

# 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.

## Barkly East.

The local community in spite of its small numbers succeeded in arranging services during the recent High Festivals, there being no lack of honorary Chazonim. The nett amount of £18 1s. 6d. was cleared for various funds, and this amount has been despatched in equal shares to the Cape Jewish Orphanage, the German Jews Relief Fund and the Keren Hayesod.

## Beaufort West.

The local Zionist Society has forwarded the amount of £10 17s. 6d. to the Keren Hayesod, being on account of local donations.

## Bethal and Highveld.

During the week ended October 19th, Dr. I. Olsvanger paid a visit to the Highveld in the interests of the Keren Hayesod.

He first visited Bethal, where a meeting was held under the auspices of the Zionist Association, and in addition to arrangements being made for the redemption of sundry unpaid donations to the Fund, the following further donations were made:—M. Levy, £6 6s.; M. Cohen, £6 6s.; A. Blieden, £5; J. Revon, £3 3s.

From Bethal Dr. Olsvanger proceeded to Trichardts and Kinross. Unfortunately, the prevalence of drought conditions made his task difficult from the point of view of a good financial response. Nevertheless the following donations were secured by him:—

*Trichardts.*—Adelstein and Poplak, £10 10s.; N. Esakow, £10; S. Beckman, £6 6s.; J. Dorfan, £6 6s.; — Levy, £5 5s.; J. Berman, £3; J. Hart, £2 2s.; Anonymous, £1.

*Kinross.*—A. Stein, £12 12s.; J. Snipelisky, £12 12s.; H. Druian, £12 12s.; J. Levitt, £12 12s.; A. Oppert, £10; S. L. Oliver, £6 6s.; H. Sammel, £6 6s.; A. Platzky, £6 6s.; A. Diamond, £1 1s.; J. Levin, £1 1s.

In a few instances these donations cover instalments of unpaid balances in respect of donations which were made previously to the Palestine National Restoration Fund.

## Bloemfontein.

The Hebrew Helping Hand and Burial Society of this town has affiliated to the South African Zionist Federation.

## Boksburg and Boksburg North.

Under the auspices of the Boksburg and Boksburg North East Rand Zionist Association, a general meeting was held at the Boksburg Synagogue on Tuesday evening, November 6th which was largely attended by the local Jewish community. The president of the association, Mr. Chas. Hoppenstein, occupied the chair and was supported by Dr. I. Olsvanger and Revs. A. M. Kaplan and S. Wainman.

The chairman extended a hearty welcome to Dr. Olsvanger and remarked on his great work for the Zionist movement in the Union.

Dr. Olsvanger was given a most cordial reception. He spoke on the recent Zionist Congress and on Zionism in general. The lecture was highly appreciated by all present and a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. B. I. Joffe and supported by Messrs. A. J. Saretzky and J. Bourgestein.

After the lecture the annual general meeting took place. The secretary (Miss B. Cohen) read the presidential report.

The election of officers and committee for the ensuing year was proceeded with and resulted as follows:—

Mr. B. I. Joffe, chairman; Rev. A. M. Kaplan, vice-chairman; Mr. A. J. Saretzky, treasurer; Miss B. Cohen, secretary; committee:—Mesdames Kaplan, Wainman, Berman, Kuper, Stonefield, Misses E. Sachs, F. Lurie and H. Cohen, Messrs. S. Steinberg, M. Rosenthal, L. Sachs, M. Simon, H. Rubenstein, M. Shapiro, J. Swil, Ch. Hoppenstein, Rev. Wainman and Berjack.

After a vote of thanks had been accorded the outgoing executive, the meeting closed with the singing of "Hatikvah."

The presidential report covered the period June, 1921—October, 1923, and gave a summary account of the various functions and other activities of the association during that period, including lectures, mass meetings, social functions, work for the Shekel, Jewish National Fund, assistance to the *Zionist Record*, etc. It referred to the gaps created by the departure from the Near East Rand of Rev. J. Slomowitz and Messrs. Ch. Hoppenstein and B. Wittert, and to the passing away of several respected members of the association, and of Master Kotzen, a promising member of the local Young Israel Society. Appreciation was expressed of the good work of Messrs. A. J. Saretzky (an ex-president) and J. Swil (hon. treasurer) and of Miss Bertha Cohen (acting hon. secretary), and thanks were extended to the local congregations for their ready permission for the use of their Synagogues and committee rooms whenever required, and to the press for its unflinching courtesy.

The treasurer's report showed that about £300 had been remitted for Zionist funds during the period, which amount would have been considerably greater but for the intervention of the strike and the general financial depression prevailing for a large portion of the period.

## Brakpan.

The local Zionist Society has forwarded £50 to the Keren Hayesod, being on account of local donations.

**CHANDLER'S Beer makes the Heart Joyful**

**Bulawayo.**

The Chovevi Zion Society has remitted to the S.A. Zionist Federation £54 17s. 2d., being further on account of local donations to the Keren Hayesod, and £14 6s., being the total of recent clearances of National Fund boxes.

**Capetown.**

The local Keren Hayesod has forwarded to the Headquarters of the fund in Johannesburg a further remittance of £200 on account of local donations, the great majority of which are now paid up.

Details will be found in our acknowledgment columns of payments received by the Capetown Keren Hayesod from sundry donors during the months of June-September inclusive.

A very successful social was held under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association in the Zionist Hall on Sunday 21st October. Mrs. Zuckerman presided over a large gathering of members and their friends. A delightful musical programme was rendered, the artistes being: Miss Haft (cello solo), Miss P. Cosay (song), Miss Goldfoot (violin solo), Miss S. Joffe (song), Miss H. Harris (recitation), Miss Effman (recitation). During the evening Miss Ben Ariah, who is a recent arrival from Palestine, gave a short address on the life in that country, and Mr. Dainow concluded with a vote of thanks to the artistes. During the interval a box of chocolates, which was kindly donated by Mrs. H. Salber, was sold by auction (Mr. Gitlin acting as auctioneer) this realized a fair sum, which will be devoted to the National Fund.

The Grand Order of Israel, Lord Milner Lodge, No. 21 has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the amount of £3 12s. being amount collected for the Tree Fund of the Jewish National Fund on the occasion of Dr. Herzl's Yahrzeit.

The Bnoth Zion Association has forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation the following amounts for the Jewish National Fund:—Half proceeds of annual ball, £192 13s. 9d.; Proceeds of two socials, £12 17s. 3d.; Donations, £1 3s.; Raffle of box of chocolates, £16 1s.; Total, £222 15s. The Association, as our readers will have noted from frequent reports in this journal, loses no opportunity of securing support for the Jewish National Fund, and holds a record in this respect second to no other Zionist Society.

**Frankfort.**

The third annual general meeting of the Jewish Ladies' Society was held on Wednesday, November 14th. Mrs. B. Segal, the outgoing chairlady, presided over a good attendance and thanked the ladies for their whole-hearted support during the year and for the enthusiastic work they had put in.

The financial statement showed the net proceeds of a raffle and "At Home," together with donations, etc., amounting to £285 0s. 7d., of which £174 had been devoted to the Jewish Relief Fund, £46 0s. 4d. to the Cape Jewish Orphanage, £37 12s. 6d. to the South African Jewish Orphanage, and £5 to local charity, leaving a balance of £22 7s. 9d. on hand.

The following officers were elected:—Chairlady, Mrs. Leeb; hon. secretary and treasurer, Miss M. Rosenthal; committee, Mmes. Rosenberg, B. Segal, M. Segal and Cohen.

Mrs. Leeb, in taking the chair, expressed thanks for the honour conferred upon her, and expressed the hope that the committee would work energetically, with the whole-hearted support of the society.

**Johannesburg.**

At a Minyan held on Simchas Torah, October 3rd, at the residence of Mr. M. Kuper, 51, Soper Road, Berea, offerings for the Jewish National Fund were made amounting to £23 1s. 6d.

**Kimberley.**

The local Zionist Association has forwarded to the headquarters of the Keren Hayesod in Johannesburg the amount of £79 10s., being further on account of local donations.

**Koffiefontein.**

Rev. and Mrs. H. Jacobson kindly entertained the local community at their residence on Sunday, 11th instant. During the evening a cake, presented by the hostess, was raffled and then sold by American auction, realising in all £2 15s. for the funds of the local Zionist Society. The raffle was won by Mrs. J. Raywid, hon. secretary of the Society, who handed it back to be sold, the lucky purchaser being Mr. L. Karpas, (the chairman of the Society). Mr. Karpas, in thanking their host and hostess for the pleasant evening, expressed the hope that many more similar functions would be given by members of their small community.

**Kroonstad.**

The local Keren Hayesod has forwarded to the headquarters of the fund in Johannesburg a further remittance of £200 in respect of local donations.

**Mossel Bay.**

On October 7th a very pleasant and enjoyable function attended practically by the whole of the local Jewish community was held at the residence of Mrs. M. Friedland in honour of Mr. C. Shapiro, who a few days previously was presented with the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal in recognition of his outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in a gallant attempt at life-saving in the tragic drowning accident which occurred in the Bay in February last.

After a few appropriate words of introduction by Mr. M. Friedland, Mr. S. Kanterowitz, the Deputy Mayor, presented to Mr. Shapiro an address expressing the community's admiration of his heroism. In making the presentation Mr. Kanterowitz voiced the community's whole-hearted pleasure that Mr. Shapiro had been spared to be with them that evening.

Mr. Shapiro in a feeling reply expressed his gratitude to the community and for the address, which he would always cherish as a memento of appreciation and esteem extended to him. To mark the occasion he made a contribution of two trees in the Herzl Forest to be planted in the name of the Mossel Bay Jewish Community.

Enjoyable musical items and dancing then followed and a very happy evening was spent by all present.

Mr. Shapiro is a native of Ritovo, Lithuania; he came to South Africa a couple of years ago and resided in Malmesbury prior to his coming to Mossel Bay.

#### **Naauwpoort.**

The local Zionist Society has affiliated with the S. A. Zionist Federation. Its officers and committee are:—President, Mr. J. L. Kaplan; vice-president, Mr. D. Tobachowitz; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. Bobrov; hon. secretary, Mr. A. Lewin; committee, Messrs. I. Shakinovsky and R. Salkinder.

The Society comprises in its membership every Jewish soul in Naauwpoort.

The last meeting of the Society was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bobrov in the afternoon of November 4th, all the members being present.

A very interesting lecture was given by the president on "Zionism," for the special benefit of the children, which was much appreciated by all present.

A long and interesting paper was also read by the honorary treasurer, entitled "The Synhedrion of Jabna or Jachanan-Ben-Zakkai," which dealt with the ancient times in Palestine and was greatly enjoyed by all.

After the proceedings the hostess kindly dispensed refreshments, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the host and hostess and the chair.

#### **Oudtshoorn.**

The Zionist Minyan for the High Festivals was held this year in Luntz Hall and was a great success, the attendance being considerably larger than last year.

The S. A. Zionist Federation has received £7 12s. 6d. covering offerings to the National Fund made at the Minyan.

The Oscar-Marmorek Zionist Association desires to thank all those who so kindly gave their services as Baale-Tefiloth.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Luntz merit the association's particular thanks for lending their hall for the Minyan gratis, including lights, chairs, etc.

The annual general meeting of the Oscar Marmorek Zionist Association was held in the Hebrew School Hall on October 21st. Dr. L. H. Lewin opened with a lecture on "The Influence of Environment on Jewish Culture in Recent Times."

The annual report and financial statement of the Society were then read by the hon. secretary and unanimously adopted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then held with the following results:—President, Dr. L. H. Lewin; vice-president, Mr. P. Agranat; treasurer, Mr. E. Sacks; secretary, Mr. Jack R. Cohen; committee, Messrs. J. Homa, M. Wilck, W. Solin, A. Sindler, Max Kroll, Max Bernstein, J. Lazarus, M. Goldberg, I. J. Kahn, R. Rollnick.

The only change in the old committee is the addition of Mr. Rollnick.

After the incoming officers had returned thanks for their election, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chair and the singing of "Hatikvah." vah."

On October 24th a most enjoyable conversazione in aid of the Jewish National Fund was held under the auspices of the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society in the Templars Hall.

The president, Mrs. Herman Lewin, was unavoidably absent owing to being in mourning. The vice-president, Mrs. A. Berman, and the committee spared neither time nor energy to make the evening a great social and financial success. The Hall was tastefully decorated with flowers and bunting. The musical programme was in the hands of the honorary secretary, Miss A. Sieff, assisted by a sub-committee consisting of Misses Agranat, Kussel, Homa, Weinstein and Eliason, who secured the best local Jewish talent. The artistes were Mrs. Sam Elion and the Misses Ellen, Maltz, Martha and Ada Wolfsohn, Esther Eliason and Annie Sieff. The Jewish Ladies' Choir made a successful first appearance.

In a brief address Dr. L. H. Lewin explained the aims and objects of the Jewish National Fund.

After the musical programme a trinket box, presented by Mr. Robert Rollnick, a basket of sweets, presented by Mrs. L. Noieck, and a box of chocolates presented by a friend, were sold by American Auction realising in all £4 5s. Mr. P. Agranat was the able auctioneer.

During the evening refreshments were sold by the Jewish Girl Guides, the stalls being in the able hands of Mesdames Agranat, Homa, Noll, Goldberg, Mendelsohn and Sacks.

At the conclusion of the evening Mrs. Berman thanked the artistes for their willing and able assistance and the audience for their patronage.

After the singing of "Hatikvah" the young folks indulged in dancing.

The nett proceeds were £19 1s. 3d., which was made up to £20 out of the funds of the Society, and the amount of £20 for the Jewish National Fund has been duly forwarded to the S. A. Zionist Federation.

The committee of the Society offered a small prize to the most successful ticket seller, this being won by Miss Sarah Weinstein.

At a reception on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of Sam, third son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Agranat, an American auction was held, which realised £11 9s., the Barmitzvah being the purchaser. The money has been sent in equal shares to the Jewish National Fund the Ukraine Orphans' Fund. The evening was most enjoyable from every point of view.

#### **Potchefstroom.**

The local Zionist Association has forwarded to the Federation the amount of £10 3s. 6d., being the nett proceeds of a Bridge Drive given by Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bloch at their residence on Simchas Torah night, October 3rd, in aid of the Jewish National Fund. A very enjoyable evening was spent by the devotees of bridge, the hostess dispensing lavish hospitality, and after the proceedings a cake presented by her was sold by American Auction, realising £3 10s. Mr. M. Starfield (chairman of the association), in thanking the host and hostess for a pleasant evening's entertainment, expressed the hope that similar functions would be arranged by other members of the community, as the Jewish National Fund could do with such contributions.

The hearty singing of "Hatikvah" brought a pleasant evening to a close.

The function was organised by Miss F. Sack, hon. secretary of the association, who was ably assisted by Mrs. Aronowitz in the sale of tickets.

### Queenstown.

At the weddings recently celebrated here between Miss Hoppenstein and Mr. B. Jatwes and Miss Addleson and Mr. P. Symon, the sum of £14 5s. 6d. was collected, which has been forwarded to the following Funds:—Keren Hayesod £5 5s., Jewish National Fund £2 2s., Palestine Orphans £5 5s., Local Benevolence £1 13s. 6d. At the Barmitzvah of Julius, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer of Queens Hotel, a Jewish Colonial Trust Share was subscribed for in the name of the Barmitzvah. The same was done at the Barmitzvah of Julius, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Addleson, senior, and at the Pidyan Haben of Lionel, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stern.

### Simonstown.

The Simonstown Zionist Society and Hebrew congregation gave a grand ball under distinguished patronage at the Royal Alfred Hall, Simonstown, on Thursday, October 11th, in aid of the Cape and Palestine Jewish Orphans, the Jewish National Fund, and the Simonstown Kalk Bay Cottage Hospital.

The hall and ball-room were most tastefully and beautifully decorated with flags and bunting, kindly lent by the Admiralty and the Simonstown Municipality.

The two Mogen-Dovids were beautifully entwined with lilies of the valley and green leaves by Miss Annie Levy of Simonstown and placed on either side of the Royal Crown. Gavronsky's favourite band was in attendance and the music was greatly admired.

A number of visitors attended from all parts of the peninsula, including Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.L.A., Mr. and Mrs. Getz of Capetown, and others who travelled by special motor buses to and from Capetown.

Dancing was commenced at 8.30 p.m. and was kept up to 2 a.m. Refreshments were served in the supper-room.

Mr. Alexander K.C., M.L.A. was received by the chairman, Mr. B. Benjamin, Mr. S. Scher, Mr. Kissen and Mr. Levy, who afterwards introduced him to several Simonstown councillors present at the ball, viz:—Messrs. J. Henderson, L. Gay and Capt. Caswell, also to the assistant magistrate, Mr. Holtzhausen, Mr. W. S. Gillard (town clerk), Mr. Leo Daniels (secretary of the Simonstown-Kalk Bay hospital), Mr. H. Flowers (custom house officer).

Mr. Benjamin then welcomed Mr. Alexander in the name of the Jewish community and the townspeople of Simonstown, and referred to his unflinching readiness to respond to the call of all deserving causes, irrespective of creed. After thanking Mr. Benjamin for his kind words, Mr. Alexander thanked those present for their kind support of the various institutions which would benefit from the proceeds of the ball.

The true measure of charity, he said, was not the amount of one's income but one's cheerfulness in giving.

The committee consisted of Mr. B. Benjamin (chairman), Miss R. Scher (chairlady), Miss S. Scher, Mr. S. Kissen, Mr. H. Levy, Mr. W. Katzeff (sen.) Mr. Fisher and Mr. Epstein. Mr. D. Katzeff (Jun.) acted as honorary secretary.

The ladies who assisted in providing refreshments were Mrs. S. Scher, Mrs. Philip Berman of Fish-Hoek, the Misses Levy of Simonstown, Miss Becky

Scher, Miss E. Levy of Capetown, Miss Bressler of Fish-Hoek and Mrs. Getz of Capetown, who spared no pains to make the supper room most effective and pleasant.

The M.C.'s were Mr. Chessler of Capetown and Mr. Philip Berman of Fish Hoek to whom great praise is due for their guidance and attention.

The chairman and committee have to thank various merchants of Capetown who kindly donated various refreshments.

During the interval in the dance programme, Miss Phillis Godsiff of Simonstown gave two exhibition dances which were much appreciated. Two little girls, Thora Godsiff and Erma Curtis, pupils of Miss Godsiff, also gave exhibition dances.

Great amusement and excitement took place during the evening by the balloon dance competition, the bursting of the balloons causing much merriment; the result was a dead heat between the two last pairs of dancers, who re-danced encircled by the former dancers, the prizes being eventually awarded to Miss E. Gorfinkel of Claremont and Mr. Samson Brunow of Capetown.

Great credit is due to Mr. Simon Scher for organizing the ball and for the record of selling the most tickets amounting to £65 15s. 6d. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Philip Berman of Fish-Hoek, Mr. and Mrs. Getz of Capetown, Mrs. Hayton of Fish Hoek, Misses E. and R. Levy of Capetown and Miss Bressler for their valuable assistance all round. Rev. and Mrs. Franks also rendered great assistance in the sale of tickets.

At a meeting held on the 8th inst., at the Zionist Hall, the final results of the dance were declared and the proceeds allocated as follows:—Simonstown and Kalk Bay Cottage Hospital, £10 10s.; Cape Jewish Orphanage, £19 8s. 3d.; Jewish National Fund, £33 11s. 5d.; Palestine Orphans, £33 11s. 6d.; total, £97 1s. 2d.

Sundry other collections for various worthy objects were also reported and the amounts forwarded to their destinations.

On the motion of Mr. S. Kissen, it was resolved that Mr. S. Scher should be inscribed in the Golden Book as chairman of the Simonstown Zionist Society and Hebrew Congregation, in token of his sincere and valuable services to and keen interest in all Zionist and other communal affairs during his long term of office, and that a similar compliment be paid to Mr. B. Benjamin as chairman of the ball committee.

Mr. Scher thanked the committee for the honour done him.

### Smithfield.

At the services held here during the recent High Festivals, sundry donations were made to the Keren Hayesod, Palestine Orphans Fund and the Cape Jewish Orphanage, and duly forwarded to the Zionist Federation. Details will be found in our acknowledgment columns.

On September 12th a meeting of the community was held in the Zaal at which it was decided to form a Hebrew congregation and engage a Minister. The following committee was appointed:—Messrs. W. Winer, president; H. Nochemowitz, hon. secretary; committee, H. Bortz, I. Bernitz, A. Girsohn and I.

Tobias. Nearly all those present pledged a substantial monthly contribution to cover the expenditure involved in the formation of a congregation.

#### Stellenbosch.

A dance held by the local Zionist Society on August 23rd realised £7 5s. which amount has been forwarded to the headquarters of the Keren Hayesod, Johannesburg.

On the 3rd instant, Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kaplan, read a portion of the law on the occasion of his Barmitzvah and on the following afternoon the parents were at home to many friends and relatives. Mr. S. Jaffe presided and after various speeches a collection was made by Mr. S. Marcus, which realised £2 5s., this being afterwards sold by American Auction for £5 5s. Of this amount £4 4s. has been allocated to the Cape Jewish Orphanage, and £1 1s. to the Bikur Cholim.

#### Strand.

On Sunday, October 21st, a lecture and social took place in the Empire Hall, Strand, under the auspices of the Strand-Somerset West Zionist Association.

Dr. B. Isaacson delivered an address on "The National Revival in the Nineteenth Century." He traced the rejuvenation and growth of the Jewish national consciousness, its evolution from a romantic dream to a living political body, and dealt with the great men of the movement, notably Kalischer, Moses Hess, Pinsker, Herzl and Achad Ha'am, as they influenced and succeeded each other with their various conceptions, but all fired with a common love for and pride in their people.

In his remarks, the chairman said that the present position and progress of Zionism should form the subject of a subsequent lecture, to which the present one was a fitting introduction, and that more should be known of the current events which are shaping our destiny as a people.

During the interval a cake, kindly presented by Messrs. Fuchs and Goldberg, was sold by American auction, realising £5 16s.

After the lecture, refreshments were served and a musical programme was rendered by Mrs. H. M. Jaffe, Miss S. Goldberg, Mrs. S. Friedman and Mrs. A. Koonin, accompanied by Mrs. B. Isaacson.

The singing of "Hatikvah" brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

The Association has forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation £12 collected for the Herzl Tree Fund in July last.

#### Yrede.

Dr. Olsvanger paid a visit to the local community on October 28th and addressed a meeting under the auspices of the local Zionist Society, which was much appreciated and greatly helped in stimulating local activities. The whole of the community was present and one and all listened to his eloquent address with the deepest attention. Following the lecture a social was held in the Union Hotel by kind permission of the proprietor, Mr. Rabinowitz, with whom Dr. Olsvanger stayed as a guest. The local community eagerly looks forward to a further visit from Dr. Olsvanger. We

may add that when he visited Yrede last year, the community made a most satisfactory response to his appeal for the Keren Hayesod, and we are confident that when the call comes again for this Fund, as it will do very soon, Yrede Jewry will once again be whole-hearted in its response.

#### Vryheid.

The newly reorganised Zionist Society is arranging a Zionist picnic for December 8th and a special committee has been appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

The collection of membership subscriptions and of National Fund monies is proceeding satisfactorily.

#### Wellington.

The Jewish National Fund Film, "The New Jewish Palestine" was shown here recently and was much appreciated. A nett profit of £4 for the National Fund was realised.

At the request of the members of the local community Mr. V. Schkolne called a general meeting on Sunday the 4th instant to reorganise the local Zionist Society, which has been inactive for some months. The meeting, which was fairly well attended, was presided over by Mr. L. Kling. Mr. Schkolne explained the object of the meeting and appealed for support of the Society. Nominations were then called for, with the result that the following were elected as office bearers:—President, Mr. V. Schkolne; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. Bensohn; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Hill; committee, Misses E. Goldstein, F. Bensohn, R. Epstein, Mrs. Friedman, Mrs. Michalowsky and Rev. Friedgood. In closing the meeting, the newly elected chairman thanked those present for the honour done him and expressed the hope that the community would give all support to the efforts of the committee to make the local Zionist work a success.

#### Windhoek.

Mr. S. Swatt has forwarded to the Federation the amount of £5 5s. for the Jewish National Fund, collected at the Bris Melah of the infant Mosche Ringer, in the latter's name.

#### Worcester.

The Jewish Literary Society held its annual variety concert on Thursday, Cholhamoed Succoth, at the Town Hall, which was well filled. The president, Mr. J. Rabinowitz, welcomed the large gathering in an impressive address. Much credit is due to Mrs. R. Rabinowitz, the hon. treasurer, who organised the programme and was, therefore, largely responsible for one of the most enjoyable evenings Worcester Jewry has ever had. A choir of 15 men and women organised by Mrs. Herman and conducted by Mr. J. Pessach sang the "Russlands Freiheit Lied" and "Hatikvah." Interesting items were contributed by Mrs. Volks, Mrs. Felthun, the Misses Sabole, Lester, Lange, and Broudie and Messrs. Pessach Bros., Isy Cohen and J. Rabinowitz.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks accorded on the motion of Mr. I. J. Senitzky, seconded

by Mr. H. C. Kossick, and with the singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King."

The National Fund Film, The New Jewish Palestine, was exhibited here on the 8th inst., and not only proved valuable propaganda but netted the very satisfactory sum of £20 for the Jewish National Fund. Great thanks are due to the Misses L. Lange, C. Lester, S. Broudie, R. Solomon and M. Solomon. These young ladies rendered excellent service in the sale of tickets, notably the last mentioned, who sold the largest number.

#### Wynberg.

A well attended and representative meeting of the Wynberg and Claremont Zionist Association took place on Sunday, 21st October, at 8 p.m. at the Zionist Hall, Piers Road, Wynberg, for the purpose of receiving the balance sheet for the past year and electing a new committee. After the discussion of the year's financial statement as placed before the meeting by the treasurer (Mr. Firkser), the president Mr. I. Schoch covered the ground of the activities of the Society which, in spite of the smallness of the community, was able to show a grand total of nearly £800 in receipts. The chairman then vacated the chair and the election of a new committee resulted as follows:—Mr. D. L. Davidowitz, president; Mr. I. Schoch, vice-president; Mr. R. M. Rifkin, treasurer; Mr. L. Schur, secretary; committee, Mr. S. Brodie, Mr. S. Galloon, Mr. W. Robinson, Mr. S. Kaplan, Mr. M. Kaplan, Rev. Hurwitz, Mr. M. Rabinowitz, Mr. Ch. Gordon; auditors, Mr. M. Matz and Mr. L. Rifkin.

The vote in each case was unanimous.

Mr. D. L. Davidowitz in taking the chair thanked the meeting for the confidence placed in him, and said he would do his best to assist in the work so well performed by his predecessor (Mr. I. Schoch); he furthermore wished to comment on the whole-hearted efforts of the late treasurer (Mr. O. Firkser) who was relinquishing office only on account of his leaving Wynberg. Mr. L. Levy, in proposing the vote of thanks to the outgoing committee, emphasised the good work done, and said that he hoped and looked to the new committee to do as well, especially since they had in the treasurer and secretary representatives of the younger generation. The meeting then terminated.

The name of Mr. Davidowitz, the newly elected president of the association, is familiar to almost all South African Zionists, for although, until quite recently, resident in a remote country district, he lost no opportunity of furthering Zionist interests on any and every occasion, and is well-known to a large circle as one of the most enthusiastic of Jewish nationalists.

The Association has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the amount of £66 4s. 3d., being further on account of local donations to the Keren Hayesod. It has also forwarded the amount of £10 3s. 6d. for the National Fund, being the total of sundry donations, and also the sum of £4 13s. 8d. for the same Fund, being the nett proceeds of a recent exhibition of the Palestine film, "The New Jewish Palestine."

## UNITED SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH RELIEF, RECONSTRUCTION AND ORPHANS' FUND.

#### Bethal.

At the general meeting of this active branch the financial statement for the year ending August 31st 1923, as audited by Mr. M. Freed, was unanimously adopted. It showed that a sum of £372 was remitted to the Head Office in Johannesburg, of which £175 16s. 6d. was for subscriptions and £138 18s. 9d. collections made at "At Homes" specially given at their residences in aid of the Fund by the following:—Mesdames I. and E. Festenstein, I. Josselson, E. Schlosberg, M. Freed, A. Blieden, C. Braudo, R. J. Kark and S. Bigelman.

#### Clocolan.

The Head Office of the Fund has received from Mr. P. Barnett, the chairman of the local Hebrew Congregation, a cheque for £16 6s. 6d. for the overseas Orphans' Fund, being proceeds of sale of a box of chocolates donated by Mrs. S. Durbach and sold by her and Miss Sarah Pincus, of Winburg. Mr. P. Barnett has also remitted for the same object a cheque for £20 18s. 6d., being sundry offerings during the holy days made by those taking part in the Minyan.

#### De Aar.

The annual meeting of this branch was held on September 30th, in the local Synagogue, Rev. Mr. Feldman presiding. Mrs. Hoffman, the hon. treasurer, submitted the financial statement for the year, showing a total of £160 5s. 1d., which was remitted to the Head Office in Johannesburg. The balance sheet was unanimously adopted. A vote of thanks was passed to the hon. treasurer, hon. secretary and committee. The following were re-elected:—Mrs. Hoffman, hon. treasurer; Mrs. R. Blumenthal, hon. secretary; and Mesdames S. and I. Blumberg, J. Feldman, S. Joffe, Misses S. Goldberg and V. Jassinowsky, committee, with the addition of F. Feldman and R. Simson. The Misses S. and L. Thal took over the Junior Section from Miss L. Feldman.

#### Koster.

The sum of £17 was collected in Holyday offerings during Rosh Hashona and Yom Kippur in aid of the Fund and forwarded by the branch to the Head Office in Johannesburg.

#### Ladybrand.

A sum of £14 10s. 3d. has been received from Mrs. Friedgut, the energetic hon. secretary of this branch, by the Head Office in Johannesburg, made up as follows:—£7 7s. 6d., monthly subscriptions; £2 2s. 3d., collected at an evening given by Mrs. Pincus at the Central Hotel; £5 0s. 6d., collected at Westminster at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Freedman, where a party of friends gathered from Ladybrand to celebrate the return of their eldest son, Dr. S. Freedman.

#### Morgenzon.

The Head Office of the Fund has received from Mr. A. M. Kreeve, the energetic hon. secretary of this branch, the sum of £10 13s., made up as follows:—Monthly subscriptions, £1 12s. 6d.; special donations, £5 15s. 6d.; and £3 5s., collected at the Barmitzvah of H. N. Katzenellenbogen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Katzenellenbogen, of Morgenzon. This last was collected by the Rev. Mr. Solomon for the Orphans' Fund.

#### Nylstroom.

A Minyan was held at the residence of Mr. Lipschitz for the Yomin Noroim, and offerings were made for the Fund amounting to £8 4s. 6d. by the following:—M. Alge, £1 11s. 6d.; A. Mates, C. White, J. Pack, P. Slesing, £1 1s. each; I. Lipschitz, 17s. 6d.; H. Alge, Dr. H. S. Cohen and S. Katz, 10s. 6d. each. In addition to that, Mr. N. Hodson, a non-Jew, handed the hon. secretary, Miss D.

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