

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

BELLVILLE.

Under the auspices of the Bellville, Parow and Durbanville Ladies' Zionist Society, a successful meeting was held at the local Library Hall, on the 14th inst.

The meeting opened with a one-act play, written and produced by Mr. I. M. Grusd, which was much appreciated by those present.

The election of officers and committee for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Chairlady, Mrs. B. Sacks; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Daitsh; Secretary, Mrs. L. M. Dirmeik. Committee: Mesdames Borok, Emdin, Kushlick, Berold, Hoffman, Lipshitz, Misses E. Rabinowitz and J. Bloch.

OUTDSHOORN.

Under the auspices of the local Herzl Ladies' Zionist League, a bio-vaudeville was held at the Gaiety Theatre on the 2nd inst., and as a result the funds of the local Hebrew School will be considerably augmented.

The programme included songs by the "Hoboes," a playlet by Miss Sadie Kaplan, assisted by Mrs. B. T. Shapiro; a musical monologue by Mr. Nico Decker; a jazz phantasy produced by Miss Ric Agranat, and a skit "Your Gang in School," produced by Mr. B. T. Shapiro. Throughout the evening music was supplied by the Jazz Rhythmicians under the baton of Miss Rose Joseph.

PAROW.

On Saturday evening last the local Hebrew School arranged a Lag-B'omer Hadlalah when those present participated in the singing of Hebrew songs, and the dancing of the Horah round the "Hadlalah." During the evening an address was delivered by Mr. Lipschitz, teacher of the school, and an amount of 10s. was collected amongst the children in aid of the Jewish National Fund.

PRETORIA.

The local Women's Zionist League held their monthly "At Home" on the 18th inst., when an interesting lecture on the "Historic Causes of Modern Zionism" was read by Miss S. Miller. This is the first of a series of lectures that have been issued by the Education Department of the Zionist Organisation of Canada. The lecture was well rendered and enjoyed by all present. On this occasion Miss Florence Taback gave some impersonations from Dickens, which was much appreciated.

A vote of thanks to both ladies was proposed by Mrs. R. Goddard.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames Malitskie, Millstein, Katzen and Cooper.

QUEENSTOWN.

Under the auspices of the local Sons of Zion Society Mr. Alexander Lewin recently addressed a meeting to the local youth at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Strelitz. At the conclusion of his address Mr. Lewin spent some time in consultation with the committee, and his advice on how to revive Zionist interest amongst the members was greatly appreciated.

STRAND-SOMERSET-WEST.

Under the auspices of the local Zionist Society a farewell social was held at the Van der Stel Hall, Strand, on the 16th inst., in honour of Mr. Abraham Harzfeld, who recently sailed for Europe.

Dr. Isaacson, in proposing the toast of the guest of honour, said that Mr. Harzfeld represented the type that are building up Palestine more than any other and without whom it would not have been possible to redeem it, as they are doing.

Mr. Harzfeld, in replying, said his work for the National Fund was not over. He was going back to work. He referred to the recent events in Germany and said it was only the thought of Palestine that made the banishment of Einstein and the loss of so much culture endurable. "Palestine is the only land that can save us—the only place where no one can drive us out—it is our own." Further toasts were then proposed by Messrs. F. Dembovsky and Jack Friedman of Worcester (the toast of the Chalutzim in Palestine).

During the evening, Mr. Harzfeld entertained all with Chalutz songs and stories, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed. Songs were also given by Miss A. Koonin and Mr. Frank Dembovsky.

VREDE.

An Orphanage evening was given by Mrs. B. Goldblatt at her residence on Sunday, May 7. As a result of the function the sum of £3 16s. was received by the South African Jewish Orphanage, per Mrs. M. Hersch, the Honorary local representative of that Institution.

WINBURG.

On the 17th inst. the Young Israel Society organised a bridge drive in aid of the Dunam Drive. This was held at the Private Hotel, and a net amount of £2 18s. was realised.

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In Bloemfontein

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Women's Zionist Society.—The monthly general meeting of the Women's Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mrs. J. Lovius on May 11. Mrs. Lovius was in the chair, and there was an excellent attendance of members and several visitors. The feature of the meeting was a talk by Mr. J. B. Shacksnovis, of Johannesburg, on "The Place of Women in the Work of Zionism." In the course of an eloquent address Mr. Shacksnovis explained the importance and necessity of establishing a Hebrew Kindergarten. It was finally decided that steps should be taken by the Bloemfontein women to organise such an institution. A vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Mrs. Bloom. Musical items were rendered by Miss Massel and Miss G. Fainsinger.

Jewish Guild.—A fairly large gathering of Jewish Guild members assembled in the Communal Hall on the 11th inst., in connection with the annual general meeting of the society. Dr. Lovius presided and rendered a comprehensive survey of the past year's work. He intimated that he would be unable to join the executive committee for the ensuing year, thus interrupting a period of devoted service extending over a number of years.

The following office-bearers were elected: Chairman, Mr. J. Whiteson; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Weinberg; hon. secretary, Mrs. L. Stusser; assistant-secretary, Miss S. Herberg; treasurer, Mr. M. Berger. Committee: Mrs. D. Posner, Miss J. Whiteson, Miss S. Gerschn, Miss G. Levine, Miss D. Eliasov, Mr. H. Rosendorff, Mr. K. Rosendorff, Mr. J. Awerbuch and Mr. A. Kretzmar. The dramatic section sub-committee comprises the following: Dr. and Mrs. J. Lovius and Mr. C. Klatzow.

It was decided that in future all functions, with the exception of the cabaret and sporting events, should be free.

Farewell Function.—A successful function, under the joint auspices of the Bloemfontein Zionist Society and the Union of Jewish Women, was held in the Communal Hall on Sunday, 14th inst., to bid farewell to Mrs. L. Shtein and Dr. Susan Gluck, who are sailing for Europe next week. Mr. M. Pencharz, chairman of the Zionist Society, presided over a large and representative gathering. Presentations on behalf of the Zionist Society and the Union of Jewish Women were made by Mr. Pencharz, and Mrs. Bloom respectively, and Mr. J. Philips added his tribute to Dr. Gluck. The guests of honour suitably replied. Musical items were given by Miss Massel and Miss Fanny Price, who played pianoforte solos, Miss Rae Caplan, who sang a number of songs, and Mr. M. Sapiro, who gave a violin solo. Miss Trixie Levy rendered an effective monologue. The concert was highly appreciated. Refreshments were served in the course of the evening, which was one of the pleasantest arranged by local societies in recent months.

Union of Jewish Women of South Africa.—The April monthly meeting of this Union took place recently at the local Communal Hall. Mrs. Shtein presided, and before opening the meeting made mention of the passing away of the late Mr. Louis Shapiro, and asked the audience to stand as a mark of respect to the deceased.

This Society is participating in the inauguration of a local Hebrew Kindergarten. Mr. Sairdoon, a representative of the Talmud Torah Committee, addressed the meeting, devoting his remarks to the importance of the Hebrew language, Jewish history and tradition in the education of the child. A sub-committee was formed consisting of the following: Mesdames S. Lewis, J. Lovius, G. Arvan, Dr. Moross, P. Caplan, J. Whiteson, Schrire, R. Newman and A. Arvan, with Mrs. B. Bloom as convener.

The lecturer for the evening was Mr. L. Brown, who spoke on "Pre- and Post-Natal Care of Children's Teeth," which was listened to with great interest.

A vote of thanks to the lecturers was proposed by Miss S. Thalrose.

Mesdames Brace, Kaplan and Pincus were responsible for the tickets.

The society is being represented at the Kimberley Conference by Mr. Y. Jacobson. The half-yearly election of the society will take place early next month.

WORCESTER.

At a meeting of the local Junior Zionist Society, held on the 14th inst., the Cultural and Social Sub-Committees presented their programmes for the next few months, which included two inter-debates with the seniors and junior sub-division, and also monthly study circles under the convener'ship of Mr. S. Fish.

On the 21st inst. a successful Book Tea was held. The enthusiasm displayed by the juniors was most encouraging. The prize winners were Misses E. Israelite and E. Simon and Messrs. J. Wuruaud and I. Katz. The satisfactory sum of £1 1s. was raised.

It was announced that the Judean Parliament would be held at Worcester on July 8th and 9th.