

FROM TOWN & COUNTRY

(From Our Own Correspondents)

Bulawayo.

On Saturday, July 12th, Dr. Alexander Goldstein addressed the Bulawayo Junior Zionist Society at the Jewish Memorial Hall. There were present, besides the members, quite a number of seniors and parents, amongst whom were also Rev. Cohen and Rev. Weinberg. Mr. B. Baron was in the chair, supported by Mr. H. Banet, a former president of the Society. Dr. Goldstein gave a brilliant survey of what was done and is being done by those heroic Chalutzim in Palestine. They sacrificed their careers in order to lay the foundation of a sound and solid home for the Jews in their beloved homeland, Eretz Yisrael. "They were fired," he stated, "by that wonderful latent spirit of Judaism which is a spark ready to be fanned into flame."

In Palestine schools, children from all parts of the world speak Hebrew both at work and play. This success has been achieved by our Jewish teachers, who have given up a great deal in order to resuscitate a language which all the world thought dead. Now Hebrew is a recognised language, and accepted as such in all civilised countries.

Mr. H. Banet ably thanked Dr. Goldstein, on behalf of the Bulawayo Junior Zionist Society, for a most interesting discourse, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Durbanville.

A well-attended meeting of the Herzl Zionist Society was held at the Town Hall, Durbanville, on the 13th instant. Mr. Borok, who presided, remarked upon the steady progress of the Society. He also expressed his pleasure that the Durbanville people are invited to take part in the Society. Mr. T. Snitcher then gave an interesting address on Jewish history. The Rev. Mr. Dorogov also gave a short but eloquent address. Mr. Katzin and Mr. Friedman also spoke. Recitations in Hebrew and Jewish were rendered by Misses Hilda and Goldie Sher, May Berold, Sarah Cohen, Jessie Sacks and Masters Sam Lipschitz and Ruby Kruskal. Dainty refreshments were then served by the ladies of Durbanville. The meeting closed with votes of thanks and the singing of "Hatikvah."

De Aar.

The head office of the United South African Jewish Relief Fund has received from Mrs. Blumenreich, the energetic hon. secretary of the De Aar group, the sum of £6 15s., being £6 2s. monthly subscription and 13s. collected by the children's group, for which the Executive Committee is very grateful.

Kimberley.

The annual election meeting of the Griqualand West Ezrach-Zion Association took place in the Zion Hall on Sunday evening, the 27th ult. The "Yahrzeit" of the late Dr. Herzl was commemorated at the same time, and preceded the general business.

Mr. Slosberg (president) paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the great departed leader, and ably dealt with Zionism of the present day.

Rev. Isaacs supplemented the tribute, which deeply impressed the audience. Twenty-one trees were purchased by a few gentlemen towards the Herzl Forest.

The election for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. A. Slosberg; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Kremer and Max Blumenthal; treasurer, Mr. H. Stoller; hon. secretary, Mr. I. W. Sapiro; assistant hon. secretary, Miss E. E. Sapiro; trustees, Messrs. S. Apter and R. Awerbuck.

Committee, Messrs. B. Klenerman, E. Bloom, J. Immerman, J. Maresky, M. Allen, H. Senderowitz, L. Levinsohn, J. Klein. Mesdames R. Awerbuck, E. Bloom, H. Stoller, H. Senderowitz, J. Shles and Misses D. Levinsohn and R. Shapiro. Mr. and Mrs. K. Jacobson, *ex-officio*.

The Jewish Guild had an interesting tennis tournament on the 13th ultimo, and the participants had a good and enjoyable day's sport.

Kroonstad.

The Kroonstad Zionist Society held their annual ball in the Town Hall, on July 2nd, in aid of the Keren Hayesod. It proved a huge success in every respect. Socially, it was certainly the best ball of the season, and the financial results are the best attained for many years past.

The Deputy-Mayor, Councillor J. G. Vorster, opened the ball. Mr. S. J. Kaplan, chairman of the Zionist Society and of the ball committee, introduced Mr. Vorster, and, at the same time, thanked all the workers for the enthusiastic and conscientious manner in which they laboured to make the ball such a great success, and all those present for their patronage. Councillor Vorster, in his speech, said that the Zionist Ball had become an annual event, and was looked forward to by Jews and Gentiles alike. He complimented the Zionists for their energy in working for the noble cause of re-settling the Jewish nation in the Holy Land.

There was an attendance of about 350 people, consisting of local and district residents, and even visitors from such distant places as Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, and Kimberley, who came specially for the occasion.

The hall was tastefully decorated with coloured streamers and plants, and the Mogen Dovid was illuminated brightly and hung in the centre of the stage. The supper tables were set with the best edibles, and the flowers added to the attractiveness. Clark and Adeler's Orchestra were in attendance, and they are to be congratulated on their abilities.

Mrs. W. Kretzmer was vice-chairlady of the ball, and spared no efforts to make it the success it was. Special thanks are due to the energetic and efficient honorary secretary, Mr. W. Stein, for his untiring efforts.

The D. C. was Mr. S. J. Kaplan, who attended admirably to the comforts of all present, both in the ball room and in the supper room. The M. C.'s were Messrs. W. Kretzmer, P. Rabinowitz, A. Stein and W. Stein, who looked well after the dancers.

The committee wish to thank all those who assisted in selling tickets and canvassing for refreshments, as follows:—Mesdames Jacobson, Smiedt, Kretzmer, Matthews, Rabinowitz, Goldblatt, Kaplan Misses Smulowitz and Abrahams, Mesdames Falkson, Myers, Nathanson, Kopelowitz, Savage, and Messrs. S. J. and C. Kaplan.

Mrs. Jacobson was presented by Mrs. Kretzmer with a box of chocolates for having sold the most tickets for the ball.

The nett proceeds of the ball is over £170, and this sum will be donated in full to the Keren Hayesod.