Activities at Paarl.

(From a Correspondent.)

Literary Evening.

A very successful literary evening under the auspices of the Paarl Hechover Society took place on Saturday evening, the 4th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Schapiro. Mr. L. Roup was in the chair. Mr. M. Lazar delivered a lecture on Judiasm and Christianity, after which the following recited: Misses D. Factor, M. Esterman, A. Shoolman and B. Bloom; Miss Esterman also rendered a pianoforte solo. All the items were very much appreciated and won much applause.

After refreshments had been served, a debate on the subject "That the South African Jewish parents are responsible for the neglect of Jewish education of their children," took place. Mr. L. Roup, supported by Miss R. Geffen, spoke for, whilst Mr. J. Berman supported by Miss J. Ziman, spoke against the motion. The debate proved of general interest and the following among others took part in the discussion: Miss H. Lichtenstein, Messrs. N. Bloch, B. Bloom, M. Lazar, S. Gross. At the conclusion of the debate the motion was put to the vote and carried. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess was moved, and with the singing of Hatikvah the function was brought to a close.

Shevuoth Concert.

A Shevuoth concert, organised by the pupils of the Paarl Hebrew School, took place on Sunday evening, the 12th inst., at the Talmud Torah Hall. The programme was conducted in Yiddish and the performers were all girls. A number of recitations and musical items were rendered, and three one-act plays were staged. The following took part: Misses D. Factor, M. Esterman, M. Radin, Z. Kaplan, F. Sutin, M. Hirschovitz, E. Orlin, B. Bloom, L. Bloom, L. Factor, R. Heiman, A. Hirshovitz and D. Volk. The recitations were all very good and showed that much progress had been made by the pupils of the school. Mr. L. Berman moved a vote of thanks to the teachers and the evening concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Mr. Mierowsky at Paarl.

Mr. D. Mierowsky, Director of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, arrived at Paarl on Thursday, 9th inst., and had a very busy week-end. He examined all the classes during Thursday, Friday and Sunday. On Thursday night he conferred with the teachers on various matters appertaining to the syllabus and methods of teaching of various subjects. On Saturday evening a social gathering, at which leading personalities of the Paarl Jewish community were invited, was arranged at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Berman in order to enable the representatives of the Jewish community to meet Mr. Mierowsky and discuss with him matters affecting Jewish education in Paarl. Mr. Mierowsky gave a review of the activities of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education during the last year, explaining the difficulties which his Board had encountered.

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Keren Hayesod at Springbok.

MR. HERBSTEIN ADDRESSES MEETING.

On Monday evening, 13th inst., a meeting was held at Springbok in the dining-room of the Masonic Hotel, kindly lent for the occasion by the proprietor, Mr. M. Shapiro.

Mr. D. Gelb, of Concordia, was in the chair, and at the outset introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. J. Herbstein, of Cape Town.

Mr. Herbstein spoke on "The Present and Future of Zionism." He discussed the relationship of Palestine to the communities in the Diaspora, and the future benefits to be derived by the latter from a strong and united Palestine.

Mr. H Hammerschlag, of Cape Town, also spoke.

As a result of a suggestion put forward by Mr. E. Bernstine, the meeting decided to make a collection for the Keren Hayesod, and the sum of £33 12s. was eventually subscribed.

A particularly pleasing feature of the evening was the presence of a number of non-Jews, one of whom, Mr. J. N. Kotze, enthusiastically supported the suggestion of a contribution and himself made a generous donation.

The meeting concluded after a vote of thanks to the speakers had been moved, after which Mr. M. Shapiro very kindly provided refreshments.

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Mr. B. Volks, Chairman of the Paarl Hebrew Congregation, and other speakers thanked Mr. Mierowsky for his presence and the valuable information he had given, and promised to support the Board by an annual contribution besides the affiliation fees.

Mr. Mierowsky left Paarl on Monday for Worcester and Malmesbury.



ANTIQUARIAN DISCOVERY IN ENGLAND.

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of Queen Marie de Médicis of France; beauties like Sarah Coppia Sullam, and patricians flocked to the Ghetto; Princes of the blood, like Henry III. of France. But Englishmen cannot fail to associate it with one name in particular—that of Shylock. Many have visited the old scuola spagnuola at Venice in order to re-evoke his memory. But that stately old place of worship, as we have seen, dates from after Shakespeare's death, and nothing is left in Venice of the structure which preceded it.

However, by a curious chain of circumstances, the central object in its worship found its way to England, and, in a dark cellar under Seven Dials, it is now, for the moment, possible to gaze upon that magnificent shrine before which Shylock, had he lived, must have prayed, and on which the grey eyes of Jessica, thinking of other things, peered down dreamily from behind the lattice of the women's gallery.

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