

# Dunam Drive in Western Province.

## Dr. Mibashan's Successful Tour.

### Hermanus.

Dr. J. Mibashan arrived in Hermanus on December 19th and on the same evening a meeting was held in the Shul on behalf of the Dunam Drive. Dr. I. Lipshitz, the Chairman of the Hermanus Zionist Society, presided and introduced the guest. Dr. Mibashan then gave an eloquent address in which he described the dreary position of the Jews in most countries of the world on the one hand and contrasted with it the excellent position in Eretz Israel which would be able to harbour millions in generations to come. He made a strong appeal on behalf of the National Fund. The subscription of Hermanus and Bot River members amounted to £25 8s.

### Caledon.

A meeting took place in the Shul on December 20th, Mr. Louis Kaplan, President of the Zionist Society, being in the chair. Dr. Mibashan sketched the history of Zionism, past and present, and described the development of Palestine in all spheres. He dwelt especially on the part played by the National Fund in the redeeming of land in the National Home as the eternal property of the Jewish people. His appeal for contributions resulted in the subscription of £12.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kaplan kindly acted as hosts to Dr. Mibashan during his stay in Caledon.

### Bredasdorp.

Dr. Mibashan arrived here on December 21st and on the evening of the same day a meeting took place in the Town Hall under the chairmanship of Mr. N. Newman. Dr. Mibashan gave a survey of the achievements of the Zionist Organisation as well as of private Zionists in Palestine during the last fifty years and insisted on the great

need for a maximum area of the land of Palestine to be in Jewish hands. He described the methods of work of the Jewish National Fund in the upbuilding of Eretz Israel. The subscription yielded the amount of £20.

After the meeting Dr. and Mrs. Landau entertained many of those present at the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. A. Osrin, proprietors of the Standard Hotel, were the hosts of Dr. Mibashan.

### Saldanha.

On Sunday, December 24th, Dr. Mibashan, accompanied by Dr. H. Myers, of Malmesbury, who kindly lent his car for this purpose, went to Saldanha to inaugurate the Dunam Drive there. At the meeting, which took place at the residence of Mr. Silverman, one of the proprietors of the Saldanha Hotel, members of the small congregation of Vredenburg as well as a few guests from Cape Town and other centres participated. Mr. M. Sank was in the chair. Dr. Mibashan, after giving a very vivid description of the flourishing state of Palestine, thanks to the activity of the Jews during the last decade, made a warm appeal for support of the Jewish National Fund so as to enable thousands of persecuted Jews in East and West to be settled in Palestine.

The subscription yielded the amount of £63 within less than half an hour.

Mr. C. J. Levin moved a vote of thanks to the speaker for his instructive address and expressed the wish of the audience to have such lectures on the progress of Zionist work in Palestine delivered more often.

Thanks are due to Dr. Myers for his unselfish offer of his car for a whole day until the early hours of the morning thus enabling the Drive in this town to be carried out so successfully.

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to be the outstanding Young Israel Camp ever held. As will be seen from the "souvenir" programme which the Executive intends printing, the social programme is a most attractive one, including as it does a Grand Chalutz Masquerade, several dances at the Strand, Somerset West, Gordon's Bay, a paper-chase, tennis, cricket, etc. But it is in the cultural "fare" which the programme provides that this camp is likely to excel all its predecessors. In addition to the usual cultural items including a debate, a mock-trial, and a living newspaper, a summer-school, the first of its kind, is being held in conjunction with the camp. This summer-school is to be voluntarily attended by campers, and will be held every day for approximately three hours after lunch. As a result of the introduction of the summer-school, it is predicted that more seniors will

attend this camp than in former times. Almost the whole of the Cape Executive will be at camp, whilst several prominent Young Israel workers from Johannesburg, Bloemfontein and the Eastern Province will also be present.

One of these, Mr. Leslie Lawrence, ex-President of the O.F.S. Executive, is already down at the Cape and is busy cementing his friendship with members of the Cape Executive.

The Cape Executive has decided to propose the inscription in the Book of Service of the name of Mr. Louis Shapiro, who has done a tremendous amount of hard and strenuous Young Israel (and also senior Zionist) work, both in the Cape and O.F.S., and who intends leaving permanently for Eretz Israel next month.

## Judean Central Council.

### RECENT ACTIVITIES.

(By the Publicity Secretary).

Despite the fact that during the examination period the ranks of the Executive were sadly depleted, the ever-working nucleus carried steadfastly on with praiseworthy results.

One of the most active departments of the Executive in recent months has been the cultural sub-committee, whose main efforts have been directed towards amassing an enormous amount of cultural material, ready for distribution at regular intervals from the beginning of next year. This cultural material includes certain excellent pamphlets, in bulk, received from Jerusalem, London, America and Canada. Five hundred copies of "Auto-Emancipation" have already been received and will be distributed in due course. In addition the cultural sub-committee is translating certain portions of the "Lanoar" books and other Hebrew writings. These translations are not easily obtainable in English. It has been decided, furthermore, to stencil a book of poems and a book of popular modern Hebrew songs, and to distribute these at the nominal sum of 3d. per book whilst, in addition, a thousand copies of the Hatikvah, containing English Hebrew and Phonetics will be stencilled and distributed to Young Israel members. As it is the intention of the Executive to carry on intensive propaganda in connection with the J.N.F., the J.N.F. headquarters at Jerusalem have been asked for pamphlets and other material, whilst, in addition, essays on the J.N.F., suitable for younger children, are being compiled by the sub-committee. It is interesting to note that the sub-committee has ordered a large number of maps of Palestine for distribution to affiliated societies.

Another interesting feature is the decision of the Committee that at all big functions, e.g. Conferences, Judean Parliaments, there shall be a pamphlet and book-stall, and a stall for Palestinian products. Indeed the display and sale of Palestinian products at the Annual Young Israel Camp, to be held soon at the Strand, will be a noteworthy feature of that camp.

Although only eight societies have thus far joined the circulating library, these have, nevertheless, made fairly frequent use of the latter, and the scheme has more than justified itself. It is sincerely hoped, however, that all affiliated societies will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity.

As regards the Chalutz campaign, the Cape whilst not in any way producing spectacular results has worked steadily, and already the quota (£500) has been pledged, whilst actually about half that sum has been remitted to the Youth Council. The Annual Young Israel Ball was held recently in aid of the Chalutz Scheme and produced an appreciable amount.

The Annual Young Israel Camp, which is to be held at the Strand from the 31st December to 14th January, can be described honestly and sincerely, without the usual exaggeration and undue optimism, as likely

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