

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Burghersdorp

On the 7th ult. the anniversary of Dr. Herzl's death was commemorated at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Light (chairman of the Zionist Society). Practically the entire local Jewish community was present.

The chairman, Mr. Light, opened the meeting with a few appropriate words, Rev. Movshon then spoke on the life of Dr. Herzl, and Mr. Rudy Regal rendered a few suitable musical items on his accordion.

£1 4s. was collected for four trees to be planted in the Herzl Forest, in the name of the Burghersdorp Zionist Society. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Light for their hospitality.

De Aar

A meeting of the Zionist Association was held at the Synagogue on Tuesday, the 10th ult., to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the death of Dr. Theodor Herzl. Mr. M. Hoffmann presided and delivered a short address on the life of Herzl. The Rev. Klaff intoned *Hazkarah* and Miss Ruth Blumberg read a paper.

The selling of trees for the Herzl Forest concluded the evening's activities.

Ermelo

At a meeting held on Tuesday, 24th inst., the Jewish ladies of Ermelo formed themselves into a Cultural Group as a section of the local Zionist Society, with the following committee: Chairman, Mrs. G. Werner; secretary, Mrs. H. Schneur; committee members, Mrs. Voigt and the Misses E. Ginsburg, S. Chait and R. Lieberthal.

George

The active entertainment sub-committee has once again, within the short space of a month that has elapsed since the holding of the splendid inter-function with Oudtschoorn and Mossel Bay, organised a highly successful social evening for the local Jewish community. The latter gathered in its entirety on the evening of Wednesday, the 18th ult., to enjoy the varieties of a carnival evening.

Side-shows of all descriptions, dancing, bridge, singing, all assisted in making the evening a memorable one for local Jewry and for the numerous visitors present on this occasion. During the evening the results of the Keren Hayesod Campaign were announced.

Ladybrand

On Sunday, 27th of June, a meeting of welcome was held under the auspices of the Zionist Society, in honour of Mr. and Mrs. M. Blechman, who had just returned from an extended trip to Palestine and Europe. There was a large gathering present, visitors coming from Clocolan, Ficksburg, Tweespruit, Hobhouse and Vines Siding.

Dr. C. Immerman presided and welcomed the guests of honour and the visitors present. He also wished Rev. I. Wolk God-speed, as he was leaving the following day. Mr. Blechman delivered an inspiring and interesting address on his tour of Pales-

time. He was thanked by the Chairman and also by Mr. A. Lewis, chairman of the Clocolan Society.

On Tuesday, the 3rd ult., a Herzl memorial evening was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Slomowitz. An interesting paper on "Herzl" was read by Mr. I. Israel. A discussion followed, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. C. Immerman.

On Sunday, the 15th ult., the Zionist Society held a "Mock Wedding" at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Zall. A representative gathering was present and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present. The following took part in the entertainment: Mesdames J. Roodman, C. Immerman, M. Blechman, B. Adelstein, Misses Sadie Proos, Bella Slomowitz, Polly Roodman, J. Israel, Messrs. I. Israel, B. Adelstein, M. Blechman, M. Steckoll, Oscar Proos, M. Horwitz, A. Israel and Dr. C. I. Immerman.

Kopjes

A public meeting took place on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., at the Synagogue. Mr. Sidney Ginsberg presided, and introduced Rev. Glass from Vereeniging, who spoke eloquently on the subject, "Spiritual problems and their remedies." The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker for his able address, and to Mrs. Fisher, who entertained the public at tea.

Kroonstad

The annual Zionist Ball, which was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 4th ult., proved a most successful function. Not only did Kroonstad residents derive great enjoyment from the entertainment, but the fund in aid of which it was arranged will derive material benefit.

The roles of host and hostess were filled by Mr. S. J. Kaplan (president of the Zionist Society) and Mrs. Kaplan. Mr. Kaplan also acted as director of ceremonies, and was assisted by Messrs. L. Jankelowitz, P. Rabinowitz, C. Smiedt and Dr. C. Hurwitz as M.C.s. The Mayor, Dr. F. A. van Reenen, was among the guests, and the function was well supported by large numbers of visitors from neighbouring towns.

The following committee were responsible for the successful organisation of the ball: Mrs. S. J. Kaplan (chairman), Miss R. Kapelowitz (secretary), Mesdames W. Kretzmer, L. Goldblatt, P. Smiedt, C. Smiedt, L. Smiedt, H. Gersohn, C. Kaplan, H. M. Jacobs, P. Rabinowitz, I. Rabinowitz, M. Wainer, Mann, M. Orkin, I. Cohen, R. Kopelowitz, B. Mervis, H. Tuback, E. Jacobson, Pleat, Ch. Hurwitz, Glasser, I. Goldsmith, S. L. Brenkel, G. Grad, A. Rosenberg, J. Cohen (committee).

Muizenberg

A memorial meeting in honour of the memory of the late poet, Chaim Nachman Bialik, was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Tuesday, the 17th ult.

Mr. D. L. Davidowitz, who presided, referred to the terrible loss Jewry had suffered and to the example Bialik afforded by his superiority to factional disputes.

Rabbi Gervis stressed the immortality which the national poet had won for himself, and Dr. Mibashan spoke of Bialik as

being infused with God-inspired spirit, built up on a basis of sordid ghetto life. Mr. B. Padowich dealt with the life of Bialik and compared him to a prophet in Israel.

The *Hazkarah* was beautifully rendered by Cantor M. Katzin. Mr. M. Barnett, seconded by Mr. S. M. Levin, proposed a vote of thanks.

Port Elizabeth

A series of functions is being organised by the ladies of Port Elizabeth in aid of the Jewish National Fund. On June 21st, at the St. George's Hall, a concert was organised by Mesdames Weinronk, Glueck and Kushlick, which yielded the fine sum of £15 14s. 10d.

As a result of a bridge afternoon arranged by Mesdames Louis Dubb and Salomons, held at the residence of Mrs. H. Bernstein, the sum of £5 was raised. A donation of 10s. 6d. from Mrs. Smullian is also recorded.

It is announced that the lucky donor to the appeal on behalf of the Jewish National Fund and Port Elizabeth Centre Building Fund is Mr. Jack Kerbel, of Port Elizabeth.

Somerset West

In our issue of July 6th it was erroneously reported that an amount of £61 1s. 6d. was raised as a result of raffles. This sum was realised as a result of the evening held at the residence of Rev. Altschuler.

Springbok

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Leo Tager on his recent visit here, the ladies of Springbok have formed a Zionist Society with the following officers and committee: President, Mrs. B. Saharin; vice-president, Mrs. C. Caplan; treasurer, Miss R. Diamond; secretary, Mrs. J. Jowell. Committee: Mesdames Sovinsky and Levy. A considerable number of ladies have already enrolled as members and this number will soon be increased. Monthly card evenings are being held in private houses in the interests of the Jewish National Fund, and the first of these, held on the evening of July 25th, yielded £3.

Warmbaths

A children's concert and raffle in aid of the South African Jewish Orphanage were held at the Residency Hotel, the hall of which was kindly given for the occasion by the Rev. and Mrs. Rootstain. Those who took part in the function were Miss K. Rootstain and Anne Joselowitz, Ella Dawidowitz, Esther Rootstain, Riva Rootstain, Ruth Katz, Celia Davis, Thelma Davies, Pauline Saiewitz, Lucy Kay, Harry Berzack, Isaac Rootstain and Henry Isakowitz. The sum of £9 was realised and forwarded to the Orphanage.

A grand concert in aid of the South African Jewish Orphanage was held last week at the Warmbaths Hotel. The function was organised by Miss Joyce Egnos, and Messrs. Sam Weinstock, Leslie Port and Max Rabinowitz, assisted by Sydney Bloch, Mary Poswolsky, Ben Roseman, Sylvia Kruger, Ben Abel, Miriam Kalmek, Doreen Sher, Stanley Dorfman and Babs Blumberg. As a result, the Orphanage benefited to the extent of £12 6s., which was forwarded to that Institution by Mr. M. I. Isaacson.

Vrede

The South African Jewish Orphanage has received from Mrs. E. Friedman, the Hon. Secretary of the Vrede Jewish Ladies' Guild, the sum of £3 15s., being collection at an "At Home" given by Mrs. Levy.