

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BETHAL.

At the reception held at the Barmitzvah of Master Judel Kahn, a collection was made for the South African Jewish Orphanage by Mr. C. Goldstein, the Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation. This collection was put up for auction by Mr. C. Schnaid and bought in by Mr. Jack Kahn. The amount realised was £7 16s. 6d., which has been forwarded to the Orphanage by Mr. E. Stazunsky, the local honorary representative of that Institution and treasurer of the Congregation.

BOKSBURG NORTH.

The synagogue was filled on Sunday, the 25th ult., when a special Chanukah evening was arranged by the Rev. J. Chaitowitz, was held under the auspices of the Hebrew Congregation. The proceedings commenced with Maariv, and the kindling of the candles. This was performed by the Rev. Chaitowitz, who also rendered a number of Hebrew songs, assisted by a choir. Master E. Swil addressed the gathering in Hebrew, and Hebrew and English poems were recited by Masters S. Hyman, D. Maserow, J. Gill, also a Jewish song by Master H. Chaitowitz. Mr. J. Shapiro gave an address on the History of Chanukah. After the service Mr. S. Steinberg (President of the Hebrew Congregation) thanked all present, and the Rev. Chaitowitz and choir. The accompanists during the evening were Miss D. Ballen (pianiste) and Miss S. Coll (violinist).

CERES.

On Monday evening, the 26th ult., at the residence of Mrs. Fish, a meeting was convened with the object of resuscitating the Zionist Society. Mr. Ben-Ari, a Zionist worker from Cape-town, with the assistance of a few Zionists in Ceres, have been mainly responsible for the movement. The following have been elected as office bearers for the ensuing year: Chairman, N. Stern; Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, S. Stern; Secretary Miss H. Sarembock. Mr. Ben-Ari delivered an interesting address on the Arab problem in Palestine. The Chairman then thanked Mr. Ben-Ari for his instructive lecture. Thanks are due to Mrs. Fish for allowing the use of her residence and providing refreshments.

CLAREMONT.

The wedding was solemnised at the Claremont Synagogue on the 25th ult., of Miss Sarah Katzen to Mr. Jack Hurwitz, at which Rabbi A. R. Abramson performed the ceremony. A reception was held at the residence of the parents at which a number of relatives and friends gathered to congratulate the couple.

FOURIESBURG.

Mr. Alexander Lewin reached Fouriesburg on Friday, December 30, and was met by Mrs. B. Katz. On the ensuing Sunday evening a gathering of the handful of local people was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Meyers. Mr. Lewin delivered an address and then replied to questions to the satisfaction of all present. The numbers of the community are too small for a Zionist Society to be formed, but a Committee consisting of Mr. B. Katz as Chairman and Mr. B. Israel as Hon. Secretary was appointed as the official Zionist representative in Fouriesburg.

During his stay Mr. Lewin was very kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. B. Katz as their guest.

GERMISTON.

The annual general meeting of the branch of the South African Jewish Orphanage was held recently at which the following officials were elected: Chairlady, Mrs. M. Margolius; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. A. Bernstein; Treasurer, Mrs. N. Ginsberg; Secretary, Miss E. Rosfield. Committee: Mesdames A. Joffe,

Neifeld, M. Huftel, W. Huftel, A. Swon, S. Shalkoff, H. Joffe, I. Metz, W. Rosenthal, Melman, Prag, S. Kramer, Zion, E. Kramer, Ruthenburg, A. Kalmek, Senior, Dunsky, Tucker, Elias, H. L. Joffe, Gillman, P. Barris, P. Ordman, Goldblatt, Mrs. Wigdorowitz, sen., and Mrs. Wigdorowitz, jun. Mesdames Black, Steinberg and Rosen.

A sub-Committee of the following was formed to arrange social functions: Chairlady, Mrs. W. Huftel; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Shalkoff; Secretary, Mrs. W. Rosenthal.

JAGERSFONTEIN.

The sum of £2 2s. was donated to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of Master Sidney Scolnik, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Scolnik. This was forwarded to the Orphanage by Mr. H. Savage, the honorary local representative of that Institution.

JOHANNESBURG.

At the Bris Melah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Faiga at the Colwyn Nursing Home the sum of £1 was collected by the Mohel, Rev. M. Taylor, for the National Fund.

LINDLEY.

Arriving at Arlington station on Thursday, December 29, Mr. Alexander Lewin was kindly driven over to Lindley by Mr. Gamsu, and the same evening addressed a gathering of the community at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Nathanson. Following his address a Zionist Society was established, the following being elected honorary officers and committee:

Chairman, Mr. I. Nathanson; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. S. Lange; Treasurer, Miss Ada Nathanson; Secretary, Miss Mabel Levy. Committee: Messrs. S. Sallis, H. Hurwitz, I. Gamsu and H. Ingel.

Next morning Mr. Lewin, in conjunction with the Misses Nathanson and Levy, drew up a programme of activities for the ensuing six months as follows:

January-February—Illustrated lecture or concert of Jewish folk music and Palestinian songs; March—Purim Function; April—Conversazione; May—Lag B'Omer Celebration; June—Shevuoth Celebration. The society also intends to arrange functions for children. During his brief stay, Mr. Lewin was kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Nathanson.

LOUIS TRICHARDT.

The Hebrew Congregation held its Chanukah celebration at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Zway on Thursday evening, the 29th ult., at which Mr. M. Himmelhoch presided in the absence of Mr. A. Abromowitz. Rabbi Katz then proceeded to light the candles and gave an address on the significance of Chanukah. During the evening musical items were given by the Misses H. Abromowitz, E. McGowan and Zways and little Miss Hirschon, also Master M. Zway.

MIDDELBURG (Tvl.).

Mrs. N. Brozin, the Hon. Secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £2 5s., being November subscription collection made by Mrs. M. Birman.

OUTSHOORN.

A flower sale in aid of the National Fund was held under the auspices of the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society on the 2nd ult. Thanks are due to those who so kindly assisted.

THABA 'NCHU.

Mr. E. Dreyer, the Chairman of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that Institution the sum of £1 8s., being subscription collection by Rev. B. Kamber.