

District Reports

FORDSBURG-MAYFAIR.

The report of an affair from this district is not yet forthcoming. The committee is, however, busily engaged at present upon a whole series. The report speaks "of a surprise for members in the shape of a big affair to be held during next month in conjunction with another district."

The paucity of affairs do not appear to have affected the district adversely. The collection of subscriptions during the last month shows the creditable figure of 93 per cent.

PARKTOWN.

Parktown wishes to record the fact that in addition to those mentioned in the last issue, Mr. M. J. Gordon, the chairman, and Miss M. Goldberg also participated in the production of the "Critic."

The tennis tournament up to the time of writing had already attracted sixty entries.

A very successful inter-debate with Yeoville took place on the 14th September. The details of this appear under the Yeoville notes.

DOORNFONTEIN.

Further changes have been necessitated by the resignation of three members of the committee. The Misses R. Katz, R. Parmit and F. Linde have been co-opted on the committee.

The efforts of the district merited a greater measure of success than fell to their lot on the 24th of August on the occasion of the grand sacred concert. All the arrangements were in excellent order, but unfortunately a large audience was not forthcoming. An excellent concert was provided. The committee wishes to thank all the artists who contributed to the programme, and to Misses B. Beiles and Woolf, and to Messrs. Witkin, Rigal and Shulmann for the great success of the small sketch presented.

A literary afternoon was held on the 27th of August. There was a moderate attendance. A great variety of subjects were covered. A feature of the afternoon was a poem in Hebrew, recited by Mr. Shulman.

Mr. H. Rajak, the chairman of the district, is at present away at the Potchefstroom Training Camp.

YEOVILLE.

The Yeoville district has had its first successful affair since March on Sunday, the 14th of this month. Fully 100 members were present. The affair took the form of an inter-debate with the Parktown district, followed by a social. Miss Rososky, seconded by Mr. Lewsen, moved "That one must be a Zionist to be a good Jew." Mr. Maisels, seconded by Mr. Suzman, of the Parktown district, opposed. The motion was won.

Excellent concert items were rendered by Mr. H. Epstein, Miss R. Kowarsky, Miss H. Cooper and Miss Blanche Beiles. After this the members indulged in dancing, the music being supplied by Miss Kowarsky and Miss Marks.

This affair was arranged by the new committee of the Yeoville district, which has already commenced work in earnest. The committee is as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. Schwartz; secretary, Miss L. Schwartz; committee, Misses D. Marks, B. Hepker, R. Abramson P. Orkin and Messrs. D. Landau, I. Lipschitz, S. Lewesen, S. Kuper, Abramson and Freedman.

BEREA.

On the 7th of this month a general meeting was held in the Berea district for the purpose of electing a new committee. The attendance was very poor, and it was not possible to constitute a full committee. The following were elected:—Chairman, Mr. M. Maltz; secretary, Miss A. Saron; committee, Miss Wies, and Messrs. Kuper, Green, Maltz and Katz.

The committee met on Wednesday, the 17th, when it was decided to co-opt members to fill the vacancies on the committee. Mr. H. Cohen has already been co-opted.

The committee is arranging a large affair to take place on 11th October, full details of which will be announced later.

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lecture to the Jewish Guild, advertised for the same time, was rendered impossible by the non-appearance of the lecturer, and Mr. Cohn consented to speak before the combined audience. Mr. W. Levy, the vice-president of the Society, occupied the chair.

Mr. Cohn spoke for over an hour, and delivered a thoughtful logical review of the Jewish influence on civilisation. An interesting discussion followed in which several people participated.

PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR GREETING TO MEMBERS

Dear Fellow-members,

Another "small" year has been added to the century of our Goluth, and once again the Jewry of the world congregating in its temples to offer up its old-old prayers.

The brief hour of the Jewish New Year is perhaps the only hour when we Young Israel of South Africa become ourselves. When, having laid aside our tennis racquets, Latin grammars and our fountain pens, we open up our books of prayer, and read of kings and prophets, priests, Jerusalem, a land of Israel. And as we read, feeling of pride and honour surges up within us, a feeling which we neither fully understand nor pause to analyse.

This is an all-Jewish hour, an hour when in every one of us there is that wonderful feeling of sympathy and understanding, a feeling of fellowship and comradeship when we all again make those ancient resolutions and promises, when there are numerous honest hand-shakes, and we hail each other, fellow Jews, with "A Happy New Year."

In this Jewish hour I sincerely wish all members of my Society a happy and bright New Year; and my greeting to them is this: "Let us pause for a moment, firstly to congratulate ourselves that to our generation has fallen that magnificent task, for the accomplishment of which we have all joined under one bond, and secondly to realise the magnitude of that task, and our responsibilities."

NATHAN KRETZMER,
President.

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