

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Benoni

Thanks to the energetic work of Mr. J. J. Fine, as convenor, and his colleagues, a very satisfactory result was achieved in the recent Shekel collection here, 282 Shekolim being disposed of, which is an improvement on the figures of any of the five preceding years and not very far short of the record achieved six years ago.

The following were the returns of the various couples:—Miss E. Miller and Mr. J. J. Fine, 62; Messrs. Ch. Miller and J. J. Fine, 62; Messrs. L. Frankei and Joe Levy, 53; Messrs. W. Shames and S. Ostrofsky, 34; Mr. L. Lovell, 25; Miss M. Silberman and Mr. I. Alter, 29; Miss Betty Fine and Mr. M. Favish, 17.

Beaufort West

On Sunday, March 11th, the first cultural meeting of the local Zionist Society was held in the Lyric Hall of Mr. M. Garb, Royal Hotel. Dr. N. Klass presided and Rev. I. Gulis lectured on "The Historic Causes of Modern Zionism." It was decided to hold monthly gatherings of a similar nature.

The opportunity was taken of electing a new Honorary Treasurer in place of Miss A. Dubowitz, who is marrying shortly and taking up residence in Middelburg. Miss J. Todes was accordingly appointed. Refreshments were served, and a very interesting evening concluded with the singing of "Hatikvah."

Bethlehem

On Sunday, the 25th inst., a successful debate and dance was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Swartzberg, under the auspices of the Young Israel Society.

Thanks are due to Miss S. Shifren, Rev. Ludwin, Messrs. R. Sieff, S. Jankelowitz, J. Kristal and H. Isaacman, and to Mr. and Mrs. Swartzberg for their kindly hospitality.

Boksburg

Under the auspices of the Boksburg and District Women's Zionist Society a successful and enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Central Hotel, Boksburg, on Thursday, the 22nd inst.

Mrs. Ordman, accompanied by Mrs. Denton, of the Women's Zionist League, Johannesburg, addressed the meeting on the work that is being carried on in Palestine, stressing in particular the importance of the Wizo activities.

Mrs. A. J. Saretzky, who presided, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the League and expressed her delight in seeing such a good attendance.

Bothaville

On January 21st, a debate was held by the local Zionist Society at the residence of Mrs. S. Mervis. The subject, "Is Zionism a Jewish Ideal, or is it forced on the Jew by Outside Causes," was keenly debated by Rabbi Kahan, assisted by Mr. B. Stokiner and Mr. A. Sacks, assisted by Mr. S. Jankel.

On Tuesday, the 1st inst., a large gathering attended a lecture given by Mr. Shaksnovis at the residence of Mrs. T. Behr. During the day Mr. Shaksnovis inspected the work of the Cheder children.

On Tuesday, the 20th inst., Mr. S. Katz, of the South African Youth Council delivered an address at the residence of Mrs. H. Heller. He succeeded in forming a Hebrew class of seventeen members. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. W. Behr.

Cradock

The local Ladies' Social Circle entertained its members at the usual bi-monthly tea, which was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Levensten, "Ronaldsway." During the evening piano solos were rendered by the Misses D. Kruger and Z. Levensten, and the sum of £1 3s. 6d. was realised.

Harrismith

Although only formed in November last, the Harrismith Womens' Zionist Society already has a good deal of Zionist activity to its credit. On the 31st January a very successful cultural afternoon was held at the residence of Mrs. B. Green, at which Mrs. H. Helman delivered an interesting address on "The Origin of Zionism." A card evening was held on the 11th February, as the result of which the Tree Fund benefited to the extent of £6 0s. 6d.

A further cultural meeting took place during March at the residence of Mrs. H. Helman, when a lecture was delivered in Yiddish by Mrs. B. Green to a large and appreciative audience. The society also conducted the sale of Shekolim in its centre on the 4th inst., which resulted in 30 Shekolim being disposed of, the collectors being the Misses B. Kaplan and M. Lewis. Mesdames Green and Stiller have been appointed to take charge of the J.N.F. box clearances for the current year.

Memel

At the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Gordon, celebrated on the 11th inst., a box of chocolates was sold by American auction and realised the fine sum of £7 6s. for the Jewish National Fund. A number of visitors from Vrede were present at this function. Thanks are due to all those who participated, and to Mr. Soliweitzik, of the Memel Hotel, who entertained the visitors to dinner.

Middelburg (Tvl.).

Mrs. N. Brozin, the non. secretary of the local branch of the South African Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £2 5s., being February subscriptions collected by Mrs. M. Birman.

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Oudtshoorn.

The annual general meeting of the Herzl Ladies Zionist Society took place at the Hebrew School Hall, the following ladies being elected as executive and committee: Miss A. Sieff, president; Mrs. P. Agranat, vice-president; Mrs. Sol Morris, treasurer; Miss E. Malt, secretary. Committee: Mesdames S. Nochomowitz, L. Nerieck, H. Kussel, A. Abel, I. Sindler, A. Kauffman, J. Wilck, J. Maze, I. J. Kahn, L. Locketz, I. Menditz, M. Goldberg, I. Subersky, J. Morris, J. Lazarus, S. Noll, V. Brandt, J. Skolne, Miss Kussel, Miss S. Fortune, Miss Esther Kaplan.

The monthly meeting of the same society, which took place on the 15th inst. at the residence of Mrs. Jack Morris, was well attended. An interesting news-sheet was prepared and read by Mrs. V. Brandt.

The committee are to be congratulated on their splendid effort in selling 112 shekolim, the highest number yet disposed of here. During the month the Jewish National Fund boxes were cleared by members of the committee.

On the 14th inst. Mr. I. Dunsky visited Oudtshoorn and delivered an interesting lecture at the Templars' Hall.

Potchefstroom

A children's concert, organised by Mrs. H. Michellow, was held at the Communal Hall, on Saturday, the 24th inst., in aid of the Dunam Drive. The hall was filled to capacity, and the entertainment was a success both from the social and from the financial points of view. The children performed admirably, the Habonim section presenting Hebrew and Yiddish songs. During the interval, the band of the Zionist Youth rendered popular items.

At the conclusion of the concert, the children who had taken part, presented Mrs. Michellow with a set of cut glass, in appreciation of the effort she had made to ensure its success.

Senekal.

With reference to the report which appeared in our issue of March 16th dealing with a party held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Rubin we have been asked to state that the bag auctioned for the National Fund was sold in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Rubins' son, in honour of the latter's first birthday.

Somerset East

Under the auspices of the local Zionist Society two social gatherings in aid of the Jewish National Fund were held at the homes of Mesdames I. Berghaus and M. Baker respectively. At the former an amount of £6 2s. was raised as a result of games and raffles. Special thanks are due to Miss K. Saim, of Johannesburg, who kindly donated a hand-made cloth, which was raffled and which yielded £1 7s. 6d. Mr. L. A. Levin read "News Items," which were of great interest. This pleasant function realised £7 13s. 6d. for the fund. Thanks are due to the hosts and hostesses and all those who participated.

Winburg

On Sunday evening, March 11th, Mr. J. B. Shaksnovis of the Board of Hebrew Education, addressed the Zionist Society on the subject "Jew Know Thyself," at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman presided.

The address was warmly appreciated by all. Mr. Shaksnovis also succeeded in interesting several present in the work of the Board. Next day Mr. Shaksnovis addressed the pupils of the Hebrew School and gave them a model lesson in Jewish history.

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