

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.

Brakpan.

The Zionist Society held a grand Keren Hayesod Ball in the Recreation Hall on the 21st inst., which was a distinct social and financial success. The hall was strikingly decorated in the Zionist colours, a notable feature being four Mogen Dovids, specially made for the occasion by Mr. Gittleston. The U.P.C. personal band rendered an excellent programme. Miss Elsie Reed and partner gave a dancing display. Refreshments were daintily served by Mrs. Krantz and Mrs. Connack, whilst Mrs. Goodman and Mrs. Kaplan were in charge of the sales of flags, raffles, chocolates, etc. Mr. A. P. Berman auctioned a bottle of champagne, donated by Mr. Levy, which realised a substantial amount. The following were the officials: D.C., Mr. I. Connack (chairman of the society); M.C.'s; Mrs. A. Berman, Miss E. Taylor, Miss L. Waner, Mr. W. Goodman, Mr. Chas. Joffe and Mr. P. Shain.

Bulawayo.

The twenty-sixth annual report of the Chovevi Zion, covering the period May 1st, 1923, to April 30th, 1924, refers to the various activities of the society, which are in a healthy state. A number of propaganda meetings have been held, at which interesting selections of Jewish literature were read and discussed. The Keren Hayesod has been supported by regular monthly contributions. The ladies' committee, which has been aiming at raising £1,000 for the Jerusalem University, has already obtained £732, and hopes to complete its task during the current year.

The Junior Society continues to flourish, and is doing excellent work which merits all encouragement from the seniors.

A visit by Dr. Alexander Goldstein to Rhodesia is anticipated in the near future.

The report ends with a strong appeal for unity, enthusiasm and self-sacrifice in the interest of the national cause.

The cash statement for the period shows that £1,212 8s. 0d. was received for the Keren Hayesod; £60 3s. 0d. for the University Fund; £35 6s. 0d. for Shekolim, and £18 10s. 0d. for the Jewish National Fund. Subscriptions reached the healthy total of £106 10s. 6d., with the result that, after paying all expenses, the Society ends the year with a cash balance in hand of nearly £100.

Bellville.

At a meeting held here on April 10th, at the residence of Mr. M. Rabinowitz, a Zionist Society was formed and named the "Herzl Zionist Society." There was an attendance of about 30. Mr. B. Sacks presided and explained the purpose of the meeting; he was followed by Mr. G. S. Freedman, who outlined the objects of the Zionist movement, and urged the

necessity of a Zionist Society for the district. Messrs. A. Sive, Daitsh, and the chairman, and Miss E. Rabinowitz also spoke. The following provisional committee was appointed:—President, Mr. A. Goronovsky; secretary and treasurer, Miss E. Rabinowitz; committee, Misses D. Becker and A. Cohen, and Messrs. G. Freedman and A. Sive; supervisors, Messrs. B. Sacks and Daitsh. The society comprises the Jewish residents of Bellville, Parow, Kuils River, and Durbanville.

Capetown.

NATIONAL FUND ACTIVITIES.

The Dorshei Zion Association has once again forwarded a large remittance for the Jewish National Fund to Johannesburg. The largest item in this remittance is the amount of £382 11s. 1d., being the net proceeds of the annual Purim house-to-house collection for the fund, conducted by the association. Seeing that everyone of the collectors had been actively working for the big Zionist Fete, which was held only a week or so previously, and considering moreover that they all knew that their energies would shortly be absorbed in the great campaign for the Keren Hayesod, which opened in Cape Town under the leadership of Dr. Goldstein at the beginning of May, and which has produced such remarkable results, the Zionists of Cape Town are to be heartily congratulated on this splendid effort for our National treasure. Another item in the remittance is a clearance of Cape Town boxes totalling £160 0s. 9d. Particular attention must again be called to the box of Mr. R. Hoffman, from which £41 was cleared only a few months after a clearance of £35 had been made from it. The remittance also includes the following items for the Golden Book:—£20 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Schrire to inscribe their son Isidore on the occasion of his Barmitzvah; £21 collected at a farewell party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gitlin, given in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Joffe prior to their departure for Europe and Palestine, to inscribe their names; £21 donated by Mr. and Mrs. R. Oblowitz to inscribe their son Morris on the occasion of his Barmitzvah.

There is also an amount of £20 9s. 6d. for the Association's open Golden Book account, made up of a number of donations made at the Zionist "Minyan," whilst £56 7s. 4d. is the total of sundry donations and collections, and £16 4s. represents the total of contribution to the Tree Fund. The full details will be found in the acknowledgment columns of our next issue.

MACCABEAN ASSOCIATION.

Report of Recent Activities.

After the "Oriental Wonderland," we were once more free to devote ourselves to the usual work of the society *i.e.*, to arrange cultural and social affairs for the benefit of the members.

CHANDLER'S Beer makes the Heart Joyful

Social.—On the 15th April a delightful dance was held at the Rawene Cafe, where quite a number of members enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Propaganda.—On 1st April Mr. Turtledove addressed a meeting of junior Zionists at Wynberg.

Cultural.—On 1st May, Dr. Olsvanger lectured in English on "Spinoza." The lecture was most interesting and instructive to a very large audience, who had come to hear something of the teachings of the great philosopher.

The visit of Dr. Goldstein absorbed all interest throughout the month, and the Maccabeans, no less than others, have been thrilled and inspired by the eloquence of this distinguished Zionist.

Coming straight from Palestine, Dr. Goldstein has given us first-hand information about the wonderful work being done there by our Chaluzim. This knowledge is creating great enthusiasm among all sections here, and the younger people especially are showing a keen desire to help in the campaign.

On the 14th May, under the joint auspices of the Students' Jewish Association, the Maccabean Association, the Jewish Literary and Historical Society, the Jewish Girls' Association, and the Cape Jewish Guild, Dr. Goldstein addressed the young people of Cape Town in Hidding Hall of their Univeristy. In the most eloquent and inspiring manner he told us why he and his generation had become Zionists, and what has already been accomplished in Palestine.

He exhorted the young people to devote their youth to the great cause, and to live for an ideal, the

Jewish ideal . . . something finer than mere material success in life.

Dr. Goldstein's earnestness and eloquence have created a great impression among old and young Zionists, non-Zionists, and even those who had not thought about Zionism at all.

He has inspired us with a strong desire to learn more of the glorious history of our people, our language and the treasures contained in our literature.

We feel confident that this visit of Dr. Goldstein's, in addition to launching a successful campaign for funds, will leave a lasting impression, especially on the youth, and by doing so will have accomplished something which our great leader himself will feel is of equal, if not greater importance than the financial response to his appeal.

At the same time the younger people are anxious to show that they wish to do their share in the campaign as well. All the Junior Zionist bodies are busy collecting contributions from their members, and we hope to raise a substantial sum from the young people of Cape Town.

BIKUR CHOLIM SOCIETY.

Mr. B. Witten presided at the annual member's meeting of the Jewish Sick Relief Society on the 27th ult., in the Old Synagogue, Gardens. There was a large attendance, including Rev. A. P. Bender and Rabbi M. Ch. Mirvish. The chairman having given a short review of the good work of the past 12 months, Rev. A. P. Bender congratulated them on their help to the poor sick, and appealed to the community for

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financial assistance to the Society, so as to enable them to establish a Kosher Kitchen and other facilities for Jewish patients. Rev. Mirvish also addressed the audience, and expressed satisfaction at various items of the balance sheet. He also appealed to the committee to become members of the Institution, and to give it their financial assistance. The report and balance sheet were then unanimously adopted. They showed revenue £747 10s. 1d. and expenditure £668 16s. 3d. During the year 786 visits were made by doctors, and 698 prescriptions were paid by the Society, in addition to surgical appliances. Meat, milk, eggs and other nourishing foods were supplied to poor and needy cases. Medicated baths and treatment were provided for in private nursing homes by the Society when there were no beds available in the New Somerset Hospital. Regular visits were paid to the Hospitals, Convalescent Homes and Asylums by the committee.

Mr. M. Friedgood was re-elected honorary treasurer, and the following new committee members were elected for a period of two years:—Messrs. W. Rodman, A. P. Melmed and F. Rabinowitz, whilst the following were re-elected for the same period:—Messrs. A. Aronson, L. Gladstone, F. Suritz and L. Weinberg. Rev. L. Kirschner and Mr. W. Rodman were elected trustees.

At the first committee meeting held on Tuesday the 6th inst., Mr. B. Witten was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Rev. H. Sandler vice-chairman.

Mr. Louis Gradner has been appointed Commissioner of Oaths for the Capetown district. Mr. Gradner, who is a City Councillor, is also a prominent communal worker, and is connected with the Cape Jewish Orphanage and the Cape Jewish Aged Home, and is the Hon. Treasurer of the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians.

Dewetsdorp.

At a party given by Mr. and Mrs. B. Kramer £4 4s. was collected for the Palestine Orphan Fund.

East London.

The sale of Shekolim has this year shown signs of improvement. So far 88 shekolim have been sold, which is a record for East London due to the indefatigable activity of Mesdames Green and Aronson and Miss Florence Walter.

It may be remarked that Zionism locally, since the advent of Rev. A. Levy to East London, has gained much both materially and morally. Rev. Levy, who is an orator of the highest calibre, is not only championing the Zionist cause and disseminating its ideals on manifold occasions in his capacity as spiritual guide, but is also an active and energetic practical worker.

At the Barmitzvah party of Master Abe, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kaplan, a collection in aid of the National Fund realized £5.

Ermelo.

At the Barmitzvah of Abe, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Berelowitz, Mr. J. Garber collected £2 2s. 6d. for the Jewish National Fund.

Frankfort.

The Jewish Ladies' Society have decided to hold a grand ball in the Town Hall on June 4th in aid of the Orphans' Fund. The Society has recently forwarded £20 to the South African Jewish Orphanage, and £20 to the Jewish Relief Reconstruction and Orphans' Fund.

Heilbron.

We are glad to report that the Zionist Association of this town, which in past years could show a record of Zionist achievement second to no society in South Africa, but which had latterly, for various reasons, fallen into inactivity, has now been revived and reorganised. The following strong committee has been elected:—Chairman, Mr. S. Feder; joint hon. secretaries, Mr. B. Segal and Miss B. Goodman; committee, Mrs. H. Greenman, Mrs. H. Goldstein, Miss E. Kramer, and Messrs. S. Levy, M. Greenman, R. Kretzmar, D. Gorohovsky and B. Molk.

We look forward to publishing once again at frequent intervals, reports of successful activities of the Association.

Johannesburg.

THE MACCABEAN CIRCLE.

About the commencement of this year some ardent young Zionists got together and thought of forming a new society, which would include young people who comprised a large section of the community of Johannesburg. This section of the community is composed of young men and women—too old for the Young Israel Society, too young and perhaps not suited for the societies of the older Zionists.

With the object of drawing these young people into the fold of active Zionism, the "Johannesburg Maccabean Circle" was formed, and an inaugural mass meeting was held at the Jewish Guild Memorial Hall on Monday, 7th April, 1924.

Dr. J. M. Edelstein delivered an address to a large audience. He outlined some of the problems of Zionism, and emphasized the necessity of such a society with Zionism as an ideal. He referred to the enthusiasm and restlessness that we all inherited to do our share, and hoped that the young Maccabeans would work energetically towards that end and set a good example to others.

Among those who participated in the subsequent discussion were Mr. J. Gering, Miss F. Klenerman, and Mr. M. Ostrowiak.

The meeting elected the following office-bearers: Hon. President, Dr. J. M. Edelstein; chairman, Mr. Samuel Couzin; vice-chairman, Miss F. Klenerman; treasurer, Mr. S. Broude; joint hon. secretaries, Miss Ida Aron, Mr. M. Ostrowiak; committee, Mrs. C. Ginsberg, Miss N. Couzin, Miss N. Smith, Mr. C. Adler, Mr. I. Sass, Mr. Pekarsky, and Mr. N. Metz.

The meeting terminated with the singing of "Hatikvah."

At a meeting on May 5th, Miss F. Klenerman, B.A., read a very thoughtful paper to the Circle on "Judaism and Liberty," wherein she showed how Judaism influenced the development and progress of the human race. After an interesting discussion, tea was served, and an enjoyable and interesting evening was spent.

On Monday, June 2nd, Mr. Bernard Gering will read a paper to the Circle at the Jewish Guild Memorial Hall. All will be welcomed.

All communications to be addressed to the joint hon. secretaries, P.O. Box 6428, Johannesburg.

Kinross.

The local Hebrew Congregation has affiliated to the South African Zionist Federation, and is embarking actively on various Zionist undertakings. The chairman is Mr. J. J. Dorfman, a Zionist worker of the Highveld of many years standing, whilst the honorary secretary is Mr. H. Druian, formerly of Pilgrims Rest, and a member of a family of ardent and practical Zionists.

Kroonstad.

A general meeting of the Zionist Society was held on Sunday afternoon, the 27th April, in the Empire Theatre, Kroonstad. There was a large attendance.

Mr. S. J. Kaplan, the president, was in the chair.

Rev. E. H. Matthews and Mr. S. J. Kaplan, who were the delegates at the Zionist and Hebrew Education Conference, delivered their reports, and dealt with the subjects discussed at the Conferences—Hebrew Education, Haluzim, Keren Hayesod, Golden Book, Binyan, etc.

Refreshments were then served by the ladies.

A Golden Book diploma was presented to Rev. Matthews, who retired as honorary secretary a few months ago after many years' service in that capacity, and the chairman expressed appreciation of Rev. Matthews' ardent work for the Zionist cause. Rev. Matthews responded suitably.

It was decided to hold the annual Zionist ball on the 2nd July next, in the Town Hall. A strong committee was appointed, with the following officers:—Chairman, Mr. S. J. Kaplan; vice-chairman, Mrs. W. Kretzmer; treasurer, Mr. P. Rabinowitz; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Stein.

A vote of thanks to Mr. I. Jacobson, for the use of the hall, and to the chair, was passed.

Ladybrand.

A farewell evening was recently given by the local Zionist Society to Mr. I. Israel prior to his departure for Eärope. Warm tributes were paid to Mr. Israel's Zionist activities, and in a lengthy reply, Mr. Israel appealed to all present to join the Zionist Society as the best thanks they could give him for his work for the movement. A surprise packet was sold by auction and purchased by Mr. B. Proos. The amount of £4 realised was equally divided between the National and Relief Funds.

Several residents went over to Bloemfontein to hear Dr. Alexander Goldstein's addresses recently delivered there, and were deeply impressed by him.

Middelburg (Cape).

After a somewhat long period of inactivity, the local Zionist Society held a general meeting on the 25th instant to elect new office bearers and resume activities. On the motion of the president, Mr. Segall, Mr. H. Allschwang was unanimously elected president, and, after thanking the members, briefly exhorted them to do their utmost for the cause. The following other ladies and gentlemen were elected

office bearers:—Treasurer, Mrs. A. Seligman; hon. secretary, Miss J. Seinker, assistant hon. secretary, Miss R. Capcan; committee, Mesdames Melmed, Manaschewitz, J. Seligman, and Messrs. Segall and Capcan; National Fund Box Commissioners, Mesdames L. Manaschewitz and J. Seligman. It was decided to hold monthly meetings of a social nature at private residences; the first of these is being held at Mrs. Melmed's residence. It was further decided to go into ways and means immediately for launching a Keren Hayesod campaign locally. A hearty vote of thanks to the outgoing president concluded the meeting.

Namaqualand.

The local Zionist Association (per its honorary secretary, Mr. S. Gordon, of Concordia) has forwarded to the South African Zionist Federation the amount of £30 out of its funds, to be utilised for general Zionist purposes.

The Association has also forwarded a cheque for £5 5s. 0d. donated to the Keren Hayesod by Mr. D. Gelb of Concordia, the president of the Association, at the last high festivals.

Pietermaritzburg.

On the 9th April, Rev. Wm. Angus, M.A., gave a lecture to the Zionist and Literary Society "On the King of the Capitals." Rev. Levine, who presided, introduced the lecturer, whose address, which was scholarly and tinged with some very fine humour, was greatly appreciated by the large audience.

During the evening Mrs. Levine, Mrs. A. Levy, and Miss J. Kinkel contributed vocal and piano solos and recitation respectively.

Mr. M. Flatau proposed, and Mr. A. Goldberg seconded, votes of thanks to the lecturer, chairman and artistes.

Rev. Levine gave a lecture at the Prince Alfred Lodge, on the 13th inst., on "Masonic Elements in Jewish Mysticism."

On the 14th May, Mr. Levine lectured at the Theosophical Society on "Doctrines, Practices and Customs of the Jewish Religion."

Port Elizabeth.

Under the auspices of the Ladies Zionist League, Mr. Wolf Lurie recently delivered a most interesting address to a large audience at the Emmanuel Hall, on "The Problems of Zionism." Mrs. Nathan Levine, president of the League, was in the chair. Mr. Lurie dealt with each phase of the great question—social economy, politics, education and religion. He visualised a Zion in which all sections of Jews could live in peace and harmony, irrespective of their grade of belief and thought. Re-born, the race could march forward only if unhampered by intolerance. A broad and sympathetic outlook was the need. He appealed to the indifferent, and to the thoughtless to read, learn and discuss the great cause, so that even though it might be impossible for many present to live in or visit Palestine yet the spirit of the movement could pervade the being of every Israelite. Time, zeal and generosity would solve all the problems under which Zionism laboured. Mr. Lurie's careful and clearly reasoned address was followed by an interesting discussion, in which Mrs. Mirlin, Mr. Mierowsky, Mr. Weinronk, Councillor Schauder, and others

participated. On the motion of Rev. N. Levine, seconded by Councillor A. Schauder, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Levy for his address. Mr. Schauder extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Lurie on his return to Port Elizabeth. The singing of "Hatikvah" and God Save the King concluded the evening.

One of the most enjoyable "At Homes" given by Mrs. N. Levine took place at the Loubser Hall on a recent Tuesday evening, when an extremely large gathering, representative of the entire community, came together to hear a group of well-written papers by five of the younger people, all of which were most interesting and provoked spirited discussion. Miss K. Rubin read a paper on "Jewish Duty," Miss Ray Rubin on "A Dream of Palestine," Miss Zartz on "Why I am proud of being a Jewess," Miss Lena Weinronk on "The value of the Jew as a citizen and a patriot," and Mr. H. Lewis on "Jewish children and professions." Rev. Levine expressed his particular gratification at the large audience, in spite of the item of dancing being absent owing to the period of Omer. Refreshments were then served, and a memorable evening thus closed.

Potchefstroom.

The annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society took place on Thursday evening, the 1st inst. In view of the Zionist awakening, which had been effected by Dr. Goldstein's visit a little previously, the attendance was disappointing. The chairman, Mr. M. Starfield, in presenting his report, congratulated the community on the successful results of the recent Keren Hayesod campaign, and expressed satisfaction at the sound financial position of the society as shown in the financial statement presented by the honorary secretary, Miss F. Sack. The latter also took the opportunity of presenting the report of the 9th South African Zionist Conference, which would have been submitted earlier, but for the fact that the general meeting was delayed owing to the Keren Hayesod campaign. The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. H. Finn; vice-chairman, Mr. M. B. Bloch; treasurer, Miss A. Gluckman; honorary secretary, Miss F. Sack; committee, Messrs. M. Starfield, S. Hirschman, B. Judelsohn, I. Glaser, W. Kirsh, H. Herr, and Mesdames B. Levy, L. Bloch and Miss G. Hirschman.

The outgoing chairman expressed his thanks to his committee for the courtesy extended to him during his two years of office; he also thanked the Society's delegates, Miss F. Sack and Mr. W. Kirsh, for their services at the recent Zionist Conference, also Mr. S. Hirschman, who so ably took his place during his unavoidable absence on the occasion of Dr. Goldstein's visit to Potchefstroom; also the ladies who had given their assistance on the same occasion.

A recommendation to the new committee to pay more attention to the intellectual and spiritual side of the Zionist movement was put by Miss Sack, who urged that whilst the need for practical work was fully appreciated, the Society should not be merely a "collecting agency," and that from time to time lectures, debates, concerts, etc., should be arranged not merely with the financial end in view.

Seventy-eight Shekolim were disposed of in Potchefstroom at the annual Shekel sale through the

efforts of the collectors, Miss S. Kretzmer and Mr. I. Glaser, and the Misses A. Gluckman and F. Sack.

Somerset East.

At the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hodes, Rev. Sandler, who officiated, made an appeal for the Keren Hayesod, in response to which a collection was made realising £10 9s. 6d., which amount has been duly forwarded to the headquarters of the Fund in Johannesburg.

Steytierville.

An enjoyable evening was spent on the 4th inst. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Glago on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of their eldest son Moses, who presented a doll to be sold by American auction, realising £3 15s. 0d., which has been forwarded in equal shares for the Russian Orphans' and the South African Jewish Orphanage. The purchaser was Mr. S. Eisenberg, and the following were the totals of the bids made by each bidder:—S. Eisenberg, £1 3s. 6d.; S. Castle, 15s. 6d.; E. Topick, 14s. 6d.; S. Markman, 10s.; and J. Glago, 11s. 6d.

Umtata.

On April 12th, the local Hebrew Congregation gave a farewell in the Masonic Hall to Mr. and Mrs. L. Kruger and Mrs. I. Goldberg, who were leaving for overseas. During the proceedings a cake, presented by Mrs. S. Smulowitz of Tsolo, was sold by American auction and realised £10 2s. 6d., which has been handed to the Jewish Orphanage. The local community wish Mr. and Mrs. Kruger and Mrs. Goldberg a pleasant voyage and a safe return.

Vryheid.

The local Hebrew Congregation and Zionist Association have suffered a severe loss in the death of Mr. M. Shapero, proprietor of the President Hotel, after long ill-health. Mr. Shapero was of a kindly and charitable disposition and enjoyed the respect and esteem both of the Jewish and non-Jewish community of the town, as was evidenced by the large attendance at his funeral. The Jewish community of Vryheid extends its sincere sympathy to the widow and five children.

Wellington.

Mr. L. Kling presided at the Bris Melah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edelstein on the 12th instant. After addresses by Rev. Strelitz and Rev. Friedgood, the local minister, the chairman called for a collection for the Orphans, which realised £3. Mr. V. Schkolne then made a warm appeal on behalf of the Zionist movement, which he characterised as the only ray of hope for the Jewish future, and in response to his request, the collection was sold by American auction and bought by Mr. Edelstein for £13 in the name of his infant son. This amount has been forwarded to the S.A. Zionist Federation, £3 being for the Fund for the maintenance of War Orphans in Palestine, and £10 for the Keren Hayesod.

Willowmore.

At the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Kaplan, on April 6th, at which Rev. A. Mowsowitz officiated, a collection was made realising £12 7s. 6d., which has been handed in equal shares to the Keren Hayesod and the Cape Jewish Orphanage.