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of groups of *Chalutzim*. A folk school and kindergarten has already been opened and is supported by the colonists without any subsidy from the *Vaad Hachimuch*.

"I know what wonderful and effective work can be done with further capital, and I strongly advise Jews in South Africa to assist in subscribing at least a further £50,000 to enable us to help more of the 234 members of the vigorous colony at *Nveh Shanan*, who still require assistance to build houses containing three to four rooms. With the necessary financial help, there is every likelihood of *Nveh Shanan* becoming the first Garden City of Palestine."

In answer to the question as to what was the amount of interest being charged to the colonists, Mr. Lourie said, "We are advancing money on first mortgage bonds repayable in monthly instalments over a period of twelve years, at the low interest of eight per cent. Other charges in connection with the registration of bond, etc., are only nominal. I may add that were these same people to succeed in getting similar loans from any bank in Palestine, they would have to pay at least twelve per cent. interest."

Mr. Lourie added that among the applications for investment which have reached the company, are requests for 20 loans to would-be settlers at *Merchavia*, a new suburb near Jerusalem. After careful consideration, the Advisory Board decided for the time being to continue concentrating on the Haifa district where a vigorous activity is proceeding.

"Since my return, I am given to understand," said Mr. Lourie, "that the Board has decided to launch a campaign throughout South Africa for the securing of further capital. I would urge all Jews in this country to take up shares in an investment which is absolutely secure and at the same time affording incalculable benefit in the building up of *Eretz Israel*."

J. H. AMSCHEWITZ.

There are many who will remember the Jewish artist Mr. J. H. Amschewitz, during his residence in Johannesburg, which he left some three years ago. Several of his works were purchased for the Johannesburg Art Gallery, and one of his pictures now hangs in the Capetown Art Gallery.

A correspondent of the *Zionist Record*, in London, writes that Mr. Amschewitz has now been commissioned to paint a huge picture which is to be presented to Mrs. Sassoon, and has had three pictures accepted at the Royal Institute of Painters. One of these pictures, entitled "My Mother," is described as one of the most painter-like things in the whole exhibition; technically distinguished and impeccable, carrying evidence of sympathetic study and character such as is rarely found in modern portraiture.

SOMERSET WEST.

The Young Israel Society here lately made its social debut with a musical evening and card party. The hall was crowded when Mr. W. Miller, a supervisor of the society, announced the opening, appropriately giving a brief lecture on the origin and growth of Zionist activity in Somerset West. A feature of the evening was the spirited bidding for an attractive cake put up for auction. Special thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Dembovsky, who so kindly placed their house at the disposal of the society, and also to the ladies of the village who so generously co-operated in the matter of refreshments.

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SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST ENTERTAINED.

DR. WEIZMANN ON OUR EFFORT.

(Special to the *Zionist Record*.)

London, January 23rd.

Mr. Bernard Gordon, Vice-President of the S.A. Zionist Federation and Chairman of the South African Palestine Enterprise (Binyan) Corporation, Ltd., was entertained to-day at a luncheon given in his honour by the Executive of the Zionist Organisation and the Board of Directors of the *Keren Hayesod*.

Eulogistic addresses were delivered by Dr. Weizmann, Mr. Joseph Cowen, Dr. Alexander Goldstein and others, on the splendid work of South African Jewry in assisting in the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home. Appreciation was also expressed for the Zionist labours of Mr. B. Gordon.

On the same day as the above cable was received from the London correspondent of the *Zionist Record*, a cable report of the function also appeared in the daily newspapers here. From this it is learnt that Dr. Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organisation, in his address, said South African Zionism, to the upbuilding of which Mr. Gordon had contributed the best work of his life, occupied a foremost place in the Jewish world, being second only to America in the list of contributions. That was an achievement of great magnitude, considering South African Jews were only a relatively small community far removed from the stream of Jewish life.

Dr. Goldstein, who recently returned to London from an eight months' tour of South Africa on behalf of the Zionist movement, also testified to Mr. Gordon's self-sacrificing labours. He said the strength of South African Jewry was due to the fact that they were one big family with the deepest respect and affection for each other. Palestine to-day was largely work of his accomplishment, and in the completed state would not only form a national home for Jews, but the best reward for the many years of arduous work Mr. Gordon has devoted to it.

Coupled with the toast was the name of Mrs. Gordon, with whom are travelling her daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Dr. Friedman.

[In entertaining Mr. Gordon, Dr. Weizmann and his colleagues paid a distinct compliment to Zionists throughout the whole of South Africa. The honour given must have come as a surprise to Mr. Gordon himself, who, although he has devoted many years of earnest work to Zionism, has always displayed a reluctance to appear in the limelight. He undoubtedly accepted the honour, not so much for himself, as for the Zionist workers of this sub-continent.—Ed., Z.R.]

A JEWISH BOY HERO—AND ANOTHER!

The gallantry of a young Jewish lad in sucking the poison from a snake bite wound on his cousin's leg has probably saved a little girl from death, according to the Rhodesian correspondent of the *Zionist Record*.

Leon Bloom, 14 years of age, and a member of the 1st Salisbury (Pioneer) Troop of Boy Scouts, was spending his holidays on his uncle's farm, Shepperton, in the Marandellas district. One day he, with three other children, went out to play in a vlei about half a mile from the homestead.

Suddenly, Jennie Wersock, a girl of 11 years, cried out that she had been bitten by a snake, and at the same time the reptile was seen vanishing in the grass.

With great presence of mind, young Bloom, who, incidentally, holds his Ambulance Badge in his troop, sat the child down, borrowed a penknife and, placing a tourniquet on the leg, cauterised the punctures, after which he sucked the poison from the wound. Before doing so, he dispatched one of the party to the house with instructions to prepare a lotion of permanganate of potash.

Satisfied that the virulence of the poison had been temporarily combatted, Bloom placed another tourniquet on her leg and ordered a passing native to carry the child home. Dr. McLaren was summoned at once, and on his arrival pronounced the child out of danger.

Commenting upon the prompt action of the young Scout, the doctor expressed the opinion that the lad had undoubtedly saved the life of his cousin.

Another instance of bravery on the part of a Jewish lad was demonstrated in Bulawayo recently, when a boy by the name of Middledorff got into difficulties while swimming and owes his life to the prompt action of Master Joe Brown, who rushed in and saved him at considerable risk to his own life.

DRINK CHANDLER'S BEER.

מי הוא זה הפע היים?