

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BEAUFORT WEST.

On Sunday, the 3rd inst., Adv. M. Alexander, K.C. whilst in Beaufort West on business, kindly consented to address a meeting of local Jewry. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Zionist Society and was presided over by Mr. I. Brock.

Mr. Alexander, after dealing with the life and work of Moses Montefiore, delivered an eloquent address on the future of the Jewish National Homeland, the ultimate realisation of which he felt assured.

The speaker then made an appeal on behalf of the Reconstruction Campaign for the relief of East European Jews.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Adv. Alexander for his most interesting address.

A bridge party, organised by the local Jewish women, was held on the 26th ult. in aid of the synagogue funds, and as a result the sum of £4 4s. was raised. An enjoyable evening was spent by all present, and it was decided to hold similar functions in aid of this fund each month.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. I. Brock, the host and hostess on this occasion, for their kindly hospitality.

BENONI.

Mrs. Ch. Miller, of Howard Avenue, gave a successful "At Home" on Wednesday, 29th ult., under the auspices of the Benoni Women's Zionist League. The sum of £12 was realised for Zionist purposes.

BETHLEHEM.

A pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldberg on Thursday, the 12th ult., by the members of the Jewish Cultural Society.

The meeting took the form of a Sholom Aleichem evening and after Rev. Altshuler had delivered a chronological review of Sholom Aleichem's life and works, he read three short sketches from the author's pen, which aroused much merriment amongst the gathering. Messrs. D. Gordon and Feinstein proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Altshuler. Mr. S. Isaacson also read excerpts from the author's writings which were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. Mr. Isaacson was suitably thanked by the Chairman.

Mr. W. Israel read an English translation of a more serious strain by the same author and compared his work with English contemporaries of the Victorian era, such as Dickens, Thackeray, Charlotte Bronte, Charles Read, George Elliott, Charles Kingsley and R. L. Stevenson.

After refreshments, kindly provided by the host and hostess, had been served, Miss Goodkind sang, accompanied by Miss Cohen.

On the 24th ult., an interesting paper was read by Dr. Goodman, of Paul Roux, entitled "The Ubiquitous Masquerade." The meeting took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jacobson, under the auspices of the local Jewish Cultural Society. The paper was admirably written and splendidly delivered, a feature of which was an essay on "Shadows."

When the subject of the paper was put open for discussion, several members took part, but could not contradict any of Dr. Goodman's well-founded arguments.

A hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess and to Dr. Goodman was then passed.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., a social was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. Shifren, under the auspices of the local Young Israel Society.

A piano solo was rendered by Miss L. Rosenstein, followed by a recitation by Miss S. Koseff and a song by Mr. J. Jankelowitz. A play, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, was read by the following members: Misses G. Jankelowitz, S. Hirschsohn and H. Cohen, Messrs. S. Jacobson, J. and E. Berman.

The society's thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Shifren, also to those members who helped to make the evening the success it was.

CRADOCK.

A number of farewell functions were held on Sunday, the 26th ult., prior to the departure of Rev. and Mrs. Goldberg and family for Windhoek. In the morning the local congregation presented Rev. Goldberg with a cheque, and felicitous speeches were delivered on this occasion by Messrs. S. Levenstein, M. Levinsohn and S. L. Kahn. Rev. Goldberg suitably responded. In the afternoon the Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, Mr. S. Levenstein, and Mrs. Levenstein entertained the local Jewish community, and good wishes were extended to Rev. and Mrs. Goldberg and family by Mr. Levinsohn, Mr. Chasan and Miss E. Thal, to which Rev. Goldberg replied in fitting manner.

In the evening a function was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Thal, when Messrs. Allschwang, Levinsohn and B. Kahn delivered addresses. Musical items were then rendered by the following: Miss E. Thal, Mrs. Mierowsky, Rev. Goldberg, Mr. Meyer Eliason and Miss N. Thal.

The best wishes are being extended to Rev. and Mrs. Goldberg and family upon taking up their new work in Windhoek.

GERMISTON.

Members of the Jewish community in general and Shekel payers in particular are reminded to attend at the Synagogue Hall on Sunday evening next, the 17th inst., at 8 o'clock, when a ballot for the election of South African delegates to the 17th World Zionist Congress will take place.

Rabbi I. M. Gervis, the noted lecturer, will deliver an address.

Speeches of a high order marked the meeting of the Germiston and Boksburg Young Israel Societies in the first round of the Transvaal Young Israel Oratorical Competition, which was held in the Germiston Synagogue Hall on Sunday evening the 3rd inst., presided over by Mr. I. Dunsky. Messrs. I. Swil and M. B. Massel spoke on behalf of Boksburg, and Messrs. D. Dunsky and E. Bernstein on behalf of Germiston. The competition resulted in a win for Germiston. Mr. E. Bernstein, who spoke on "Einstein, the Scientist and the Jew," was declared the best speaker of the evening.

Messrs. Z. Hareven, M. Kavenat and L. Rosen acted as judges.

KIMBERLEY.

A debate of unusual interest took place in the Zionist Hall, on Sunday evening, the 10th inst., under the auspices of the Zionist Society. The subject, "That the tendency to assimilation is a real danger to the very existence of the Jewish race," was introduced by Adv. M. Bliss, who was ably supported by Miss Fanny Bloom, M.A. The case against assimilation was led by Mr. Norman Edelstein, who was supported by Miss Dora Shapiro. A lively and interesting discussion ensued, in which Adv. D. Cohen, Mr. H. Frank, Mr. J. Immerman, and others participated. Upon the question being put to the vote, it was found that the "pros" were very much in the majority. A vote of thanks to the speakers, proposed by Mr. A. Slosberg, terminated a pleasant function.

A Bridge Drive under the auspices of the local Zionist Society will be held in the Supper Room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. Tickets are obtainable from Mrs. H. Stoller and members of the committee. Valuable prizes are offered and it is hoped that many members and friends of the Society will attend.

The Barmitzvah of Master Alan Mehl, second son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Mehl, was celebrated on Saturday last. Master Mehl read a portion of the Law in the Memorial Road, Synagogue and on Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Mehl were "At Home" to relatives and friends at the Phoenix Hall, Beaconsfield.

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KROONSTAD.

On Friday, 1st inst., Cantor L. Zive, the well-known *Chazan* of Riga, conducted the evening service before a large and representative gathering of local Jewry, and was also persuaded upon to conduct the service on Saturday morning.

The Cantor has a sweet voice and has been heard on the South African concert platform in a repertoire of Yiddish folk songs, and he will no doubt meet on his future visits with the success which attended him here.

Mrs. A. Gillis, the Hon. Secretary of the Kroonstad Branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that Institution the sum of £4. 17. 6. being the April collection.

PRETORIA WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE.

The Pretoria Women's Zionist League held its monthly At Home at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, the 21st March. Mrs. Machanik presided and Mrs. Brenach read an interesting paper on Anti-Semitism. Miss D. Feinberg sang and Miss R. Goddard proposed a vote of thanks. The Committee is starting a canvass for the newly-formed "Kfar Yeladim" Branch. The next National Fund box clearance, of which the Committee of the League is taking charge, will take place on the 31st May.

REITZ.

There was a representative gathering present at the function held on the 4th inst., to bid farewell to Rev. J. Kupowitz, prior to his leaving for Johannesburg to take up permanent residence with his family there.

Mr. B. Lazarus, Chairman of the local Hebrew Congregation, in a laudatory speech presented Rev. Kupowitz with a cheque as a mark of appreciation for his seven years of devoted service to the community. Dr. P. R. Zinn also spoke, endorsing the remarks of the previous speaker.

Rev. Kupowitz responded in fitting manner and thanked all present for the good wishes extended to him.

Dancing was then indulged in and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

VOLKSRUST.

Mrs. S. Leites, the Hon. Secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £50, donated by the Jewish ladies of Volksrust to the Building Fund for the New Wing of the Orphanage. Of this amount £20 was realised by the raffle of a brass tray and stand kindly presented by Mr. and Mrs. L. Lewis, and the balance represented mainly the proceeds of sale of second-hand clothing by Mrs. B. Fine.

WORCESTER.

The annual election of the local Jewish Ladies' Society was held on the 16th ult., when the following members were elected to office for the ensuing year: Chairlady, Mrs. E. Traub; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. N. Donin; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. J. Wilk; Hon. Secretary, Miss H. Levin. Committee: Mesdames J. Simon, Sandler, J. Sennett, J. Rabinowitz, L. Sadman, and the Misses S. Broudie, A. Cohen, B. Glasser and R. Simon.

The new committee is making earnest preparations for the annual ball, which takes place on June 1st. An orchestra from Capetown has been engaged for the occasion, and an enjoyable evening is assured.

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Friends of the Yiddish Scientific Institute.

Meeting of South African Branch.

At the first committee meeting of the recently formed Society of Friends of the Yiddish Scientific Institute (South African Branch), held on Tuesday evening last, definite and constructive proposals were made for furthering in this country the labours of the famous Wilno Institute.

The hon. president of the South African Executive, Prof. Dr. J. L. Landau (Chief Rabbi), who presided, stressed strongly the reason why the Institute should be supported. The work it was doing was of more than ordinary value, and where Jewish scholarship is concerned it should make an appeal to all.

It was unanimously agreed that, apart from its financial and moral obligations to its parent body overseas, the South African Branch of the Institute should make every possible endeavour to stimulate local cultural efforts and to collect material concerning the various phases of Jewish life in the sub-continent. With this object in view, the Society is about to organise a series of lectures on a Jewish theme, to be delivered by local authorities on the subjects concerned. The Society may also undertake to issue at some future date "Transactions," giving an impetus to the Society's efforts in the cultural field.

Steps are being taken to make better known the publications of the Yiddish Scientific Institute among the community generally, particularly the "Schriften" and "Jiwo Blätter."

The Society has already a large membership roll.

The following are the officials of the Society:—Hon. President, Dr. J. L. Landau (Chief Rabbi); hon. vice-president, Mr. Alfred Cohn; chairman, Mr. N. Salmon; treasurer, Mr. A. Lipworth; hon. secretaries, Messrs. M. I. Sewitz and S. A. Rochlin; organising committee, Dr. M. J. Cohen, Dr. Ch. Spiro, Messrs. Max Geffen, S. Schneier, J. S. Judelowitz, J. M. Sherman, M. Levy, H. Erlich, E. M. Pincus, J. Glasser and Mesdames M. D. Hersch and M. Gordon.

Further information in connection with the work of the Branch can be obtained from the hon. secretaries, P.O. Box 5081, or phone Central 5402, Johannesburg.

WORCESTER.

On the 5th inst., a social was held under the auspices of the Worcester Jewish Ladies' Society. Items were rendered by Misses Leah Lange, M. Goldberg, Rita Simon, R. Behrman and Mr. Jack Leader. Miss Bernstein's dance was much appreciated and the Sally Broudie and troupe item was an outstanding success.

An illuminated address was presented to Mrs. Jaffe, ex-Chairlady, for her devoted and untiring services. Felicitous speeches were delivered by Mr. Sennett, on behalf of the Hebrew Congregation and Mr. Volks on behalf of the Senior Zionist Society.

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