

evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Zulman. Mr. J. Elios presided, and after the lecturer's address a new committee was elected, with Mr. S. Segal as convener and Mr. I. Lewenstein honorary secretary. A junior branch was also formed, Mr. Lewenstein kindly consenting to act as supervisor. A successful evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by the chairman.

Balfour.

The following day Balfour was reached, Mr. Rendel being met at the station by Mr. M. Brener, president of the congregation. During his stay in the town he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. Brener. The meeting of the community was held the following evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Malkin, Mr. M. Brener, as president of the congregation, taking the chair, supported by Mr. Ch. Kaplan. After the lecturer's address, which was very attentively listened to, a new committee was elected for the branch as follows:—Chairman, Mr. G. Shapiro; treasurer, Miss D. Malkin; hon. secretary, Miss M. Dinkin; committee, Miss B. Bernstein, Mrs. F. Traub and Miss F. Lurner. A junior section was also established, with Miss Dinkin as supervisor. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, and Mr. M. Klotz, of Johannesburg, tendered a similar compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Malkin for the use of their residence for the meeting, and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings. On leaving Balfour for Greylingstad, Mr. Rendel was farewelled by Messrs. Brener, Shapiro, Malkin and Klein.

Greylingstad.

On arrival at Greylingstad on Sunday afternoon, December 17th, Mr. Rendel was met by Mr. M. Serebro, and a private interview took place with the members of the community. A branch was established, with Miss A. Serebro as hon. secretary. A junior section was also established. Mr. W. R. Levin kindly undertook to give every assistance.

Volksrust.

The following day (Monday) Mr. Rendel arrived at Volksrust, being met by Mr. H. Serebro. The same evening a well-attended meeting was held in the Synagogue, Mr. C. Hermer presiding. The Chairman introduced the lecturer in a few well-chosen words, and also paid a well-deserved tribute to the good work for the fund done in the past by the Misses Fine and Berman. A strong new committee was formed, comprising the following:—Miss S. Fine (chairman), Miss I. Berman (hon. secretary), Mr. L. Cohen (hon. treasurer), Mrs. L. Lewis, Misses R. Zulman, F. Lewis, and Mr. M. Sholakoff. Mr. H. Serebro kindly undertook to act as supervisor for the junior section, which was also formed.

Vryheid.

Mr. Rendel reached Vryheid on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 20th, and addressed a gathering of the Jewish children in the Synagogue, the meeting being presided over by Rev. N. Ettinger, supported by Mr. R. Skuy. After he had outlined the scheme for the organisation of the children's collections, the children themselves elected from among their number four captains as follows:—Master George Shapiro, Herbert Coblants, Misses Gertie Konigsfest and Annie Levinsohn. The Rev. Ettinger undertook to act as supervisor. Miss M. Davidson, of Piet Retief, on behalf of the children, expressed their thanks to the lecturer.

In the evening the adults assembled to listen to an address delivered under the auspices of the Jewish Ladies' Society by Mr. Rendel on the position of the East European Jews and on the needs of the fund. The Chairman of the Congregation, Mr. A. S. Alleson, presided, supported by the Rev. Ettinger and Mr. L. Fortes, and introduced the lecturer. After Mr. Rendel had given an exhaustive exposition of the activities and history of the fund and had described some of the scenes which were of daily occurrence among our suffering co-religionists, he proceeded to dispel some of the myths that had been disseminated concerning the fund. Several questions were put to him, which were answered to the complete satisfaction of the audience. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed in eloquent terms by the chairman, seconded by Rev. Ettinger, and Mrs. M. Salminis, on behalf of the ladies, expressed their thanks to the lecturer. A branch committee was elected as follows:—Chairman, Mrs. M. Salminis; vice-chairman, Mrs. A. Sandler; hon. secretary Mrs. M. Konigsfest; committee, Mesdames R. Levinsohn, H. Coblants, F. Levine, C. Speer, M. Shapiro, S. Schlesinger, M. Hotz.

Amersfoort.

On Sunday, December 24th, Mr. Rendel addressed a mass meeting of the Jewish community in Amersfoort at the Central Hotel, kindly lent by the Chairman of the Congregation, Mr. N. Savitz, who occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. M. S. Hurwitz. A branch committee was elected, consisting of Mr. N. Savitz (chairman), Mr. B. Shefts (hon. secretary and treasurer); committee, Messrs. I. Kady, S. Levinstein and C. Swirsky. A junior branch was also formed, with the Rev. Hurwitz as supervisor. Votes of thanks to the chairman and lecturer concluded the proceedings. As a result of a ball recently held here, of which Mr. Sol Frank was the energetic hon. secretary, a sum of £100 was realised.

Trichardts.

Mr. Rendel arrived at Trichardts on Sunday, December 31st, and a meeting of the local community was held the same afternoon at the hotel, by kind permission of the proprietor. Mr. J. Dorfan, the chairman of the congregation, presided, and, after the lecturer's address, a fund branch committee was elected as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. Dorfan; hon. treasurer and secretary, Mrs. J. Sulski; hon. collector, Rev. S. Kopelovsky. A junior branch was also formed, with Mrs. Sulski as supervisor. It was reported that nearly £80 was realised as a result of the ball recently held here.

Kinross.

After the meeting Mr. A. Salkov took Mr. Rendel in his car to Kinross, where the same evening he met the local fund workers and members of the community at the residence of Mr. J. Dorfan. The latter was appointed chairman and treasurer of the branch, with Mrs. L. Stein as hon. collector and secretary.

Leslie.

The following day Mr. Rendel arrived at Leslie, where he had a private interview with the Jewish residents, and Mr. P. Gerber, of Leslie Hotel, was appointed hon. collector and secretary of the branch.

Devon.

Later that day Mr. Rendel reached Devon, where a meeting of the Jewish residents was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Rosen. Mrs. Rosen was elected hon. secretary and collector of the local branch.

REPORTS FROM ALL PARTS.

Amersfoort.

The Jewish ladies of Amersfoort recently gave a ball in aid of the Orphans' Fund, which was a brilliant success in every way, and enabled them to send no less than one hundred guineas to the head office of the fund in Johannesburg. The able secretary of the function was Mr. Sol Cohen, who was also responsible for the decoration of the hall, the decoration scheme including a large dome in the centre so arranged as to give a sky effect with moon and stars, the electric light of which provided illumination for the smart frocks of the dancers. There were about 200 present. The music was supplied by the U.P.C. Jazz Band, and the excellent supper by the Jewish ladies. Mr. E. Green, the D.C., expressed the thanks of the Jewish community for the support given by the public in making the function a success. Several gifts were sold by American auction by Mr. C. de Jager. These included a gold wristlet watch donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Pastall, senior, a cut-glass bottle of lavender water by Mrs. Henry Treisman, a box of chocolates by Messrs. Rubin and Swartzman, and a huge iced cake made by little Miss Annie Sawitz.

Bertrams.

This branch acknowledges with thanks the receipt from Mr. and Mrs. J. Woolf, on the occasion of their wedding, of a donation of £5 5s. towards the Palestine Orphans' Fund.

Bloemfontein.

Included in the £250 received from the Bloemfontein Branch in January was an amount of £166 14s., received by that branch for the Ukraine orphans from Mr. B. Wilder, being the proceeds of a bazaar held at Edenburg, O.F.S. The Edenburg community are to be congratulated on so splendidly successful a result of their function, for which the Executive Committee of the Fund are indeed very grateful.

Harrismith.

The grand ball which took place on November 28th, given under the auspices of the Jewish War Relief and Orphans' Fund, proved a great financial and social success. The Town Hall, beautifully decorated and under the glorious strains of the U.P.C. Jazz Band, was filled to its utmost, and the dancers found it no easy task to dance their way through the crowded hall. A grand spirit of sociability prevailed, and the efforts made by all those responsible were a great credit to the Jewish community. Both Jew and Gentile entered into the spirit of the evening's entertainment whole-heartedly, and it may truthfully be said that it was the ball of the season. The Mayor of Harrismith, Mr. J. S. Haumann, is specially to be thanked for the genial manner in which he officiated that evening, and for the kind words expressed on behalf of the Jewish community. The supper was magnificent, and special thanks are due to the untiring efforts of the ladies in charge of the catering, as well as to all who generously helped to make this so great a success. It is estimated that the Ukraine orphans will benefit by this dance to the extent of 100 guineas, as small amounts are still coming in for the sale of tickets. It is hoped that this grand dance will be an annual affair.

Johannesburg.

A donation of £52 10s. has been received by the United South African Jewish Relief Fund from Mr. L. Suzman, of Johannesburg, half for overseas orphans and half for general relief, for which the committee are very grateful.

A very successful children's bazaar in aid of the Jewish Orphans' Fund was organised by young Jewry of Ophirton and district, and held on Wednesday of last week at the Booyens school. As a result the sum of £33 was handed to the head office of the fund, half being devoted to the Palestine Orphans' Fund and the other to the general relief of the orphans in Eastern Europe. Great credit is due to the young people who organised the function, of whom Master H. Sopher was hon. secretary; Master A. Friedman, chairman; and Master T. Feinberg, hon. treasurer; and they desire to thank the merchants for their donations in kind which helped to make the affair a success.

Reitz.

The head office of the fund has received from Mr. L. Uday, the hon. secretary of the Reitz branch, the sum of £31, which is gratefully acknowledged.

Senekal.

A picnic in aid of the Jewish orphans was held here on the 25th ult., under the auspices of the Senekal Junior Orphan Society. In the absence of Miss Smulowitz, the local supervisor, the arrangement, etc., of the picnic was in the hands of the vice-president, Nathan Rosenthal, and the secretary, Jack Dwolatzky. For the small attendance the picnic was a huge success, £4 1s. being the net proceeds. Messrs. Lange, Mark, and Rev. Isserow, and Miss Diamond gave eloquent speeches explaining the need of helping the orphans. In the competitions the prize-winners were as follows:—Throwing the cricket ball, Jossie Rosenthal; guessing competition, Rosie Maisel; egg and spoon race, Nathan Rosenthal; boys under 17 race, Nathan Rosenthal; ladies' threading-the-needle race, Miss Rosenthal; men's race, L. Boner and Mr. Rewald (dead heat); three-legged race, Jossie Rosenthal and Jack Dwolatzky; Jewish stories, 1st Miss Diamond, 2nd Jack Dwolatzky. A raffle of two boxes of chocolates was also held, the winners being Mrs. Milner and Mr. Grieff. At the conclusion, Mr. Rewald gave an eloquent speech, thanking those present for the interest taken. The picnic terminated with the singing of "Hatikvah," and all present testified to the success of the outing. Many thanks are due to Miss Diamond and Rosy Maisel (both visitors from Johannesburg) for their untiring help and great interest taken in order to ensure the success of the charitable function.

Trichardt.

The Jewish community of this town, with Mr. J. Dorfan as chairman, Mr. M. Poplak as treasurer, and Mrs. Sulski as hon. secretary, organised a ball recently in aid of the fund, which proved a great success in every way. A profit of over £80 was made, the function including a competition for a pair of cushions, the winner being Mr. L. Maisel. The local committee wish to thank all who kindly assisted.

Worcester.

A general meeting of the local branch was recently held under the chairmanship of Mr. L. Goldberg. The balance sheet for the year ending October, 1922, showing a revenue of £194 6s. 3d., of which was sent to the Cape Relief Fund £167 and cash in hand £25 16s. 9d., was adopted. The Chairman thanked the public for the support received in the past, and also the retiring secretary for his good work. The Rev. N. Stein then took the chair, and the following were elected:—Chairman, Mr. A. Traub; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. Lange; hon. secretary, Mr. S. Gaibelson; committee, Messrs. J. Wilk, J. Rabinowitz, M. Broude, I. Serkin and B. Sher; hon. auditors, Messrs. Shandling and I. J. Senitzky. The newly elected chairman having taken the chair, expressed his thanks to those present, and also the hope that the community would continue to support the fund as much as possible, as there was great need for doing so.

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