

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWRY EXPRESSES ITS JOY*(Concluded from previous page.)***GERMISTON.**

One of the biggest meetings ever held in Germiston was that which took place on the occasion of the Hebrew University celebration, when Mr. Lieberman, the Chairman of the local Zionist Society, presided over an enthusiastic gathering. The chief speaker of the evening was Dr. J. M. Edelstein, who dealt extensively with the significance of the Hebrew University which he declared was the ultimate copingstone to years of effort in cultural activities in Palestine. He emphasised the importance of the development of such cultural institutions in Palestine as ultimately solving the spiritual disability under which the Jew dwelt in the dispersion. The meeting displayed the utmost enthusiasm throughout.

The Mayor of Germiston, Mr. Weallen, expressed his felicitations in a few well-chosen words.

The Rev. Mr. Barnes spoke eloquently of the part the Jew was destined to play in the spread of culture throughout the world as he had done in the past.

Other speakers included Messrs. Kahn, Freedman, Huftel and Mrs. Guinsberg.

A successful social function was held bringing a memorable evening in the Zionist history of Germiston to an end.

RUSTENBURG.

A meeting of the community, both Jew and Gentile of Rustenburg, took place on Thursday, the 2nd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Rustenburg. Mr. Gawron, the President of the Rustenburg Zionist Society, presided, and was supported on the platform by Mr. Stubbs, the resident magistrate, Mr. Lategan, the Mayor and Messrs. Klaff and Getz.

In opening the proceedings, the Chairman welcomed the audience and introduced Mr. Getz. Mr. Getz addressed the meeting and referred at some length to the achievements of the Zionist movement during the last thirty years. He traced the progress of the organisation in creating a suitable world atmosphere for the realisation of the Zionist ideal, and consequently in organising the shattered and broken masses of the Jewish people into an entity capable of understanding its requirements, and taking the necessary steps towards their realisation.

Mr. Stubbs, the resident magistrate, congratulated the Jewish people upon their achievements within recent years, and expressed his confident belief that the Hebrew University would have a great influence upon mankind.

Mr. Lategan, speaking as a Christian, sympathised with Jewish ideals, and paid a tribute to the influence which Jewish thought had had upon the world, and was confident this influence would become as powerful in the future as it was in the past when once the Jewish people had established their National Home in Palestine.

The proceedings concluded with a very enjoyable dance.

LADYBRAND.

The Masonic Hall was gaily decorated on the occasion of the local celebration in honour of the opening of the Hebrew University. Mr. Israel, Chairman of the Zionist Society, took the chair before an enthusiastic gathering.

The Rev. Saphall opened with a fine rendition of a sacred melody. Mr. A. Steckoll spoke after the chairman. Mr. A. Friedgut outlined the immediate functions of the Hebrew University; and Mr. H. Jacobson dwelt on the Zionist movement and the remarkable strides which had been made in recent years.

Mr. Maurice Steckoll appealed to the Jewish residents of Ladybrand to join the Zionist Society and help in the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home.

A cake which had been made by Mrs. Pincus, was then sold, the proceeds to go towards inscribing the local Society in the Golden Book. Mrs. B. Proos, of Waterlaagte, was the purchaser.

WITBANK.

The Witbank Zionist Society arranged a special entertainment for the children on this occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Yudelman kindly placed their residence at the committee's disposal, where a most enjoyable afternoon was spent by the children and a good number of the parents. The celebrations commenced with the singing of Hatikvah, which was followed by an address given by Mr. J. E. Manasewitz, the chairman of the Society, explaining the object of the gathering. Souvenirs in the form of Zionist badges were presented to the children. Musical items were rendered by the children, and after refreshments were served, a very pleasant afternoon concluded with cheers for the University, Witbank Zionist Society, chairman and host and hostess. Thanks are due to those ladies and gentlemen who helped to make this entertainment a success. A cable conveying congratulations from the Witbank Zionist Society and Hebrew Congregation was sent to the University at Jerusalem.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT ABROAD.*Special Correspondence to the "Zionist Record."*

EDINBURGH (Scotland), March 5th.

At no time has the South African student here in Edinburgh felt so happy and contented, so pleased with and proud of South Africa than when on Tuesday, 3rd of March, Dr. Alexander Goldstein addressed the Society at a special meeting arranged for him at the University.

Dr. Goldstein, prior to his arrival here, intimated the local Zionist secretary that he would like to address the students, and, from the moment of his arrival to the moment of his departure—the next day, he was taken charge of by the members of the society.

The subject of his inspiring address was:—"The place of the student in the Zionist movement."

In his opening remarks he expressed his great pleasure in having the opportunity of meeting the members of the society, many of whose parents and friends he had the occasion to meet in South Africa; how proud he was to bring a pleasant message from South Africa, and how much he appreciated the excellent manner in which South Africa responded to his appeal for the Keren Hayesod. He also remarked that a great number of medical practitioners he met in South Africa, and who were active workers in the Zionist movement, were graduates of Edinburgh University and were members of our society.

Mr. H. L. Cohen, the president of the society, presided. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr. J. Greenstein, vice-president of the University Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, and seconded by Mr. S. G. Narunsky.

In the evening a dinner was given in honour of Dr. Goldstein.

LONDON, March 3rd.

The Second Annual Conference of the University Zionist Federation was held at Jew's College recently. This Federation was inaugurated, and is largely controlled by a number of South African students now resident in this country. Some of these who are now taking active part in the work are Mr. David Perk, president; Mr. J. Greenstein, vice-president; Mr. H. L. Cohen, and many others. It is largely due to the efforts of these enthusiasts from your great commonwealth that the Federation has been able to carry out the work expressed at its inauguration.

A large number of matters affecting the further development of Zionist societies in the Universities of the United Kingdom were discussed at the conference. The position of the whole University Zionist movement has been considerably consolidated during the past year. The need for self-education of student Zionist bodies and Zionists in the Hebrew language was strongly stressed.

An important letter from Professor S. Brodetsky was read, in which he said:—

"If the U.Z.F. has failed to justify the expectation its formation aroused, beginning with elaborate and ambitious ideas which it had been unable to accomplish, I think great success would be registered if it confined its present effort to some more modest piece of work. The most obvious task to hand is the rousing of all Jewish students to an appreciation of your aims and objects, and the value of Palestine for all Jews. Organise meetings and propaganda visits at University centres. Get all your students interested in Zionism, both practically and theoretically, with the study of Hebrew language and of the fundamentals of Zionism."

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