

## Provincial News.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

**KIMBERLEY.**—The second of the series of "open" nights of the local Jewish gymnasium was held recently, and proved most successful. There was a large attendance of the general public, including many parents and friends. Mr. M. Price presided, the squad being under the conductorship of Messrs. M. Lewis and H. J. Savage, hon. instructors. After a few opening remarks by the Chairman, a pianoforte solo was excellently rendered by Miss A. Jaffe, which was greatly appreciated. Master A. Kalusky then gave a club-swinging solo, the various evolutions being neatly executed. The horizontal bar was next occupied by the senior and junior members, and at the conclusion an excellent pyramid was formed. Sword drill, parallel bar display and pyramid boxing bouts, and a free drill by the junior members concluded a very pleasant evening's entertainment. A "Mark"-ed improvement was evidenced in the gymnasts since the last "open" night, much to the evident delight of both parents and friends. The Chairman, in a few concluding remarks, announced on behalf of the committee that the club competition between members would soon take place, and urged every member to be zealous and attend practice regularly. He also eulogised the work of the hon. instructors, and of Mr. L. C. Joffe would not have been the success it undoubtedly was. (hon. instructor), without which he was sure the evening Messrs. Cecil Savage and George Schultz, were instrumental in adding to the evening's entertainment, their funniness both on bars and generally being extremely amusing and much enjoyed. The accompanists were Miss A. Joffe and Master J. Kalusky, and the singing of the national anthem brought a pleasant evening to a close.

**SALISBURY.**—On the 9th inst. a general meeting was held by the local congregation, to confirm the sale of the six stands belonging to the Old Synagogue. The purchaser was Mr. Lewis Fridjohn (late of Pretoria). A new building site was secured by the congregation for the erection of a new synagogue in Baker Street, and they hope they will start shortly with the new building, which will cost approximately £3,500.

A benevolent society was formed at the above meeting, for the purpose of helping the poor, and the following officers were elected: Mr. M. J. Shapiro, chairman; Mr. J. Comaroff, vice-chairman; Mr. H. Goldblatt, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. Hansen, hon. secretary. Seven committee-men were elected: Messrs. A. Cohen, H. Schmidt, T. Sorof, A. Sorof, H. Rosenthal, Lewis Fridjohn, and I. Fridman.

Mr. H. Shalovsky left Salisbury for Johannesburg on important business matters.

Mr. Phil Bloom, auctioneer, arrived here from Pretoria, with the intention of establishing an auction mart.

Mr. H. Rubin, the local *Schochet*, returned from Johannesburg, where he went for the benefit of his health. He is now in the best of condition.

The Jewish Benevolent Society gave a Cinderella dance last night (11th inst.) in the local Drill Hall, and the function was a great success. More than fifty dancing couples remained till 2 a.m.

**ODDTSHOORN.**—The local Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society held a bioscope entertainment and concert last Thursday evening, in which they scored well, the funds amounting to £43, the same as last year. This society has now been in existence for over eleven years, and their committee are doing excellent work, for which they can be highly praised. The programme submitted was as follows: Overture; Springbok Gazette; song, Mrs. Burdett; trio (piano, violin and cello), Misses Phoebe, Polly and Ethel Stusser; song, Miss Philpott; musical monologue, Mr. A. M. J. Sytner; song, Mrs. Burdett; and the pictures were "Eloping Under Difficulties" and Pathe's great production "Romeo and Juliet." The vocal solos by Mrs. Burdett and Miss Philpott were most excellent, and they were obliged to repeat same, and the Misses Phoebe, Polly and Ethel Stusser's trio was magnificently played and encored. It may be hoped for the Misses Stussers that in the future they will be able to make a career for themselves, especially if they go abroad for higher study. Mr. Sytner acted very well as a musical reciter and comedian, and seems to be very experienced. The stage was beautifully decorated with flags, and the hall was so crowded that many people were obliged to turn back. At the close, in a few words, Mr. M. Ashman thanked the artistes and audience for their kind support, and the evening, which was most successful, terminated.

## Mining and Financial.

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

June 21.—Robinson Deep G.M. Co., Ltd., general meeting, 11 a.m., Board-room, Consolidated Gold Fields Building, Simmonds Street, Johannesburg.

June 21.—The African Land and Investment Co., Ltd., general meeting, 10.30 a.m., Board-room, Consolidated Gold Fields Building, Simmonds Street, Johannesburg.

June 26.—Transvaal Consolidated Land and Exploration Co., Ltd., 12 noon, extraordinary general meeting, Board-room, Corner House, Johannesburg.

### MEYER & CHARLTON G.M. CO., LTD.

I learn that an interim dividend of 25 per cent. (No. 45), equal to 5s. per share, has been declared by the board of directors for the half-year ending June 30, 1912, payable to all shareholders registered at that date, and to holders of Coupon No. 28 attached to share warrants to bearer.

### VAN RYN GOLD MINES ESTATE, LTD.

I am advised of a declaration of a dividend (No. 17) of 22½ per cent. (or 4s. 6d. per share), less income tax, making, together with the dividend of 22½ per cent. paid in January last, a total of 45 per cent. for the financial year ending June 30, 1912.

### MAY CONSOLIDATED.

A dividend (No. 28) of 15 per cent. (3s. per share) has been declared, payable to all shareholders registered in the books of the company at the close of business on Saturday, June 29 (1912), and to holders of Coupon No. 28 attached to share warrants to bearer.

### GOVERNMENT AREAS (MODDERFONTEIN) CONSOLIDATED.

The cable which has been despatched to the London office reads:—"Referring to our telegram of the 10th, average value of reef, 7.15 dwts. over 31 inches. Reef in the northern part of shaft is in one body, but a hanging-wall leader separates out towards the southern end of the shaft."

### EAST RAND PROP.

A dividend of 12½ per cent. (i.e., 2s. 6d. per share) has been declared by the Board of Directors of the East Rand Proprietary Mines for the half-year ending June 30, payable to all shareholders registered on June 29.

### ROMOLA NIGEL G.M. CO.

I am informed that a telegram has been received from the manager of this company's Rhodesian properties, stating that last month's returns are: 235.2 ozs. bullion from the mill, and 67.9 ozs. bullion from cyanide.

### CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The directors of the City and Suburban G.M. Co. have declared a dividend of 6s. per share for the half-year, payable to shareholders registered on June 29.

### BRAKPAN MINES.

An interim dividend (No. 1) of 15 per cent., equal to 3s. per share, has been declared by the Board for the half year ending June 30, 1912. This dividend will be payable to all shareholders registered in the books of the company at the close of business on June 29, 1912, and to holders of Coupon No. 1 attached to share warrants to bearer.

### BUCKS REEF G.M., LTD.

I am advised of the following particulars of last month's output, viz.:—Tons crushed, 720; yield, £2,533 12s. 4d.; profit, £621 3s. 4d.

## Exchange Echoes.

At the beginning of the week little business was doing, and on Monday but few sales were recorded.

At the opening on Tuesday there was an easier tendency and prices generally were a turn lower, with the result that no business was transacted before 'Change. On the Call the market was exceedingly dull and the few transactions that were recorded were at lower figures. This state of affairs was continued during the day, and at night the market closed easier, with a distinctly forlorn appearance.

Wednesday did not see any improvement, and before High 'Change there were no sales. Less than a dozen and a half sales were recorded on High 'Change, and then only in small quantities, while after the call prices were even lower, despite the fact that the following dividends were declared:—Geldenhuis Deep, 10 per cent.; Rose Deep, 22½ per cent.; Rand Mines, 110 per cent.; Crown Mines, 55 per cent.; Durban Rood. Deep, 5 per cent.; Jupiter, 2½ per cent.; and Robinson Deep, 15 per cent.

At the time of writing Kaffirs appeared to be dull, and dealers, in the absence of fresh business, showed a disposition to mark down prices. Under these circumstances I am inclined to advise waiting before entering into any transactions.