

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BRANDFORT.

The annual general meeting of the local Zionist Association was held in the Communal Hall on Sunday, May 3rd, Mr. S. Schatz presiding over a fair attendance. The financial statement revealed that an amount of £21 had been remitted for the Keren Hayesod and £36, realised from a dance and social evenings, for the Dunam Drive.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. M. S. Kotzen; Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. M. Immermann (re-elected); Committee, Mrs. L. Brauer (re-elected), Mrs. M. S. Kotzen (re-elected), Rev. Batlan (re-elected), H. Kayser (re-elected) and L. Navias.

CALVINIA.

Thanks to the splendid work of the Misses Pauline Sack and Girtie Helfet, the excellent number of 36 Shekolim was disposed of recently, a total which, under the circumstances, is most highly satisfactory, and for which the young lady collectors are to be commended.

EAST LONDON.

On Monday, the 4th inst., a large number of members were entertained at a Lag B'Omer evening, organised by the committee of the Jewish Circle. The chairman, Rev. O. Altshuler, mentioned the fact that the anniversary of Shalom Aleichem's death was almost due, and he thereupon gave a brief biography of that famous author. Mr. I. Sapire then read the interesting will of Shalom Aleichem.

The main item on the programme was a humorous play, entitled "His Wife's Madness," which was excellently produced by Mr. M. Aingorn, the following taking part: Messrs Aingorn A. Sarnak and the Misses Kopman May and N. Weiner.

Miss B. Wax rendered two elocution items and was presented with a bouquet from the chairman for her fine characterisations.

Mr. Infeld then delivered an address on the origin and significance of Lag B'Omer, after which Rev. Altshuler rendered a song in his usual excellent style.

GERMISTON.

Members of the Young Israel Movement from all parts of the Transvaal attended the Annual Ball at the Railway Institute Hall on Saturday evening last, held under the auspices of the Germiston Young Israel Society. The Ambassadors Band was in attendance and the exhibition waltz held was won by Miss M. Dunsy and Mr. A. Goldberg. Mr. I. Dunsy acted as D.C. and members of the committee as M.C.s.

On Sunday last the evening service at the Germiston Synagogue was conducted by Rev. L. Zive, the well-known Cantor from Riga. The Cantor has a powerful and sweet tenor voice, which greatly pleased the large congregation present.

Under the auspices of the combined Zionist Societies of Germiston, Rabbi I. M. Gervis, a member of the S.A. Zionist Federation, delivered a lecture in the Synagogue Hall on Sunday evening last. Mr. Z. Hareven presided.

In the course of an illuminating address the speaker dealt with the value of the Zionist ideal, which he said, does not so much lie in the political or economic sides—no matter how important they are in themselves—as in a return to Judaism in all its phases. Rabbi Gervis then referred to the Arab problem in Palestine, which he concluded, though it required patient and careful handling, was not insurmountable.

PIETERMARITZBURG.

On Wednesday, May 6th, Mr. S. Y. Jacobi, accompanied by Rev. N. Menachemson, visited Pietermaritzburg, and addressed a meeting there, presided over by Mr. A. Feinberg, the Chairman of the Congregation. The meeting was a successful one and the canvass for collections realised close on £100.

The Jewish Ladies' Guild, presided over by Mrs. Jacobs, and the local Chevra Kadisha contributed to the collection out of their funds.

PRETORIA.

On the 13th inst., Mr. B. Goldberg delivered a lecture on "Jewish Literature in the Middle Ages," under the auspices of the Agudat Sefateinu. The lecturer dealt in detail with the various phases of that literature in an interesting and informative manner. Mr. Katzin, who presided, proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

RIVERSDALE—HEIDELBERG (CAPE).

In celebration of the half-yearly examination of the newly-formed Chedar, a function was held in the Synagogue Hall. An excellent programme was provided and the children sang and recited in Hebrew, which they afterwards translated into English. The pupils of Miss Miriam Locketz then rendered some Palestinian dances, accompanied by an Eretz Israel song.

Rabbi Locketz, Minister of the Riversdale and Heidelberg Hebrew Congregation, is in charge of the Chedar, and the progress made by the children under his tuition is indeed remarkable.

WORCESTER.

Worcester is one of the first country places to follow the lead of the Mother City for improving the knowledge of the average Zionist on matters Jewish and Zionistic. Under the auspices of the Bnei Ubenoth Zion Society the first of a series of functions for this purpose was held in March last in the Zionist Hall, when Mr. and Mrs. A. Volks acted as host and hostess to a large and enthusiastic gathering. Several social items were rendered, and an interesting discussion took place. The following month Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Sennett acted in a similar capacity and again an instructive and enjoyable evening was spent.

These monthly gatherings are gaining in popularity to such an extent that the Zionist Hall was well filled on Wednesday the 13th inst., when Mr. and Mrs. Wilk acted as host and hostess. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. E. Traub, Mrs. A. Volks and Mr. L. Volks, and a dance by Miss Joyce Volks and a monologue by Miss R. Simon contributed largely to the success of the evening. A well delivered lecture by Mr. I. Shirken on the life of the late Lord Melchett paved the way for an interesting discussion as to whether the Jews should co-operate with the Arabs. The discussion was opened by Mr. J. Rabinowitz, and the views expressed by the various speakers proved interesting and instructive. A regular feature of these meetings is the reading of news items which on this occasion was in the hands of Mr. E. Traub. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the artists and the host and hostess, which was moved by Mr. I. J. Sennett.

Future events are: A Mock Trial on the 31st inst. and a Grand Ball, organised by the Jewish Ladies' Society, will take place on the 1st proximo.



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