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BEAUFORT WEST.

At the annual general meeting of the Zionist Society held here last month, the following honorary officers and committee were elected: Chairman, Mr. S. Magid; secretary, Mr. M. Garb; treasurer, Miss A. Dubowitz; committee, Messrs. I. Bročĕk, H. Horwitz, Rev. J. Gulis and L. Goldenbaum. £5 was voted to the Dunam Drive.

BETHLEHEM.

An impromptu concert was held at the Park Hotel on Thursday, the 5th inst., by the Misses Sadie Stein (of Maritzburg), Joyce Myers and Nita Segal (of Johannesburg). The following participated: Sadie Stein, Joyce Myers, Nita Segal and Patricia Thompson, assisted by Mesdames T. Myers and R. P. Rom.

A surprise packet was competed for, realising the sum of £1, which was handed over to the Synagogue funds.

Messrs. Lewin and Spiro were the guests of the Zionist and Young Israel Societies on Sunday, the 19th ult., when they delivered lectures. In the afternoon separate committee meetings of both societies were held, with Messrs. Lewin and Spiro present, when a combined programme for the ensuing six months was drawn up.

Mr. Spiro lectured to the youth and explained that his work was to rally all Young Jewry, who for so long now had not interested themselves in the fact that they were Jews, and to resuscitate societies.

Mr. Lewin pointed out that his was no monetary propaganda, but to make clear to each and every Jew that Palestine was a home for occupation by all, not merely an ideal, as was the general impression. Monetary support should therefore be given as much as possible not as charity but as a necessity.

CAPE TOWN.

The *Barmitzva* took place on Saturday last of Bernard Eli, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen, two well-known local communal workers, when he read a portion of the Law at the Great Synagogue, Gardens.

On Sunday afternoon a reception was held at the Balmoral Hotel, Muizenberg, and was attended by a very large gathering. Toasts were proposed by Mr. L. Gradner, Mr. Morris Alexander, and Rabbi I. M. Gervis, Mr. J. Kadish presiding. During the course of the afternoon a collection for the National Fund was made.

CLAREMONT.

A Chanukah service was held in the synagogue on the 20th ult. Rabbi A. R. Abramson officiated and delivered an eloquent address on the history of the Maccabees. Mr. H. Gornikel, chairman of the congregation, gave an address in the course of which he appealed to the members to take an interest in local Jewish communal endeavour.

The pupils of the Hebrew school then rendered a most interesting programme of Hebrew songs and recitations, and these were greatly appreciated by those present. The children demonstrated an excellent understanding of the Hebrew tongue.

A tribute to Rabbi Abramson's work in preparing pupils of the Talmud Torah was moved by Capt. A. Friedman, chairman of the institution, who also gave an address to the children outlining the significance of Chanukah.

FICKSBURG.

MR. ALEXANDER LEWIN arrived here on Tuesday, January 3rd, and the same evening addressed a meeting in the Synagogue, following which a Zionist Society was organised with the following strong body of hon. officers and committee: Chairman, Dr. J. Melamed; vice-chairman, Mrs. L. Kosviner; secretary and treasurer, Miss P. Aronson; committee, Mrs. L. Israel, Miss A. Woolf, Messrs. A. Goldberg and Arthur Kosviner.

The following day, with the participation of Mr. Lewin, a meeting of the Committee was held and a programme of work for the ensuing six months was drawn up. During his stay Mr. Lewin was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. Aronson.

LADYBRAND.

A gathering of local Jewry, under the auspices of the Zionist Society, came together at the synagogue on Sunday evening, 8th inst., to listen to an address by Mr. Alexander Lewin on Zionism. Mr. M. Blechman presided. Mr. Lewin, in his eloquent address urged upon the Jewish people the necessity of helping the Zionist cause and so make for themselves in Palestine a home where they can lead a happy and peaceful life. He also appealed to the parents to encourage their children to interest themselves in things Jewish. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Lewin on the motion of Mr. M. Steckoll seconded by Mr. I. Israel. The company then adjourned to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Proos where the evening was concluded with very pleasant social proceedings.

MARQUARD.

A concert was given in the Town Hall on the 21st ult., by the combined members of the Young Israel Society and of the Hebrew School.

The programme consisted of a one-act play "Olam Haboh," by "Sholem Aleichem," recitations and songs in Hebrew, rendered by the younger scholars of the Hebrew School. Rev. Z. Lison delivered a short address on the aims of the Young Israel Society. A tribute was paid to Rev. Lison for his untiring efforts in making this function a success.

PÖTCHEFSTROOM.

On the 20th ult. a debate was held in the Communal Hall, the subject being "Is Civilisation Progressing or Retrogressing?" The leader and seconder of the motion were Mr. I. Levene and Miss G. Sandler respectively, and the leader and seconder of the opposition were Mr. Charles Levy and Miss P. Pincus. Mr. L. Klevjansky presided.

On the 29th ult. a lecture evening was held in the Communal Hall, the speakers and their subjects being respectively: Mr. B. Metz, "The Development of the Emancipation of Woman"; Mr. Witten, "Should Shadchomim in Jewish Marriages be Encouraged?"; Mr. L. Klevjansky, "The Jewish Position To-day"; and Mr. I. Levene, "Humorous Sidelights on Modern Education." Mr. Charles Levy presided. This meeting was attended by a large crowd, testifying to the growing popularity of these cultural functions.

WINBURG.

Last Sunday evening, the 8th inst., the newly formed Zionist Society held its first social. The president, Mr. Zimmerman, opened the proceedings by welcoming one and all, and gave them an address on Zionism, in which he stressed the importance of being Zionists in practice and not in name only.

During the evening a bonnet, kindly presented by Mrs. I. Sacks, was raffled, Mrs. J. Friedman's baby, Rhona, being the lucky winner. A further amount was realised from the card tables. Altogether the funds of the society benefited by £2 4s.

Similar functions are to be held monthly and it is expected that both the social and the financial sides of the society's activities will greatly benefit thereby.

VEREENIGING.

There was quite a large attendance at a Chanukah social and dance held by the local Zionist Society at the Isaac Lewis Hall on Thursday evening, December 29th. A number of visitors came in from Meyerton. Dancing was kept up until midnight, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent. Thanks are due to the ladies who provided and served the refreshments.

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