

## A glimpse of Jewish life in Asia 100 years ago...

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"what is bred in the bone comes out in the flesh."—As to the gallant two, Mr Ezra and "Israelite," they have certainly given a good account of themselves. It is to be hoped that their letters will enlighten Mr Young in more ways than one.

**The Zionist Congress.**

In spite of the evil forebodings of the false prophets and in spite of the timidity of some chicken-hearted Zionists, the Ninth Zionist Congress came in like a brave lion and went out like a triumphant lion—courageous, hopeful and with "a heart for any fate"! As reported, when President Wolffsohn rose to deliver his opening address, he was greeted by a congress which for numbers both of delegates and visitors was never exceeded at any Congress even when Dr. Herzl led the Zionists. According to the express issue of the Zionist organ *Die Welt* the Congress closed in a happy mood with the following unanimous decision: The Leadership Commissions should remain pro tem, as hitherto unaltered and that the seat of the Bureaus should remain till next Congress—which will be called at an earlier date in Cologne. My object is not to inform but to convince the readers of ISRAEL'S MESSENGER that the Zionist cause goes, in spite of all obstacles in the way, from strength to strength and that the Zionist movement is the only pure Jewish movement for which ultimate aim every true Jew should work with all his heart and with all his might.

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**CONUNDRUMS.**

Why can't a judge convict a deaf man? Because the law says no man can be convicted without a hearing.

Who was created first, Adam or Eve? Eve, for she was the first maid (made).

What is the difference between a box of shoe polish and a negro sparring? One is a box of blacking and other is a black a-boxing.

Why should a man carry a watch with him when he is going over a waterless desert? Because every watch has a spring.

What kind of animal comes from heaven? Rain, dear (reindeer).

**CONUNDRUNS.**

Why is a good constitution like a money box? Because its full value become known only when it is broken.

Why is flatterer like a microscope? Because he magnifies small things.

Why is a sky like a prison? Because it is full of wards.

Why is a city being destroyed like another being built? Because it is being razed (raised).

Why is a fit of coughing like the falls of Niagara? Because it is a catarrh-act (cataract).

If Tom owes Bob money and gives him a blow in the eye, why is that a satisfactory settlement? Because he give his mark of black and white, a note of hand, and paid at sight.

Why are your lips always at variance? Because words are frequently passing between them.

Why is a thief in a garret like an honest man? Because he is above doing a bad action.

The Alliance Israelite Universelle also sent a deputation to study the conditions of the Jews in Yemen. The increased emigration of the Yemenite Jews, most of whom settle in Palestine, has probably called for this action on the part of the Alliance.

**PERSONALS.**

Mr. Evelyn David left for Hongkong. Mr. Maurice David has returned to Shanghai after spending about four months in India. He looks quite hale and hearty.

Mr. J. A. David left by this week's English Mail *Aravia* for Hongkong. After staying a few weeks in the Colony he will go to Saigon and will return to Shanghai as soon as he carries his business plan into perfection.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Levi, gave an at "Home" on Sunday the 30th ultimo at their residence, No. 105 Range Road, on the occasion of the naming of their infant daughter. There was a good gathering of relatives and friends and a most enjoyable evening was spent.


Mr. M. A. Jalah and her baby son left for Hongkong on Sunday the 30th ultimo en route to Calcutta.

**AN INTERESTING LAWSUIT.**

The Sultan of Turkey has gained a lawsuit in Berlin which he has lost against a wealthy German family residing at Cottbus. Three years ago a landowner named Zollner left £5000 to the ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid for the purpose of building an international and undenominational church in Constantinople. The idea of the testator was to erect a church in Constantinople in which Mahometans, Christians and Jews could worship under one roof, although in different parts of the building. The heirs subsequently refused to pay the £5000 to the Sultan, who brought an action. The verdict has been given in favor of the Sultan, and the heirs were ordered to pay the £5000, with interest at 4 per cent. The defendants have given notice of appeal.

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