still the same showy fur coats, large diamonds, brightly coloured cars, and the rest of the unpleasant paraphernalia that our detractors so rightly attribute to many of us. The girls are not quite so over-dressed as their mothers: they are very much made up, and all of a type,—but the men seem to like them!

This, I know, seems a rather "catty" editorial, but I do think it is important that you, my dear readers, should avoid what I do feel is a strong cause for Anti-Semitism—the easily acquired poison of ostentation; and although the Christmas holidays are well over, please do be careful when you go away in the summer not to cause offence to our non-Jewish friends and neighbours by wearing ultra-modern and unsuitable clothes, bathing dresses, which are almost non-existent.

Remember, too, that it is quite possible to be happy without marching in large parties, arm in arm, along the promenades, shrieking and laughing; other people are quite happy without doing these things, so that there is no reason why you shouldn't be as well.

This month we have an article written by a reader who desires to remain anonymous, but he gives us an idea of what leisure means.

This New Leisure

There is a phrase which is constantly appearing in the newspapers, and which at first sight might seem to be the title of a sermon. Hardly a day passes without the words, "The Right Use of Leisure" appearing either in a leading article, or in the reported speech of a politician or educationist; and many of us, no doubt, pass it over without realising how very much our lives are affected by what is a new and significant feature of the post-War period.

Time was when the leisured classes were the aristocracy—and they had, and still have to some extent, so organised their leisure: hunting, shooting and the rest, that these various interests have become the business of their lives, and do not pall. But with machinery in the works, and labour-saving devices in the home; with almost universal electric or gas-lighting; with shorter working hours, a large majority have a considerable amount of leisure or time to spare: and for the majority there have come into being certain leisure pursuits, as for instance cinema-going, and listening-in, which, passive though they are, satisfy a multitude. Whilst the

(dare it be said?) more serious-minded turn towards educational classes, literary and dramatic societies and so on.

This article is, however, more particularly directed to a description of another form of leisure: the extremest and most nerve-racking form, namely unemployment.

Most of us of this restless generation have at some time or other thought or said, "What shall I do next?" and we know that there is a variety of ways by which that desire for occupation can be filled. But, suppose for a moment that you were on the "dole"; that there was nothing left over for amusements; that the whole of your day was empty, was one constant "What shall I do next? . . . then a terrifying picture of depression and loneliness must come to your mind.

That was the frame of mind of millions of men during the worst years of the economic crisis, and still is of a colossal host of men to-day in the "Special Area" and even in forgotten parts of our own prosperous Midlands. It was at the height of the crisis that there came into existence clubs for men, where they could meet and where they could repair their boots, and their furniture

and in some small way occupy their time. These rather haphazard efforts have developed rapidly so that there are all over Great Britain well-organised centres where groups of men may engage in all sorts of occupations and handicrafts: furniture and toy-making, physical training, play-acting, music, all with proper safeguards so that the ordinary course of trade is not interfered with.

But this is a woman's page, and there has developed to this movement another side—of special interest to women. Clubs, co-operating with the men's, have been formed for the wives of the unemployed, and whomen who are themselves unemployed, where they may learn the mysteries of dress-making, economical cookery, thrift-work—that is how to make something from nothing, like rugs from old stockings—and in many ways hear how they may improve the standard of living of their families.

Generally, employed men also play their part in the life of the clubs, and this is particularly the case in the villages. In this way there is developing a community of people who are discovering how best to use their leisure, and who, in fact, may set an example to all of us in the manner of using their time to spare.

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Every now and again can be seen far up on the snow-covered slopes flying figures of men and women on skis—looking from the distance like little birds as they skim over the mountain-side. And always there rings in one's ears the jingle of sleigh-bells, as the horse-drawn sleighs make their way to and fro along the village street.

Back in England it will be difficult to realize that this place, and others like it, are still in existence—it is like another world—perhaps that is why it seems to me a fairyland, something to dream about and to remember in the cold and wind of winter days at home.

Purim will soon be with us now, and it is a feast that means as much to us to-day as it did in days of old. What Haman tried to do to the Jewish people all those centuries ago is being repeated to-day in Germany and other parts of the world. So it is with an added prayer for our less fortunate brethren, and one of thankfulness for ourselves, that we should celebrate the feast of Purim to-day. We cannot all have the opportunity that Esther and Mordecai had, to render great service for our people, but we can all try and remember their heroism and courage and, in particular, Esther's selflessness. That example we can follow, in

doing all we can to help our people. There are many ways, and one of the best ways for us is to increase those trees of ours! So, Purim gifts to our King George Jubilee Forest Fund—please!

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Here is the prize-winning poem in the Junior section of the poetry competition:—

“SPRING.”

(By Ruth June Henry, aged 9 years.)

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Listen to the bees—they're humming,
Flowers peep out at dawn of day.
All the fields are full of daisies,
Heather blooms o'er moor and plain,
Everyone has got new crazes,
Spring is coming back again.

Spring is coming, spring is coming,
And the cuckoo pipes his note;
Through the trees the squirrel's running,
From his burrow springs the stoat;
Yellow daffodils are dancing
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The Editor's Message.

We published in our last issue a letter of criticism from a dissatisfied reader. A valued contributor replies in verse to one point, but we feel it obligatory to answer the charge that what we print is of interest to only one section of the Community.

As the title of the Journal indicates, its primary purpose is to chronicle local events. We necessarily devote much space to the activities of Societies and Clubs; and whether one is a member or not, he should be interested to know what these organisations are doing. But the needs of other sections have by no means been overlooked, as witness The Ladies' Page and Childrens' Corner.

Apart, however, from these, let us review the last six numbers and see whether the criticism is accurate. September was the Rosh Hashonoh number, and we printed as special articles "A New Year Homily," "The Traditional Holiday Tunes," "War Time Memories," and an original story. In October we had "Leon Blum and the Dreyfus Affair," "Some Succahs I have known" and "The Damascus Blood Libel." In November we published an important article on "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion"; in December an informative article on "The Jew in Hungary" and a poem "Chanukah Lights"; in January "The Arab Problem in Palestine" and an original story; and in February "Jewish Influence in Russia" and "Purim in Palestine."

This, we submit, is a most creditable list of articles, every one of general and topical Jewish interest. When it is borne in mind that ours is not a professional publication and its contributors are unpaid, it is likewise an achievement which calls for commendation rather than criticism.

It is especially to be noted that the critic put forward no constructive suggestions. These we shall always welcome and carry out if practicable. We are not satisfied to rest on our laurels and always aim at improvement. This cannot be achieved without active co-operation. We would particularly invite members of the Community to send us literary contributions. There must be many who can produce readable articles who have so far refrained from doing so. The Journal has hitherto subsisted on the efforts of a few. If it is to make the widest appeal it must receive the widest support.

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Jewish International Finance

by JOHN STONE.

(The following extract is taken from a pamphlet entitled "What is this 'Jewish Menace?'" which has been submitted to the Jewish Board of Deputies for publication. Ed. B. J. R.)

"Go to the Bankers' Year Book if you want details of Jewish international finance," the street-corner auditor is told by our all-knowing Fascist. Very well—let us go to the Bankers' Year Book. The latest edition of that awesome tome at the time of our going to press is dated 1936-37. The first things that hit us in the eye on the outside of both covers (to say nothing of the back of the book) are the announcements of the Banca Commerciale Italiana, with its affiliated and associated institutions in North and South America, Bulgaria, Egypt, France, Greece, Hungary, Turkey and Yugo-Slavia. Oh yes—and a London office in Threadneedle Street. Italian Fascism it appears, has little to learn from Jews in the matter of handling international finance.

With bated breath we open the Book of Financial Revelations. A shock awaits us—but not of the kind we expected. For the inside cover is dedicated to the Dresdner Bank, with capital and reserves of 166·5 million Reichsmark entered at its Berlin offices in the presumably "Judenrein" Behrenstrasse, and with "branches in foreign countries." Strange that the "Aryan" Reich of Adolf Hitler, with its soul so far removed from sordid money-grubbing, should be as much concerned about international finance as was the "Jew-ridden" Reich of the Weimar Republic. It would seem almost as if our "Judenrein" idol has feet of Jewish gold.

But stay! What have we on page XLIII of the Index? Aha! We have them at last. For here, between Jessel, Toynbee & Co., and Johnson (Lawrence) & Co., lurk things Jewish. Eagerly we crane forward and read:—

Jewish Calendar	2246
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Jewish People's Bank	981
Jewish Public Bank	981

On their way to page 981 our hurrying fingers stumble over a little green tab projecting from the very thick of the pages allotted to International Banks. The tab compels attention, and—well, if it isn't our old friend the Banca Commerciale Italiana, spreading itself again from page 438 to page 443! Pages 821 to 832, which are devoted to concerns like the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank of Shanghai, and the Deutsche Agrar-und Industriebank of Prague, seem to have an unearthly glossiness about them—probably the hallowed "Judenrein" glossiness

that distinguishes the records of Nazi finance from those of international finance.

But here, at last, is page 981, with its staggering revelation that the Jewish People's Bank has its offices in Lithuania! To the common-sense person, however, this may seem a somewhat remote place from which to exercise world-wide control of international finance. Perhaps the Jewish Public Bank, listed on the same page, will provide us with the evidence we seek. But this bank, we find, is located in Danzig, where deviation from Fascist ethics is scarcely possible in view of the vigilance exercised by that embodiment of snook-cockiness, Herr Greiser.

Ever hoping for the worst, the more fanatical disciples of Fascism return to their street-corner soothsayer, who is still warning us to beware the Ides, not only of March, but of the rest of the financial year as well.

"I refer you to Somerset House," declaims the Blackshirted soothsayer in tones of ominous portent when his disciples complain that the Bankers' Year Book is not so explicit about Jewry's "hold" on international finance as they were led to believe. In this Thames-side mansion of records a new Delphic oracle is supposed to broadcast enlightenment regarding the sinister significance of this firm's Jewish chairman, of that firm's Jewish managing-director, of the other firm's Jewish shareholders. Unfortunately for the Fascists, Somerset House harbours neither a Delphic oracle nor the interpretative prophets who were so indispensable in the "clarifying," in the "explaining" of oracular utterances. The denizens of Somerset House are plainly-spoken civil servants, whose utterances and writings do not lend themselves too well to the purposes of Blackshirted "interpreters." The downiest of Somerset-House office-boys, possessed as he must be of a modicum of reasoning power in order to fulfil even the most rudimentary of Somerset-House requirements, must inevitably question Fascism's conception of Jewry's bogey-men.

"What, precisely, do these Jews do to harm the community?" he will want to know. To Fascism's accusation that the Jews are associated with banks, with company-directorships and with company shareholdings, the office-boy might well ask whether it is wrong to be associ-

ated with banks, to officiate as a company-director or to hold company-shares. If being associated with banks is really wrong, surely Fascism must denounce not only the Rothschilds, the Samuels and the Sassoons; it must denounce also His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, my Lords Ashfield, Derby, Wimborne and Weir, Sir Robert Horne, Sir Josiah Stamp, Mr. Reginald McKenna and the Guinneses. For the names of these illustrious personages, to say nothing of scores of others, also appear in the Bankers' Year Book. Moreover, if it is felonious for a Baron to be connected with Carreras cigarettes, for a Waley Cohen to hold directorships in Shell oils, for a Stanley Cohen to manage the affairs of Lewis's, then the Somerset-House office-boy may believe himself justified in thinking that it is equally felonious for the Players to be connected with the Imperial Tobacco Company, for Viscount Wakefield to hold directorships in Wakefield's oil-concerns, for Gordon Selfridge to manage the affairs of Selfridge Provincial Stores Ltd. And if it is unprincipled to hold shares in a company our office-boy may even begin to wonder whether Sir Oswald Mosley is himself altogether above suspicion!

Once that office-boy begins wondering, there is no knowing where he will stop. For it may occur to him that if the Cunard company, for instance, with its "extensive Jewish shareholdings,"* is to be penalised for committing such offences as the launching of the "Queen Mary," and the laying down of the "552," Fascism must penalise also the countless thousands of non-Jews who are only too eager to become accessories both before and after the facts. It may occur to him, too, that if it is no crime to be a non-Jewish banker, a non-Jewish company director, or a non-Jewish shareholder, then it can be no crime to be a Jewish banker, a Jewish company-director, or a Jewish shareholder. Otherwise it looks as if Fascism were attacking people merely for being Jews. And such conduct, as we know, is repugnant to the Fascism that so earnestly protests that it does not attack Jews "on racial or religious grounds."† But our office-boy, being the pest that he is, would now wax nosier than ever, since he would remember that Jews qualify for their Jewishness only by reason of their race or religion. He might now argue that if Jews are not attacked because of their banking, company-directing and shareholding activities, and that if Jews are not attacked because of their race or religion, then on what grounds are they attacked? And in the long, long interval of waiting for Fascism to answer that simple question to the satisfaction of the unbiased, it might further occur to our office-boy that if it is a crime in the Fascist calendar to be listed at Somerset House, then

Fascism must begin to indict every Tom, Dick and Oswald certified by registration officials as having been born, married and buried within the confines of this realm!

Thus does innocently enquiring adolescence expose for what it really is the Fascist attack on Jewry. The victims of this attack, however, must not be envisaged as a body of bankers, company-directors and shareholders. These, as even our office-boy will know, form but a microscopic minority of Jewry, just as their non-Jewish prototypes form but a microscopic minority of Christendom. The Jewry that actually suffers as a result of Fascist vilification consists in the main, of scared little schoolgirls whose eyes are knocked out by the stones of Fascist-inspired youths; of struggling little shopkeepers whose windows are smashed by gangs of Blackshirted hooligans; of overworked medicos whose ancient little runabouts are bescrewed with un-English catchwords; of elderly patriarchs who fall with split skulls beneath the blows of jack-booted Anti-Semitism—this is the Jewry that suffers!

*Fascist MacNab in a letter to "The Birmingham Post" of March 16, 1936 (page 3, column 1: "Fascists and Jews.")

†Sir Oswald Mosley in a speech at the Albert Hall, London, as reported in "The Birmingham Post" of October 29, 1934 (page 4, column 6: "Police in force at a Fascist meeting.")

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Society & Club News.

Literary and Arts Society.

On January 17th, the newly formed Dramatic Section of the Literary and Arts Society scored a conspicuous success in their initial effort at public entertainment. Following a monologue by Miss Nita B. Jacobs, the Young Israel Society presented "Honour Thy Father," by Harry Levine, which was awarded first prize by Mr. Emmanuel Levy, who adjudicated in the recent playwriting competition, organised by the Union of Young Israel Societies to arouse interest in plays of Jewish life. The play, which dealt skilfully with some of the problems arising in modern Jewish homes, proved deeply interesting. All the characters were ably interpreted by an efficient cast consisting of Messrs. M. Dight, R. Morris, S. Chesler, H. Chesler, C. Himmelblau, Mrs. H. Levine, and the Misses S. Cohen and F. Goldman, with Mr. C. Morris as Producer.

Miss Joan Levi then presented a highly successful one-act play, in which the chief parts were taken by the Misses Ruth Cohen, N. Joseph, L. Corper, and Messrs. D. Blankensee, and T. Solomon. The acting of the entire cast reached a remarkable degree of excellence, and we look forward with pleasure to more performances of a similar nature.

The thanks of the audience were expressed by Mr. A. Silverstone and Mr. H. Dight.

On January 31st a successful Dance was arranged, which function was much enjoyed by all present.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on April 4th at 7.45 p.m. As this has been an experimental year in the history of the Society, it is hoped that many members will avail themselves of this opportunity to voice their opinions, air their complaints, and offer suggestions.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB.

The present Session can undoubtedly be regarded as one of the most successful since the opening of the Club. The membership is increasing weekly; and the "Club Spirit" which is being fostered among the boys will prove of

great moral benefit to them in their future careers. This development of the "Club Spirit" is greatly assisted by the inter-Club visits with non-Jewish Clubs, this month's programme including a visit to Bournville and a visit from the Kings Heath Old Boys.

The Sunday afternoon Debates are proving very successful and are well attended, and the Annual Tournaments now in full swing create much interest and friendly rivalry.

On Sunday January 31st, about 20 boys paid a visit to London, a trip which was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. Mr. Douglas Schonfield, well-known amongst the Jewish Boys' Clubs in London, met the party and personally conducted them on a tour of the historic buildings; and our sincere thanks are due to him for his kindness. Visits were made to the Bernhard Baron Settlement, the Samuel and Myer Home, Stepney, and the Stepney Boys' Club. Altogether a most interesting and enjoyable day was spent.

SOCIAL AND DRAMATIC CLUB.

Following twenty-one years' good service to the youth and general community of this City, the Club celebrated its majority with a week of festivity from the 17th to 24th of January.

A Dance was held at the Ena Bartley Studios on the 17th with Mr. Gerald Jacobs as M.C. The following Tuesday the Table Tennis Tournament for the "Alfred Jacobs Cup" was played off and was won by Mr. Jack Rose. A special Veterans Cup for past members was also competed for, the winner being Mr. Harry Engleman. A Social evening was held the next day at the Communal Hall, at which members were the hosts to the Clubs of the City affiliated to the Council of Literary Societies. The celebrations culminated in the Re-Union Supper held at the Communal Hall and attended by 100 past and present members. Mr. M.S. Harris, President, was in the Chair. A letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. Gaffin, now in New York,

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A successful Fancy Dress Dance was held at the Ena Bartley Studios on the 7th of February. A large number of members attended in very original costumes, and prizes were awarded to Misses B. Caro, E. Jacobs and H. Kruseff and Messrs. S. Hamburger, S. Goodkin and A. Elliman.

BIRMINGHAM ORPHAN AID SOCIETY

This Society has been reorganised, and the following new Committees have been elected.

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This Committee have several important functions in hand, particulars of which will be given in a later issue of this journal.

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These ladies and gentlemen have kindly offered to collect in various districts, and it is hoped to raise large sums of money with their co-operation.

BIRMINGHAM JUDEANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The return match against the London Maccabi XV will take place in London on Sunday, March 7th.

It is hoped that a number of Birmingham supporters will accompany the team. It is proposed to travel by coach as the ground is some distance from Euston. Anyone desirous of joining the party should communicate immediately with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Philip Levy, 257, Pershore Road, Edgbaston.

ZIONA.

A meeting of Ziona was held on Monday, January 25th, at 30 Willows Crescent, at which Miss L. Cave was hostess. Dr. Holman and Mr. H. Bridger gave an interesting talk on "Palestine Unfamiliar." Mrs. R. Goodman proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, to which Dr. Holman responded.

Miss C. Shine of London, addressed the Society at an extraordinary meeting held on Sunday afternoon, January 21st at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Levy, 11 Hermitage Road. Her subject was the Social Life of the Women in Palestine, and greatly impressed her listeners. A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Shine by Miss J. Levi.

A joint meeting of Ziona and the Women Zionists was held on Monday, February 8th at the residence of Mrs. H. Silverstone, 64, Harborne Road. Dr. Cohen was the speaker, and his subject "Palestine at the Crossroads." This was greatly enjoyed by all present and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. S. A. Cohen of the Women Zionists, and seconded by Miss Berry of Ziona.

The Keep-Fit Class meets at the Communal Hall every Monday evening from 7 to 7.45 p.m. All members and friends are invited to attend.

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YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

The fourth Annual Broadcast, which takes place at the Communal Hall on March 7th, will be a show worth seeing, and all connected with it are hard at work rehearsing, producing and arranging, etc. to ensure the success of the evening. Plays and variety will be blended to suit all tastes.

On the 21st we will have the pleasure of an address by the Rev. D. J. Seligson on "Chassidism and Jewish Mysticism" at the Communal Hall, and this will undoubtedly prove most interesting.

The month of February brought an excellent address from Mr. Arthur Goldberg, L.I.B. on "Libel" in which he treated the subject of Anti-Semitic propaganda in a manner which held the interest of the listeners. In the afternoon the Willesden Y.I.S. was entertained at a tea-dance at the Communal Hall, and the attendance more than proved the popularity of the function.

Members are urged to let the Committee have any suggestions they have in mind which may meet with some success on our Programme.

TENNIS CLUB.

Those interested in this Club will recall that a scheme was discussed and approved for the formation of a Sports Centre. It was generally anticipated that the scheme would progress at a very rapid pace, and that the grounds would be ready for this coming season.

Unfortunately, as is usually the case with such projects, a number of obstacles presented themselves and held up negotiations. Thus, these grounds will not be available for the current Season.

A special General Meeting of the Club was called for the 10th February at the Communal Hall. A large number of members were present, and following a general discussion on the present situation, it was agreed to continue at the Colebrook Road, Warwick Road, Courts for the next Season.

Play will commence on April 4th next and any person desirous of joining is requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Max Einstein, 82 Alexandra Road, Edgbaston, 5.

WOMEN'S EFFORT FOR POLISH RELIEF

At a Tea held in aid of the Fund at the residence of Mrs. U. Mandelkorn, on January 27, the sum of £6 6 0 was collected. The second anniversary Tea will be given by the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. S. Coleman, at the Communal Hall on Wednesday, March 3, at 3.30 p.m.

TALMUD TORAH.

At a meeting of the Committee held on Feb. 8th, it was reported that a legacy of £10 had been received from the late Mr. J. Cohen. The Headmaster stated that, although illness had been prevalent among the pupils, the average attendance had been 70 per cent. It was decided that, in order to enable the two years' syllabus arranged in 1935 to be completed, the annual examination by the Rev. Dr. A. Cohen should be postponed from February to May.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. Jacobs, submitted the Balance Sheet for 1936 which showed a deficit, and various schemes for raising money were discussed. A Raffle will be organised by the Ladies' Committee to augment the funds, and some members of the committee gave donations to defray the cost.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. G. Braunton, the Hon. Accountant, and to Mr. Singer for his voluntary help in making collections.

The Annual Purim Party will be held on Thursday February 25, and Messrs. P. Waxman and H. Siebenberg were thanked for securing contributions towards the cost.

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The Jewish Cadet Corps faces the New Year with renewed confidence, and it is hoped to have a recruiting drive in the near future. The Company has been invited to take part in the forthcoming Coronation Parade, in Birmingham.

The Annual Prize Distribution and Display takes place on March 14th, when the Lord Mayor (Alderman Roberts) will distribute the Prizes.

The Programme for 1937 makes a special point of Physical Training. In view of the "keep fit" Campaign which is now proceeding in the Country, the J.L.B. consider that they should specialise in this department.

Camp has been fixed this year to be held at Bridlington. It seems a very popular resort and we hope to take a large number of Cadets.

An "Old Boys" Association is now being formed, and from the response received to date the prospect of its success is encouraging.

The Efficiency Class which is training to take the "A" Certificate is well patronised; and it is expected that when the Examination takes place the Birmingham Company will receive a number of passes.

Keep Fit Announcement.

Ziona wishes to draw your attention to a Keep Fit Class which it holds every Monday evening at the Communal Hall 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Members and non-members are invited.

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For further particulars apply Secretary, Miss R. Cohen, 2, Highfield Road, Edgbaston.

RACHEL MINDELSONH LODGE.

On Tuesday, January 26th, the Dramatic Section presented three one-act plays, and once more scored a triumph over what seemed to be insuperable difficulties. During the week-end, it was discovered that three of the caste were suffering from influenza. One recovered just in time, the second rose from her sick bed to take her part and the third was much too ill to attend.

One of the roles was taken at a moment's notice by Miss M. Bernstein, who was already appearing in two of the plays and who gave a particularly fine performance in all three. The other part was taken by Miss Heather, a non-member of the Lodge; and we wish to record our grateful thanks to her for stepping into the breach at such short notice and with such marked effect.

A bouquet was presented to the producer, Mrs. C. Wiseburn, in appreciation of her services to the Section.

On Monday, February 8th, the Annual Election took place, and the following is a list of the new Committee, to whom we wish a very successful term of Office.

President, Sis. D. Morris; Vice-President, Sis. A. Goldstein; Secretary, Sis. E. Goodman; Treasurer, Sis. R. Morgenstern; Trustees, Sis. T. Goodman, Bro. D. Bernstein; Auditors,

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IMPORTANT: The date of the 21st Birthday Supper has been altered from April 4th to April 11th.

ANNIE SPIERS LODGE

The Lodge held its annual installation on February 14th when the following officers were invested: Chairman, Sis. S. Silverstone ; Vice-Chairman, Sis. F. Schneider ; Treasurer, Sis. B. Galena ; Collector, Sis. R. Morris ; and Secretary Sis. J. Morris (54 Lower Essex Street, Birmingham, 5). A dance followed in the evening at which the delegation from London was entertained.

During the Spring and Summer months it is hoped to resume the Tennis, Swimming and Rambling Sections which were formed last year. Those interested should communicate with the Secretary.

A Pantomime Party to the Alexandra Theatre has been arranged to take place on Wednesday, March 31st. Members desirous of reserving seats should inform the collector at the earliest opportunity.

NEW SOCIAL CLUB PREMISES.

The Eva Bloom and Frederick Jacobs Social Club has been opened since January 1st, at 35 Hurst Street, Birmingham, and the Committee wish to extend to everyone a hearty welcome.

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BIRMINGHAM WOMEN ZIONISTS

A cultural meeting of the Society was held on February 8th, at 64, Harborne Road (by kind permission of Mrs. H. Silverstone). The meeting which was held in conjunction with Ziona, was addressed by Rev. Dr. A. Cohen. The audience was well represented by both societies and enjoyed one of Dr. Cohen's most brilliant talks.

With his customary lucidity, Dr. Cohen analysed the present position in Palestine, illustrating his remarks with quotations from documentary evidence.

The raffle for the oak tea trolley was won by Mrs. Colman of 81 Francis Road.

A social afternoon will be held on March 9th, at the Communal Hall, the hostesses being Mesdames, S. A. Cohen, B. Hyman, D. Cohen and Wine. It is hoped that many ladies will make an effort to attend.

FEDERATION OF ZIONIST YOUTH

An excellent Meeting was held at No 33, Wheelers Road, Edgbaston on the 9th February, when the Society entertained Mr. A. Herman, B.A., (Oxon).

Mr. Herman spoke on the Palestinian situation for an hour, and the audience was deeply appreciative of this brilliant young man's oratorical abilities.

After the Meeting it was decided to form a Group of Habonim, and the Officials of the F.Z.Y. together with Mr. A. Hamburger, and Mr. B. Mendel will act as Committee.

The following were appointed :—

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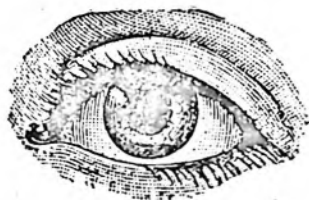
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The Editor,
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Sir,

As you are no doubt aware, the membership of the Jewish Boys' and Girls' Club is now over one hundred; and in order that the members may receive the fullest benefit from the Club, more helpers are urgently needed. It occurred to me that you might come across some young men who were interested in the movement and could spare one evening a week to give us a hand.

It should be emphasised that there are no onerous duties, the routine work being carried out by the Executive of the Managers' Committee and the Club Steward. Nor is it necessary that these helpers should attend on any particular night—they will be welcome any evening convenient to them, to take a personal interest in the boys, either to instruct or to amuse.

It might be mentioned that Sunday afternoon is the most important session, as we have a number of Junior Members who are eligible only to attend at this Session.

I shall be grateful if you will ask anyone who is interested to communicate with,

Yours faithfully,
THE HON. SECRETARY,
MANAGERS' COMMITTEE

(We gladly endorse this appeal for Club Managers, and hope that a number of young men will volunteer for this interesting and important phase of social work. Ed., B.J.R.)

The Oxford Group.

To the Editor,
"The Birmingham Jewish Recorder."
Sir,

In this era of anti-semitism and unrest, a gleam of hope is born to Jews through a body of people known as the Oxford Group.

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of attending one of their meetings in this city. It was held at the Town Hall and was filled to the utmost capacity. Glancing round I was amazed to see several well-known public people in the audience.

The proceedings commenced with an address from the chairman explaining the object of the movement, which can be put in two words. God control for the salvation of the world of hate, lust and brutality. The friendly and intimate utterance of the speaker was rather wonderful. He stressed the point that if we thought before an action, "Would I be doing right in the sight of God?" the world would not be in such chaos; and only by allowing ourselves to be governed by the thought of God and not by the fear of man would peace be firmly established between all nations.

He deplored the baiting and religious attack upon Jews.

Several prominent ladies and gentlemen testified how their views had changed since adopting the Oxford Group teaching, and remarked how much more contented and happier they were on practising God Control in their daily lives.

It is a humble and simple way of bringing out the best qualities in us, no matter to which race or creed we belong; and with its success the fellowship and understanding of man would be firmly established. Who knows, perhaps as the effect of it, the persecution of our people will again become an ugly thing of the past!

The meeting concluded with a few eloquent remarks from the chairman, in which he hoped that all present would endeavour to establish a feeling of tolerance and goodwill towards his neighbour.

At a period like this, such words bring a message of hope to Jews throughout the world. So let us pray that the Oxford Group will flourish and grow from strength to strength.

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It's really all very amusing for me, if not for you, and I can only say, "I am the Shmoozer!" and leave it at that. And so to work.

Notes on News.

A hundred yards of net in one evening frock will be a feature at the White City mannequin parade. My word! Somebody's making sure of a "catch."

To-day's Headline.—"Year-old girl travels by air alone." Now we know what is meant by a "flying start!"

A sporting column comments on the "shock" tactics employed by a Mildand Soccer club. Dear old Auntie says that she supposes the "live wires" of the attack she hears so much about must have been making some "electrifying" bursts.

Have you heard this one?

Father picked up little Ikey and placed him on the mantelpiece.

"Now," he said, "jump down, and Daddy will catch you."

Little Ikey jumped and Daddy made no effort to hold him, but let him hit the floor with a sickening thud.

"Ikey," said the parent, "let that be a lesson to you never to trust anybody, no matter who it may be."—Very funny!

In view of the National Keep Fit Campaign which is taking up a great deal of space in the press I feel that it is my duty to provide my hordes of readers with exercises which will help to keep

them in good trim. So I am setting down here the first of my "How to Keep Fit" series for the masses.

Exercise 1 (Specially prepared for the indoor worker).

When your alarm clock "goes off," leap out of bed and throw it (alarm clock) out of the window. It is essential that you do not curb your subconscious desires. Then stand in front of the window (open I hope, or there would have been a nasty smash) and breathe heavily for as long a time as it would take to make sure that the aforementioned clock had made a safe landing. Then dash back to bed. Now, take a short rest—you should always rest your muscles, etc. after exercising them—and get up when you realise that to get to the office in time is absolutely impossible.

Then starts the real "training." Deep breathing is essential, and if you do your job properly, it should not be difficult to attain that. Rush into the bathroom at the double, cut yourself when you shave, rush back into the bedroom, and of course, you must lose your collar stud, so that you can include some "ground work." If you do eventually get dressed, do not eat much breakfast, (as though you would) and then start off at a jog-trot to business. You should be a least half-an hour late. If not, then you are not doing the thing properly. Keep this up for a couple of months and you won't know yourself (or will you?).

I know for a fact that this particular morning exercise is the most popular of its kind in the world, so what better testimonial can you have than that?

Next month I will tell you how to slim, if you are fat, and how to get fat if you are thin; so go straight to your newsagent and place your order for the "Recorder" NOW.

Here and There.



COMMUNAL SKETCHES

No. 6.

THE "COLONEL"

By a slip of the pen we stated in our last issue that Mr. Loo Bloom would be the Master of the Lodge of Loyalty in March. It should have run "Lodge of Israel." As a matter of fact a similar honour is held by two more local Jews, Mr. Walter Bucks occupying the Chair in the Lodge of Faith and Hope, and Mr. P. C. Balcon in the Three Shires Lodge. For five Jews to hold the Mastership simultaneously in one city must be a record.

We again have the pleasure of congratulating Miss Joan Friedman on another academic success. Having been awarded an Exhibition in Classics she will go into residence at Girton in October. The Community will follow her career at Cambridge with interest and extend to her good wishes.

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While congratulating Miss E. Berry on her appointment as Assistant Mistress at the Jewish Orphanage, there will be general regret that it involves her departure from Birmingham. Miss Berry has been actively associated with Zionist interests locally, and her addresses at the Children's Services were highly appreciated. We wish her well in her new sphere of activity.

It is good news that Mr. H. Zand, the popular Shamash of the Singer's Hill Synagogue, has brought his long stay at the Queen's Hospital to an end. There will be a universal hope for his full recovery to health.

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Mr. Manuel Pollecoff has again distinguished himself. After passing his L.I.B. and Solicitor's Final examinations with high honours, he has been awarded the Birmingham Law Society's Medal for 1936. This is a fine achievement of which he may well feel proud.

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The Jewish Peace Society is offering the following prizes for essays by young people on "What suggestions would you make for the promotion of peace in Palestine between Jews and Arabs?" A first prize of the value of two guineas and a second prize of the value of one guinea to competitors who shall not have attained their fifteenth birthday on May 27th, 1937, and similar prizes for competitors between the ages of fifteen and eighteen. Full particulars may be had on application to the Hon. Secretary, Jewish Peace Society, 57 Portsdown Road, London, W.9.

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REPLY TO A CRITIC.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I hope
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To state a case, like F.M.I's,
Who thinks this paper merely tries
A certain "class" to interest,
And therefore fails with all the rest.
Oh dear! Oh dear!—that age-long farce!
That foolish, foolish cry of "class".

There's but one class for any Jew,
And that, to-day, is doubly true;
Shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand,
Perforce we all together stand.
In vain our racial traits we lose—
The "antis" class us all as Jews.
D'you think, in Nazi-ridden lands,
One Jew above another stands?
Or that, to Hitler and Goebbels,
The cultured Jew more sweetly smells?
If Mosley comes to power (don't sniff!—
But note the all-important "if"),
The Jew who holds himself aloof
Will still display the cloven hoof,
And Jews of "class" will surely know
The self-same fate as Ikey Mo!
But goodness! how my pen runs on!
I could say more but must be gone;
When words draw out, the wit grows less,
So I'll conclude, Yours, A.S.S.

Diary of the Month.

(Unless otherwise stated, the meetings, etc., are held in the Communal Hall.)

- Wed., 3—Joint Social.
Sun., 7—Young Isreal: Fourth Annual Broadcast.
Mon., 8—Ziona: Address by Mr. S. P. Abrams on "Reflections on the Jewish Future," at 300 Hagley Road.
Wed., 10—Joint Social.
Sun., 14—Literary and Arts Society: Impromptu Debate and Whist Drive, Imperial Hotel, 7. Social and Dramatic Club: President's Evening, 7.30 p.m.
Wed., 17—Joint Social.
Sun., 21—Young Israel: Lecture by Rev. D. J. Seligson on "Chassidism and Jewish Mysticism." Ziona: Thé Dansant, 3.0-6.0 p.m.
Mon., 22—Ziona: Song Recital by Rev W. Lewi, at 260 Bristol Road.
Wed., 24—Joint Social.
Sun., 28—Social and Dramatic Club: Dance at Bartley Studios, 8.0 p.m.
Wed., 31—Joint Social.



The Ladies' Page



conducted by Renelle.

Editorial

My Dear Readers,

THE joyous festival of Purim has now come to a close; and I do hope that all my readers entered into the spirit of it, either at the Annual Purim Ball, or in your own homes. I was disappointed to see that so many people did not uphold the Purim tradition by not turning up in fancy dress.

MR. and Mrs. Percy Edgar showed great discrimination in the choosing of the prettiest and most original costumes,—to my mind they were set a most difficult task, as those attending in fancy dress had shown much originality and thought.

WE must now turn our minds to the present and future, and of the National Cry, "Keep Fit," so that this month we have an article written by one of our readers suggesting one of many ways "To Keep Fit."

"RIDING" THE WAY TO HEALTH

THIS article is mainly written for the business girl who has only her evenings and Sundays free for leisure. Thus, it is only natural that she should want to have a form of sport combined with exercise at her fingertips, and which is also within reach of a normal salary.

NOW, of all the forms of exercise, there are very few which are better than riding, because it works every muscle in our body. Other sports, such as rowing or running are really only suitable for young people, and even this, if overdone, may cause irreparable damage, but riding may be safely done from early childhood to a very late old age.

WHAT can be more entertaining for a girl who works in a shop or office all day than sitting on the back of a horse exploring bits of England's countryside, which, otherwise, one

would probably never know. Also think of the fun obtained from a day's outing with a party of friends, all on horseback.

ANOTHER good point about riding is its effect on character—it definitely develops self-reliance, courage, quick decision, all of which are invaluable assets in life; it also, quite unconsciously, develops a great understanding and love of animals.

BY now I expect that many of you are saying that riding is beyond most business girls' pockets—but if you were just to think of all the money spent by women in beauty parlours and slimming remedies. Why, a washpish waist could be had for far less by sitting on a horse's back than in a beauty salon's armchair.

LASTLY, we must all admit that some form of exercise is necessary to every human being's health and happiness, and although we know that there are many other forms of exercise possible, there are very few which can be enjoyed equally by either sex at any time of their life.

(G.)

HOW much do you know? By way of a change this month, I am giving you a novel type of competition and there is a prize of a Pyrex Cooking Dish for the first all-correct answer that I open by Wednesday, March 10th, 1937; and a consolation prize for the next best.

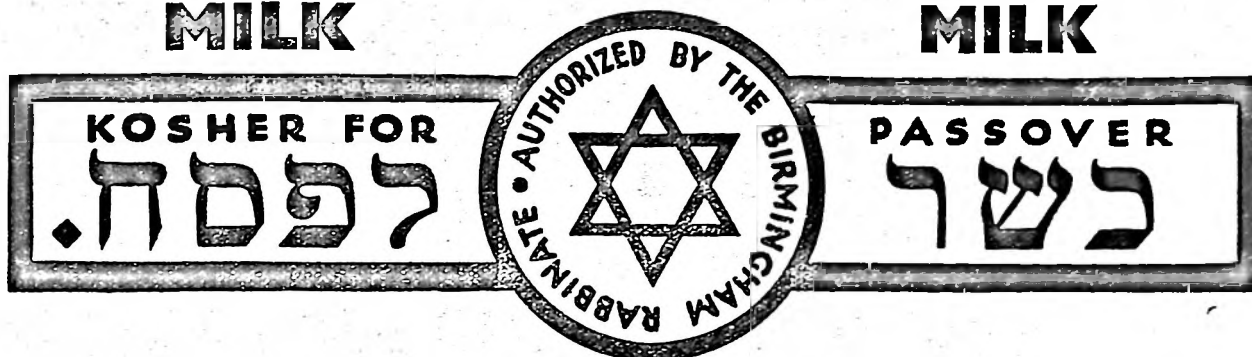
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5. Why does water run off a duck's back?
6. Which is the largest palace in the world?
7. What is "Nouveau riche"?
8. What animal provides the catgut used for stringing tennis rackets?
9. What antique china is the most valuable?
10. What is the nationality and name of the first lady member of Parliament?

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(Results to be published next month).

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Children's Corner.

Dear Boys and Girls,

This is our birthday number. It is just twelve months since I wrote the first letter to you in the Recorder—twelve months since I started collecting nieces and nephews. I know some of you quite well by now, and am sure that as time goes on, more of you will write to me. You would, if you only knew how much I love opening letters! I really enjoy being an "Auntie" to so many of you—every day I think to myself, "There may be a letter from a new niece or nephew to-day," and if there isn't, well—there's always to-morrow!

I am glad I have been able to publish some of your poetry and hope for many more contributions from you during the next year. And then, of course, there are our trees! We have planted four of them in the Birmingham Grove of the Jubilee Forest in the name of Birmingham Jewish Boys and Girls. So altogether, we can really feel that our first year has been a good one and I want to thank you for your share towards making our corner a success, and to wish you many happy returns of the day!

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No doubt you are all beginning to look forward to Pesach already—particularly to Seder night—that beautiful night of ceremony and symbol that is so full of meaning for us all—to-day as much as ever before. Our thoughts to-day are so often of Palestine, and must be particularly so during the coming festival, when from every table in every Jewish home the cry will go up "The year to come—in Jerusalem." That does not mean that we all want to go and live there—that would be impossible; it means that everyone of us longs to see our National Home in Palestine as of old—a free country for our people to live in for all time, in peace and security.

How wonderful it must be to see that growing country and realize that it is something we—the people, have made ourselves for ourselves. How thrilling it must be to hear for the first time our own language in our own country, as Louis Golding describes it in his book "Those Ancient Lands":—" . . . They are talking English, the Jews nearest me, others German. They are talking another language too, but I cannot yet make it out, in the scuffle and confusion . . .

"Yes, it is Hebrew of course. The Porters speak it—the agents. Nobody does not, excepting I . . . and when I ask the young man in the

train in one language and another whether the corner is occupied, he does not understand. English is foreign to him, and French and German, Yiddish even. No, he does not understand Italian. A tall Briton in khaki is standing near us . . . translates my question into Hebrew, and the young gentleman bows and makes it evident that the corner is not occupied. I blush with humiliation."

Later in the same book, the author speaks of his first view of some boys and girls from the colonies. He meets a Palestinian lady on the train and says of her:

"Oh, but the pride she has in the groves of orchards and olive that the train passes! How her eyes shine as she points them out, planted and grafted and pruned by her own sisters and brothers. We halt at a small station, duly announced in English and Hebrew and Arabic. A band of young men and women from an adjacent colony get into the train. These are Jewish lads and maidens, pioneering. These are the Chalutzim. They find their places in the train and suddenly the whole train shakes with the song they break into—a Hebrew folk-song, arisen as spontaneously among their own wheat as the poppies that still blaze scarlet there."

Think of those Jewish men and women, boys and girls, tending the land, building up our country, our own language and then think that we are helping to make it possible when we give our halfpennies and pennies to plant trees out there. And it is also to help to make it possible that we celebrate Pesach year by year; for by the Seder service we are reminded of how our ancestors were first brought into Palestine, and we know that in spite of difficulties past and present, the work of rebuilding Palestine will go on while there is life in the Jewish people.

Good-bye for this month and a very happy Yomtov to you all,

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The Editor's Message.

The result of the recent London County Council elections must be gratifying not only to Jews, but to all who care for the decencies of public life. All the Mosleyite candidates were defeated despite, or because of, the introduction of electioneering methods which are foreign to this country. Only a minority of the voters were duped by racial slander as a substitute for a coherent and practically constructive programme.

Anglo-Jewry must not, however, be lulled into complacency by the result. The Fascists are giving up neither the fight nor their methods of campaigning. Counter-measures to neutralise the effects of persistent propaganda are essential if the ultimate victory is to be gained.

At present the responsibility of formulating plans to achieve this end rests with the Board of Deputies. There is a growing feeling throughout the Community that this body is not the most suitable for the purpose. Its executive officers are busy men who have their hands full of other work. They are consequently unable to devote the requisite singleness of mind to this grave problem.

Though we are reluctant to criticise devoted leaders, the truth must be told. One who has had considerable experience in addressing non-Jewish audiences submitted a proposal of what he considered desirable to enlighten the general public on the truth about Jewry. This happened months ago and he has not yet been informed whether his suggestion has been rejected or is to be adopted. Our Correspondence page reveals interest in the fate of the pamphlet which was written by Mr. John Stone. It has not been accepted by the Board of Deputies. They are, of course, entitled to pass an adverse judgment upon it. But what is inexcusable is the fact that the President of the Board handed the typescript to a certain individual for his opinion. It was in his possession for more than a month unread because, he alleged, pressure of other work prevented him from looking through it, although half-an-hour would have been sufficient for its perusal!

The critical time will come at the next Parliamentary election when the B.U.F. intends to put forward four hundred candidates. We cannot afford to wait until then before providing an antidote to the poison which will be spread in large doses. A special Committee, devoted to the one cause of Jewish Defence, working with energy and determination, should be set up without delay. Dissatisfaction with the Board has already resulted in the creation of independent organisations for this purpose. The multiplication of defence bodies is highly undesirable from every point of view. We must close our ranks and defend ourselves as a united force.

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Sir Austin Chamberlain

In her biography of Lord Balfour, Mrs. Dugdale mentions that when her uncle died, Jewry throughout the world mourned. His eminent services in connection with the re-creation of Palestine as a Jewish National Home had gained for him the heartfelt affection and gratitude of our people.

In like manner the passing of Sir Austen Chamberlain will be mourned by Jewry and his death felt as a keen loss. He, too, was a faithful friend, whom we can ill spare in these days of anxiety.

He inherited from his distinguished father a genuine interest in Jewish national aspirations. On many occasions he publicly declared his firm adherence to the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate. When, in 1930, Lord Passfield issued a White Paper which whittled down the interpretation of a National Home, Sir Austen was a co-signatory with Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Amery to a letter published in "The Times" which was a strong condemnation of the policy of the then Government and stated, "It is only too evident that the effect of the White Paper upon public opinion in American Jewry and elsewhere is to create a feeling of distrust in that British good faith which is the most precious asset of our foreign Imperial policy."

The ground of the protest is noteworthy. "British good faith" was in danger of being impugned by an act of injustice. It strikes the keynote of his character. He could not tolerate anything that was unjust or remain silent in face of a breach of honour. His sense of integrity was highly developed and coloured his political thought in matters international as well as national.

This characteristic impelled him to be perhaps the most outspoken critic in this country

of the German persecution of Jewry. The speech he made in the House of Commons on July 5th, 1933, had an electrifying effect. One passage deserves to be quoted as typical of his mentality. He said, "We have always to remember in these matters that we are dealing with other people's affairs, and we must be careful not to do more harm than good, but I think it is safe to say (and it is not a sentiment on one side of the House only) that it is difficult for this country to be on really friendly terms with a nation which banishes from its policy the ideas which are fundamental to all British parties. Members of the Jewish community, or members of any other religious body, may be guilty of excesses or of treason. But can we be really friendly with a nation which proscribes, on racial grounds, a race within its own borders, and refuses to treat its own citizens as equals and fellows? Is it possible, if Germany desires our co-operation and our help, that she should expect to receive it while she outrages every sentiment implanted in our breasts by the whole course of our history—those sentiments which are common to every party, and which, whatever our differences, unite us in moments of crisis and danger? It is difficult to deal as a really cordial friend with a nation which pursues an internal policy so hateful to those of our tradition. If I repeat myself, it is because the spirit sown within Germany to Germans is a menace to every nation beyond her borders, and to any other race over which she might ever succeed in establishing her domination."

It is to be deeply lamented that the voice, which once uttered those noble words, is now stilled for ever; and we Jews can never cease to be thankful to, and honour the memory of, him who spoke them.

A. C.

The Jews Rejoiced

A Tragi-Comedy of the Middle Ages adapted from The Hebrew of Judah Leb Levine.

The scene is the Jewish quarter of Alexandria, and the time the evening before the Festival of Passover. All was bustle and stir in preparation for the approaching holy days. The houses were being thoroughly cleaned out. The search for crumbs of leaven, which might be lurking in nooks and corners, was being zealously conducted by the husband who was inquisitively watched by his young children, while the wife was busily occupied with her endeavours to demonstrate her skill in the art of cooking. At the "Seder" table, which would be spread the following night, the master of the house would lord it to show that he was a free man; and even the poorest of housewives felt it a supreme obligation to provide dishes which would be luxurious compared with the ordinary daily fare she was able to serve.

No occasion in the Jewish year is heralded with so much happy excitement and activity. For days in advance there is a joyous feeling that no effort must be spared that the great historic festival of Freedom shall be worthily celebrated.

Such were the thoughts that engrossed the Jews of Alexandria, in common with their brethren throughout the world. They were eager to forget for a while the wretchedness of their existence in the squalid part of the Egyptian city in which alone they were permitted to reside. The coming feast days would renew their hope that He who had redeemed their harassed forefathers from this land of slavery would yet fulfil the glorious promises made to His people. It was a festival like Passover that gave the persecuted Jew the will to endure.

These happy reflections were of a sudden rudely arrested. The instinct which warns of approaching danger, acquired by the hunted human being as well as the hunted animal, stirred within the hearts of Alexandrian Jews. A foreboding that something terrible was about to happen seized hold of them. They moved about uneasily, with heavy hearts and blanched faces.

Then like wild-fire spread from house to house the direful rumour which stopped all preparations for the Passover. All alike, men and women, young and old, rushed from their houses into the streets. They ran about in panic, jostling one another, asking eager questions, hoping against hope that the news was false.

Unhappily it proved to be only too true. A dead body had been discovered in the out-

skirts of the city!

The body was of an unknown man. His murderer had not been found; but bitter experience in the past made it certain what the consequences would be. The hideous accusation of ritual murder, which caused rivers of Jewish blood to flow, would once more claim its many innocent victims.

Within the Ghetto fear and dismay prevailed. The days of rejoicing were to be turned into days of mourning. Death, and worse than death, stalked behind them. Plunder, violation and massacre were to be their fate, as it had been the fate of so many Communities at Eastertide.

Already in the distance could be heard the threatening tones of the clamorous mob which, like the rumble of thunder, foretold the oncoming of the storm. The cry "The Jews have murdered a Greek for their Passover!" had quickly done its fell work. It had put the spark to the smouldering hatred of the Jew and set it ablaze. Fanatical priests, who prided themselves that theirs was a religion of love, poured forth their eloquent plea for vengeance, and their words found ready listeners.

All the brutal passions in the heart of men were let loose. Greed and lust would take their fill of the weak, without fear of punishment. The Jews were powerless to defend themselves, and the authorities would not intervene to stop the attackers or demand a reckoning. And so, like a stream of lava which consumes all it passes over, the quickly assembled mob made its way towards the gates of the Jewish quarter, drunk with fury and unrestrained desire.

In the streets of the Ghetto, the Jews shook with terror as the hoarse shouts of the crowd grew more distinct. They knew that a dreadful calamity was about to overwhelm them, which only a miracle could avert. Dare they hope for such a miracle! They reflected bitterly on the irony of fate which decreed that because a Gentile had been murdered, Jews must mourn and stand in terror of their lives.

Nearer and nearer approached the frenzied mob—brutes in the form of men and women, intent on slaking their thirst for blood and plunder, their leaders urging them on. Already the Ghetto gates are before them. These will prove no formidable obstacle and then—

And then the miracle happened. Officers are seen making their way through the seething mass of humanity, breathless with haste, pushing aside roughly all who stopped their progress. They reach at last the van of the mob and speak excitedly to their leaders.

The crowd stops in surprise and expectation, waiting to hear the news that had been communicated to their leaders. Evidently what they had been told had filled them with consternation which was plainly writ on their faces, and they hesitate to spread the news. "Tell us," shout their followers, "tell us what has happened!"

The awful truth is told them—the corpse is that of a Jew! The body had been identified as that of a Jewish pedlar who visited Alexandria periodically. His box of wares had been discovered in a low tavern, and his murderer arrested.

Shamefaced and disappointed the crowd turned from the Ghetto gates and made its way back to the city.

The sudden hush of the mob filled the quaking Jews with wonder. What had silenced their would-be assailants? And what was holding them back? Then came fresh rumours that their lives and homes were to be spared, because the murdered man was one of their brethren. When this news was verified, shouts of rejoicing broke out in the streets of the Ghetto. Finding themselves saved from what had appeared certain massacre, they gave vent to their pent-up emotions in singing and dancing.

Yes, the Jews of Alexandria shed tears of joy and relief for was it not a brother-Jew who had been brutally done to death?

A.C.

Society & Club News.

LITERARY AND ARTS SOCIETY.

On February 14th a crowded audience assembled at the Communal Hall to hear Dayan Doctor Feldman lecture on "A Day at the Beth Din." In masterly style, the Dayan outlined the history of the Beth Din from its earliest days and described its development up to our own times. Mr. Ivan Shortt presided at this meeting which was followed by an animated discussion, after which a vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. Dr. A. Cohen and seconded by Mr. I. Candelshine.

On February 21st members of the Society were entertained in Liverpool by members of the Princes Road Synagogue Guild, and spent a very happy day. A debate was held on the motion, "That Religion is the Main Cause of Strife," our speakers being the Rev. D. Seligson, and Councillor J. Silverstone. We should like to take this opportunity of placing on record our sincere appreciation of the kind hospitality extended to us by members of the Liverpool Literary Society.

On February 28th the Society enjoyed a Dramatic and Film Entertainment, when a one-act play was presented and a programme of Films shown. Musical items were provided by Mr. and Miss Tury and much enjoyed.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Imperial Hotel on March 14th. A lively discussion centred round the Annual Report, and much criticism as well as support of the programme just completed was expressed. Useful results should accrue from the discussion, provided that the Committee elected to function during the coming year are mindful of the opinions enunciated.

Last year's committee was re-elected with the addition of Mr. John Levi and Mr. Sidney Jacobs in place of Dr. A. Gourevitch and Mr. Arthur Freedman, who have resigned.

A discussion on the present position of the Trust Fund followed, and Mr. Abrahams (as Co-Trustee with Dr. L. Glass) was present, and explained the situation. After several members had propounded their views, the meeting passed a resolution proposed by Mr. I. Shortt and seconded by Mr. I. Cohen, which left the whole matter of the future of the Trust Fund in the hands of the two trustees and the new committee.

Mr. L. Dight then proposed and Mr. Einstein seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman and Executive for the untiring zeal with which they served the Society. The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members enjoyed a Whist Drive.

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A stranger entering the Communal Hall on the evening of Sunday February 21st, would truly have wondered whether he had suddenly stepped into the past, for scattered around the room were numbers of members dressed in the clothes their grand-parents wore.

The occasion was the revival of that successful feature "Ye Olde Bulle and Bushe." The period stages was the late Victorian and the bustles and long-frock coats certainly gave one an impression of how the "moderns" of those days appeared.

An "official opening" by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Mr. H. Singer and Mrs. J. Goldstein) and the "Aldermen" and old fashioned songs and dances were features of the evening, all conducted by Mine Host, Mr. J. Goldstein.

The Committee wish to thank Dares Breweries for their kindness in loaning beer barrels and a beer engine for this evening.

Another successful event was that arranged by the President, Mr. M. S. Harris on March 14th. A number of intriguing competitions were held, and all prizes and refreshments were supplied by Mr. Harris. Prizes were presented by Mrs. Harris.

A "Non-Stop Dancing" feature will be held on April 4th, at the Communal Hall, where also the General Meeting will take place the following week.

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

If attendance is any criterion of success, the Y.I.S. is a pronounced one. The Fourth Annual Broadcast held at the Communal Hall on March 7th was so popular that admission was refused to many late-comers.

The show itself once again "went over" and the first half of the programme, which took the form of a Revue, included several new examples of talented members. To enumerate individually would take up more space than could possibly be allotted; but mention must be made of a young member of the Community who "brought the house down" with his fine and melodious rendering of popular songs. I refer to Master Ronnie Singer whose sweet voice won the audience over completely. We will hear more of him in the future, and I may say that we certainly want to do so! Harry Ritter and his Chalet Swingers also gave a very polished act, and the remainder of the principals performed admirably under the able production of Mr. Gerry Blumenthal.

Then came the second half of the evening—three One Act Plays. "Honour thy Father" written and produced by our most competent

Drama Chairman Mr. Harry Levine; "The Man with the Puckel," also produced by Mr. Levine, and "Shmedley the Crook" written by three members and produced by Mr. Blumenthal. Sound portrayals were given by the casts in these productions, and special praise must go to Mr. Sam Chesler, our popular Chairman, whose undoubted talent in the three plays was an outstanding feature.

Before the "Broadcast" a Tea Dance was held at the Communal Hall when members of London and Liverpool Y.I. Societies were given a good time.

Mention must be made of our evening on February 28th at Blucher Street, when Mr. F. G. Humphrey, of the "Birmingham Mail" once again brought to us an evening of entertainment, chief amongst whom were the Hawaiian Islanders of B.B.C. fame, and Tony Romano, the Accordeonist. Many thanks are due to Mr. Humphrey for his continued and valued interest in our Society, so welcome inasmuch as it comes from a non-member of our faith. After the variety, a Dance was held, and several double-free passes for the West End Cinema, kindly presented by Mr. Hardy, Manager, were given away in Competitions.

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We have again to report with satisfaction the continued contribution to the healthful training of the youth of the Jewish Community. The Brigade is enabled to offer to its members the opportunity for a proper use of leisure each Tuesday evening at the Club, St. Luke's Road, together with discipline and Physical Training, which are the basis of its work.

It is gratifying to the Officers to find that the Country and the Community are becoming more and more "youth-minded," and that there are indications everywhere of a desire to provide for the better recreation of the Young People. The establishment of the King George Jubilee Trust has led the way and has been a great encouragement to those who have for many years, worked to this end.

ANNUAL DISPLAY AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The 31st Annual Meeting took place on Sunday 13th March at Thorp Street Barracks. Despite the inclement weather, there was a good attendance including Col. Docker, Col. Erskine-Murray, Major Woods, and members of the Council.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Harold Roberts, was received by the Chairman, Mr. Marcus G. Mindelsohn and inspected the Cadets (under the Command of Lt.-Col A. B. Solomon), afterwards presenting the awards gained during 1936.

A display of Military Drill and Physical Training was given and much appreciated by the Visitors.

The Lord Mayor, in a speech replying to a vote of thanks, remarked that he was much impressed by the efficient manner in which the work was carried out.

BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB.

With the advent of Spring the activities of the Club have increased. Cycling and Swimming Sections have been formed and members are looking forward eagerly to the time when suitable weather conditions will enable them to be "up and doing." All boys interested in either of these pastimes will be welcomed.

The indoor Competitions are drawing to a close; and the Prize Distribution will take place at the end of April, when it is hoped to stage an Exhibition of Boxing and Physical Training, both of which are becoming popular among the boys. The Committee extend a cordial invitation to be present to all those members of the Community interested in the movement.

The Federation of Boys' Clubs Chess and Draught Competitions, recently held, were won by the Club.

The Club's activities now comprise the following:—

Chess, Draughts, Debates, Boxing, Physical Training, Swimming, Cycling, Table Tennis, Billiards and Inter-club visits. It will be seen, therefore, that practically every taste is catered for, but "Leaders" are still required for all these Sections.

JEWISH GIRL GUIDES.

The 227th Birmingham (1st Jewish) Guides and Brownies meet every Tuesday evening at the County Headquarters, Blucher Street.

Brownies, for girls between 8 and 11 years, meet 6.0-7.0 p.m. The Guides, for those over 11, meet at 7.0 p.m.

New members will be welcomed at either of these meetings.

Further information may be obtained from Miss V. R. Greene, 84, Gough Road, Edgbaston.

BIRMINGHAM TALMUD TORAH.

The Annual Purim Treat was held on Purim Day, February 25th, 1937, and over 140 pupils were present. The children were entertained to a sumptuous Tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all of them. After Tea, a Cinema performance was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Blackstone. During the interval, the children were treated to bags of fruit, chocolates and sweets. The arrangements were entirely carried out by the Ladies' Sub-Committee. The Headmaster, Rev. R. Rabinowitz, thanked all who had helped in making the Party a huge success.

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The Annual Purim Ball was held on Wednesday, February 24th, at the Edgbaston Assembly Rooms. A large crowd numbering about 360 were present, most of whom were in fancy dress. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Deutsch again kindly acted as Host and Hostess, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Edgar as judges for the fancy dress parade, and they seemed to find it difficult to place the prize-winning costumes for which valuable prizes were given. The Choral Society under the direction of Mr. S. Alman of London rendered a programme of songs which were thoroughly enjoyed by all present and the dancing of the "Hora" helped to provide the Purim Carnival Spirit. In all, a very successful social function which will benefit the Jewish National Fund to the extent of about £90. Thanks are due to all those who worked so well to make the function a huge success.

A meeting of Commissioners was held on Tuesday March 9th, at which ways and means were discussed to improve Blue Box collections. The Treasurer would like to take this opportunity of reminding Birmingham Jewry that—
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ZIONA.

A cultural meeting was held on Monday, February 22nd, at the residence of Mrs. Belman, 264 Pershore Road. The Chairman Miss V. Davis presented Miss E. Berry, joint cultural chairman, with a book from the members as a parting gift before leaving for London. Miss Berry replied.

On Monday, March 8th, a general business meeting took place at 300 Hagley Road, the house of Mrs. J. Leek. Miss Davis announced

that the sum of £23 15s. 0d. had been realised from the raffle for a £5 note, drawn at the Purim Carnival Ball by Mrs. S. P. Abrams. The prize was won by Mr. C. Mintz, 545 Bristol Road, and we should like to thank all those who helped in disposing of the tickets.

Miss C. Sadler, Chairman of the sub-committee for the Tea dance to be held at the Communal Hall on Sunday March 21st gave an account of the work of her committee.

Just a reminder that the Keep-Fit Class meets every Monday at the Communal Hall at 7 p.m., and all members and non-members are invited to attend.

THE ZIONIST FEDERATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Birmingham Branch.

A series of very successful fortnightly drawing room meetings are being held in connection with the above Society, and speakers for these meetings have included:—Rev. Dr. A. Cohen, M.A., Ph.D. Mr. Ben Pomerance, Rev. I. Swift, Mr. J. Linton, B.Com., and Mr. A. Kramer, LL.B.

On March 11th, Mr. Janus Cohen, B.A., of London, addressed the Society at a meeting held at 81, Francis Road, Edgbaston. The subject of his address was "An aspect of Arab-Jewish Relations in Palestine" which proved most interesting and informative.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of this Society, may obtain full particulars from the Chairman, Mr. E. Alec Coleman of 39, Newhall Street, Birmingham.

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WOMEN'S EFFORT FOR POLISH RELIEF

At the second Anniversary Tea, given at the Communal Hall by Mrs. S. Coleman, on Wednesday, March 3rd, £16 16s. 0d. was realised. The total sum collected to date by this organisation amounts to £414 8s. 6d. This is a truly splendid result which reflects the greatest credit on all who have laboured so zealously in this worthy cause.

The pupils of the Hebrew School have collected £2 0s. 3d. in the "Mile of Pennies" cards towards the relief of Jewish children in Poland. Some of them, anxious to contribute their share, gave up their car and bus fares and walked to and from their home and school.

TENNIS CLUB

With the approach of the Summer months and the promise of brighter and warmer weather, thoughts naturally turn to out-door sports,

and the Tennis Club which last season catered for more than 80 members, will once again take precedence over other summer activities at their headquarters, Colebrook Road, Greet.

Matches, both with non-jewish and Jewish local clubs and a London team, are being arranged. Better amenities for the Social Section of the club are under consideration, and it is also hoped to hold a few outings during the season.

Subscriptions for this season are 30/- for full playing members and 5/- for Associate members.

New tennis balls will be provided twice weekly, and with continued support the club should go from strength to strength.

New members desirous of joining, should apply to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Max. Einstein. 82, Alexandra Road, Edgbaston.

The new season commences April 4th.

Friendly Society News.

LORD SWAYTHLING LODGE.

On Sunday the 28th of February, the Annual General Meeting, and Installation was held at the Imperial Hotel.

Bro. L. H. Drapkin was in the chair, and in giving his Annual Report expressed the belief that the year to come would justify his optimism of increased activity in the working of the Lodge. The state of the accounts was most admirable and a satisfactory profit was reported on the year. The one trouble was the lack of introduction of new members which was most essential to the future well-being of the Order. It was generally felt that the younger members of the Community could not possibly have looked into the benefits and advantages of membership thoroughly, otherwise they could not help but realise that they were indeed missing a great chance of most desirable security, in cases of emergency, which though seemingly far off, nevertheless were wont to arise when least expected.

It was agreed, therefore, to use the "Recorder" and every available medium to acquaint the young men of today with the need of provision, not only for themselves, but for their less fortunate co-religionists, through contributing to a common pool, which would ensure the safe-guarding of that unknown element, the future. Further particulars can be obtained from the advertisement in another part of this issue.

The Installation then took place, and Bro L. P. Morris, late Secretary, was installed as Vice-President, and Bro. M. A. Morris as Secretary. Bro. L. H. Drapkin retains the Presidency for a further year and Bro. D. Bernstein is once again Treasurer of the Lodge.

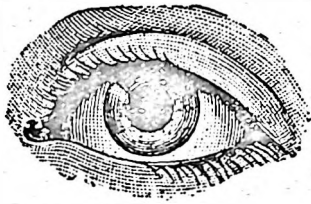
"EVA BLOOM" LODGE

The lodge has been very active since the opening of the new Club Premises in Hurst Street, and has held Dances and Concerts at which the large attendances have proved beyond doubt what great enjoyment has been derived therefrom.

Every Tuesday Evening a Whist Drive is held, and these are proving very successful. Admission is only 1s. which includes refreshments and numerous prizes.

On Saturday, February 20th, the Committee were invited to spend the evening at the home of their Sponsor, Sister Eva Bloom. After supper the Sponsor presented each guest with a Coronation Posy of artificial flowers to mark her appreciation of their services on behalf of the Lodge. The event will long be remembered by all who attended.

On Sunday February 28th a Children's Purim Party was held, and despite the heavy fall of snow the efforts of the Lodge Members were amply rewarded by the large attendance.



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After tea they were entertained by Mr. Eddy Corn on the Drums, Mr. Charles Seager at the Piano, and Mr. Ralph Barrett who acted as "Uncle Ralph." Mr. W. Bloom also gave great help. Several children contributed to the entertainment by displaying their special talents and a Prize was given to each. On leaving each child was handed a bag containing sweets, chocolate and fruit.

A provisional date for the Annual Installation has been fixed for April 18th.

Arrangements have also been made for repayment of 23s. 6d. to each Member for Annual Dividend, to be paid out on Sunday, March 14th. This dividend helps the thrifty Housewife to provide extras during Pesach week.

Any person wishing to join either the Dividend Section or Non-Dividend can make application for full particulars to the Secretary, Miss E. Isaacs, 233 Lyndon Road, Sheldon, Birmingham.

ANNIE SPIERS LODGE, NO. 93.

The Annual Installation combined with an inter-Visit from members of the Social Section of the Order, London, was held on Sunday, March 7th, Mrs. Eva Bloom, Sponsor of the Eva Bloom Lodge, Sister Elsie Spiers, Acting Sponsor of the Annie Spiers Lodge, were present.

BEFORE THE PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED THOSE PRESENT WERE UP STANDING FOR ONE MINUTE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE SPONSOR OF THE LODGE, SISTER ANNIE SPIERS.

The Installation was conducted by Bro. H. Jaffa, Midland Representative of the Order and Bro. Altman, Member of the Grand Lodge Executive Council and the following were installed into office:—

Guardian, Sister F. Tobias; Marshalls, Sisters S. Goodman and A. Galena; Collector, Sister R. Morris; Auditors, Sisters H. Levy and A. Jacobs; Trustees, Sisters A. Cohen, B. Levy and B. Addleman, Treasurer, Sister B. Galena; Secretary, Sister J. Morris; Recording Secretary, Sister F. Shine; Vice Chairman, Sister F. Schneider and Chairman, Sister S. Silverstone.

Committee, Sisters B. Jacobs, L. Weinstein, F. Goodman, P. Cash and R. Abrahams.

Sisters Silverstone and Schneider expressed their thanks to the outgoing officers for the support they had given them, and appealed to all members for close co-operation.

A Bouquet of carnations and roses was presented by Sister Silverstone on behalf of the Lodge, to Sister Spiers.

A tea was held.

Sister Silverstone, expressed to Sister Spiers how pleased they all were to see her after her illness and hoped she would continue to maintain good health. In replying Sister Spiers expressed the hope that an affair could be arranged for one Sunday afternoon to enable her to meet all the Sisters of the Lodge again, as she was looking forward to hearing all the news.

Sister Silverstone reported on the progress of the Lodge, both financially and numerically, and Sister Schneider urged upon the members the need for all Jews and Jewesses to stand united against Anti-Semitism.

A very successful dance was held in the evening and the London Visitors returned by the 12.30 train, after thoroughly enjoying the whole day.

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Well, all those people who have criticised this and that have got together to provide what they consider the best of everything.

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Mr. Oscar Deutsch was approached to provide the cabaret and he succumbed in his own inimitable manner. Supper will be provided and a buffet and besides many thrills and surprises, which they do not intend disclosing beforehand, they ask you to pay one guinea for the ticket.

Their charitable excuse for all this excitement could not be a more worthy cause than that of the Norwood Homes, and no more fitting date for such an occasion could there be than that of Coronation Month, May 31st.

There is a special announcement giving full details on the back page.

Correspondence.

THE OXFORD GROUP MOVEMENT
18 Stoneyhurst Road,
Erdington,
March 9, 1937.

To the Editor,
"The Birmingham Jewish Recorder,"
Sir,

I am afraid the gleam of hope for the Jewish people that Miss Einstein sees in the wordy protestations of the Oxford Groups may prove to have a will-o'-the-wisp illusiveness that is disturbing to onlookers who see more of the Groups' game than can be apparent to participants in such orgies of artificially engendered emotionalism.

Mr. Kingsley Martin, the Editor of the "New Statesman and Nation," shed much-needed light on the subject in an article on God-Control ("New Statesman and Nation," July 11th, 1936, pages 44-46). In the course of some very pertinent comment on the "confessions" made at the Groups-rally which he attended, Mr. Martin admits that there are many homes in England which are sweeter and less contentious places because of the Groups Movement. But it is no new discovery to find that honesty pays, he maintains, and infers that it is difficult to believe that life can be well-lived without deliberate use of the ethical tests common to all religions.

Examining the claim of the Oxford Groups to a power transcending that of lesser creeds, Mr. Martin recalls the history of Wesleyanism, "a greater and more genuine revival," which "served above all to persuade the starving workers of that period that they would be well-fed in the next world." Wesley's hymns, which "certainly comforted the dying and helped men to forget the misery of the slums," were also "a potent factor in inducing people to accept a slum life and a slum death.

"As I listened to the testimonies in the Albert Hall to-night," concluded Mr. Martin, "I asked myself whether this new Salvation was really so very different. The shape has changed; doctrine is unfashionable; Heaven and Hell are gone. This is religion without tears. To-day with the world tumbling round us, members of the Oxford Groups want, as we all want, war and class conflict to cease. To face the causes of war or the causes of class-conflict is too great a strain for many of us. How much easier if God's message is that these problems can be solved by national unity, if we can throw our burden upon the shoulders of God-controlled experts under a God-controlled leader! I think

I know the social and political movement of which the Buchmanite movement is unconsciously a part."

Mr. Martin had not long to wait for endorsement of his opinion that the Oxford Groups movement was incipiently Fascist in its tendencies. Within a few weeks of the holding of that rally, Mr. Frank Buchman was thanking heaven for a man like Adolf Hitler, who built the first line of defence against the anti-Christ of Communism ("New Statesman and Nation's" editorial note on the "Congress of Honour:" September 12, 1936, page 338, column 1). A number of correspondents thereupon wrote asking when and where Mr. Buchman made the remarks about Hitler that the "New Statesman" quoted.

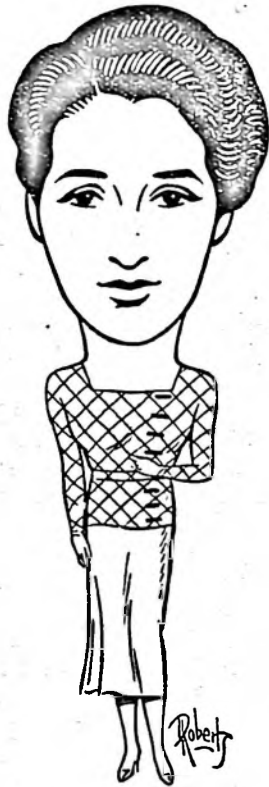
"They were sent," ran paragraph 2, column 1, on page 499 of the "New Statesman" for October 10, 1936, "from New York by the 'News Chronicle's' own correspondent, and were printed conspicuously in that paper on August 27 (1936). Their accuracy has not, I think, been disputed. According to this message Mr. Frank Buchman said on August 26 (1936) "I thank heaven for a man like Adolf Hitler, who built a first line defence against the anti-Christ of Communism.' The message proceeded: "He (Buchman) admits that he doesn't condone Hitler's anti-semitism, but explains it thus: Suppose Hitler sees a Karl Marx in every Jew. Spain has taught us what godless Communism brings.'"

On which the writer of the paragraph comments, "Well, well, and there were people who scouted the 'New Statesman's' prophecy that Buchmanism would turn out to be allied to the Fascist movement."

The accuracy of that paragraph still remains unchallenged. And as if that were insufficient endorsement of Mr. Martin's original contention, along comes Mr. Beverley Nichols, the Fool-hath-said Scribe of the Groupers Law, and regales readers of the "Sunday Chronicle" with reams of Hitlerian panegyric and streams of "rationalised" apologetics for German anti-Semitism.

As a cure for the Groups-fever contracted by Miss Einstein I would recommend a visit to the Birmingham Reference Library, where she may imbibe Mr. Martin's wisdom which is kept on tap and on file.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STONE.



**COMMUNAL
SKETCHES**
No. 7.

AUNTY WENDY

A new phenomenon in modern life is the creation of Book Clubs. We have the "left" followed by the "right", and now we are to have what is in fact a "Jewish Book Club." Its official title is "The Soncino Jewish Publication Society," and it deserves a warm welcome and widespread support. For an annual subscription of a guinea, a member will receive in the course of a year three new books of Jewish interest, sent to him or her on the day of publication. * * *

The three volumes for the current year are (1) "Speeches, Articles and Letters of Israel Zangwill" (price 10s. 6d.); (2) "The Philosophy of Love," by Leone Ebreo, a famous Jewish classic of the 16th century, now for the first time rendered into English (price 12s 6d.); and (3) "The Folklore of the Jews," by A. S. Rappoport (price 15s.). Here are three most attractive books of the value of 38 shillings available for a guinea.

Of the opinions of communal leaders who sponsor this enterprise, the statement of Mr. Leon Simon, C. B., may be quoted: "Ignorance, internal and external, is our worst enemy; we can fight it only by spreading knowledge of ourselves both within and beyond our own community." Being heartily in accord with

this view, we advise all our readers to send a postcard to the Soncino Press, 5 Gower Street, London, W.C.I., for a prospectus.
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The J.N.F. Commission has wisely decided not to hold a Garden Fete this year. The weather-clerk; judging by past experience, does not appear to be philo-Jewish! In its place a two-day Bazaar will be held at the Edgbaston Assembly Rooms towards the end of November.
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The Birmingham Orphanage Aid Society is getting ambitious. It has arranged a Super function for the end of May, consisting of a Dinner Dance at the Grand Hotel, the price of a ticket being one guinea. Music will be provided by Maurice Winnick and his Orchestra. A of dance on this scale has never before been attempted locally, and it is hoped that the experiment will prove a great success.
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The magnificent speech made by Dr. Weitzmann before the Royal Commission has been printed as a pamphlet. Copies, price 3d., may be obtained from Mr. Arnold Silverstone,
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Our much appreciated contributor, "Schmooser," regrets that circumstances compelled him to disappoint his numerous admirers this month; but he promises to inflict himself upon them as usual in our next issue.

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Correspondence (continued)

JEWISH DEFENCE.

To the Editor,
The "Recorder."
Sir.

I look forward to receiving my "Recorder" each month, and I hope that its appeal for financial and literary support will be successful. I should just hate it to cease; and it goes without saying that, if these appeals fail, it must.

Your comment in the "Editor's Message" this month, "that the articles (mostly original) that have already appeared make up a most creditable list, and that its contributors being unpaid makes this an achievement" is justified.

I was particularly pleased with the article on Jewish International Finance by John Stone. It presents us with a series of most telling facts to rebut this favourite anti-Semitic accusation. I should say that the pamphlet in full would be invaluable to the Jewish Board of Deputies in its Defence Campaign.

Yours faithfully,
HEBRAEUS.

186, St. Paul's Road,
Birmingham, 12.
March 10, 1937.

The Editor,
The "Birmingham Jewish Recorder,"
Sir,

Mr. John Stone in his article in the March issue, has clearly proved that the charges made by Fascists against Jewish financiers are baseless.

Since it is so important for every Jew to be armed with the true facts of every issue raised by anti-Semites, surely this is one of the charges he should be able to answer. The whole

pamphlet should, in my opinion, be published and distributed by the Board of Deputies.

Yours faithfully,
Henry Chesler.

THE COMMUNAL HALL PIANO.

273, Gt. Colmore Street,
Edgbaston,
March 1, 1937.

The Editor,
The "Birmingham Jewish Recorder,"
Sir,

Is it not time that we had a real piano in the Communal Hall?

It has been my misfortune on many occasions to try and coax melodies out of the unmusical monstrosity now to be found there. But never was it in "finer" form than on Sunday, February 28. Not only were three notes useless, but the pedal had ceased to function, the tone resembled an even tinnier can than usual, and to crown it all the music rest was broken!

It is not to the credit of this Community that, although we have been provided with a fine hall and stage, we have to put up with an instrument which is reminiscent of the work of Heath Robinson. Since it cannot, by any stretch of imagination, be termed a "musical" instrument, may I inquire whether it is being kept for "decorative" purposes?

I am sure I am voicing the sentiments of all the musically-minded in Birmingham Jewry when I say, "Please give us a piano worthy of the Communal Hall." Yours sincerely,

B. Rose Davis.



The Ladies' Page



conducted by Renelle.

Editorial

Dear Readers,

I WAS pleasantly surprised to receive so many entries for last month's competition ; the awards went to the following two people : Mrs. Cohen, of Edgbaston, and Miss Stone, of Manchester.

This week I have received an article (even I do not know who from) on the gentle art of scrubbing.

FLOOR SCRUBBING

BEFORE commencing the actual scrubbing, many preliminaries must be successfully overcome.

First of all, furniture should be removed from the room, except that which will float without becoming waterlogged. If the room contains a bed, any articles previously under it should be placed on top, and anything of value should be placed in the "wash-down" for safety.

SHOES and stockings should be discarded, and skirt or shirt (if worn) should be swapped for a bathing costume. Waders can be used if the operator is afraid of catching cold, though this is not advocated as it tends to render the operation cumbersome.

SEVERAL bucketfuls of hot, soapy, frothy water should then be acquired. (It is best if the domestic washing-up water is systematically saved throughout the week for this purpose). 5 lbs. of washing soda of commerce, containing not less than five molecules of water of crystallisation per gm. molecule, is then added to the previously prepared decoction with constant stirring. In fact the more chemicals you put in at this stage the better—a kind of offensive Irish Stew being aimed at.

This is then slopped all over the floor, until the soap and scrubbing-brush float freely.

THEN (if time permits) you may float paper boats on the flood, or blow bubbles with the stewwater. Looking around you will probably see numerous articles floating which had previously escaped your notice, such as shoes, the pekinese, or an occasional aspidistra.

These are recovered and placed on the stairs just above the level of the flood.

All is now in readiness for the scrubbing.

Two alternatives are before you :

1. Skating on two scrubbing-brushes strapped to the feet, and using a yard-brush as an aid to balance.

2. Lying flat on the stomach and performing the "crawl" with a scrubbing-brush in each hand. Note : This method cannot be used where the water is more than two feet deep.

Having scrubbed the floor reasonably well, it is now necessary to get "baled out." Tin pails, pie dishes, dustpans, pots—anything. It's high tide and you must hurry.

Finally, you light the fire which has been damped out, and dry a cloth over it (since all have got wet in the flood), and with this clean dry cloth you remove the last trace of moisture from the floor.

You then cover the floor with papers until the old man's been in for his dinner, and remove them just before Mrs. Jones is due to arrive for her afternoon cup of tea.

Why feign surprise if Mrs. Jones remarks on the lovely clean floor ? —even if she is too polite to mention the tide-mark on the wall, or the article still perched on top of the bed !

OUT OF THE KITCHEN

APPLE HEDGEHOG.

2lb. of apples, 1 lemon, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint water, carmine, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. powdered gelatine, a few almonds, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of sugar. Cream or custard.

CHOOSE well-flavoured apples—peel, core, and slice them, and stew them until reduced to a pulp with half the water, sugar, grated lemon rind and juice. Soak the gelatine in the remainder of the water, add it to the apple pulp, and cook a few minutes longer.

Then sieve the mixture, colour it pink with a drop or two of carmine, and pour into a wet mould.

Leave until cold and set ; then turn out. Stick some blanched and split almonds over the top, and garnish round with a little whipped cream, or serve with custard.

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My Dear Boys and Girls,

I am about to post a letter containing six shillings and a request for another Tree to be planted in the George V Jubilee Forest in Palestine, in the name of Birmingham Jewish Boys and Girls. This will be our fifth tree, and we have two shillings and sixpence towards the sixth, so let's see what can be done. You know, **one penny** from each of you who read this page would soon make up the missing three and sixpence and then our trees would number a round half-dozen!

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This month we have another "Jumbled Names" competition, with a prize for the winner. Each word is the name of a person in the Bible, and all you have to do is to read the rules at the bottom of the page, put on your thinking caps, write down the results on a post-card and send it to me.

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Pesach being now a thing of the past, it will not be so very long before Shovuous is with us. There is no need for me to tell you how very, very important to us is this Festival of the Law, which is also called the Day of the first Ripe Fruits. Perhaps you would like to read what Dayan Feldman says of Shovuous in his book "Sabbath Spice and Festival Fare."

"On this Festival of Shovuous, the Festival of the Law, you might like to hear something about the way in which the poets of the Bible and the sages of the Talmud spoke of the Torah through the language of nature. The Torah has been pictured under the figure of water. Like water, it comes from on high; it purifies and refreshes. The Torah also, for the strength and sweetness, the cheerfulness and comfort it brings, is likened unto wine and oil, honey and milk. Hence the custom to eat milk food on Shovuous, the Festival of the Law. "And," adds a Jewish Rabbi, "even as these liquids are very rarely stored in vessels of silver and gold, but are best preserved in plain vessels of earthenware, so are Torah and Religion best preserved in those people who are simple in their habits and modest in their ways."

"And this reminds me of a story. Rabbi Joshua ben Chananiah, one of the wittiest and most learned Rabbis of his age, was not blessed with personal beauty. One day the daughter of Hadrian, the Roman Emperor, said to him in a mocking manner, 'Imagine such excellent knowledge in so plain a container!' 'But,'

retorted the sage, 'does not your royal father store his best wines in plain earthenware vessels?' 'In what else pray, should he store them?' she said. 'Surely,' replied the Rabbi, 'a person in such high position should store his wines in vessels of silver and gold.'" She pressed the suggestion upon her father, who, to please his daughter, transferred the wine into vessels of silver and gold. The wine turned sour. When the report reached the Emperor he inquired who it was that had given the wrong advice. 'Rabbi Joshua ben Chananiah,' replied the daughter. The Rabbi was summoned into the royal presence and was asked the reason for such a foolish suggestion. 'To cure your daughter of her mocking ways,' answered the Rabbi. 'For now she will realize that even as the choicest wines are stored in the plainest of vessels, so are knowledge and piety best preserved in persons who are free from outward vanity and show.'"

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I suppose school holidays will soon be here—another opportunity for me to receive letters from new nieces and nephews! Happy holidays to all of you.

AUNTIE WENDY.

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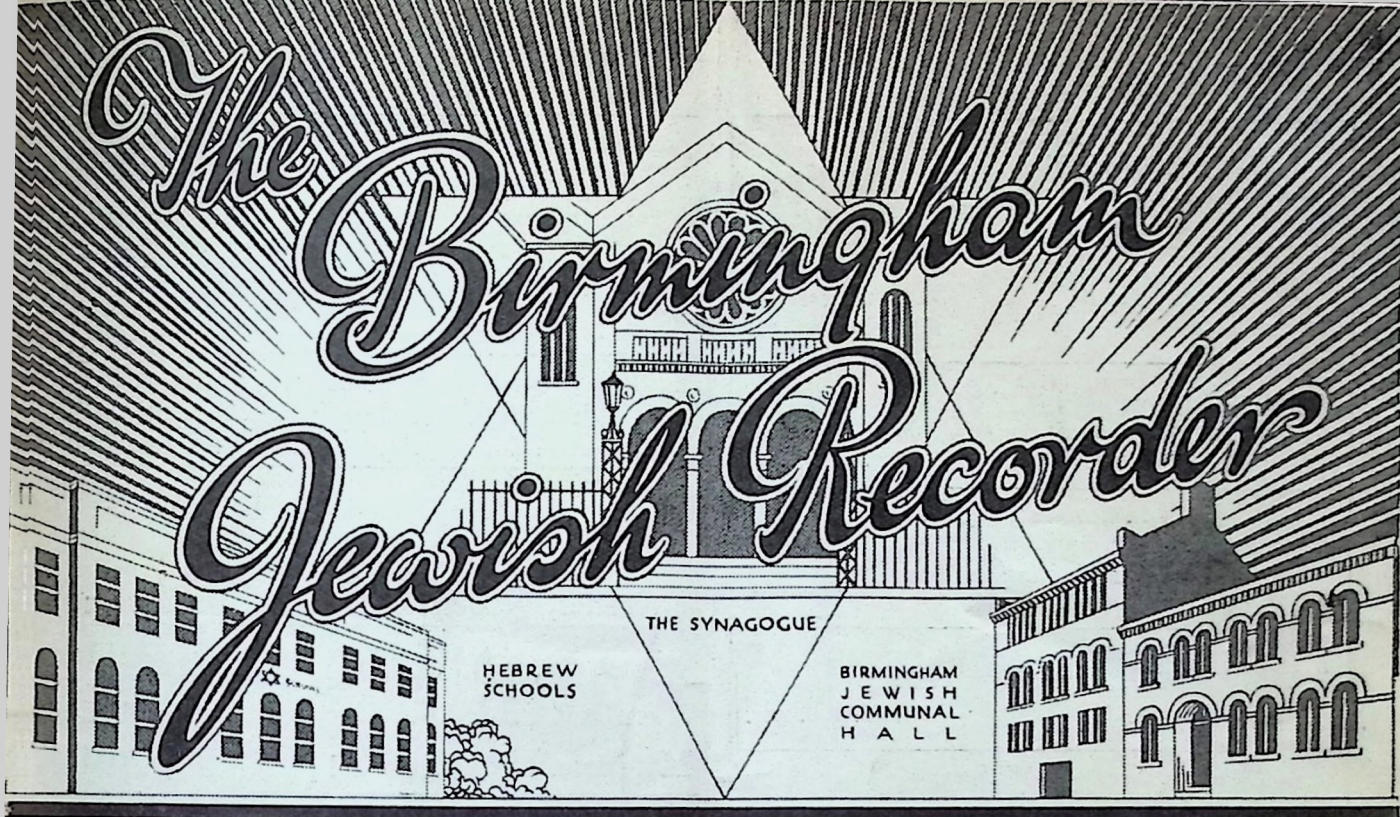
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"Jumbled Names" Competition.

RULES.

1. Entries must be written on a post-card, and must reach me on or before April 15th.
2. Put your name, age and address at the bottom of the post-card.
3. Entrants must be twelve years old or younger.
4. Address your post-cards to "Auntie Wendy," 47 Rotton Park Road, Edgbaston.

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The Editor's Message.

The President of the Board of Deputies has honoured us with a reply to the views we put forward in our last issue, and takes exception to two statements which we made. One of them, he says, "is simply not true." Well, we shall see!

The following are the facts. Mr. X, who had been addressing a large number of non-Jewish meetings, came to the conclusion that in face of the lack of knowledge among our neighbours who are well disposed towards us and resented Fascist slanders, they ought to be provided with essential information. He did not consider the leaflets published by the Board adequate for the purpose since they are an ephemeral form of literature. People glance at them and throw them away. What he thought desirable was a brochure of about 24 pages which gave succinctly the facts in refutation of persistent charges. He also thought that the organisations of the Anglican, Catholic and Free Churches should be utilised, if possible, to secure widespread circulation for such a brochure.

In course of conversation Mr. X. outlined his ideas to Mr. Y. who is a close friend of Mr. Laski. Mr. Y. was favourably impressed and requested Mr. X. to put his scheme into writing, which he did. This draft was sent to Mr. Laski who then asked Mr. Y. to instruct Mr. X. to elaborate his scheme. He replied that he thought his proposals was perfectly explicit, but if Mr. Laski would put specific questions they would be answered. From that day to this nothing more has been heard of the matter. That is the charge we mentioned and its accuracy is beyond challenge.

Mr. Laski's criticism of the second point is surprising. We would remind him of what we wrote. Mr. Stone's pamphlet, we said, "has not been accepted by the Board of Deputies. They are, of course, entitled to pass an adverse judgment upon it. But what is inexcusable is the fact that the President of the Board handed the typescript to a certain individual for his opinion. It was in his possession for more than a month unread because, he alleged, pressure of other work prevented him from looking through it, although half-an-hour would have been sufficient for its perusal". Since this was the official explanation given to Mr. Stone when he complained of the unconscionable delay of the Board in coming to a decision, we cannot see how its President can cavil at it.

We yield to nobody in our appreciation of the unprecedented difficulties and problems which have devolved upon Mr. Laski since he took office, and of the zeal and ability he has displayed in coping with them. Our contention is that the Board has too much to do to be able to give the undivided attention to Jewish Defence which the urgency and gravity of the question demand. Disappointment with the effects of the Public Order Act is prevalent throughout the Community. The East End is becoming restive under continuous attack; and, as "Truth" recently pointed out, a serious situation will arise if Jews organise their own defence against hooliganism. It is because we feel this danger keenly that we advocate the creation of an *ad hoc* body to deal with the problem.

130 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COMPLETED THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FORM. **130**

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Letters to Harold

No. 1.

My dear Harold,

You remember asking me to write you a series of letters on important events in our History. You felt that the Jewish Education you received at the Boarding School was too meagre. The masters taught you how to read Hebrew, a little translation, how and when to say prayers, some Scripture; and the climax came when, after a lot of preparation, you were able to recite a portion of the Sedra in Synagogue on the day of your Barmitzvah. This achievement was greeted with joyful acclamations and congratulations, accompanied by suitable gifts, from your parents, relatives, and invited guests; and it seemed to all of them that your Jewish Education was now complete, and nothing further need be done in that direction. So I gladly comply with your desire. I propose to begin with short biographical sketches of those eminent men of our Faith who, by their actions and writings, have done so much good for us and the civilised world.

I fully agree with you that the knowledge of our History, Laws, Customs, and beautiful Ethics is necessary to establish the foundation of **character** so essential for your success; and you will find this knowledge enabling you to combat and refute the vile and malicious fabrications that are so frequently hurled against us by our enemies, the Anti-Semites. Without such knowledge you will be powerless.

The first Jewish hero I will sketch for you is Moses Mendelssohn. He was born in Dessau, Germany, on 6th September, 1729. His father, Mendel, was a Hebrew teacher and therefore very poor. Before proceeding further I should describe how our people lived at that period. They were very badly treated. They were obliged to live in a certain quarter (always the slums) of the town. They were not allowed to mix with Christians. They were forbidden to enter any of the professions; and nearly all other careers were inaccessible.

Schools, Colleges and Universities were closed to them. They were permitted to trade, to buy and sell old clothes, jewellery and to practise Usury. Some had small shops, patronised occasionally by the servants of the gentry; but most of them would take a pack on their backs, tramp the villages, and peddle their wares

from door to door. They were treated in much the same way as the Americans treat the negroes, as if they were of a lower order of humanity. This treatment had its effect, in that the Jews concentrated on Hebrew Studies, to the exclusion of anything else (and the strict observance of our laws); and anyone attempting to read non-Jewish literature was held in suspicion of being unfaithful to Judaism.

Mendel decided to teach his son all he knew. Moses having absorbed at a very early age all the knowledge his father could impart, was taken to Rabbi Fraenkel.

The Rabbi was kind, tolerant and sympathetic. Moses soon clung with devoted love to the Rabbi, and became his most zealous pupil. Shortly afterwards the Rabbi was called to the post of Chief Rabbi of Berlin. This hurt Moses terribly; so at the age of 14, a small shy misshapen lad he left his home, and entered Berlin through the Rosenthal gate (the only one which Jewish strangers were allowed to pass) so that he might be near his beloved master. The Rabbi soon obtained for him a job at copying documents which enabled him to earn a few pence.

He lodged in a little garret, and during the week lived mostly on dry bread and water. In later years he used to relate how, when he bought a loaf, he notched it equi-distantly, so that it should last him for several days; but on Shabbos and Festivals he had his meals at the Rabbi's house. His poverty did not weaken his will and determination to study everything within his reach. He taught himself pure German, and was compelled to do this secretly because of the ban imposed by his own brethren. In 1750 he was introduced to the family of Isaac Bernard, the owner of a Silk Factory, and became the tutor to his children. His extreme poverty was now over. He became book-keeper, and subsequently partner to Bernard. He now had more time to devote to his studies and indulge his great ambition to increase knowledge.

I hope in my next letter to deal with the later career of this Jewish hero.

Your affectionate,

Uncle SAM.

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By "SCHMOOZER."

To those of you who hoped that I
Had disappeared for good
And crept away, some place to die,
As you probably thought I should ;

To those of you who began to dread
The appearance of this page,
The only one you left unread,
And condemned me to a cage ;

To all of you who last month prayed
My " Inquisition " was ended,
I'm afraid you're going to be dismayed,
When you learn that my ways are not
mended !

And so, greetings to you all, here I am again,
full of beans, and I feel that I must first of all
congratulate my one admirer, and express my
heartfelt sympathy with the remainder of you.
And, now, on with the show, or should it be
" blow " ?

Ladies and gentlemen, My relations with the
Readers of the Recorder remain (—). I'll
leave that blank, I think.

To resume our popular (?) features, I will
commence with " Notes on News."

A groundsman who was dismissed is alleged
to have dug 12 large holes in the cricket pitch of
his late club. It seems to me that it was a waste
of energy. He ought to know that he couldn't
compete with the opening batsmen.

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A new illness has been noticed and named :
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contract the disease just pronounce it !

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A gunman on holding up people in an Ohio
shop, is reported to have said " Hands down !"
There is no truth in the statement that he then
handed over his cash and shot himself.

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Schoolboy Howler.

" Strained relations " is when your family is
caught by cannibals.

I think I can now be excused if I break into
verse—after all, Spring is here, and one in my
position cannot neglect such an opportunity. So,
look out !

It was way down on the Hagley Road, Sir,
I'd boarded a Portland Road 'bus,
The fullest vehicle I've rode, Sir,
It was that which caused all the fuss.

" Inside only," the conductor yelled out, Sir,
So my pipe in my pocket I placed ;
At the same time I gave a good clout, Sir,
To a lady who'd right-about faced.

It was purely an accident, I swear, Sir,
I wouldn't harm a hair of her head ;
Till that moment I hadn't a care, Sir,
Till she fell on the floor as if dead !

Imagine the state of my mind, Sir,
As I knelt down beside that fair face ;
How I wished I had been left behind, Sir,
Rather than face this disgrace.

The 'bus had now come to a stop, Sir,
The female was carried outside ;
Somebody had gone for a " Cop," Sir,
When he questioned, my tongue remained
tied.

At long last the lady came round, Sir,
My relief was outwardly shown ;
But I would willingly have given a pound, Sir,
If she'd only suppressed that long groan.

Of course I accompanied her home, Sir,
I'll accompany her home all my life ;
Now take my advice and don't roam, Sir,
On a packed 'bus, or you'll get a wife !

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I think that will do for this month ; so
good-day to you all my little pests . . . (sorry
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Its immediate object is to protect Jewish interests, to deal with all questions of immediate concern to the Community, either local or general, and to represent it in all its relations with the general public.

The need for such a body, which provides the opportunity for co-operation and simultaneous action at this critical period, a body which will speak authoritatively on behalf of the whole Community, has been felt for some time; and delegates from each of the four congregations and the other important Communal institutions have already met to discuss the scope of its activities, to frame a Constitution, and to consider the best manner by which the necessary finances should be provided. Considerable progress has been made.

The Executive Officers are:—President; Mr. Oscar Deutsch; Treasurer, Mr. Ivan Shortt; Secretary, Mr. Sydney S. Jacobs, 17 Smallbrook Street, Birmingham.

The following is a full list of delegates:—

Birmingham Hebrew Congregation:—
Messrs. Oscar Deutsch, S. J. Levi and Ivan Shortt.

Birmingham Central Synagogue:—Messrs. W. Blumenthal, G. Glass, and A. Hamburger.
New Synagogue, Hurst Street:—Messrs. B. Levy, J. Tobias and M. Isonglick.

Liberal Jewish Synagogue:—Messrs. R. Nathan, Alan Mindelsohn and Col M. A. Wolff.
Jewish United Benevolent Board:—Mr. P. C. Balcon.

Council of Jewish Friendly Society Lodges,
Mr. A. L. Ostrov.

Joint Council of Birmingham Jewish Societies—Coun. J. Silverman.

Birmingham Zionist Council:—Mr. S. P. Abrams, B.A.

Co-opted Member:—Rev. S. I. Solomons, B.A.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND.

A Commissioners' meeting was held on Sunday, 11th April, at which Miss R. Lipton—Box Organizer at the Head Office in London—delivered a most interesting address on box work in particular and raising money for the Jewish National Fund in general.

A discussion took place, and as a result some valuable suggestions were obtained for improving the collections from Birmingham.

One admirable method suggested by Miss Lipton was the new Sefer Haya'eled which is the "Golden Book" for children. For a sum of £2 2s. 0d. the child's name, together with its photograph, is inscribed in this "Golden Book" for children which is kept in Jerusalem, and a beautifully illustrated certificate is presented to the child. This should no doubt appeal to many of Birmingham Jewry, and full particulars can be obtained from the Treasurer, Mr. M. Joseph, 158, College Road, Moseley, or from the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Rose, 12 Alexandra Road, Edgbaston, or any other member of the Birmingham Jewish National Fund Commission.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Lipton for her excellent address on the motion of Mr. M. Joseph, seconded by Miss Vera Davis which was received with hearty acclamation.

The Treasurer reported that although collections from the Jewish National Fund have very slightly increased, nevertheless, there was still a great deal to be done in this direction, and the Treasurer again wishes to remind Birmingham Jewry that—**A PENNY A DAY IS THE J.N.F. WAY.**

UNITED BENEVOLENT BOARD.

The Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Birmingham Jewish United Benevolent Board was held in the Communal Hall on Sunday, 4th April, 1937.

Mr. Justin Mindelsohn occupied the Chair, and in moving the adoption of the Report said it would be noted the expenditure was slightly less. This was largely due to the general improvement in trade; and generally, men were better employed than previously. It was to be deplored, however, that another type of applicant was coming upon the books. This was composed of men who had become indigent, and who, he feared, would never find work again owing to changed conditions in the tailoring trade. Mr. D. Bernstein, the Chairman of the Relief and Pensions Committee, had rendered excellent service in the handling of many difficulties, and a special vote of thanks to him was due. The Junior Benevolent Board Guild had been formed during the year in order to conduct entertainments which would benefit the funds of the Board. The Board was to be congratulated on the fact that the Youth of Birmingham were manifesting an interest in the work of its Charities. Several successful functions had been organised by this Junior Section, and it was hoped this band of workers would form a nucleus from which would emanate the Benevolent Board leaders of the future.

The President offered cordial congratulations to Miss Rosenberg who, because of her forthcoming marriage, had recently resigned. A presentation canteen of cutlery had been made to her.

Mr. P. C. Balcon, Treasurer, in seconding the resolution, stated it had been more than difficult endeavouring to make both ends meet. We were only able to satisfy the great demands made upon the Board and keep the overdraft within reasonable limits, by the special efforts of the President who, during the year, had been able to obtain the magnificent sum of five hundred pounds from ten donors. The Public Assistance Committee had contributed six hundred guineas. He was sure everyone would appreciate that individuals who were reduced to making applications for assistance were dealt with sympathetically, and with a better understanding of their peculiar Jewish mentality than would otherwise be the case. He commended the work of the Ladies Committee, and of all Committees.

He very much deplored the fact that the list of subscriptions as set out in the Year Book fell short by a considerable amount of that actually received, there being a very large sum due to the Board. The necessity of impressing upon subscribers the importance of paying subscriptions and arrears of subscriptions could not be too strongly emphasized. Seven Year Agreements were very important. It seemed too many people were not aware that by signing these covenants, the Board's income could be considerably increased without any extra burden being placed upon the subscriber. It was hoped to build up, once again, the Balance Account, so that in lean times to come, there would be reserves upon which to draw.

A discussion on the Balance Sheet and Report ensued during which Dr. A. Cohen referred to the subsidy granted by the Public Assistance Committee. Whilst he, in common with many people, deplored the necessity which had arisen for its acceptance, he wondered if this had not something to do with the falling off in subscriptions. This was not the proper outlook. It was necessary that the funds at the disposal of the Board should be adequate for the needs of the Board. Mr. S. J. Levi associated himself with Dr. Cohen's comments and the Treasurer said he himself agreed.

The President offered thanks of the Board to the Editor of "The Jewish Recorder" for the publicity facilities it had extended from time to time, and commended it upon its usefulness as an advertisement medium.

The following Members who were due to retire from the Council were re-elected:—Messrs. L. A. Dight, H. Gompertz, A. Hamburger, M. G. Mindelsohn, H. Rayne, B. R. Simmons, Mrs. A. Strauss, and Mr. H. H. Wolfson. Nominations for election to the Council of Mrs. Moss Mindelsohn, Mr. Lionel Goodman and Mr. Ivan Shortt had been received, and these were duly elected. Messrs. Gompertz, Evans and Mason were re-elected Auditors for the forthcoming year.

In moving a vote of thanks to the President and Honorary Officers, Dr. Cohen expressed appreciation which he said the whole community felt for their great public services and untiring efforts. He eulogised in very appreciative terms the whole-hearted manner in which they—with the President at the helm—had devoted themselves to the great cause of Charity.

This was seconded by Mr. Oscar Deutsch who, too, spoke in glowing terms of the work of the President and Hon. Officers.

Mr. Justin Mindelsohn, in responding, paid tribute to the loyalty of his fellow-workers to the Board.

At a subsequent meeting of the Council, Mr. P. C. Balcon was elected President, Mr. Justin Mindelsohn, Vice-President and Deputy Chairman, Mr. Marcus G. Mindelsohn, Treasurer, and Mr. Jack Wilk, Hon. Secretary. The retiring President was presented with a gold pen and pencil, suitably inscribed, as a token of esteem and appreciation from his co-workers.

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TALMUD TORAH.

The Annual General Meeting of the Birmingham Talmud Torah was held on Sunday, April 4th, 1937.

Mr. I. Candelshine was in the Chair, supported by Rabbi Z. Hodes (Vice-President) and Mr. W. Jacobs (Treasurer).

In presenting the Annual Report for the year 1936, the Chairman was pleased to state that the work of the Classes was progressing favourably, and the number of Boys and Girls on the roll was 135. He paid a tribute to the keen interest shown by Mr. B. Goodman (Hon. President), and for his financial help towards the Institution. He then took the opportunity in thanking the members of the Birmingham Joint Council for their splendid efforts in organising a Concert in aid of the Funds, to refer to Mr. Leon Salberg who kindly lent the Alexandra Theatre for the Concert, to the Ladies Sub-Committee for their continual support; to the Birmingham Hebrew Congregation and the Shechitah Board for their Annual Grants, and in conclusion appealed to the Members to send and induce other children to enrol in the Talmud Torah.

Mr. W. Jacobs (Treasurer) presented the Income and Expenditure Account which showed a Deficit of £56 13s. 11d.

He appealed for greater support and for more subscribers.

The election of Officers resulted in the same Officers and Committee being elected as for the previous year.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Officers by Messrs. A. Hamburger and M. Cohen (Delegate from the Singers Hill Congregation). The Chairman, in his reply, stressed the importance of the Senior Class conducted by the Rev. R. Rabinowitz, twice a week, for Boys between the ages of 14 and 20, and appealed to Parents to send their sons, who will be most cordially welcomed.

A Social Afternoon in aid of the Talmud Torah Funds was organised at the Conservative Club on March 18th, 1937, by Mesdames Harold, George, Alf and Cyril Abrahams and Goldman. The Ladies defrayed all the expenses, and the Talmud Torah benefited to the extent of £24 9s. 11. It is to be hoped that many more ladies will emulate their fine example and come to the aid of the Institution.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The Annual Prize Distribution will be held on Sunday, May 2nd, at 5 p.m.. Mr. Oscar Deutsch will preside and the prizes will be distributed by Mrs. Oscar Deutsch.

All members of the community are cordially invited to attend.

ZIONA.

A successful tea-dance was held at the Communal Hall on Sunday, March 21st, from which 5 guineas was realised. Mr. D. King, who won the 10s. note which was raffled, kindly handed it back to the society. We should like to thank Miss Sadler and her sub-committee for organizing the dance, Miss R. Leek and her helpers for the catering, and Mr. Les Freeman and his band who supplied the music.

A meeting of Ziona was held on Monday, March 22nd, at 260, Bristol Road, by permission of Mrs. W. Blumenthal, at which Rev. W. Lewi gave an interesting and enjoyable song recital. Miss E. Goodman proposed a vote of thanks, to which Rev. Lewi replied. Miss V. Davis thanked Mrs. Blumenthal for the use of her room.

WOMEN ZIONISTS.

The Society has pleasure in announcing that arrangements have been made for a Coronation Social Afternoon, to be held on Tuesday, May 4th, at the Edgbaston Conservative Club, Balsall Heath Road. The function will consist of many novelties and attractions, and a very enjoyable afternoon is assured. A hearty invitation is extended to all. A charge of 2/6 will be made.

A very successful Afternoon was given recently by Mesdames D. Cohen, B. Hyman, J. Wine and S. A. Cohen, at which over £16 was realised.

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On March 28th a well-attended Dance was held at the Eva Bartley Studio. The season closed with a Non-Stop Dance at The Communal Hall on April 4th. This feature was a very popular one, the attendance giving ample proof of the fact.

On April 11th the club held its Annual General Meeting at the Hebrew Schools, St. Luke's Road.

The club accepted with regret the resignation of the President, Mr. M. S. Harris, and the Chairman Mr. H. Davis, to both of whom the club owes a deep debt of gratitude for their hard work and enthusiasm during the past two years.

After a keen and animated discussion of the Club's position, which proved to be sound, the following Executive was elected:

President, Mr. E. Alec Coleman; Chairman, Mr. G. Jacobs; Secretary, Mr. H. Brown; Treasurer, Mr. H. Caro. A Committee was also elected.

The Club continues to be a social success, and with a little more co-operation from the members cannot fail to progress. Our prospects are rosy, and if enthusiasm among the younger members increases with the rapidity evidenced in the latter part of this season, the Committee have no fears for the future.

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

The last meeting of the Winter Session was held on April 4th at Blucher Street, and took the form of a Tea-Dance followed by the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting, although not too well attended owing, no doubt, to the fine weather, was conducted with an enthusiasm which more than made up for the small numbers.

Mr. Sam Chesler presided, and Reports were given by the Chairmen of the various Sub-Committees on the year's workings.

The following Officers were elected:

President, Mr. B. B. Morris; Chairman, Mr. Sam Chesler; Vice-Chairman, Mr. L. P. Morris; Secretary, Miss Julia Morris; Treasurer, Mr. C. Halter.

Mr. A. J. Ostrov was elected an Honorary Life President, an honour which as the Rev. Dr. A. Cohen expressed in nominating him, no one deserved more, as no one had done more to put the Young Israel Society on "the map."

A profit on the year was recorded with pleasure, and the balance sheet was received after discussion with thanks to the Treasurer and Auditors.

On April 11th the Young Israel Tennis Club opened its season at the Limberlost, Handsworth Wood, and about twenty members enjoyed a fine afternoon as the guests of Mr. Ostrov and Mr. B. B. Morris, who provided tea for all.

The charge for membership is 25/- to members and 30/- to non members. All interested should write to Miss B. Ostrov, 154, Pershore Road.

TENNIS CLUB.

The Tennis season opened in glorious sunshine on Sunday, April 4th. About 40 members attended for the first day's play and spent a thoroughly enjoyable day.

For the current season, a number of inter-matches are being arranged with local and London teams, and also with non-Jewish Clubs.

A special programme has been drawn up for Coronation Day. Lunch and tea will be served at the Pavilion, and a Tournament will also be held. At about 5-30 in the afternoon, a Mystery Trip in cars will take place. The cost for the whole day's programme will be approximately 4/- and members desiring to participate in these events are requested to inform the Secretary without delay.

New members desirous of joining the Club may either apply at the Courts, Colebrook Road, Warwick Road, or to the Secretary, Mr. Max Einstein, 91 Oakfield Road, Cannon Hill.

Friendly Society News.

ISAAC JOSEPH LODGE.

What must be regarded in every sense as one of the most successful Installation Meetings held in recent years took place on Sunday, March 21st, 1937, at the new home of the Jewish Friendly Society Institute, 20 Bristol Road when in the presence of Rev. Dr. A. Cohen, Revs. Rabinowitz and Klein, Representatives of the B.J.F.S.C. and Achei Brith Lodges and Members and their Friends, Bro. J. Bowman one of the younger school in the Executive Council, conducted the Installation ceremony in a very efficient manner, assisted by Bro. D. Bernstein, the Midland Representative.

After everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the splendid Tea, so ably catered by the Sisters of the Rachel Mindelsohn Lodge, and for which Bro. D. Rose, Vice-Chairman of the Lodge, accorded them a hearty vote of thanks, Rev. Dr. Cohen, in proposing the Toast to the Order and the Lodge, stated he welcomed the change that was spreading over the Friendly Society Movement to-day, as compared with past years, insomuch as they were taking their full share of responsibility in Communal matters.

Bro. Bowman in his reply did not make the mistake of previous Executive Officers, attending provincial Installation Ceremonies, by boring his audience with statistics but contented himself with proving to those present, that the compliment paid to the Order by Dr. Cohen was fully justified.

He instanced the many hundreds of street corner meetings which had been held in the East End of London to combat the growing evil of Anti-Semitism, the readiness of the Order to answer distress signals by raising large sums of money for various major appeals.

Bro. M. Myers, the Hon. Life President, who was given a cordial welcome after his recent illness, replied on behalf of the Lodge.

Bro. Bernstein, who when Installing Bro. Rose in the Vice-Chair, had urged him to use his influence to get the Lodge to foster some kind of charity, moved a vote of thanks to the Clergy and Visitors, coupling with it the name of Bro. A. L. Ostrov, the Chairman of the B.J.F.S.C. and Managing Director of the Institute. Rev. Rabinowitz replied, as also did Bro. Ostrer, who congratulated the Lodge on being the first Lodge to hold their meeting in the new premises.

A successful Meeting then came to an end with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Bro. L. Cabb, and seconded by Bro. M. Izonglick.

The Officers elected for 1937 were:—
Chairman Bro. L. Bassovitch; Vice-Chairman,

Bro. D. Rose Treasurer, Bro. L. Cabb; Trustees, Bros. B. Levy, M. Rubinovitch and P. Lazarus; Auditors, M. Izonglick and M. Jacobs; Recording Secretary, Bro. J. Izonglick; Secretary, Bro. M. Levine.

COURT "JACOBS PRIDE" (A.O.F.)

The quarterly meeting of the Court was held on Tuesday, March 30th, 1937, at the Friendly Societies Institute, 20 Bristol Road, and was well attended. The chief Ranger, Bro. G. Cohen, presided. Bro. A. L. Ostrov, Managing Director of the Institute, welcomed the Court to the new premises, and it was unanimously agreed that the permanent meeting place of the Court would in future be at the Institute. All members can now participate in the Social facilities of the club.

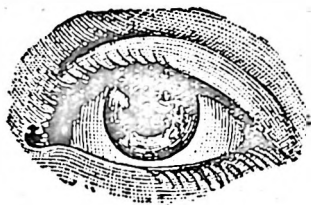
A report on the Convalescent Home at Clent and another on the Amalgamated Friendly Societies Medical Association, was given by Bro. Robert Caro who stated that Kasher Food could now be obtained at the Home for Jewish patients. He also announced that he had been elected President of the Medical Association, and was the first Jewish President for 35 years. The Court heartily congratulated him on this honour.

Court "Jacobs Pride" has now well over 100 members on its books, and those who are not already members of this Society should immediately take steps to become members. Particulars may be obtained from Bro. E. Witton, Seymore Street, Birmingham 12.

FREDERICK JACOMBS' SPORTS LODGE

The above Lodge held its annual installation at "Victory House" 35 Hurst Street, followed by a concert. A large gathering attended. Bro. M. Wilks (Grand Master), assisted by Bro. H. Jaffa (Midland Representative), conducted the ceremony and after initiating nine new members, installed Bro. A. Stone and Bro. H. Isaacs as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. All Lodges under the order were represented. Bro. P. Lazarus proposed the "Order" and Bro. M. Wilkes replied. Bro. H. Jaffa proposed the "Lodge" and Bro. A. Stone responded. Bro. A. L. Ostrov replied to a toast submitted to the Jewish Friendly Society Council by Bro. H. Isaacs. Bro. H. Stone was installed as secretary and Bro. G. Cohen as Honorary Recording Secretary.

It is pleasing to record that since its opening the Lodge has doubled its membership. The Sponsor and executive Officers take this opportunity of thanking members for their continued support.



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GRAND ORDER OF ISRAEL. UNITED BIRMINGHAM LODGE No. 20

The 74th Annual Installation and Tea will take place on Sunday, May 2nd, 1937, at the Birmingham Jewish Friendly Societies Institute, Ltd, 20 Bristol Road, Birmingham, 5. Installation at 3-15, Tea at 5 o'clock. Bro M. Wilks, Grand President of the Order will attend the Installation with other Grand Lodge Delegates assisted by Bro. H. Jaffa, Midland representative.

RACHEL MINDELSONH LODGE, NO. 38

On Sunday, April 11th, the Rachel Mindelsohn Lodge celebrated its 21st Birthday with a combined installation, Supper and Dance, held at their new headquarters at the Jewish Friendly Societies' Club and Institute, 20 Bristol Road. The occasion was a doubly memorable one, since this is the first time we have had our own rooms, and we are indebted to the Mindelsohn family for this unprecedented Birthday gift.

The Installation ceremony was held in the Council Room and was conducted by the London representatives, Bro. Hyams, Grand Vice-President of the Order and Sister Betty Hyman of the Executive, to whom our thanks are due for the manner in which the proceedings were conducted.

The Rachel Mindelsohn Lodge also wishes to record their appreciation of the gift of a new set of Regalia from the male Lodges and Juvenile Lodge of the Achei Brith in Birmingham.

During the proceedings, the President was formally presented with the Jewel of Merit, a trophy won for the second time for the largest increase in membership, in competition with all the ladies' lodges in London and the provinces

The newly installed Officers are as follows:— President, Sis. D. Morris; Vice-President, Sis. A. Goldstein; Secretary, Sis. E. Goodman; Treasurer, Sis. R. Morganstein; Trustees, Sis. T. Goodman, Bro. D. Bernstein; Auditors, Sis. E. Levine, Sis. R. Gladstone; Guardian, Sis. M. Bernstein; Marshalls, Sis. P. Goodman, Sis. S. Shuchman.

The Tables were laid in our own charming room for supper, immediately prior to which a

portrait of our late Sponsor, Rachel Mindelsohn, was unveiled by Mr. Justin Mindelsohn. During the supper, in addition to the usual toasts, a presentation was made to Sis. Z. Silverman, the retiring Secretary.

There was an excellent band in attendance for the dance, and a cabaret of talented child artists. Everybody, in spite of the crowded floor, had a most enjoyable time. Mr. M. Zissman acted as M.C.

We are also desirous of recording our thanks to our acting Sponsor, Mrs. Lionel Goodman, for the floor covering which has made our rooms considerably more "homey" and also to the anonymous donor of a radiogram which will be a source of enjoyment to all the members in addition to being a handsome piece of furniture.

Anyone who wishes to join the Lodge (the rooms are open to members any evening except Sunday) should communicate with the Secretary, Miss E. Goodman, 135 Belgrave Road, Birmingham, 5.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Edith Freedman.

The Sabbath day brought 'rest in the life everlasting' to a beloved and respected personality in Birmingham Jewry, who had devoted her life to good deeds. No Community could be blessed with a more zealous worker in the cause of charity than Mrs. Freedman. She was a member of many Committees of the United Benevolent Board, and when any difficult case had to be visited it was usually she who volunteered for the task. For many years she was Chairman of the House Committee of the Home for the Aged, and in that capacity never spared herself to provide for the comfort of her charges. She was a woman of deep religious feeling, a devout Jewess, a lover of the Synagogue and traditional Judaism. A long and painful illness was borne with wonderful fortitude which emanated from her faith, and she passed from the world happy in the knowledge that she had always striven to do good to others. Her sweet disposition and self-sacrificing life must remain an inspiration to all who worked with her, and they will long lament the void her death has created in this Congregation.

Correspondence.

JEWISH DEFENCE.

2, Mitre Court Buildings,
Temple, E.C.4.
April 5th, 1937.

The Editor,
"The Birmingham Jewish Recorder,"

Dear Sir,

My attention has been drawn to certain remarks in the Editor's Message in the April number of the "Birmingham Jewish Recorder," in which the Board of Deputies is described as not being the most suitable body, nor, apparently the most competent one to deal with Anti-Semitism in this country. I have no intention whatever of entering into any discussion on this point. But two issues are raised on which I must make a short reply.

It is suggested that one who is described as having considerable experience of addressing non-Jewish audiences has submitted proposals months ago to enlighten the general public on the truth about Jewry; that he has never been informed whether his suggestions were adopted or rejected. This is simply not true, as the gentleman in question—I will not mention names,—must have been informed through a third party, who occupies a position of distinction and authority in Birmingham, that these suggestions had already been embodied in our Speakers' Notes, and that the publication of others was under consideration. As a matter of fact they have all been covered in our more than adequate literary output.

Secondly as to Mr. John Stone's article, I will say this: that it was considered most carefully by various persons of authority and by the Publications Sub-Committee, and it was unanimously decided that it was not suitable for publication. Any delay arose through not one individual but merely from the fact that more than usual consideration was given to it.

The position of Mr. Stone was in no way different from that of any other journalist who submits articles without any guarantee of publication, and who is not paid for his submission.

The Publications Sub-Committee of the Board has done yeoman service in the last few months, and has practically covered every field in which anti-Semitic charges have been made.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
NEVILLE LASKI.

(We deal with this letter in our Editorial Ed., B.J.R.)

ENEMIES WITHIN THE CAMP.

The Editor,
"Birmingham Jewish Recorder,"

Sir,

At the meeting of the City Council, held on April 6th, a statement was made which must give every Jew in Birmingham cause for the gravest concern. I quote the following extract from "The Birmingham Post":

Alderman Ager said: "There is a real scandal growing up in this city. A few gentlemen whose nationality I don't want to mention at this stage, but intend to mention at a later stage if things do not improve, are buying houses, and immediately they buy them are giving people who reside therein notice to quit—municipal houses included. One of these gentlemen, recently approached, replied to a Corporation department in these terms: "As long as the law allows me to do this, I shall do it." Something ought to be done, I think we all agree. The trouble that has arisen in other parts of the world has arisen owing to this type of individual. If aliens or semi-aliens are going to operate in this country they have to be taught, in my opinion, that they have to behave as decent citizens. If not, whatever it may cost, I intend in the near future not only to mention their nationalities but their names in public in order to ensure that the whole of the population know these people and their practices."

Now the scandal has reached this critical stage, I trust that the persons responsible for this outburst will look to their ways, and avoid anything in their transactions which might reflect upon the good name of the Community. If, on the other hand, they are indifferent to it and, in order to make more money, imperil the position of Birmingham Jewry, their co-religionists should take every legitimate step to show their resentment. I recall a precedent where a man was given a pauper's funeral, although he left a vast fortune, because the Congregation refused his tainted money and denied him membership. What a past generation did the present generation can also do.

Yours faithfully,

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Correspondence (continued)

MORE ENEMIES WITHIN THE CAMP

35, Cannon Hill Road,
Birmingham, 12.
April, 10th, 1937.

Dear Sir,

I was very perturbed when during two recent (Sunday excursion) train journeys I made, (one to Manchester and one to London) I witnessed the most inconsiderate if not rude behaviour on the part of a crowd of Jewish young men and women, ostentatiously dressed, loud voiced, calling across the long compartments to each other, ignoring the possibility of some of the passengers desiring to doze or at least read in peace.

Had the culprits been just two or three people, I would have approached them and reproached them; but the party to Manchester seemed to be a "Friendly Society," so friendly in fact, that in their exuberance of spirits, they forgot that their inconsiderate behaviour would call forth, not feelings of friendliness but of animosity, if not positive anti-semitism from their fellow-travellers.

When will our co-religionists realise that we are living in a period when a strong searchlight is being directed upon us and upon our every movement? It behoves us therefore to see to it that in no way do we give cause for condemnation.

This matter has been dealt with by you on more than one occasion; but I hope that you will find space in the "Recorder" to remind our Jewish people once more of this

lamentable trait in their character, and bring home to some thoughtless culprit the enormity of this seemingly trivial offence.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) L. FREEDMAN.

A SUGGESTION.

26th March, 1937.

The Editor,
The " Birmingham Jewish Recorder."
Sir,

Since you are anxious to hear readers' opinions about the "Recorder," I should like to suggest that you would be doing the Jewish Community a great service if you could publish in each issue particulars of the times of services in the Synagogues and also the times of inauguration of the Sabbath and Festivals for the ensuing month.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

BERNARD BORKON.

(We should like to have the views of readers on his suggestion. Ed. B.J.R.).

A committee has been formed in aid of the German Jewish Relief Fund, with the intention of holding a film Premiere to be shown at the Warley Cinema, Sunday, October 17th, by the kind permission of Mr. Oscar Deutsch.

Here and There.



COMMUNAL SK ETCHES

No. 8.

A POPULAR CHAIRMAN.

We are glad to introduce a new regular feature of our Journal. In the form of letters to a nephew, our contributor will give brief sketches of important personalities and events in Jewish History. They should provide interesting and instructive reading for old and young alike. We are grateful to the writer for voluntarily undertaking the task.

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We warmly congratulate the Rachel Mindelsohn Lodge on completing twenty one years of fruitful existence and wish it a long and useful career. One of its members has commemorated the event in verse.

OUR COMING OF AGE.

(Rachel Mindelsohn Lodge, Birmingham).

Since our inception, twenty-one
Full years have passed and we
Cast back our prideful gaze and see
How, through the years, the sands have run.
Right from the first our aim has been
To keep her memory fresh and green ;
Bestowing only fame upon
The name of Rachel Mindelsohn !

Twice have we won the Jewel bright,
And brought our Lodge into renown.
And still our goal will be to crown
Our former triumphs. No respite !
By constant effort we will show
How deep within us is the glow
Of gratitude for all they've done . . .
The family of Mindelsohn !

For we have our own home at last !
No nobler gift than this could we
Have had for our Majority—
Our lot in pleasant ways is cast.
The Lodge from strength to strength will grow,
And we our gratitude will show
By striving for its weal no less
Because we once achieved success ! —B.S.

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The total sum realised at the second Anniversary Tea given by Mrs. S. Coleman on March 3rd, in aid of Polish Relief was £20.

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We wonder how many readers wrote to the Soncino Press (5, Gower Street, London, W.C.1.), for their prospectus of their publication Society ! It is a venture well worth supporting.

Owing to pressure on our space we have had to hold over several articles of general interest.

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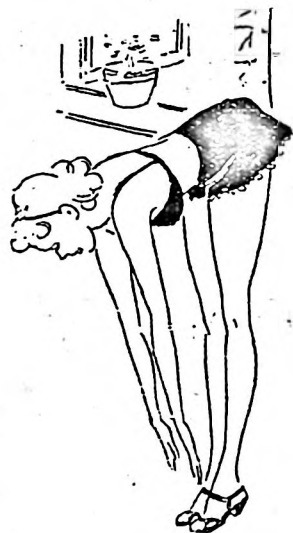
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Editorial

Dear Readers,

GLORIOUS sunshine, blue sky, wisps of snowy clouds, the birds merrily singing in the trees; the joy and gaiety of nature has burst on us in the last few weeks. We have shed the sombreness of the winter months, and are already revelling in the warmth and brightness of a rejuvenated world. Youth, youth, we hear the call of the great out-door—riding, swimming, tennis, boating, each and all are endeavouring to steal us away from our more hum-drum pursuits; but all these are secondary to what? need I ask? You know my answer before I write it. Take special pains to look your most attractive, be your most charming, to people who you come in contact with.

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THIS IS BEAUTY NEWS

BETTY.

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VERA.

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My Dear Boys and Girls,

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Coronation! The air seems full of the word doesn't it, and the spirit of Coronation is so general that even those of us who will actually see nothing of the great event feel that we are somehow in it. Throughout the length and breadth of the country people are buying flags and decorations—for houses—for cars, or for—just the joy of buying a flag!

In London, stands are being put up all along the route which the Royal Procession will take, and thousands of people will see our gracious and loved King and Queen and the little Princesses as they pass by on their way to and from the Coronation Service in Westminster Abbey. Thousands more will listen by means of wireless to the ceremonies of the day being broadcast, so wonderfully are we in touch with great events in these modern times.

But Coronation itself is not modern—it goes back through the ages—though not of course, in the form we know it to-day. Yet the Kings of this country are anointed to-day as were the ancient Kings of Israel in days gone by. Down through the ages has come this ritual, gathering pomp and ceremony as the centuries have passed, until it has become the great ceremonial as we know it, an occasion for national holiday and rejoicing. David came from tending his father's sheep and with no pomp, no ceremony, no magnificence, Samuel "took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brethren." It was simple, but it was beautiful. The Coronation of King George VI and his Queen Elizabeth will be no simple matter, but it also will be beautiful—beautiful in its colour, its pageantry, in all that it stands for and symbolises—the steadfastness, the justice, the glory of this country.

We, who are members of the Jewish race, are second to none in our loyalty and devotion to King and country. We owe our deepest gratitude to them and to God, for we live in freedom and security under the wise guidance of a just and upright ruler. For us the words "God Save the King" must ring with a depth of feeling

which is sincere and lasting, the expression of our deep love for and loyalty to

"This royal throne of kings, this sceptred isle
"This blessed plot, this earth, this realm,
this England."

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From Irene Tobias comes this Coronation poem, and I am glad to be able to publish a topical poem written by one of yourselves.

"CORONATION."

Shout for joy O fellow countrymen,
Make yourself happy and gay,
And hold the banner of England high,
Gloom's on holiday to-day.

Our noble sovereigns are being crowned,
I bid you all rejoice,
Each and all of us together,
Shall sing in a mighty voice.

Look! look! wave your hands here they
come now,

In their carriage of glistening gold,
Noble soldiers line the pathway,
In uniform they look so bold.

Westminster Abbey seems very hushed,
Their Majesties take the vow,
The crown of England is placed on their
heads,
While the spectators silently bow.

Long life and peace your Majesties,
For a reign full of glory,
So very beautiful in its way,
To go down in history.

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Good-bye for this month, boys and girls, and I hope each one of you will take from the coming events some particularly happy memory of Coronation Year.

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Irene Tobias.—I was very interested to read your news and hope you will enjoy your new work. The best of luck! Thank you for the poems. I am very pleased with them, and hope to publish the other one later. Do let me know how you are getting on.

L.E.—Thank you so much for your encouraging letter and generous donation. We do appreciate "grown-up" help so much.

Jack Gould.—Your regular contribution is splendid, and I love receiving your letters.

"JUMBLED NAMES" COMPETITION.

The prize for the competition goes to Leonard Woolf, 111, Gough Road, Birmingham, aged 10 years, who had every name right.

Two excellent entries were sent in by Maurice Rose, and V. Zuck, each with one spelling mistake.

The following are the correct answers:—1, Elkanah; 2, Rehoboam; 3, Jael; 4, Peninnah; 5, Isaiah; 6, Ahab; 7, Naomi; 8, Ephraim; 9, Shem; 10, Joshua; 11, Deborah; 12, Absalom.

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The Editor's Message.

We feel it a public duty to remind our readers of the two letters printed in the last issue, under the caption of "Enemies Within the Camp" and "More Enemies Within the Camp." During the two centuries of its existence, Birmingham Jewry has created a reputation for itself vis-a-vis the general population of which it is justifiably proud. The happiest relations have existed between the two. The Jews have been looked upon as an integral part of the civic body.

During the past month evidence of this good feeling was forthcoming. The invitation to the Minister of the Congregation to take part in the Coronation Service in the Cathedral, and the presence of two members of the Community in the Lord Mayor's procession on that occasion, were intended to be, and should be interpreted as, a compliment to Birmingham Jewry.

This happy relationship is being threatened by the thoughtless conduct of a few individuals. Even in ordinary times this would be a serious matter; but it is very much more grave at a time when public opinion is particularly sensitive as regards the Jew. On the slightest provocation the remark is made: "We could do with a Hitler here!" Must we not, then, be especially careful not to give such provocation?

It is senseless to plead that we are in a free country and are entitled to be rowdy in a train, or that we can follow a certain procedure because it is allowed by law. We have got to think of the impression created by our behaviour. If it calls forth caustic comment from non-Jews, it is wrong to act so. If it casts a slur upon the Jewish name, our action is treachery to our fellow-Jews.

In our Correspondence page a writer expresses the belief that the two letters will have a salutary effect. We earnestly trust it will be so and the Community will not be compelled, in self-protection, to display resentment against those who menace its safety. We recall the wise parable of the Rabbi who described a boat out to sea, in which one of the passengers was seen boring a hole in the bottom. When remonstrated with, he answered, "It has nothing to do with you; I am only boring the hole where I am sitting." The others retorted, "Wherever the hole is bored, the waters will rush in and drown us!"

That is precisely the situation of Jewry now. We are all in the same boat, sailing on a very rough sea. We dare not permit anyone to bore a hole in its bottom.

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Letters to Harold

No. 2.

My dear Harold,

In this letter I will conclude the story of Moses Mendelssohn. About 1754 he was introduced to Lessing, a Christian dramatist and author. It was over a game of chess, "the royal game joined into alliance two kings in the realm of thought." They soon became closely attached to each other. Mendelssohn admired Lessing's great culture, his skill and ease in writing. Lessing admired in Mendelssohn his passion for truth; his grandeur of thought and firmness of character founded on a moral basis.

About this time Mendelssohn won the prize awarded by the Prussian Academy of Sciences for the best essay on an abstruse subject. In this competition he defeated Immanuel Kant, who was later acknowledged the foremost philosopher of his day. The two afterwards became intimate friends. Shortly after this Mendelssohn embarked on the writing of his first book, "Philosophic Conversations" (1775) which, because of his extreme modesty, his friend, Lessing, had published for him.

Mendelssohn's great ambition now was to raise the status of the Jews, and so remove the barrier of enslavement and differentiation so long endured by his people. His plan was to "educate" them for citizenship. The language used by Jews in Germany was Yiddish, and he believed that there would be better understanding between Jew and Gentile if the former used German as the medium of speech. The Bible had been overcrowded by commentaries and super-commentaries until the simple meaning was hidden. Mendelssohn considered it his first duty to remove the dust which had accumulated upon the Bible. So he set about translating the five Books of Moses into pure German. Other translations were then in existence, but these contained Christian interpretations which made them unsuitable for Jewish readers. He wrote other books as well, chief among them being "Phaedon," a modern adaptation of Plato's dialogue of that name, and "Jerusalem, or Religious Power and Judaism."

Mendelssohn soon became the lion among the eminent writers of his time. Even Frederick the Great was anxious to meet "the Jew Mendelssohn." The Emperor advanced him to the rank of "Schutzjude" or "protected Jew," which meant that he could never be expelled from Berlin.

During a visit to Hamburg in 1762, he became acquainted with a man named Guggenheim, who begged Mendelssohn to come

to his house, saying: "We all admire you, especially my daughter. It would be a great happiness for me to have you as my son-in-law." Mendelssohn was very shy because of his deformity, but he plucked up courage and visited the young lady. She was sewing at the time of his arrival and did not raise her eyes from her work. In spite of this, they carried on a friendly conversation. Then he deftly turned the talk to marriage. Suddenly she asked him, "Do you believe that marriages are made in heaven?" "Yes, indeed," he replied, "and something wonderful happened to me. At the birth of a child, proclamation is made in heaven, 'He or she shall marry such and such a person.' When I was born, my future wife was also named, but I was warned that she would be hump-backed. 'O God,' I exclaimed, 'a deformed girl will be embittered and unhappy. Give me the humpback and let the maiden be well-formed!'" Such was the beginning of their romance. They were afterwards married and lived very happily together. One of their grand-children was the famous musician, Felix Mendelssohn.

A Christian clergyman, Lavater, who was a friend of Mendelssohn, could not understand that a man of such intellectual attainments should remain a Jew. From a conversation he had with Mendelssohn, he formed the conclusion that he was really a Christian at heart but was afraid openly to admit it. Lavater accordingly published a translation of Bonnet's "Evidences of Christianity," with a dedication to Mendelssohn, in the course of which he challenged him publicly to refute the arguments or embrace the dominant religion. Mendelssohn was loth to take up the challenge because it would have meant attacking the Christian Faith and imperilling the Jewish position. After consideration he wrote to Lavater that he was a Jew by innermost conviction and Bonnet's book had not shaken his belief in Judaism. In this way he vindicated himself without giving offence to others. Lavater admired the clever way Mendelssohn had escaped from his dilemma and apologised for having created it. One consequence of this incident was the composition by Lessing of his most famous drama, "Nathan the Wise," and all who read it understood that the character of Nathan was drawn from his friend, Moses.

Mendelssohn died on January 4th, 1786, in his 57th year, having by his life's activities, paved the way for a new era in Jewish history—the era of emancipation.

Yours affectionately, UNCLE SAM.

The Requisite of the Priest.

Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. A. Cohen on Sabbath, May 1st, 1937.

"And the Lord spake unto Moses saying: Speak to Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in all their generations, that has a blemish, let him not approach to present the food of his God" (Leviticus XXI, 16, 17).

A whole chapter in the Scriptural reading of this Sabbath was taken up with the qualifications of the priests for the Divine Service. Although every male member of the family of Aaron had the right by birth to act as priest, other requirements were necessary from him before he was permitted to take the important position of Minister in the Temple-worship. Accident of birth was not by itself sufficient. There were several factors which could disqualify him. The presence of a physical blemish barred him from participation in the duties connected with the priestly office. These blemishes are enumerated in the 21st chapter of Leviticus.

It is worth while trying to discover the principle which underlies the enumeration. That principle may be expressed in this way: the God Who is being worshipped is perfect; therefore everything associated with His Service must likewise be perfect. and His Ministers faultless.

There must be nothing about the priests which could in the smallest degree detract from the imposing character of the Sanctuary and its ritual. For example, a man could not function as priest if he were of stunted growth, a dwarf, or if any of his features were grotesquely disproportioned, thus giving him an ungainly appearance. The reason is, that were such a person to perform the Holy Offices, the people who beheld him might ridicule him and then ridicule his sacred charge.

The eminent Jewish philosopher, Maimonides, declares: "The Hebrews were forbidden to admit to the Holy service anyone with a personal defect; . . . for the multitude does not appreciate a man for that which is his true form (i.e., for his mind or character), but for the perfection of his limbs, and the beauty of his garments. Those laws were, therefore, given to make the Temple honoured and respected by all. ("Guide for the Perplexed," III, 45). There is much truth in this

statement. Even at the present day we attach considerable importance to the personal appearance of men placed in high positions. Such a phrase as "he looked every inch a king" demonstrates that what the Rabbis called "hadrath ponim"—an impressive exterior—still carries great weight with the people. It was essential that the Temple Service should be awe-inspiring to the Community. Consequently, there must be nothing about the person of the priest which could in any way mar the desired effect.

There have been critics who tried to pour ridicule on such legislation of the Bible. They call this sort of thing trivial, and maintain that the inner man is of greater importance than the outer man. The blemish which, according to Leviticus, disqualified the priest was only physical; nothing is said about moral blemishes. Hence, it is alleged that the whole ritual of the Temple is based upon a low standard of spiritual comprehension.

This criticism is the fruit of ignorance; because it is a well-known fact that among ancient peoples it was generally believed that a physical blemish was the outward indication of a moral blemish. For instance, it was thought that blindness was the result of lack of intelligence, a fractured hand indicated a lazy disposition, a leprous skin was the outcome of a slanderous tongue. Abundant evidence could be quoted to prove that it was widely held that "faultlessness of the body was regarded as a symbol of the perfection of the soul." We may take it that the Bible required the priest to be perfect inwardly as well as outwardly, without blemish physically and morally. According to the exhortation of Isaiah, "Be pure, ye who are the vessels of the Lord."

The 21st chapter of Leviticus closes with a noteworthy statement, viz., "And Moses told these laws to Aaron and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel." You perhaps do not notice anything remarkable about these words. The laws in question deal only with the priests, and

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it is understandable that Moses should communicate them to Aaron and his sons ; but why " to all the children of Israel ? " Of what concern were these priestly laws to them ? The answer is very important. Just as the priests played a special part in the life of the Israelite Community, so was the Israelite called upon to play a special part in the life of humanity at large. Every Israelite was intended for the priesthood because he belonged to " the Kingdom of priests ; " he was to be a priest to the world. Consequently the laws which regulated the sons of Aaron were also to regulate the sons of Jacob.

Our text is therefore not concerned only with the dead past ; it relates also to the living present. It has a command for us Jews and Jewesses to-day—especially in these times. It exhorts us to present an unblemished exterior to the world in every sense of the term. The necessity to remember this will be seen when we bear in mind how the Jew is caricatured. In the comic papers and on the stage the typical Jew is represented as a slouching, dirty figure with a long unkempt beard, wearing shabby and ill-fitting clothes. We cannot afford to ignore this criticism of ourselves, and a caricature is usually a criticism. We dare not ignore the fact that our fellowmen associate the average Jew with dirt and that which is unsightly; because the ridicule cast upon him is also cast upon his race and religion. What is hurled at the priest strikes the cause he serves. Unfortunately, some of our co-religionists have brought this ill-repute upon themselves. Anybody who knows Judaism at all is aware that it lays great stress on cleanliness and neatness of person. The Talmud mentions that Rabbi Jochanan called his garment " that which honoureth me " (Shabbath 113b) ; and another Rabbinic reference declares " The glory of men is their garment " (Derech Eretz Zuta X), meaning that a man is judged by his outward appearance. See to it, then, that your clothes bring you respect and not contempt.

Now there are Jews who disregard this wise teaching. In the land where they were reared they acquired habits which they bring with them to this country—habits which here arouse disgust. I dare say they are no worse than would be found in the poor quarters of this city where English-born persons reside, but these unclean habits are more noticed and censured when exhibited by a Jew, and an uncharitable world is ready to tar the whole race with the same brush. I maintain it is a religious duty incumbent upon the Jew to avoid giving this offence. The whole Jewish position suffers in consequence. Our faith is despised; our holy charge is thereby brought into contempt. Like the priest in the Temple, the Jew must be without blemish, without any exterior disqualification.

To indicate how serious an effect may result from such a cause, I may mention that in his book, " Mein Kampf," Hitler tells how his attention was first drawn to Jews. As a young man he noticed certain persons in the streets of Vienna in a peculiar garb and of an uncouth appearance. They made a most disagreeable impression upon him ; and when he discovered that they were Jews, he jumped to the conclusion that the Jewish race was an undesirable element which should not be allowed to mingle freely with the general population. It made him a confirmed Anti-semiter. This illustration proves tragically the necessity for paying heed to the ancient biblical regulation.

Further, like the priest, the Jew must be unblemished morally. He must carefully shun any defect of character which can be fastened on to the race. For instance, it has damaged our standing in the eyes of the world that we, as a race, are thought of as ostentatious in our manners, loud and coarse in our speech, dishonest and untrustworthy in our business dealings, and so on. I do not suppose that these faults are more prevalent amongst us than the rest of the population. The vices of a few individuals have come to be regarded as the characteristic of the nation. " Echod choteh vechullom margishin "—one commits a wrong, and all experience the consequences. But again, the serious aspect of the matter is not the inconvenience caused to the individual Jew, but the reflection cast upon Judaism. The Jew is naturally looked upon as a product of his religion. If, then, our fellowmen think that Judaism produces unclean men and women, ostentatious men and women, avaricious men and women, dishonest men and women who are prone to resort to questionable methods to gain their end, what can they think of Judaism ! In this way is God's holy name profaned by them whose mission it is to proclaim His perfection and draw mankind to Him by the example of their living.

We should stand as testimony for God, whereas the conduct of Jews is often such that it is testimony against Him. For that reason did Moses reveal the laws of the priest not only to the sons of Aaron, but to all Israel, that every member of the holy covenant may realise his responsibility not merely to himself, but to his people and faith, and through them to God. Let that ancient exhortation live with us and it will guide us aright. Everyone of us who does not disown his connection with the Jewish race is a priest serving God in the Temple of the world, and we must be without blemish. To us also apply the words of the prophet : " Be pure, ye who bear the vessels of the Lord."

THE GAME'S THE THING

By "MASADA."

During the past few years there has been a growing tendency towards a revival of the Grecian enthusiasm for physical culture and athletics. Progressing slowly during the early post-War years, it has gradually become more powerful in its appeal to the youth and middle-aged of the country. Nation-wide organisations for the improvement of the physique of their members have become extremely popular, and their activities form an intrinsic part in the lives of the man or woman of to-day.

The value of these movements to the nation has now been recognised by the Government, and, by means of subsidies and support generally, they will be given greater scope to attain their aims. No one will deny that the decision is both wise and timely. The health and welfare of the country are built up on the well-being of its citizens, and the latter cannot but benefit from sensible systems of physical culture.

A healthy mind needs a healthy body if its owner is to attain a full enjoyment and interest in life, but it must always be remembered that the converse is equally true. The danger to be avoided is that of treating body and mind as separate entities. The stressing of one at the expense of the other must inevitably produce undesirable results. Each reacts on the other, forming a very delicate relationship. Physical culture, like fire, is a good servant but a bad master and apt to defeat its own aims if it is not properly controlled. Nevertheless, as agents capable of alleviating and counteracting the emotional strain and specialised work imposed by an age of petroleum, electricity and mass-production, physical training and games are excellent antidotes.

There is no need to emphasise the lessons which can be learned in the process of play, for they are more easily absorbed than those of the classroom. It is, however, just as hard to utilise what one has learned when putting it into practice. (Any enthusiastic golfer will agree most heartily—and bitterly!) Helen Wills-Moody once said, "If you see a tennis player who looks as if he is working very hard, then that means that he is not very good." This is true of all games. Mind and body, acting together in harmony, produce the best results, not only in the game itself, but in their effect on the mental and physical make-up of the individual. A game to be of any real value must be enjoyed, and provided it is treated as "play" and not as "work," it will benefit the participant. The variety of ways in which exercise may be enjoyed to-day makes it possible for everyone to take part in the search for physical health.

In the world of sport, the Jew seems to achieve most in those sections where he is free to use his individual abilities; boxing is a typical example. It is an old cry that he lacks the "team spirit." Force of circumstance is partly to blame for this but, nevertheless, it must be admitted that there is an element of truth in the criticism. Even with his own community he jibs at having to follow his elected leader. It was not long ago that Mr. Neville Laski complained bitterly of this self-same tendency in Jewish affairs. There is no doubt that team work can achieve much that is denied to a collection of individuals. Blind faith is not essential to the success of such a spirit, but an intelligent trust in a leader, combined with the good fellowship within the team itself, will bring out the best qualities of the individual and do most for the ultimate good of the united whole.

Games mean much to the average Englishman and it is in this sphere that the Jew can grow to understand his Gentile neighbours more fully and, with equal importance, be understood in his turn. We are always ready with the complaint that we are misunderstood; but do we attempt to understand the world—except as spectators? The time has arrived when we must leave the touch lines and stand to take our places on the field itself. This must be done now if we are to achieve the objects of mutual understanding and comradeship. A large important proportion of the English public do not take the trouble to consider Jewish problems to any appreciable degree, and retain their innate and acquired misconceptions of our race. If this section cannot be reached by articles and speeches, there are fields of joint activity in which much can be done to remedy this state of affairs. In its small way, a Jewish team which "plays the game" (if one may use such an overworked phrase!) will gain the respect, good fellowship and above all, the understanding of its Gentile opponents far more readily and thoroughly than by using the weapons of reason and logic.

The Maccabi and similar organisations have done excellent work in this direction, for their activities are by no means limited to meeting Jewish clubs. These activities are good, not only from our national viewpoint, but because they yield the maximum satisfaction and enjoyment to the individual who takes part in them.

There are a few enthusiastic groups in Birmingham attempting to follow the lead given by these larger organisations; but owing to the lack of facilities, they have little chance of development. The formation of a Jewish Sports Club, co-ordinating and utilising the energies of the separate groups would do much to further and encourage their efforts. We have some of the finest literary and social societies always ready to serve both mental and emotional needs in our leisure time. Let us try to achieve the same standard in the realm of physical culture and create a balanced whole. It is worth the attempt.

Round the Community.

LITERARY AND ARTS SOCIETY.

At the first meeting of the new Committee, the executive officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. I. Cohen; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Maurice Joseph; Joint Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. S. Jacobs and S. Cassell; Joint Hon. Secs., Miss Gwen Leek and Miss F. Silverstone.

Preparations for the Session are proceeding apace, and the committee has pleasure in announcing Miss Hannah Cohen, President of the London Jewish Board of Guardians as the new President.

JEWISH SOCIAL AND DRAMATIC CLUB.

Rambling: Many of the 70 members who took part in our Jubilee Ramble will remember the amenities afforded by **Maxstoke Castle**. It is therefore most appropriate that in this, the Coronation Year, in response to numerous requests both from happy participants and disappointed absentees, that we are repeating this most enjoyable outing.

The date is fixed for June 13th, and further particulars will be circularised to all members. Non-members who desire notification are requested to apply to the Hon. Secretary, 99, Bishop Street (Mr. H. Brown).

Half-day rambles, under the auspices of the Club, will take place fortnightly, commencing June 27th. All interested should meet under the clock (Woodfields), Hill Street, not later than 2-15 p.m.

Dramatics: The Dramatic Section, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Goldstein, is actively engaged in the winter programme.

Table Tennis: We are pleased to announce that Mr. D. Rosenberg was chosen to play against the champions of the Second Division in a match, Champions v. the Rest; and Miss D. Krusef was included in the Rest team against the champions of Division 2 (Ladies' League).

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

The problem of keeping members of the Young Israel Society together during the summer has been successfully solved by reviving the Tennis Section. The temporary headquarters are at the Limberlost, Handsworth, where non-members of the Tennis Section will be welcomed.

A party, under the leadership of the Chairman, Mr. S. Chesler, spent Coronation Day at Bewdley. A successful inter-visit was held on May 23rd, with Willesden, when an inter-table tennis match was played.

The application of the Dramatic Section for affiliation to the Birmingham Amateur Dramatic Federation has been accepted. Our representative on the Council is Mr. Harry Levine, who was welcomed by Mr. Walter L. Barber at a meeting held on May 13th.

Preparations for a Swimming Gala are being made.

227th Birmingham (1st Jewish) Guides.

The Company and Pack recently held a successful Entertainment in aid of Camp Funds. They were pleased to welcome many parents and friends, among them Dr. and Mrs. Cohen and the District Commissioner, Mrs. Milman.

The special Coronation activities were a visit to London to take part in a Service at the Duke Street Synagogue arranged by the London Association of Jewish Guides. The Service was followed by a tea and sing-song. The Company also took part in the Coronation Rally arranged for all Birmingham Guides at Cannon Hill Park.

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The Cadets took part in the Birmingham Parade of combined Midland Troops. Lieut Trevor Solomon was appointed Orderly Brigade Officer.

The final of The Edward Prince of Wales' Boxing Shield was held at Thorp Street Barracks, on Sunday April 25th, between London and Manchester Companies. The former was successful in a very keen contest, and a most enjoyable afternoon's Sport was witnessed.

The Company is now in strict training for Camp which will be held at Bridlington. The position chosen is ideal, being quite near the sea.

WOMEN'S EFFORT FOR POLISH RELIEF.

At a "Tea" held on April 21st at the Conservative club, Balsall Heath Road, the sum of £9 5s 6d. was realised. The hostesses were Mesdames Altschuler, Pinnick, Kussid and Zeitlin.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COMMISSION.

A meeting which was very well attended was held on Thursday, April 29th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Deutsch, the object being to launch the forthcoming Bazaar in aid of the funds of the Jewish National Fund.

Mr. Oscar Deutsch occupied the chair and a most interesting address was given by Prof. Norman Bentwich. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Bentwich on the motion of the Rev. Dr. Cohen seconded by Mrs. Silverstone.

Mr. Oscar Deutsch was unanimously elected President of the Bazaar with Dr. Cohen, Mr. E. P. Hollander, Mr. B. Goodman, Mrs. Deutsch and

Mrs. Sol. Levy as Vice-Presidents. The following have consented to become patrons of the Bazaar: the Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Col. Amery and Commander Oliver Locker Lampson. Mr. Abrams was elected Chairman and an Executive was duly formed. The Bazaar will take place at the Edgbaston Assembly Rooms on Tuesday, November 30th and Wednesday, December 1st. Arrangements for stalls were made and the general business in connection with the Bazaar was discussed and considerable progress made.

The launching of the Bazaar having now taken place, it remains with Birmingham Jewry to see that it becomes a financial and social success. Thanks were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Deutsch for the use of their residence.

The Treasurer would again like to take this opportunity of reminding Birmingham Jewry of the "SEFER HAYALED," the golden Book for children, and would also like to remind readers and subscribers that A PENNY A DAY IS STILL THE J.N.F. WAY.

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Talmud Torah.

The Annual Prize Distribution of the Birmingham Talmud Torah was held on Sunday, May 2nd, 1937, at the Talmud Torah Rooms. Mr. Oscar Deutsch presided over a record attendance, and Mrs. Deutsch distributed the prizes. The proceedings opened with the Choir singing Mah Tovv, followed by a presentation of a Basket of flowers, subscribed by the pupils, to Mrs. Deutsch, and a flower to Mr. Deutsch. The Chairman in his address, praised the work of the Talmud Torah, and commented on the high standard of Hebrew Education aimed at. Mrs. Deutsch then presented the prizes. Master Morris Rose was awarded the "Miriam Friend Prize" for general efficiency in every subject. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Deutsch was proposed by Rabbi Z. Hodes, who stressed the importance of Religious education for girls.

Rev. Dr. A. Cohen seconded the vote, and referred to the examination he recently conducted. He said he was highly gratified at the knowledge and understanding displayed by the classes in the higher branches of learning, but he was disappointed at the low numerical strength of the top classes. There was no doubt that the Birmingham Talmud Torah could reach as high a standard as any in the country, and it was very disappointing to an enthusiastic staff to find parents withdrawing their children at the Bar-Mitzvah age, before the full course had been completed. He appealed to parents to allow their children to attend the full course of the Talmud Torah. Mrs. Deutsch responded.

The Rev. R. Rabinowitz, Headmaster and Secretary, presented the report of the work of the classes during the year. He deplored the fall in numbers, for whereas, in the previous year, there were 160 boys and girls on the roll, now there were only 140, which included very few girls.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. Jacobs, proposed a Vote of thanks to the teaching staff, which was seconded by the Rev. S. I. Solomons, and supported by Mr. U. Mandelkorn. Mr. M. S. Harris replied on behalf of the teachers. Messrs. I. Woolf and A. Hamburger paid tributes to the Ladies' Sub-Committee, to which Mrs. G. Goldstone (Chairman) replied.

In moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Oscar Deutsch, Mr. I. Candelshine, (Chairman of the Education Committee) said that the Annual grant of £50, received from the Birmingham Hebrew Congregation, was mainly due to Mr. Deutsch's efforts. Mr. W. Blumenthal (Chairman of the Central Synagogue) seconded the vote.

In responding, Mr. Deutsch said that the Talmud Torah would prosper as it so richly deserved, for he realised that the work done there

was essential to the future existence of Jewry itself. In order to increase the number of pupils on the roll, he promised to present every boy or girl who was instrumental in introducing a new pupil to the classes with ten shillings during the forthcoming Chanukah week.

Jewish recitations under the direction of Mrs. K. Levy, and Hebrew folk songs conducted by Mr. A. E. Levine, were rendered by the children. The proceedings terminated with the singing of Hatikvah.

WOMEN ZIONISTS.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all who attended the Social arranged by the Society on May 4th. As a result, over £11 was collected for the funds.

At the last meeting of the Society, Mrs. E. Cohen reported on the work of the Sewing Classes. She said that there had been eleven well-attended meetings, and the number of garments made at these and at home had been over 200. On March 15th a parcel containing 168 garments was dispatched to Palestine, which has since been acknowledged with grateful thanks. To start the session 1937-1938 there were 42 completed garments, several pounds of wool, several pieces of material, and 8/5 in cash.

Sincere thanks are due to all the ladies who attended the meetings; to Mrs. Faber, who did most of the cutting out; to Mrs. Mandelkorn and Mrs. Reggel for the use of their house; and to all the energetic home-workers.

Thanks were extended to Mrs. E. Cohen for her excellent report and for her work as Secretary-Treasurer of the Section.

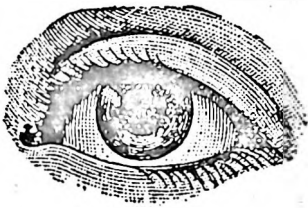
HABONIM.

Zionist activity in Birmingham was given a further impetus when at a tea provided by Mr. E. Alec Colman at 111, Gough Road, by the courtesy of Mr. J. Woolf, the Habonim movement was inaugurated. Some forty children attended, and the aims and objects were explained by the Rosh Gedud, Mr. Barry Mindel. Addresses were given by Mr. E. Alec Colman and Mr. A. Hamburger, who promised a trophy to the best Kevutzah.

A story, "The Fallen Trees," was read by Mr. Harry Levine.

Habonim are meeting weekly every Sunday afternoon at the Hebrew Schools, and all children will be welcomed. Among the leaders are Mr. Marcus, Mr. B. Winter and Mr. M. Dight.

Further information will be supplied by Mr. B. Mindel, 20, Constance Road, Edgbaston.



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Friendly Society News.

RACHEL MINDELSONH LODGE.

We are now comfortably installed in our new headquarters and most of the members are taking full advantage of the facilities provided.

Having purchased a full-sized Table Tennis Table, regulation League pattern, we now have an enthusiastic Table Tennis Section which meets every Thursday evening. The opportunities for practice are almost unlimited (as we have the use of our rooms every evening except Friday and Sunday), so if you are not already a member, please communicate with the Secretary, Miss E. Goodman, 135, Belgrave Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 5.

On Monday, May 10th, we held a Surprise Party and the edible donations were as varied as they were succulent. This was a do-as-you-please evening and everyone enjoyed herself in her own particular way.

We must apologise for omitting to record publicly, in our previous report, our appreciation of Mr. Ostrov's gift to the Rachel Mindelsohn Lodge of nine green electric light shades, a charming and very acceptable reminder of his generosity to us. I am also in a position to announce that the "anonymous" donor of the Radio-gram is Mrs. Moss Mindelsohn, to whom our most grateful thanks are due.

EVA BLOOM LODGE.

The Annual Installation of the Lodge was held on Sunday, April 25th. Bro. M. Wilkes (Grand President of The Grand Order of Israel & Shield of David) conducted the proceedings, assisted by Bro. H. Jaffa.

The following members were installed into Office: President, E. Jacombs; Vice President, F. Isaacs; Secretary, E. Isaacs; Treasurer, R. Spiers; Trustees, R. Shape, A. Ploskin and M. Jaffa; Auditors, B. Levine, M. Jaffa and H. Levine; Marshalls, E. Brown and J. Bloom; Indoor Guardian, J. Goodman and a Committee.

Sister R. Witton was presented with a Past President's Collar which was given by the Sponsor.

Following the Installation the Visitors and Members were invited to a tea which had been arranged by the Committee. After Tea speeches were made. Bro. L. Bloom proposed the Toast to "The Order" and Bro. M. Wilkes responded giving full particulars of the working of the Order and its objects. The Toast of "The Lodge" was made by Bro. H. Jaffa and Bro. P. Lazarus, Life Honorary President of the Lodge, in his response stated how well the Lodge had progressed since its formation and was now the largest Ladies' Lodge in Birmingham. The Toast of "The Sponsor" was proposed by the President of the Lodge, Sister E. Jacombs and she spoke of the good work the Sponsor (Sister Eva Bloom) had done and was still doing for the Jewish Community and

how very proud all the members of the Lodge were to be able to call her "their Sponsor." At this stage a Basket of Flowers was handed to Sister Bloom which was made up of red and white carnations and blue hyacinths. Sister Bloom responded. The Toast to the Visitors was given by Sister E. Isaacs who stated that unfortunately the Rev. Dr. Cohen, who had previously always attended their Installations, was unable to attend owing to an engagement in Cambridge for the Laying of a Foundation Stone. She welcomed on behalf of the Lodge all Visitors, including representatives of the various Lodges in Birmingham. Bro. P. Bloom replied on behalf of the Visitors.

Bro. J. Hassell proposed the toast of The Jewish Friendly Societies' Council and Bro. Ostrov responded.

In conclusion Sister A. Ploskin proposed the Toast of the Chairman (Sister E. Bloom) and the Chairman ably responded. After the Tea a Dance and Cabaret Show helped to finish a delightful day. Thanks for the entertainment must be given to Miss Rae Levine who kindly arranged this part of the programme.

G.O.I. UNITED BIRMINGHAM LODGE.

The annual installation of officers took place at the Friendly Societies Institute on May 2nd, 1937. Bro. H. Jaffa, the Midland representative was in the Chair as Installing Officer and Bro. J. Hart as Vice-Installing Officer. The Chairman welcomed the visitors from Nottingham, delegates from local Lodges, and Bro. I. L. Lyons. Bro. S. Galena was invested as President, and Bro. J. Rosenberg as Vice-President. The meeting was followed by a tea which was attended by over a hundred members and friends. A presentation was made to Bro. H. Goldman who had resigned his position of Collector.

ISAAC JOSEPH LODGE.

At a General Meeting held on Sunday, April 25th, 1937, at the Friendly Societies' Institute, presided over by Bro. L. Bassovitch, the following notice of Motion, moved by Bro. M. Myers, was carried unanimously: That we, the Members of the Isaac Joseph Lodge, pledge ourselves to help financially to the best of our ability, the fund for the relief of, and on behalf of, the POLISH JEWISH CHILDREN.

It was also decided that an outing take place to the Convalescent Home at Etchingham on Sunday, July 4th, 1937, and for this purpose, arrangements have now been made. A Motor Coach will leave the "Red Warrior" Coach Station, Hurst Street, on that day at 7 a.m., arriving at the Home between 12 and 1 p.m. A charge of 12/6d. a person will be made. Tea will be provided at the Home. Members should notify the Secretary of their intention to attend without delay.

JEWISH DEFENCE. 18, Stoneyhurst Road,
Erdington,
Birmingham.
The Editor,
"Birmingham Jewish Recorder."
Sir,
May 12, 1937.

Mr. Laski's statement about my "article" on anti-Semitism is one of those insidious half-truths that can be more misleading than the most downright of lies.

In the first place, "What is this 'Jewish Menace'?" is not an article of the kind that a journalist "submits without any guarantee of publication, and who is not paid for his submission." That kind of article rarely exceeds more than a thousand words or so. The pamphlet that I compiled for the Board of Deputies would cover, on completion about 15,000 words—something like half the length of the shorter novel of to-day. Moreover, the kind of article envisaged by Mr. Laski does not as a rule involve its writer in the unusual amount of research work that was involved in the compiling of "What is this 'Jewish Menace'?"

What that compilation meant in terms of hard labour was made clear from the very first of the preliminary discussions in Birmingham. The idea for "What is this 'Jewish Menace'?" originated from my suggestion that certain letters written by you, sir, and by other correspondents to "The Birmingham Post" in the course of Fascist-Jewish controversy, should be published in pamphlet form. The selection of those letters involved a day-by-day search through the unindexed files of "The Birmingham Post" over a period of three years or more—scarcely the kind of task that is undertaken by the journalist "who submits articles without any guarantee of publication, and who is not paid for his submission."

It was precisely to avoid the vain undertaking of such a task that an interview was arranged at Woburn House in London between the Press Officer to the Deputies and myself. During that interview I explained the whole project, stressing the fact that the letters concerned spoke for themselves and would require but a minimum of comment. It so happened that in the course of my labours I found it necessary to add a good deal of original material—the passage on Jewish International Finance, for instance. It should be remembered, however, that the project as outlined to the accredited representative of Woburn House rested solely on the reproduction in pamphlet form of the letters that had appeared in "The Birmingham Post." Since the compilation of even a rough draft of the pamphlet would involve an age-long search through newspaper files, it must be obvious to the meanest intelligence that I could not possibly have undertaken such a task without some specific assurance that at least this part of my labour would be paid for.

In point of fact I received a specific promise of "adequate payment." That term is scarcely applicable to the cheque for ten guineas that was sent to me after I had devoted the whole of my time for weeks on end to the job of searching for, and digging out, the material required. No alternative remained to me but to return the cheque without prejudice, and to put in a claim for payment based on the standard rate paid to members of the National Union of Journalists. That claim was rejected as "preposterous." The Important Personage who acted as intermediary between Woburn House and myself assured me that, if I left things entirely in his hands, he would see that justice was done me. I still await the doing of that justice. The spectacle of Woburn House seeking to evade responsibility by means of phrases about journalists who submit articles without being paid for their submission, might lead me to despair that such justice ever will be done me were it not for my conviction that whatever Woburn House may lack in the way of scruples, Birmingham Jewry will not be found lacking in conscience when it is fully aware of the facts.

Serious though this aspect of the matter may be, it can affect the well-being of only a single person. The tardiness of the Deputies in dealing with the pamphlet and with similar defensive questions, however, is something that affects the well-being of Anglo-Jewry in its entirety.

"Any delay," explains Mr. Laski in his letter about my pamphlet, "arose through not one individual but merely from the fact that more than usual consideration was given to it." How does he reconcile that explanation with the statement made to me in the course of a letter written by the Press Officer (January 18, 1937) to the effect that "the people who had to see it (the pamphlet) were so very much occupied that they kept putting it off until I (the Press Officer) forced them to take action?"

There are many of us who wish we could share Mr. Laski's satisfaction with the yeoman service done by the Publications Sub-Committee of the Deputies in the fight against Anti-Semitism. Unfortunately we cannot do so. Even those in close touch with these well-meaning committee-folk find it difficult to endorse their actions with enthusiasm. "I want you to understand," wrote the Press Officer to me in the letter that conveyed the Deputies' verdict against my pamphlet, "that I am an official, and it is not in my power to force decisions on my Committee, or my Executive" (January 27, 1937). Viewed in the light of previous correspondence, that remark, coming as it does from an experienced London pressman, seems to indicate that expert opinion has been over-ridden. The opinions of other newspapermen, propagandists and publicists who have seen the draft of my pamphlet, bear out that assumption.

"The view is held," I was further informed, "that it (the pamphlet) consists too largely of matter which has already been printed." The unconvincing nature of this plea will be evident when it is remembered that the sole reason for my visit to Woburn House last October was to discuss in detail the plan of reproducing in pamphlet form with a minimum of comment the letters that had appeared in "The Birmingham Post." Just that, and nothing more. Those letters contain arguments unheard of by the majority of Britain's millions. Even the limited public that read the letters in "The Birmingham Post" remains unaware of the weight of those arguments until the pamphlet reveals their unassailable nature in the shape of the recurring legend that this, that, or the other letter remained unanswered by the Fascists.

Why, then, should the Deputies now reject the pamphlet which at first was hailed by their representative as "excellent?" It would seem almost as if they were doing so because of my protests at their dilatory methods in dealing with a question of vital concern to the welfare of British Jews. If this is really so, then it is a sad commentary on the spirit that prevails at Woburn House—a spirit that will sacrifice the interests of an entire community in order to penalise an obscure provincial scribbler who ventured to do what he considered to be his duty.

The field in which anti-Semitic charges are being made is not confined merely to the East-end of London; it is nation-wide. Sporadic "Speakers' Notes—Not for Circulation," varied with reprints of Mr. George Lansbury's articles in "The Spectator" and similar material may accord with Mr. Laski's notion of yeoman service in the fight against anti-Semitism; but they are unlikely to act as effective antidotes against the noisomeness that is all too surely poisoning the minds of the British people against Jewry from Land's End to John o' Groats, and will manifest itself ultimately in ways that may shake even Mr. Laski's belief in the efficacy of the yeoman service done by his Sub-Committees—unless something is done NOW!

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Correspondence (continued)

It is obvious that that something cannot be done by those who regard the question of Jewish Defence as a kind of spare-time side-line to be listed among a thousand-and-one other charitable enterprises. Jewish Defence is a matter that must take first place in the work of the Communities of this Country. If London officials cannot force decisions on their committees, then powers outside London must be brought to bear.

Not so long ago Mr. Laski collected over £1,500 from members of the Birmingham Community for the purpose of Jewish Defence. "Don't ask me how it is to be spent," he is reported to have said. A mere fraction of that amount would suffice to send review copies of "What is this 'Jewish Menace'?" to every newspaper office in the British Isles. Two hundred pounds would more than cover the cost of achieving this object. There might even be sufficient change out of that amount to ensure that the author of the pamphlet shall at last receive something of what is due to him. He is prepared, moreover, given reasonable guarantees (a necessary precaution, alas! in view of his experience with the Deputies) to devote himself entirely to the completion of the project within a specified period. And, unlike Mr. Laski, he will undertake to account for every penny of the money involved.

"We've been waiting for something like this," said a non-Jewish editorial friend of mine on reading the draft of the pamphlet, "we keep getting stuff from the Fascists, and as publishers of an impartial newspaper we're bound to print as much of this Fascist stuff as is likely to interest our readers. What has puzzled me is that the Jewish community has given us nothing to counteract the Fascist case—nothing that we can really bite on."

It has puzzled not only my editorial friend; it has puzzled the British public in general, and has led to the not unnatural assumption that Jewry is silent because it has no answer to make.

The publication of "What is this 'Jewish Menace'?" will show the uninformed what kind of an answer British Jewry can make.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN STONE.

ENEMIES WITHIN THE CAMP.

Edgbaston,
May 5th, 1937.

Sir,

The correspondence under the heading "Enemies within the Camp" in your last issue should be salutary. The sermon preached at the Service held on Saturday, May 1st, at the Communal Hall, dealing with the same subject, should, in my opinion, be widely circulated among the community; and, to this end, I offer to defray the cost of inserting it as a supplement to your next issue. I trust, Mr. Editor, that my offer will be accepted.

While writing, I should like to mention that the "Letters to Harold" by Uncle Sam, judging by No. 1, look like being an excellent "Recorder" feature.

Yours faithfully,
"HEBRAICUS."

(The kind offer of our correspondent has been accepted. Ed. B.J.R.).

THANKS FOR CONDOLENCE.

Mrs. J. FIDDLER and FAMILY tender their sincere thanks for all the expressions of sympathy received on their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Fiddler would be grateful if the customers of her late husband would remit any outstanding amounts due, direct to her at 29, Ellis Street.

Here and There.

COMMUNAL SKETCHES No. 9.



THE RAV.

The engagement of Miss Ruth Cohen to Mr. Lionel Jacobson of Newcastle-on-Tyne has aroused much interest. The bride-to-be has been the recipient of so many messages of congratulation that she finds it impossible to reply to them individually. Through the medium of the "Recorder" she desires to express her thanks to all who have written to her so kindly. One effect of the engagement is that the local branch of the Ziona loses an energetic Hon. Secretary.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Wand on their son's Bar Mitzvah. The unfortunate incidence of Mrs. Wand's illness prevented the celebration which had been planned from being held. We are glad to learn that she is making good progress towards recovery.

We also offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Joseph on the birth of a son and heir, and to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. V. Tayar on the presentation of a brother to Graham.

As reported elsewhere the Lit.-Arts has its arrangements for the coming session well in hand.

A distinguished worker in the cause of charity has been secured as President, and it is hoped that Dr. James Parkes will be a visiting lecturer. Dr. Parkes is a brilliant scholar and lecturer, and is an acknowledged authority on the history of Anti-Semitism. The second volume of his masterly work, "The Conflict of the Church and the Synagogue," will shortly be published by the Soncino Press.

The Soncino Publication Society has issued to subscribers as the first volume for 1937 "Speeches, Articles and Letters of Israel Zangwill." It is a fascinating book which will be welcomed by the host of admirers of the greatest literary genius Anglo-Jewry has produced.

The large gathering of Jewish and non-Jewish friends at the funeral of the late Mr. A. B. Davis testified to the esteem in which he was held. Especially in the Masonic Province of Worcester-shire his keen activity in the field of charity will be missed.

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The Ladies' Page



conducted by Renelle.

THE summer holidays are now very near upon us, and if you have not already settled upon what you are doing, I am sure it must be causing you many debatable qualms, on the best way of how to spend that hard-earned money to the best advantage.

HERE is an idea, on how you can have a fortnight's fun from £5.

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THIS week we have an article by Miss Doris Lessar, giving you an idea of how she would spend her holiday.

I HAVE been asked to write an article on holidays, the real reason, I think, being that the Editorial Staff of the "Recorder" have run out of good authors—but I will do my best and no one can blame me for doing that.

PERSONALLY, I think holidays ought to be easy things to make up one's mind about, as writing from the worker's point of view we do nothing but grumble about work all the year round, but somehow they are not, when one thinks of all the things there are to do.

IF you are young and want to be gay—well try a School, there's a very good deal to be said for them—after all where else can you be sure of meeting young Jewish people with all

the same idea of wanting to make everyone happy? and that certainly does make up for perhaps having to rough it just a bit.

MAYBE you want to be formal and show off all your latest creations, well then I suggest a big hotel—where you are not sure of anything, but four good meals a day, and a huge bill at the end of it.

PERHAPS you want to broaden your mind a bit, though I'm not saying it needs it, well try the Continent, the South of France, or a cruise.

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My dear Boys and Girls,

Though Coronation Day will be a thing of the past when you read this letter, it is actually being written on Coronation Day, and I am sure you will not mind if it is a sort of continuation of last month's letter. It is difficult to think of anything else to-day, when all our thoughts are directed towards London, and all our wishes are for the welfare of our gracious King and Queen. Even as I write I hear the words of men and women from all parts of the world, as the wireless broadcasts the Empire's Homage to his Majesty King George VI. Wonderful to hear the voice of a Welsh miner speaking for the people of Wales, many of them in the depths of poverty, yet still rejoicing in the crowning of their lawful King; wonderful to hear the voice of a schoolboy from Northern Ireland, so far removed from it all, yet feeling himself so much a part of it; wonderful, above all, that this morning, for the first time in history, wireless made it possible for all the peoples of the Empire to take part in the Coronation Service listening, as they were, to a description so magnificent that it almost brought the colourful and splendid scene before our eyes.

Colour plays such a big part in a ceremonial of this kind, and it is through colour, too, that we, his Majesty's subjects, have been able to express our loyalty during the past weeks. Wherever we turn, houses and buildings have been gaily decorated, purple and gold crowns, flags of every hue and, over all, the red, white and blue of the British flag.

Red! White! Blue! This morning, listening to the Coronation Ceremony, I found myself staring at a stream of red, white and blue decoration, staring so long and so intently that I seemed to be looking at something more than mere decorations, and I would like to tell you of some of the thoughts which came to me.

First the white seemed to stand out—and it was as though I looked at the white-robed figure of Peace. We, at the moment, are living in peace—in security and harmony. "How easy it is," I thought, "to accept such a pleasant state of affairs, to take no thought of the future, to live self-centred, pointless lives, forgetful perhaps of the needs and distress of others, because we are at peace." And then my eyes turned again to the streaming colours, and this time it was the Red at which I looked. Red! the universally accepted symbol of warning! And looking at it, I was reminded of the ever-present danger of war, if not

the greater war between nation and nation, then the lesser but no less deadly war between one man and another. Hatred, revenge and all those thoughts that, like a smouldering fire within us, are ready to flame at a touch. And it struck me how well it is to take our National colours—the fiery Red side by side with the spotless and peaceful White—this reminder that, while we live in peace, we should do well to think of others—turning our thoughts always towards kindness—towards love of our fellow-men, loyalty to our country and, for us, loyalty to our fellow-Jews.

While I was wondering what were the best things in life to inspire such thoughts, my eyes, wandering again to the colours, rested on the Blue, and it was as though I gazed at that canopy of blue which we call the sky, and through it to all that is beautiful in the Universe. All the perfection of Nature I saw—mountains, lakes, rivers, meadows. The glory of budding trees and blossoming flowers—all the beauties of Creation which are the presence of God in all we see around us—and I was reminded of Robert Browning's beautiful lines:—

The year's at the spring,
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hill-side's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in his heaven—
All's right with the world!

If any of you will send me a short description of your impression of Coronation day or of the Broadcast Ceremony, I shall love to publish the best; so see what you can do. Good-bye till next month.

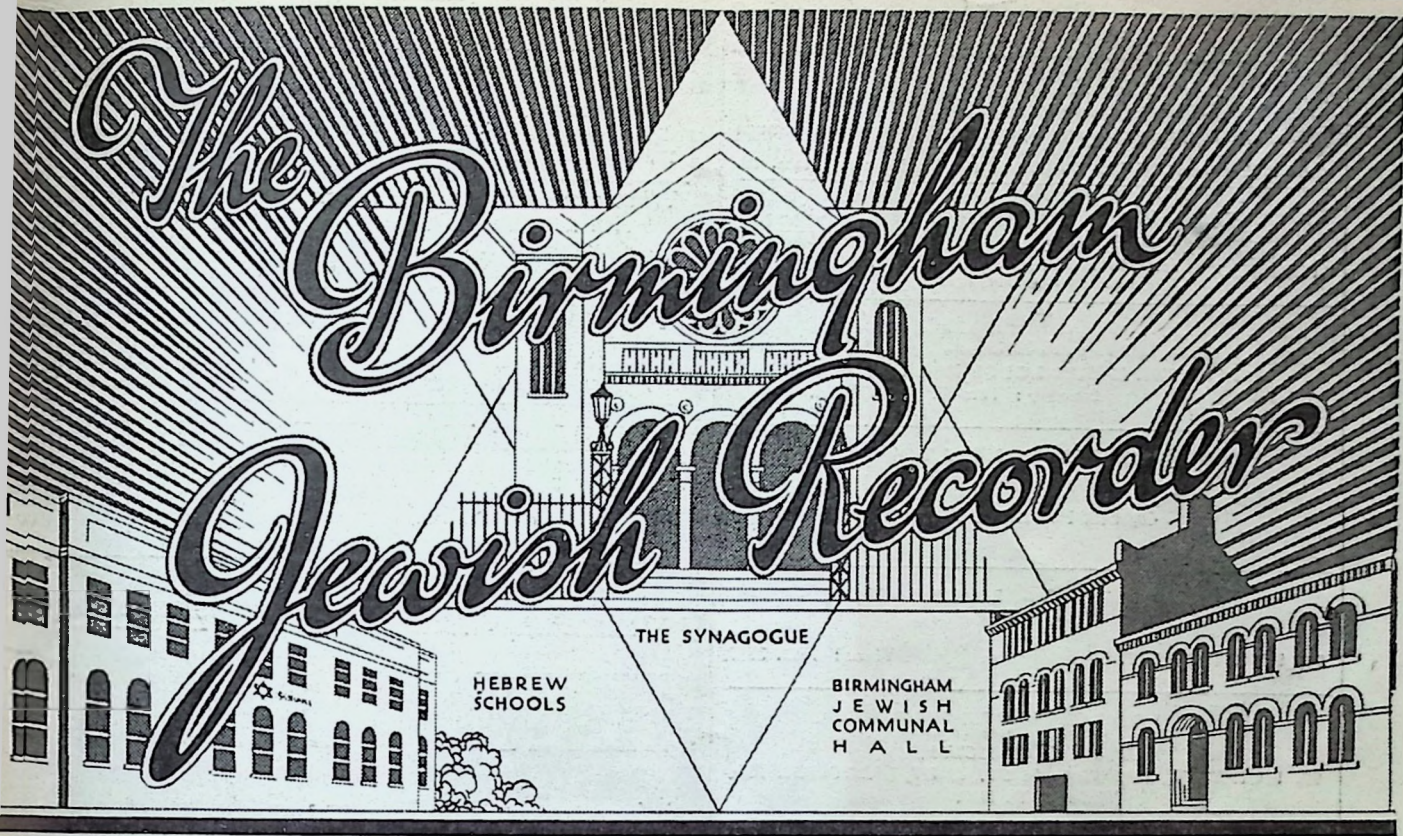
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The Editor's Message.

The letter we print from the Honorary Treasurer of the Benevolent Board merits the serious consideration of every member of the Community. The historical fact he relates is paralleled by a tradition that when Menasseh ben Israel pleaded with Cromwell for permission for Jews to re-enter this country he gave a similar pledge. Whether it be authentic or not, the proud boast of Anglo-Jewry for nearly three centuries has been that we look after our own poor and do not allow them to become a burden on the general community. That is a virtue which is credited to us by our neighbours, and it will be a bad day when that reputation is lost.

Our correspondent is right when he attributes the desperate plight of the Board's finances partially, at any rate, to the failure of young married couples to shoulder their communal responsibilities. In the past every self-respecting Jew felt it his duty to support the essential institutions of his congregation. Very few shirked the obligation. To-day it is otherwise, and the list of subscribers is far from being as comprehensive as it should be. There must be a considerable number who live in fairly comfortable circumstances and can well afford to subscribe who fail to do so. The consequence is that the income of the Board decreases, owing to the death of generous supporters, without their being replaced, at a time when the demands upon its resources are growing heavier.

Our premier charity has been compelled to realise its accumulated resources to meet the deficit. Periodically a few have been called upon to make large donations to wipe off a heavy overdraft. These expediences cannot continue indefinitely because they are no true solution of the problem. A considerably increased annual income from subscriptions is the only way which will enable the Board to discharge its functions. Every Jew and Jewess in Birmingham must accordingly ask themselves whether they are doing their duty in this all-important matter.

In this connection we would refer with special commendation to the Junior Guild which came into existence a year ago. It has already justified its existence by enthusiastic and successful endeavour. Nothing but good can result by introducing the younger element into the field of charitable activity. Not only will it create the nucleus of future generous subscribers, but it will also spread the doctrine that the practice of charity is now, as it has always been in the past, an integral part of Jewish life.

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Letters to Harold

No. 3.

Dear Harold,

I propose now to give you a short biographical sketch of one of the most famous Jewish thinkers, Baruch Spinoza. He was born in Amsterdam in November, 1632. His parents, in company with many others, had settled in that city on escaping the terrible persecutions to which our people were then subject in Spain. The population of Holland felt keen sympathy with the Jews because, after a long and bitter struggle, they had recently freed themselves from the tyrannical Spanish yoke. For this reason they welcomed the Jewish refugees and gave them a haven of rest.

The Jews of Amsterdam were intensely, and perhaps narrowly, religious. They attached the utmost importance to the traditional laws and ceremonies, and practised them to the most minute detail. You must remember this fact to understand the atmosphere in which Spinoza was reared. At the time of his birth, the synagogue in Amsterdam had been established for 34 years. His father was a merchant in a modestly comfortable position. Baruch was sent at an early age to the local Hebrew School, his teacher being Rabbi Morteira. He soon developed a passion for learning, and at the age of 14 rivalled nearly all the older pupils in the extent of his knowledge.

To widen his education he was then sent to a school, kept by Dr. Van den Ende, to learn Latin and other secular subjects. This teacher introduced him to the works of the French philosopher Descartes, which he studied eagerly. Spinoza had an inquiring mind and disturbed his Hebrew teachers with his searching questions which they found difficult to answer. He made no secret of his advanced opinions on religious matters to his young acquaintances. Some admired him and others were shocked by his views. Two of them reported his heresy to the local Rabbis. Since he had also become lax in religious observances, he was summoned before the leaders of the community. Dreading the influence he might exert upon the Jewish youth of Amsterdam, they offered him an annual pension of a thousand florins if he would remain silent about his opinions on religion, attend the Synagogue regularly and

conform to the rites. He rejected the offer, because he refused to agree to any plan which would fetter his mind against free inquiry.

Feeling against him ran so high that when Spinoza was once coming out of the theatre, an attempt was made upon his life. Somebody tried to stab him. He just had time to parry the blow, so that the knife struck his chest and only tore his coat. The would-be assassin escaped, and Spinoza retained the torn coat and knife long afterwards in his lodging as mementos and as a reminder of the evil of bigotry.

The heads of the community finally decided to take the extreme step of ex-communicating him. At the age of 23 he was brought to the Synagogue, and in the presence of the whole congregation was anathematised and cursed to all eternity. He was banished from the Community and nobody was allowed to speak to him or have any dealings with him. This dreadful ceremony of ex-communication was carried out by his former teacher, Rabbi Morteira.

Spinoza took the sentence of banishment quite calmly. He neither recanted nor felt resentment. He recognised the force of circumstances and his own share in bringing the climax about. He changed his Hebrew name of Baruch to its Latin equivalent "Benedictus." He left Amsterdam, went to live in Woorberg, and from there removed to the Hague where he resided to the end of his days. To earn a living he learnt the trade of polishing lenses for telescopes and spectacles; but most of his time was devoted to the study of philosophy. A young and wealthy admirer, De Vries, offered to make him his heir; but De Vries had a poor brother and Spinoza reminded him of this fact, pointing out that this man had the first claim on his benevolence. When De Vries died, this brother offered Spinoza a pension of 500 florins, but he would only accept 300 as sufficient for his modest needs.

Spinoza was always kind and cheerful. He would frequently visit the poor and sick, cheer them in their troubles, and even give them money from his slender resources. He suffered from a chest complaint which brought on severe fits of coughing, but he bore it with

philosophical calm. Bravery of the highest kind distinguished him throughout his life.

I have shown you that Spinoza was not only a good man but of real saintly character. In my next letter I will explain why he is placed among the world's greatest philosophers.

Your affectionate Uncle,
Sam.

(The leaders of the Amsterdam community were not actuated simply by bigotry when they decided to ex-communicate Spinoza. It must be remembered that the Christians of Holland were fanatics and dealt harshly with their own heretics. The disturbing influence of an infidel like Spinoza might have created strong resentment against the Jewish refugees and then against the Jews generally. He had, therefore, to be repudiated by his brethren.—Ed. B.J.R.).

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan and Mr. E. Lawrence Levy

by Harry Levine

At his great Diamond Jubilee celebrations on December 9th, 1936, at Westminster Chapel, tributes were paid to Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, the famous Evangelical Minister, by Lord Craigmyle, Dr. John Hutton, Rev. C. Ensor Walters, Dr. Charles Brown, and Dr. S. M. Berry, whose father, the late Dr. Charles Berry was largely responsible for Dr. Morgan entering the Congregational Ministry. This incident gives the Community an opportunity to recall the early life of one of Birmingham's most versatile Jewish citizens, the late Mr. E. Lawrence Levy.

In the course of some exceedingly interesting reminiscences at Westminster Chapel recently, Dr. Campbell Morgan, who was Pastor there from 1904-1917, said that he was headmaster (not principal, nor proprietor) of the Jewish Collegiate School in Birmingham, in the year 1886. He told his audience he had been happy among the Jewish boys, and much respected the Principal, Mr. Lawrence Levy. A report of the lecture giving these details was contained in the November issue of the "New Chronicle of Christian Education."

The school referred to was the private school established by Mr. E. Lawrence Levy when, in 1875, owing to the re-organisation of the Hebrew School into a mixed Department, he was withdrawn from the Staff, which he had joined in 1870. In his book, "Autobiography of an Athlete," Mr. E. Lawrence Levy refers to this period as follows:

"The end came in 1875, when I left the Birmingham Hebrew National Schools, thankful for the introduction which my appointment thereat had meant to a circle, who had admirably patronised me as a private teacher, and were prepared to encourage me in my venture of a private school. This, at its initiation was called the "Birmingham Jewish Collegiate School," a name afterwards altered into that of the "Denbigh Lodge Collegiate School," when the school attracted the patronage of many Christian parents. Among these, Dr. Edward Malin, Dr. (afterwards) Alderman S. E. Johnson, the late Rev. George St. Clair (successor to the great non-conformist luminary Mr. George Dawson) F. Gilbert, A. J. Lamplugh, Captain J. Rodgers, J. T. Fennel (Birmingham Daily Post) and many many others."

Again in his "History of Birmingham Jewry 1870-1929" Mr. E. Lawrence Levy wrote:—

"There is one episode in connection with the history of the Birmingham Jewish Collegiate School which ought not to be buried in oblivion. The following appears in "Who's Who": "Morgan, Rev. G. Campbell D.D. b.1863—educated, the Douglas School, Cheltenham. Master in Jewish Collegiate School, Birmingham 1883-1886."

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In the "Autobiography of an Athlete" Mr. E. Lawrence Levy referred to Dr. Campbell Morgan's work in the school as follows:

"How did I come to draw the Rev. Dr. Campbell Morgan, the great luminary of Non-conformity, into the pale of my acquaintanceship via the athletic life? Very simply. Mr. George Campbell Morgan was my assistant master for three years 1883-1886 at Denbigh Lodge Collegiate School. In that capacity, in addition to giving the usual instruction, he superintended the boys' cricket, and took part in their football; he excelled in the former rather than in the latter. He was a good bowler. He used to captain the boys in their matches. In football he forgave me a good deal, and good naturedly endured some of the vigorous charges I was then able to give. I captained my team, and he his. He left me to study for the Church, and ultimately occupied a prominent position in the Congregational Community in Birmingham. The rest is history. But whenever he was interviewed he always referred to the years he spent so pleasantly at Denbigh Lodge, and never omitted to mention the physical life that he lived and practised there."

In 1930 the biography of G. Campbell Morgan was written by John Harries of Philadelphia. Mr. E. Lawrence Levy's copy, which has been kindly lent to me by his daughter, Mrs. Platnauer, for the purpose of this article, has the following written upon the fly-leaf:

To my 'old chief'

E. Lawrence Levy Esq.:

Because he has maintained a kind interest in me through the passing years—and I believe he will care to read it.

G. Campbell Morgan

Xmas '30.

It is a great tribute to the personality and character of the late Mr. E. Lawrence Levy to find that the biographer includes him in his chapter entitled "The Inner Circle," where he describes the very few personal, intimate, and exclusive friendships Dr. Campbell Morgan made, apart from the world of spiritual friendship. To those engaged in the nefarious business of stirring up strife and hatred between Jew and non-Jew, the names and lives of the two great men at the head of this article will ever serve as a convincing reminder that Jew and non-Jew can live and work side by side in the highest paths of friendship and goodwill.

Jewish Internationalism

That the Jews are an international people is one of those obvious facts of which the implication is frequently overlooked. Sometimes it is used as an argument against Zionism. Why, it is asked, when nationalism is one of the maladies of the age should Jews who are an international force, want to nationalise themselves? The first answer to this question, which has been asked by Mr. H. G. Wells among others, is that Zionism does not aim at making a Jewish state in Palestine but a Palestinian state for Jewry, which is a different ideal. The suggested new partition if it is carried through would make a cramped Jewish state; but Zionism envisages a larger Palestine in which there is room for Arabs as a component of the new nationality.

The second answer is that internationalism has not been an unmixed blessing for Jews but has made them throughout history the sport of quarrels not their own. And the third answer is that in so far as Jewish internationalism is a force for good, Zionism will preserve what might otherwise be lost.

As a centre of an international people, Palestine could be, in a very real sense, a League of Nations. The creation of a national home for a people, which belongs to every nation in the world, would be a far more efficacious guarantee of peace than any merely negative regional pact. Jerusalem rather than Geneva might be the natural capital of a world peace movement.

But there are other implications from the international character of Jewry which are neither so obvious nor perhaps so comforting. This little paper has preached the truth that England and Jewry are natural allies in the East almost continuously since the second year of the war. The Imperial side of the argument has triumphed and no one supposes that Great Britain will ever willingly go out of Palestine. But the Jewish terms of the compact are still imperfectly comprehended. It is assumed to be inevitable that Jewry should look to England as the medium for the satisfaction of its ideal aspirations in Palestine. England was proclaimed as the natural trustee of the Balfour promise because

her Imperial Commonwealth had shown that she knew how to reconcile Empire and liberty. Hers is the only Empire that has ever been administered as a trust without thought of the selfish and separate interest of the trustee.

Yet for a variety of reasons into which we need not now enter but which certainly do not contemplate any deliberate breach of trust, the Imperial side of the compact is in danger of getting the better of the Jewish side. First a trust to found a national home for Jews became a joint trust for Jews and Arabs; then the Government took the Arab beneficiaries under its own special protection and left the Jews in charge of their own Jewish Agency; and latterly the trust for Jews has seemed to be deliberately subordinated to our general Imperial interest in the East. By all means make a home for Jews; but only (so the new principle seems to run) in so far as it may be consistent with Imperial interest.

> One would not mind even that formula provided the view of Imperial interest were rational and modern. It is, in fact, a mid-Victorian and out-of-date version of the old pre-Turkish tradition of British diplomacy in the East. Its sense of values is false. It contrasts the Jews who are already there with the more numerous Arabs who are conceived as the Moslem heirs to the southern portions of the old Ottoman Empire; it assumes that the Jews are our friends anyhow and bends its efforts to reconciliation of the Arabs at their expense. It misreads the character of the people. It imagines a pan-Arab union which in fact does not exist; and it forgets that the Jews who are beneficiaries of our trust in Palestine are the whole Jewish race, a great international force in the world.

The disproportion of power between the small oligarchy which is making mischief in Palestine and international Jewry is too vast and too evident to need demonstration. Only the myopia of an excessively departmentalised bureaucracy could possibly fail to recognise the relative magnitude of the two interests and equities.

Tacitus says of a Roman emperor that by universal consent he would have been a good emperor if he had never been emperor. Great Britain was the universal choice of all Jewry as the mandatory in Palestine; the Balfour promise made every Jew in every country a consul for British interests and the British good name. But we must take care that it is

not said of us that we were the ideal mandatory if we had not been given the mandate. The British Jew would never say that; but the vast majority of Jews in the world own a different political allegiance. Not Jews alone in the United States are becoming critical of the way in which we have administered the mandate. And though we in this country cannot but regard the alliance between England and Jewry as so natural as to be unbreakable, how can we be so certain that the Jew of Poland and Russia and Rumania would take the same view? The problem before the Government is to administer the trust to the satisfaction of all Jews and not of the Jews who as loyal British subjects have an instinctive prejudice in favour of Britain's goodwill to the race and an instinctive faith in her ability and experience.

What the British Government has never realised is how many nations would like to have had this mandate. Germany might have turned Zionist as an act of war-policy if the Balfour promise had not forestalled her. If Palestine had been in the New World, the United States would have been keen to take over the mandate. And nothing would fit in so ideally with Italian ambitions in the Mediterranean as an Italian mandate in Palestine.

Signor Mussolini has said how deeply he sympathises with Zionism, if only it were not allied with British Imperialism. To many Jews such sympathy is not merely worthless but dangerous; but there are other Jews with different political attachments who might be disposed to ask, which will give us most? We shall go on preaching here the doctrine of an inalienable alliance between England and Jewry; but we are under no illusions. It is an easy doctrine to preach just in proportion to the satisfaction which Great Britain gives in the discharge of her mandate; Jewry is very anxious to believe it. But it is going to be more difficult if there is any failure of purpose or timidity or suspicion of selfishness on the part of the mandatory. We can readily imagine an interpretation of the mandate or a modification in its terms which would split Zionism, once unanimous, from top to bottom; and that would not only be a misfortune for Jewry but a definite injury to Great Britain.

(Reprinted from "Palestine.")

Round the Community.

THE JUNIOR BENEVOLENT BOARD GUILD

The above society formed last year has again started its activities. The new session started with social evenings held at private houses, where cards and other games were played. These evenings have been well organised, and very pleasant evenings have been thoroughly enjoyed by the friends who have visited these houses, when only a small charge has been made. The first of these evenings was held at Mrs. Silverstone's, 64, Harborne Rd., where the sum of £11 was realised. The funds were swelled to the extent of a further £18, at a social evening given by Mrs. Hirschfield, 159, Monyhull Hall Road, Kings Norton where there was a large attendance and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

During the summer months it is proposed to hold a series of these delightfully entertaining evenings, and the chairman would be very grateful if Hostesses would volunteer to give further evenings of this kind. An active committee would assist in much of the preliminary work, and the Benevolent Board materially benefit by the proceeds.

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SOCIAL AND DRAMATIC CLUB.

A successful ramble was held on Sunday, June 13th, to Maxstoke Castle. Although it was raining lightly when we started off, the clouds soon cleared and the sun came out in full force.

We stopped at Stonebridge and lunched by the river banks, before we continued our ramble to the Castle. Arriving at our destination, members took part in various amenities. Tea was provided in the grounds of the Castle, after which a dance ended a very enjoyable day.

Mr. B. Goldstein, the Chairman of the Dramatic Section, would like to hear from any persons interested in this section. They are requested to get in touch with the Secretary as early as possible.

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YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

Although only twenty members took advantage of the preparations made by the Executive, the Coronation Trip to Bewdley proved a great success, and will live long in the memory of those who made the journey.

A much larger party travelled to London to participate in the Inter-Visit with the Willesden Young Israel Society, who, under

the chairmanship of Mr. Harold Reese, gave the Birmingham contingent a hearty welcome. A Table Tennis match was played which resulted in a victory for Willesden.

Our appreciation of the hospitality shown to us was voiced by the Chairman, Mr. S. Chesler.

We are very much indebted to the Frederick Jacombs Sport Lodge for providing us with the opportunity of playing them a cricket match on their ground at Kings Norton. It was a brilliant day, and a very sporting match ended in a victory for the Young Israel Society, whose fielding was exceptionally keen.

Tennis at the Limberlost continues to provide members opportunities of meeting, and "ladder" matches are proving very interesting. The tournament for the trophy presented by our life honorary President, Mr. A. L. Ostrov, will be held next month.

It is hoped that this year a large party will represent the society at the Union's Summer School at Paxton Park.

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JEWISH LADS' BRIGADE.

A special Treat is to be given to all members of the Brigade, on July 18th, in commemoration of the Coronation. The Company will proceed to Leighton-Buzzard by train, and then take Motor Coach to Whipsnade, where they will visit the Zoo. Tea will be provided. It is expected that at least 80 boys will take advantage of this outing.

On July 11th, the Annual Inspection by Colonel Ward-Walker, and also Examination for the Lucas Tooth Competition, will be held at Thorp Street Barracks, at 11-30 a.m.

Two Cadets and one Officer were sent by the B.N.C.A. to represent Warwickshire at the Coronation of their Majesties. They all agree that it was a memorable occasion and a sight they will never forget.

Camp this year will be held at Bridlington.

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HOME FOR AGED.

On Sunday, June 20th, the guests of the Home were entertained by Mrs. B. Joseph in Stratford. Mr. A. Hamburger arranged for them to be conveyed in cars, and a very enjoyable day was spent.

In memory of her husband, Mrs. Harold Samuels has dedicated a bed in the Home and a Memorial Tablet in the Synagogue.

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MONTAGU LORD SWATHLING LODGE.

To celebrate its foundatoin 25 years ago, the above Lodge is holding a Dinner and Dance at the Edgbaston Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday, September 29th, 1937.

It is hoped that our chief guests of honour will be Lord and Lady Swathling, and that this function will be memorable in the annals of the Lodges' history.

The charges will be 10/6d. per head for members, or 21/- Double Ticket, entitling them to attend the Dinner and Dance, including running buffet, and 12/6d. per head for non-members.

Anyone desirous of attending the dance only, will be charged 6/- including running buffet.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Bro. M. Morris, 185, South Road, Handsworth.

Further progress is denoted in the strength of the Lodge, in that five new members have been initiated during the last two meetings, and three more prospective members are to be initiated at the next General Meeting.

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FREDERICK JACOMB'S SPORTS LODGE.

A function was held at "Victory House," 35, Hirst Street, on Monday evening, May 24th when a presentation was made to Bro. D. Jaffa, the retiring Chairman. The newly elected Chairman, Bro. A. Stone, made the presentation of a canteen of cutlery and praised Bro. Jaffa's fine work for the Lodge as Chairman from 1934 to 1936. His remarks

were supported by the Vice-Chairman, Bro. H. Isaacs, and the Hon. Sec., Bro. G. Cohen. There was also conferred upon Bro. Jaffa the office of Life Honorary President, the ceremony being performed by the Midland Representative, Bro. H. Jaffa, supported by the Senior Trustee, Bro. J. Hassell. The proceedings were followed by a Concert.

On May 30th, the Cricket team of the Lodge was successful in a match against a Wrenson's team.

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ANNIE SPIERS LODGE.

The Lodge has now commenced its season at the new Friendly Society Institute, at 20, Bristol Road, and is holding weekly meetings every Monday evening at 8-15. Among some of the recent successful functions have been an American Supper, Card Evening, Musical and Games Evening, Talent Evening, and "Celebrating a Sister's birthday" when the refreshments were provided by the Sister in question. A Mock Trial was arranged for June 14th.

In the near future we shall be holding an afternoon to enable the Sponsor, Sister Elsie Spiers, to meet the members at tea. Full details will be sent to the members at a later date. The outing this year is being held to Dovedale, one of the beauty spots of England. Members are requested to advise Sister R. or Sister J. Morris whether they intend going as it is necessary to know what the size of the party will be. A deposit is also necessary when stating your intention to go to Barry.

We appeal to all members to attend our MONDAY SOCIALS. Those of you who have joined know that we get quite a lot of fun out of them; and to them who have not yet been present we say "Try us once and we are sure you will come every week."

TENNIS CLUB.

The Committee of the Birmingham Jewish Tennis Club have much pleasure in announcing that they have secured the lease of new

grounds situated at Tenbury Road, Kings Heath, for members.

The Grounds are set in ideal surroundings; seven tennis courts (3 hard, 4 grass) and a 9 hole putting green are laid down; washing facilities are available as well as a car park for about 30 vehicles.

The social amenities as compared with the Warwick Road Courts, are four-fold and an enlarged membership is confidently expected. The grounds are on a number of tram and 'bus routes and easily accessible.

While the courts are not quite ready for playing, the Committee hope that all necessary details will be attended to and completed within the next few weeks. For this purpose the sum of £200 is required almost at once, and the result of an appeal to the members has proved most gratifying. The full sum has, however, not been raised and the Committee desire to take advantage of this column to appeal to the leaders of the Community for help in this important venture.

This is the first occasion that a club of this description has ever branched out in such an important manner, and from this it is hoped that a definite Jewish Sports Centre will be established in the future.

Should any person interested desire further information or wish to donate to the scheme, the Committee would be glad if they would get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Max Einstein, 91, Oakfield Road, Cannon Hill, 12.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COMMISSION.

The work of the Jewish National Fund Bazaar being held on November 30th and December 1st next is being proceeded with and arrangements are now well in hand.

An excellent and most enthusiastic meeting of the Stalls Committee was held on the 8th June, at 253, Hagley Road, the chair being occupied by Mrs. Silverstone as Chairman of the Stalls Committee. At this meeting representatives from the Coventry Women's Zionist Society and the Wolverhampton J.N.F. Commission were welcomed as participants in the forthcoming Bazaar.

A number of functions to assist the Bazaar have already taken place, the first of them being a card afternoon held at the residence of Mrs. Brohn, 270, Pershore Road. The hostesses were Mrs. M. Walden, Mrs. G. Brohn and Mrs. L. Jackson. The sum of £10 3s. 6d. was raised and the thanks of the J.N.F. Commission are due to these ladies and their assistants for having made

such an excellent start towards the Bazaar funds. The Women's Zionist Society also held a card afternoon on the 24th, at the Midland Hotel, and the Beauty Preparation Stall held a dance at the Edgbaston Conservative Club on the 29th, the hostesses of which were Mesdames S. I. Solomons, L. Albury, B. Guest, W. Cohen and E. Leek.

The following functions in aid of the funds of the Bazaar have been arranged for July, and readers are particularly asked to take note of these dates and support them where possible:

- July 7th: **Women's Zionists.** Card afternoon given by Mrs. Wolfson, Mrs. Bloom and Mrs. Leek at Edgbaston Conservative Club.
- „ 9th: **Edgbaston Women's Zionists** Children's Garden Party.
- „ 12th: **Ziona.** Flannel Dance at Shirley Lido.
- „ 14th: **Tombola Committee.** Card afternoon to be held at Mrs. Blankstone's, 22, Carisbrooke Rd.
- „ 18—Tennis party, Mrs. H. Brown, Wake Green Road, Moseley.

Further particulars of any of these functions may be had from the Societies concerned or the secretaries of the various stalls.

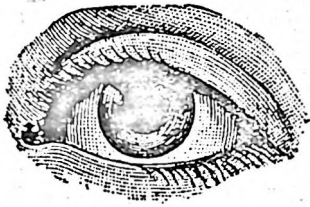
The opening ceremony on the first day will be made by Sir Charles Grant Robertson, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham.

On the Second day the Bazaar will be opened by Sir Ronald Storrs, K.C., M.G., C.B.E., at one time Governor-General of Palestine.

The Treasurer would like to impress upon readers that the ordinary work of the Jewish National Fund in Birmingham must continue uninterrupted. As a matter of interest the following were the best Blue Box collections for the second quarter.

Mrs. S. P. Abrams	£1 8 0
Mrs. M. Gourevitch	£1 7 10½
Mr. A. Albury	£1 7 6
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The Executive also desire to take this opportunity of reminding Birmingham Jewry of the Sefer Hayaled, the Golden Book for children, further particulars of which may be obtained from any member of the Birmingham Jewish National Fund Commission.



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A ZIONIST REVUE.

It is proposed to produce a revue in aid of the Zionist funds at the Bazaar, to be held at the Edgbaston Assembly rooms, on November 30th, and December 1st. Will anybody anxious to take part or help in any way, please communicate with Miss Joan Levi, 13, Lyttleton Road, Edgbaston or Mr. Harry Levine, 24, Stanmore Road, Edgbaston, as quickly as possible.

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FEDERATION OF WOMEN ZIONISTS (Edgbaston Branch).

MOTHERS, bring your CHILDREN!

CHILDREN, bring your MOTHERS!

A Children's Bazaar and Garden Party will be held under the auspices of the above Society on Friday, July 9th, from 3-0 till 6-30 p.m., at 196, Hagley Road, Edgbaston (kindly lent by Mrs. A. E. Greenland). Tickets of admission (children 6d., adults 1/-), which include tea, may be obtained from Mrs. John Hollander, 47, Rotton Park Road; Mrs. Harold Solomon, 30, Vernon Road, and any member of the committee.

Attractions will include Hoop-las, Cinema-Shows, Fancy Dress Competition, and presents from the "Peter Pan" House.

Proceeds will go towards the Jewish National Fund Bazaar, through the Fruit, Flower and Produce Stall, which is being run by the ladies of the above Society.

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Arriving early, you can bathe before you dance, then partake of refreshments and dance until 1 a.m., thus concluding an evening of delight.

For the convenience of those who have no cars, arrangements have been made for special buses. These will await you at the Communal Hall at 7-45 p.m. prompt or will pick you up at Priory Road, Cannon Hill Park, Moseley Village and Stratford Road, and will return by the same route at 1 a.m. These services are at your disposal for the small sum of 1/6 return, and if you wish to avail yourself of these buses please 'phone NORTHERN 0575.

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Tickets may be obtained from the following:—Miss V. Davis, 28 South Road, Handsworth, Miss C. Sadler, 67, Willows Crescent, Cannon Hill; Miss E. Joseph, 111, Balsall Heath Road; Mrs. L. Leek, 67 Russell Road, Moseley; Miss E. Goodman, 114, Willows Road, Cannon Hill.

Come early and bring all your friends, and don't forget the proceeds are going to the Jewish National Fund Bazaar.

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WOMEN ZIONISTS.

Mrs. B. Hyman was the recipient of a silver salver, presented to her by the Committee on the occasion of her Silver Wedding. In making the presentation, Mrs. S. A. Cohen expressed the sincere good wishes and

congratulations that the Committee extended to her, and added that all wished Mr. and Mrs. Hyman very many happy years. She also mentioned the excellent work that Mrs. Hyman was doing as Treasurer of the Society.

Activities have already begun in connection with the forthcoming J.N.F. Bazaar. The Society is in charge of the Catering and Snack Bar, and a special committee has been formed of very enthusiastic workers and we are anticipating a great success.

The Hole in a Beigel.

When I was a little Cheder-boy, my Rebbe, who was always tormenting me with Talmudical questions and with riddles, once asked me, "What becomes of the hole in a Beigel, when one has eaten the Beigel?"

This riddle, which seemed to me then very hard to solve, stuck in my head, and I puzzled over it day and night. I often bought a Beigel, took a bite out of it, and immediately replaced the bitten-out piece with my hand, so that the hole should not escape. But when I had eaten up the Beigel, the hole had somehow always disappeared, which used to annoy me very much. I went about preoccupied, thought it over at prayers and at lessons, till the Rebbe noticed that something was wrong with me.

At home, too, they remarked that I had lost my appetite, that I ate nothing but Beigel-Beigel for breakfast, Beigel for dinner, Beigel for supper, Beigel all day long. They also observed that I ate it to the accompaniment of strange gestures and contortions of both my mouth and my hands.

One day I summoned all my courage, and asked the Rebbe, in the middle of a lesson on the Pentateuch, "Rebbe, when one has eaten a Beigel, what becomes of the hole?"

"Why, you little silly," answered the Rebbe, "what is a hole in a Beigel? Just nothing at all! A bit of emptiness! It's nothing with the Beigel and nothing without the Beigel!"

Many years have passed since then, and I have not yet been able to satisfy myself as to what is the object of a hole in a Beigel. I have considered whether one could not have Beigels without holes. One lives and learns. And America has taught me this: One can have Beigels without holes, for I saw them in a dairy-shop in East Broadway. I at once recited the appropriate blessing, and then I asked the shopman about these Beigels, and heard a most interesting history, which shows how difficult it is to get people to accept anything new, and what sacrifices it costs to introduce the smallest reform.

This is the story:

A baker in an Illinois city took it into his head to make straight Beigels, in the shape of

candles. But this reform cost him dear, because the united owners of the bakeries in that city immediately made a set at him and boycotted him.

They argued "Our fathers' fathers baked Beigels with holes, the whole world eats Beigels with holes, and here comes a bold coxcomb of a fellow, upsets the order of the universe, and bakes Beigels without holes! Have you ever heard of such an impertinence! It's just revolution! And if a person like this is allowed to go on, he will make an end of everything. To-day it's Beigels without holes, to-morrow it will be holes without Beigels! Such a thing has never been known before!"

And because of the hole in a Beigel, a storm broke out in that city that grew presently into a civil war. The "bosses" fought on, and dragged the baker's-hands Union after them into the conflict. Now the Union contained two parties, of which one declared that a hole and a Beigel constituted together a private affair, like religion, and that everyone had a right to bake Beigels as he thought best, and according to his conscience. The other party maintained, that to sell Beigels without holes was against the constitution, to which the first party replied that the constitution should be altered, as being too ancient, and contrary to the spirit of the times. At this the second party raised a clamour, crying that the rules could not be altered, because they were Toras-Lokshen and every letter, every stroke, every dot was a law in itself!

The city papers were obliged to publish daily accounts of the meetings that were held to discuss the hole in a Beigel, and the papers also took sides, and wrote fiery polemical articles on the subject. The quarrel spread through the city, until all the inhabitants were divided into two parties, the Beigel-with-a-hole party and the Beigel-without-a-hole party. Children rose against their parents, wives against their husbands, engaged couples severed their ties, families were broken up, and still the battles raged—and all on account of the hole in a Beigel!
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To the Editor " Jewish Recorder."

Dear Sir,

" We take care of our own."

In September, 1654, twenty-three Jews, men, women and children, were refused entry into New Amsterdam by the Dutch Governor, Peter Stuyvesant. They were refugees from Brazil, penniless and homeless, and the shrewd Dutchman felt that they would become a burden upon the community. It was then that the historic answer was given by resident Jews, " We take care of our own."

We, in Birmingham, must also fulfil that promise. For this purpose our United Benevolent Board was created. Its purpose is two fold. It brings succour and support to the poor and unfortunate among us by a comprehensive system of assistance in all cases of need. Further, in " taking care of our own " we maintain the dignity of our people. They are not thrown upon public institutions.

Unfortunately, we have arrived at a crisis in the work that we are doing. Unless further support is received, the Board may be compelled to curtail a great deal of its much needed activity.

We are appealing especially to the young married people in our community who, we feel, can render a great service in this direction. We need volunteers who will solicit subscriptions and memberships from their friends. We are certain that the failure of many to support the work of the Board is only a matter of oversight. If they are approached they will surely respond. Let us have some volunteers.

We must take care of our own.

Yours truly,

MARCUS G. MINDELSON.

Hon. Treasurer,

B'ham Jewish United Benevolent Board.

DEATH OF MR. J. DAVIS.

The news of the death of Mr. S. J. Davis will be lamented by all who knew him. He was formerly a member of the Council of the Congregation, and also President and Trustee of the Board of Guardians.

Here and There.

COMMUNAL SKETCHES No. 1 (



A ZIONIST "DOUGLAS" LEADER.

When we mentioned in our last issue that there were two Jews in the Lord Mayor's procession to the Cathedral for the Coronation Service, we under-estimated the number. In addition to Messrs J. W. Levy and B. Silverston, there was also Mr. E. P. Hollander, J.P., who represented the Queen's Hospital.

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The election of Mr. John Hollander to the Council of the Congregation is an illustration of continuity which can have few equals in Anglo-Jewry. He is the fourth generation of the Hollander family to become associated with the fortunes of the Birmingham Hebrew Congregation, and we trust there is even a fifth in the offing.

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Another name, conspicuous in the annals of Birmingham Jewry for communal service, is recalled by the election of Mr. Arnold Blanckensee. Should there be any who think that these two successful candidates are too young for seats on the governing body of the Congregation, we remind them of the

retort made by Disraeli in analogous circumstances. "That, sir, is a fault they will only too quickly grow out of."

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We believe that the Council will be strengthened in its personnel by the addition of Mr. Joseph Cohen. His shrewd brain and calm judgment should be of value in the deliberations of that august body.

The exclusion—we trust, temporarily—of Mr. I. Rosenthal is to be regretted, as the Congregation has no more zealous member than he. His former colleagues, we are sure, would welcome him back, if an opportunity arises.

The Consecration of the new Cemetery at Witton, will take place on Sunday, July 4th, at 11-30 a.m. All are invited to attend.

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Hearty congratulations to Dr. Arnold Gourevitch upon his success in the recent examination held by the Royal College of Surgeons.

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The Ladies' Page



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EDITORIAL

ROUND THE SHOPS WITH RENELLE.

THE fine weather has sent everyone scurrying to the shops to find something cool to wear—everyone, that is, but the far-sighted people who had their whole summer wardrobe planned and carried out some months ago.

IN a way, they are wise, but sometimes by waiting a little while you find more attractive clothes and are less likely to invest in a fashion that will soon kill itself by over-popularity.

JUST at the present moment it is the shoe shops which have particularly alluring displays, offering lightweight, cool footwear for the hot pavements. Open-toed shoes are this summer's fashions for day-time wear; there is not much of the toe exposed—just the tip of the big toe, but it is enough to make shoes of this type a blessing to women with long toes, who find shoes a difficult problem.

NO woman can be smart—every fashion expert in the world will tell you—if she neglects her shoes and her gloves. The

former I have mentioned, so let's take a look at what sort of gloves the shops are offering us.

GLOVES HAVE GONE GAILY COLOURED.

COLOUR is the great craze. If you don't want to wear the always-safe, classically cut gauntlet in white, black, or brown, the smart alternative is not a fussily trimmed glove, but a very simple affair in some vivid colour, which will contrast cleverly with your other clothes.

JACKETS ARE WORE.

DO you remember how last year everyone wore a white pique or linen jacket over any and every dress? This year, a similar useful fashion has appeared in the gaily printed cotton cloque jackets which all the shops are showing. If you have a plain white jacket over from last year, why not bring it up to date by piping it in a printed cotton material, with buttons covered in the same stuff.

TAKE A TIP.

ORANDIES and Oranzas are best stiffened after washing by rinsing them in cold water in which sugar has been dissolved, say eight lumps to a gallon of water. Press while quite damp or the creases will remain. This applies also to voiled and lawn if you like them crisp.

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SEASONABLE RECIPES.

STRAWBERRY WHIP.

Strawberries, 1lb., sugar to taste, 2 egg whites, whipped cream.

Mash the strawberries to a pulp and add sugar to taste. Whip the egg whites to a stiff froth, fold into the pulped strawberries. Turn into individual glasses, garnish with

sweetened and flavoured whipped cream and chill before serving.

SPINACH AND MUSHROOM ENTREE.

Mushrooms, 1lb., spinach purée, butter or margarine, 3 oz., seasoning.

Trim and skin the mushrooms. Melt the margarine in a stewpan, add the mushrooms, cook closely and simmer very gently for about 25 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Arrange a high border of spinach purée in a hot entrée dish and put the mushrooms in the centre.

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Children's Corner.

My dear Boys and Girls,

"The sun is a-shining to welcome the day, Heigh-ho, come to the Fair!" are words of a song that is probably well-known to many of you. They come to my mind now because I am "thinking ahead" and hoping that on Friday, July 9th, we shall all awake to find the sun shining its very brightest to welcome—not a Fair; we can't quite manage that!—but the next best thing,

A Children's Bazaar and Garden Party!

Now let me tell you all about it, because we do want as many as possible to come to it, and we hope you will tell all your little friends about it too. It will cost you only sixpence to come in, and that includes tea, and if you can bring a few pennies besides, I know you will have a lovely afternoon. There will be lots of things to amuse you—hoop-las, cinema-shows, a fancy-dress competition for those of you who wish to dress up, and presents from the "Peter Pan" House, as well as things to buy from the stalls.

You will have lots of fun, so do come along to

196, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, where there is a lovely garden, which has been very kindly lent to us. If it rains—which, of course, we hope it won't—we shall carry on just the same indoors, so don't let the weather keep you away on Friday, July 9th. The garden will be open from 3 o'clock, but there will be plenty of tea for those of you who are at school and cannot come until later. "Better late than never" is the motto of the day. You can write to me for admission tickets (6d. each, including tea; 1/- for the grown-ups) if you do not know anyone who is selling them, or those of you who attend the Hebrew Schools can inquire there.

All the money we make is going to the Jewish National Fund. I expect most of you know what that is, but, for those who don't, let me explain. You know, of course, that the pennies you send me every month go to plant trees in the King George V Jubilee Forest. But before any work can be done in Palestine, land for planting, building, cultivating, has to be bought and paid for. That is where the Jewish National Fund (J.N.F.) comes in. The people who do the work of the J.N.F. collect as much money as they can and it is all spent on buying land in Palestine—land which then belongs to us—the Jewish people—for ever and ever. So you will understand how very, very important the work of the J.N.F. is, and how it needs every penny we can spare.

The Children's Bazaar and Garden Party is only one of many ways in which money is being collected for the J.N.F., but it is none the less important because of that, so you will be not only having a lovely afternoon when you come, but at the same time actually doing your bit to buy land in Palestine.

I am looking forward to it tremendously, particularly because I am hoping to meet some of you boys and girls, and get to know you really and truly, instead of by letter only. I do hope you will come and speak to me. I shall be there all afternoon, and anyone who is helping will tell you where to find me, and I hope to have a chat with quite a number of my "nieces and nephews." So—good-bye till July 9th. Auntie Wendy (47, Rotton Park Road, Edgbaston).

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"OUR HOPE."

(Original Poem by Irene Tobias).

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What is it that we dream about,
And makes us think the live-long day;
That haunts us in our reveries,
And we cannot drive away?

It's a great and noble yearning,
To re-obtain our lovely land,
That was taken from us in a mighty fervour,
And is now in the Arabs' hand.

We were, oh, so happy in it
That we forgot who we were;
We turned our minds to other things;
There was no time for care.

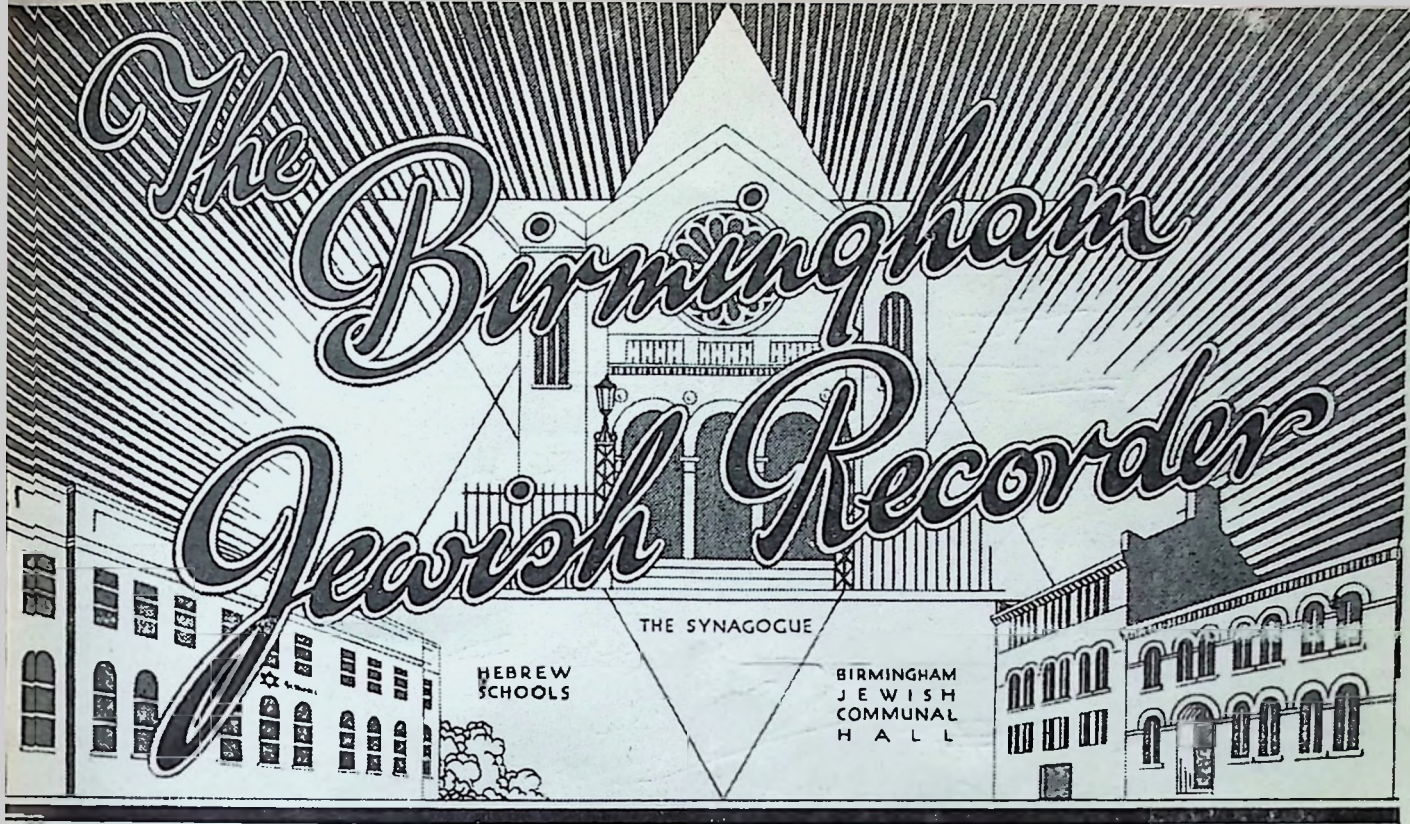
The Lord was watching over us;
He tried not to make us sin,
But goodness had left our souls,
And we knew we could not win.

A hurricane came from the heaven,
A hurricane of human will;
The force was too great for us,
And we're lamenting still.

Now we are wanderers of the globe—
A people without any home;
Until we remember we're Jews,
We will always have to roam.

When will we return again?
Never, to us it now seems;
To what use are our longings,
Our thoughts and hopeless dreams!

We think we are a noble race,
Under the rule of God's hand;
And until we are, we never shall
Return to our holy land.



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The Editor's Message.

The scheme for the partitioning of Palestine, suggested by the Royal Commission, must be exercising the thought of every earnest Jew and Jewess, and will dominate the proceedings of the Zionist Congress at Zurich this month. There the fateful decision of acceptance or rejection will be taken. Whichever it be, the consequences will be most far-reaching for Jewry throughout the world.

The idea of cutting down Jewish Palestine to the dimensions proposed in the report must be repellent to the Jewish mind and heart. Even if adjustments be made of obvious injustices, all that will be at our disposal will equal in area a medium-sized English county. Not much territory for a National Home nor elbow-room for development! Nevertheless, the natural instinct to reject such an offer with contempt and indignation must be resisted. What will result from rejection has to be carefully considered. What has Palestine to offer in the immediate future with a strictly limited Jewish immigration and a law forbidding the purchase of Arab land by Jews?

Of two evils—and they are both evils—it may be the wise course to choose the lesser, unless a third way out can be suggested. These questions, in all their bearings, will have to be anxiously debated. Upon the leaders of the Zionist Movement rests the tremendous responsibility of formulating a policy which they believe to be in the best interests of world Jewry, and they may be relied upon to discharge this duty faithfully.

If much depends upon the leaders in this time of crisis, much will also depend upon the rank and file. Nothing could be more harmful just now than a divided Jewry, speaking with many voices, advocating divergent policies. When the vital decision is made by the Zionist Congress, it should be loyally accepted by all Jews as the considered verdict of their people. Party differences, personal hostilities, must be buried for the nonce; otherwise irreparable damage may be done to our cause.

Above all, in this hour of bitter disappointment we dare not lose hope. A quarter of a century ago few would have been so sanguine as to believe that the British Government would be speaking of "a Jewish State." In this quick-changing era, who can dream of what the next twenty-five years may produce in the international sphere? Even if Jewry accept the proposals of the Royal Commission, we may rest assured that the last word on the fate of what is really "the land of Israel" has not yet been spoken.

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Letters to Harold

No. 3.

Dear Harold,

I now propose to tell you, in a simple way, something about Spinoza's teachings and writings. His first work was a clear exposition of the philosophy of the famous French thinker, Descartes. This philosopher had published a rational proof of the existence of God, but he did not carry his argument any farther lest he incurred the hostility of the Church if he came into conflict with its theological doctrines.

Spinoza, in his next work, "Tractatus Theologico-Politicus," went more deeply into the subject than his predecessor. He not only proved the existence of God by philosophical reasoning, but he also demonstrated that God was "immanent" in all things in the world. That means, God did not occupy an aloof position in far away space, as was commonly supposed, and from an infinite distance watch the actions of mankind; but, said Spinoza, He permeated the whole Universe, He was one and indivisible, He was above and around and in the Universe. In fact, all things are of God and must be in Him, and are manifestations of His nature. God is an ever-present reality, man but foam-bubble reflecting the gleams of divine light.

Spinoza argued that God must possess the following attributes. Firstly, He is the "origin" which means the "Creator." Secondly, He is "Nature," which to him was God under another name. Thirdly, He is "Substance," that is the "stuff" in and of the earth, animate and inanimate, as also of the planets, stars, sun and moon, and everything in the Universe. He compared these three attributes to the sides of a triangle.

He likewise argued in favour of the doctrine of Determinism as against Free Will. Man had no real choice in his actions which were determined by causes beyond his control. The book, in which these ideas were formulated, created a tremendous sensation. It gained an undesired notoriety because in it he also criticises the Bible. He expressed disbelief in miracles which he said were "unnatural" and contrary to God, and therefore an impossibility.

What he did not deny are the vital ethical truths of Religion, but his aim was to destroy their existing intellectual framework which he considered unsound. The fact of the

matter is that he wished to undermine the authority of the Catholic Church which, according to him, exercised a stranglehold over men's minds, being himself an ardent advocate of liberty of thought.

This book was banned in nearly all European countries because of its intense opposition to ecclesiasticism of every kind, especially priest-craft. For that very reason the work was eagerly sought after by independent thinkers and read with great avidity. Its success with them lay in the fact that the author endeavoured to prove his theories with the aid of reason, employing the geometrical mathematical method of Descartes.

His next and most famous work, "Ethica," was not published until after his death.

Spinoza's writings had no direct effect and exerted no influence upon Jews. To them his philosophy was colourless and without form or shape. It condemned all rites and ceremonies. Such a beautiful saying as that of the Rabbi, "This world is like an ante-chamber of the world to come; so, repair thyself in this ante-chamber that thou mayest be worthy to enter the inner hall," was without meaning to him, because he did not believe in a "hereafter." But his works exerted a profound effect upon many non-Jews, particularly the so-called "free-thinkers." Whatever view one takes of his philosophy, it must be admitted that a strong liberalising influence radiated from it.

He was "discovered" nearly a century later by the great German writers Jacobi, Herder and Lessing (all of them friends of Moses Mendelssohn), and above all by Goethe, the most famous of the German poets. Novalis applied to him the description which has often been quoted, "the God-intoxicated philosopher." Voltaire and Rousseau, the French thinkers, acknowledged their indebtedness to him, so that he was a contributory force which brought about the French Revolution, one of the most far-reaching events in modern history.

Spinoza helped to finish the work begun by the German reformer, Martin Luther, viz., the breaking of the fetters of clerical domination, and from that point of view we Jews owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude.

It has been asserted that Spinoza became a convert to Christianity. His earliest biographer, Colerus, a Christian pastor, who was his contemporary, denies this and says, "Spinoza in one of his letters expressly declared that to him the notion that God took upon Himself the nature of man seems as absurd as to say that the circle has taken the nature of the square."

Spinoza was asked what he thought of the false Messiah, Sabbattai Zevi, who proclaimed it as his mission to lead the Jews

back to Palestine with himself as their king. He replied that, in his opinion, the Jews would re-inhabit their old home, but this would not come to pass through miraculous means but as the result of their own efforts.

He died on February 22, 1677, in his forty-fifth year. Whether we agree with his ideas or reject them, all must recognise his true eminence.

Your affectionate uncle,

SAM.

Recollections of Herzl and Nordau

by Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau

(In view of the momentous Zionist Congress which will be held in August, our readers will be interested in the following extracts from the fascinating volume of essays, "Judaism in Life and Literature," published by the veteran Chief Rabbi of Johannesburg. We commend the book to their notice.—Ed. B. J. R.).

My eyes were fixed at once upon one figure which towered above the others—like King Saul of old. For a few seconds I could not withdraw my gaze. I felt that must be Dr. Herzl. A man of majestic appearance, whose beautiful head rested upon massive shoulders, and whose deep black eyes reflected all the virtues, and, if I may be permitted to say so, all the defects of his character. His dark, luminous eyes mirrored both tenderness of heart and resolute determination. His kindly smile seemed to invite all those present to accept his friendship, while a quiet dignity of bearing, bordering on pride and inspiring respect, kept his friends at a certain distance. Was it the habitual self-conscious manner of a man who, from the commanding eminence of his famous journal, was in the habit of addressing thousands of people, among whom were many of princely rank and influence, or was it the natural dignity of a man who was destined by Providence to perform a higher task than his fellow-workers? However that may be, I at once understood how it was that those who had once known him willingly followed him. I myself felt the magic charm and influence of his personality. His first few words won my heart. And ever since then I always saw him in his famous but all too short march through the Jewish world like a mighty Caesar, upon whose lips hung the famous words, "Veni, vidi, vici!" As I saw him on the first evening I continued to

see him, in the later Congresses and assemblies, dominating his audience, whether teeming thousands or single units, with the same ease and grace.

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Herzl was by nature autocratic. He brooked no opposition or contradiction and considered those who opposed him inimical to the cause. He only listened to the views of others when he was actually compelled to. To him Zionism was a chess-board, and he regarded his followers as so many pawns to be moved hither and thither at his will. A leading Zionist here told me that on a certain occasion, when he ventured to question the advisability of a certain recommendation from headquarters, he received from Herzl a cable with the peremptory word only, "Obey!" The incident did not surprise me; it was simply characteristic of the man, and probably of all great men. . . Herzl allowed nobody to stand between him and his work. Many of his Vienna co-workers were therefore placed at the head of the movement, not so much because of their inherent merits as for their blind obedience to their chief. It was for this reason also that so few, if any at all, were in his confidence, and understood his mysterious movements or were cognisant of his future plans. So that his death left all his friends almost ignorant of his tactics . . .

When I called upon Herzl in London, long after the fourth Congress, I found him surrounded by various people, to whom he could scarcely devote a minute. I managed, however, to see him alone, when I said to him, "My dear Doctor, I shall not ask much because you have no time, and you would not tell me much. But pray tell me, are you

satisfied with your achievements?" His eyes shone as he answered, "Yes, my friend, and if you come to see me again I shall be able to tell you more." I could not see him again alone, but at the fifth Congress in Basle, in taking leave of him, I said, "Doctor, I have been with you almost from the first moment of your appearance in the movement, and come from Manchester to Basle with the sole purpose of hearing what progress the movement has made. What have we gained by our work during all these years?" He lowered his head for a second, and a slight frown darkened his brow, and he rejoined, "I have gained this much, that if our people would give me the two million sterling, I would give them the charter to-morrow on parchment, signed and sealed." It was then my turn to bend my head, ashamed of our people, who had millions for the Russian or Roumanian government but none for the redemption of their own people.

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Of the many inspiring moments which I was privileged to spend in Nordau's company, I shall mention only two which left an indelible impression upon my mind. The one was a memorable meeting in Vienna, the other a visit to his private residence in Paris. On the first occasion I saw him at the height of his triumphant career, as an author and Zionist; on the second he looked worn, sad and disappointed. A period of twenty-two years lay between those two moments. In the course of those fateful years he had lost Herzl in 1904. In 1914 the French Government robbed him of his private fortune, accumulated in the course of forty years of hard and untiring work as author and journalist, and left him poor and homeless, a tolerated fugitive, a wandering Jew. But his most painful mental suffering was caused by his fellow-Zionists, who had rejected him as the princes of ancient Jerusalem once rejected the prophet Jeremiah.

In 1899 Nordau visited Vienna as the guest of the Zionists, headed by Herzl. The Jewish students of the Vienna University, led by the members of the Kadimah, arranged a special festive reception in his honour. On that occasion he delivered his never-to-be forgotten oration on the Helots of Sparta, who, though old inhabitants of that country, were treated as slave, with hatred and derision, with revolting injustice, whom he compared with Jews who had lost every sense of self-respect and allowed themselves to-be treated as Helots for the sake of a few

personal advantages, at the expense of personal and national honour.

The enthusiasm of his audience had to be understood. Some of the younger generation were almost maddened with excitement. No words, however eloquent, can convey a faint conception of the feelings of national pride and moral exaltation which that oration kindled in the young souls of that rising generation, of the joy that sparkled in the eyes of those young men and women, many of whom have since become famous in society and literature. It must have been one of the supreme moments of his life. . .

On another occasion I visited him at his private residence in Paris. He saw in front of him not only wreck and ruin, the loss of his personal fortune, which he had kept for his wife and only daughter, but also the failure of his most cherished hope, the frustration of an effort that seemed to be so near realization, and, as he thought, owing to his shortsightedness, and to the faint-heartedness and incompetence of men who had usurped positions in the Zionist movement who had allowed British statesmen to abuse their confidence, to take advantage of their inexperience as political leaders.

He looked like the prophet Jeremiah on the smoking ashes of the burning Temple, reading his lamentations. The Jewish National Home publicly and solemnly promised by a British Government, and endorsed by the Governments of all the civilized countries on both sides of the Atlantic, had been reduced to a cultural centre surrounded by a number of colonies. "We demand," he again exclaimed with that powerful voice that once shook the whole Congress to its very depths, "we demand loyalty for loyalty, faithfulness for faithfulness." His grief-stricken heart convulsed with even greater pain in the face of brutalized humanity after the war, seeing all the foundations of civilization shaken, seeing all the principles of justice and human rights, for which the ablest and noblest of men had fought for nearly two centuries, violated; his nation again exposed to prejudice, malice and crying social wrong.

His wife used to find him reading the Psalms, trying to draw comfort and new hope from that never-failing source of inspiration. But weakened through constant physical fatigue and mental agony, his body succumbed to the ever-growing pressure on 23rd January, 1923, at the age of seventy-three. The death of no man was ever more deeply mourned since the death of Herzl.

(The following is a copy of a letter sent to each local M.P.)

July 20th, 1937.

Dear Sir,

The Birmingham Zionist Council met yesterday to consider the Report of the Royal Commission on Palestine and authorised us to communicate the following statement to the local members of Parliament.

The Council would draw your attention to the fact that the Royal Commission's Report confirms Jewish rights to Palestine, endorses the success of the efforts to build up the Jewish National Home, and testifies to the benefits which have resulted to all sections of the population. It is therefore deeply to be regretted that the Commission should have proposed that the Mandate be set on one side and the country partitioned.

Pending the Zionist Congress which is to be held during August and its decision on the major issues involved in the Commission's recommendations and without implying agreement with them the Council desires to stress two points which are regarded as of vital importance.

(1) No partition of Palestine can possibly be acceptable to the Jewish people which excludes the whole of Jerusalem from a Jewish state. While the necessity for the Holy Site to be placed under a British Mandate is admitted, the new Jerusalem, built and inhabited entirely by Jews, must form part of the territory assigned to the Jewish people. Its exclusion will be a serious affront to the age-long sentiment of the Jews and constitute an insurmountable obstacle to the acceptance of the Government's proposals.

(2) The land which the Commissioners assign to the Jewish State is insufficient. Its area is less than 200 square miles. In view of the deplorable status of the Jewish Communities in several European countries and the consequent desire of hundreds of thousands to emigrate, such an extent of territory is utterly inadequate. The Commissioners propose to allot Southern Palestine to the Bedouins who could easily be accommodated in Transjordan. This land, which is at present almost completely barren, should be included in the Jewish State.

The Birmingham Zionist Council hopes that these two claims will impress you with their reasonableness and fairness, and trusts that you will use your influence with the Government to secure their acceptance.

We remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. Cohen. President.

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Zorach the Innkeeper

By "Der Letz"

In the Tsarist regime, Reb Zorach the Yeshuvnik held the tenancy of a village inn from the Poritz, Baron Nelubit Shidovsky. He made quite a comfortable living from the village folk who, especially on Sundays, used to moisten their lips with his vodka before going into, and after coming out of, church.

When the Bolsheviks came into power in 1918, they made the sale of vodka illegal, thus depriving the inn-keepers of their livelihood.

The Baron escaped abroad, and Reb Zorach was left with the inn but no vodka. Things went from bad to worse. The unhappy man, after brooding for some time over his plight in all its bearings, decided to leave the village and move into the town.

He called to his mind the saying, "Change your place and your luck will change." He could not see how this would eventuate in his sad case by leaving the village where he had married and brought up a family of seven daughters, a place where he was so well-known and respected—even idolised. Did he not, on his return from town, where he used to go with his family for Rosh Hashonah, find the bottles of vodka safe in the cellar? True, they were emptied in his absence, but nevertheless they were always left unbroken. The breaking of a dozen windows and a door or two was a small item not worth talking about.

It was the first time he had felt any real mental disturbance. He must think, and thoughts of the future filled him with a strange fear. If only he had some relative to turn to like Hotzmach the inn-keeper from the neighbouring village. Hotzmach, after the Revolution, placed his wife and family with Zorach and journeyed to Odessa, where his rich uncle, a big forest merchant, lived.

A sardonic smile twitched the corners of his lips as he remembered how a few months ago he had found Hotzmach's wife, with scalding tears running down her cheeks, crying, "He's gone mad! He's gone mad!"

"Who's gone mad?" asked Zorach, bewildered.

"My husband," was the reply. "I have just received a letter from him; the poor man has lost his reason. Just think of it! He styles himself 'The Ober-Cantor of the Petropavlovsko Synagogue.'"

Zorach tried to comfort her, but of no avail. A week later, a second letter was received:

"—In Petropavlovsko Synagogue, of which my uncle is the President and one of the Pillars, if not the main one, occurred a vacancy for an Ober-Cantor, to which position I was elected. Mad! No, my dear Stishe. I can assure you I am as sane as—no, not as you are; you never were sane. Would you have married me if you had been sane? I am as sane as my rich uncle is. I may in time become mad, in believing that I really am an Ober-Cantor, but for the present I am bound to believe that the members are the persons who are mad in keeping me on as their official—"

Zorach filled the bowl of his long clay pipe and watched the flame of the match curl fiercely round the black shreds of tobacco. Then his mind wandered off again; his thoughts led him to Chayim-Yotz, the little melamed who taught Hebrew to his daughters and whom he had kept for the last ten years free in food and lodging. And clothes! Every Yomtov when he treated himself to a new suit, Chayim-Yotz was the recipient of the old one. They were not really old except for a few patches and a few holes here and there.

The Zodoker Chassidisher Rebbe was in the habit of paying pastoral visits to Zorach before each Yomtov, with the sole object (so the Rebbe said) to give him his blessings! Of course, he never let the Rebbe depart empty-handed. Before Chanukah he would take away a few fat geese and flour for pancakes; Pesach, eggs and butter—and so on; not forgetting the hand-shake leave-taking ceremony which always filled the Rebbe's hand with a ten-rouble note. Once, by mistake, he put into the Rebbe's hand one rouble which the Rebbe returned the next day as his blessing could not be fulfilled under ten roubles. Zorach sent him instead two ten-rouble notes for two blessings and that same year he WAS BLESSED—with twin daughters!

"And now that scoundrel of an elamed," Zorach was thinking, "has the impudence to ask me for my daughter's hand in marriage! The little nobody! Even if he is the secretary of the village Safety Committee and hopes to be made a commissar some day. What difference does that make to me! On the contrary, it only helps the barrier to grow higher between us. No Communist would I have in my family."

His face changes from time to time, as indignation flashes from his eyes and anger clouds his forehead.

"Well, perhaps all this moving is for the best. With the help of the Almighty my daughters will have better chances in the town where they are apt to meet suitable young men in the Literary and Art Societies. Did not Yankel, the former village blacksmith, 'get off' his daughter in town! And what a young man—a real jewel! Such manners! Such a voice! Even the horses under their heavy burden felt happy while he, reins in hand, sang 'Gee-up! Gee-up!' Who could blame him for sending his wife a bill of divorcement from America, where a man with such qualifications is sought after? Yankel had been warned not to send his son-in-law to America alone. I will act differently. I shall know how to look after my sons-in-law. And when all my daughters are married off and my capital exhausted, (and it needs some capital to marry off seven daughters) why, I could then become a melamed."

He recalled to his mind words which his father had spoken: "There are two professions when one is incapable or cannot find anything else to do for a living—to become a melamed or a shadchan. I practised both after the death of my horse, when I was left without a kopeika (farthing) to carry on with my profession of wagon driver. I must say I had a lot of heart-ache from my pupils and their parents. Once Schmatenik the butcher even had the insolence, when I came the tenth time to request the teaching-fee for his nine children, which was two years overdue, to tell me that I was not a conscientious teacher, otherwise I would not have lived to see old age. But then, my son, did I not have plenty of worry and upset from my horse? Many a time when hurrying home for Shabbas with a full telega of passengers, Satan was bent to disturb my peace of mind; my horse would stumble and throw the whole of us into the mud in that big ditch by the hill . . ."

And so Zorach lost himself deeper and deeper in his thoughts and memories, when the door opened and his daughter whispered: "Father, the Commissar to see you."

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"How many more times do you wish me to tell you that we are remaining here?" asked Zorach of his wife Yente-Yachne the next morning at breakfast time. "The Commissar has given me a formula to brew 'home-made vodka' and we ought to be grateful to him. We can make more money out of this secret enterprise in one year than

we have made in our thirty years stay here." "But what about our daughters?" demanded Yente-Yachne. Zorach cast a look of displeasure on her. "Fool!" he growled, "is not the Almighty everywhere? He can watch our daughters here as well as anywhere. Nobody with any common sense would expect me to leave such a future for that. After all Chayim-Yotz is a Yiddisher boy—even if he is a communist and hates the Jews and their religion. Talking about religion reminds me of my neighbour in the Synagogue on Yom Kippur, who was grumbling that the service should be shortened, though he enjoyed the two novels he waded through on that day. Anyhow let us hope that our daughter will bring back Chayim-Yotz into our fold." "Our daughter," said Yente-Yachne "hates everything that is Jewish even more than he does."

"You're the mother! It was your duty to have brought them up in a Yiddisher way." "My duty—my duty!" she began to cry unable to control her emotions any longer. "It was my duty, I suppose, to give you 'eggs and bacon' for breakfast and 'leg of mutton' for dinner?" She looked into his eyes searchingly with an examining regard. "How did you expect me to bring up our daughters in a true Jewish manner in such an environment? Look at the Tefillin; they have gone mouldy! And the Tallis! My poor father, rest his soul, had to borrow twenty-five roubles to buy it for you. It is eaten by moths in the pantry where it has been lying since last Rosh Hashonah."

Zorach saw he had made a blunder and hastened to retrieve it. "I suppose I am to blame a little also, but it is too late to mend matters now. 'Lo almon Yisroel,' Israel is not a widower; there are many other Jewish families without my children to perpetuate the Jewish race. I pay to the Shool. I pay to the Board of Guardians. Isn't that doing my share?" "No!" replied Yente-Yachne, "money does not free you from the other obligations which are required of the Jew, such as the upkeep of the Dietary Laws, the keeping of the Shabbas, the attendance at Shool and many more. I know you find excuses to sweep aside everything that stands in the way of fulfilling your desires." In reply he shrugged his shoulders and left the house.

Within a few years Zorach prospered to such an extent that he bought six doctors for the remainder of his six daughters. (Not with dowries of ten thousands pounds each.

Doctors in Russia are cheap; the living conditions are so perfect and the health of the nation so good, that doctors are the only ones starving). He even became a philanthropist in the hope of becoming the village Mayor; but that did not materialise.

In the year 1928 the Commissar received promotion and left the village. The new arrival demanded a bigger percentage of the profits; therefore Zorach began to plan his removal. One sleepless night, tossing restlessly on the bed, he made his decision. The dawn had not yet pierced the night's curtain. There was nothing to be heard save the faint sound of the running water of the nearby river, when Zorach was already knocking at the door of his friend Trantowitz, the village blacksmith, who had a great influence with the horses—er—villagers. In vain were the blacksmith's endeavours to dissuade him from his intentions. And only after a lengthy discussion and a promise of a dozen bottles of vodka, he reluctantly agreed to see the project through. The plan was this: the coming Sunday a high official was

expected to visit the village and all Trantowitz had to do was to get the village Commissar drunk.

Imagine Zorach's astonishment, when on the expected Sunday, instead of beholding the Commissar disgraced and stripped of his honours, he found him in the company of the high official at the house of the blacksmith imbibing his vodka. He became as white as chalk. His eyes were staring blankly, and out of sheer stupefaction he forgot to close his mouth. "What does it mean? What has happened?" flashed through his mind. Simultaneously came the reminder that Chayim-Yotz, his son-in-law, who was now one of the "big five" in Moscow, was to pay him a visit that afternoon. Full of plans he went to the station to meet him. He had not gone many minutes before he heard a commotion in the market place near by. Upon going there his eyes beheld a notice on the wall which read:

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JEWISH LADS' BRIGADE.

Preparations are well in hand with reference to Camp, which will take place on July 30th, to August 8th, at Bridlington. This year, a large muster will be present, viz., over 70 Boys, which is a considerable increase on last year.

The Lucas Tooth Competition and Annual Inspection took place at Thorp Street Barracks, on July 11th. The results will not be known for several weeks.

The Outing to Whipnade Zoo will take place on Sunday, August 29th.

The Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire has been pleased to approve the Promotions of 2nd Lieuts.: Trevor Solomon and Justin Rudell to the Rank of 1st Lieutenants.

Thursday, November 25th, has been fixed for the Annual Dance in aid of the combined Funds of the Brigade and Club.

ZIONA.

The Dance given by Ziona on July 12th in support of the forthcoming Bazaar, although not the financial success hoped for, proved to be a most enjoyable evening; and while this young band of workers are using every endeavour to raise funds, this cannot be done without the full co-operation of local Jewry.

We should like to place on record our sincere thanks to Mr. Phil Bloom who made an excellent M.C.

We have to thank Mrs. C. Rubins for the first five guineas for our Grocery Stall and Milk Bar. This handsome sum is the result of a Tea and Card Evening held at her home, 15, Kingswood Road, Moseley, on July 4th.

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On Wednesday, June 9th, a "Tea" was given by Mesdames Lessar and Cave, and on June 30th Mesdames Blumenthal and Addleman were hostesses at a similar function. The first realised £8 17s. 6d. and the second £11 4s. 0d. The proceeds have been allocated to the relief of the victims of the program in Brest-Litovsk.



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TENNIS CLUB.

During the past month the Club has played two matches. The first was with the local Young Israel Tennis Club, and the second was the annual match with the Absa Tennis Club of London. Both matches were won by the local Club and were also well supported by its members.

The progress for the completion of the new Sports Grounds at Kings Heath goes on with undiminished enthusiasm. Most of the members have already donated sums to the scheme, and the Committee wish also to take advantage of this issue to thank the following non-members, who, almost as a result of the appeal in the "Recorder," contributed these sums :

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These donations, of course, are only those received up to the time of going to press. Further sums are required even now to help in the establishing of this Centre, and the Committee look forward with confidence to the other leaders of the Community for a helping hand. Any person desiring further information, or wishing to donate ANY sums,

are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Max Einstein, 91, Oakfield Road, Cannon Hill, 12.

ISAAC JOSEPH LODGE.

A party of members with their wives, and four sisters of the Rachel Mindelsohn Lodge visited the Achei Brith Convalescent Home at Etchingham, on Sunday, July 4th, on the occasion of the Home's annual Open Day. They were much impressed by the beauty of the Institution. The party was given a warm welcome by the Officers of Grand Lodge and conducted over the building. Thanks are due to Bro. L. Bassovitch and Bro. D. Rose, for the efficient manner they organised the outing.

CAVALCADE OF THE MONTAGU LORD SWAYTHLING LODGE.

On May 5th, 1912, in the sitting-room of a small house in the Bull Ring, five men could be seen seated round a table. They had important business in hand, for to quote the first minute of the Montagu Lord Swaythling Lodge, it was resolved, "That a new Lodge of the Achei Brith be formed in Birmingham." A further resolution, "that the lodge be called the Montagu, Lord Swaythling Lodge," resulted in the commencement of a great task, a task which has been carried on diligently by enthusiastic Jews through a quarter of a century, and can be best visualised by continual reference to an age-worn Book which the writer has at hand.

That "Preliminary Meeting" of May 12th was to lay the foundation of what is now one of the strongest, youngest and soundest Lodges in the Order.

On Sunday, September 8th, at the Imperial Hotel, a consecration ceremony was held, and the Grand President and Grand Vice-President performed the ritual which set the Swaythling Lodge on its long journey.

Those first few years were charged with real hard work for the mere handful of purposeful Jews who had undertaken their great self-imposed task. It was difficult to get together a sufficient membership to create the Funds which were to be of so much use in times of emergency. But from a small membership of five, has grown a total well in sight of the hundred mark, an achievement which in itself pays high tribute to the stalwarts of those early days.

But let us ask ourselves, "What great ideal had these men in struggling so earnestly to form a Friendly Society?" There must have been some goal at which they were aiming, which could only be equalled in quality to the efforts they were making. The answer to that question is the reply which is given to the non-member who, when he is approached to join a Friendly Society, asks "What good is it to me?"

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But was Insurance the sole thought of these builders? Not by any means! Strange that with the PROGRESS of civilisation we should to-day feel more in need of the moral influence of a vast Unity of Jewish people . . . but sad to say, that is indeed the case. Little did the pioneers of Friendly Society movement realise how valuable the strength of the Brotherhood movement would be in the combating of the almost Universal anti-semitism that is abroad to-day. Little do the average Jews realise that the Friendly Society movement is one of our greatest chances of combating the unfounded charges which are made against our race, and

has proved itself financially and spiritually one of our most powerful weapons in this war of self-vindication. If they did realise it, they would not hesitate to do what is their bounden duty, join a Friendly Society, if only to help maintain the Brotherhood and for themselves and their dear ones.

(To be Continued).

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

The outstanding event of the month was the tennis match played at the Limberlost, Handsworth, with the Jewish Tennis Club. We were pleased to see so many visitors and members present, and we appreciated also the presence of our life Honorary President, Mr. A. L. Ostrov, a newly elected Vice-Chairman, Councillor J. Silverman, and Mr. Ivan Jacobs, Chairman of the Tennis Club. Our opponents won by 5 matches to nil, 10 sets to 4, and 76 games to 55. We congratulate their Captain, and our ex-Treasurer, on a magnificent display. We shall be looking forward to the return match, when we hope to show that we have profited by the exhibition of the players of the Jewish Tennis Club.

A change has been necessitated on the executive, from which Mr. Cecil Halter has resigned, and Messrs. Mauaice Dight, and Murray Morris have been elected Joint-Treasurers. At the last Committee meeting tribute was paid to the services rendered by the former Treasurer in that arduous office.

Six delegates of the Society attended the Annual General Meeting of the Birmingham Amateur Dramatic Federation at the Crescent Theatre. We supported a motion to produce only those plays whose royalties are based on a sliding scale.

It is good news to know that the Society will be well represented at the Union Summer School at Paxton Park, Huntingdon.

A most successful Social Afternoon took place recently at the Midland Hotel, at which the magnificent sum of £41 was collected. This fine effort was due to the five hostesses, Mesdames Percy Brooks, Emanuc! Cohen, Mark Cohen, Menda and Wand.

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COMMISSION

Arrangements for the forthcoming Bazaar are continuing apace, and judging from results the enthusiasm of Birmingham Jewry for raising funds for the Bazaar is increasing day by day. On all sides workers for the Bazaar are increasing their efforts, and some functions already held in connection with the Bazaar have proved most successful both financially and socially.

The Women's Zionist Society, who are organizing the catering arrangements for the forthcoming Bazaar are appealing for waitresses for both days of the Bazaar. Will all those ladies who are prepared to help in this capacity be good enough to communicate with Mrs. S. A. Cohen, Chairman of the Women's Zionist Society. Those ladies who have so far offered their services have already arranged a Scavenger Hunt to be followed by a dance which will be held on AUGUST 29th. No doubt all those intending to help as waitresses at the Bazaar will be pleased to join in this Scavenger Hunt.

The general work of the Commission is continuing very satisfactorily and some of the box collections made for the third quarter are most encouraging. The Treasurer, however, wishes to draw the attention of the Commissioners to the fact that the third quarter is now somewhat overdue and he would like to take this opportunity of asking Commissioners to be good enough to have their third quarter's collections completed as early as possible. The response so far for the "Sefer Hayaed" has been somewhat disappointing, and the Treasurer would again like to impress upon parents this excellent method of supporting the Jewish National Fund. Full particulars can be obtained from the Secretary of the Jewish National Fund Commission or any of the Executive Officers.

Here and There.

COMMUNAL SKETCHES—No. II.



A VETERAN WORKER.

Congratulations to Dr. I. Ackerman on obtaining his medical qualification, to Mr. John Simmons on his graduation, and to Mr. Bernard Hirschfeld on passing his final in Dental Surgery. We wish them success in their respective careers.

The warmest wishes will be extended by the Community to "Sonny" Cohen and his bride on their recent marriage. No praise is too high for the valuable services he has rendered in many directions. A cordial welcome is issued to Mrs. Cohen when she takes up residence in Birmingham.

The renovated Synagogue will be re-consecrated on Sunday, August 29th, the ceremony being performed by the Chief Rabbi.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leek on the birth of a daughter.

The Memorial Hall in the new cemetery has called forth much praise for its dignity and beauty. The work of the Cemeteries' Committee in general deserves the highest commendation.

We offer our felicitations to Mr. Arnold Silverstone on his engagement and wish him and his fiancée every happiness.

Everyone, irrespective of creed and race, who cares for the decencies of public life, must applaud the prompt action of the Birmingham authorities and their determination to stamp out Jew-baiting, which elsewhere has been allowed to grow to such serious dimensions.

The MEDICAL WORLD of May 21st, printed a strongly worded letter by Dr. I. Henry, controverting statements in a recently published medical work alleging that the Jews, a highly neurotic people, contributed largely to the increased number of mental defectives in the country.

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The Ladies' Page



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Don't Overdo it!

HERE we are bang in the middle of summer, trying to make the most of the good months, building up resistance for the bad months that will come upon us all too soon. Summer-time is build up time, we are told. It should be. But do you make it that? With week-ends and holidays in the offing, this is a good time to take stock of summer's assets and liabilities.

WHAT sort of week-ends are you planning? To what sort of holiday are you looking forward?

THIS analysis of summer holidaying is based largely upon commonsense. But since expert opinion is an excellent check to personal prejudice, I consulted a well known Birmingham doctor whose work is constantly directed towards prevention, rather than cure. He asks to be anonymous and we must respect his wishes. To begin with, there is this general warning: While sport and play are essential to health, too much of either can be absolutely ruinous. It is more dangerous to overdo exercise than not to exercise at all. We are a sport-mad generation and have yet to learn to pursue our hobbies with moderation.

EVEN on a holiday that runs to three or four weeks, remember these words of our medical man. "It is safer to underdo in the matter of exercise, than to overdo!"—We all want to have a good time while on holiday, and certainly there is fine relaxation for body and nerves in a summer holiday of exercise, play and sleep.

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FIRST aid for hair. Stringy, oily hair, hair with dandruff, hair that is falling out, or just won't behave, is hair that is

screaming for a tonic. There is one that has been recommended by one of our readers, and famous for many years in France, it is now obtainable in this country. A little should be massaged into the scalp every morning.

TENNIS Blisters. Prick them with a sterilised needle, and apply boracic powder. Above all don't be tempted to remove the skin. To harden your palms and prevent blisters, rub eau-de-Cologne into them night and morning

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LEMON Whip. Four eggs, castor sugar, 5 ozs.; juice of two lemons, water, 1 gill. Beat the yolks of the eggs very lightly; then add the sugar, water and strained lemon juice. Mix thoroughly. Whip the egg whites to a very stiff froth and fold in lightly. Pour the mixture into a double saucepan, and stir until it thickens. Serve cold.

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I expect you are all thinking of the holidays now, and I do hope that, whether you spend them by the sea, in the country, or at home, the weather will be kind to you, and you will all have a grand time. Still, however much the sun shines, those wet days will occur now and then, so here is a competition to help to while them away.

A prize will be given to the boy or girl **under 15** who sends in the best essay on "The Most Exciting Day of my Holidays." It doesn't matter whether you are at home or away—you can still enter for this competition. Write on one side of the paper only, and put your name, address and age very clearly and don't make your essay longer than 300 words. The closing date for the competition will be September 12th, so you have plenty of time to think about it, and, of course, the prize-winning essay will be published in this corner.

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This riddle-me-ree will while away a few minutes for you and the answer will be given next month.

My first is in monument also in mountain,
My second in fantasy also in fountain,
My third is in corner but not in square,
My fourth is in coward but also in dare,
My fifth is in accent, in dialect too,
My sixth is in trusty and also in tune,
My seventh is in fortune and also in fate,
My whole is a much-discussed subject of late.

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Happy days to you all, and lots of sunshine,

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Coronation Day is a thing of the past, but not so Coronation thoughts, and this article comes from Cecilia Redhouse and deserves publication even at this late date:—

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The streets of large towns and small villages were gaily decorated with red, white and blue bunting. Even the poor spent money without a grudge for this occasion. On the Coronation day parties were held, and every child received a souvenir of the King and Queen.

At last the great day dawned. Oh, to have been in London, to catch a glimpse of their Majesties as they rode by—the golden State Coach! The crowning took place at Westminster Abbey which was full with Royal personages. All along the route the King and Queen were cheered by their loyal subjects.

After this solemn, yet happy day, London was invaded by sightseers, the chief object of interest being based on Selfridges. This vast building was marvellously decorated, the statue of Peace crowning all. "Long Live the King" are the words we fervently utter, and we hope that he and his Consort may be spared for many years.

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Sonia and Judith Simons. I was so glad to talk to you last Friday, and hope that, now we know each other, you will write to me.



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The Editor's Message.

We wish all readers of the "Recorder" a happy new year.

Congress has met and come to a decision which will be approved by the large majority of Jews throughout the world. To have rejected outright even the opportunity to negotiate with the British Government would have created a situation detrimental to the best interests of Jewry. That this extreme course was not adopted was due mainly to the influence and pleading of the English leaders, Dr. Weizmann, Professor Brodetsky and Lord Melchett.

In a crisis of this nature we have to be guided more by reason than by sentiment. While the Jewish heart naturally loathes the thought of a further partition of Palestine (the first partition occurred fifteen years ago when Transjordan was closed to Jewish settlement), the brain must decide what is best in the circumstances that now exist. We reject the conclusion of the Commissioners' report that the Mandate is unworkable. We believe that under a firm and sympathetic Administration it could have been implemented. But that is not the practical issue which we must face. The question we have to ask ourselves is—and that is the problem which the British Government has to consider—can it be implemented now, after years of Arab agitation have created an intense nationalist feeling in the native population? There is, we fear, only one answer to that question, viz., the attempt would necessitate a large standing army in Palestine and the exercise of coercion and suppression. Such a policy of force would not only be contrary to public opinion in this country but might inflame anti-Jewish hostility in many parts of the world.

This thought probably motived the attitude of the English Zionist leaders. It needed great courage to advocate moderation to the delegates who were smarting under a sense of betrayal. It is a bitter tragedy to find our hope shattered at a time when its fulfilment is urgently required to cope with the terrible plight of German and Polish Jewry. But the cry, "all or none," is not wise. We must leave it to the statesmanship of Dr. Weizmann and his colleagues to salvage as much as they can from the wreckage of the Mandate. The replies we print from local Members of Parliament indicate that the House of Commons is anxious to be as fair as possible in a most difficult situation.

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FASTING.

The Day of Atonement is, in popular estimation, above all else a fast day. To "keep Yom Kippur" is to abstain from all food and drink, as though the occasion were intended as a trial of human endurance or there were merit in the act of abstinence. For the majority of Jews and Jewesses, that is the only aspect of the day which holds their attention, and on the Eve of Atonement they extend to one another the greeting, "Wish you well over it!"

But Jewish teachers have always laid great stress on the thought that the Fast is but a means to an end, and in itself has no virtue. The Biblical passage where the Day of Atonement is commanded carefully avoids the word "fast." Instead we have, "Ye shall afflict your souls" (Leviticus XVI. 29). This certainly means abstinence from nourishment, as is evident from Isaiah Iviii. 3, but it implies much more. That impressive chapter of Isaiah, which is read as the Haphtoroh of the Day, teaches very emphatically that the act of fasting is not efficacious in securing pardon for sin; and it gives the true purpose in the memorable declaration, "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the fetters of wickedness," etc.

It is recorded in the Talmud (Berachoth 17a) that when observing a fast, Rab Sheshet used to add the following prayer at the end of the Shemoneh Esreh: "Lord of the Universe! It is revealed before Thee that when the Sanctuary was in existence, a man sinned and brought an offering, of which they sacrificed only the fat and the blood, and atonement was made for him. But now, I observe a fast, and my fat and blood are diminished. May it be Thy Will, that my fat and blood which have been diminished may be accounted as though I had offered them before Thee upon the altar, and do Thou favour me." This is the popular view of the Fast, and although, as we see, it has the authority of a Talmudic Rabbi, it must nevertheless be avoided. On the one hand, it may lead to the harmful asceticism of monks and nuns who believe that in depriving themselves of legitimate pleasures they benefit spiritually and win the approval of God; and on the other hand, it may confirm the belief that in withholding himself from food on Yom Kippur the Jew automatically has the record of his wrong-doings expunged.

Truer to the spirit of Judaism is the passage in the Apocryphal book, Ecclesiasticus which declares: "He that washeth himself after touching a dead body, and toucheth it again, what profit hath he in his washing? Even so a man fasting for his sins, and going again and doing the same, who will listen to his prayer? And what profit hath he in his humiliation?" (xxxiv. 25 f.). This teaching is confirmed by what we are told was the practice in olden times, when a fast was proclaimed because of a prolonged drought. The assembled Jews sprinkled themselves with ashes as a mark of contrition, and then the oldest present addressed them as follows: "Brethren, it is not said of the men of Nineveh 'God saw their sackcloth and their fasting,' but 'God saw their works that they turned from their evil way' (Jonah iii. 10); and elsewhere it is said, 'Render your heart and not your garments'" (Joel ii. 13) (Mishnah, Taanith ii. 1).

Equally striking is the address which Rabbi Tanchum bar Ilai once gave on such an occasion. Taking as his text II Chronicles xii, 6f., "Then the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, 'The Lord is righteous.' And when the Lord saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah saying, 'They have humbled themselves, I will not destroy them,'" the Rabbi drew the moral, "It is not written here they fasted, but they humbled themselves" (Jerusalem Talmud, Taanith II, 65b).

On these special fast days it was considered obligatory to practise charity as evidence of a sincere desire to find favour with God. How much more necessary must it be on Yom Kippur to supplement the fast with deeds if it is to achieve its purpose!

If, however, it is possible to fast and not observe the Great Day, is it possible to observe the Day without fasting? Since abstinence from food is only a means to an end, can we go direct to the end and overstep the means?

Such a question as this cannot be answered purely on rational grounds. With an age-long institution like Yom Kippur, sentiment plays an important part, and consequently to anybody possessed of the Jewish spirit, a Day of Atonement without a fast must appear a travesty. The purposes which the occasion seeks to achieve are

rendered easier of attainment by means of the fast. It helps to the affliction of the soul, of which the Scriptures speak. Self-mortification is an aid to self-humiliation, as the ascetic affirms; but Judaism carefully prescribes its limits. As with a drug, excess is harmful, but judiciously administered it is advantageous.

The observance of the fast on Yom Kippur has two objects. Firstly, it aids in the withdrawal from the outside world and the dedication of the day to prayer and meditation, which is the characteristic feature of the great Day. Secondly, it impresses us with the thought that we are more than body, and the consideration of our soul must for the

time being absorb our attention. It brings home forcibly to us the truth, "Man does not live by bread only, but by everything that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live" (Deuteronomy viii, 3). The Scriptures record that when Moses ascended Mount Sinai for forty days "he did neither eat bread nor drink water" (Exodus xxxiv, 28). On what was he sustained? asked the Rabbis; and they answered, "Ziv ha-Shechinah—the lustre of the Divine Presence" (Exodus Rabbah xlvi, 5). The same sustenance is offered the Jew on Yom Kippur; and to increase his zest for this spiritual nourishment he is bidden to abstain from physical food.

A.C.

Letters to Harold

No. 5.

My dear Harold,

Shabbatai Zevi, the false Messiah, was a very different sort of person from Spinoza, about whom I wrote to you recently. Both lived during the same period. He was born in Smyrna in 1726. His father, Mordecai, was the agent of an English firm of merchants, and became very prosperous. In his youth, Shabbatai devoted his mind and time to the study of the Cabbalah, which deals with mysticism. As the result of this reading his thoughts were clouded by fantasy.

In appearance, he was tall, dark and well-built. As was customary in those days, he married early, but his obsession over the Cabbalah demanded solitude. He began to neglect his beautiful wife, who thereupon demanded a divorce, which he readily granted. The same thing happened later when he married a second time. This aversion from marriage and his ascetic way of living began to excite attention, with the result that disciples gathered around him.

At the age of twenty-five he declared himself to be the promised Messiah. The religious leaders were annoyed by this pretention and forthwith excommunicated him. So he and his followers were driven from Smyrna. This did not deter him, because the belief was general that the Messiah would be humiliated before he attained to his exalted state. Had Shabbatai been compelled to depend upon charity, events might have turned out otherwise; but he was amply provided with funds by his devoted father, who was very proud that his son should be the long-expected Messiah.

From Smyrna he went to Constantinople, and after wandering about Greece, he came to Cairo, in Egypt. In this city he chanced to meet Raphael Chelebi, a wealthy Cabbalist, who was philanthropic and credulous. This man gave Shabbatai a large sum of money for his personal expenses. Now, according to the Cabbalah, a miracle had to happen before the advent of the Messiah, and Shabbatai waited patiently for the heavenly-sent sign.

An incident occurred which proved favourable to his schemes. During the massacre of Polish Jews, an orphaned Jewish girl, six years of age, was found destitute by some Christians, who took her to a nunnery, where she was reared and given a conventual training. Nevertheless, the impressions made upon her in her parents' home were so vivid that Christianity did not appeal to her; but her environment aroused in her fantastic ideas. She had grown into a beautiful young woman and longed to escape from the convent.

She was seen by a few Jews in a Jewish cemetery, clad only in a long white garment. She told them that in the previous night she had been visited by the spirit of her dead father, which carried her to the cemetery. She was informed by this spirit that her destiny was to marry the Messiah. Shabbatai heard of this incident, and he too pretended he had had a dream in which it was revealed that he was to meet a Polish-Jewish girl who would become his bride. He sent a messenger to bring her to Cairo, where they were married. To his great delight, Chelebi

acted as the witness at the marriage of the Messiah and placed his entire fortune at his disposal, becoming his most influential adherent.

By this time Shabbatai was really convinced that he was the promised Messiah. His wife's striking beauty and Chelebi's gold helped to swell the number of his followers. Among them was a wealthy man, Nathan Ghazati, who declared himself to be the prophet Elijah, who, according to tradition, was to herald the advent of the Messiah.

Shabbatai, with his numerous retinue, now returned to his native city, where his brothers prepared a great welcome for him. The ban which had been pronounced on him was forgotten or ignored. From then onwards, those who believed in him increased tremendously. Wherever he went he was received with royal honours. The joy of his followers knew no bounds. At last their prayers had been answered. They abandoned themselves to unbridled jubilation and indulged in all manner of festivities in honour of the Lord's anointed. Every word he spoke was treated as a Divinely inspired utterance ; every act of his was regarded as a miracle.

The madness of the Jews of Smyrna swept like a contagion through the communities of North Africa and Europe. But there was one man, Rabbi Jacob Sasportas, of Hamburg, formerly Rabbi in London, who warned his brethren far and near by letters against succumbing to this Messianic frenzy.

Later, there were other unbelievers, particularly those Rabbis who disfavoured the study of Cabbalah, and were enraged when Shabbatai ordered the abrogation of many Jewish rites and ceremonies, which he declared unnecessary since his advent. Such sceptics were, however, a small minority in comparison with the masses who pinned their faith to him.

The end came through the Sultan of Turkey. Fearing the possibility of disturbances in his dominions, he commanded Shabbatai to appear before him. The Sultan promptly imprisoned him, and then offered him the choice of embracing Mohammedanism or death. Shabbatai chose the former, much to the delight of the Sultan, who was not anxious to create another martyr. He changed his name to Mahmed Effendi and appointed him to the post of doorkeeper.

The Jews who had trusted him were stupefied at this occurrence. In spite of his apostacy, many continued to believe in him and argued that he had only become a Mohammedan in order to convert the Turks to Judaism ! Gradually his adherents began to pay him visits. When the Sultan learnt that he was still claiming to be the Messiah, he banished him to a small town in Albania, where there were no Jews. He died there in 1776, sad, desolate and forsaken.

An extraordinary story, which illustrates the saying that truth is stranger than fiction.

Your affectionate uncle,
SAM.

**READ LETTER ON
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RECORDER**

Representative Council of Birmingham Jewry.

At a recent meeting of the Council consideration was given to certain matters of vital importance to the community. In particular, close attention was directed to the Clause in the Constitution adopted by the Council relating to the steps the Council should take adequately to safeguard the Community from the harmful effects resulting from wrongful actions committed by our own co-religionists in Birmingham.

The Council has authorised the following statement to be made:—

The notice of the Council having recently been directed to a few cases in which members of the Community have in their business or private activities dealt in such manner as to evoke widespread disapproval on the part of both Jews and non-Jews, the Council desires it to be known that it views such conduct with the greatest reprehension. It cannot emphasize too strongly the serious results that may accrue to the Community as a whole through the misdeeds of a few individuals.

PALESTINE.

In the last issue of the "Recorder" we printed the letter which was addressed to the local Members of Parliament in connection with the Royal Commission's Report. We now give extracts from the replies which were received:

Mr. AMERY: "If you will get a copy of the Hansard report of yesterday's Debate, you will see that I, as well as a number of other speakers, laid stress on the two points which you urge in your letter."

Mr. CARTLAND: "I will, of course, pay due attention to the views which you put forward."

SIR PATRICK HANNON: "The substance of your letter will receive very careful consideration."

Mr. HIGGS: "If circumstances permit, I am visiting Palestine myself in the autumn in order to make first-hand enquiries. I will bear the contents of your letter in mind when coming to any conclusion on this important matter."

The Council, representing every phase of Jewish Religious and Communal Life in this city, feels that it is its duty to call attention to this matter in the strongest possible terms, and is unanimous in the determination to use its powers to the utmost to safeguard the high reputation enjoyed by the Community; and in the event of a situation arising that would make such action necessary, would not hesitate to take the most drastic measures, which measures would be unhesitatingly approved and supported by every constituent congregation and organisation represented on the Council.

The Council earnestly hopes that it will not be called upon to exercise its powers in the direction indicated, but at the same time it is determined to spare no effort to protect the honour and good name of British Jewry.

Information in connection with this matter can be communicated to the Secretary, Mr. Sydney S. Jacobs, 17. Smallbrook Street, Birmingham, 5.

Mr. GEOFFREY LLOYD: "I am passing on the views expressed in your letter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

COMMANDER LOCKER LAMPSON: "I am a member of the Palestine Parliamentary Committee, and was instrumental at a recent meeting to pledge it to delay, and was the originator of the suggestion of an appointment of a Joint Committee of both Houses to consider the Report. You will note that these views were taken up in the House of Commons, and Mr. Winston Churchill (with whom I had luncheon yesterday) was instrumental in securing delay with the united goodwill of the House. We must now educate people in the interval to a sense of the realities, so that when the time for revision comes, your point of view is known and a plan is settled upon for general use."

Mr. SALT: "I realise the very great importance of the matter you bring before me, and shall do my utmost to see that the final settlement is one that is as satisfactory as the difficulties of the problem will allow."

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SOME ZANGWILLISMS.

The first book to be issued by the newly formed Soncino Publication Society is "Speeches, Articles and Letters of Israel Zangwill." By the courtesy of the publishers we are permitted to regale our readers with extracts from a lecture on "The Ghetto" with which the volume opens. Even on so serious a topic Zangwill's brilliant wit found an ample outlet.—Ed. "B.J.R.")

The hatred of the Jew in some parts of modern Europe enables us faintly to realize what it must have been in the Dark Ages. Shylock is quite a saint by the side of the popular conception of the Jew, who may be seen at his best, or his worst, in Marlowe's "Jew of Malta," a combination of Jack the Ripper and Mephistopheles, who was boiled alive amid the applause of the pit.

The Jew invented the letter of exchange and founded modern commerce in the teeth of the doctrine of the Church that money must not breed money; the Church has long since abandoned its objection to interest, and has even, I believe, investments of its own.

Sometimes the emperor paid his debts by assigning the Jews to his creditors for a number of years, or he borrowed money on the security of them. They were as good as Consols are to-day, except that Consols can be converted—and if Jews were converted they lost their value.

More honestly borrowed, Jewish capital went to build the great English abbeys. "Without my money," said Aaron of Lincoln to a Christian, "your God would be homeless."

Some of the leading Jews (of Rome) were converted. A convert was made much of. He could even have a new Christian wife instead of his own. This must have been a temptation. But if he back-slid he was burnt. Sometimes they seem to have preferred burning to the new wife.

There was no organ in the orthodox synagogue: musical instruments were not permitted. But there was sometimes a small choir of men only—evidently they were not regarded as musical instruments.

A beautiful Jew meant a good Jew. On the other hand, a really good-looking Jew was considered the fool of the family—which is a consolation for some of us.

There were two main varieties of Jews, the Spanish and German varieties, each pronouncing Hebrew in a fashion superior to the other, and both probably unlike the ancient Hebrew. The Spanish Jews mixed good Spanish with Hebrew words and made Ladino; the Germans mixed bad German with every language under the sun, audaciously run into German moulds, and made Yiddish, in which an enormous number of books and newspapers are printed throughout the world, and in which even operas and plays are performed in London and New York. There was one running the other day in London on the Dreyfus case, in which Esterhazy was so hissed that he stopped in the middle to explain that he was not really Esterhazy and would like to shoot him. The only superiority of Yiddish over German is that there is only one gender.

The Crusaders—that very bad complaint which Europe caught in 1096, and which it had three times—proved more fatal to Jews than to Saracens.

Their gold, too was confiscated (by the Inquisition). It is curious that no poor person was ever found to be a Jew and have his gold confiscated; hence, perhaps, arose the idea, "Rich as a Jew" "Poor as a Jew." would have been a proverb nearer the truth.

They could not even have an inscription on the tomb; that, at least, saved a good deal of lying.

Once a rich man said to one of the dowry-begging fathers: "But I am told that your daughter died five years ago."

"And what of that?" said the droll rogue, unabashed, "why should you profit by her death? You are not her heir!"

Another Schnorrer went to a capitalist and said he was in a terrible plight, because he had promised £200 to his daughter's bridegroom. The wedding day was at hand and the utmost he could manage was £100, so the poor girl would be left husbandless.

"Nonsense," said the capitalist, "you offer the young man a hundred, down; I'll warrant he won't make any bones about the other hundred."

"Yes!" said the Schnorrer, "I know. But the other hundred—that's the hundred I've got. It's the £100 down that I want."

The Jews began to play cards in the fifteenth century and they have gone on playing them ever since. Nothing can stop them, even though Maimonides said: "At gambling, the player always loses."

ROUND THE COMMUNITY

UNITED BENEVOLENT BOARD,

A Meeting of the Council of the Birmingham Jewish United Benevolent Board was held recently, when the Reports and Financial statements of the Working Committees were presented.

Mr. P. C. Balcon, the President, presided.

Mr. Balcon said great anxiety was being felt at the continued increase in the demands on the Board's resources, and there was little prospect of a reduction. A great number of the Board's applicants were aged people, mostly widows and other unemployable people, many of whom had no source of income other than that granted by the Board.

The arrears in subscriptions were to be deplored. The Honorary Treasurer had made a personal appeal, and in some cases, had himself called upon individuals in an endeavour to obtain payment of these arrears. It was felt many people who could subscribe were not so doing, and it was hoped a sense of their responsibility to the Community would be evoked, particularly in the section comprising young married people.

It was pleasing to observe that payments of amounts advanced as loans were, for the greater part, satisfactory. The Industrial Committee was doing very useful work in the after-care of young adolescents, and the ladies were visiting regularly the sick and aged, and supplying necessary nourishments.

The services of the Medical, Pharmaceutical and Dental Officers of the Board were at the free disposal of the sick poor, and many were the calls, as were also upon the Board's Legal Aid Service.

A useful function was being served by the operation of the Protection Committee, which dealt quietly with special cases.

A gift to The Home for Aged Jews of a bed endowed by Mrs. Ethel Samuels to perpetuate the memory of her late husband had been received, and it was hoped to consecrate this on Sunday, 5th September next. Everything possible was being done to give joy and greater comfort to the guests in the home.

So much more could be done if adequate funds were available, and it was deplorable that some of its very essential work may have to be curtailed if greater and more subscriptions were not forthcoming.

The work of raising money by the functions organized by the Junior Committee of the Board was very much appreciated, and it was felt this Section of the Board's workers would be the means of greater interest and general activity for the Premier Charity of local Jewry.

LITERARY AND ARTS SOCIETY.

Final arrangements for the forthcoming session are now being concluded, and the Committee is hopeful that members will find the new programme entirely satisfactory with regard to the Literary as well as the social meetings which have been arranged.

On October 3rd, Miss Hannah F. Cohen, O.B.E., will deliver her Presidential Address on "The Jew in England: Retrospect and Prospect," and among other interesting events we anticipate with pleasure lectures by Dr. A. Cohen, Mr. Philip Vos, K.C., and Dr. J. Parkes, author of "Conflict of the Church and Synagogue."

On January 23rd we hope to entertain members of the Liverpool Jewish Literary Society, and we intend holding a debate with the Bristol Jewish Literary Society on February 13th.

In the course of the session the Dramatic Section will have ample opportunity of fulfilling the bright promise of their performances of last year, and, in addition, two dances will be held.

After very careful consideration on the part of the Committee and the Trustees of the Birmingham Jewish Arts Society Building Fund, it was decided to allocate this entire fund to various charities, since the original scheme for which the money was collected was never developed. Cheques have accordingly been sent to the following organisations:—

Birmingham Jewish United Benevolent Board, £77 2s. 7d.; Jewish National Fund, £50; Birmingham Talmud Torah, £50; Norwood Orphanage, £25; Hebrew University, £25; Jewish Palestine Orchestra, £25; Birmingham Hospitals' Centre, £50.

Applications for membership are now being considered and all communications should be addressed either to Miss F. Silverstone, 64, Harborne Road, or Miss G. Leek, 232, Bristol Road. Members are reminded that the subscription is 7/6 for individual members and 12/6 for husband and wife. The Society will be particularly glad to welcome any German co-religionists now resident in Birmingham, and the secretaries will inform those interested of special arrangements which have been made to facilitate their becoming members.

Throughout the summer months members are being enabled to keep in touch with each other by means of outings, and thanks are due to the Chairman, Mr. I. Cohen, for his efforts in this respect. We take this opportunity of offering to Mr. Cohen the sincerest good wishes of the Society on the happy occasion of his marriage.

JEWISH LADS' BRIGADE

On Friday, July 30th, the Birmingham Company entrained at New Street Station in special reserved Pullman Carriages for Bridlington.

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Settling down and having eaten a hearty meal, the boys wandered about exploring their new Quarters.

At 7.30 p.m. the usual Friday Evening Service was held, and "Lights Out" was sounded at 10.15 p.m.

On Saturday Camp Routine started:—

Reveille	.. ..	7	a.m.
Breakfast	.. ..	8.30	a.m.
Service	.. ..	10.15	a.m.
Bathing	.. ..	11.30	a.m.
Dinner	.. ..	1	p.m.

After this the boys were free to do as they liked, without any duties, except once during Camp of Mounting a Guard.

On Monday, the Battalion marched into Bridlington, and a Wreath was laid at the Cenotaph. The Manchester Brass Band and Glasgow Pipers played appropriate music.

Thursday was the great day, when an inspection by Colonel Robinson was held. Hundreds of visitors came to see the March Past, and Special Displays. Praise was heard on all sides of the smartness and efficiency of all Ranks.

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The catering arrangements were excellent, and the Officers were well repaid for the trouble they had taken in making the arrangements, by the bronzed and happy look the boys had on their return to Birmingham on Sunday.

The last day in Camp is always a sad one—dismantling the Tents and packing up, and tears were near the eyes of many boys, and I am not ashamed to say, several Officers, for having to leave such a perfect Camp in such perfect weather.

So another Camp is over, leaving with us memories of having spent the best holiday of our lives—A holiday that has given us happiness, and experience. We look forward to 1938, hoping we shall be fortunate enough to be present at the next J.L.B. Camp.

Don't forget the Brigade Dance at the West End, on Thursday, November 25th.

JEWISH TENNIS CLUB

On two previous occasions the hopes of this Club have been raised with the prospect of New Tennis Grounds, only eventually to find that such hopes proved to be false.

With the present Ground at Tenbury Road, Kings Heath, however, negotiations were completed first, and the Club now has at its disposal a Ground comprising three hard courts, four grass and a putting green together with a spacious car park, all at a very low rental with an option of a lease for 16 years.

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There is already the nucleus of a Club in existence and the members have themselves contributed £50 up to the present towards this sum, and it is with every confidence that the Committee appeals to the Community to contribute the balance required.

It is the experience of most Clubs and Social workers that there is no better way of combatting Antisemitism than inter-Club visits, and it is intended to take part in the Lawn Tennis activities of the Midlands, by affiliation to the Warwick L.T.A., joining the League and taking part in the various Charity Tournaments.

The following are donations received in addition to those published last month:

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making a total of close on £100 received in full.

All contributions will be thankfully received by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Max Einstein, 91, Oakfield Road, Cannon Hill, 12, who will also be pleased to hear from any players desirous of joining the new Club.

WOMEN'S EFFORT FOR POLISH RELIEF.

On Wednesday, July 14th, a Tea was held in the garden of the residence of Mrs. Goldstein, 61, Trafalgar Road, Moseley, and the sum of £7 4s. 7d. was realised.

The hostesses were Mesdames Goldstein, Jacobs and Chesler. There is urgent need of clothing for the sufferers in Poland.



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A FILM PREMIERE will be held on Sunday, October 17th, at the Warley Cinema, Wolverhampton Road, by kind permission of Mr. Oscar Deutsch.

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Prices range from 2/6 to £2 2s. Seats can be reserved at Riley's, Paradise Street.

On October ¹⁰~~2nd~~ the Marchioness of Reading will address a meeting in aid of the above at the Communal Hall. The time of the meeting will be announced later.

Please keep these dates open and remember the cause.

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FREDERICK JACOMBS' SPORTS LODGE.

A Supper was held by the members on Monday, July 19th, at the "White Horse," Congreve Street. The occasion was a presentation to the Sponsor to indicate the esteem in which they held him. The presentation, which took the form of a Silver Cigarette Casket, was made by the Chairman of the Lodge, Bro. A. Stone, whose words of praise were supported by many other speakers. An enjoyable evening was spent.

The Quarterly General Meeting took place on Thursday, July 22nd, at the Registered Offices, Victory House, Hurst Street. In course of the proceedings, a Founder's Collar was presented to Bro. I. Witton, and a Life Hon. President's Collar to Bro. D. Jaffa. The latter has held office since the foundation of the Lodge in 1934.

227th BIRMINGHAM (1st Jewish) GUIDE COMPANY.

Our camp this year was held on a beautiful site at Woodspring Priory, Kewstoke. Fifteen members of the company took part, with Miss Greene (captain), as Commandant, assisted by Miss Kruseff and Miss Silverman as Lifesaver.

Each day began with the hoisting of the Union Jack and prayers. The Guides then divided into groups for various orderly jobs; some to cook, others to fetch water or tidy the camp.

Bathing took place at different times, according to the tide; at night we gathered round the camp fire and sang until it was time for bed.

Different activities took place each day: on Tuesday we spent some time at Cheddar, where we visited the caves.

Wednesday was visitor's day and we welcomed parents and friends who joined us at tea.

One afternoon was spent in Weston to do the usual present-buying that comes at the end of a holiday. Another morning we explored the well-preserved ruins of the Priory, from the tower of which we obtained a marvellous view of the surrounding country.

On Saturday morning we held a short service.

We had excellent weather throughout the week and all returned home looking well and sunburnt.

BIRMINGHAM JEWISH SOCIAL CLUB.

At a recent meeting held it was decided that the entertainment season be opened with a Simchas Torah Dance on the 3rd October, 1937, at the usual ladies' subscription.

A very elaborate programme of concerts and cabaret shows has been arranged with Miss R. Levine's Band in attendance.

Continuing CAVALCADE OF THE MONTAGU LORD SWAYTHLING LODGE.

At the outset of the voyage of the good ship "Lord Swaythling Lodge," the journey of Insurance was almost immediately fraught with disaster, for less than two years from its formation the Great War burst upon the world.

Such a catastrophe might well have "sunk the vessel," for not only did it cause the minds of everyone to focus on the terrible events of the period, but it also took away many of the Lodge's valued workers.

It is, therefore, to its greater credit, in overcoming such heavy odds and keeping afloat the then frail craft. And, paradoxically, that very source which threatened to stifle the venture at birth was to prove the greatest impetus, ultimately, in the strenuous propagandist work which followed.

For, you see, the World War left in its wake such a trail of despair, sickness and lack of dependence that the "straw" of Insurance was grasped all the more willingly when it floated down that stream of post-war hopelessness. That straw has since proved to be a very solid tree-trunk, which has sent out its branches all over the world.

The Lord Swaythling Lodge is but a small "twig" in the vast growth of Friendly Societies, but it is doing its full share to promote the great work on hand.

And so, after the first 25 years of its existence, the Montagu Lord Swaythling Lodge, No. 46 of the Order Achei Brith and Shield of Abraham, is celebrating! Celebrating the glorious achievements of a quarter of a century,—paying homage to its pioneers and workers; and paying homage to its members.

The Lodge is proud of its record, desiring to tell the whole world of its achievements, but chief of all we say to the young generation: "Come to our Celebration on September 29th, and see for yourself the great brotherhood and friendly spirit that has been built up. Take advantage of the opportunities afforded you of participating in the safety and security offered by the Friendly Society Movement through the medium of the Montagu Lord Swaythling Lodge . . . 1912-1937 and still going strong!"

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ANNIE SPIERS LODGE.

A successful outing was held on Sunday, July 4th, to Dovedale, and despite the weather being rather unsettled, an enjoyable time was had by all. Sports were held and the successful winners were presented with prizes by Bro. H. Jaffa, Midland Representative of the Order.

On Sunday, July 25th, the members met at the Club, 20, Bristol Road, to welcome Sister Elsie Spiers, Sponsor of the Lodge, who paid a visit. Sister Spiers expressed her delight at the arrangements made, and while she could not visit the Lodge frequently, we know she has its interests at heart.

Since the last report in this Journal, Sister Silverstone, who has been chairman for three years, had to resign her office, owing to being transferred out of town on business. This necessitated a special General Meeting being held, when the resignation was accepted with regret, as Sister Silverstone has always been an ardent worker both for the Lodge and the Order. At this meeting Sister Schneider was elected Chairman and Sister Addie Jacobs Vice Chairman, until the end of the year. They both expressed their thanks to the Sisters for electing them to Office, and Sister Schneider thanked Sister Silverstone for the help she had given her when occupying the Vice Chair for the last eighteen months.

The following week Sister Silverstone held a farewell evening for all members of the Lodge, when Bro. Jaffa presented her with a Past Chairman's Regalia, in recognition of services rendered. Sister Schneider and Bro. Ostrov also associated themselves with the presentation.

The Lodge, in conjunction with the Rachel Mindelsohn Lodge, are holding an Ice Cream and Cold Drinks Parlour at the forthcoming Bazaar, and the co-operation of all members is earnestly requested.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SOCIALS

Under the auspicious of the Joint Council of Birmingham Jewish Societies, DANCES will be held at the Communal Hall (7-30—11) on the first Wednesday of November (3rd), December (1st), February (2nd), March (2nd).

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THE FUTURE OF THE "RECORDER"

To the Editor,

Sir,

Will your readers help us to solve the financial problem of our communal Journal? Correspondence on this subject is invited.

After setting revenue from advertisements against the cost of printing and postage, there is a deficit of £5 an issue, in twelve months £60.

At the beginning of the year voluntary contributions were solicited. The return being insufficient, it was then decided to ask readers to make a payment of 2/6 per annum, but of 6,000 readers represented by 1,200 copies of the "Recorder" sent monthly post free, only 140 responded.

The "Recorder" is nearly at the end of its second year. If readers think it is of sufficient value to them and desire its continuance, then what are their suggestions? It must be borne in mind that the value of the Journal to advertisers and contributors is nil unless it reaches every local Jewish householder, and this rules out the idea that copies be sent only those who are willing to pay.

Yours faithfully,

Jack Goldstein,

Chairman,

Joint Council of Jewish Societies.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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ANSWERS TO LETTERS.

Judith and Sonia Simons.—I was delighted to have your letter and I love your note-paper. Do write again one day.

Gifts to King George V Jubilee Fund.
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ALLEGED HUMOUR.

Hard and Soft.

A Jewish beggar was sitting by the roadside one hot summer's day, taking a rest and admiring the scenery, when an old Christian beggar came limping along. The poor man seemed to experience great pain at every stop he made, and the Jewish vagabond was curious to learn the cause of his suffering.

"What's the matter with you?" he asked, "Walking seems to cause you so much pain."

"I am walking on hard peas," he was told in reply. "You see, I committed a sin and, as a penance, my priest ordered me to put peas in my boots and walk on them for two days."

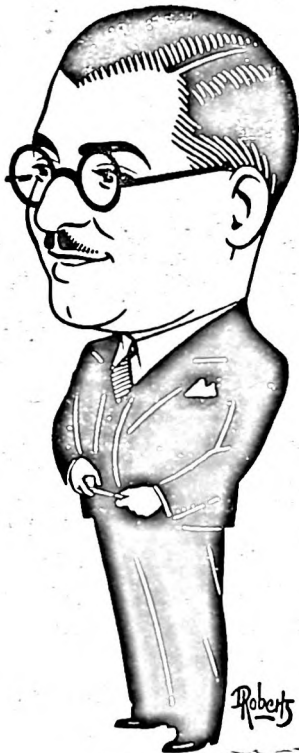
"That's strange," remarked the Jew. "I, too, committed a sin, and when I asked my Rabbi for a penance, he told me to do the same. But it doesn't interfere with my walking in the least." He rose from the ground and walked a few yards to demonstrate the painlessness of his penitence.

"I must admire your endurance," said the other. "How do you manage to do it?"

"Quite simple," came the retort. "Before I put the peas in my boots I had the sense to boil them!"

Here and There.

COMMUNAL SKETCHES—No. 12.



THE SECRETARY

Mrs. Louis Bloom wishes to express her grateful thanks to her relatives and friends for the good wishes received during her recent illness. She is happy to say that she is well on the way to complete recovery.

The guests of the Home for Aged Jews were entertained to tea by Mrs. Linden at 87, Oakfield Road.

An interesting ceremony took place at the Home on Sunday last, the 22nd inst, when a Tablet was consecrated to the memory of the late Mrs. Edith Freedman. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Cohen, assisted by Rabbi Hodes and Revds. Lewi and Klein.

A photograph, the gift of her daughter, Mrs. Olive Walden, was unveiled by Mr. P. C. Balcon, the President of the Home. Tributes were paid to her splendid work, and unselfish, unassuming character, by Mr. Stanley Davis, the Chairman of the Home, and by the Ministers.

The winner of the Ballot in aid of the funds of the Choral Society was Mr. M. Isaacs, Newlyn, Flixton, Manchester.

Our congratulations are offered to Mr. David Goodkin on passing his final examination for the degree of B.A.

We heard with regret of the illness of Mrs. Ivan Shortt, which necessitated an operation, and hope she will soon be completely restored to health.

Another invalid is the veteran member of the Community, Mr. Jonas Gordon, to whom we wish a speedy recovery.

Still other invalids are the Rev. H. J. Dainow and Mr. H. Zand, for whose restoration to health there will be a widespread hope.

In another column we report the very advantageous offer which the local Jewish Tennis Club has received for securing a permanent "home." The ground is conveniently situated and will supply a generally felt need. We trust that the deal will come off and the project be widely supported.

The Executive and Secretary of the Congregation are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which the change-over has been made. It was a big task to re-allot the seating accommodation, and it has been accomplished with the minimum of inconvenience to the members.

During his stay in Birmingham, the Chief Rabbi was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Deutsch, who gave a dinner-party in his honour.

A Permanent Tenant.

In a Polish town lived a wealthy man who turned a deaf ear to all appeals for charity. When he died the Chevra Kadisha demanded of the heirs a very large sum of money to bury him in the communal cemetery.

The demand was staggering. Nobody had ever been asked to pay such an enormous price for a grave-space, and the heirs summoned the officers of the Chevra Kadisha to a "Din Torah" before the Rav.

"On what grounds do you require such an exorbitant price from the family of the deceased?" he inquired.

The reply came: "Our religion teaches that a man who refuses charity will have no share in the Resurrection. Consequently, we have to charge a freehold, not a leasehold price for his grave-space."



The Ladies' Page



conducted by Renelle.

KEEP YOUR HOLIDAY HABITS. Things to do when you come home.

DO make up your mind that you're going to feel the benefit of your holiday the whole year round. When you were away you had plenty of time for leisurely dressing and a good breakfast. There's no reason why you shouldn't have the same at home. An unhurried beginning

to the day gives you a good start in health, spirits, and looks.

WHY should you give up walking just because there's no promenade at hand? Walk a little each day, even though you've only minutes to spare instead of hours.

TRY to be at your best, not only on holiday, but always. Even if your skin loses its tan, let your eyes retain their sparkle, your step its elasticity, your mind its keenness and your clothes their smartness. It's up to you to keep the good habits you have formed. If you do, your holiday will have been well worth while.

LATEST REPORTS FROM A LONDON SHOW.

THIS Autumn you will wear lots of amusing attractive clothes.

IN general day skirts are mainly 14 inches from the ground. Sleeves still have fullness, but it is used in broadening the sleeve at the shoulder, rather than heightening.

SKIRTS for suits straight, with pleats for walking, but skirts on frocks and coats are very full, nipped-in waists and full skirts. This also applies to evening fashions which will tend to be very waisted and high—lovely to dance in. The "up-in-the-front" evening skirt

is trying to get a hearing. Another new entrant that I noticed was the short evening frock, about 12 inches from the ground.

RUST is likely to be fashion's favourite colour, with lots of greens, and black as usual.

AS for hats. Swing high, swing low, describes the hats that I saw, for the shape varies from very shallow caps to flaring halo brims worthy of inclusion in a Russian ballet scene. These, of course, are for town clothes. Homburg lines and sailor brims go with country tweeds.

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THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.

My Dear Boys and Girls,

Within a few days we shall enter into the season of Festivals and Fast. Rosh Hashonoh, with its solemn rejoicing, ushers in the new year—the chance to begin again, as it were; to put behind us all those thoughts and actions which we know to have been wrong or petty or selfish, and to think only of the good we mean to do for others, as well as ourselves.

As the Ten Days of Penitence go swiftly by and Yom Kippur approaches, even the youngest of us can stop to think that, with another year gone by, another chapter in the book of our life has closed, and what have we achieved? To some of us the answer will bring that glowing warmth of satisfaction at good we have done; to others, bitter regret at yet another year mis-spent. But to us all this great day brings another chance—we can atone for the wrong we may have done by acting differently from now on.

In his book, "Judaism as Creed and Life," Morris Joseph expresses this beautiful New Year thought:—

"Time speeds on, and we go with it, and, though we have seen the old year close, we can never be sure of seeing the end of the new. We are utterly in God's hands. And so we are led to turn our thoughts to Him; to remember that He has given us our lives in trust, to use in His service."

From the solemnity of Rosh Hashonoh and Yom Kippur we pass to the joyousness of Succoth, the Feast of Tabernacles; and though very few of us now "dwell in booths," we can and do visit the Succoh, and feel upon us that sense of gratitude that we dwell to-day in the safety and security of well-built houses; and for us, in England, there is that added gratitude that we dwell in a country so just, so free and so secure.

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Don't forget the holiday competition—a prize for the boy or girl under 15 who sends in the best essay on "The Most Exciting Day of My Holidays."

The closing date is September 12th, and the Essay must not be longer than 300 words.

The prize-winning essay will be published in this corner.

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A very happy new year to you all.
Auntie Wendy (47, Rotton Park Road).

The following article, by someone who has just returned from Holland, will be of interest to you all, particularly those who are Boy Scouts or Girl Guides:—

"Jamboree."

It is said that there has never been such a gathering as this year's Jamboree in lovely

Holland. 28,000 Boy Scouts from all parts of the world revelled in its flower fields and delightful water-ways, and in the quiet courtesy and friendly welcome extended by the Queen of Holland and her subjects.

The Jamboree occupied fields extending for several miles, the various camps intermingling. A "village," erected in the central part, contained "shops," where the boys could purchase anything from extra eatables to picture post-cards. The camps themselves held a great deal of varied interest for visitors. One noticed the really beautiful equipment of the Polish Camp. There, no ground-sheets, but bedsteads made of planks of wood nailed together, raised some ten inches from the ground—shelves at bed-heads; covers on beds, even a brightly embroidered pyjama-case; their Ikons carefully mounted on corner shelves; their kit tidily stowed away in cases. The Polish boys are of an unusually handsome type—fair, strong-chinned, slightly retroussé noses and heads thrown back; their scout uniform, with long cloak hanging from the back of the neck, is very distinguished.

The costumes varied in each camp, and the various caps and colours made the whole scene vivid and bright. The Indians, with their feathers; the Japanese, with the close caps; the handsome Danes and the loose-limbed American boys—all hob-nobbing, exchanging souvenirs and signatures—all tended to rejoice an onlooker's heart with the thought: "Here is the youth of the world; here is the true ideal of humanity—world friendship."

Through it all, like a guardian spirit, moved the author of it all—Baden Powell. From all throats, in all voices, the sound "B.P." rose as he came near, and they had a chance to rush forward and see their idol. It is surprising how many of the boys could speak a little English.

We heard of the different amounts expended on the outing; some English boys had paid but £6 for the fortnight; some American boys paid £100, and there were, of course, many sums between those two figures, according to their mode of travel.

All agreed that it was a wonderful experience. The Palestine Scouts were part of Great Britain, so, of course, had no separate camp, but there was a Jewish Prayer-tent; in fact, the facilities for services for every religion were wonderfully organized. Also special cooking was provided for Jews and Mahomedans, the rest having to take the ordinary "menu."

On the day I was present, the dinner was stewed steak, potatoes and pancakes, and believe me, there never were such pancakes!

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The Editor's Message.

With the present issue the "Recorder" ends its second year of existence. There are appropriately published letters dealing with the financial aspect of this journal. Our correspondents independently put forward the same proposal, viz., that the comparatively small sum required should be provided by the local organisations which avail themselves of the publicity afforded in its pages.

While it is true that our communal institutions and committees have learnt to appreciate the value of the "Recorder" as the best medium for reaching Birmingham Jewry, and have made the fullest use of it for that purpose, we cannot approve the proposal that is put forward. It would, we feel sure, be distasteful to our readers that any money subscribed to the Benevolent Board should be used to subsidise a communal magazine.

Our main objection to the suggestion, however, is on other grounds. The "Recorder" has passed beyond the experimental stage, and the responsibility now rests on its readers whether it is to continue or not. A copy is sent post free to 1,300 households. If only 480 of them thought it worth while, in order to maintain its existence, to contribute half-a-crown a year—the price of one cigarette a week for twelve months—we should find our financial problem solved. If, on the other hand, there is not that number prepared to pay such a trifling cost, the proper deduction to draw is that the Journal is not wanted and its existence should be terminated.

Apart from the Editor, there are ladies and gentlemen who devote time and thought to literary contributions in order to increase the interest and appeal of the Journal. To have to keep on begging for half-crowns, or, in desperation, request a charitable institution to give its help evidences a lack of appreciation of their work. Speaking for myself, we are determined that this humiliating supplication for financial assistance shall not go on any longer. Within the next month or two Birmingham Jewry will decide the fate of the "Recorder." Unless there is an immediate and satisfactory response it will cease publication.

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DID YOU SEND YOURS? IF NOT Post 2/6 now to
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Letters to Harold

No. 6.

My dear Harold,

A name which should be known to, and honoured by, every English Jew and Jewess is Manasseh ben Israel, a Rabbi of Amsterdam, born in 1604. To him belongs the great distinction of having been the human instrument through whom the doors of this country were opened to our co-religionists.

As you know from the history you learn at school, the Jews were banished from this country in 1290 for all time; and the few who periodically came to live here were the Marranos in their flight from the cruelty and persecution in Spain and Portugal. They practised Judaism secretly, because open worship would have meant certain death.

Manasseh was a devout student of the Cabbalah about which I wrote in my last letter. According to this mythical work, it was possible to calculate that the Messianic Era would begin in 1648. The young student pondered long over this teaching. There came to his mind the prophecy that before the Jews would be gathered together and re-inhabit the Holy Land, they would be dispersed all over the world. Aware of the fact that no Jews resided as such in England, he argued that it was essential for the ban to be lifted, and a Jewish settlement to exist in this land, before the Messiah could appear. Rather curious reasoning, but it had far-reaching and practical consequences.

He began by writing letters to prominent Englishmen who were known to him by repute, placing his argument before them, and appealing to them on that ground to allow Jews to return to these shores, with complete religious freedom and the right to erect Synagogues. His letters were by no means ignored. He was planting in fertile soil, and his plea was most sympathetically received. One of his correspondents, Lord Middlesex, sent him a letter of thanks with the superscription, "To my dear brother, the Hebrew philosopher, Manasseh ben Israel."

This attitude of highly placed Englishmen needs an explanation. At this time England was ruled by the great Lord Protector, Oliver Cromwell. He was a very broad-minded man and hated intolerance. In particular he loathed the Papists, considering them to be the cause of all the misery in Europe. He was a lively and energetic Puritan, which means that he wanted the Christian religion "purified" of those Roman beliefs and rites which he, together with all Puritans, regarded as alien and inimical to true Christianity.

His Parliament and Privy Councillors were staunchly attached to him. They were all religious enthusiasts and Biblically-minded, taking the Old Testament (rather than the New) as their guide. One of them actually suggested that the British Constitution should be remodelled on the doctrines of Moses.

What I have just told you explains why leading Englishmen had much sympathy with the Jews, and this feeling became intensified because these sufferers were the innocent victims of cruelty practised by the detested Papists. Furthermore, many Puritans also believed in the coming of the Messiah who would, in a miraculous manner, transfer the Jews to the Holy Land. They were naturally impressed with Manasseh's argument and enthusiastically supported his plea for the re-admission of Jews into England.

His plan was helped in another direction. Numbers of Jews in Hamburg and Amsterdam longed for the re-opening of the gates for commercial reasons. Since the days of Queen Elizabeth, this country gradually emerged as a world power and grew exceedingly prosperous. The progress was well maintained, and even advanced, under the rule of Cromwell. These German and Dutch Jews had long had an eye on England with its splendid possibilities for the extension of their commercial activities. They were not Cabbalists and attached no importance to Manasseh's Messianic hopes; but they ardently supported his scheme because of the trade profits it would bring them.

Finding the conditions so favourable, Manasseh decided to make a direct appeal to Cromwell. On receipt of his letter, the Protector invited him to come to England, received him with great cordiality and assigned to him a place of residence in the Strand, London. He was accompanied by several prominent Jews, among them Rabbi Jacob Sasportas, a competent scholar, who became the first religious guide of the resettled community.

In the first audience with Cromwell, Manasseh presented him with a carefully prepared address; and he had also provided himself with warrants from various continental Jewries so that he might plead with greater force in the name of the entire Jewish Nation.

What was the result of this momentous interview I must leave for my next letter.

Your affectionate Uncle,
SAM.

SLAB CAKE AND THE JEWISH PROBLEM.

by

EDMUND WYNSCHENK.

This is just a harmless little essay. You will find when you read on a bit that it is mostly about food. I have to tell you that to get you to read on at all, because an article entitled "Slab Cake And The Jewish Problem," by Edmund Wynschenk, is obviously one of those things one simply does *not* read.

Before getting on to the subject of food, however, I am going to indulge in a little History. It does no harm and raises the tone of the essay, anyway. Get ready for a spate of Culture. *Here goes*—Don't forget to duck.

The forbears of most of us Western European Jews came from Eastern Europe. They came from Eastern Europe because their forbears had been driven there from Germany by the terror of the Crusades. In Russia they live a shut-in and extremely one-sided existence, in which the exercise of formalistic religion excluded almost everything else.

Then, my readers, came immigration, and came with it the vital problem of adjustment to changed conditions.

There you are. That's the History Section.

Having been Historical, for just a fleeting moment, let me be Psychological. Shan't be long in coming to the food part—I'm tired of being intellectual myself.

Well then. Emancipation in a people hitherto living in ideological fetters has this strange effect. It creates in us an urge to prove our intellectual, aesthetic, and moral superiority, at all costs (I really am trying to do what the Editor said, and keep it bright). Remember, this is a perfectly natural psychological result flowing from the historical events sketchily introduced above. I suffer, you suffer—we all suffer, in some respect, whether it be consciously or sub-consciously, and far from being the worse for it, we are so much the better—if we only face the facts squarely.

Thank goodness all that is over, and we can now be natural and start splitting infinitives.

You see how it all works out though? Bless me if we haven't arrived quite accidentally at the food part! Extra good living in a gastronomical sense is one of the various ways in which we prove our superiority

to the Heathen! And quite a good way too, say I. Personally, I am most definitely on the side of the Jewish Quisine. And who wouldn't be?

What an esoteric aura of romance surrounds the average Jewish Table—as far removed from the humdrum cullinary existence of the Unbelievers as Boris Karloff is from Shirley Temple! What *potage au vermicelle*! What *saumon fume*! What *hareng saur*! What strange fruits and exotic spices! I hardly like to tear myself away from its contemplation, but the mechanics of essay writing compel me to do so. You see, in my enthusiasm for these things I have forgotten the first half of my title!

There exists on these English shores an institution known as Slab Cake. There are probably various kinds, but to me it is all just Slab Cake. As a cake, it is nebulous in composition, and indeterminate in hue. When new, it is an unaesthetic dab of hypothetically edible matter, the villainy of whose appearance would send a wave of nausea through a fossilized Brontosaurus. When stale, its durability of texture makes it an excellent substitute for brick as a building material. One feels it must be a peculiarly English institution, because one cannot imagine it being rife in any Continental Country without causing a revolution—or if they had one already, a Restoration of the Monarchy. It appears by stealth at meal times in non-Jewish English homes, and as stealthily disappears with the last cup of tea. It is a menace.

With a sigh of relief, let us return to the Jewish tables. A spoiled bachelor, I have enjoyed the hospitality of Jewish hostesses more times than I deserve and (with the one exception mentioned below) never once have they attempted to intimidate me with Slab Cake.

The one exception was when I made a unique excursion into the stately home of one of the Titled Jewish Great. Entrenched and secure in this English soil for generations were they, superlatively well poised in manner, impeccable in general cultural background, and unimpeachably Oxford in accent—and they gave me Slab Cake.

(Hold this essay upside down to find the Moral—it may be easier that way.)

THE JEWS OF PRAGUE

by Eric Franks.

Czechoslovakia, one of the youngest States in Europe, yet the seat of an ancient empire, is a land of violent contrasts; Prague, a city in whose streets the latest American cars mingle with decrepit horse-drawn droshkes and whose venerable castle looks down on vast concrete tenement-blocks furnished in chromium-plated steel, is a fit capital of such a country; the Jewish community of Prague, one of the earliest in Central Europe, presents sufficient diversity in its origins and character to make it suitable both to the city and to the State.

Its beginnings are wrapped in obscurity. We know that Jewish dealers frequented the slave-market in Prague as early as the beginning of the tenth century, and from that time forward mention of Jews becomes more and more common. To recount the story of the Prague Jews throughout the Middle Ages would fill up more than the entire space of this article. I shall only pause here to observe that, in Prague, as elsewhere throughout Christendom, the Jews were forbidden to engage in any trade other than butchery, and under the pressure of circumstances many of them became money-lenders. Their residence in the city was precarious and depended now upon the whim of the Sovereign, now upon the intercession of the Cardinal Archbishop. Even so, the rates of interest which they were allowed to charge were progressively reduced, and decrees of expulsion were a common occurrence. Sometimes the fanatical mob would be roused to murderous fury by a report that a Jew had outraged the Host and a wholesale massacre of Jews was the result.

There is a little-known legend, perhaps founded on fact, which tells how one year the Christians arranged to rid themselves of the Jews by poisoning the bread which they would buy at the close of the Passover. But one man, who was privy to the plot, told his sweetheart, who lived in a Jewish house as a servant; and the girl, terrified by the prospect of losing the mistress who had treated her so well, let her employers into the secret. The master hastened in alarm to the Rabbi, the celebrated Rabbi Low, and begged him to devise some way by which his flock might be saved from total extinction. The Rabbi ordered that the entire community should assemble in the *Altneuschule* after Musaph on the last day of the festival, saying that a ritual decision of great importance would be

made public. When the time came, the aged Rabbi announced to the crowded synagogue that for the first time in recorded history an error had been made in computing the date of Pesach, and as a result of this all the Jews in Prague had celebrated the Seder one day too soon. Now that the mistake had been discovered, they must prolong the festival by eating matzoth for a ninth day, and if anyone disregarded this order and ate leaven, he would do so at the risk of incurring a *cherem*. The short announcement was delivered in a tone of great solemnity, and the mystified congregants dispersed to their homes. It was not until two days later that they learned of the fate from which the Rabbi's sagacity had saved them. This event is commemorated by the recital of a special *selichah* in the *Altneuschule* on the day following the Passover.

One of the most conspicuous landmarks of present-day Prague is the ancient stone bridge built in the reign of Karel IV, and so well constructed that it still carries three lines of modern traffic. It is an object to strike the eye of every tourist, being furnished at each end with a lofty Gothic gate-tower for defence and adorned throughout its length with huge images of saints. These latter are, however, the work of a later age. But conspicuous among them there stands near the middle of the bridge a great gilded cross bearing the words of the Trisagion in Hebrew on a scroll. The pedestal on which the crucifix stands bears an inscription in Czech, German and Latin, explaining that the adornment of the cross was carried out at the expense of a Jew who had blasphemously insulted it; and it is said that the sacred letters of the Tetragrammaton were included in order to ensure that such a desecration should never be repeated. Legend also tells that the unhappy Jew responsible for the act was thrown into the Moldau and drowned to complete his punishment.

The ghetto of Prague remained in its mediaeval condition until late in the eighteenth century, when much of it was destroyed by fire; most of the remainder has been cleared away in the last hundred years to make room for new buildings. It was called the *Josefov* (*Josefstadt*), after the emperor who had done so much to gain toleration for its inhabitants, and formed a self-contained municipality with its own primator or mayor.

Until a late period the Jews were forbidden to describe themselves as citizens of Prague. The old town hall of the ghetto is still standing, surmounted by a clock of which the hands move from right to left over a dial marked with Hebrew letters. Now that the Jews no longer administer their own municipal affairs, the Rathaus is used to house communal offices and an excellent library. The present librarian, Dr. Tobias Jakobovits, is an acknowledged authority on local Jewish antiquities and has several publications to his credit.

The most important remains of the old ghetto are the Altneuschule and the old cemetery. Of these the Altneuschule has already been mentioned. Its curious name is explained by a legend that it was built of stones brought from the ruins of the temple at Jerusalem and was thus, in a sense, old even when it was new. It is certainly one of the oldest synagogues in Europe and is in many ways unique. A Gothic edifice of no great size, and with its floor some four or five feet below the level of the street, dimly-lighted by narrow windows high up in the walls, it fitly symbolizes the degradation and gloom in which its former worshippers spent their lives.

Besides the Altneuschule the Prague ghetto contains two other old synagogues, the

Pinchasschule and the Klaus. The latter is interesting in having the almemar immediately before the Ark.

The old Jewish cemetery stands almost opposite the Parliament-house and is hidden from the street by a high wall. Inside, under the twisted trunks or age-old trees, are hundreds of gravestones, some obliterated by the passage of time, but many still legible. The exact date of the oldest interments is unknown, as the cemetery was desecrated in the pogrom of 1689, but there must be many dating from the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Some of the stones are adorned with symbolic carvings. Hands in the attitude of blessing indicate a Cohen, a ewer for water a Levite, and a bunch of grapes an ordinary Israelite. Others bear an animal as the rebus of a family name such as Hirsch, Loewe, or Karpeles. Adjoining the cemetery are the headquarters of the Prague Chevra Kadisha, which is one of the earliest societies of its kind still existing and independent of any synagogue or other communal organization.

(Mr. Franks, who is at present residing in Prague, has promised a supplementary article dealing with modern Jewry in the Czech Republic.—Ed., B.J.R.)

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Following on the outing to Stratford, where the guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Joseph at their beautiful home, Mrs. Linden gave her annual party and once again the guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Several of the men have been away with relatives.

On Sunday, August 22nd, a Tablet, to the memory of our late "House Committee" Chairman, Mrs. E. Freedman, was consecrated and a photograph kindly given by her daughter, Mrs. Walden, was unveiled.

On Sunday, September 5th, a Tablet in the Synagogue, and a Bed, was endowed to the memory of the late Harold Saumels, through the generosity of his wife. A goodly gathering attended these services, including many relatives from London at the latter.

Once again the Synagogue has been converted into a Succah, and thanks to the assistance of many friendly helpers it challenges comparison with any in the past. Each inmate of the House has been the recipient of a gift of 2/6 for the festival; 2/- being donated by Mr. J. L. Jacobs and 6d. by Mr. A. E. Levine.

The usual observance of Simchas Torah took place, with Messrs. S. Levine and Mordecai Glicken acting as Chason Torah and Chason Bereshis and in the course of a few remarks, the Chairman (Mr. Stanley Davis), made public the fact that the Master and Matron had tendered their resignations. This will be a great loss, as during their nine years in our service they have given of their best. It is hoped to fill the vacancy without delay.

SOCIAL AND DRAMATIC CLUB.

Saturday, October 9th, has been fixed for the opening night of the Club. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Bert Ray and his band, direct from London successes, with two saxophonists (late with Mrs. Jack Hylton). This band will be heard for the first time at the Birmingham Communal Hall on the above date.

They will also be heard on Sunday, October 17th at a Masked Fancy Dress Ball. Valuable prizes and theatre tickets will be awarded for the best costumes.

The above is the commencement of an exceptional good programme, which will, it is hoped, be approved by all members.

Sport—Cricket.

During the summer months members have been very active with regard to sports. We thank the Jewish Lads' Brigade for inviting us to play them a cricket match on their ground at Jacey Road, Shirley, which resulted in an overwhelming victory in our favour.

Tennis.

We are also indebted to the Birmingham Jewish Tennis Club for challenging us to a tennis match at Greet. They gave us a very good tea and the freedom of their courts; although defeated, we were by no means disgraced.

Table Tennis.

A meeting of the Table Tennis section took place at St. Luke's Road on Wednesday, September 1st, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. Halter. A large number of members were present. Mr. H. Brown was elected Secretary and Mr. C. Cohen Treasurer for the coming season.

It was resolved that three teams, two ladies' and one gent's, be run—the same as last season.

Mr. H. Walden was elected captain of the first team; Mr. Mathews of the second team, and Miss D. Krussef to captain the ladies' team.

As the season commences on October 4th, members wishing to register for any of the three teams should apply to the Secretary immediately.

YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

This year Birmingham had fourteen representatives—the largest ever—at the 12th Annual Summer School of the Union of Young Israel Societies. All gave a splendid account of themselves, and Cecil Halter in particular is to be congratulated on winning the Men's Singles, in the Tennis Tournament.

The return match with the Jewish Tennis Club was again a very enjoyable experience, though we were defeated rather easily in all the matches. Rain stopped play in the American Tournament for the A.L. Ostrov prizes, but as we have the courts for twelve months, this fixture will be re-arranged.

The Committee have been hard at work compiling the 1937-8 programme, which makes very interesting reading. Mr. Oscar Deutsch has written the foreword.

Prominent among the new activities to be embarked upon is a Table Tennis Section, under the Captaincy of Mr. C. Cornberg.

A team has been entered for the sixth Annual Drama Festival of the Union, which is this year to be adjudicated by a member of the British Drama League.

The Headquarters will again be the Blucher Street Rooms, where the season begins on October 10th, with a Dance and a Reception by our President, Mr. B. B. Morris.

BIRMINGHAM JEWISH TENNIS CLUB.

The new home of the Club is taking shape and the transfer of the lease has been completed. An option for a further fourteen years has been obtained and seventy-five pounds, half the purchase price, has been paid.

Arrangements are in hand for the overhauling of the courts and surrounds. Water is laid on, the lavatory equipment is receiving attention ; also the Gas and Electricity. The pavilion is being brought from Warwick Road, and there is every prospect of this being the tennis and social centre of our dreams. All that is required is the assistance of the community to make up the balance of the £300.

An invitation is extended to those interested to attend a meeting at the Communal Hall, on Monday, October 11th, at 8-30 p.m.

Further particulars and entrance forms for membership can be obtained from Mr. M. Einstein, 91, Oakfield Road, Cannon Hill, Birmingham, 12, to whom donations can also be sent.

Amount donated by members of the Club	£53	0	0
Amount previously acknowledged	38	11	0
Further donations and promises	20	0	0

ZIONA.

(Junior W.I.Z.O. Birmingham Group).

The Annual General Meeting of Ziona was held on Monday, 13th September, at 71, Fountain Road, Edgbaston.

In presenting her Annual Report, Miss Davis remarked that the year had been a most successful one, and pointed out that £66 had been sent to London as against £43 last year.

Officers elected for the coming year were : Miss V. Davis, Chairman ; Miss D. Davis, Vice-Chairman ; Mrs. Glass, Treasurer ; Miss Kamensky, Cultural Chairman ; Miss E. Joseph, Hon. Secretary ; Committee : Miss Siebneberg, Miss R. Leek, Miss E. Goodman, Miss L. Cave ; Miss G. Eton ; Miss E. Greenstone.

Ziona will be responsible for the Grocery Stall and Milk Bar at the forthcoming J.N.F. Bazaar, and gifts will be sincerely appreciated. These should be sent to Miss V. Davis, 28, South Road, Hansdworth, or can be collected by arrangement.

We are now able to announce that Ziona will hold a Bridge Drive at the Communal Hall on Saturday evening, November 13th. We are very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. and Mrs. John Hess as M.C.'s. This function is, or course, in support of the Bazaar, and Bridge players are assured of a delightful evening.

Intending Members of Ziona are promised a full Programme for the coming Season. Please communicate with Miss E. Joseph, 111, Balsall Heath Road, Edgbaston.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COMMISSION.

A well attended meeting of the Stalls Committee for the forthcoming Bazaar was held at the residence of Mrs. A. Cohen on the 16th September.

Reports of the various activities taking place in aid of the funds of the Bazaar show that enthusiasm is being well maintained, and the list of activities for October appended will prove this and will give an opportunity to Birmingham Jewry to maintain their interest in and support of the funds.

At the Scavenger Hunt and Dance held on August 29th by the Misses L. Regell, L. Lesser, B. Woolf, M. Cohen and Mrs. H. Rubens, in aid of the catering stall which is being run by the Birmingham Women's Zionist Society, the sum of £20 3s. 6d. was realised. This is an excellent result, and the five ladies are to be congratulated. The thanks of the Commission are due to them for their efforts.

It will interest readers to know that already a sum of £135 has been remitted to the Head Office in London on account of money so far raised for the Bazaar.

An additional feature of the Bazaar will be that a Character Reader and Welsh Wizard will be present, who will no doubt be a further added attraction.

- The following are the various functions arranged by the various Stalls for October :
- Oct. 3—Card evening at Bristol Court in aid of the Men's Outfitting Stall.
 - „ 10—Card evening in aid of the Wheel of Fortune, at the residence of Mrs. H. Brown, 82, Wake Green Road, Moseley.
 - „ 10—Social and Whist Drive held by the Wolverhampton Commission in aid of the Glass and China Stall.
 - „ 12—Card afternoon at Kunzles, at 3.30 p.m., held by the Miscellaneous Stall.
 - „ 24—Card evening at Mrs. Myers, Kenilworth Court, in aid of Catering Stall.

„ 31—Card evening in aid of the Catering Stall.

Your support in aid of these functions is earnestly desired in order to swell the funds, and you will be assured of a very pleasant entertainment at each function.

The services of volunteers are required for the various sideshows to be held at the Bazaar, and anyone desirous of assisting would be welcome. Will volunteers please be good enough to send their names in to Miss Cassell, the Hon. Secretary, 253, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

It will also interest readers to know that the ordinary work of the Jewish National Fund Commission is progressing very satisfactorily and Commissioners have increased their collections from the blue boxes, which is a very healthy sign. This work must be carried on without any interruption, and the Executive look forward to a further increase in donations from the Blue boxes for the next

HERE AND THERE.

Ex-servicemen are reminded that the annual Remembrance Service will be held on the Horse Guard's Parade Ground, Whitehall, on Sunday, November 7th, at 2-30 p.m. Major-General the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Athlone, K.G., will inspect the parade, and will be the Guest of Honour at the Re-union Tea, which will take place later in the afternoon at the Royal Albert Hall. The Earl of Athlone is the brother of H.M. Queen Mary; so the occasion will be memorable through the presence of a member of the Royal Family for the first time.

All ex-servicemen are exhorted to regard it as a duty and point of honour to attend. Not only in the Service (which will be broadcast) in memory of their co-religionists who fell in the War, but the march past the Cenotaph is a reminder, by no means unnecessary, that Jews played a worthy part in defence of their country in a time of crisis.

The Rt. Hon. the Viscount Bearsted will preside at the Re-union Tea, which may be attended by the wives of men who come from the Provinces. We hope to give particulars of trains in our next issue.

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The Grand Old Man of Birmingham Jewry, Mr. I. L. Jacobs, celebrated his 86th birthday on September 8th, and all readers of the "Recorder" will join in wishing him many more years of health and vigour. A special Coronation honour is being conferred upon him by Freemasonry in recognition of his long service to the Order.

quarter which is now due, particularly with the increase from the New Year special collection, which we trust box holders have been kind enough to add to their usual subscriptions.

The following are the five best blue box collections made for the third quarter:

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Mr. B. Goodman	17	0	
Mrs. Tarsh	15	0	
Mrs. H. Joyce	11	11	
Mr. I. Short	11	0	

Please remember the date of the Bazaar—**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th and WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1st**, at the **EDGBASTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS**.

The Marchioness of Reading will address a meeting in aid of the German Jewish Relief Fund at the Imperial Hotel on Sunday, October 3rd, at 3 p.m.

Other recipients of Masonic honours include Messrs. I. Rosenthal, P. C. Balcon and M. Cohen.

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Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bloom on the birth of their third son. The proud father was apparently determined to be sure of a foursome!

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On Wednesday, September 1st, a Social and Card Evening was held at the Conservative Club, Balsall Heath Road, at which Mr. and Mrs. S. Locker were host and hostess. As the result of this function the Polish Relief Fund benefited to the extent of £13.

If you have any articles of clothing you can spare for the Jewish poor in Poland, send a postcard to Miss B. Rose Davis, 273, Gt. Colmore Street, Birmingham, 15.

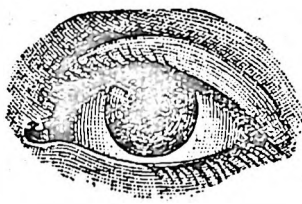
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Miss Hannah Cohen, O.B.E., the Hon. President of the Literary and Arts Society, is a lady of varied interests. In addition to being the President of the London Jewish Board of Guardians, she is a member of the Governing Body of Newnham College, Cambridge; Roedean School, Brighton; and Swanley Horticultural College. She is also Treasurer of the University Women's Club.

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We have been requested to remind parents that the Sabbath Services for children, held in the Synagogue at 12-15, will be resumed on October 9th.

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THE BIG FIGHT

Before going to sleep on the night of the fight
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To listen to the broadcast from U.S.A."
But politely, and firmly, she said "Nay, Nay!"

"You're ill, you know; it will do you no
good."

But obstinate like, I said it would.
"It's int'resting! You'll like it too."
But all she answered was "Sez you!"

But I cajoled, commenced to shmooze
(I somehow thought I shouldn't lose).
"That's a dear," to her I said,
When she brought the alarm-clock up to bed.

I set the alarm for a quarter-to-three.
It went off prompt; woke her and me;
I switched on the wireless, just by my head
(When taken ill I had it fixed by my bed).

The preliminaries bored me a bit,
But I was determined that I'd stick it.
I didn't sneer or smile or scoff,
When a voice in my ear said: "Turn it off!"

But like a good husband, no notice I took,
And as she turned round the whole room shook.
She said "Turn it off; I'll stand this from
no man."
I said, "Shut up, do, and listen to Bob
Bowman."

Peace for a moment; then I said: "Here we
are,"
As they introduced Louis; then introduced
Farr.
But she said, "Don't be silly—you make me
weep,"
As she turned round again and tried to sleep.

Round one, Round two, Round three, Round
four,
And still Louis hadn't got Farr to the floor.
The missus said "Turn it off, Arthur, it's
H———!
But, still, don't you think Farr is sticking it
well?"

The rounds went by—seven, eight, nine, ten.
She was getting quite excited. Then
Said: "Louis must be short in the reach
(though tough)
He don't seem able to hit Farr enough."

She grabbed at my arm and held to it tight,
And really enjoyed the broadcast of the fight.
As the rounds went by, she was jumping with
glee,
And getting a darn sight more excited than me.

The fight nearly over; her excitement intense.
The last round (a real snorter) kept her wild
with suspense.
At last it was finished; the verdict declared.
Then she started commenting on how each
one had fared.

I switched off the wireless and then tried to
sleep,
But no peace for the wicked! My missus
would keep
Commenting on the fight we'd just heard,
But I just turned round quietly and gave
her the bird.

But she still kept on talking; she was quite
wide awake.
Till I said: "Shut up (dear?) for goodness
sake!"
Which all goes to show that men aren't
always wrong:
She'd liked it so much she could've listened
all night long!

ARTHUR ROSE.

Moseley Road,
Birmingham, 13.
Sept. 5th, 1937.

Dear Sir,

I have read with interest, and no little regret, the letter from the chairman of the Joint Council of Jewish Societies.

One would readily understand an organization asking for help, if itself had made every possible endeavour to raise income, but as a keen supporter of communal activities, I fail to recollect any solitary effort by that august body, of which Mr. Goldstein is chairman, to raise funds for the "Recorder"; in point of fact they have done **nothing**.

His council is representative of those societies, which, together with the Zionist Organisation and Women's Appeal effort, receive the maximum amount of publicity and space in the "Recorder," and in my estimation is the means of effecting considerable saving in the management expenses of the various societies, and is in no small measure, a contributing factor in many of the successful functions organized.

In an effort to help Mr. Goldstein to solve the financial problems of our Communal Magazine, I append herewith the following suggestions:

- a. That the Lit.-Arts and the Social and Dramatic Societies devote the profits of their dances on December 26th-27th to the "Recorder" funds.
- b. That the Y.I.S. do likewise with their November 11th dance.
- c. That the Zionist organization have a "Recorder" Stall at their bazaar.
- d. That the Women's Appeal have a card afternoon for the same object.
- e. That a considerable number of subscriptions could be obtained if called for, and that a request be made for volunteers to collect annual subscriptions (I can supply 2 names).
- f. That greater efforts be made to obtain small adverts.

Here, Mr. Goldstein, is, in my estimation, the solution of your financial problem for at least two years.

WHAT ABOUT IT?

Yours sincerely,

HAL. GLYNN.

TENNIS CLUB.

"Temple House,"
186, Bath Row,
Birmingham, 15.
12th Sept., 1937.

The Editor,
Birmingham Jewish "Recorder."
Sir,

May I, through the medium of your columns, appeal—no!—ask all Jewish sportsmen, sports-lovers, and all who have the welfare of Jewish youth at heart, to give their support to the Tennis Club now in course of reorganisation. This is not going to be another charity, but will be absolutely self-supporting. I ask for assistance to complete its establishment. No club can be formed without the assistance of well-wishers. £300 would allow this club to open with a ground perfectly equipped in every way.

The importance of this club as a Jewish social centre cannot be overlooked, and an official Jewish entry into this world-wide sport is bound to have a far-reaching effect for the welfare of Birmingham Jewry.

May I ask all lawn tennis players to join, and any bodyinterested either financially or administratively to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. Einstein, 91, Oakfield Road, Birmingham, 12, or with me.

Yours faithfully,

D. BERNSTEIN.

HERE AND THERE.

(Continued from page 8)

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. S. Goodkin on his success in the examination for the A.C.A.

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The Jewish Friendly Societies' Institute, Bristol Road, elected their Committees:

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My dear Readers,

Before I start my editorial I must thank many of my readers for their letters from last month. I am afraid that it is impossible to reply to each one of you individually as space will not permit, but I will try and give you a review of what is being worn this coming season, as many of my readers requested this.

HAIR.—The smart women are wearing their hair short enough to keep tidy, and long enough to turn ends into feminine curls, or tucked under like a mediaeval page. Hard waves and bleaching definitely out—smooth crowns, and natural colour which is high-lighted, if you prefer, with rinses.

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CLOTHES.—Dresses, figure-moulded and slicker than ever before, lots of embroidery with touches of bright, shiny colours to relieve black. New dark colours, rust and petunia with velvet ribbons of unusual colours for bows and waist bands. Suits, tight and plain—Day Skirts fourteen or fifteen inches from the ground—shoulders still square. Winter coats, without any fussy trimmings, the line full backed or waisted and flared at hem, dark shades are the smartest trimmed with flat furs, such as moleskin or seal. Evening dress every colour in vogue, sequins are much in favour, the styles are plainer, the hems or dresses are a couple of inches higher than at the back.

HATS.—Don't be afraid, take the widest hat by the horns, so to speak, and wear it. Twisted turbans, caps mounting higher and higher, bonnets or berets. No brims at all, or wide brims taking unusual turnings. Veils still to the fore.

STOCKINGS.—Blushglow, Rio, Swing, and Burnt Sugar, all of which are so flattering to our legs and ankles.

I do hope, my dear readers, that the above will satisfy your wants for the coming season, if there is anything that you would like to know, don't hesitate, but write to me and I will do everything in my power to help you.

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Children's Corner.

My dear Boys and Girls,

Here is the winning essay in the holiday competition. It comes from Cecilia Redhouse, aged 13 years, and though, as she tells us, it is an imaginary happening, it is a very good effort and I am sure you will all enjoy reading it.

"The Most Exciting Day of My Holidays."

"To-morrow, to-morrow," were the only words I could utter, as I thought of what that day would hold for me. It was the day I left my native town to go on my holidays. Just think! Two whole weeks at the sea, enjoying the gentle sea breezes! The train journey seemed very monotonous and I was all excitement to see the wide stretch of golden sands and the silvery sea.

I was rather disappointed, as the resort we had chosen turned out to be dull and gloomy, although the weather was in our favour. I thought nothing much could happen in an out-of-the-way place like this, but something did, which caused a great stir among the inhabitants of the village.

The weather was terribly hot and I decided to have a swim in the sea. All of a sudden a pair of hands shot up and a cry of "help" rent the silent air. I felt very nervous, but luckily I could swim and so saved the girl from a terrible death. As I carried her dripping figure ashore, a host of people gazed at me with admiration in their eyes, many venturing forward to congratulate me. I do not think there was a prouder girl in the world than I was at the time.

I was very sorry to leave the place, which held such memories for me, but, like all good things, holidays have to end, and I have slipped back into the old groove once more.

By the time you read this we shall have paid for the eighth tree to be planted in the name of Birmingham Jewish Boys and Girls in the George V Jubilee Forest. I would like to make that ten before the end of 1937, so see what you can do, will you?

I hope you have all had a happy time over the Festivals. You know, this is really a very wonderful season for us. It should inspire in us all a tremendous Faith, when we stop to think that two thousand years have passed and we still celebrate these festivals in more or less the same way, that we still exist in spite of all efforts to end our life as a Race; the sort of Faith that rises above all the misery and heartache that we see around us; the sort of Faith that gives rise to poems such as that from which these verses come. It is a poem called "Simchas Torah," the Rejoicing of the Law:—

"And now, what next? Will they let us be?
Have the nations then come at last to see
That we Jews are men like the rest and no more
Need we wander homeless as heretofore,
Abused and slandered wherever we go?
Ah! I cannot tell you. But this I know,
That the same God still lives in heaven above,
And on earth the same Law, the same Faith,
that we love.
Then fear not, and weep not, but hope in the
Lord,
And the sacred Torah, his Holy Word.

Lechayim, my brethren, Lechayim, I say!
Health, peace and good fortune I wish you
to-day.
To-day we have ended the Torah once
more;
To-day we begin it again, as of yore.
Be thankful and glad and the Lord extol,
Who gave us the Law on its parchment scroll.

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Good-bye till next month,

AUNTIE WENDY,
47, Rotton Park Rd., Edgbaston.

ANSWERS TO LETTERS.

Cecilia Redhouse.—Congratulations on your essay; I hope you will like your prize, and although your holiday had no "excitements," I hope you enjoyed it.

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