FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own Correspondents.

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BENONI.

A successful box clearance was carried out by the United Hebrew Institutions of Benoni, amounting to £38 11s. 6d. Special mention should be made of the following box holders whose boxes yielded the fine totals marked against their names:—Messrs. N. Kirschner £3 0s. 6d.; H. Potash £3; S. Potash, 127 Princess Avenue, £2 14s. 9d.; M. Sacks 28 Russel Street, £2 1s.; W. Shames, 25 Cranbourne Avenue, £1 18s. 3d.: Dr. H. Penn 19s.; and Mrs. Levy, 116 Woburn Avenue, 19s.

BETHLEHEM.

On the 1st inst., a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Goodkind, under the auspices of the Bethlehem Jewish Cultural Society.

Mrs. Altshuller gave an interesting lecture on the life and work of the late Israel Zangwill. It was evident that the lecturer was well acquainted with her subject and her paper was most illuminating. Appreciation of the address was expressed by Dr. Krafchik and Mr. Jacobson. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Goodkind for her hospitality.

KIMBERLEY.

A meeting to commemorate the 26th Yahrzeit of Dr. Theodor Herzl was held in the Zionist Hall on the 20th inst., under the auspices of the Kimberley Zionist Society. Addresses were delivered by Mr. A. Slosberg, Rev. M. Konvisser, Adv. D. Cohen and Mr. A. Sacks (chairman of the Young Israel Society). The *Haskarah* was impressively intoned by Cantor Rudy and his choir.

Mr. Slosberg said that never in the history of the Zionist movement was the need for a guide more keenly felt than at the present time. In his lifetime Herzl was looked upon as a Utopian idealist. It was only after his death that the world realised the greatness of his vision.

Mr. Cohen gave a brief resume of Herzl's life, ideals and work, and appealed to Kimberley Jewry to perpetuate the memory of Herzl by contributing towards trees in the Herzl Forest.

Rev. Konvisser declared that Herzl died young in years, but immeasurably rich in achievement. They had seen the realisation of the dreams of Herzl, and must now make it a lasting reality. We must carry on our work in spite of set-backs, and redouble our efforts.

Mr. Sacks deplored the apathy towards the Zionism that exists, particularly among the younger generation, and expressed a hope for whole-hearted support and interest in the Zionist cause.

KOPJES.

A successful ball was held in the Bioscope Hall on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst. About 75 couples occupied the or, among whom were visitors from Kroonstad, Potchefstroom, eeniging, Parys, Vredefort, Wolvehoek, Bothaville and Heilnn. The function proved a great success both socially and ncially. The Synagogue Building Fund will benefit to the nt of £87 10s.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Shapiro kindly acted as host and hostess Mr. S. Kirsch proved a competent D.C. The committee nsible for the success of the function comprised Mesdames h and Goodman, the Misses Ray Ginsberg and Rose Sher Mr. S. Ginsberg. Special mention must be made of Mr. merman, who was responsible for the hall decorations. s are due to the ladies who so kindly provided the reents.

PHILIPPOLIS.

impromptu concert organised on the 2nd July by Miss Jacobson, of Philippolis, and Miss Julia Michels, of izabeth, the amount of 13s. was collected for the S.A. Orphanage, which has been forwarded to that institu-

TARKASTAD.

A Herzl commemoration service was held at the home of Mrs. Samuel Swartz. Mr. Max Klewansky was in the chair. The prayers were read by Mr. Handelson, the new Hebrew teacher. Dr. Julius Herman gave an account of the life of Herzl and the present day situation in Palestine. An appeal for the purchase of trees met with a satisfactory response.

VICTORIA WEST.

A dance, styled the "Grand Novelty Ball," unique in the annals of Victoria West, was held in the local Town Hall on the 8th inst. The hall was tastefully decorated.

A huge *Mogen Dovid* on the stage, electrically lit, showed up to advantage all the greenery and decorations. Many novelties in decorations were introduced, and with coloured light effects, the hall looked a veritable fairyland.

The function was organised by the indefatigable workers, Mesdames Jocum and Hirschberg, and proved a great success socially and financially.

After an address of welcome by Mr. Michael Jocum, the president of the congregation, dancing commenced to the music of the Victoria West and District Orchestra, and continued to the early hours of the morning.

As a result of the function, the sum of £150 was netted. This sum has been earmarked for the purchase of bench seats for the local synagogue.

WARMBATHS.

Last Sunday night, for the first time since the inception of the township, a public meeting of the Jewish community was held in Warmbaths. The purpose of the gathering was to form a local Zionist Society, and, incidentally, to listen to an address by Mr. Jack Alexander, who, happening to be in Warmbaths, had kindly consented to speak. About 100 people were present, the audience including a good proportion of visitors to the health resort. Mr. R. Zway, President of the local Hebrew Congregation, occupied the chair.

After a few introductory remarks on the objects of the meeting by the Chairman and Mr. I. Isakov, Mr. Alexander began his address. He pointed out, among other things, that a Zionist Society in Warmbaths would have more than the usual influence. Besides identifying local Jews with their people as a whole, and enabling the community to do its share towards the national revival, it would also affect large numbers of Jewish holiday-makers who come to Warmbaths annually from every part of the Union. These visitors arrive in a receptive mood. The pressure of business and social duties no longer monopolise most of their time. They would welcome and readily attend the various functions, entertainments, and even lectures which a local Zionist Society might organise. By these means not only would Zionist ideas be spread, but considerable sums might be raised for Jewish national funds. Although hitherto unorganised, Warmbaths Jews had already done their share in the past towards these funds. Once they organised themselves into a Society he was confident that they would be able to do considerably more.

Mr. Alexander then spoke in a moving manner about Zionist ideals and achievements in general. At the conclusion of his address a resolution that a local Zionist Society be then and there formed was carried unanimously, and the meeting then proceeded to the election of a committee. The following ladies and gentlemen were elected:—

Chairman: Mr. I. Isakov; Treasurer, Mrs. I. L. Isakov; Secretary, Mrs. A. Zeffert; Committee: Mesdames R. Zway and S. Israel, Messrs. I. L. Isakov and P. Joffe.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Mr. Jack Alexander for his address, to Mr. Zway for presiding, and to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph of the Residency Hotel, for the loan of the hall.

At the close of the meeting, the newly-elected Committee met and, together with Mr. Alexander, went into all details with regard to the formation of the Society, enrolment of members, subscription, affiliation to the Zionist Federation, plans for Jewish National Fund work, etc.