

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY.

From Our Own Correspondents

MIDDELBURG (Tvl.).

The local branch of the United South African Jewish Chief Fund, has forwarded, per Mr. N. Brozin, to the head office in Johannesburg, the sum of £48 19s. 10d., being proceeds of its monthly collections, for which the Executive Committee is very grateful.

MIDDELBURG, C.P.

ERRATUM. — Acknowledgment February receipts—National Fund General: H. Allschwang, £1 ls., should have been Master Harry Shakinovsky, Naauwport, £1 ls.

PAARL.

The members of the Paarl Young Maccabean Society assembled on Huguenot Station on Friday, 27th March, to welcome the members of the Stellenbosch Y.I.S., Somerset West Y.I.S., and Worcester Y.I.S., who came to spend the week-end at Paarl. The visitors attended shul on Friday evening and Saturday morning. It being the Sabbath before the opening of the Hebrew University, Rev. H. H. Hertz delivered a very interesting sermon concerning the great event. An enjoyable social was held in the Talmud Torah hall on Saturday evening.

On Sunday a picnic was held on Mr. Back's farm. The whole Jewish community of the Paarl district participated in this affair, which helped to make it a social success. During the afternoon an interesting programme of sports was held. A dance was held on Saturday evening in the Talmud Torah hall. At the conclusion the chairman thanked the visitors, and hoped that the societies would not only amalgamate for social functions but also in furthering Zionist interests.

PORT ELIZABETH.

During the first two days of Passover, Rabbi H. H. Hertz preached twice in the Orthodox Synagogue, once during the service and again on the afternoon of the second day. Both his sermons displayed a wealth of rabbinical learning and were animated by a strong, healthy, national spirit.

PIETERSBURG.

On March 15th, a "Mock Trial" was staged by the Pietersburg Zionist Society. A few enthusiasts met together, wrote and produced the play. The result was an evening's enjoyment, which will be long remembered. Mr. W. Cohen was a solemn judge, while Mr. Palte acted well as the "limb of the law." Mrs. Palte acted as clerk of the court, and administered a variety of oaths to the witnesses, which scared them off the truth.

Messrs. M. H. Cohen, and B. Lipman as advocates of the defendant and plaintiff respectively, "sustained" the dignity of justice. Mrs. Mereine—the broken-hearted plaintiff—was humorously pathetic. Miss Appel, as Chipele Feltgelt, acted like a professional. Mrs. Manaschewitz had the dual rôle of the mother and the slavey, and was typical in both. Mr. Manaschewitz was excellent as the "Shadchan."

Mr. M. Miller, the defendant, and Mr. Mereine, as the detective were particularly humorous.

PRETORIA.

The Hebrew and History Circles of the Young Israel Society having been tried as an experiment for a very select few, and having proved to be a great success, the committee is now canvassing for more members for these circles, and it is expected that the membership will be greatly increased. A dramatic section is also being started. The Society's orchestra is being revived, and will soon be in full trim again.

SENEKAL.

A most successful bazaar was held on the evening of April 4th, organised by the Jewish ladies of Senekal on behalf of the Synagogue Building Fund. The bazaar was well attended, and great credit is due to the handful of workers in organising the function so successfully. As a result, the sum of £108 will be added to the Building Fund.

The Jewish community of Senekal celebrated the opening of the Hebrew University at Mr. L. E. Dwolatzky's residence on the evening of April 1st. Mr. M. Mark was in the chair. Various appropriate toasts were proposed by the chairman, Mr. Dwolatzky, Rev. Isserow, Miss Kellen, Dr. Narunsky, Mr. Schoschon, and Mr. M. v. d. Merwe (Boerbok). Mrs. Aserman spoke on Zionism. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

WEPENER.

A special collection was made in Wepener, O.F.S., by Mesdames Hesselberg and Levitt, for the South African Jewish Orphanage, as a result of which the local Hebrew Congregation forwarded the sum of £13 3s, to the Orphanage in Johannesburg, those contributing being as follows:— Mrs. J. Mallach, £2 10s. 6d.; Mrs. N. Hesselberg, £1 10s.; Mesdames A. Grieve, S. Levitt, £1 ls. each; Mrs. K. Goodman, £1; Mesdames J. Goldman, M. Goldman, B. Dubowitz, — Hirschowitz, S. and B. Reef, K. Stein, — Wiesner, — Shar, Messrs. Mallach and Geaser, 10s. 6d. each; Mrs. Balkind, 5s. Total £13 3s.

WORCESTER.

Mr. I. Lehr, of Capetown, lectured on Sunday afternoon, April 5th, before the members of the Junior Zionist Society at the Zionist Hall. Mr. Jacob Leader presided.

The lecturer spoke eloquently on the history of the Zionist movement leading up to the Balfour Declaration and the opening of the Hebrew University and the significance of this great event. An appeal was made by Mr. Lehr for support of the new Judean Magazine. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Rev. Stein and seconded by Mr. Senitzky.

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