

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE ACTIVITIES

Last week the Workmen's Circle had the pleasure of hearing Mr. J. Cohen, of New York, editor of the "Freie Arbeiter Shtime." He lectured several times. Sunday, he debated "Parliamentarism" with Mr. A. Gelberg, principal of the Workmen's Circle School. Saturday there was a banquet in his honor, by the Workmen's Circle. Sunday morning the Workmen's Circle school honored Mr. Cohen with a special "welcome concert." Several representatives of the

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school children and the youth clubs spoke in welcoming Mr. Cohen to Winnipeg. There were also several numbers played by the school rhythm orchestra, the school choir, and recitations by the children of the school. The activities of the Workmen's Circle youth club are spreading in many directions as the season progresses. The club comprising the oldest age group has carried through a thorough investigation of the Judge Stubb case, by means of a debate on this subject. They are also arranging a series of papers to be read, on various labor leaders and educators. Together with the Letwack group (the next oldest age group) they are issuing a bulletin to encourage literary efforts amongst their members. Those interested in Dramatics are taking part in a concert to be staged early in the New Year in the Palace Theatre.

Various grades of the school are spending a lot of their time on Current Events. The highest grade is writing an essay on the Result of the Civic Elections. Every class has prepared a monthly calendar of events of world wide importance that have happened in years gone by. Each event is discussed on the day that it happened.

Many of the older people are working hard at the Workmen's Circle Bazaar. This Bazaar which opens December 24 for 3 days, is in aid of the Workmen's Circle School. Many articles of value have been collected for the Bazaar. We hope that everybody will support the Bazaar by their presence. A special supper in aid of the Bazaar will take place at the Workmen's Circle Home Sunday, Dec. 11.

Of great importance and interest is the Friday Forum of this week. Friday, December 9, the Forum presents Judge Hamilton of the Juvenile Court

years of peddling with the traditional heavy lead of lotions, drygoods and linens on his back.

Doubleless everyone will be interested in what Judge Hamilton has to say on education and juvenile delinquency, on which subjects Judge Hamilton is a well-known authority. The Forum opens at 8:30 p.m. and everybody is invited to attend. There is no charge for admission.

LEVITAN HEADS STATE TREASURERS Richmond, La. (WNS) - "Honest Sol" Levitan, Treasurer of the State of Wisconsin, was elected President of the National Association of State Treasurers, Controllers and Auditors at the annual convention of the organization here. Levitan who is now concluding his fifth term in the Wisconsin treasury post, thus attains a place he has coveted for many years and crowns with distinction a career that began in a Yeshiva at Slobodka, Lithuania. He was born in 1862 and came to the United States in 1880, settling on a farm near Baltimore. He finally ended up at Wisconsin after

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AM I A COMMUNIST? THE JEWISH WELTANSCHAUNG OF PROF. ALBERT EINSTEIN BY ALBERT EINSTEIN

The most deadly foes of Jewish national consciousness and Jewish national dignity are fatty degeneration — a lack of racial consciousness which is a result of excessive wealth and comfort — and a certain sort of inner dependence upon the non-Jewish environment, a dependence proceeding from the increased laxity of Jewish communal authority. The finest elements of the human soul can flourish only in the fertile soil of a community. How doubly great, therefore, is the moral danger of the Jew who has lost his kinship with his own group and whom the people of the nation in which he lives regard as an alien! Frequently such a situation has produced a harsh and dismal egoism. The external pressure bearing upon the Jewish people is particularly great at present. But our wretched position has proved beneficial to us. It has given rise to a revival of Jewish community life of which the generation before the last would never have dreamed.

Thanks to this newly aroused feeling of solidarity among the Jews, the colonization of Palestine — which our devoted and far-sighted leaders have already brought well under way, despite apparently unconquerable difficulties — has achieved such excellent results that I have no doubt as to its permanent success. The value of this work for all the Jews of the world is very high. Palestine will be a cultural centre for all of Jewry, a refuge for the persecuted, a field of activity for the best among us — an ideal that will unite all the Jews of all the world and bring them spiritual regeneration. I have seen our youth in Palestine cheerfully doing hard labor which better and more modern equipment could have rendered less difficult and more productive. I have seen a supremely courageous little band of colonists weighted down under an enormous burden of debts which some of their enthusiastic Zionist brethren could so easily have lightened. These young people must be helped as much as possible in their struggle. Their physical well-being must be preserved. It is our sacred duty; for they are sacrificing themselves for the soul and the repute of the entire Jewish people. We must prove that we are a people of sufficient vigor and vitality to accomplish our great task, to create a centre and a support for future generations. May the land of Palestine come to mean to us and to our children what the Temple of Solomon meant to our ancestors. No Jew can truly sense this meaning unless he joyfully contributes his share to the Jewish work, the Jewish cause.

With the vision of genius Herzl saw that the rehabilitation of Palestine would lend a new cohesive force, new meaning and a new dignity to the Jewish people. We must not merely aid in this work, but we must adhere to the lofty outlook of the founder of

the movement. The publication of my book in the language of our fathers fills me with particular delight. It is symptomatic of the metamorphosis which that language has undergone. Its use is no longer limited to the communication of purely Jewish matters to Jews; it is beginning to embrace all fields of human interest. This revival of our tongue constitutes an important factor in our struggle for independence.

In view of the present situation of world Jewry it is now more than ever necessary to preserve the Jewish community in a vital form. This end can best be attained by the colonization of Palestine, a work in which world Jewry is united, and by the fostering of the Jewish spiritual tradition.

By furthering logical thought and a logical attitude science can diminish the amount of superstition in the world. There is no doubt that all but the crudest scientific work is based on a firm belief — akin to religious feeling — in the rationality and comprehensibility of the world.

The rebuilding of Palestine as the Jewish National Home differs fundamentally from all other Jewish activities of our time. This is a movement to aid not individuals, but an entire nation.

The Jewish people will have to provide funds for this constructive work for many years to come. So stupendous and unique a task as the upbuilding of Palestine must take a course of constant, gradual development.

But our work is progressing. In recent years large and valuable stretches of Palestinian land have become the property of the Jewish people. Jewish hands are reclaiming more and more neglected and waste land and transforming it into fertile fields and orchards.

We hope that Jewish national life in Palestine will make sufficiently great strides to become the basis of a new intellectual and cultural creativity. The Jewish people — free of petty chauvinism and of the evils of European nationalism, living peacefully side by side with the Arabs, who enjoy equal rights — should be enabled to lead its national life in its ancient homeland, so that it may again assume a dominant role in the civilization of the world. Situated as it is in the borderland between the Orient and the Occident, the Jewish National Home may be able to play an important part in the development of a new humanity.

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