

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Bloemfontein

The monthly meeting of the Bloemfontein Women's Zionist Society was held at Mrs. Lurie's residence on Tuesday, 16th inst. Mrs. Tcherney presided. Advocate L. Lawrence delivered an instructive and inspiring address on "Zionist Topics" which showed a vast knowledge of Jewish problems, and gave a resume of the history of Zionism.

It was reported that the next clearance of boxes would take place on the 28th inst., and the first reading of the Reading Circle was announced for Tuesday, the 23rd October, to be held at Mrs. Tcherney's residence.

Mrs. Lovius proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Lurie.

Boksburg

A general meeting of the Boksburg and District Women's Zionist Society will be held on Tuesday evening, 30th October, at 8 p.m., in the Boksburg North Synagogue. All members are requested to make every effort to attend.

Breyten

The "Bris Milah" was celebrated recently of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Jankelowitz. A large gathering of friends were present to congratulate the parents. Rev. W. Woolf expressed pleasure at the attendance on that occasion of Jews and non-Jews, and hoped that the spirit of co-operation and goodwill would always remain. A collection was made in aid of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage. A cake was put up by American auction and finally sold to Mr. Donovan V. Chapman for the sum of £12 10s. This sum has been forwarded to the Institution by Mr. Louis Feinstein.

Claremont

Oneg Shabbos was held here in the Talmud Torah Hall on Saturday, the 6th inst. under the auspices of the Mizrahi and the Junior Zionist Society. Mr. R. Newstead, chairman of the Claremont Hebrew Congregation, presided. Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson addressed the meeting, the subject being "Moses and Herzl."

Mr. M. Freedman also spoke, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of Hebrew melodies, led by Rabbi Abrahamson.

Mr. A. Silber, chairman of the Junior Zionist Society, proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, and expressed the hope that the institution of Oneg Shabbos would become a permanent one.

Durban

A successful Bazaar was held by the Durban Habonoth in aid of the Kindergarten for German children in Palestine. This Bazaar was organised by children and their leader, Miss R. Geviser, and realised the splendid sum of £20.

The Durban Women's Zionist League held a pleasant function on the 9th inst., at the Durban Jewish Club, in the course of which Mrs. E. M. Levy read topical items of Jewish interest and was highly commended for the manner in which she had compiled them.

The League has also been having a series of afternoons to raise money for "Arbor Day." At these afternoons, various hostesses have provided refreshments for the

charge of 1s. per head, and on each occasion a paper of Jewish interest was read, or Jewish songs were sung. The sum of £27 10s. has already been collected in this way. Mrs. Lewis intimated that a final tea was to be held shortly when it was hoped to bring the amount up to £30. This sum would enable the D.W.Z.L. to have a grove of trees in its name in Palestine.

Kimberley

THE annual prize distribution of the Hebrew classes took place at the Zionist Hall on Saturday evening of last week. Mr. M. Aaronson, President of the Griqualand West Hebrew Congregation presided over a large audience of parents and pupils.

Mr. H. Jacobson, Chairman of the Education Committee, reviewed the work and progress for the past year. In the course of his comprehensive survey, he emphasized the necessity of centralizing all the classes under one roof and of more regular attendance on the part of pupils. He also urged the necessity of engaging a Kindergarten mistress for children of pre-school age.

Mrs. Aaronson then distributed the prizes, including two monetary gifts, generously donated by Mr. Aaronson, for the best attendances during the year.

Mr. J. Blumenthal, representative of the Hebrew Board of Education, delivered an eloquent address.

Rev. M. Konvisser proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Aaronson, and to the lecturer. This was seconded by Mr. A. Slosberg.

The meeting concluded with the pleasant feature of all the children grouped on the platform singing the "Hatikvah."

Kopjes

The Annual Ball of the Kopjes Zionist Society, which proved a social, as well as a financial success, was held on the 26th ult., in the Bioscope Hall, under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress.

Dancing continued till the early hours to the excellent music of the "Heilbron Orchestra," and in the course of the evening a decanter of Eau-de-Cologne was raffled, the winner being Mr. Trotter.

Middelburg (Cape)

The Barmitzvah of Master David Seligman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Seligman, was celebrated at the Middelburg Synagogue on Tuesday morning, "Simchas Torah." After the service the guests adjourned to the "Cheder" Room for Brocha, where several toasts were proposed on behalf of the officers of the newly-completed school, and on behalf of the Barmitzvah, the latter responding in Yiddish.

On Wednesday evening a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seligman, all local Jewry, as well as many visitors from nearby towns, being present.

Mr. Melmed presided and the Rev. Myburg proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah, who replied suitably. Other toasts were proposed by Mrs. Segall, and Messrs. Seligman, J. Seinker, Edelson, Capcan, I. Melmed and Segall. A cake put up for American auction in aid of the school funds realised the sum of £7 8s. 6d. Dancing, and the singing of Hebrew songs, brought to a close a pleasant function.

Muizenberg

A successful social was held under the auspices of the Muizenberg Jewish Ladies Sewing Circle on Saturday evening, September 22 at Krikler's Hotel.

Rabbi Gervis addressed the gathering, and congratulated the society on the good work it had accomplished in such a short time. He laid stress on the national importance of Jewish societies which did not confine their activities to local matters only.

During the evening the work of the Circle was displayed, and Mr. Figg proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Naivas, for their kind hospitality.

Port Elizabeth

A successful and novel dance was organised by the Women's Zionist League on behalf of the Jewish National Fund. This function, which took place at the end of August, was held at the Park Hotel and realised the fine sum of £22 10s. 6d. Thanks are due to all those responsible for the success of this function.

Queenstown

On the 2nd September a bridge drive was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stern at which an amount of £4 2s. 6d. was raised for the Jewish National Fund. Practically the whole community was present at this function, which proved very successful. Thanks are due to the host and hostess.

On August 26th a clearance of J.N.F. Boxes was effected by Messrs. H. Sudar and A. Paul, the sum of £3 6s. 4d. being collected.

Robertson

At a recent meeting of the Robertson Young Israel Society, the following were elected to office: Chairman and Treasurer, Mr. M. Schachat; Vice-Chairlady, Miss A. Plehn; Committee, Misses E. Stupel, J. Zurnamer, and J. Plehn; and Messrs. W. Righthouse, L. Blumberg, and G. Solomon; Hon. Secretary, Miss N. Blumberg, Commercial Hotel, Robertson.

Theunissen

A farewell party was given to Mrs. and Miss Trifisik, on the occasion of their departure for Johannesburg, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mandelzweig, on Saturday, the 6th inst., when an enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. M. Gordon, of Johannesburg, extended the best wishes of the gathering to Mrs. and Miss Trifisik in their new sphere of life.

Vrede

Mrs. E. Friedman, the hon. secretary of the Jewish Ladies Guild, has forwarded to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage the sum of £4 4s., being collection at an evening given by Mrs. Cummings.

A collection of New Year gifts from the members of the Jewish community was made by Mesdames S. Friedman and Wolman. As a result, two cases of eggs and two coops of fowls, together with a cheque for £1 11s. 5d., have been forwarded to the Orphanage by Mrs. M. Hersch.

The Vrede Hebrew Congregation has forwarded to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage the sum of £12 1s. 6d. being the synagogue offerings made by the members during the recent Holydays.

Witbank

A meeting of the Witbank Women's Cultural Group took place on Monday, 24th ult., at the residence of Mrs. Klatzky. There was a good attendance. Copies of "Pioneers and Helpers" were distributed, and Mrs. Katz read the interesting chapter "Women in Professional Life in Palestine." Mrs. Froman read a story from Yiddish Tales, called "The Clock," while a chapter of Lewis Browne's "Story of the Jews" was read by Mrs. Shech.