

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Benoni

The local branch of the Women's Zionist League held a grand charity concert at the Criterion Theatre on Sunday, the 11th ult. The affair was most successful, both socially and financially. The sum realised was £100. The committee extend thanks to the following artists who contributed so efficiently to the success of the evening: The Mandoline and Balabrika Orchestra conducted by Mr. Louis Alter, Mrs. Harriet Stayne, Mr. S. Schragger, Miss Vivien Tailleur and her pupils, Mrs. B. Alexander, Mr. B. Ralston, Master Konvisser, Mrs. Anita Colman, Mr. Monya Vlad. Mindler, Rev. S. Backon, Mandoline Quartette, and Mrs. J. Fine.

A mandarin jacket raffled by the society was won by Mr. Weiler.

Bloemfontein

The Women's Zionist Society held its first monthly general meeting of the year at the residence of Mrs. Ellman, on Tuesday, the 6th ult. Mrs. Tcherny presided and welcomed those present.

It was decided to organise a concert on the 2nd June, in aid of the Dunam Drive, in furtherance of the undertaking of the society to contribute to the Drive. A programme was drawn up for the purpose of raising money for the National Fund, and it was agreed to hold an annual National Fund Day Collection, the first collection to be made on the 6th May. The secretary, Mrs. Lewis, distributed pamphlets dealing with the work of W.I.Z.O., and the chairman reported that Mrs. Lewis, with the assistance of their committee and of the committee members of the Young Israel Society, had undertaken to raffle a 32-piece hand-painted dinner service in aid of the National Fund. Amendments to the constitution were drafted. Miss Friedman proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Ellman.

In the report of the last annual meeting the name of Mrs. P. Fishens as committee member was inadvertently omitted.

Ceres

As a result of the sale of programmes at a Purim function organised by the Ceres Young Israel Society on March 4th, an amount of £1 8s. was raised, which was forwarded to the Jewish National Fund as *shalach-mones*.

Cradock

Under the auspices of the local Zionist Society a card evening was held on Sunday, the 18th inst, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Thal, the proceeds realised in aid of the society being £2 10s. 6d.

Germiston

Extraordinary success attended the first and inaugural meeting of the Germiston Zionist Youth Athletic Club in the H.O.D. Hall, Joubert Street. The hall was filled to capacity and the various items on the programme were warmly applauded. Many leading Reef sportsmen were present,

including Mr. Harry Carter, Mr. St. John Dean; the famous wrestlers, L. Pergantes, Alf. Woods and L. Korsen; the well-known boxers Laurie Stevens and Gerry Stone, and the brothers J. and I. Duke.

Mr. Carter in the course of a cheery speech, congratulated the organisers of the club, and remarked that he considered it one of the best fitted clubs in South Africa.

Kimberley

The Zionist Society.—On Sunday, March 18th, the first of a series of literary functions under the auspices of the Zionist Society was held in the Memorial Street Hall. Adv. D. Cohen presided. The Rev. Konvisser read a paper on "Ahad Ha'am," and Mr. A. Slosberg spoke on "Disraeli" and drew a comparison between Ahad Ha'am and the subject of his paper.

Lecture by Adv. Herbstein.—Advantage was taken of a visit of Adv. Herbstein, and on March 28th he delivered a lecture on "Our Lack of a Policy." Mr. Stoller presided. Mr. Herbstein dealt with the insecurity of Jewish life everywhere, and complained that Jewry were not facing the situation in the spirit of Herzl's teachings. He considered that the next 10 to 15 years would be the most vital in Jewish life, for if during this period the Jewish people failed Palestine, the only prospect of a solution to Jewish problems would be destroyed.

The Late Mr. Kleinman.—In the death of Mr. Kleinman, Kimberley has lost one of its oldest and most respected Jewish citizens. Admired by all, the late Mr. Kleinman was the embodiment of all that is fine in Jewish life. He belonged to that generation which revered and loved Jewishness for its own sake, and practised its teachings because of their intrinsic value. He was a learned Talmudical scholar, and his vision was broad and his outlook tolerant.

Malmesbury

On Thursday, the 2nd ult., the local Zionist Society held its first conversation of the year at the residence of Dr. H. Meyers, who was in the chair, and who extended a welcome to members.

Mr. Louis Israel delivered an interesting lecture entitled "Historic Causes of Modern Zionism," and Rev. Efron delivered a short speech in Yiddish in which he dealt with the views expressed by Mr. Israel. Musical items were rendered by Miss A. Misnum, Miss M. Linde and Miss B. Cohen.

A vote of thanks to speakers and artists was proposed by Dr. Ph. Beinart.

Potchefstroom

A series of successful functions have been organised in aid of the Jewish National Fund, the first three of which have yielded the sum of £36. Thanks are due to Mrs. Michelow, who organised the children's concert, and to Mesdames W. Kirsch and D. Mindlin for the card parties arranged by them.

Mrs. E. Gluckmann's Visit to Pietersburg

UNDER the auspices of the Pietersburg and District Women's Zionist League, Mrs. E. Gluckmann, of the Women's Council, paid a visit to Pietersburg on the 25th and 26th ult.

Mrs. Gluckmann was met at the station by Mrs. Hirschmann, chairman of the League, and several members of the League Committee.

In the evening a dinner in her honour was held at the Royal Hotel, and was attended by members of the League and their husbands, after which Mrs. Gluckmann gave a comprehensive address on Zionism to a well attended and representative gathering in the Communal Hall. Mrs. Hirschmann presided, and in introducing the visitor said how pleased the League was to have Mrs. Gluckmann present and that all had looked forward to her visit.

Mrs. Gluckmann spoke for well over an hour on the various aspects of Zionism and in particular in regard to women's work in and for Palestine.

Mrs. Young, vice-chairman of the League, proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and said all had enjoyed and benefited by the speech and also by the helpful advice.

Mrs. Herman seconded the vote of thanks.

Musical items were then rendered by Mrs. Raikin, whose playing was enthusiastically encored, and Mrs. Young, who was in excellent voice, sang three songs. She was accompanied most ably by Mrs. Elkin.

Mrs. Gluckmann, who met the workers at various meetings on Monday, was seen off on Monday night by a large gathering.

Upington

The local Zionist Society held its annual general meeting on Sunday evening, the 18th ult., at the Hotel Gordonia.

The adoption of the balance sheet was followed by the election of office-bearers. Mr. Phil Morris, who had been President for nine years, resigned, and the following were elected: President, Rev. Helman; Vice-President, Mr. Sam Werbeloff; Secretary, Miss Sylvia Lenhoff. Committee: Misses E. Kahn, I. Kangisher, and S. Brower and Messrs. M. Bellon and M. Kaplan.

Eighteen children took part in a recitation competition, the following being the prize-winners: Irma Kowen, Beryl Dickman, Fay Nurick, Quennie Kowen, Symie Berson, Baby Shulman, Selma Ringer, Ronny Robinson, Sylvia Dickman, Pearlle Nurick, Ruth Kurland.

Misses A. Nurick, J. Shulman and S. Robinson presented a short play which was highly appreciated and musical items were rendered by Miss S. Lenhoff, Mr. W. Cohen and Miss J. Shulman. Rev. Helman delivered a short speech and Mr. Morris thanked Mrs. and Mr. Kaplan for the use of the hall.

Winburg

The usual monthly *At Home* of the Zionist Society was held on Sunday evening last, April 1st, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Glass. Mr. H. Zimmerman, from the chair, welcomed all members and visitors and a very enjoyable evening was spent. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess and the singing of *Hatikvah* concluded the meeting. The next of the series will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsohn.

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