

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.

Benoni.

Under the auspices of the Benoni Dorshei Zion Association, a Maccabean social and dance was held at the Communal Hall, Benoni, on Saturday, 8th December, 1923, which was well attended. The Misses D. Baker, L. Katz and Swilling contributed to the musical portion of the programme, whilst Miss Freda Kahanowitz gave two recitations. Dancing followed and was continued till midnight. Mr. M. Toker acted as D.C., and the following ladies and gentlemen acted as M.C.'s:—Mrs. M. Joffe, Miss A. Bensohn, Dr. C. B. Shapiro and Mr. J. J. Fine. The committee wish to thank the Benoni Jewish Ladies' Society for their assistance, the artistes, and also all those ladies and gentlemen who contributed the refreshments for the function.

At a general meeting of the Dorshei Zion Association held on the 17th instant, the following officers and committee were elected for the ensuing term:—President, Mr. N. Kirschner; vice-president, Mr. M. Toker; hon. treasurer, Mr. I. Bader; hon. secretary, Mr. B. Segal; committee, Messrs. J. J. Fine, M. Oshry, Ch. Miller, W. Shames and Dr. Penn, Mesdames W. Shames, B. Segal, M. Joffe, Ch. Miller and Miss Abrahamson.

Bethlehem.

A very well attended meeting was held here on the 2nd instant which was addressed by Dr. Olsvanger, at which a new and very strong committee of the Zionist Association was elected, as follows:—President, Dr. S. Zavadier; vice-president, Mr. J. S. Jacobson; hon. secretary, Mrs. Bertha Rosenstein; committee, the Misses Jankelowitz and Dreyer, and Messrs. Zinn, Dreyer, Kaplan and Seligson.

Bloemfontein.

The local Zionist Association has been fairly active recently and several interesting functions have taken place.

Mr. J. Phillips, who recently returned from Palestine, gave a very interesting lecture on his tour, which was listened to by a very appreciative audience.

A reception was given on October 22 to Mr. L. Resnikow, who is the first Chalutz to leave Bloemfontein for Palestine. The reception took the form of a concert and dance, which was very well attended. An excellent programme was rendered by Miss G. Freedman, Miss R. Golding, Miss Schlossburg and Mr. A. K. Nyman, and speeches were made on behalf of the various Jewish bodies of the town, who were very well represented. Mr. Resnikow, in a very eloquent speech, appealed for more immigrants to go to Palestine. A collection for the National Fund realised over £17.

The National Fund film, "The New Jewish Palestine," was shown at the Town Hall on December 1,

and was well patronised; it produced an excellent impression, and enlightened everyone as to the splendid results of Zionist activity in our National Home.

The committee is concentrating strongly on the distribution and clearances of National Fund boxes, and earnestly appeals for the co-operation of the Bloemfontein Jewish public in this connection. It also appeals for more lady workers for the purpose of collecting the society's subscriptions.

The twenty-second annual general meeting of the local Jewish Helping Hand and Burial Society (Chevra Kadisha) was held on the 9th instant. Mr. T. Belfort presided over a good attendance. The members rose as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Jankielson, a founder and ex-president of the institution. The presidential report showed that there had been heavy calls upon the funds during the year, involving a total outlay of £347 2s. 5d. The committee, therefore, had a difficult year, and members were appealed to for further liberal support to enable the work to go on. The revenue account and balance sheet having been adopted, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. T. Belfort; vice-president, Mr. M. Moross; hon. treasurer, Mr. I. Sorokin; hon. secretary, Mr. N. Woolf; trustees, Messrs. O. Drobis and B. Levy; committee, Messrs. O. Drobis, M. Persky, M. Phillip, B. L. Herberg, L. Harris, Ch. Klein, S. Kaplan, S. Kibur, Sol Harris, P. Prades, S. Milliner, B. King, B. Levy. Mr. Ehrlich, president of the Bloemfontein Hebrew Congregation, spoke in eulogistic terms on the work of the outgoing committee, and appealed to the members to supply sufficient funds to enable the good work to be carried on.

The institution has affiliated to the S.A. Zionist Federation.

Boksburg.

The following ladies and gentlemen have been added to the newly elected committee of the East Rand Zionist Association:—Mesdames Saretzky and Hoppenstein, Miss. B. Plotkin, and Messrs. L. Berman and S. Stonefield.

Capetown.

The Dorshei Zion Association has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the amount of £291 10s. 9d. for the Jewish National Fund, full details of which will be found in our acknowledgment columns. The outstanding items are as follows:—Net proceeds of exhibition of film "The New Jewish Palestine," by the combined Zionist Societies, £73 1s. 4d.; clearance of National Fund boxes, £158 8s. 8d.; collected at the brismilah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Joffe, to inscribe the infant, Harry Mendel, in the Golden Book, £20; collected at the barmitzvh of Master Moses Shaskolsky to inscribe his name, £15; sundry collections and donations, £20 0s. 9d. We

CHANDLER'S Beer makes the Heart Joyful

take this opportunity of expressing appreciation of the services rendered to the fund by Messrs. H. Sandler and S. H. Michelson, who have on several recent occasions taken the opportunity of Simchas to make collections for the fund. We desire also to express our appreciation of the assistance rendered in the clearance of boxes by a number of gentlemen whose names will be found in our acknowledgment columns.

The *Government Gazette* of the 7th instant announces the appointment of Mr. Isaac Ochberg as Commissioner of Oaths for the Cape.

De Aar.

The following have been appointed the officers and committee of the local Zionist Association to hold office until the annual meeting in March next:—President and hon. secretary, Morris Hoffmann; treasurer, Mrs. Israel Blumberg; committee, Mesdames S. Blumberg, R. Blumenthal, M. Hoffmann, Misses Sonja Goldberg, F. Feldman, Reb. Simson, F. Feldman, Messrs. Robert Blumenthal and Israel Blumberg. Mrs. S. Blumberg has resigned the chairmanship of the Association, but remains a member of its committee.

Durbanville.

Mr. S. Borok, chairman of the local Hebrew Congregation, has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the sum of £16 ls. for the Jewish National Fund, contributed by the following donors, partly as offerings during the high festivals and partly at the brismilah of Mr. and Mrs. Borok's infant son, which took place on Shmene Azereth.—S. Borok, £7; Ph. Scher, £4; A. Scher, £2; H. Emdin, £1; M. Kotzin, Ch. Berman, each 10s. 6d.; H. Scher, junr., and H. Spiro, each 10s.

East London.

The following collections for the Jewish National Fund have recently been made:—At the brismilah of Cecil, second son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Cohen, St. Paul's Road, £2 3s. 6d.; at the wedding of Miss L. Apple and Mr. D. Levy, £4 5s. 9d. The committee of the East London Zionist Association desire through this medium to convey their best wishes and congratulations to the bride and bridegroom.

At the brismilah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Shechter, Quanza Street, a collection in aid of the National and Orphans' Funds was made, and sold by American auction, which realised the amount of £6, being bought in the name of the parents.

Germiston.

The Jewish National Fund film, "The New Jewish Palestine," was shown here on November 25. There was a very large and enthusiastic audience. The S.A. Zionist Federation has received the sum of £9 10s. for the National Fund, being net proceeds of the exhibition. The local ladies merit cordial thanks for the assistance rendered by them in connection with the arrangements for the exhibition.

Johannesburg.

DOORNFONTEIN ZIONIST SOCIETY.

The half-annual general meeting of this society took place on Sunday, December 2, at the Communal

Hall, Doornfontein. The chairman, Mr. A. Kirson, addressed the meeting, and expressed regret at the lack of enthusiasm displayed by the members of the committee during the period. He stated that all accounts and fees due by the society had been paid. Mr. M. Jaffe, hon. treasurer, presented the balance sheet, and expressed regret at the poor response by members in the way of subscriptions and in support of the functions which had been held by the society, the result being that the society's funds had dwindled to a very small figure. The report and balance sheet having been passed, the following officers and committee were elected for the ensuing half year:—Chairman, Dr. S. Mallinick; vice-chairman, Mr. Ch. Clingman; treasurer, Mr. M. Jaffe; joint hon. secretaries, Miss F. Braude and Mr. N. Bersohn; committee, Misses E. Klingman, Rubin, Bersohn, Mrs. Kirson, Messrs. Couzin, Lurie, Kirson, Meltz, Noriskin and B. Gering. The following were elected delegates to the forthcoming South African Conference:—Dr. Mallinick, Mr. A. Kirson, Mr. M. Jaffe, and Miss F. Braude. Dr. Mallinick took the chair and presided during the latter part of the evening, when a lecture entitled "Zionism in South Africa" was delivered by Mr. M. Kentridge, a vote of thanks to whom concluded the proceedings.

WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE.

The Women's Zionist League has forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation a sum of £10 for the Jewish National Fund, being part proceeds of a garden party recently held; also a sum of £50 for the Women's Maternity Wing in the Rothschild Hospital in Palestine, this amount having been raised as the result of a special appeal made to the league by Miss Henrietta Szold, who was previously in charge of the Hadassah work in Palestine.

SHMARYA LEVIN ZIONIST SOCIETY—CHANUKAH CONCERT.

The above society celebrated the festival of Chanukah on Sunday, December 2, by holding a Chanukah concert in the Yeoville Cinema Hall. After the lighting of the first Chanukah candle, Mr. M. Chissick sang "Degel Yehuda," and was ably accompanied by Mrs. Chissick on the violin, and Mrs. Measroch on the piano. The young Misses Sonia Davidow, Miriam Fisher and Phyllis Orsorp (pupils of the talented Miss Poppins Salomon) accounted for a number of very graceful dancing items, which were much appreciated by the audience. Miss Irma Wilson is to be congratulated on the charming rendering of the quartette by her youthful pupils, Misses E. and N. Lauer, B. Esakov (violinists) and C. Wulfahrt (pianist). Mr. Isaac Hersch entertained an appreciative gathering with his reading on Chanukah, selected from the humorous works of Sholem Aleichem, the Yiddish Mark Twain. Little Miss May Marinsky, the gifted and promising pupil of Miss Muriel Alexander, gave a remarkable display of her versatility in the rendering of three recitations. Mrs. David Mann sang in excellent form, and further pretty renderings of vocal items were contributed by Miss Bertha Cohen and Mrs. Monty Chissick. Mr. J. Stroobach played a violin solo. Miss Maryla Wulfahrt, who is a recent arrival from the continent, displayed a perfect mastery over her violin, and gave an impressive interpretation of three classical solos. Mrs. Ernest Solomon proved a very able and obliging

accompanist. The audience showed their appreciation by insisting on encores, which were given liberally. The singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King" brought the evening to a successful close. The committee wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the African Theatres, Ltd., and Messrs. H. Polliack and Co. for their loan of the stage scenery and the piano respectively.

Kimberley.

The local open-air Roof Garden Bioscope was crowded on Thursday evening, November 29th, to witness the absorbing picture play "Endurance," depicting the life and work of Herzl.

Rev. H. Isaacs and Messrs. A. Slosberg, M. L. Genussow and H. Kremer have been appointed the delegates of the Griqualand West Ezrath Zion Association to the forthcoming Zionist Conference.

Dr. S. Zweiback, for many years president, and now honorary life president of the Association, was elected at the last elections a member of the Cape Provincial Council, after one of the keenest contests in Kimberley history.

Mr. Barney Benischowitz has been elected a member of the Kimberley City Council.

Kingwilliamstown.

A special general meeting of the local Zionist Association was held on Sunday, the 4th instant, at the Synagogue for the purpose of electing delegates to the forthcoming Zionist Conference. The meeting was largely attended, and the president, Mr. D. Chedeckel, in welcoming the members and friends, expressed his pleasure at the good attendance, and then proceeded to explain the object of the meeting. Rev. L. Wolk, in a short address, referred to the significance of the forthcoming Conference, more especially in view of the presence of Mr. Nahum Sokolow, and said that no one who had the opportunity should miss this unique occasion. Mr. Morris Kramer and Mr. D. Chedeckel were appointed the Association's delegates, and two resolutions were passed, to be placed on the Conference agenda. The president announced the resignation of Miss S. Gershuny in view of her leaving the town. Much regret was expressed at her departure in view of her untiring services to the Association for several years past. Mrs. U. Leibowitz was elected honorary secretary and treasurer in her place.

At a special meeting of the local Zionist Association, held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. U. Leibowitz, on the 19th instant, the president, Mr. D. Chideckel, on behalf of the Association, presented Miss Gershuny with a handsome ink-stand suitably inscribed in token of appreciation of the valuable work done by her as hon. secretary and treasurer for the past few years. The president and Rev. Wolk paid high tribute to her able and zealous discharge of her duties, to which Miss Gershuny suitably replied. Miss Gershuny is leaving shortly for Capetown, where she will no doubt find much scope for carrying on her useful work in the Zionist cause.

Kroonstad.

The annual meeting of the Kroonstad Zionist Society was held in the Synagogue on Tuesday evening, the 27th November, 1923. The annual report and balance sheet were read, and duly adopted. The following executive and committee were appointed for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. S. J. Kaplan; vice-presidents, Rev. E. H. Matthews and Mr. S. Smulowitz; treasurer, Mr. P. Rabinowitz; joint hon. secretaries, Mrs. W. Kretzmer and Mr. W. Stein; ladies' committee, Mesdames L. Goldblatt, E. Jacobson, S. J. Kaplan, I. Rabinowitz, P. Smiedt, Misses Fanny and Eva Smulowitz; gentlemen's committee, Messrs. A. Hearn, W. Kretzmer, A. Melamed, E. B. Mirvis, I. Rabinowitz, A. Savage. Rev. Matthews and Mr. S. J. Kaplan were appointed delegates to the forthcoming Zionist Conference. The Society has done a great deal for the Keren Hayesod Fund, for which Miss Sadie Arenson worked very ardently in her capacity as hon. secretary. It was unanimously decided that Rev. Matthews' name be inscribed in the Golden Book as a mark of recognition for the ardent work he has done in the Zionist cause. After the meeting, Dr. Olsvanger delivered an inspiring address on the recent progress of Zionism. A vote of thanks to the chair and lecturer concluded a very interesting meeting.

Ladybrand.

On December 5, Dr. Olsvanger visited Ladybrand, being met by Messrs. H. Jacobson, president of the Zionist Society, I. Israel and M. A. Friedgut. That evening practically the whole of the Jewish community assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sandler, where Dr. Olsvanger delivered a stirring address. A general meeting was afterwards held, and the Zionist Society reorganised, Mr. H. Jacobson being elected chairman, Mrs. A. Friedgut secretary, with Mesdames S. Green and M. Pincus, Miss Steckoll, and Messrs. I. Israel, M. Sandler and M. Steckoll on the committee. Mrs. Friedgut was elected the Society's delegate to the forthcoming Zionist Conference, and a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Olsvanger and to the host and hostess terminated a pleasant evening.

The Society is at present engaged upon the work of calling in all outstanding donations to the Keren Hayesod, and hopes to be able to remit them all prior to the forthcoming Conference.

Maquassi.

The local Hebrew Congregation has affiliated to the S.A. Zionist Federation.

Naauwpoort.

The local Jewish ladies, though few in number, have formed themselves into a committee to work for the Jewish orphans. The committee consists of:—Miss Polly Lewin, and Mesdames I. Shakinovsky, R. Salkinder, D. Tobachowitz and M. Bobrow, with Mr. David Salkinder as secretary. They organised a bridge drive which was held at the Hutchinson on December 5, and proved a great financial and social success. All praise is due to the devotion with which the committee and secretary carried out their numerous duties, notably in the supply and serving of the refreshments. A

net profit of £21 7s. 6d. was realised, and at a meeting of the committee, at which accounts were wound up, it was agreed to divide the proceeds equally between the Cape Jewish Orphanage and the Palestine orphans.

Oudtshoorn.

The Chanukah entertainment given by the pupils of the Hebrew Primary School in the Gaiety Theatre on the 5th instant, revealed splendid talent, and was heartily enjoyed by a large audience. The feature of the evening was a play called "Pictures out of the Past." Four Jewish children have prepared a Christmas tree and are awaiting Santa Claus, when their grandmother and mother arrive, and the grandmother tells them that Jewish children celebrate Chanukah, and not Christmas, and proceeds to tell them the story of Chanukah, showing them pictures of how the Jews were persecuted in ancient times. These pictures then come to life. The first shows Mattathias and his followers in Modin, and his resistance against the orders of the Syrian king to worship idols. This scene ends with the old Jewish priest and his followers going to muster their forces. The next scene shows Hannah weeping over her seven sons, who have been killed for refusing to bow down to heathen gods. This scene called forth the most emotional acting of the evening. Next is shown Judas Maccabeus conducting his victorious campaign and establishing the Festival of Lights in commemoration of the Jewish deliverance. In the final scene nine little boys and nine little girls sing "Mooz Tsur." The following children took part in the play:—Sadie Davis, Mignon Lewin, Sam Agranat, Barney Agranat, Lily Goldberg, Blossom Berman, Isaac Shapero, Theresa Horwitz and Isaac Weinstein. Rev. M. Woolfson conducted the choir in the last scene, and Miss E. Maltz accompanied. After the interval, a short sketch in Hebrew was played, entitled "A New Present," the performers being Isaac Weinstein, Majorie Sacks, Harry Borkum, Isaac Shapero, Jack Finkelstein, Sydney Shapero, Barney Agranat, Walter Goldberg, Annie Redhouse and Ivan Sacks. The organisers and all those who worked so hard to make the evening so great a success deserve every credit.

Rustenburg.

The annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society took place on the 9th instant, in the presence of a fairly good attendance. After the balance sheet and financial report had been passed, the election of officers took place, with the following result:—Chairman, Mr. A. H. Wulfsohn; secretary, Mr. M. Klaff; committee, Messrs. J. Kadey, M. Kadey, F. Sholomir, S. Goldstein, H. Gawron. Amongst other business transacted, it was decided that the Society acquire two £5 shares in the S.A. Palestine Enterprise (Binyan) Corporation, Limited, and fifteen shares in the Bank Hapoalim. Mr. M. Klaff was elected the Society's delegate to the forthcoming Zionist Conference, and an important resolution aiming at the better working of Zionist Societies was adopted for submission at the Conference. A vote of thanks to the chairman, who suitably responded, concluded the proceedings.

The Society desires to extend its congratulations to Miss J. Sliom of Pretoria on the occasion of her marriage. Miss Sliom has been a frequent visitor to Rustenburg, and by her talented singing has con-

tributed very largely to the success of several Zionist functions held by the Society.

Somerset East.

The local Hebrew Congregation has made a donation of £70 to the Keren Hayesod, which amount has been duly received per the local Zionist Society by the headquarters of the fund in Johannesburg.

Woodstock—Salt River.

The South African Zionist Federation has received, per the Capetown Dorshei Zion Association, an amount of £51 5s. 6d. for the Jewish National Fund, being the sum total of offerings made by members of the Woodstock-Salt River Hebrew congregation on Yom Kippur.

Wynberg.

The local Zionist Association reports the following fund-raising activities at Simchas:—

At the brismilah of the infant son of Mr. S. Galloon on November 12, at Wilson Road, Wynberg, £5 10s. was raised by American auction, the buyer being Mr. Dresler of Claremont, in the name of the infant.

At the Pidyan Haben held the following week, the successful buyer at the American auction held was Mr. S. Hurwitz, Tulbagh, also in the infant's name, the total amount realised being £10 2s.

At the brismilah of the infant son of Mr. I. Gordon, Alfred Hotel, a donation of £5 5s. was made by Mr. Gordon.

The above-mentioned amounts were distributed amongst the Jewish National Fund and sundry South African educational and charitable institutions.

FIANCILLE.

KAMINSKY—NESTADT.—The engagement is announced of Annie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kaminsky, 135, Elston Avenue, Benoni, to Harry, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nestadt, also of Benoni.

Mr. H. Kaminsky is a foundation member and a member of the committee of the local Zionist Association; whilst Miss Kaminsky is also an earnest worker in Zionist and other local Jewish causes.

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