

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY.

From Our Own Correspondents

BELLVILLE.

A general meeting of the Herzl Zion Society was held at the residence of Mr. B. Sacks, Bellville. A new committee was elected as follows:—President, Mr. G. S. Freedman; vice-president, Mr. N. Berold; hon. secretary, Mr. B. Abel; assistant secretary, Miss A. Cohen; hon. treasurer, Miss D. Becker; committee, Miss E. Rabinowitz, Miss F. Sive and Mr. I. Lehr. The financial and presidential reports were read by Mr. G. S. Freedman, who was in the chair.

BULAWAYO.

The seventh annual general meeting of the Bulawayo Junior Zionist Society was held in the Jewish Guild Memorial Hall on Sunday, 22nd ult. After congratulating the members of the Society who had been successful in their recent examinations, Mr. B. Baron, who occupied the chair, read his report of the year's activities.

He stated that the year now ending had been a most propitious one for the Society, and our activities had by no means fallen short of the high standard set in previous years. Of the functions held, he made special mention of the fancy dress ball which resulted in our donating £30 to the University Fund, and £20 to the Building Fund of the local Jewish Memorial Hall. Concluding, the chairman thanked the committee, and in particular the secretary, for the able manner in which they had supported him during the year; and also the Revs. Cohen and Weinberg for the valuable help and advice which they had given so freely.

This report was unanimously adopted, as was also that of the hon. secretary and treasurer which followed. This latter showed a credit balance of nearly £7—a very creditable sum considering the small subscriptions, and the expenses of the Society.

The election of officers which followed resulted in the following being returned:—President, Mr. B. Baron; vice-president, Mr. H. Baron; hon. secretary, and treasurer, Mr. H. Levin; committee, Misses H. Banet and A. Baron and Messrs. C. Whiteson, H. Banet, A. Beemer and I. Scher.

The business of the meeting concluded, the adjournment was followed by the usual social and tea.

CERES.

On Sunday, March 1st, the Ceres Zionist Society, in conjunction with the Young Israel Society, invited neighbouring Jewish communities to co-operate in holding a grand picnic. Their efforts were most successful, as no less than 421 Jewish people assembled at the foot of Bains Kloof. Thirty motor cars and lorries brought parties from Robertson, Worcester, Stellenbosch, Wellington, Paarl, Tulbagh, Porterville, Wolsley, Prince Alfred Hamlet and one arrived from Beaufort West. In spite of the discomfort of travelling in motor lorries, a large number of ladies attended, and a most enjoyable day was spent. The weather conditions were glorious, and the affair was a most happy re-union of the various Hebrew communities.

Mr. J. Gitlin, the secretary of the Capetown Dorshei Zion happened to be in the neighbourhood and, needless to say, was most heartily welcomed.

The site of the picnic is one of the beauty spots of the Cape, and those who had not previously been in the district were fascinated with the glorious scenery. The Breede River was cool and inviting, and bathing was the order of the day. A nice little sports programme was arranged and prizes awarded. For children under 13, the prizes for the 50 yards flat race went to Evelyn Cossick and O. Benitzky, both of Worcester. The 100 yards was won by M. B. Leader, and the three-legged race by the Misses R. and B. Shirkin all of Worcester. The long jump went to Suchet of Ceres. The great event was the Tug-of-War between Ceres and Worcester, and resulted in Worcester winning the doll, which is to be a floating trophy. A microphone from Ceres discoursed the latest music during the day, and before dispersing all joined in the singing of Mikvah.

£20 is being collected to have the picnic inscribed in the Golden Book.

OUTDSHOORN.

A meeting was held on Sunday, the 22nd ult., for the purpose of amalgamating the funds and activities of its various Jewish societies in Outdschoorn. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to appoint a committee to draft a report and scheme to see if the desirable result cannot be achieved.

On Saturday, the 28th February, the Barmitzvah of the only son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Subarsky, took place. Everybody complimented the Barmitzvah boy on a very creditable manner in which he read his Parsha.

On Saturday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Subersky entertained almost all members who attended school to breakfast and on Sunday night they entertained all their friends to a reception in the Luritz hall.

During the past year, the boys of the Hebrew School under the supervision of the headmaster, Mr. J. Hemer, has been conducting the Friday night and Sabbath services in the Hebrew School. At each of these services one of the boys acts as *Bal Tefillah*. A number of the elder members of the community were invited to the services to celebrate the first anniversary thereof on the 20th and 21st ultimo. Many were pleasantly surprised at the able manner in which the whole of the service was carried out by the boys.

PIETERSBURG—ZOUTPANSBERG.

On Sunday, March 1st, the second of the series of historical lectures was delivered by the president, Mr. H. Manaschewitz. The period covered was from the Exodus to the Conquest, and the lecturer went to considerable trouble to make the lecture clear and interesting. A map of the whole area was specially prepared by him, which considerably added to the interest. For an hour the interest of the whole audience, which was unusually large, was riveted to the details, and it can be safely said that the lecture was enjoyed and appreciated by everyone present.

It is a pity that we do not as yet possess a Reference Library to enable all those whose interest has been aroused to satisfy their craving for more knowledge. We trust, however, that this deficiency will be remedied during the current year.

PIETERMARITZBURG.

The Jewish Ladies' Guild held a successful whist drive on Sunday evening, the 15th ult. There was a good attendance, and the prize winners were Mr. Harold Gough and Miss J. Kirkel, whilst Mr. D. Sharchik and Mrs. W. Myers were the winners of the booby prizes.

Although the Ladies' Guild is newly formed, they have done much good work already. Thanks are due to Mrs. J. Gough, the president of the Guild, and to her committee ladies, for their hard and willing work for the various causes.

REITZ.

On the 11th ult. a bioscope film was shown, entitled "A Tour Through Jewish Palestine." Judging from a financial aspect, this was a great success; after deducting the amount of £4 16s. 6d. for expenses, a nett amount of £19 7s. 6d. has been realised and forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation for the Jewish National Fund.

Judging from the propaganda point of view in spreading among the adolescent of our community who, as South African born, are fortunate enough not to have witnessed the real horrors of the Diaspora, the film can be recommended to be shown in every town in the Union. It has the effect of bringing us, one and all, nearer to the place of the revival of activities in the Land of Israel, where the idealistic work performed by the *Chaluzim* and *Chaluzoth* is resuscitating our national home.

Thanks are due to the following ladies and gentlemen, viz., Mesdames W. Lazarow, Toubkin and Sher and Mr. B. Lazarus, who assisted in selling tickets, and also Mrs. B. Cutler and Miss Lily Sugerman, who were responsible for the music, which was highly appreciated. Thanks are also due to Mr. Hugh Middleton, the local-bioscope proprietor, for operating the film without any cost and for the great personal interest he took in the display of the film.

STELLENBOSCH.

On the 15th February Messrs. L. Matthews, L. Pincus and E. J. Horwitz, of the Judean Central Council, addressed a large gathering in the local Talmud Torah Hall. As a result of the meeting, several subscribers to *The Judean* were enrolled. During the evening musical and other items were rendered. A silver collection, realising £1 12s. 6d., was taken.

WELLINGTON.

The members of the Young Israel Society held a surprise party recently, the venue being the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Solomon. An enjoyable evening was spent in dancing to the strains of a gramophone, games for the younger members, etc. During the evening, a gramophone was raffled, Mr. J. Jacobs, of Paarl, being the lucky winner. As a result of the raffle, the National Fund has benefited to the extent of £2 2s.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Chairman of the Society expressed his thanks to those who had so generously contributed, and to Mr. and Mrs. I. Solomon for their kind hospitality.

CHANDLER'S Beer makes the Heart Joyful