

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.

We are glad to note that with the election of a new committee the Dorshei Zion Association is showing increased activity. The recent shekel sale yielded a return of 219 shekolim—a great improvement on last year's total. This gratifying figure is due to the energetic efforts of the Shekel Commissioner, Mr. J. J. Fine, and his band of canvassers, whose returns were as follows:—Miss Hyman and Mr. A. Miller, 28; Miss P. Miller and Mr. R. Kahanowitz, 24; Miss R. Miller and Mr. Gross, 45; Miss Kaminsky and Mr. Reichlin, 46; Miss Katz and Mr. Shein, 34; Miss Hyman and Miss Kaminsky, 42.

The following ladies and gentlemen have been added to the committee of the association:—Mrs. F. Blum, Mrs. B. Segal, Mr. S. Kreinin, Mr. S. Segal and Mr. M. Sacks.

Bloemfontein.

We report with great pleasure that at a meeting held on the 25th inst. it was decided to form, or rather to revive, the Bloemfontein Zionist Society. The Zionist movement has a strong hold upon the affection and sympathy of the Jewish community in the Free State capital, but for some time past there has been no properly organised society, and the Zionist work has devolved upon a few individual enthusiasts, amongst whom we cannot refrain from mentioning Mr. A. Schwartz, senr., whose name is a household word amongst South African Zionists. It is a great tribute, both to the workers in Bloemfontein and to the general community, that in spite of the handicap of having no organised society for some time past, remarkable work has been done for Zionist funds and propaganda. Nevertheless, it is a matter of course that much more can be done when the workers and the community as a whole are organised in a strong and well-knit organisation. We therefore look forward to the happiest results accruing to Zionist effort in Bloemfontein from the establishment of this Society, and we wish it all success.

The following ladies and gentlemen constitute the committee of the Society:—President, Mr. J. Lovius; vice-president, Mr. I. Fogel; treasurer, Mr. A. Schwartz, senr.; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Bernstein; committee, the Misses I. Abelson and A. Persky, and Messrs. M. Pencharz, R. Drobis, I. Cohen, B. Cohen, M. Shtein and Davidson.

Boksburg and Boksburg North.

The sale of shekolim here was conducted by the East Rand Zionist Association, assisted by the Boksburg North Y.I.S. The collectors were the Misses Dezatnik, Gillman, Penn and Weitzman, and Messrs. Hoppenstein, Jacobi, Louis, Saretzky and Swil. Ninety-two shekolim were disposed of, which is an improvement on the figures of previous years.

Capetown.

BNOth ZION ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, the 16th April, a very successful concert was held at the Railway Institute under the auspices of the association. The artistes were Miss J. Zuckerman (pianoforte solo), Mr. Jan Luyt (violin solo), Mesdames Justice Benjamin and Wolfinsohn, and Mr. Bloch (songs), Miss Rose Policansky and Miss Rita Gesundheit (recitations in Yiddish and Hebrew respectively), Miss J. Isaacsohn (cello solo). The dance display given by pupils of Miss Miriam Kirsch was among the items which were most appreciated.

The second half of the programme opened with a Biblical scene entitled "The Daughter of Jephthah," which was arranged by Mrs. S. Gordon, assisted by Miss T. Van Gelderen, Miss Bloch taking the part of Jephthah's daughter very successfully, and rendering some very fine Hebrew songs.

The proceeds of this function, which it is hoped will be substantial, will be donated to the National Fund and the fund for the transference of the Ukrainian orphans to Palestine.

The annual house-to-house collection for the Jewish National Fund, conducted by the Zionists of Capetown on March 4th (the Sunday after Purim), realised £421 5s. This amount has been duly forwarded to the South African Zionist Federation.

The returns of the various collectors were as follows:—E. Gurland and J. Gitlin, £80; H. I. Guinsberg and S. Jocum, £41 15s. 6d.; S. Kaminsky and B. Suchet, £37 12s.; A. Salber and J. Gitlin, £28 18s. 6d.; Myer Joffe and L. Polikansky, £27 6s.; P. Policansky and J. Zuckerman, £24 16s.; L. M. Sacks and H. Sacks, £21 14s.; Rev. S. Kessel, M. Morduchowitz, B. Rubik and W. Satusky, £19 2s.; M. Gurland, M. Jacobson and H. Baker, £17 5s.; Rev. I. M. Cohen and Ch. Levinsohn, £16 7s. 6d.; I. Schwartz and Ch. Joffe, £16 5s.; G. Fine, £15 7s. 6d.; S. Kaplan and Moses Joffe (including £1 6s. 6d. per Altshul and Rostowsky), £12 2s.; J. L. Maister and C. Salber, £10 10s. 6d.; M. Zuckerman and D. Rechtman, £10 8s.; M. Bloch and R. Lewis, £9 11s. 6d.; J. Kagan, D. Rechtman and Morris Sacks, £9 9s. 6d.; A. N. Abel and I. Posvolsky, £8 1s. 6d.; H. Baker, £7 1s. 6d.; K. Zabow and R. Shaskolsky, £5 2s. 6d.; S. Levinsohn and Ch. Wheeler, £1 19s.; total, £421 5s.

De Aar.

The annual general meeting of the local Zionist Association was held on Sunday, March 25th, in the Synagogue. Mrs. S. Blumberg was re-elected president and Miss V. Jassinowsky secretary. Miss M. Simson and Mrs. I. Blumberg were elected assistant secretary and treasurer respectively. The following

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were elected a committee in place of the members retired:—Mesdames R. Blumenthal, I. Blumberg and M. Hoffman, and Misses R. Simson, F. Feldman and Goldberg.

Durban.

The shekel sale here, which recently took place under the auspices of the local Zionist Association, resulted in 296 shekolim being disposed of. The returns of the collectors, who deserve every credit for their fine and energetic work, were as follows:—Mesdames S. Cohen and A. Kaplan, 100; Misses C. Smo and R. Cohen, 68; Miss J. Byala and Master S. Byala, 42; Masters L. Burman and P. Shapiro, 35; Messrs. L. Lewin and Hammerstein, 26; Messrs. Strous and Shapiro, 25. Warmest thanks are due to the following lady and gentlemen for giving the collectors the use of their motor cars on Shekel Day:—Mrs. Friedman and Messrs. B. Lurie, Marcus Lewis, L. Hart and M. Kanter.

East London.

At the Barmitzvah of Max, third son of Mr. Ch. Segal, the sum of £3 was collected in aid of the fund for the transference of Jewish orphans from the Ukraine to Palestine.

Heidelberg, C.P.

We are glad to report that the record number of 40 shekolim has been sold in this small community, thanks for which are due to Messrs. T. Dissler and Marcus Friedman.

Johannesburg.

WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE.

The March literary meeting of the League once again proved the extreme popularity of these gatherings. More than sixty ladies assembled at the residence of Mrs. Davidoff, Mitchell Street, Berea, to listen to Dr. J. Harte's interesting address on "The Mission of the Jewish Woman." The lecturer won the sympathy of his audience by the modesty as well as by the intelligence with which he expounded his subject. He had evidently given some serious thought to the problem, and was unaffectedly anxious for the Jewish wife and mother to realise the great responsibility resting upon her to uphold the best traditions of the race and preserve the essence of Judaism in the family life.

Mrs. J. L. Landau presided over the meeting and joined in the discussion that followed, other speakers including Mesdames Sive, Glick, Hirsch and Jacobson, and Miss Jean Barrkman.

The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the lecturer and to the hostess.

There was a very large assembly of relatives and friends at the Selborne Hall on Monday evening, the 16th inst., to celebrate the marriage of Miss Sadie Hotz to Mr. Joseph Reeb.

The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Chief Rabbi Dr. Landau, who had previously officiated at the wedding.

The bridegroom had intimated that he desired his friends, in lieu of wedding presents, to make a contribution to the Jewish National Fund. An announcement to this effect was made by Mr. A. M. Abrahams,

president of the South African Zionist Federation, and as a result donations amounting to some £70 were made by those present at the gathering. This noteworthy action by Mr. Reeb is one which we hope will be emulated by many other Zionists on similar occasions.

We regret that in the report in our last issue of the musical afternoon held by the Women's Zionist League the name of Mrs. Harry Cohen, who kindly gave some pianoforte soli, was inadvertently omitted. The League has forwarded to the Zionist Federation £3 5s. for the Jewish National Fund, being the amount realised on the occasion mentioned above.

Pietersburg.

Eighty-one Shekolim were disposed of in this town, the collection being conducted under the auspices of the local Zionist Society by the following ladies:—The Misses R. and I. Sadovsky (18 shekolim), H. Hirschmann (15), B. Hirschmann (6), L. Israelsohn (13), H. Meyers (11), N. Serman, Louis Trichardt (8), A. Sadovsky (10). Further returns are expected from outlying centres in the district to which shekolim have been supplied by the society.

Port Elizabeth.

A very impressive Nordau memorial service was held in the Emanuel Hall on Sunday evening, February 25th, and was largely attended. Mr. N. Lurie, president of the Port Elizabeth Zionist Society, feelingly referred from the chair to the great loss sustained by the Jewish people, and gave some personal reminiscences of our departed leader. He was followed by Mr. D. Mierowsky, who, in an address of over an hour's duration, traced the life and works of Nordau. He described Nordau, the man, the Jew and the Zionist, and gave a full account of his literary activity. He also quoted the gist of some of Nordau's great Zionist orations. He dwelt particularly on the prophetic character of Nordau's writings, and described him as the modern exemplification of the true Hebraic spirit. After Mr. Mierowsky's address, "El Mole Rachmim" was effectively recited by Rev. M. Sandler, the whole gathering standing. A collection for the Nordau Garden City was then made, which realised £5 5s.

Zionist activity in Port Elizabeth has been to some extent adversely affected by the terrible loss sustained by Mr. D. Mierowsky, the principal of the local Hebrew School, and the hon. secretary of the Port Elizabeth Zionist Society, in the untimely death of his wife, which took place some two months ago.

We are glad to note, however, that Zionist work in this large Jewish centre has now been resumed on an active scale, the Shekel, National Fund boxes, membership canvass, etc., all having been energetically taken in hand.

Robertson.

A very pleasant reception was given here by Mr. and Mrs. S. Blusger on Sunday, March 25th, on the double occasion of their silver wedding and the barmitzvah of their only son, Isaac. Mr. Rosenzweig, who presided, proposed the toast of the host and hostess. Revs. S. Josefowitz and L. Mazur proposed the toast of the barmitzvah, who replied

in English and Yiddish. Numerous other speeches were also made. Mr. N. Sandler, on behalf of the Hebrew congregation, presented Mr. and Mrs. Blusger with a silver cup in appreciation of Mr. Blusger's good work as vice-president and treasurer of the congregation.

Salisbury.

The result of the Shekel sale in Salisbury and district is not yet to hand, as some of the country places have not yet had an opportunity of sending in their returns to Salisbury.

Isidore, eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Rosin, a medical student at Trinity College, Dublin, has passed his Medical Intermediate, Part II., with honours in every subject.

Somerset East.

Miss F. Waldman has been appointed hon. secretary of the local Zionist Society in place of Miss Ada Levin, who has resigned owing to having to pursue her musical studies. Miss Levin held office for ten months, during which time the society made splendid progress. At a meeting on the 8th inst., at which the election of a new secretary was made, appreciative reference was made both by the President and by Mr. N. Baker to Miss Levin's invaluable services, and regret was expressed that the society had to lose her enthusiastic and energetic work. Miss Levin, in response, said that her work had been a labour of love, and that although she was now for the time being severing her connection with the society, she would continue to take a keen interest in all its undertakings, and would always be ready to render any assistance possible.

We are confident that Miss Waldman, who is not new to Zionist society work, and who belongs to a local family which has done much for the cause, will prove a worthy successor to Miss Levin.

Strand.

A large and representative meeting was held at the Strand on Sunday, March 11th, under the auspices of the local Zionist Society. Mr. Miller presided, and welcomed Mr. Advocate J. Herbstein and Mr. Turtle-dove, the president and vice-president respectively of the Capetown Maccabean Association, who had come from Capetown to address the society.

Mr. Herbstein contrasted the sorry position of Jewry twenty-five years ago with the new spirit of national pride and independence which to-day pervaded the Jewish people. Nordau and Trumpeldor, each in himself, typified a special phase of the Zionist movement. To each the Jewish people was gratefully indebted. Mr. Herbstein concluded with a general survey of the present position and future possibilities of the Jewish people.

Mr. Turtle-dove spoke of the separation of the Jews from the land, and showed that only a return to the land could give the Jewish people that economic foundation without which healthy progress was impossible. He concluded by suggesting the amalgamation of the Zionist societies of the Strand and Somerset West. His suggestion was endorsed by Dr. Isaacson, speaking as a Strand resident, and by Mr. H. M. Jaffe, chairman of the Somerset West Zionist Society. After some discussion a sub-committee, consisting of Dr.

Isaacson, Messrs. Jaffe, Miller, Kruss, Nochomowitz and Miller, was appointed to go into ways and means for carrying out the suggested amalgamation.

A vote of thanks to the speakers, moved from the chair, concluded the proceedings.

Uniondale.

The collection of £16 6s. 6d. reported in our last issue was made on the occasion of the engagement of Miss Bertha Linde, of Uniondale, to Mr. H. Greenberg, of Willowmore.

There were a few errors and omissions in the list of donors as given in our last issue; the corrected list will be found in our acknowledgment columns. The list includes a number of friends of Mr. Greenberg who came from Willowmore and other places to celebrate the occasion, whilst the Uniondale names include several relatives of Miss Linde.

THE GOLDEN SHEKEL.

A CONTRIBUTION OF £1 PER ANNUM FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANISATION.

We append a further list of contributors of the Golden Shekel whose payments reached us during this month. It is a very small list, and we feel that far more could have been and still can be done by means of this contribution to help the Zionist Organisation to carry on.

With every Zionist it should be a point of honour to help the Organisation, of which he is a member, out of the financial difficulties which cripple its work.

Zionist Societies and representatives are urged to proceed with a brief but active canvass for the Golden Shekel, and to forward returns without delay. Individuals who have not yet been approached are urged to forward their Golden Shekel direct to the S.A. Zionist Federation, P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg.

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(Received from April 1st to April 25th.)

- Johannesburg.*—303, I. B. Rudaizky.
Kimberley.—304, Harry Stoller; 306, J. Sacks.
Middelburg, C.P.—305, Master Alec Seligman.
Clocolan.—307, H. Suttner; 308, S. Durbach; 309, M. Blechman.
Ladybrand.—310, M. Sandler; 311, A. Friedgut; 312, S. Sorsky; 313, H. Jacobson; 314, M. Steckoll; 315, S. Steckoll; 316, I. Israel.
East London.—317, late Mrs. D. W. Hirshowitz (Saulen, Russia).
Durban.—318, H. Hillman; 319, S. A. Nathanson; 320, I. Lurie.

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