

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY.

*From Our Own
Correspondents*

BETHLEHEM.

A beautiful black Spanish shawl was raffled on Wednesday, the 17th December, at the residence of Mrs. I. C. Ackerman, the proceeds being in aid of the Synagogue Fund. The shawl, which was presented by Mrs. Ackerman, the president of the ladies' committee, and was tastefully painted by Miss Goodman, realised the sum of £28 2s. 6d. It was won by a lady resident in Lindley. Thanks are due to Mrs. Ackerman and Mrs. H. Goldberg, who were responsible for the success.

BLOEMFONTEIN.

The annual report of the Bloemfontein Jewish Helping Hand and Burial Society (Chevra Kadisha) has just been published, and was presented at the 23rd annual general meeting, held on Sunday, December 21st, in the Communal Hall. During the year there was an expenditure of £817 18s. 6d. against an income of £958 9s. 6d., showing a surplus of income over expenditure for the period, of £140 11s.

A large number of Jewish families had lately come into the town and some of these had to be assisted. Altogether £302 1s. 5d. was granted in direct charity. The society mourns the loss during the year of the following:—

Messrs. M. Levisieur, B. Levy, W. Ehrlich, H. Bishko, I. Blumgart, H. Schakow, S. Schur, — Grunes, H. Garfunkel, M. Mosley, Mesdames Lewin, Lurie, Persky, Harris and three children.

BLOEMHOF.

The annual general meeting of the Bloemhof Hebrew congregation was held at the synagogue recently. Mr. M. Altshuler, the president, occupied the chair. The financial statement was adopted. The following hon. officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Mr. M. Altshuler, president; Mr. B. Bolon, vice-president; Mr. M. B. Bolon, treasurer; Mr. E. Gordon, hon. secretary; Committee: Messrs. M. Kovalsky, I. Smukler, J. Blumberg, M. Mintz, S. Korol, and B. Zweiback.

The annual general meeting of the Jewish Benevolent and Helping Hand Society, of Bloemhof, was held in the synagogue, on December 14th, Mr. J. Corsin in the chair. The following hon. officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Mr. J. Corsin, president; Mr. M. Cohen, vice-president; Mr. M. B. Bolon, treasurer; Mr. E. Gordon, hon. secretary; Committee: Messrs. L. Durbach, M. Sure, and B. Hurwitz.

EAST LONDON.

The following collections have recently been made for the National Fund:—

£5.—Proceeds of raffle of table centre presented by Miss F. Walter, of Bloemfontein, and raffled by the Misses P. Levy and Berman, to whom the committee of the East London Zionist Association tender their thanks.

£3 10s.—Collected at the engagement party Altshuler-Radomsky.

GERMISTON.

Under the auspices of the Women's Zionist League, a meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Margolius on Tuesday, December 23rd, when Miss Horwitz, a recent arrival from Canada, gave a lecture on "Chanukah." Miss Horwitz, who has for many years devoted herself to Zionist endeavour in Lithuania and Canada, gave an extremely interesting address, in which she pointed out the significance of the festival to the Jewish nation to-day. Miss Horwitz's lecture was deeply interesting and greatly appreciated by the gathering.

MIDDELBURG (Transvaal).

The Middelburg branch of the United South African Jewish Relief Fund has forwarded to the head office of the Fund in Johannesburg, per Miss R. Brozin, the energetic hon. secretary of the branch, the sum of £55 2s. 3d., being sundry and monthly collections, for which the Executive Committee is very grateful.

OUDTSHOORN.

The annual general meeting of the Oscar Marmorek Zionist Association was held on Sunday, 23rd November, when a lecture was given by Mr. Robert Rollnick on "The Practical Achievements of Zionism." It was very comprehensive and interesting, and gave a very good idea of the work of the National Fund, the Keren Hayesod, and of the general situation in Palestine. Dr. A. Agranat was in the chair, and votes of thanks were passed, both to the lecturer and the chairman.

Dr. L. H. Lewin, the president of the O.M.Z.A., then took the chair. The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were read by the hon. secretary, Mr. Jack

Cohen, and were confirmed. The hon. secretary then read the annual report, and Mr. I. J. Kahn, hon. auditor, read the balance sheet. They were duly adopted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Chairman, Dr. L. H. Lewin; vice-chairman, M. P. Agranat; treasurer, Mr. E. Sacks; hon. secretary, M. Max Kroll. Committee, Messrs. R. Rollnick, Dr. Agranat, M. Goldberg, M. Wilck, I. J. Kahn, J. Homa, Solin, A. Sindler, J. Lazarus and L. Lockez. The retiring hon. secretary, who did not see his way to offer himself for re-election, was asked to act as joint hon. secretary as long as possible. A vote of thanks to the chairman and the singing of "Hatikvah" closed the meeting.

On receipt of an intimation as to the broadcasting of the lecture by Mr. J. Alexander on the "Re-birth of the Jewish Nation," the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society took up, and as a result, the Hebrew School hall was filled, overcrowding that evening by eager listeners-in. Messrs. Morris & Co. kindly provided a receiving set. Unfortunately, atmospheric interference, and this, coupled with the general noise of a crowded hall, made listening-in very difficult.

On Wednesday, the 10th December, the annual prize distribution of the Hebrew school took place. The chairman of the school, Councillor R. Sladowsky, presided. The principal, Mr. Johan G. Smit, read a report of a very successful year. Ninety-nine children out of 101 had passed. Dr. L. H. Lewin, chairman of the Hebrew Committee, spoke of the progress of the Hebrew side of the school, and Mr. J. Homa, the Hebrew principal, gave his report. The examiners reported a very satisfactory examination. Mr. P. Agranat distributed the prizes and bursaries, upon the invitation of the chairman. The following is a list of prize-winners:—

Standard VI.—(Hebrew) 1, Sidney Shapiro; 2, Barney Agranat; 3, Aaron Sack. Special Prize, Sarah Miller. (English) 1, Sidney Shapiro; 2, Barney Agranat; 3, Alex. Berelowitz. Special Prize, Bertha Woolff and Aaron Sack.

Standard V.—(Hebrew) 1, Annie Redhouse; 2, Simon Herman; 3, Barney Borkum. Special Prize, Annie Gelman. (English) 1, Simon Herman; 2, David Levine; 3, David Levine. Special Prize, Annie Redhouse.

Standard IV.—(Hebrew) 1, Nathan Herman; 2, David Woolff; 3, Abe Cohen. Special Prize, Lazarus Woolff. (English) 1, David Woolff; 2, Lazarus Woolff; 3, Nathan Herman. Special Prizes, Frank and Rosie Friedman.

Standard III.—(Hebrew) 1, Isidore Lichtenstein; Mary Redhouse; 3, Violet Berman and Henrietta Horwitz. Special Prize, Ethel Klass. (English) 1, Philip Davis; 2, Isidore Lichtenstein; 3, Ethel Klass. Special Prize, Violet Berman.

Standard II.—(Hebrew) 1, Arnold Wegger; 2, E. Sladowsky; 3, Ora Lewin. (English) 1, E. Sladowsky; 2, Arnold Wegger; 3, Jack Borkum.

Standard I.—(Hebrew) 1, Pauline Jappe; 2, Dorcas Siminowitz; 3, Isaac Chazan. Special Prize, Frances Gutstein. (English) 1, Aubrey Green; 2, Alma Weinstein; 3, Hilda Leiserowitz. Special Prize, Bennie Lewin. Prize for neatness, Philip Gutstein.

Sub. Standard B.—(Hebrew) 1, Alexander Kroll; Evelyn Woolff and Bertha Herring; 3, Alma Green. (English) 1, Bertha Herring; 2, Alma Green; Evelyn Woolff.

Sub. Standard A.—(Hebrew) 1, Abe Israel; 2, Isaac Eliason; 3, Dorothy Morris. Special Prize, Maurice Oliver and Herbert Kruger. (English) 1, Isaiah Eliason; 2, Herbert Kruger; 3, Dorothy Morris.

The proceedings closed with the singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King."

PIETERSBURG.

At a recent committee meeting of the Pietersburg Zoutpansberg Society it was decided to offer prizes to the local Jewish children for the best essays written about Chanukah. Mr. Manaschewitz had the children assembled and told them the story of Judas Maccabeus. Mrs. P. and Rev. M. Levy were the judges, and decided to give prizes to the following:—Under 12 years—1st prize, Sybil Starfield; 2nd prize, Frances Taeger. Over 12 years—2nd prize, Daphne Manaschewitz.

On 21st inst. a Chanukah service was held at the Jewish Communal Hall. Rev. Levy delivered an eloquent address on "Hellenism versus Judaism."

After the lecture Mrs. Hirschmann distributed prizes for the Chanukah essays. The first prize-winner, Sybil Starfield, who had written an excellent paper, called upon to read her essay to the assembled gathering.

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The holiday season is now in full swing, and amongst the numerous visitors from all parts of the country the Jewish element is fairly discernible. Two of our very enthusiastic young workers, Messrs. L. Dubb, B.Sc., and Sidney Weinronk, made use of this excellent opportunity and organised a highly successful floral dance in the Emanuel Hall in aid of the Keren Kajemeth. As the first Jewish function of the season, it attracted an unusually large number of visitors and dancing was indulged in till the early hours of the morning. I understand that the National Fund will benefit through the function by a substantial sum.

The Jewish communal life of the city has, during the last fortnight, been at a standstill. The Feast of the Maccabees has not been signalled by any public function, but large portions of the Jewish community were *en fête* on Christmas Day—all businesses being closed.

A number of functions are in preparation. Amongst them are: "A Dance at Humewood" by the Ladies' Zionist League, and "A Musical-Literary Evening" by the Jewish Literary and Dramatic Society.

The engagement has been yesterday announced between Mr. Simon Weinronk, of this city, and Miss E. Thal, of Cradock. Mr. Weinronk is a very popular member of the community and takes an active part in all Jewish work, and his numerous friends have received the news with great delight.

ROBERTSON.

An interesting event in Young Israel activity in Robertson took place recently when the Robertson Young Israel Society was "At Home" to the Paarl Junior Maccabean Society and the Worcester Junior Zionist Society. Paarl was represented by 25 strong, while Worcester sent 22 members of its delegation. Mr. Matthews, chairman of the recently re-organised Judean Central Executive, was also present. A dance was given to the visitors in the café owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman. The visitors also participated in an enjoyable picnic and sports meeting. In the evening a social function was held at the bioscope hall, Mr. K. Hoffman presiding. The following artists contributed to an interesting programme:—

Miss M. Blusger (piano solo), Master Isaac Blusger (violin solo), Master Myer Joffe (Paarl) (violin solo), Miss D. Abrahams (Paarl) (recitation), Mr. M. Hotz (journal), Mr. Matthews (Capetown) (address), Mr. Laich (song), Miss L. Sandler (recitation), Miss L. Chait (Bredasdorp) (fancy dance), Miss F. Lipschitz (recitation).

The visit of the members of the Paarl and Worcester societies was most enjoyable to hosts and guests alike, and there can be no doubt that a spirit of real comradeship in Young Israel work has been created as a result. A vociferous farewell was given to the visitors on their leaving Robertson.

SOMERSET EAST.

The Zionist Federation has received the sum of £8 14s. 3d. for the Jewish National Fund, being proceeds of "At Homes" held at the residences of Mesdames H. Saker, E. G. Levin and L. A. Levin.

UNIONDALE.

At the annual meeting of the Hebrew Congregation and the Zionist Association, a large number of articles were donated and sold by American Auction, the total amount realised being £9, which has been forwarded in equal shares to the Jewish National Fund and the Cape Jewish Orphanage. The amount for the National Fund, together with a number of other amounts collected and donated during the High Festivals for the same fund, have reached the S. A. Zionist Federation.

WITBANK.

After a long spell of inactivity the Witbank Zionist Society has again been revived. A general meeting was held on Sunday, the 14th December, which was well attended. The following officers were elected:—Chairman—Mr. J. E. Manasewitz; vice-chairlady—Mrs. J. N. Ziman; joint hon. secretaries and treasurers—the Misses G. Katz and L. Hershman; committee—Mesdames Dembo, Mildwidsky, Gordon, Melman, and the Misses Friedman, G. Hershman, M. Katz, F. Hack and B. Perel, and Messrs. M. Young, S. Bear, S. Young, S. Berkowitz, B. Holtz, and R. Markushowitz.

The newly elected chairman addressed the meeting and exhorted members, and especially the newly-elected committee, to make some sacrifice for the good of the National Cause. He also thought that the time had arrived for the Jewish community of Witbank to consider the erection of a communal hall to serve the needs of the Zionist and other societies. A lively discussion ensued as to the need of a hall, and Miss Smith, amongst others, urged the formation of a Zionist club.

Mr. Merlin, a recent arrival from Europe, eloquently addressed the gathering regarding the various phases of the Zionist movement in Poland, dwelling chiefly on the hardships endured by the Chaluzim for the restoration of Palestine.

A vote of thanks was passed to the outgoing committee, and the meeting terminated with the singing of "Hatikvah." A dance followed, and thanks are due to those who provided refreshments and generally helped to make the evening a success.

WORCESTER.

The 7th December will always go down in the above society's annals as one of the greatest red-letter days which it has yet witnessed.

As a result of the Cape Judean Council Conference, Messrs. S. Cohen and L. Matthews visited the Worcester Junior Zionist Society on the 7th December. They were met at the station by the committee, whilst the Robertson Young Israel Society, who were invited for the day also arrived. The visitors were taken round the town in the morning, and in the afternoon they were motored out to the Brandvlei Lake and hot springs.

The local Zionist Hall was crowded by the time the meeting was due to be held. Mr. I. Cohen was in the chair and welcomed the visitors to Worcester. Mr. Matthews explained the significance of Junior Zionist Societies. Everything they needed in later life was embodied in the Young Israel movement. It had produced great men to-day who first belonged to Junior Societies. He reminded his audience that they must not be satisfied with paying their subscription, but they must work and foster the spirit of our ideals. He concluded by appealing for support for the *Judean Magazine*.

Mr. S. Cohen, in his address, spoke of the great sacrifices made by the Chaluzim in and for Eretz Yisroel, and urged that their example be followed. If it was impossible for them to go to Palestine, those who are there should be given the opportunity to make a success of our National Home. Mr. Cohen then explained the necessity of having a Central Judean Council for the Cape Province. The chairman invited questions, which Messrs. Matthews and Cohen replied to. A vote of thanks to the speakers was passed, and the meeting terminated with the singing of "Hatikvah."

In the evening a wireless concert was held in the Commercial Hall. It was a great pity that the lecture of Mr. J. Alexander broadcasted from Johannesburg was only heard faintly. Dancing followed, and at midnight the Robertson visitors left for their homes. Some 20 members of the society went over to Robertson for a picnic which was to be held on the 16th instant. The Paarl Young Israel Society was also there, and a fine outing was spent.

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LEGACIES NATIONAL FUND.

The announcement is made that under the will of the late Jacob Cohen, of Southport, Manchester, that the Jewish University of Jerusalem will benefit to the extent of £1,000.

The Jewish National Fund has, within recent years, received substantial contributions as legacies, but it is considered that a good deal remains to be done in order to influence Jews to bequeath funds for the national movement. To this end it is proposed very shortly to issue a circular to Jewish attorneys in the Union, requesting them to bear in mind the claims of the Jewish National Fund when they are called upon to advise regarding wills by their clients. It is advisable that Zionist workers should bear this matter in mind in order that suitable suggestions should be made at the right time in order to exert influence in this direction on behalf of the Fund.