

## From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### Bethlehem

A large gathering of friends attended the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Epstein on Tuesday, the 30th ult. The toast to the new arrival was proposed by the Mohel, Mr. L. Rubin, of Johannesburg. Mr. N. W. Kaplan toasted the parents. Other speakers were Dr. Theron (Mayor), Mr. J. P. Green and Rev. H. Lidven. The happy father suitably responded to the toasts. Rev. Lidven put up for American auction a cake which realised £10 10s. to be donated to the Jewish National Fund in the name of the baby. The successful bidder was Mr. W. Israel.

### Bothaville

A farewell party at the residence of Mrs. Behr was given by the local Zionist Society to its Secretary, Mr. S. Tankel in connection with the latter's leaving for Bethulie. The Chairman, Mr. M. Brill, addressed Mr. Tankel, expressing his thanks for the good services rendered to the Society, and also mentioned that Mr. Tankel made many friends during his stay at Bothaville, and they were sorry to lose him. He wished Mr. Tankel the best of luck in all his future undertakings. Miss B. Blumberg presented Mr. Tankel with a token from the Society with best wishes and thanks for his good work. Mr. Tankel responded, thanking everyone present for the great honour given to him. He appreciated all the kindness shown towards him during his stay at Bothaville.

A mock trial on the subject "Accusing the Secretary for deserting the Bothaville Zionist Society," arranged by Mr. I. Cohen, proved entertaining and successful.

Mr. H. J. Heller, the Hon. Secretary of the Bothaville Hebrew Congregation has forwarded to the South African Jewish Orphanage the sum of £11 3s. 6d. made up as follows: Synagogue offerings, by Messrs. P. Drubin and J. Richard, £1 1s. each; Messrs. T. W. Behr, I. M. Bliss, M. Cohen, P. Drubin, H. J. Heller, J. Hotz, S. S. Kaplan, M. Merwis, S. Merwis, A. Richard, A. Sachs, B. Stockiner, S. Hare, 10s. 6d. each; Messrs. Zubiler, H. Pokroy, 5s. each; clearance of Orphanage boxes, Mr. H. Cohen, £1; and Mr. N. Dinner, 15s.

### Claremont

Oneg Shabbath was held at Claremont on Saturday, the 3rd inst.; when a fairly large gathering was present. Mr. R. Newstead, Chairman of the local Hebrew Congregation, requested Mr. S. Wilder to take the Chair.

Mr. Wilder thereupon thanked Mr. Newstead for asking him to preside at the meeting, and then called upon Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson to address the gathering, the subject being "Redemption of the Jewish people from Egypt and Babylon."

In his address Rabbi Abrahamson stressed the political, cultural and economic life of Jewry during the stay in Egypt and contrasted their redemption from the latter country with their redemption from Babylon.

He compared the historical significance of the Babylonian Redemption with the Balfour Declaration, which could be considered as the third Jewish Redemption.

Mr. Wilder thanked the Speaker for his inspiring address and Mr. R. Newstead endorsed the Chairman's remarks.

### Jagersfontein - Fauresmith

On Sunday, 4th inst., a very successful social function was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tobias, of Jagersfontein. A cake, presented by Mr. Tobias, and won by Mrs. S. Susman, was raffled. Cards were indulged in, and at the conclusion of the evening an amount of £3 16s. was realised for the Jewish National Fund.

### Kirkwood

A General Meeting of the local Zionist Society was held at Mrs. A. Sher's residence on Sunday evening, November 4th. The main business of the evening was the election of a Chairman, and Mrs. S. Liebowitz proved the successful candidate. The vacancy on the Committee thus created was filled by the election of Mr. Tabachowitz. Refreshments were served and a pleasant social evening was spent.

### Klerksdorp

An afternoon of the Klerksdorp Women's Cultural Group was held at the residence of Mrs. I. Boner on the 31st ult. Mrs. A. Orkin was in the Chair. After the reading of the minutes a lecture on "The Zola and Dreyfus Affair," was read by Mrs. J. Kaye, and was greatly appreciated. "The Current News" written by Mrs. Friedgut, was read by Miss G. Rosen. Musical items were rendered by Miss A. Eisenberg and Miss Sylvia Boner. A number of garments were handed in for the Wizo Baby Home in Palestine.

### Naauwpoort

The local Zionist Society held a Balfour Declaration anniversary meeting on Sunday, October 27th. Practically the whole community attended. Mr. M. Bobrow, Chairman, delivered an address in which he complained that the Balfour Declaration had been whittled down by the various Papers and Commissions. This, however, only made it the more necessary for the Jewish people to commemorate the event if only to remind Great Britain of her pledge to the Jewish people and at the same time to remind themselves of their responsibility towards the Zionist movement and its leaders.

### Uniondale

At the annual general meeting of the Hebrew congregation Mr. L. Linde presided, and the following were re-elected: Mr. J. Ryan, President; Mr. H. Epekowitz, Vice-President; Mr. Alex. Budgor, Treasurer and Secretary; Committee, Messrs. L. Linde, E. Noll, I. Shear, Alex. Ryan, C. Strimling, B. Lewin.

A resolution was passed by the Ladies' Benevolent Society to hold an At Home every first Sunday in the month, the funds to be for the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

The first At Home which was held at Mrs. Linde's home and was well attended by the community proved a social as well as a financial success.

### Volkstrust

The Volkstrust Zionist Society held a function on Sunday, the 4th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rafel, in commemoration of the Balfour Declaration.

After the president, Mr. Sam Berman, had welcomed all those present, Mr. B. Nathan delivered an adequate address on the Balfour Declaration. After the address card games were participated in and one spent an enjoyable evening. The society benefited by the handsome sum of £5 10s., which goes towards the Jewish National Fund.

The president thanked Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rafel for their hospitality, and Mr. B. Nathan for his address.

### Witbank

A general meeting of the Witbank Women's Cultural Group was held on Monday, 22nd ult., at the residence of Mrs. Markiles. There was a good attendance and "The Membership Drive Discussion" was read by Mrs. Markiles and Mrs. Maselle. Mrs. Shein read a story in Yiddish called "Die Blinces," and Mrs. Froman a chapter from Jeremiah. The meeting proved to be most enjoyable, and great interest was displayed in the subjects read and discussed.

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