

In Port Elizabeth

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

P.E. JEWISH LITERARY AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

This society, which was founded some year ago, with a membership of twenty, has developed into a great influential institution and its place of meeting has become a forum whither all our people flock to hear the lectures and debates, which engage the intellectual and artistic amongst us. It is there that the confluence of the souls and minds of the younger section of the community takes place. At every successive function the audience seems to be larger, and the last entertainment given by the society was one of the most well-patronised. The occasion was a lecture on the "Great Unwanted," and the lecturer, Mr. Harmel, discussed it in all its aspects. Mr. Harmel is an excellent speaker and employs, throughout, a style that is at once fascinating and lucid. His diction and delivery are the envy of all who are privileged to listen to him and, on this occasion, as on all others, he showed a thorough grasp of his subject. His lecture was followed by an animated discussion which lasted over an hour and the meeting did not break up until eleven o'clock.

THE PORT ELIZABETH JEWISH BOYS' GUILD.

At this new society, which seems to have emerged from the ruins of the late Young Israel League, and its first function in the Emmanuel Hall, on Sunday, the 15th February, Master Simon Levin, a senior pupil of the local Hebrew School and chairman of the society, presided. The meeting was devoted to the reading of three papers, viz., "The Life of Gandhi," by Master A. Kramer; "Maimonides, physician and philosopher," by the chairman; and an essay by Master Horace Dubb. The latter effusion was brimful of humour and wit and provoked much laughter amongst the audience, while all three papers were well composed and very creditably delivered.

THE NATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE.

The election of the office bearers and committee of the society took place in the Emmanuel Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, and resulted in the following:—President, Mr. Louis Dubb, B.Sc.; vice-president, Mr. Solly Luntz; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Lazarus Rubin; committee: Messrs. S. Weinronk, D. Zartz, W. Lentin, A. Lewis, H. Solomon, M. Berman, L. Harris, T. Schneider, H. Kraitzik, H. Baker, L. Kahn, Leviton, S. Greenstone, H. Katz, H. Bernstein, T. Dubb and S. Polakow; Mr. B. Weinronk, honorary president. During the course of the evening Mr. Weinronk delivered an impassioned address urging the members to increased activities and impressing upon them the real importance of the work they had undertaken. It is gratifying to know, however, that the National Fund Committee is as diligent a body as could be desired. It is to be hoped that the vigorous and intellectual young men who form the majority of the members will soon be able to assume the entire management and direction of the Zionist organisation, for the older members display but little activity except on very special occasions.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement has been announced of Mr. Benjamin Carnofsky to Miss Rita Solomon, of Bloemfontein. Mr. Carnofsky, who is one of the most popular men of the city, is playing an important part in the life of the community. He possesses an inexhaustible fund of humour, and the papers he has read at various functions, his comic impersonations and dramatic performances, always gained the undivided attention of his audiences. He is also prominent in sport circles. Miss Solomon, I understand, is identified with every good cause in her native city, so that the union should prove, not only a happy one to the parties concerned, but a beneficial one to the community.

BARMITZVAH.

The Barmitzvah parties of Master David Martinson, Eli Herman, and Leo Aaronson, were all occasions for large gatherings, and were characterised by the usual celebrations—feasting, speeches, music and dancing.

In Durban

Dr. Max Byala, who for the last four years has been completing his medical studies in England, returned to Durban, on Sunday, by the "Armada Castle."

An interesting visitor to Durban during the past few weeks was the famous chess player, Boris Kostich. Local Jewish chess enthusiasts were provided an opportunity of meeting the master at an "at home" given in his honour by the Rev. Levy at his residence.

Here—as elsewhere—the Jewish candidates in the recent examinations proved very successful. Although not wishing to discriminate, special mention must be made of the two who succeeded in obtaining first class passes in the matric. exam. Miss Tikvah Alper and Master Rudolf Meyerston. Miss Alper was fortunate in winning the Robert Acutt Scholarship of £300 for girls, and Master Meyerston was also successful in obtaining a scholarship of £100. Congratulations are also due to Miss Pauline Alper, who obtained a B.Sc. in agriculture.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised on Wednesday night, the 18th instant, at the St. Andrew's Synagogue, the interesting parties being Miss Ada Kukley, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kukley, of Durban, and Mr. Solomon A. Israel, late of Kimberley. The Revs. Levy and Menachemson officiated. At the termination of the ceremony the guests adjourned to the Model Dairy Beach, where "Israel" proceeded forthwith to rejoice.

CIRCLE NEWS.

The first tennis tournament of any importance, played three Sundays ago, resulted in a victory for the Circle. The opposing team were members of one of the clubs of the Private Courts League.

A very heavy downpour resulted in a rather meagre attendance at a hat debate, held on the 9th instant. Nevertheless considerable interest was evinced by all who took part in the proceedings and, judging by the standard of some debates one can safely predict that this form of entertainment is a good breeding ground for would-be orators.

A very successful function took place on the 16th instant, this being in the form of a Court of Injustice. Considerable merriment was created by the many witty remarks of the participants. The proceeds (fines) go to augment the Orphan Fund.

Hearty congratulations to Miss Leah Magnus, who has been successful in obtaining the Circle bursary. Miss Magnus has shown marked proficiency at her studies and is also a clever young musician, having gained honours at the recent music examinations.

The Circle have also inaugurated a Hebrew study class, the instruction of which is in the capable hands of Rev. Levy. The class has been an initial success and serves not only as an intellectual centre but has been a marked success socially, as well. All information can be gained by applying to either Rev. Levy or Dr. B. Moshal.

The monthly meeting of the Durban Zionist Association takes place on the 22nd instant, when Mr. M. Stone will lecture on "Zionism and Democracy."

GENERAL.

A marked advance is perceptible in the Jewish knowledge of the children attending the Durban Hebrew classes since the re-organisation of that institution. Hebrew instruction is given in the most interesting and practical form, and the children are taught the principles of Judaism. The attendance of the young people at Synagogue, on Shabbos, has also improved considerably. Unfortunately, the musical side—the singing of the psalms and hymns—has been handicapped owing to the lack of a piano. I am given to understand that Mr. H. Linder, a merchant of this town, has generously promised to donate the required amount. This action of Mr. Linder will be much appreciated by parents and children alike.

Shekel Day falls on March 15th. It is to be hoped that all readers will endeavour to remember this date—and incidentally, their half-crowns as well.

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