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REPORTS OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN THE MOTHER CITY

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BNOth ZION ANNUAL MEETING.

An excellent report was submitted at the annual general meeting of the Bnoth Zion Association held at the Zionist Hall last Thursday afternoon.

The report opened with a brief resumé of recent events both in the general and local Zionist world, a sure indication of the interest which the Association maintains in matters pertaining to the national ideal, albeit outside the scope of its own activities. The local events dealt with were the opening of the Zionist Hall Library towards which the Association gives a monthly grant of £2, the Board of Deputies Congress, the Congress of the Board of Hebrew Education, the Keren Hayesod Campaign, the visit of Mr. Jabotinsky and the Western Province Propaganda Committee.

The activities of the Association were dealt with in two sections—cultural and propaganda and material. In the first were reported the holding of such functions as drawing-room meetings, a Chanukah concert and various lectures, "At Homes," etc., throughout the year. It was also with not a little pride that the Association pointed to its Hebrew Kindergarten, just opened, stating that it considered it one of the most important pieces of work it had done and that it hoped to form a chain of such institutions throughout the Peninsula.

In the second section the activities dealt with were those in aid of funds. Members of the committee helped in the collection of funds in the Dunam Drive Campaign and were responsible for the realisation of £129 10s. They also took an active part in the selling of Shekolim and Golden Shekolim, some 300 Shekolim and 41 Golden Shekolim having been sold by them.

The Annual National Fund Ball was held at Muizenberg in January of this year and proved a great success, members of the Bnoth Zion contributing the greater share of the work. They also organised the National Fund Ball that took place in July of this year and which proved so successful.

Work in connection with Kfar Yeladim continued to be carried out as energetically as ever. During February and March all efforts were concentrated on raising funds for Kfar Yeladim, the very satisfactory total of £2,200 being eventually realised.

The committee also undertook, on behalf of members, the placing of J.N.F. boxes in the Sea Point area. The committee was represented during the year on the Hall Management Committee, Library Committee, National Fund Council, and Joint Cultural Committee, on all of which the delegates performed their fair share of work as opportunity offered.

In moving the adoption of the report, the Chairlady, Mrs. F. Clouts, stressed the fact that the committee had been prevented by various circumstances from carrying out all the work it had wished to do. Chief among this were the defining of relations with the Women's International Zionist Organisation and the question of membership of the Society. There were to-day a large number of persons who were nominally members of the Association, but who took no interest in its activities, and in many cases did not even pay subscription fees. Something definite would have to be done about this state of affairs.

In speaking of the achievements of the Association, Mrs. Clouts paid particular attention to the Hebrew Kindergarten. It was the intention of the committee, she said, to establish other such institutions, and in order to facilitate this scheme, it had been decided to secure as large a number of ladies as possible to donate a shilling a month towards what might be termed a "Kindergarten Fund."

Mrs. S. Gesundheit, the Treasurer, seconded the adoption of the report, after which several questions were asked in connection with the latter, but on which no discussion took place. When put to the vote the adoption was carried.

The next item on the agenda was the election of a new

committee. Mrs. Clouts was unanimously re-elected President. Mrs. Gesundheit was elected Vice-President; Mrs. I. Fine, Treasurer; Mrs. D. Getz, Secretary; and the following ladies Committee members: Mesdames M. Futeran, H. Glaser, S. Gordon, J. Herbstein, M. Kentridge, M. Kottler, R. Mofsowik, and J. Weinreich.

Before the conclusion of the meeting certain amendments to the constitution, suggested by the committee, were put before the general body for confirmation.

The meeting came to a close at about 5 p.m. There were some forty to fifty ladies present and during the afternoon refreshments were served.

MACCABEAN GUILD SUCCESS.

The Maccabean Guild was responsible for another very fine programme presented at a Musical and Dramatic Evening held at the Zionist Hall last Tuesday night. The Maccabean Guild Orchestra, which, under the baton of Mr. George Tobias, has established its reputation as one of the finest amateur orchestras in Capetown, rendered several very delightful items, after which two plays, "The Burglar and the Girl" and "The Playgoers," were staged. The production of these two plays was in the very capable hands of Mr. David Levy, who again revealed that the Maccabean Guild, in having acquired his services, is more than fortunate.

Those who took part in the first play are Mr. Frank Weinberg and Miss Ann Lerner; in the second play Misses Sophie Schur, Edie Richman, Milly Matthews, S. Davis, Ann Lerner and Messrs. Albert Stein, C. B. Citroen and Cyril Israels. All of them played their parts well and several showed decided talent. The Maccabean Guild Dramatic Section should certainly go far.

ONEG SHABBOSS CONCERT.

A concert to celebrate the second anniversary of the Oneg Shabbos Circle was held at the Zionist Hall last Sunday night. The concert was very well attended and was most successful from every point of view. At the outset an address, in which he explained the purpose of the concert, was given by the President of the Circle, Mr. Ch. B. Levinsohn. Those who contributed to the programme were Mr. A. Fenigstein, who had arranged the concert and who rendered several very delightful folk-songs; Miss H. Rabinowitz, who also rendered a number of songs; Mr. M. Nates, who recited a humorous recitation, written by himself; Mr. N. Breitman, who sang; Miss Goldblatt, who gave a violin solo; Mr. H. Robinson, who sang; Mr. H. Luxemburg, who played on an original instrument; and Mr. Keminsky, who sang.

NEW YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

At a fairly large gathering of young people assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gutman last Wednesday night, a Young Israel Society was formed at Sea Point. During the evening addresses were delivered by Dr. H. Kramer, Mr. J. Weinreich, Mr. J. B. Shacksnovis and Mr. A. M. Jackson.

GENERAL.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. Charles Barnett who was successful by an overwhelming majority in the Ward 9 (Salt River) contest in the recent City Council elections.

On the 27th August an interesting lecture on "What is Good in Art?" was delivered by Mr. H. V. Meyerowitz at the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the Maccabean Guild.

Mr. M. Lazar, of Paarl, delivered an interesting lecture on A. D. Gordon at a meeting of the Hebrew Speaking Circle held in the Zionist Hall last Thursday evening.

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