

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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ABERDEEN.

The monthly meeting and social of the Aberdeen Zionist Society was held on the 9th ult., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Zagoire, Mr. Gruss presiding. A debate on "Has Zionism Benefited the Jewish Race?" was led by Misses F. Globus and M. Rubin, several other members also participating. Refreshments were then served and a most enjoyable evening was spent. As a result of this function the sum of £1 4s. 6d. was realised. Thanks are due to the host and hostess for their kindly hospitality.

CRADOCK.

On the 10th ult. Mr. M. Horwitz, chairman of the South African Young Israel Federation, visited Cradock, and a most successful meeting was held in the Synagogue.

Mr. Horwitz delivered an eloquent address dealing with the aims and activities of the Young Israel movement, which was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by the large gathering present.

DURBAN.

A Herzl Memorial meeting, under the joint auspices of the Durban Zionist Association and the Agudath Safateinu, was held recently in the library of the Durban Jewish Club, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Moss-Morris. Rabbi Hirsch, from Pretoria, was the principal speaker. Dr. A. Broomberg, Mr. D. Harris, and Mr. J. Klachko also spoke.

JOHANNESBURG.

On the occasion of the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Mackie Hilson (nee Fanny Epstein) which took place on the 19th ult., at their residence, 11 Restanwold Drive, Saxonwold, the grandmother, Mrs. S. Epstein (Springs), gave the following donations in the name of the baby, Samuel Hilson: The United Hebrew Schools of Johannesburg £5 5s.; the S.A. Jewish Orphanage £5 5s.; the Jewish Aged Home £3 3s.; the Johannesburg Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society £3 3s.; and the Jewish National Fund £2 2s.

KIMBERLEY.

The annual general meeting of the Kimberley Zionist Society was held at the Zionist Hall on Sunday, the 9th August. The attendance was not very large and the chairman (Mr. Slosberg) presented his annual report, referring briefly to the outstanding events of the past year in Zionism. The treasurer's report showed that while Kimberley Zionism is in a fairly healthy state, much more work could be accomplished.

During the course of the evening Mr. M. L. Genussow, of Barkly West, made an appearance, and was warmly welcomed.

After the discussion of some matters of local interest, the following committee was elected: Mr. A. Slosberg, chairman; Mr. H. Stoller (treasurer); Messrs. D. Cohen and M. Blumenthal (vice-chairmen); Mr. M. Bliss (secretary); Miss R. Shapiro (assistant secretary); Messrs. R. Awerbuch and H. Damelin (trustees). Committee: Mesdames Stoller, Awerbuch, Shles, Misses D. Shapiro, F. Brenner, F. Awerbuch, J. Michelow and L. Blumenthal. Messrs. Barnett, Maresky, J. Frank, Bloom and Rev. M. Konviser.

It is earnestly hoped that this meeting will improve the traditions and good name of Kimberley Zionism and record a year of useful effort in Zionist endeavour.

Miss Helen Maresky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Maresky is to be congratulated on her outstanding success in the Higher Local Trinity College examination in pianoforte. Miss Maresky was the youngest candidate in Kimberley to enter for this examination, being only 13 years of age.

Congratulations are being extended to Miss Jenny Callis on her success in the Higher Local Trinity College examinations; to Miss Ray Klein for passing the Junior Trinity examination with honours, and to Miss Edna Schrire on her success in the Preparatory examination, in which she obtained honours.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Goldman are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Maresky on the birth of a son.

LIVINGSTONE.

Mr. S. Y. Jacobi came over from the Falls on Sunday afternoon, August 9, and addressed the local community the same evening at the residence of the President, Mr. M. Grill.

The collection amounted to over £120 and it is understood that further donations will be collected by the local committee, which has been formed for this purpose.

MIDDELBURG, C.P.

Mr. Maurice Horwitz of Capetown, President of the S.A. Young Israel Federation, who recently spent a busman's holiday of several weeks in visiting all parts of the Union, devoting most of his time in each place to Young Israel affairs, paid a flying visit to Middelburg on Sunday, August 9, accompanied by Mr. M. Bobrov of Naauppoort. These gentlemen addressed a meeting that day attended by the whole of the local Jewish residents on Zionist topics, the necessity for unity and solidarity in the Zionist ranks being especially stressed in their addresses. They were also instrumental in forming a Young Israel Society during their brief stay.

MIDDELBURG, TVL.

Mrs. M. Brozin, the hon. secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £3 17s. 6d., being July collection for the Orphanage.

MOLTENO.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., Leo, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Schneider, read Maftir at the local synagogue, and on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Schneider were at home at the Masonic Hall. Speeches were delivered by Mr. M. C. Schneider (grandfather of the Barmitzvah), Mr. S. W. Schneider, the Barmitzvah, Mrs. Schneider, Rev. Jacobson, Mr. Rathouse, Mr. D. Ruttenberg and Mr. Max Tucker. Vocal solos were rendered by Miss Sadie Schneider. The function proved most enjoyable and was attended by a representative gathering of local Jewry including visitors from the neighbouring towns.

PORT ELIZABETH.

The monthly at home of the Ladies' Zionist League was held at the residence of Mrs. B. Bernstein. There was a fair attendance and the usual collection took place. Miss D. Topic read an interesting resume on Edmond Flegg's book, "Why I am a Jew," and Miss Benjamin contributed two excellent recitations. A vote of thanks to the speaker and hostess was proposed by Mrs. S. Weinronk.

UMTATA.

Mr. and Mrs. Spanier-Marson are being congratulated on the birth of a son, which happy event took place on Saturday, the 8th ult. The Bris Milah took place on the 16th ult. The sum of £9 was collected and equally divided between the Aged Jewish Homes and Jewish Orphanages in Capetown and Johannesburg.

VAN RHYNSDORP.

The annual cheder picnic, organised by Rev. B. Wulf, was held on the 16th ult. A motor lorry decorated in white and blue brought the children to the picnicking spot, where, on arrival, a short service was held.

In the afternoon the whole Jewish community joined the children and sports were then indulged in. Rev. B. Wulf welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Hebrew classes and called upon Mr. I. Frank to present the prizes. Thanks are due to Messrs. Joffe Bros., for putting their lorry at the disposal of the picnickers and thus affording an enjoyable day to both young and old.

WORCESTER.

A general election of hon. officers of the local Junior Zionist Society took place in the Zionist Hall on Sunday, the 9th ult., and resulted as follows: Chairman S. Heller, vice-chairman Mr. H. Senitzky, hon. secretary and treasurer Miss E. Volks. Committee: Misses L. Volks, G. Simon, B. Shrinken, Messrs. M. Rabinowitz, R. Sakinofsky and P. Sacks; Judean commissioner Miss H. Levin.

(Further Town and Country reports next week).