

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BENONI.

Under the auspices of the local Herzlia Club, Mr. Ch. Feinstein delivered a lecture recently on "The Life of Theodor Herzl." Miss Lomey read a paper on "Dr. Herzl." At the second monthly club night, held on the 25th ult., Mr. I. Goodman spoke on "The Influence of the Nazi Movement," and Miss Kreinen read a paper translated from the Hebrew.

The next club night will take place on the 8th inst., at the Hebrew Hall, and lectures will be given on "Max Nordau" and "Achad Ha'am" by Messrs. I. Shill and A. Rome respectively.

BETHLEHEM.

A large and representative gathering attended the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Seligson. Mr. W. Seligson, grandfather of the child, and sandik, addressed the gathering, and was followed by the Mayor of Bethlehem (Mr. N. W. Kaplan), and Rev. Ledwin. A collection in the form of an American auction was initiated by Rev. Ledwin and Mr. Epstein, and realised the handsome figure of £20 for the inscription of the infant's name in the Golden Book.

BLOEMFONTEIN.

During a brief visit to Bloemfontein, Mr. Kentridge, M.P., addressed the members of the Women's Zionist Society at a meeting at the Queen's Hotel on Monday afternoon. His subject was the place of the Jewish woman in the national movement, on which he enlarged in the course of an eloquent survey on recent Zionist activity in Palestine. He specially called upon his audience not to relax their practical devotion to the work of the National Fund, which demanded every energy. Messrs. Philips and Fogel also spoke.

Mrs. Tcherny presided, and at the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks to Mr. Kentridge and the other speakers was moved by Mrs. M. Block.

BRAKPAN.

The Bris-Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Glass took place on the 13th ult. The Rev. M. Altshuler officiated. At the subsequent reception which was held, addresses were delivered by Rev. M. Altshuler, Mr. Robinson (Vice-President of the Hebrew Congregation), Mr. Connack and Mr. Ch. Joffe. A collection for the synagogue funds realised the sum of £8.

CRADOCK.

A social function was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Levenstein on the 23rd ult. Mr. A. C. Levenstein read a paper on "The Position of the Jews in Germany." The next function of this kind will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Suttner.

DE AAR.

Almost the entire Jewish community, supplemented by many visitors from the neighbourhood, assembled on Sunday, the 16th ult., in the local synagogue for a Herzl *Jahrzeit* service and meeting. The synagogue was impressively decorated with the Zionist colours and a photograph of Herzl. Mrs. Oserovitz, chairlady of the society, presided. Rev. Walt having performed a memorial service, Miss Estelle Baumgarten recited two poems on Herzl. Mr. Morris Hoffmann, followed with a powerful and instructive address on "Herzl, the Genius and Self-sacrificing Hero," in which he described the life and work of the immortal leader, and concluded by exhorting the youth to follow in Herzl's steps. In response to an appeal from the chair, a number of trees in the Herzl Forest were subscribed, the meeting then closing with the singing of *Hatikvah*.

EAST LONDON.

Included in a recent remittance from the East London Kerer Hayesod Committee is an amount of £3 very kindly collected by Mrs. Fynn (nee Stern) from local girls for the purpose of providing meals for newly arrived immigrants in Palestine.

GEORGE.

On Sunday afternoon, July 16th, under the combined auspices of the Zionist Society and Hebrew Congregation, a Herzl Memorial Service was held in the Synagogue and was fairly well attended. Brief addresses were given by the President, Mr. S. Joseph, and by Rabbi Locketz in Yiddish.

Before the gathering dispersed, Mr. A. Comay spoke in connection with the South African Fund for German Jewry, and his earnest appeal met with a generous response. In connection with the Herzl anniversary, fifteen trees were subscribed by local residents.

KOPJES.

On Thursday evening, the 13th ult., a Herzl *Jahrzeit* meeting was held in the synagogue. Rev. Fisher intoned the *Haskorah*, and thereafter lectured on the life and work of our leader. The opportunity was taken by Mr. M. Ginsberg, chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, to make an appeal for the S.A. Fund for German Jewry. The response amounted to £30.

Junior and senior members of the Zionist Society met in Miss Papert's studio on Sunday afternoon, the 23rd ult., to meet a youth delegation from Bloemfontein, comprising Messrs. Berman, Stoller, Belfort and Chaitman. Mr. S. Ginsberg, chairman of the Zionist Society, welcomed the visitors, who then delivered eloquent addresses. Rev. Fisher, hon. life president of the Young Israel Society, expressed his pleasure at having such ardent workers in their midst. The singing of *Hatikvah* closed a very pleasant afternoon.

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, being the June subscription collection made by Mrs. M. Birman.

MOLTENO.

The series of private functions recently initiated by the lady members of the Molteno Zionist Society, on behalf of the Dunam Drive have proved successful both from the social and financial points of view. The evening arranged by Mrs. L. Chanock realised £3 16s., and that organised by Mrs. M. M. Hass yielded £4 2s.

PORT ELIZABETH.

The bi-annual general elections of the Jewish Guild was held in the Synagogue recently, and resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. Kerbel; Treasurer, Mr. H. Friedman; Secretary, Mr. J. Weinronk; Committee: Miss M. Redhouse, Messrs. S. Thalrose and M. Abrahams.

An enjoyable picnic was recently held at Lake Farm, attended by some sixty members.

POTCHEFSTROOM.

The third annual dance of the Potchefstroom Jewish Ladies' Society was held last month at the Jewish Communal Hall. The affair was a great social and financial success, the nett proceeds being about £35.

The hall was specially decorated for the occasion and dancing was merrily indulged in to the music of Solly Purto's Band until 1 p.m. Half the proceeds of the dance goes towards the relief of German Jewry and half for local purposes. The society thanks all those who worked so hard to make the affair a success.

SOMERSET EAST.

A Herzl Memorial meeting was held here at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Berghaus on Sunday, July 16th. Mr. H. Saker, Chairman of the Zionist Society, presided, and called upon Rev. Altshuler to intone the *Haskarah*. Mr. L. A. Levin then read a paper on the life and work of Dr. Herzl, which was much appreciated by all present, after which Rev. Altshuler gave a most impressive and inspiring address in Yiddish, describing Herzl's greatness and referring to the supreme sacrifice he had made during his lifetime for the securing of a Jewish national home.

Following the addresses, the Chairman made an appeal for trees, as the result of which 18 were sold.

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 7s., being subscription collection by the Rev. B. Kamber.

VEREENIGING.

Mr. A. D. Berkowitz, the well-known Zionist and communal worker, who has been ailing for some time past, is now improving. His many friends trust that he will soon be restored to good health.

VREDE.

Mrs. M. Berman held an orphanage evening at her residence on Sunday, the 2nd ult., at which the sum of £4 6s. 9d. was collected. Mrs. H. Rosen handed in the sum of 10s. which she collected at her residence at a card party. The proceeds of both collections have been forwarded to the South African Jewish Orphanage by Miss F. Hersch, the hon. secretary of the local branch.