

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.

Bulawayo.

The Chovevi Zion Society has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the amount of £57 2s. for the Rhodesian Hebrew University Fund, of which £2 2s. is a donation by Mr. H. Jacobson, of Gwanda, and £55 was raised by a raffle through the efforts of the Ladies' Working Committee.

Clocolan.

On November 25th, 1923, Mr. and Mrs. P. Barnett gave a grand reception at their residence on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of their eldest son, Hyman Max. A large number of visitors from Bloemfontein, Winburg, Gumtree, Ladybrand and elsewhere were present. An appropriate address was delivered by the Barmitzvah, and suitably responded to by the Rev. Altschuler. Speeches were also delivered by several of the guests. During the afternoon a log cake, made and iced by Mrs. W. N. Mackenzie, of Kimberley, who specially came down for the occasion, was sold by American Auction for £20 for the purpose of inscribing the Barmitzvah's name in the Golden Book. Many valuable presents, and a sheaf of telegrams from all over the Union, were received by the Barmitzvah. The reception was followed by a large supper party, and a dance, which continued till the early hours of the morning.

On Sunday, January 27th, the Barmitzvah of David Tobias, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Pick, was celebrated at a reception in the Town Hall, which was tastefully decorated, and attended by a happy gathering of friends. The bad weather kept away many friends from the surrounding dorps, but several visitors from Kroonstad, Senekal, Fouriesburg Rail and Fouriesburg were present, and, last but not least, a motor party from Ladybrand who braved the elements. After speeches by the Barmitzvah and others, a cake was sold by American auction, which was eventually knocked down to the Barmitzvah at £20 5s. in the name of his late father, Bennie Tobias, for the purpose of inscribing him in the Golden Book. The happy function concluded with supper and dancing.

East London.

At the brismilah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kaffel, a collection was made in aid of the Orphan and Jewish National Funds jointly, realising £8.

At the brismilah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Sapire, the Rev. A. Levy, in an eloquent address, dwelt on the importance of supporting the National Fund. In response to his appeal a collection was made, realising £4, which was increased to £5 by Mr. Barnett, the child's godfather.

Johannesburg.

FORDSBURG-MAYFAIR ZIONIST SOCIETY.

On Monday evening, the 17th inst., in the Tramway Hotel, Fordsburg (by kind permission of Mr. A. R. Bloch), a meeting was held for the purpose of forming the above Society. Dr. Snideman opened the proceedings, and in a brilliant and inspiring address explained the aims and ideals of Zionism. Eloquent addresses were also delivered by Mr. D. Getz, a member of the Executive Council of the South African Zionist Federation, and by Dr. I. Olsvanger. On the motion of Councillor M. J. Green, the Fordsburg-Mayfair Zionist Society was inaugurated, and the following ladies and gentlemen were elected office-bearers: Chairman, Dr. P. Snideman; Vice-Chairwoman, Mrs. A. R. Bloch; Vice-Chairman, Mr. S. Friedman; Treasurer, Mr. A. R. Bloch; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. S. Zidel; Committee, Mesdames J. Rathouse, S. Friedman, J. Snideman, C. Solomon, Messrs. Councillor M. J. Green, B. Krain, L. Melman, N. Freed, B. Meyerowitz. Arrangements are being made for the Society to undertake a canvass of all residents of the district for the Keren Hayesod.

WOMEN'S ZIONIST LEAGUE.

At a recent meeting the committee of the League passed a vote of condolence to the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Lipshitz, of Pretoria, who were the victims of a sad drowning fatality some little time ago. The deceased lady and gentleman were ardent Zionists, and Mrs. Lipshitz had rendered yeoman service to the Women's Zionist Movement in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The League desires through this medium to thank all those ladies who assisted in providing refreshments for the delegates at the recent Zionist Conference in Johannesburg.

Kimberley.

Mr. Advocate Alexander addressed a very appreciative gathering in the Supper Room, City Hall, under the auspices of the Griqualand West Ezrath Zion Association, on the subject of "Jewish Tales and Legends." The address was rich in humour and pathos, and there was a distinct moral attached to each story. Rev. Isaacs, who presided, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, referred in humorous vein to the association of ministers with some of the tales. The lecture was a rare and delightful treat to all present.

On Sunday evening, 23rd inst., in the Zionist Hall, a very appreciative audience listened to an able review of the recent Zionist Conference by Mr. A.

CHANDLER'S Beer makes the Heart Joyful

Slosberg, one of the Association's delegates to the Conference. Rev. H. Isaacs, who presided, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Slosberg, which was carried by acclamation.

Local Jewry is looking forward eagerly to Dr. Alexander Goldstein's forthcoming visit to Kimberley.

Kingwilliamstown.

The local Zionist Association has forwarded to the Zionist Federation the amount of £20, contributed by Mr. G. Alperstein, of Middelrift, to inscribe in the Golden Book his late son Nathan, who died at the age of four years in September, 1922.

Koffiefontein.

On Sunday, February 17th, Mrs. J. Raywid, the honorary secretary of the local Zionist Association, gave a social in aid of the Palestine Restoration Fund; the whole of the local community attended, and a very pleasant evening was spent. During the evening a cake, given by the hostess, was sold by American auction and realised £5, the buyer being Mr. H. Heyman, the Society's honorary treasurer. Mr. Nathan Karpas was the able auctioneer.

Namaqualand.

The following have been elected the officers and committee of the Namaqualand Zionist Society: Chairman, Mr. D. Gelb (Concordia); Joint Hon. Treasurers, Mrs. J. Caplan (Springbok), Mr. P. Levy (Ookiep); Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. Gordon (Concordia); Committee, Mrs. B. Albert (Ookiep), Mrs. D. Gelb (Concordia), Messrs. E. Bernstine (Springbok), S. Chachami (Springbok), J. Sovinsky (Springbok), B. Albert (Ookiep).

Pietermaritzburg.

After a period of inactivity, the local Zionist Societies resumed activities on Sunday, February 24th, when a social was held at the Hebrew School under their joint auspices, at which the Rev. J. I. Levine lectured on "The Life of a Jewish Martyr" to a large audience. Mr. M. Maister, who presided, expressed his pleasure at Mr. Levine's recovery from his recent illness. A vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer on the motion of the chairman and of Mr. B. Benjamin, president of the Junior Society. During the evening the annual prize distribution to the children attending the Hebrew classes, which had been postponed owing to Mr. Levine's illness, took place. Mr. Maister, as president of the congregation, handed the prizes. A special prize was awarded to Sylvia Maister, aged 8. A musical programme was also rendered, to which Lily Maister, Rachel Hirson, Mannie Jacobson and Myra Goldman contributed. The annual election of officers for the Senior Society resulted as follows: Chairman, Rev. J. I. Levine; Vice-President, Mr. M. Maister; Treasurer, Mr. H. L. Blumenfeld; Secretary, Mrs. David; Committee, Messdames P. Jacobson, J. Jacobs, A. Saldsman, Miss A. Kirkel, Messrs. Bautzer and David.

Miss Janie Kirkel, A.S.C.E., A.L.C.M., who gained the Silver Medal diploma at last year's Natal Eisteddfod, has been awarded the Gold Medal of South

Africa, having obtained in the recent elocution examination first place in the Union and Rhodesia.

Port Elizabeth.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Zionist League, a very pleasant evening was spent at the Emmanuel Hall recently, when Dr. Ben Morrison gave a striking address on some problems and impressions encountered during his travels abroad. The committee of the League had prettily decorated the hall for the occasion. Mrs. Nathan Levine, president of the League, who presided over a very large audience, introduced the speaker. Dr. Morrison's lecture embraced his travels in Lithuania, Palestine and the Continent of Europe, and revealed a close study of the conditions of life he had found in these varying parts. His thoughtful remarks on the social problems with which he had come into contact provoked a lively discussion which added zest to a most enjoyable evening. Thanks were tendered to him by the Rev. N. Levine and Mr. B. Weinronk, and the pleasure of the evening was enhanced by musical items rendered by some members of the latter gentleman's family.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Weinronk was recently celebrated and evoked remarkable expressions of goodwill from the local community. Mr. and Mrs. Weinronk are pillars of local Zionism, and very many friends seized the opportunity to express their esteem and affection in a tangible form. The Ladies' Zionist League presented a pair of handsome silver vases. Mrs. Levine, in making the presentation, voiced their appreciation of Mr. Weinronk's wonderful work for Zionism, and the ideal help rendered him in his work by his wife. The next tribute was from the Jewish Ladies' Association, whose president, Mrs. H. J. Rogaly, paid a glowing tribute to the work of Mrs. Weinronk, and presented Mr. and Mrs. Weinronk with a beautiful silver rose bowl.

Later, a deputation of the Zionist Society waited upon Mr. and Mrs. Weinronk, and the president, Mr. N. Lurie, reviewed Mr. Weinronk's many years of service to the Cause in Port Elizabeth. He announced that the Society's gift took a form best calculated to please the recipients, namely the planting of 25 trees in Palestine in their names. Congratulations were also tendered by the Young Israel League and the Daughters of Zion, two bodies which the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Weinronk had brought into existence. The Rev. N. Levine, on behalf of the community in general, also voiced good wishes and congratulations. On a later date, Mrs. Nathan Levine entertained her committee at a tea party at Synagogue House in honour of the silver wedding of the League's first president.

The first of the series of literary and social "At Homes" to young people by the Rev. and Mrs. N. Levine was held at the Loubser Hall on the 6th inst. Considerably over 100 were present. Interesting papers were read by Mr. S. Luntz on "The Necessity of Establishing a Jewish Home," Mr. N. M. Jacobs

on "Some Aspects of Jewish Nationalism," and Miss Berger on "To-day and Long Ago." A discussion followed, in which a large number of those present took part, and refreshments and dancing ended a happy evening. It is hoped to continue these "At Homes" fortnightly. They have hitherto been held at Synagogue House, but owing to the great interest taken in them by the younger generation this is now too small for the purpose.

Pretoria.

THE ZIONIST GUILD'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Pretoria Zionist Guild was held at the Synagogue on Wednesday night, 27th ultimo. The rain undoubtedly kept a large number of interested members away, but in spite of the downpour there was a very fair attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. C. Podlashuc, who asked Mr. G. Osrin to read the report and balance sheet. This showed very clearly that the outgoing committee had done very good work. There had been quite a number of functions, mostly literary and propagandist, and the Shekel collection was the most successful ever held in Pretoria. On the financial side there had been forwarded during the past twelve months to the Federation in Johannesburg almost £350, which represented members' subscription £40, National Fund boxes £45, National Fund Drive £60, proceeds from film exhibition £45, Shekel collections £55, and collections at various functions £100. There was, therefore, every reason to be highly pleased with the year's collections, especially so in view of the extremely bad financial period through which they were passing. Mr. M. Schaeffer spoke very highly of the very good and strenuous work which was done by Mr. Osrin, who he said, was mainly responsible for the success achieved. The report and balance sheet were adopted and the meeting proceeded to elect officers and committee for the ensuing year. The following were duly elected: President, Mr. C. Podlashuc; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. I. Gavronsky and M. Schaeffer; Treasurer, Mr. I. Epstein; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Miss Bertha Taback and Mr. J. L. Saks; Committee, Misses Silpert, Silber, Gavronsky, Perel and Messrs. Osrin, Rostowsky, Rutowitz, Kumin, Hotz, Shindler, Kitay, Edelstein.

Orders for three inscriptions in the Golden Book have reached the Zionist Federation per the Pretoria Zionist Guild as follows: Collection at Barmitzvah of Abraham Selesnick, October 20th, 1923 (£40), to inscribe the Barmitzvah and his parents (Solomon Zalman and Chanah Esther Selesnick); collection at the Bris Milah of Abraham, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Shulman, December 3rd, 1923 (£20), to inscribe the infant's name.

Simonstown.

The Zionist Society and Hebrew Congregation has forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation the amount of £74 18s. 9d. for the Palestine Orphan Fund. Of this £31 9s. 9d. is an allocation from the Grand

Zionist Ball held in October last; whilst the balance is made up of donations collected from local residents during the past six months, details of which will be found in the acknowledgment columns in our next issue.

Smithfield.

At the Barmitzvah of Barney, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Babrow, donations to the total amount of £17 11s. were made to the Keren Hayesod, details of which will be found in the acknowledgment columns of our next issue. On the same occasion a cake was sold by American auction in aid of the Palestine Orphan Fund, realising £6 3s., the purchaser being Mr. J. Segall. Mr. W. Winer was the able auctioneer. A very enjoyable evening was spent by the large gathering. The local Hebrew Congregation has sent the above amounts to the S.A. Zionist Federation, together with a donation of £25 by Mr. W. Winer, the president, of which £20 is for the Keren Hayesod and £5 for the Fund for maintaining orphans from the Ukraine in Palestine.

BIRTH.

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