

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY.

EDITORIAL NOTICE.—In view of our limited space, Secretaries of Societies and others sending Reports for insertion in these Columns or in our other Local News Columns must make them as brief as possible.

Benoni.

Under the auspices of the local Dorshei Zion Association, a very interesting lecture on the life and work of Heinrich Heine, the great German poet, was given by Mrs. N. Kirschner on Sunday, December 17th, at the Communal Hall. Dr. C. B. Shapiro presided over a large attendance, and the lecture was listened to with great interest. At the conclusion of the lecture, Mr. M. Toker moved, and Mr. Ch. Miller seconded, a vote of thanks to Mrs. N. Kirschner.

Brandfort.

A farewell party, organised by the Jewish Ladies' Circle, was given to Mr. and Mrs. I. Roytowski, on the 13th November, at the residence of the Rev. and Mrs. Batlan. A most enjoyable evening was spent. During the evening Miss Lovius gave selections on the piano. After refreshments were served, various members of the community spoke of the good work done by the guests of honour, Mr. Roytowski being president of the Hebrew Congregation, secretary of the Zionist Association, treasurer of the Ukraine Orphans' Fund, and associated with other charitable and local efforts. Mrs. Roytowski was presented with a silver card case by the Ladies' Circle, and replied suitably in a few words. Mr. and Mrs. Roytowski have left Brandfort, where Mr. Roytowski had been in business as a chemist, to take up their residence in the Cape. A hearty welcome was accorded to Mr. Davis, who came to Brandfort as successor to Mr. Roytowski, and to Mrs. Davis.

A special "Chanukah" service was held in the Brandfort Synagogue on Sunday, the 17th December. The service was fully choral, Miss R. Hellman being the accompanist on the organ. A short sermon, which was appreciated very much, was delivered by the Rev. Batlan. Swelk were distributed to the children, who sang Hebrew psalms. The service terminated with the singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King."

Burghersdorp.

The Zionist Federation has received £8 10s. 7d., the result of a recent clearance of local National Fund boxes by Messrs. S. Eliasov and I. Gross.

Capetown.

BNOth ZION ASSOCIATION.

The above association has forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation the amount of £212 16s. 9d., being half proceeds of the annual Jewish National Fund ball, held recently under the auspices of the combined Zionist societies of Capetown.

DORSHEI ZION ASSOCIATION.

The Dorshei Zion Association has remitted to the Zionist Federation the handsome amount of £785 16s. 8d., the result of its recent activities for the Jewish National Fund. Full details will be found in our

acknowledgment columns. The amount is made up as follows:—General collections, £460 0s. 10d.; Golden Book, £172; box clearances £105 2s. 7d.; tree fund, £23 8s. 6d.; Golden Book open account, £25 5s. 3d. Amongst other noteworthy items are:—£112 collected at the barmitzvah of Master Lazarus Salber, to inscribe his name; three other collections of £20 each at functions and Simchas for Golden Book inscriptions; £212 16s. 9d., half nett proceeds of the annual Capetown National Fund ball (the other half having reached the Federation per the Bnoth Zion Association); £24 18s. 1d., half share of nett proceeds of balloon carnival held by the Capetown Maccabeans; a large number of collections at Simchas and special donations, as well as general collections at synagogues; and Yom Kippur offerings by the members of the Woodstock-Salt River Hebrew Congregation (headed by a donation of 35 guineas by Mr. I. Morduchowitz) totalling £99 14s. 6d. By these efforts the Cape Peninsula again proves itself the backbone of the National Fund work in South Africa, the volume of its support during the year just past having been out of all proportion to the numbers of the Jewish community in that area.

The Capetown Maccabean Society, which was started about seven months ago, is doing excellent work, and promises to supply a long felt want in the life of the Jewish youth in Capetown.

Under the presidency of Advocate J. Herbstein, the society has done much to interest the general public in matters of Jewish concern. An exhibition of Jewish *objets d'art* was held in October, and proved a tremendous success. Unique in character, this novel experiment helped to show that just as in other branches of learning, so in the realm of Art, a new spirit of intense nationalism was pervading the rising generation. So great was the interest that steps are being taken to hold another exhibition on a larger scale.

A series of lectures on "Modern Jewish Problems," by Messrs. Mirvish, Lange, Turtledove, and Miss Jaches drew large audiences and roused keen discussion. Dr. Olsvanger spoke on "The Jewish elements in the Kalewala," and Mr. A. Z. Berman on "Jewish Art," while Mr. Shein, a recent arrival from Palestine, spoke on "Nationalism and Assimilation." To all these, thanks go out for their public spirit and great kindness.

As far as the purely social side of the work is concerned, Misses Gitlin and Levinsohn are to be heartily congratulated on the success of a "Balloon Carnival," organised by them in aid of the National and other funds. In every respect this function proved a huge success, and the funds will benefit to quite an appreciable extent. Rambles, picnics, moonlight walks, have been organised, and have helped towards inculcating a corporate spirit amongst the members.

CHANDLER'S Beer makes the Heart Joyful

At the general meeting held on December 12th, 1922, the chairman (Adv. Herbstein) spoke on "From Basle to Carlsbad," tracing the connection between the first congress at Basle and the most recent held at Carlsbad.

The society is fortunate in having secured the services of Miss Betty Policansky, B.A., as hon. secretary, and with the energetic committee which was then elected, the society can look forward to a very active and useful session.

Durban.

A special Chanukah festival was held in St. Andrew Street Synagogue on Sunday, the 17th December, 1922, at 4 p.m., the main feature being the distribution of prizes by Mrs. F. C. Hollander to the pupils of the Talmud Torah, whose headmaster is the Rev. N. Menachemson. Mr. F. C. Hollander, in addressing the crowded synagogue, drew an able parallel between the event of the fatal attack by Dingaan's men upon the defenceless Dutch and that of Antiochus' men upon the zealous Jews in the cave on a Sabbath Day. He went on to describe the heroic fights of the Maccabees and emphasised how, with the return of the Jews to their homeland, they will bring to light again the deeds of the Maccabees, and thus add to the glory of Israel. Rev. N. Menachemson conducted the service. Mr. Rothstein rendered a violin solo, accompanied by Miss Rothstein. Mr. Meyerson sang two songs which were accompanied by Miss R. Ware. Miss Moshal sang "Eli," and the school children sang "Mooz Zur," with instrumental accompaniment. Refreshments were provided in the Talmud Torah Hall, where gramophone recitals were given. The festival concluded with the singing of "God Save the King" and "Hatikvah."

East London.

The distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Hebrew School took place in the School Chambers on Sunday evening, 17th December, the third day of Chanukah. There was a large gathering, and Rev. Altshuler conducted the evening service and performed the ceremony of setting up the lights. Mr. A. Navid, president of the school, who was in the chair, reported in detail on the work and progress of the classes, and called upon the principal, Mr. Pogrund, to address the children on the history of Chanukah. Mr. M. Pogrund, in a lengthy address, explained the value of that great historic feast for the Jewish nation and for the Jewish youth in particular. Mr. Abelman, president of the congregation, and Mrs. A. Navid distributed the prizes to the successful pupils who distinguished themselves at the examination held by Rev. Wolk. The committee hereby accord their great appreciation to the ladies who supplied refreshments to all the children of the school, and to all those who assisted in the arrangement of the evening. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman and the singing of "Hatikvah."

The local Zionist society has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the following amounts:—For Jewish National Fund, collected at various Simchas, £13 15s. 6d.; for Keren Hayesod, collected at various Simchas, £20 8s.; Tree Fund donations, £12 18s. Details will be found in the acknowledgment columns of our February issue.

Johannesburg.

The Johannesburg National Fund Committee has handed to the S.A. Zionist Federation the amount of £179 10s. 9d., made up as follows:—Box clearances: Doornfontein—Balance of September clearance, £7 6s.; clearance, December 17th, £52 1s. 10d.; total, £59 7s. 10d.; Southern Suburbs—clearance, December 10th, £25 15s.; Mayfair—clearance, December 3rd, £31 13s. 5d.; Braamfontein—clearance, December 10th, £15 16s.; total from boxes, £133 7s. 3d. Tree fund donations, £35 16s.; proceeds of American auction of Latke at Zeire Zion evening, £9 2s. 6d.; plate collection, Ophirton Hebrew Congregation, 15s. Details will be found in our acknowledgment columns.

Kimberley.

The local Zionist Association has forwarded to the S.A. Federation the following amounts for the National Fund:—Collected at wedding, Schles—Vos, £4 13s. 3d.; donation by M. L. Genussow at Price memorial portrait, £3 3s.

At the recent Eisteddfod, held in East London, Max Sapiro won the second prize, silver medal, and certificate in the violin event under 17 years. Master Sapiro is the son of Mr. I. W. Sapiro, the hon. secretary for many years past of the Griqualand West Ezrath Zion Association.

Koffyfontein.

In connection with the celebration of the Palestine Mandate some months since, socials were given by Mesdames Weinberg, Rubin and Reznik, at which £1 14s. 1d., £1 3s. 1d. and £2 6s. respectively were realised for the Restoration Fund. Mrs. Raywid, who was unable to hold a social, made a donation of £5 to the same fund.

The departure of Misses Zangwill and Zacks leaves a gap in the local Jewish ranks. Miss Zangwill, during her one year's stay here, gave her assistance in Zionist work, whilst Miss Zacks, who was only here for three months, made herself very popular with every section of the local community.

The wedding of Miss Jessie Karpas, of Koffyfontein, to Mr. B. Bloch, of Bloemfontein, took place on December 26th, and was the first Jewish wedding ever solemnised in the town. Rev. Z. Lawrence, of Bloemfontein, officiated, and the local inhabitants turned out in full force to witness the ceremony, the synagogue being unable to accommodate half of those present. A reception in the Town Hall, which was packed, followed the ceremony. In Miss Karpas the town is losing an ardent Zionist and a great worker for all charities.

Lusaka.

The local Hebrew Congregation has forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation the sum of £26 5s. for the Palestine Orphans' Fund, being the total amount of donations made by local residents.

Maquassi.

The Hebrew congregation has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the amount of £12 19s. 3d. for the Palestine National Restoration Fund, being balance of monies collected during the last high festivals.

Piet Retief.

The Ahavas Zion Society has forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation £22 for 22 golden shekolim. The names of the contributors appear elsewhere in this issue. We call attention to this exemplary response by the Jews of Piet Retief to the call of the Zionist leaders for support of the Zionist Organisation, and trust that their example will be universally followed throughout South Africa.

Port Elizabeth.

The recently elected officers and committee of the local Zionist Society comprise the following:—President, Mr. N. Lurie; hon. treasurer, Mr. B. Levin; hon. secretary, Mr. D. Mierowsky, P.O. Box 264; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. A. C. Rummel; committee, Messrs. J. Schumacher, J. Hallis, M. Sapiro, J. Porter, B. Weinronk, J. Rosenberg, A. Lemmer, M. Rosenberg, M. Kerbel, I. Salters and S. Kahn. This is a thoroughly representative body of workers, from whom much is expected, and who have already planned out a programme of active Zionist work for their period of office.

The recent visit of Dr. Olsvanger to Port Elizabeth was a period of intense propaganda activity amongst every section of the local community, young and old, and has greatly stimulated local Zionist sentiment. We earnestly trust that this intensification of local Zionism will produce great results, spiritual as well as material.

At the wedding of Miss Greenblatt to Mr. Wasserman, of Johannesburg, on the 7th inst., Mr. Sain, recently arrived from Palestine, made an effective Zionist speech. A collection was made, realising £6 3s., which has been forwarded to the Zionist Federation for allocation in equal shares to the fund for the transference of orphans to Palestine and the Jewish National Fund.

At the wedding of Mr. W. Klotz, of Krugersdorp, to Miss R. Lewis, of Port Elizabeth, which took place on the 10th inst., a Zionist collection was made by Messrs. B. Weinronk (who presided over the function) and J. Martinson, which realised £8 2s. 6d. for the Jewish National Fund, whilst two Golden Shekolim were also contributed.

Pretoria.

Mr. S. Meyerson has forwarded a donation of £6 for the planting of ten trees in Palestine in commemoration of the Brismilah of Mordecai Bernitz. Mr. Meyerson is a cousin of the infant and was Sandek at the ceremony.

Robertson.

The wedding was recently solemnized at the local synagogue between Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Groll of Robertson, and Jacob Berman of Malmesbury. During the reception a cake was put up for auction and bought by Mr. Greenberg, who again put it up for sale. It was then bought by Mr. Shapiro, the total amount realised being £10, which has been forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation for allocation in equal shares to the Ukraine Orphans' Fund and the Palestine National Restoration Fund.

Springbok.

At a Chanukah service held at the local synagogue on December 17th, £2 was collected for the Jewish National Fund.

Stellenbosch.

On the 7th inst., the Brismilah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shulman took place. Rev. Kassel officiated, and Mr. S. Marcus presided over the numerous relatives and friends present, and made a collection which realised £2 15s. This was then sold by American auction to the parents for £18. 18s. for the Cape Jewish Orphanage, Aged Home and Bikur Cholim. Various speeches were made, and the proceedings closed with the singing of "Hatikvah."

Wynberg.

The local Zionist Association has forwarded to the Zionist Federation £38 for the Jewish National Fund, being proceeds of a Chanukah concert, organised by the association and given in the Wynberg Town Hall on December 14th. The function proved a complete success, and the organisers are to be heartily congratulated.

The opening item of the concert was the *Lebende M'neiro*, a choral number conducted by Mr. Rabinowitz, with solo by Miss R. Bloch. The Misses S. Jaffe and Cohen gave songs, and the Misses Rudolph and Effman Yiddish recitations. Interesting tableaux vivants were given, depicting happy workers gathering in the sheaves from the harvest fields of Palestine and singing joyously at their work. Miss Rose Carmel, a gifted elocutionist, thrilled the audience with the sleep-walking scene from "Macbeth," and then gave, by way of contrast, a humorous sketch. Several of her little pupils also contributed to the evening. Mr. H. Hecker, with his his 'phone fiddle and his repertoire of stories, found favour. Eight little boys and girls, carrying the Chanukah *Lichtelach*, sang Hebrew songs, whilst an orchestra, organised by Mr. Shaskolsky, dispensed musical items. The Misses Lily Rifkin and Dora Levy accompanied the vocal solos.

At the conclusion, Mr. O. Firkser, hon. treasurer of the association, briefly thanked the artistes and the organisers, also the community for their support.

The association has also forwarded a further instalment of £65 on account of local donations to the Keren Hayesod.

It has also been of the greatest assistance in collecting and forwarding the subscriptions of a large number of local subscribers to the *Zionist Record*.

At a gathering held on January 4th at the residence of Mr. S. Braude, a member of the committee of the local Zionist Association, and attended by the Executive and Committee of the Association and other local Zionists, Dr. I. Olsvanger gave an explanation of the objects of the Golden Shekel, and after a short discussion lead by Mr. I. Schock, the president of the association, it was agreed that not less than 25 Golden Shekolim could, and would, be contributed by Wynberg Zionists. The committee desires to extend thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Braude for their hospitality on the occasion.