

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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ABERDEEN.

The first social under the auspices of the local Zionist Society, was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sass on Sunday, the 14th ult., Mr. Gruss, after opening the meeting, delivered a short address on Zionism. Rev. Rubin also spoke. Refreshments were then served and an enjoyable evening was spent. As a result of this function the sum of £1 5s. 3d. was raised.

BETHLEHEM.

The *Bris Milah* of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Shein took place on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., Rev. M. Altshuler officiating as Mohel. Mr. H. Goldberg, the President of the Hebrew Congregation acted as *Sandik* and Mr. and Mrs. Resnik acted as *Kvaters*. Thanks to Mr. H. Cohen the sum of £6 was collected for the S.A. Jewish Orphanage at this function.

BURGHERSDORP.

The following account of the second Zionist Ball, which was held on June 1st, is extracted with acknowledgments from the *Queenstown Daily Representative*. It may be added that a nett profit of £40 was realised, £30 of which has been forwarded to the South African Zionist Federation and £10 to the Cape Jewish Orphanage:—

“The second Zionist Ball to be held in BurgHERSDORP took place on Monday, the 1st June, in the Town Hall. Without exception it was the most successful event during the past two years, and all credit is due to the willing band of organisers. The hall was decorated as never before. The Shield of David was prominent above the stage, while in each corner of the hall beautiful illuminated Chinese decorations showed up to advantage. The Zionist colours in the form of streamers above the happy throng toned with lanterns and balloons completed a magnificent sight. The Molteno Orchestra, as usual, was in fine form, and set the care-free dancers moving shortly after 8 p.m. Practically every neighbouring town was fully represented, which testifies to the popularity of this hall. From the word ‘go’ approximately a hundred couples waltzed and two-stepped, etc., until the early hours of Tuesday morning. Thus the public holiday in recognition of the Union’s 21st birthday was celebrated in true South Africa style, with Jew and Gentile mingling in the best spirit. Mr. and Mrs. Breger, who acted as host and hostess, and Messrs. Louw, Sonny Breger, and Barney Weintroub as M.C.’s, ably carried out their duties. Our Jewish friends are to be heartily congratulated on their brilliant effort, and we trust a deserving cause has substantially benefited. This year’s Zionist Ball will long be remembered by all those who were present. It was a glorious ending to an excellent day’s sport.”

CERES.

The election of hon. officers of the Maccabean Society took place on Sunday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Friedman, and the following members were elected for the ensuing term: Chairman, Mr. G. Geffen; Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. Stein; Secretary, Miss R. Natas; Committee, the Misses H. Friedman and Sarembock.

GERMISTON.

A pleasant function took place at the Synagogue Hall on Saturday, the 20th ult., the occasion being the Silver Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lifschitz, both of whom are active workers in Zionist and communal affairs here. Mr. Lifschitz is an ex-President of the Zionist Society and a member of the present Committee, and Mrs. Lifschitz is the Vice-President of the local Branch of the Women’s Zionist League.

Mr. O. Shoob presided and appropriate toasts and speeches were delivered by Rev. Whyscheik, Mrs. Margolius, and Messrs. K. Maloon, Senior Bros., M. Huftel, Dr. Ordman, J. Sacke, Z. Hareven and B. Liebman.

Presentations were made on behalf of the Zionist Society, Women’s Zionist League, Hebrew Order of David and the local branch of the Jewish Orphanage.

Mr. Lifschitz responded on behalf of his wife and himself to the various toasts.

During the course of the evening, relatives and friends subscribed the sum of £21 to inscribe the names of Mr. and Mrs. Lifschitz in the Golden Book.

KIMBERLEY.

On Sunday, the 21st ult., at the Memorial Road, Synagogue, Queenie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Shapiro, of Beaconsfield, was married to Hayman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Levy of Port Elizabeth, formerly of Aliwal North. The Rev. M. Konviser officiated, assisted by Cantor Rudy. The *unterfuhrers* were the parents of the bride and bridegroom.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Rose, Dora and Bess Shapiro (sisters of the bride) and Miss Ethel Levy (sister of the bridegroom). They were attended by Dr. Victor Seagull and Mr. Ben Sherman, both of Port Elizabeth. The Canopy-holders were Dr. A. Chanock (Bloemfontein), Messrs. Louis and Harold Levisohn and Jack Gorohovsky. Mr. W. Shapiro (brother of the bride) acted as best-man. About 250 guests attended the reception held at the Gardner Williams Hall, Beaconsfield.

Among the numerous handsome gifts was a silver Kiddush Cup, from the Daughters of Zion Society, Port Elizabeth, of which the bride has been Secretary and Treasurer, and a dessert service from the President and Committee of the Kimberley Zionist Society of which the bride had been Secretary for several years prior to her departure for Port Elizabeth. Hundreds of congratulatory telegrams were received from friends all over the Union.

A presentation was made, on the occasion of the recent marriage of Mrs. C. I. Israel (Miss Gertrude Brenner). This was in the nature of a silver fish-service, suitably inscribed, by the Griqualand West Ezrath Zionist Association. For a number of years, Miss Prenner had acted as a member of the Committee of the Association and always co-operated in the various functions.

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MIDDELBURG (Tvl.).

At the *Barmitzvah* of Jack, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Milwidsky, which took place at Middelburg on June 14th at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Brozin, grandparents of the *Barmitzvah*, the sum of £4 was collected in aid of the South African Jewish Orphanage, which that Institution has received per Mrs. R. Brozin, Hon. Secretary of the local branch.

N'DOLA.

At the annual general meeting of the local Herzl Zionist Society, held on the 7th ult., the following officers and Committee were elected:—

Chairman, Mr. H. Mayers; Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. Merlin; Treasurer, Mr. M. Dobkins; Secretary, Mr. L. Krell; Committee, Mesdames Mayers and Hasson and Messrs. Schragger, Schattil, Schulman, Seider, Minchuk and Mendelowitz.

The annual general meeting of the Springs Branch was held last month, and the function was a very successful one. The following committee were elected: Chairman, Mrs. M. Lipson; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Tapuach; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Crouse; Hon. Secretary, Miss Beatrice Lowenstein. Committee: Mesdames B. Lorge, Melamed, Boyer, Levitas, D. Panovka, Kupritz, Miller, Gordon, Katz, Gordiner, M. Lorge, Schneider, and the Misses D. and P. Levitas, A. Chaimowitz, I. Kapelus and J. Lorge.

PORT ELIZABETH.

There was a large gathering of members and friends at the musical evening held at the Loubser Hall on Saturday, the 13th ult., under the auspices of the Daughters of Zion Society.

An enjoyable programme was arranged, the evening opening with a trio, delightfully played by Miss R. Elion, Miss E. Levy and Mr. M. Levy. This was followed by an interesting paper on Schubert by Miss Kate Rubin, who illustrated some of the composer's pieces by very fine gramophone records, Miss Zelda Hurwitz also contributing with Schubert's Serenade. Recitations were rendered by Miss Nora Miller and Miss E. Robinsky and a vocal duet was contributed by Miss Z. Hurwitz and Mrs. M. Cimbelman. Miss Redhouse rendered a violin solo and the Misses Len Weinronk and Kate Rubin played a piano duet.

At the conclusion, the President, Miss Weinronk, appealed to all the members to attend the literary evenings which are being held every second Tuesday evening.

PRETORIA.

On Sunday, the 7th ult., Mr. B. Goldberg delivered an interesting address to the members of the *Agudath Sefateinu*, presided over by Mr. M. Katzen. The lecturer dealt in detail with the work and the life of Moses Eb'n Ezra, Abraham Eb'n Ezra and the great poet and philosopher, Yehuda ben Halevi.

At the conclusion of the lecture a discussion ensued and many questions were raised. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by the Chairman.

On the 18th ult., Mr. P. Cornfeld, of Johannesburg, delivered a lecture in the Library of the Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the above Society. The subject of his lecture was "The Haskala Movement," and there was a large and appreciative audience. In fluent Hebrew, the lecturer gave an eloquent address on the various movements of the Haskala which were raised in different countries of Europe. He dealt with the causes of its inauguration and of the people who took part in the movement.

Mr. Silber proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cornfeld for his address.

QUEENSTOWN.

Under the auspices of the Sons of Zion Society a Study Group has been formed and the meetings have proved to be most successful.

Several members were fortunate enough to participate in the Kingwilliamstown Young Israel Inter-function, and wish to thank their hosts for a most enjoyable time.

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WITBANK.

Mr. Mierowsky, in his capacity as Inspector of Hebrew Education, visited Witbank on Monday, the 15th ult. The local Zionist Society entertained Mr. Mierowsky at a social held in the evening at the Athlone Hotel, which was filled to capacity, on which occasion Mr. Mierowsky delivered an instructive and inspiring address. He lamented the fact that little attention is paid in this country by parents to the Jewish education of their children. Numerous questions were put to the speaker, which were replied to ably and convincingly. A vote of thanks was accorded to the speaker by Mr. P. Froman, the Chairman of the Society, who presided.

During the evening some of the pupils of Rev. Rosenberg recited in Hebrew and Yiddish and songs were rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Rosenberg and Miss S. Becker.

WORCESTER.

A successful inter-function was held at Worcester on the 6th and 7th ult., in which the following participated: The Judean Central Council Executive, Paarl, Stellenbosch, Malmesbury and Robertson Young Israel Societies. On Saturday night a social and propaganda meeting was held. The Chairman (Mr. S. Heller) welcomed the delegates and the speakers of the evening were Messrs. M. Horwitz, S. Cohen, and H. Zuckerman.

The first session of the Judean Parliament was opened on Sunday morning, 7th ult., by Mr. J. E. Krige, J.P., M.P.C. The parties participating were the General Zionists, led by Mr. M. Rabinowitz; the Revisionists, led by Mr. Herzl Zuckerman; the Mizrachi, led by Mr. E. Levinsohn; and the Labourites, led by Mr. J. Leader. Parliament sat all day and the Government (the General Zionists) introduced three Bills: (1) The Supplementary Budget. After the Bills had been introduced heated discussions ensued. Before the House adjourned a motion of no confidence in the General Zionists was introduced by Mr. Herzl Zuckerman. The motion was carried by a small majority and the Government was overthrown. Thus making the first Judean Parliament a great success.

A dance was held in the evening in the Zionist Hall under the auspices of the Junior Zionist Society, and a cake sold by American auction realised the sum of £4.

WYNBERG.

A general meeting of the Wynberg-Claremont Zionist Association was held on May 31st. Mr. Yudelman, President, who was in the Chair, thanked the members for the splendid attendance. Whilst the financial position of the Association was quite satisfactory, propaganda work had been weak. After some general remarks on the state of Zionism in Wynberg and Claremont and a reference to the recent Congress elections, he expressed the hope that interest in their Movement would be well maintained, and concluded by expressing thanks to the outgoing Committee and Hon. Secretary for their assistance.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Dr. R. Resnekov; Vice-President, Mr. L. Levy, Treasurer; Mr. A. M. Matz; Hon. Secretary, Mr. I. Zinman. Committee:—Messrs. I. Schock, I. Yudelman, B. Nossel, S. Galloon, S. Braude, J. Nossel and A. Smith and Rev. Gordon.

Mr. Levy gave the assurance that the Association would devote more attention from now onwards to propaganda and cultural work, and made special reference to the juniors.

The Committee has elected Mr. Tafelstein Chairman of the local National Fund Committee.

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