

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own Correspondents

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BETHLEHEM.

At the invitation of the Bethlehem Zionist Society, Mr. V. Jabotinsky visited Bethlehem on the 28th ult. Mr. Jabotinsky arrived in the morning and was entertained during the day by the heads of the various Jewish societies. In the evening a dinner was given by Mrs. J. S. Jacobson at her residence. The visitor then repaired to the Bioscope Hall, where a large audience awaited his address. The meeting was one of the largest of its kind held in Bethlehem, there being also a number of visitors from neighbouring towns.

After introductory remarks by the Chairman of the Zionist Society (Mr. P. Seligson), who presided, and Mr. J. S. Jacobson, Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, Mr. Jabotinsky delivered a most interesting address lasting two hours.

BRANDFORT.

The annual general meeting of the Brandfort Young Israel Society was held in the Communal Hall on Sunday, the 11th inst. There was a representative gathering of members present, including quite a few adults. The President presented his report, in which reference was made to the fact that eight successful functions were held during the year. Regret was also expressed at the O.F.S.Y.I.C. dormancy. The financial statement was then presented and duly adopted.

The election of hon. officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: S. Schroeder, President (re-elected); Rev. J. Batlan, Vice-President (re-elected); Miss E. Hellmann, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (re-elected); Committee: Misses H. Kotzen (re-elected) and S. Solomon, Messrs. S. Horwitz and L. Hellmann (re-elected).

A debate was held on the 15th inst, the subject being, "Is homework necessary or Not?" The opener was Mr. S. Hoffmann and his opponent Mr. L. Hellmann. An interesting discussion ensued.

Rev. J. Batlan gave an address on the significance of "Lag Bomer." During the evening the following contributed items: Miss Sheila Brauer and Miss Stella Kotzen (recitation), Mr. L. Hellmann (violin solo).

HEIDELBERG, CAPE.

Once again this community has the rare distinction that every Jewish soul has taken the Shekel. The number (30) is slightly less than in previous years, but this is only due to the temporary absence overseas of one household, all of whom will be duly enrolled as Shekel payers on their return.

KEETMANSHOOP.

Thanks to the devoted work of Mr. M. L. Nurick, no less than 40 Shekolim were disposed of here on Shekel Day. This figure speaks for itself, as there have never previously been more than 20 Shekolim disposed of in Keetmanshoop.

PORT ELIZABETH.

At the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Zionist League the following officers and committee were elected to hold office during the current term:—Mrs. A. Schumacher, president; Mrs. P. Jabkowitz, vice-president; Mrs. M. Benuña, hon. treasurer; Mrs. S. Weinronk, hon. secretary; committee, Mesdames D. Jacobson, M. Shtein, R. H. Friedman, Mibashan, Levy, Bernstein, Dubb (Senr.), Myers, P. Glueck, A. Barris, I. Salters, Lappin, D. Smollan.

The ladies also appointed Mrs. M. Guinsberg, of Johannesburg, as their representative on the South African Committee

for Kfar Yeladim.

The outgoing committee is to be congratulated on their fine record of service and achievement in the Zionist cause and we confidently look forward to the strong, newly-elected body emulating and even surpassing the work of its predecessors.

ROBERTSON.

Preparations are proceeding rapidly in connection with the Young Israel dance to be held on August 4th. Special care is being taken with the hall decorations, and the services of the Revellers, one of Capetown's most popular orchestras, has been engaged for the evening.

SALISBURY.

Rev. J. J. Rosin and Mrs. Rosin have returned from their holiday visit to Capetown.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berman (nee Bessie Scheckter) on the birth of a daughter.

The engagement between Fanny, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rosenberg, and Lew, third son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Gittleson, was celebrated on the 8th inst. Both families associated in the Simcha are well known in Salisbury for their loyal work, and Miss Rosenberg has always been a ready helper in philanthropic endeavour, and both she and Mr. Gittleson are popular members of the younger Jewish set here.

A Young Israel Society has lately been formed in Salisbury with a membership of 45. The first executive elected is comprised of the following: President and Chairman, Mr. J. Levin; Vice-President and Vice-Chairman, Miss E. Bernstein; Treasurer, Miss L. Smith; Secretary, Mr. J. Pichanick; committee: Miss M. Lover, Messrs. I. Bernstein and M. Bloom.

Meetings are held weekly, and the Society has begun its work in a very enterprising spirit. It is now completing its affiliation with the Young Israel Societies of the Union, while a badge is being considered. The Society will present its first public function on May 29th in the Guild Hall. This will take the form of a play, to be followed by a dance, at which there will be exhibition and novelty dances.

VEREENIGING.

At the annual meeting of the Vereeniging Zionist Society the following honorary officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. Klaff; Vice-President, L. Abrahams; Treasurer, D. Colman; Hon. Secretary, L. Hosiosky; Committee: Messrs. J. Rees and Rev. B. Glass.

VOLKSRUST.

During the last week-end the Volksrust Y.I.S. entertained the Standerton Y.I.S. A dance was held at the Volksrust Hotel on Saturday night, and on Sunday a tennis contest took place, which resulted in a win for Volksrust by 49 games. The Standerton players were Misses Goodman, Schlosberg, Fisher, Orlovitz and Levine, and Messrs. Greenblatt, Cohen, Disen, Sandler, and Riebeck. The Volksrust players were Misses Berman, Levy, R. Levy, S. Ginsberg, and C. Baigel, and Messrs. Gersohn, Fine, Stock, Golden, and Hazeldene. The members of the Standerton Y.I.S. did not leave until late on Sunday evening, and all concerned spent a most enjoyable week-end.

Thanks are due to Mr. Baigel and the Misses Baigel, who so kindly gave the V.Y.I.S. the use of the Volksrust Hotel, and thus helped to make this social gathering the success it was.

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