

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.

Bloemfontein.

Mr. M. L. Genussow recently delighted a Bloemfontein audience with an address on Zionism, delivered in the Synagogue, under the auspices of the local Zionist Society.

Mr. Genussow, who spoke in Yiddish with a sincerity and homeliness that won the hearts of the listeners, outlined very clearly the position of the Jewish nation and the importance of the Jewish national movement.

The speaker commenced by saying that all the world over the position of the Jews was becoming increasingly difficult, and he dwelt on the fact that the various nations clearly intimated, whether with subterfuge or otherwise, that the Jews were not wanted.

Meanwhile the Jews in Eastern Europe were gradually becoming exterminated, and with all other countries barred against them were left without any means of saving their national being.

The speaker sketched very vividly the position of the Jews in Russia, where in those parts where Pogroms are not rife a much worse method is being adopted, that of killing by insidious means the Jewish spirit.

As an instance of this the speaker mentioned that in many places Hebrew was forbidden, and the Synagogues were being turned into Communist meeting places.

In short, everything possible was being done to encourage Jews to renounce their Jewish nationality and religion.

The speaker showed how with the present impotence of the Jews in Russia and the devastated parts of Europe, the whole responsibility and obligation towards the Jewish race rested with the Jews in British and American territories.

Mr. Genussow spoke eloquently of Palestine, with which he is well acquainted, and said it was a mistake to think that the British Government were not carrying out the principles of the Balfour Declaration.

The matter now rested with the Jews themselves, and the only course was to support unselfishly the Zionist movement.

The Zionist Executive, continued the speaker, was in close touch with all the happenings in Palestine, and was working strenuously for any little improvement that could be effected.

Mr. Genussow concluded by appealing to the community to remember that Zionist workers expected no honour or thanks for the work they were doing, and asked that their efforts should be rewarded with a ready response.

After the speaker said a few words in English for the benefit of the younger members of the audience, Mr. I. Fogel, who occupied the chair, moved a vote of thanks, and expressed the feeling of the meeting in hoping that Mr. Genussow would at some future date address them again on Zionist matters.

The S.A. Zionist Federation has received per Mrs. A. Schwartz the sum of £20 contributed to the National Fund by Mr. Jacob Phillips for the inscription of the names of his wife and himself in the Golden Book. The donation was made on the occasion of the illness of a child of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips as Pidyan for its recovery.

Calvinia.

Mr. I. Karabus, secretary of the local Zionist Society, has left Calvinia to take up his residence at Beaufort West. In him the Community has lost a most energetic worker of great ability and thoroughness. For the past four years he was hon. secretary both of the Congregation and of the Zionist Society. The latter in particular was a labour of love to him, and it is mainly due to his efforts that the Society has attained its present flourishing condition.

The Congregation presented him on his resignation with a suitably inscribed gold watch, and many and sincere tributes were expressed on that occasion by the leaders of the Community and his colleagues.

The Zionist Society has expressed its appreciation of his services by inscribing his name in the Golden Book.

Mr. Karabus takes to his new home the respect and good wishes of all who knew him.

Capetown.

B'NOTH ZION SOCIAL.

The B'noth Zion Association held a very successful social in the Zionist Hall on Sunday night, the 12th August. The hall was tastefully decorated, and Mrs. Zuckerman presided over a large attendance. Every item of the musical programme was thoroughly enjoyed, the artistes being Miss Agranat (elocutionist), Miss Edith Richman and Miss Sarah Joffe (vocalists), Miss J. Isaacson ('cellist), Miss J. Zuckerman (pianiste), Mr. Shawzin (violinist).

During the interval a box of chocolates was raffled and realised a fair sum. In the second part of the programme Mr. Abrahams delivered a much appreciated address. The singing of "Hatikvah" brought a very pleasant and enjoyable function to a close.

Ceres.

GRAND BALL.

The Ceres Hebrew Congregation held its third annual ball in the Town Hall, Ceres, on the evening of 6th August. Over a hundred couples took the floor, and everything went with a delightful swing. The Resident Magistrate and Mrs. Muller and the Mayor and Mrs. Krige, with their usual kindly interest in all sections of the community, graced the dance with their presence. Many parties came in from Capetown, Worcester, Wellington, Paarl, etc., by train and motor to show their appreciation of the Ceres Congregation's efforts to raise money for charitable objects. The hall was most tastefully decorated, and the ladies provided excellent and ample refreshments. Marks' band ren-

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dered excellent music, and the floor being in splendid condition, dancing went on until the small hours. Altogether the dance was a huge success, and will enable the promoters to contribute a considerable sum to various charities. Thanks are due to the ladies of the congregation and the joint secretaries for their indefatigable efforts to make everything run smoothly and render the dance the great success it undoubtedly was.

Durban.

One of the most successful functions recently held in Durban was the reception tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Moscovitch and son, under the auspices of the Durban Zionist Association, on Sunday, July 1st, at the Alexandra Hall.

The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, the guests being received by Mr. L. Hart and Mrs. L. Davis, the leading officials of the Association. During the evening Mr. Moscovitch delivered an address on various Jewish matters, which was received with much applause. Musical items were rendered by the three Misses Isaacson and by Signor Puccino, whose contributions added much to the enjoyment of the function.

The singing of "Hatikvah" and the National Anthem closed a most successful evening.

The annual fancy dress ball of the Bnoth Zion under the distinguished patronage of General Smuts and the Mayor and Mayoress of Durban took place in the Town Hall on July 25th. The net proceeds of the function, which was in aid of the Jewish National Fund, came to the splendid total of £276 2s. 8d., which amount has been duly forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation.

Mrs. Lionel Davis was the organiser of the function, and she and her committee are deserving of the highest praise for the conspicuous financial and social success secured. The decorations and supper were on the most lavish scale.

The function was in the hands of the following committee:—President, Mr. Lionel Hart; vice-president, Mrs. Lionel Davis; joint secretaries, Mrs. Sam Schaffer and Mr. H. L. Jacobs; D.C., Mr. I. Kahn; M.C.'s, Mmes. B. Hoffenberg, S. Schaffer, P. Wilder, and Messrs. Chas. Levisohn, M. Kaplan, I. Strous and Joe Essers.

The Ladies' Working Committee consisted of the following:—Mmes. Hackner, Peskin, Schaffer, Wilder, A. Benson, Halaban, Kaplan, Rubin, Cohen, Kaplan, B. Hoffenberg, C. Levisohn, Kentridge, Lipinski, Geviser, Stern, Kantor, and Miss Shapiro.

The following comprised the Gentlemen's Committee:—Messrs. Hammerstein, J. A. Lewin, Stone, Schaffer.

The original stall for the sale of balloons was under the direction of Miss Shapiro, Mrs. A. J. Kaplan and Mrs. Festenstein.

Many of the 250 fancy costumes worn were really wonderful, and the judges had great difficulty in deciding upon the awards of the 26 handsome prizes which were provided.

Johannesburg.

WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE.

The League has been active during recent months, and the literary meetings have proved increasingly popular. The Chief Rabbi lectured on "The Mission of the Jewish Woman" at the July meeting, which took place at the house of Mrs. I. W. Heymann, who kindly offered hospitality. The lecture aroused keen interest, and was followed by a lively debate, in which Mesdames

Landau, Bernard Patley, Goldman and Goudvis participated.

Owing to the very large attendance at the July meeting, the committee decided that it was unfair to tax the hospitality of any one hostess to such a great extent, so they resolved to make the experiment of engaging the Berkeley Rooms for the August meeting, when Mrs. Selina Hirsch read a paper on "Jewish Welfare Work in New York." Mrs. Bernard Patley took the chair in the absence through illness of Mrs. Landau. Again there was a large attendance, and the new arrangement proved popular, as there was plenty of room, and tea was served at small tables, the charge being 1s. per head.

On Wednesday, 22nd August, many of the committee attended a meeting in David's Hall, Germiston, promoted by Mrs. Max Guinsberg, when a branch of the League was formed in that town. Mrs. J. L. Landau presided over the meeting, supported by Mrs. Bernard Patley. Mr. Benzion Shain gave an eloquent address in Yiddish, and Mrs. Goudvis spoke in English. A committee was formed, which will elect its executive later.

At the wedding of Miss Leah Kahn to Mr. Harry Jacob in Pretoria on Sunday, August 5th, £5 10s. was collected, which has been handed in equal shares to the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Orphans' Fund.

On Sunday, August 26th, in the Selborne Hall, at the celebration of the wedding of Miss R. Wolfowitz to Mr. L. Lange, a collection was made by Rev. W. Woolf, which realised £25, of which £8 has been handed to the Jewish National Fund, £8 to the South African Jewish Orphanage, and £9 to the Ferreira Talmud Torah.

Kimberley.

The newly-elected committee of the Griqualand West Ezrath Zion Association, under the chairmanship of the new president, held its first meeting on Sunday, 19th August. Members were welcomed by the chairman. The usual correspondence and business routine were disposed of. It was decided to raffle a set of *Graetz' History of the Jews* in aid of the Heren Hayesod and several enthusiastic lady and gentlemen workers were appointed for this purpose. It was decided to form an entertainment section, and the following gentlemen were meanwhile appointed as executive:—Mr. L. Davis, president; Mr. M. Allen, vice-president; and Mr. S. Perlo, hon. secretary. With the advent of new members, successful activities are anticipated in the near future.

We regret that in the list of the committee of the G.W.E.Z.A. published on page 32 of our last issue the name of Miss Ethel E. Sapiro was omitted, whilst the name of Miss R. Shapiro was wrongly given as Miss R. Sapiro.

Ladybrand.

The Zionist Society meets every month, when all subjects appertaining to Zionism are discussed, and debates are held at these meetings to strengthen Zionist funds.

On Wednesday, July 25th, the brismilah of the first-born son of Mr. and Mrs. Myer Sandler took