

More Hebrew University Celebrations.

Rejoicings Throughout South Africa.

Reports have reached the "Zionist Record" of celebrations held in a large number of centres in South Africa in honour of the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. To publish all the reports verbatim would fill several issues of the "Zionist Record." Exigencies of space do not permit the insertion of more than summarised reports of the various functions, which are indicative of the spirit of joy that pervaded South African Jewry on this historic occasion.

BENONI.

The Zionist Association, in conjunction with the United Hebrew Institutions of Benoni, celebrated the opening of Hebrew University at the Hebrew Hall on Wednesday, April 1st. Mr. N. Kirschner, President of the United Hebrew Institutions of Benoni and of the Zionist Association, was in the chair.

After the singing of "Hatikvah" by Mr. Mirwish, the Chairman delivered an eloquent address, in which he dwelt on the significance of the establishment on Mount Scopus of a new Hebrew Temple. He felt that no man could put words what Jewish hearts were feeling that day. In the new University, Jews would perhaps find some consolation for the pains and suffering they had endured throughout the past centuries.

A speech in Yiddish was delivered by Rev. Behr. C. B. Shapiro then delivered an interesting address, in which he pointed out that the new University would stand for the teaching of true Jewish ideals and would always be held upon as a monument to the martyrs who had died for the Jewish race might continue to exist.

An interesting address was also delivered by Mr. M. K. Messrs. Kushelik and J. Levy moved a vote of thanks to the speakers.

During the evening an excellent musical programme was carried out by Messrs. Mirwish and Schragger, of Johannesburg, and Miss Baker and Mr. Baker, of Benoni.

In the afternoon the children were entertained by the Zionist Association and the Hebrew Institutions. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. N. Kirschner, W. B. Segal and B. Abrahamson. Each child received a book dealing with Jewish subjects and a packet of sweets as a memento of the occasion.

BLOEMFONTEIN.

Bloemfontein Jewry celebrated the opening of the Hebrew University on Sunday, April 5th. The function was held under the auspices of the Hebrew School Committee and the Zionist Society, with the assistance of the Israel Society. The Communal Hall was filled to its capacity, and tastefully decorated for the occasion. T. Haarburger presided. The proceedings opened with Hebrew song rendered by the children of the Hebrew School.

The first speaker was Rev. Lawrence, who, in delivering an eloquent speech, appealed to the youth to take more interest in Hebrew, and advocated that Hebrew evening classes be established.

Vera Morris then rendered a Hebrew song and Misha recited, while Celia Jacobson gave a violin solo. Mr. Fogel, chairman of the Zionist Society, delivered a stirring address in Yiddish. The following children then performed:—Rachel Elkin sang in Yiddish, Tilly Davidson a little dance, Fanny and Solly Berger and Janie performed a little sketch.

Mr. Moros, representing the Hebrew School, made an appeal for parents to support the elementary Hebrew education for their children.

Refreshments were served during the interval which was followed by a scene from a *Litvish Cheder*, with the teaching of the *Alef Beis*. The *Rebe* was Alec Shein, who performed the character very well indeed.

Mr. L. Klatzow, on behalf of the Y.I.S., expressed the hope of the youth at the opportunity being given to Jewish students to study in their own University.

Mr. Haarburger, the president of the Hebrew Congregation, read a congratulatory letter from the Rev. A. P. Capetown. The speaker then gave an eloquent address on the remarkable power of the Jew to outlive all persecutions and to be in a position to celebrate that great historic occasion.

A number of the children then again appeared, rendering interesting musical items. The children were Fanny Berger, Sybil Philips, Molly Herberg, Ada Holtzman and Fanny Berger.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. Harris, supported by Mr. Adolf Harris, and unanimously carried. Thanks were also accorded to Miss Brown for accompanying throughout the evening, and to the Hebrew teacher for preparing the children. Chocolates were distributed to the children by Mrs. Haarburger. The whole audience then joined in the chorus of "Hatikvah," and a memorable evening ended.

BOKSBURG.

An enthusiastic gathering was held on Sunday evening, April 5th, at the Masonic Hall, Boksburg, to celebrate the opening of the Hebrew University. Mr. A. J. Saretzky, president of the East Rand Zionist Association, was in the chair, and welcomed the Mayor (Mr. E. Murton), Mr. E. H. Goodman, M.P.C., Dr. C. B. Shapiro, Mr. A. Rosenthal, Councillor Stanbury and Mr. W. Shames.

The Mayor, on behalf of the town of Boksburg, congratulated the Jewish community upon the great event. An eloquent address was delivered by Dr. Shapiro upon the significance of the great occasion.

Mr. E. H. Goodman expressed his pleasure on being able to congratulate the South African Jewish community on this occasion. He said the Jews had reached a very high position in the administration of the British Empire. There was no doubt that Jews have contributed generously to the development of civilisation.

Musical items during the evening were rendered by the Misses Kupernik, Miss Bella Gering, Miss L. Abelman, Mr. Emmert, Mrs. Combrink; Hebrew songs were rendered by Rev. Munschein and choir.

A vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Rev. Massel and Mr. A. Rosenthal.

BOTHAVILLE.

A very well-attended meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sacks, on April 1st, to celebrate the opening of the Hebrew University in Palestine. During the course of the evening an inspiring address was delivered by Mr. I. Moross, who impressed on all present the significance of the occasion. Mr. A. Sacks followed and suggested that the occasion be commemorated by the formation of a Zionist society. This was seconded by Mr. O. Jedeikin, and the following committee was chosen:—Mr. W. Sacks, chairman; Mr. D. Levy, secretary; committee members: Miss A. Miller, Miss E. Drubin, Mrs. A. Stein, Messrs. J. Sher, S. Mervis, and J. Shiewitz.

A box of chocolates, donated by the congregation, and a pair of Doulton china plates, presented by Mrs. H. L. Kaplan, were then sold by American auction, the former being bought by Mr. M. Stein, and the latter by Mr. S. Mervis. Mr. H. L. Kaplan acted as auctioneer.

The total amount realised during the course of the evening was £12 4s., which included £1 4s. 6d. raised by the selling of "button-holes" by Miss A. Miller.

An enjoyable evening was spent, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. A. Sacks, proposed by Mr. H. L. Kaplan.

CRADOCK.

The celebrations organised on April 1st in honour of the opening of the Hebrew University were highly successful. A social gathering was arranged, at which the whole community was present. Able and interesting speeches were made by Mr. H. Thal (Chairman of the Zionist Society), Mr. L. Jacobson (Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation), Rev. A. Mandelbrote, Mr. D. Bitchunsky (Vice-Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation), Mr. P. Bergman (Vice-Chairman of the Zionist Society), and Mr. Joffe (Port Elizabeth). The Misses E., M. and E. Thal, M. Luntz, E. Millin and B. Kerner provided the musical items, which were very creditably rendered, and special thanks are due to these young ladies for their willingness to assist in making the evening the success it was. The guests then adjourned for refreshments, which were kindly provided by several of the ladies, after which dancing was indulged in and concluded a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

DORDRECHT.

Dordrecht celebrated the opening of the new Hebrew University on Wednesday, April 1st, by holding a book tea at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Figg, where every member of the Jewish community gathered. An address was delivered by the host, explaining the significance of the occasion, and at the same time setting forth the objects of Zionism. This function was one of the first Zionist functions held at Dordrecht, and, it is hoped, will be the forerunner of many more.

There were many appropriate representations of books, and some excellent prizes were presented, which were kindly donated by some of the local Jewish merchants. A very pleasant evening was spent, and as a result of the function the National Fund has benefited to the extent of £6 10s.

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HEIDELBERG.

Heidelberg also celebrated the great historic event of the opening of the Hebrew University in Palestine on April 1st. A grand social was given by the Heidelberg Young Israel Society, which took place in the hall of the Central Café.

The social was opened by His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Mark Finberg, then followed a short speech by Mr. I. Elias, president of the Heidelberg Hebrew Congregation and of the Young Israel Society. This was followed by an eloquent address by Dr. L. Segal of this town. After this the members of the Young Israel Society gave a good display of dancing, singing, piano playing, and elocution.

At interval, a cake presented by Mrs. N. Weiner was sold by American auction. The auctioneers were Mr. M. Finberg and Mr. J. Canterowitz. The cake was first bought by the Mayoress, Mrs. M. Finberg, and then resold and bought by Mr. J. Abrahamson. A grand sum of £20 was realised for the cake. Raffles were held, which realised about £3 10s. Special thanks are due to Mr. J. Abrahamson for providing the hall and refreshments. Thanks are also due to Mr. S. Joffe for decorating the hall, and to Miss M. Siffman and Miss H. Leiman for coaching the members. Thanks are also due to Mr. H. Weakley, the editor of the *Heidelberg News*, for publishing a report of our social in his newspaper. The following are the names of the members who took part in the social:—Miss Miriam, Birta, Sarah and Rache Siffman, Miss Hilda and Dora Leiman, Miss Sylvia Sefer, Miss Milly Lusgaarten, Miss Sophie Wolfson, Miss Annie Mayers, Miss Sarah Lavenstein, Miss Eva Lang, Miss Ettie Zulman, Misses Becky, Tilly, Dolly and Rosie Shandler.

KIMBERLEY.

On the suggestion of the Griqualand West Ezrath Zion Association, the Kimberley Hebrew Congregation, and kindred societies, gave an entertainment in the form of a conversazione and dance in honour of the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The Constance Hall, in which the affair took place, was beautifully decorated, an illuminated Mogen Dovid, and the Zionist Association's banner forming the main features. Streamers of coloured papers radiated from the Mogen Dovid in the centre of the hall to all parts of the walls, and red, white and blue lamps made the lighting arrangements more brilliant. A large photograph of Lord Balfour was conspicuous.

The proceedings opened with the singing of "Hatikvah," after which Mrs. Horwitz sang "Land of Hope and Glory." Biblical tableaux, representing "Joseph and Benjamin," "Abraham and Isaac," "Ruth and Naomi," "Isaac blessing Jacob," and "Moses in the Bulrushes" were presented, and a graceful gavotte was danced by Miss Ruth Cohen and Miss Horwitz.

Speeches were delivered by Mr. Genussow, who had come from Barkly West for the occasion, and Mr. Slosberg, the chairman of the Zionist Association. The eloquent and inspired addresses of these gentlemen served to enlighten all as to the far-reaching importance of a Hebrew centre of learning. After rousing cheers had been given for Lord Balfour, dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

On Thursday afternoon a delightful entertainment was given to the Jewish children, to which many came in fancy costumes. The kiddies will not soon forget their wonderful afternoon.

On Wednesday afternoon, 1st April, a special service was held in the Synagogue, at which Rev. Isaacs preached an eloquent sermon.

KOSTER.

In celebration of the opening of the Hebrew University, an "At Home" was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs.

Morris Grusin. A box of chocolates, kindly presented by Mr. W. Wolinsky, was sold by American auction and realised 57s. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and a nett amount of £9 11s. was realised for the benefit of the Hebrew University Library.

KROONSTAD.

A pleasant function in honour of the opening of the Hebrew University was given by the Kroonstad Zionist Society on Sunday evening, April 5th, at the Central Hotel. The dining room of the hotel was crowded to its utmost capacity with local and country residents.

Mr. S. J. Kaplan, in opening the proceedings, expressed the joy he felt at presiding at a meeting held to celebrate an event so important as the opening of the Hebrew University. Zionists had laboured long in order to make possible the foundation of such an institution. He introduced Mr. D. Getz, a member of the executive of the S.A. Zionist Federation, who had come to Kroonstad specially to address the gathering.

Mr. D. Getz was cordially received, and said that the Zionists had every reason to be proud on that day. They were celebrating the realisation of their ideals and the success of the movement, which began practical work only twenty-five to thirty years ago. History knew of no instance where a small people, without organisation and without means, had attempted so formidable a task with so much confidence in their ultimate success.

The University just opened in Jerusalem, stated Mr. Getz, was at once the symbol of Zionist work and its achievement. A University was not a collection of buildings and laboratories, equipped with instruments and occupied by students and professors. A University could not be built on a desert island. It required the atmosphere of tradition and age.

In Palestine they were building a University on soil hallowed by tradition and sanctified by the atmosphere of culture. The message preached by the prophets of old, perhaps from the spot where stands the University, was still influencing mankind. The University of to-day would produce the grandsons of the prophets and seers of Israel of yesterday.

The Rev. J. Slomowitz dwelt on the importance of the Hebrew University to the Jewish people, and its influence on the world.

Mr. Effune spoke of the difference between the Hebraic and Hellenistic ideals, and dwelt at some length with the Jewish contribution to civilisation.

Thanks are due to the following ladies and gentlemen, who kindly contributed to the success of the evening:—Miss Ida Jacobs, Miss Dolly Bloch, Mr. Max Beiles, Miss D. Smiedt, Miss G. Jacobson, Miss L. Grassmack, Miss Ada Meyers, Miss H. Kapelowitz. The catering was done partly by the Central Hotel and partly by ladies of the committee, all of whom spared no efforts to make the evening an outstanding success.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 1st, a pleasant social for children took place at the Caledonian Hall, to celebrate the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Mr. S. J. Kaplan, chairman of the Kroonstad Zionist Society, presided, and ably explained the importance of this great event. The little ones listened very attentively, and were greatly impressed with all Mr. Kaplan told them.

The Rev. J. Slomowitz and Mr. Effune also spoke on the subject, after which the children were entertained to musical items, dancing and refreshments.

The function was arranged by the Kroonstad Zionist Society, in conjunction with the Talmud Torah.

Mesdames S. J. Kaplan, P. Smiedt, P. Rabinowitz, and W. Kretzmer, the hon. secretary of the Society, served refreshments.

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LIYINGSTONE.

As a fitting celebration of the historic occasion of the opening of the Hebrew University, a banquet was held here on April 1st, at which practically the whole of the local Jewish community were present.

Mr. E. Susman, president of the Zionist Society, proposed the toast of the Hebrew University. There were several speakers, among these being Messrs. M. Grill, B. Barnett and M. Gersch.

The affair was a great success, and thanks are particularly due to Mr. and Mrs. Barnett for so tastefully decorating the hall.

MARITZBURG.

On Wednesday evening, April 1st, the entire Jewish population assembled at the Oddfellows' Hall, which was tastefully decorated in blue and white. A large representative gathering of leading educationalists and citizens were present, including Professor Dr. Besselaar, Professor and Mrs. Waterhouse, Professor Professor Petrie, Mr. Hugh Bryan, M.A., E. W. Barnes, M.A., Principal Maritzburg, Mr. C. W. F. Hime, Chief Magistrate, Dr. H. E. Hanson, Dr. Cambel-Watt, and Mrs. Watt, the Deputy Mayor, and Mrs. Hardy.

After the singing of "Hatikvah" and the National Anthem, the Rev. Mr. Levine, who presided, made an eloquent address, touching upon the causes which led up to the movement of the Hebrew University and the blessings which the whole of mankind will derive from the renaissance of the Hebrew cultural spirit. "Bulldog," a critic of the *Natal Witness*, commenting in Saturday's issue on the University celebration, wrote: "Seldom has a congregation listened to a more brilliant and inspiring address as that which fell from the Rabbi. He made out a wonderful case for the fugitive sons of Israel."

Professor Besselaar, representing the Natal University, made an eloquent tribute to Jewish scholarship and genius. The Mishna, Gamara, and the Kabbalah are monuments of the diaspora and full of meaning to mankind as a whole. He looked to the Hebrew University as the future centre of the development of Jewish consciousness, where the Jewish mind will be given fullest play, and thereby attain fulfilment of spiritual and material needs.

The other speakers were the Rev. Vicars Taylor, M.A., the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mr. Hardy, who all spoke eloquently of what the Jews have been to mankind and the hope it was entertained for even greater blessings and spiritual gifts from the Hebrew University. During the evening Mrs. Levine sang "The Holy Land" in a delightful manner. Miss J. Kinkel, the talented Zionist, contributed a recitation.

Refreshments were served by Christie's Tea-rooms, and the rest of the evening was indulged in dancing.

On Sunday afternoon, the children of the congregation at the Jewish boarders at the various schools were entertained at the Synagogue Hall. Rev. Levine gave an address explaining the importance of the Hebrew University to the Jewish nation. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the congregation. Much praise is due to the social committee, which had the arrangements for the celebration in hand, who worked indefatigably to make it a success.

MIDDELBURG (Cape).

To celebrate the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem a social was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Seligman, on Sunday, April 5th.

Mr. Alischwang, the chairman, dwelt vividly on the subject of the University, and was followed by the Rev. Myburg and Mr. Leon Lurie, both of whom enlarged upon the subject in an eloquent manner.

During the evening, pianoforte solos were rendered by the Misses S. and R. Capcan, Becky Segall and Master Alec Seligman; vocal solos by Miss Julia Seinker and Mr. Leon Lurie; violin solo by Miss Mirana Capcan; a dance by Miss Sarah Seligman and recitations by the Misses Phyllis Melmed and Fanny Capcan.

Dancing was indulged in and, after a vote of thanks was passed to the host and hostess for their hospitality, a most enjoyable evening terminated.

PARYS.

The Jewish community of Parys celebrated the opening of the Hebrew University on Wednesday afternoon, April 1st, at the synagogue. The function was held under the auspices of the Parys Zionist Association, and practically the whole of the local Jewish community was present.

Rev. J. Hurwitz recited the afternoon service, after which he made reference to the historic nature of the occasion. The choir then rendered national items.

Mr. B. Borwein, president of the Zionist Society, stated that the Jewish people were now realising a dream of ages past, on the opening of the Hebrew University.

Mr. S. Grinker spoke of the great achievements the Jewish people had attained during the past few years in Palestine. All Jewish hearts vibrated with feelings of national pride at the great event of the opening of the University.

Light refreshments were served later, and the singing of national songs concluded a memorable afternoon.

PIETERSBURG.

On the 4th April, the opening of the University was celebrated here by a large gathering. Rev. M. Levy delivered an address, followed by Mr. L. Maloon and Mr. H. Manaschewitz.

During the evening Mrs. Lewin sang Yiddish songs, Miss Zway played a piano solo, and Miss Sybil Starfield recited a poem specially composed for the occasion.

An historical lecture was delivered on the 5th inst. by Mr. H. Manaschewitz.

PORT ELIZABETH.

There was a spirit of joy evidenced among all sections of the community as the day dawned for the celebration to be held in honour of the opening of the Hebrew University. On April 1st, the day of the function which took place in the City Hall—the hall had been transformed by the ladies' committee into a fine reception room—great enthusiasm prevailed. Every available seat in the building was occupied, and many were standing. Rev. N. Levine presided, and was supported on the platform by the Mayor, Councillor A. Linton, Professor Lord, of Rhodes University, Mr. W. Lawson Brown, Chairman of the School Board, and Mr. D. Mierowsky. Musical items were rendered by an orchestra consisting of Miss R. Lurie and Messrs. S. Luntz and A. Belschetz.

The chairman extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors, and spoke in appropriate terms of the significance of the event which they had gathered to celebrate. He pointed out that the University of Jerusalem embodied the highest educational principles, and would enable the Jewish people to properly contribute to the thought, art and culture of the world.

Mr. D. Mierowsky gave an eloquent address in which he described how, simultaneously with their function, similar functions were being held throughout the Jewish world, while on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem, a great scene

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was being enacted in the opening of the Hebrew University by Lord Balfour in the presence of great Jewish scholars. The speaker added that the significance of the University would not only be in its potentialities for providing the land with men of science necessary to develop its natural resources, but it would have a much wider significance as it would form the focus of the rehabilitation of the Jewish consciousness.

The Mayor expressed his thanks for the invitation to participate in the celebration of the great event and on behalf of the gentile community of Port Elizabeth, but hoped that the occasion would lead to greater things for the Jewish people in the future.

Professor Lord stated that like the audience he addressed, he was also an idealist. They were all there to celebrate the most romantic start that ever was made in founding a national home. There was hardly anything in the world worth having except that which could be owed either to the Greeks or to the Jews. Nothing could be more poetically right than that the Jew should start to rebuild his nation from the highest that he could conceive; from the worship of truth.

Mr. Lawson Brown tendered the congratulations of the School Board to the Jewish people on the establishment of their own University in their own land. It was characteristic of the Jewish race that as soon as they regain possession of Palestine they should erect a monument of learning.

During the evening musical items were contributed by Mrs. Aarons, Mrs. M. Gosschalk and Mr. Leo Simmons, whilst the orchestra was in attendance.

Messages were read from Sir Wm. Macintosh, Col. Denys Reitz, Professor Dingemans (Grahamstown) and the Principal of the Collegiate School, expressing regret at their inability to be present, but heartily associating themselves with the occasion.

In the synagogue on Friday night, April 3rd, Rev. Levine preached an eloquent sermon on the University before a large congregation.

POTCHEFSTROOM.

The opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem was celebrated at Potchefstroom on Sunday, April 5th, when a special function was held under the auspices of the Potchefstroom Zionist Association, at the King's Hotel. Mr. H. Finn presided, and welcomed nearly 200 guests. Mr. Emanuel Gluckmann, B.A., LL.B., of Johannesburg, was the principal speaker.

An eloquent address was delivered by Rev. M. Cohen, who said that Jews throughout the world felt proud of the Hebrew University because it marked a step forward towards the realisation of a Jewish national home in Palestine.

The address of Mr. Gluckmann was listened to with great interest. He laid stress on the importance of the great event, and pointed out that Jews had always held learning in reverence. The opening of the new University was a sign of healthy normal development, and was an attempt towards the emancipation of the Jews after a period of 2,000 years.

The Mayor, Prof. S. P. E. Boshoff, stated he was present there not only in the capacity as chief citizen, but

as educationalist. He declared that Jews had made the greatest contribution to the culture of humanity, and that throughout their history they had displayed unity of interest.

An interesting address was delivered by Mr. C. D. Hope, headmaster of the Boys' High School. He hoped that the new University would become the centre of peace and truth.

The Rev. W. J. de Klerk, speaking in Afrikaans, expressed his conviction that the new University would be a light for the whole world.

Professor F. Postma spoke similarly on behalf of the Senate and the Council of the Potchefstroom University College. He said that the eyes of the whole world were on the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Thanks are due to the ladies who assisted in the arrangements, especially Mesdames Nathanson and Levy.

PRETORIA.

Although the Pretoria Young Israel Society had planned and intended carrying out an extensive programme for the celebrations of the opening of the Hebrew University on April 1st, it ultimately abandoned the idea in order to allow the Pretoria Zionist Society to carry out a similar programme on the same evening.

As these celebrations, however, were attended only by the adult population of the town, the Pretoria Young Israel Society arranged a function for the younger section of the community at the Grand Hotel. Here Messrs. N. Metz and J. Gering, of Johannesburg, addressed the Society on the importance of the opening of the University. After a vote of thanks being passed by Mr. D. J. Goldblatt, the gathering adjourned to the dining room, where a very successful dance was held, about 120 people enjoying themselves to the utmost.

QUEENSTOWN.

On Wednesday evening, the 1st April, the whole of the local community assembled at St. Andrew's Hall to celebrate the historic opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Through the kindness of a Gentile friend, Mr. Robertson, a wireless installation had been specially fixed to receive Mr. Abraham's lecture, which came through very clearly, but owing to the bad acoustics of the hall, only those around the loud speaker were able to enjoy the address.

The programme opened with the rendering of "Hatikvah" and Hebrew chorus by the choir, under Rev. H. S. Shapiro, who was responsible also for the other Hebrew songs; and shining original Hebrew recitations by Solie Frank and Joel Nicker, who spoke a beautiful fluent Hebrew, both mere lads. Miss Edith Addleson sang, and addresses were delivered by Rev. S. Shapiro and Mr. A. Addleson, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Society. The former, by special request, spoke in Yiddish, concluding with a short address to the children, in English. Mr. Addleson then delivered an eloquent address.

The following cable was dispatched to Jerusalem before the opening of the University:—

"May this bright star illumine the world as of old." During the day the British and Jewish national flags were flown here. The local paper featured a contribution from Mr. A. Addleson, on the Hebrew University, and in common with other South African newspapers, made favourable comments on the news reports, during this week.

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SOMERSET WEST.

A fine success attended the function held in honour of the opening of the Hebrew University, under the auspices of the Strand-Somerset West Zionist Society, the Empire Hall, the whole population of Jewish elements from both Somerset West and the Strand being present.

Mr. H. M. Jaffe, president of the combined societies, delivered the opening address in an eloquent manner. He exhorted his hearers to throw off "the present stolidity towards this dawn of a better day," and rejoice.

Rev. Hirschowitz gave a spirited address in Yiddish, backed by Biblical and Talmudical excerpts. Interesting addresses were also delivered by Mr. W. Miller and Dr. Isaacson. After the presidents of the Young Israel Societies of Somerset West and Strand had spoken a few words, the social part of the evening was indulged in and proved very enjoyable.

UPINGTON.

Under the auspices of the United Hebrew Congregation, a function was held on Thursday, April 2nd, in honour of the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The chief speaker was Advocate J. Herbststein, Capetown, who was here for the periodical circuit court. C. H. Robinson, president of the Hebrew Congregation, presided.

An eloquent address was then delivered by Advocate Herbststein, who said they met that night to celebrate one of the greatest events in Jewish history. The Zionist dream was now being realised, and the wonderful work of men like Dr. Herzl and Dr. Nordau was bearing fruit in our day.

Rev. Helman proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was unanimously carried. Advocate Herbststein's address to Upington has made a deep impression on the Jewish community, and it is hoped that he will again visit us.

Thanks were expressed to the ladies for providing refreshments, and to Mr. and Mrs. Ellert for giving the evening free of charge.

VRYHEID.

The Jewish community of Vryheid and district joined in the celebration of the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem at a function held on April 1st at the Royal Hotel, which was tastefully decorated in honour of the occasion. Councillor R. Levisohn presided, supported by Rabbi Orenstein. Musical items were rendered by Miss H. Levisohn, Master George Shapero, Councillor and Mrs. Levisohn, Mr. Levinthal, Mrs. Jock Smith, Miss C. Konig, Miss G. Kobrin, Mr. Barnett and Mr. Todd.

Rabbi Orenstein, who two years ago was present at the laying of the foundation stone of the University in Jerusalem, delivered an interesting address touching on the Jewish history of Palestine, as well as the significance of the occasion which they were celebrating that day.

A most interesting and instructive address was delivered by Councillor Levisohn, who outlined the origin and the growth of the present Zionist movement. The speaker also dwelt on the significance of the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and concluded with the hope that he might live to see the broadcasting from Jerusalem of the Holy Word and of civilisation and culture to the nations on the globe.

Addresses were delivered by the Mayor, Dr. Stander, Mr. Mr. Snyman (Dutch Reformed Church), Rev. Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Rossouw, and Mr. Turton.

The chairman expressed appreciation to the speakers for their addresses, and paid tribute to Mr. Saible's kindness in lending the dining room of the hotel for the occasion.

WORCESTER.

A social under the auspices of the Bnei Ubenoth Zion Society, in celebration of the opening of the University, was held on Sunday, April 5th, in the Good Hope Hall, there being a large gathering of enthusiastic Zionists.

Mr. I. J. Senitzky, chairman of the society, presided, and was supported on the platform by Mr. I. Shirken. The two principal speakers of the evening were Adv. S. Turtledove and the Rev. E. Stein. Miss S. Levin obliged with a piano solo.

Advocate Turtledove, of Capetown, delivered an eloquent address, his remarks being punctuated with frequent loud applause.

After a musical item by Mr. W. Perl, the Rev. E. Stein gave a short, but eloquent, address on the significance of the Hebrew University.

Chocolates and booklets were then distributed to the children in memory of the occasion.

Mr. A. Volks, seconded by Mr. N. Goldberg and supported by Mr. S. Lange, moved a vote of thanks to the speakers.

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