

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY.

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Correspondents*

BENONI.

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The formation of the first union of communal institutions is the subject of a special interview with Mr. N. Kirschner, and appears on another page.

BOKSBURG NORTH.

The thirteenth semi-annual meeting of the Young Israel Society was held on Sunday, the 14th instant. There was a large attendance of members. Mr. J. Jacoby, the ex-chairman, delivered his report of the work for the last session, pointing out that the enthusiasm of the members had greatly increased and he hoped that the good work would continue. A presentation was made to Miss L. Weitzman, our ex-secretary. Mr. J. Blumberg, the treasurer, presented a balance sheet showing that the financial basis of the society was sound. Reports by the library committee, council and advisory committee were accepted. The following were elected:—

Chairman, Mr. M. Bloom; vice-chairlady Miss R. Jacoby; treasurer, Mr. J. Blumberg, joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. S. Lazerson and J. Berman. Committee: Messrs. S. Yankelson, B. Simon, I. Swil and S. Feinberg, Misses T. Gillman and S. Plitt. Advisory committee: Messrs. S. Louis and J. Jacoby and Miss F. Swil. Library committee: Messrs. P. J. McCrystal, H. Rubenstein, S. Louis, S. Lazerson and J. Berman.

HEILBRON.

The local Zionist Association held a Simchas Torah ball on September 29th, which was a great social and financial success. Of the net proceeds, £5 has been forwarded to the Zionist Federation for the Jewish National Library in Jerusalem, and £20 for the Jewish National Fund. Further proceeds have still to come in, which will also be allocated to the National Fund.

The committee of the Association desires through this medium to thank all those ladies and gentlemen, to whose hard work and assistance the success of the ball was due, and particularly the dance committee, consisting of Mr. S. Feder as chairman; Miss B. Goodman, secretary; and Mrs. H. Goldstein, Mrs. H. Greenman, Miss E. Kramer, Miss D. Goldstein, Messrs. S. Levy, R. Kretzmer, S. Cohen, G. Stange, and I. Goldsmith.

KIMBERLEY.

The "Palestine" film was screened at Dobbins open air Roof Bioscope, on Thursday evening, November 28th, and was witnessed by a fair audience.

A concert was given in the Town Hall, Beaconsfield, on November 19th, when local Jewish amateurs were heard and seen at their best. A tableau, depicting events of historical importance, preceded the performance. This was arranged by Mrs. B. Horwitz, and made a deep impression on the audience. The entertainment was in "revue fashion," and the principles acquitted themselves creditably. Mr. L. Levinsohn, the organiser, thanked the audience for their kind reception of the company's efforts. An impromptu dance brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

MARITZBURG.

On Sunday evening, November 30th, Rev. Levine gave a lecture at the Hebrew School, on the "Evolution of Zionism." Mr. Maister, vice-president of the Zionist Society, presided. Mr. Levine, Miss L. Fineberg, and Miss G. Kirkel contributed song, recitation and pianoforte solo respectively.

A "Handkerchief Sachet," presented and raffled by Miss A. Kirkel, for the purpose of buying pictures of Zionist leaders for the school-room, was won by Mr. Bautzer.

Miss Janie Kirkel, F.S.C.E. gold medalist, gained honours in the recent T.D.L.C. examination.

Miss L. Fineberg, a pupil of Miss Kirkel, gained honours in the Intermediate Elocution examination.

The semi-annual general meeting of the Young Zionists' Society was held on Sunday, the 7th instant. Mr. B. Benjamin, the president, dealt with the activities of the society during the past six months, and stated that about £29 had been sent away for various Jewish funds during that period. Owing to the intervention of the Jewish holidays, only one or two social evenings were held, but these were very enjoyable. He thanked the members of the committee for their very active support during his term of office.

The financial statement, as presented by Mr. A. Blumenfeld, showed the society to be on a sound financial basis. The librarian, Mr. J. Blumenfeld, stated that members now took more interest in the library, which now contained many more books.

Mr. J. L. Maister urged members to send in their contributions to their magazine, the first number of which is to be published in February. The hon. secretary, Miss D. Blumenfeld, reported that an invitation was received from the Durban Young Israel Society to participate in a picnic at Amanzimtoti.

The Rev. J. I. Levine, the hon. president, praised the good work of the society.

The following were elected as officers:—hon. president, Rev. J. I. Levine; president, Mr. B. Benjamin; vice-president, Miss L. Maister; hon. secretary, Miss D. Blumenfeld; assistant secretary, Miss L. Levine; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Blumenfeld; librarian, Mr. I. Levine; auditor, Mr. A. Blumenfeld. Committee: Misses L. Fineberg, R. Maister and M. Maister, Messrs. G. Benjamin, N. Greenberg, E. Jacobson and A. Blumenfeld. Magazine committee: Rev. J. I. Levine, Messrs. J. L. Maister and G. Benjamin.

The question of having a Young Israel Executive for Natal was brought up by Mr. J. L. Maister. It was decided to get into touch with the Young Israel Societies of Durban and Vryheid and to report later. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. B. Benjamin (the chairman) and with the singing of "Hatikvah."

On Sunday, December 7th, local people listened in to Mr. J. Alexander's lecture, broadcast from JB station. The reception was greatly spoilt by atmospheric conditions, which were in the ascendancy that evening.

On Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. David entertained the Jewish community at their home, in Scottsville, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

PIETERSBURG.

On the 7th instant, under the auspices of the Zionist Society, a Hat Debate took place. Subjects both serious and humorous were discussed, which proved interesting and instructive. During the evening the chairman, Mr. Manaschewitz, called upon the vice-chairlady, Mrs. Herschmann, to present the prizes to those children who had won them at the sports of the Young Zionist Society's picnic. It was also announced that a lecture on Chanukah will be delivered on Sunday, December 21st.

SOMERSET WEST.

Upon the initiative of the Central Judean Council, of the Cape Province, and chiefly through the kind offices of Mr. Matthews, of Capetown, a Young Israel Society has been constituted here. The gentleman mentioned, and Mr. Hurwitz, of the Robertson Society, attended our inaugural meeting, and there were also visitors from the Strand Society. Mr. Matthews delivered an inspiring address. Office bearers were elected and members enrolled. A vote of thanks to the visitors was passed and a very successful meeting concluded with the singing of "Hatikvah."

WILLOWMORE.

On the occasion of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. Greenberg, a collection was made for the joint benefit of the Cape Jewish Orphanage and the Jewish National Library in Jerusalem, which realised the handsome sum of £20 17s. 6d. The detailed list of donors will be published in our acknowledgment columns in a later issue.

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MR. SHEIN'S TOUR.—(Continued from page 27).

The central office of the Keren Hayesod in Johannesburg has received a letter from the Amersfoort Hebrew Congregation conveying the thanks of its members to Mr. Shein for his eloquent and impressive address and the great pleasure which he afforded them. The gathering at which the address was delivered had a most pleasant social side, and from this point of view Mr. Shein's visit was no less gratifying than on account of the financial gain to Zionist funds.

WAKKERSTROOM.

On Saturday evening Mr. Shein addressed a meeting in Wakkerstroom, at which donations amounting to about £115 were made to the Keren Hayesod.

STANDERTON.

On Sunday evening, the 14th instant, Mr. Shein, accompanied by Mr. J. S. Abrams of Morgenzon, visited Standerton and addressed a well-attended meeting, at which a number of donations were made to the Keren Hayesod. The Standerton list totals at present £168.

Mr. Shein next proceeded to Vrede (O.F.S.), and thence to Volksrust. He will also visit Balfour, Heidelberg and Nigel. We hope to publish in our next issue a detailed report of Mr. Shein's whole tour.

BULAWAYO.

Remittances totalling £386 18s. 4d. have been received, being further on account of donations. These include Mr. C. Saloman's half-yearly contribution of £250. Mr H. L. Rubinstein has secured the following further donations:—

Rhodesia Milling Co., Bulawayo			
(C. M. Harris)	£10	0 0
B. R. Rubinstein, Filabusi	...	6	6 0
I. Sossen, Filabusi	...	6	6 0
Henrie Kollenberg, Lusaka	...	12	0 0
I. Aberman, Lusaka	...	12	0 0

THABA 'NCHU.

The name of Mr. and Mrs. E. Breyer, mentioned in our last issue, (£12 12s. 0d.) should read "Councilor and Mrs. E. Dreyer, £12 12s. 0d."

6,000 AGRICULTURAL WORKERS.

The number of Chaluzim employed in agricultural work, apart from the permanent settlers in the Zionist Organization's Keren Hayesod settlements, including those engaged in tobacco work, reached this year a figure of 3,000. Most of these are members of small organised groups. Large groups have also been formed which engage in contract work for the farmers. The question of organising other large groups is now being considered, as experience with those groups this year has shown that they provide the best means for securing the employment of Jewish labour in the agricultural settlements.

In the last few years all branches of agricultural working Jewish hands have made great progress, and steps have been taken for the introduction of new branches of cultivation. In the farms and settlements of the Keren Hayesod progress is specially marked in daily work and plantation cultivation.

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DR. BOUCHMIL TO VISIT EGYPT.

Dr. Joshua Bouchmil, a veteran Zionist leader, has been delegated by the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod to visit Egypt in the interests of this Fund. He is now in Palestine with Mrs. Bouchmil, who has been appointed a delegate of the Keren Hayesod to Roumania. Dr. Bouchmil, who was an associate of Dr. Herzl's and has since rendered conspicuous service to the Zionist Cause in various European countries, has spent recent years in work on behalf of the Fund in French-speaking countries.

JEWISH LABOUR PLEADS FOR KEREN HAYESOD.

The conviction that Jews everywhere will respond even more readily to the Keren Hayesod when the favourable possibilities now obtaining in Palestine become more widely known, is expressed in the following telegram the Executive Committee of the General Jewish Labour Association has sent to Mr. Leib Jaffa, the Keren Hayesod delegate in Warsaw:—

"The Jewish Labour Association welcomes heartily and hopefully the new Keren Hayesod campaign in Poland. Increased immigration, great employment possibilities and important future enterprises in Palestine, demand urgently that the masses of our people participate in multiplying the income of the Keren Hayesod. Our people are bound to respond when possibilities will become known."

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The annual general meeting of the Worcester Hebrew Congregation was held in the local Zionist hall on Sunday, 23rd November. The president, Mr. L. Lange, was in the chair.

The Balance Sheet for the past financial year was read and adopted, and showed that the above society were on a very sound financial footing.

The election of officers resulted in Mr. S. Lange being elected chairman for the ninth year; treasurer, Mr. J. Rabinowitz; secretary, Mr. H. Simon; committee, Messrs. J. Leader, I. Nowitz, Ch. Levin, A. Volks, I. J. Senitzky, and M. Broudie.

It was unanimously decided to proceed immediately with the building of a new synagogue and a Zionist hall, as the present synagogue building was far too small for the growing Jewish population of Worcester.

WYNBERG.

The annual general meeting and election of the Wynberg and Claremont Zionist Society took place on Sunday, 30th November, 1924, in the Zionist Hall, Piers Road, Wynberg, at 8 p.m.

The president, Mr. D. L. Davidowitz, gave a brief summary of activities and, in the course of his remarks quoted a letter from Mr. B. Wolman, the Wynberg Chalutz, son of Mr. N. Wolman, in which he referred to the very Jewish atmosphere that existed in Palestine.

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and adopted, as was also the treasurer's balance sheet. A distribution of Keren Hayesod certificates then took place.

The election was then held with the following result:—President, Mr. D. L. Davidowitz; vice-president, Dr. R. Resnekov; treasurer, Mr. I. Schock; secretary, Mr. L. Schur; auditors, Messrs. I. Yudelman and L. Levy; committee (Wynberg): Messrs. S. Braude, P. Maisel, S. Galloon, S. Kaplan, N. Wolman, M. Brauer, J. Aronowitz, R. M. Rifkin, M. Rabinowitz. (Claremont): Messrs. H. Bloch and Rev. Goldberg.

Dr. R. Resnekov, Rev. Goldberg, and Mr. Brauer spoke in acknowledgment, the first-named remarking on the small attendance of Claremont members, in spite of the fact that it was both a Wynberg and Claremont Zionist Society. Mr. L. Levy, having thanked the outgoing committee for their work, and welcomed the incoming officers and committee, the meeting terminated.

At the annual meeting of the Wynberg Hebrew Congregation, the following were elected as officers:—

A. Anziska, president; W. Robinson, vice-president; L. E. Berman, secretary; W. Rifkill, treasurer. Committee: Messrs. I. Yudelman, S. M. Kaplan, J. Proeser, S. Wolman, W. Rollnick, A. Fineberg, S. Kaplan, I. Gordon and I. Anziska.