

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY.

EDITORIAL NOTICE.—In view of our limited space, Secretaries of Societies and others sending Reports for insertion in these Columns or in our other Local News Columns must make them as brief as possible.

Aliwal North.

On July 28th a social was held in the I.O.G.T. Hall, under the auspices of the Zionist Society, and was attended by practically the whole of the local community. The social was held with the object of discovering local talent, and proved a great success. Thanks are due to the following artistes:—Misses J. Becker, B. Symon, J. Barnard, R. Becker, Z. Becker, H. Barwin, A. Selkon and B. Sweidan, Messrs. K. Seligmann and A. Apple, and to the Jewish Orchestra, comprising the Misses F. Levy, R. Gerber, B. Sweidan, and Masters J. Barwin and S. Becker, who rendered many Jewish selections. It is proposed to hold similar functions monthly, whilst arrangements are also being made for debates on Jewish subjects.

Beaufort West.

Dr. Olsvanger arrived here on July 12th and was cordially welcomed. The same evening a public meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, where Mr. I. Traub presided over about fifty members of the local community, and introduced Dr. Olsvanger, who delivered a stirring and impressive address. As a result it was unanimously decided to form a Zionist Society, the following officers and committee being elected:—Chairman, Mr. M. Garb; hon. treasurer, Mr. N. Dubowitz; hon. secretary, Miss A. Traub; committee, Mesdames Orman, Cooper and Bernitz, and Messrs. Pincus, Soskin and H. Horwitz. Thirty guineas was contributed at the meeting to the Keren Hayesod.

Capetown.

GREETINGS TO CONGRESS.

On Sunday evening a well attended meeting was held in the Alhambra Theatre by the combined Capetown Zionist Societies to mark the opening of the Thirteenth Zionist Congress at Carlsbad. Mr. M. Gurland, vice-chairman of the Dorshei Zion Association, who presided, emphasised in his opening remarks the present necessity of parties sinking their differences at the Congress and coalescing for the better carrying out of the great purposes of the movement. Mr. J. B. Shacksnovis said that Dr. Theodor Herzl, the founder of the Zionist movement, had manifested his statesmanship in creating the Congress, which was the Jewish Parliament. There he had collected all the individual voices of protesting Jewry and made of them one voice—that of the Jewish people. Continuing, the speaker asked his hearers to take stock of themselves and to be loyal to those who were leading; they could then look forward to a Jewish Parliament not in Carlsbad but in Palestine. He moved a resolution of greeting to be sent to the Congress. Mr. B. Rubik, in seconding the resolution, likened the Congress to the traditional Day of Atonement, a day of reckoning when a confession of failings is made, but which ends on a note of confidence and hope. It was

a misfortune that the opportunity offered by Great Britain had found the great masses of Jewry in Eastern and Central Europe unable financially to assist; otherwise, Palestine would have already been half built. Yet after assessing the phenomenal successes of the last few years, the ultimate realisation became only a matter of time. They were fortunate that the Eastern policy of England and their aims lay in parallel lines. Eastern European Jewry was like Tantalus of Greek mythology who, standing chin-deep in water, yet could not drink. They were, so to speak, in a sea of freedom amongst the new independent nationalities, yet to them that freedom was still denied. Their combined efforts were, therefore, necessary to reach the goal and all parties should be welcomed. Adv. J. Herbstein, in supporting the resolution, deplored the fact that Jews seemed to give readier ear to the vapourings of anti-Zionists than to the heartening reports of Palestine achievement given by responsible British statesmen like Lord Milner. The latest statement of the Duke of Devonshire, the Colonial Secretary, should remove misgivings. He went on to deal with the problems confronting the Congress. Dr. I. Olsvanger, who followed, stressed the importance of Zionism and a blossoming Palestine for the spiritual sustenance of the South African Jewish youth. The nations were with them in their strivings, even in Central Europe, where the British mandate might have been expected to have been regarded with suspicion. The speaker went on to pay a tribute to General Smuts, to whom not only South African Jewry but Jews the world over owed a debt of deep gratitude for his staunch and never-failing support of their cause, not only in public, but also on many private occasions of which the public heard nothing. Continuing, the speaker admitted that the Arab question was a difficult one, but it was not insoluble, and signs were not wanting that the Palestine Arab anti-Zionist agitation found little favour in Arabic responsible and diplomatic circles. Jewish relationship with the Arabs was no superficial one dictated by political exigency, but found its roots in spiritual ground and a common veneration for the Jewish learned men of the middle ages, the time of Arabic splendour. The resolution was then put and carried with acclamation.

We regret that in the report of the activities of the Dorshei Zion Association, published in our last issue, we omitted to refer to the numerous occasions on which Dr. Olsvanger readily assisted the Association by means of lectures and addresses. In the list of the newly-elected committee, "Adv. J. Herbstein" should read "Mr. M. Herbstein."

Johannesburg.

The S.A. Zeire Zion has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the following amounts for the Jewish

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National Fund:—Collected at the engagement of Miss D. Lachman to Mr. S. Ginsberg, £3; collected at wedding of Miss Band and Mr. Woolfson, £4 5s.

Kaallaagte.

Mr. J. R. Koseff has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the sum of £4 10s. 6d., which amount his little daughter, Sarah, took out from her money-box on her birthday and gave to the fund for transferring Jewish orphans from Eastern Europe to Palestine.

Kimberley.

The annual general meeting of the Griqualand West Ezrath Zion Association was held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, 29th July. Dr. Zweiback, president of the Association, presided over a fair audience, and the proceedings were marked by much enthusiasm.

After sympathetic references to the late Dr. Nordau and Eliezer Ben Jehuda, and also to Miss Rose Blumenthal, whose untimely death had robbed the Association of a young and ardent member, the chairman gave a general review of the position of the movement. He referred to the important agricultural and industrial factors which had been launched in Palestine mainly as the result of the collections of Zionist funds throughout the world, to which South Africa had contributed its full share. He concluded by thanking his hard-working committee for the support they had given him during the past year.

The election of the new committee resulted as follows:—President, Mr. A. Slosberg; vice-presidents, Mr. K. Jacobson and Mr. H. Kremer; treasurer, Mr. H. Stoller; trustees, Messrs. R. Awerbuck and B. Klenerman; hon. secretary, Mr. I. W. Sapiro; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. S. Perlo; committee, Messrs. L. Levinsohn, M. Allen, J. Maresky, L. Segal, I. Broude, L. Davis, jun., E. Bloom, J. Imberman, H. Senderovitz, Mesdames H. Senderovitz, R. Awerbuck, K. Jacobson, H. Stoller, and the Misses R. Sapiro and D. Levinsohn.

The incoming president, in thanking the members for his election, promised his best efforts on behalf of the cause, and paid a tribute to the services of Dr. Zweiback, and his proposal that this gentleman be elected life honorary president of the Association was unanimously adopted. After a few items of local interest had been disposed of, the meeting terminated.

The nineteenth annual report and cash abstract, which were adopted at the meeting, describe the various activities of the Association in the form of propaganda, fund raising and social functions. In all of

these directions some improvement was revealed as against the previous year. The hope was expressed that the Junior Zionist Society and Guild would again embark upon a flourishing career. The report concludes with mention of the good services rendered by the various officials of the society.

The Joseph Kessler Yiddish Co. recently visited Kimberley and presented several plays to audiences, which, although lacking in numbers, greatly appreciated the performances. In the company's repertoire "Back to His People" is of particular interest to Zionists, and the opinion is expressed in Kimberley, as it has been elsewhere, that plays of this nature are of immense service in arousing Jewish patriotism and nationalism in the most apathetic of our co-religionists.

Livingstone.

The Herzl Zionist Society has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the amount of £44 3s. 6d., being monthly instalments for the Keren Hayesod for April, May and June.

Middelburg (Transvaal).

At a Committee meeting of the Hebrew Congregation held on Sunday, August 12th, a vote of condolence was passed to Mr. and Mrs. A. Bloom and family in the sad loss of their infant son Gerald. A vote of condolence was also passed to Mrs. W. Brenner and family in the loss of husband and father, Mr. W. Brenner, who passed away on July 30th aged 60 years; whilst a similar vote was passed to Mr. and Mrs. C. Israel on the sad loss of their only son Joseph Lazarus Israel.

Port Elizabeth.

The local Keren Hayesod has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the sum of £170, being further on account of local donations to the Keren Hayesod. The amount includes several items of payments in respect of outstanding pledges to the Palestine Restoration Fund.

Pretoria.

The Zionist Guild has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the amount of £38 3s. 3d., being the result of a recent clearance of National Fund boxes. Details will be found in our acknowledgment columns.

The total number of boxes cleared was 28, so that the average yield per box was very gratifying.

Smithfield.

The Zionist Federation has received per Mr. A. Schwartz, of Bloemfontein, the amount of £8 18s. 6d. for the Palestine Orphans' Fund, being the total of a collection made by Mr. W. Winer, of Smithfield, from the Jewish residents of that town. Details will be found in our acknowledgment columns.

Somerset East.

On July 4th a Herzl memorial meeting was held under the auspices of the Zionist Society at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. Baker. Rev. Gottlieb delivered an address on the life and work of Dr. Herzl.

The president, Mr. L. A. Levin, made an appeal for subscriptions of trees for the Herzl Forest Fund to perpetuate Dr. Herzl's memory. In response to his appeal 40 trees were donated, details of which will be published in due course.

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At the conclusion of the evening, the hostess presented a cake to be sold by American auction in aid of the Ukrainian Jewish Relief Fund, the sale realising £4 9s. The usual vote of thanks and the singing of "Hatikvah" concluded the evening.

Some time back, Mrs. L. A. Levin raffled a pair of bronze statues in aid of the Relief Fund and realised the amount of £10 2s. 6d.

The above-mentioned donations and collections, as well as the amount of £7 7s. 6d., being junior collections for the Russian Orphans' Fund, have reached the Zionist Federation.

Strand.

Under the auspices of the Strand-Somerset West Zionist Association, a Herzl memorial meeting was held in the Synagogue, Strand, on Sunday, July 8th. Rev. Shlomow read the service and gave a short account of the life-work of Dr. Herzl, emphasising his zeal and self-sacrifice in the face of overwhelming difficulties. Like Moses, he was not destined to enter the Promised Land nor to live to see realised his vision which is now so near to attainment, had we but that self-sacrifice and tenacity of purpose of which he was the embodiment. Dr. Isaacson, who spoke next, dwelt on the political aspect of Dr. Herzl's work. He was not merely a great visionary, but "Der Judenstaat" showed with what minuteness he had planned the functioning of what was to be a modern democratic state. The growing strength of the Labour Party in Great Britain was of good augury for the support of the English people. The chairman, Mr. H. M. Jaffe, closed with an appeal for the Herzl Forest Fund, in response to which a large number of those present made donations of trees.

Uniondale.

At the marriage of Miss B. Ryan to Mr. R. Allen, which recently took place in Uniondale, a collection was made for the Keren Hayesod in the name of the young couple, which realised £10 13s. 6d. The details of the donations will be found in the acknowledgment columns of our next issue.

Wolmaransstad.

The following donations were made to the Keren Hayesod on the occasion of Dr. Olsvanger's recent visit:—Messrs. Kaplan & Paradise, £25 4s.; Messrs. I. Gordon, £12 12s.; H. Bach, £12 12s.; J. Paradise, £6; J. E. Baum, £6 6s.; L. Singer, £5; Mrs. J. Hyman, £6 6s.; and Mrs. A. Lewinsohn, £6 6s.

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