

Jewish National Fund.

BENONI.

An "At Home" was held under the auspices of the Women's Zionist League, at the residence of Mrs. J. Fredman, which realised the sum of £7 7s. 0d. Special mention must be made of a donation of £2 made by Mrs. J. M. Levy, of Westdene.

HEIDELBERG (CAPE).

A very successful dance was held on the 23rd July in the local Town Hall, in aid of the Jewish National Fund, which yielded a nett profit of £24 9s. 6d., of which £20 is being devoted towards the inscription of the Society in the special Balfour Volume of the Golden Book.

During the evening a beautiful bottle of scent, kindly donated by Mrs. Sandler, was sold by American auction and realised the amount of £1 14s. 3d., which was bought in by Mr. Aby Hyman, of Riversdale. Mrs. Friedman sold novelty caps which brought in the amount of £1 17s. 8d.

Special mention must be made of the Organisers of the function, Mesdames Marcus Friedman and Sandler, to whose untiring efforts the success of the function was largely due. Thanks are also due to Mr. Boet Gordon, of Riversdale, who loaned his car for the purpose of bringing over the musicians, and to Messrs. Meyer Maltz and S. Levin, the two talented violinists, who delighted the audience with their playing. The community also desire to tender their grateful thanks to the municipality who kindly loaned the hall free of charge.

LADYBRAND.

The Jewish National Fund headquarters in Johannesburg gratefully acknowledges the receipt of £8 16s. 9d. from Ladybrand. £6 is in respect of trees sold on the occasion of the Herzl Jahrzeit, whilst £2 16s. 9d. was cleared from nine National Fund boxes.

THEUNISSEN.

One of the most successful functions in the annals of the Theunissen Zionist Society was held on Sunday, August 10th, at the Theunissen Hotel, in the form of a Hat Debate and Social. The Hat Debate caused much amusement as fines were inflicted on people who refused to speak and on those who spoke too much or too little.

During the evening a Chinese corner vase, presented by the Chairman, Dr. Bernstein, was put up for American auction and realised the fine sum of £10. The vase was bought in by Mr. R. Strauss, who gave it to the Society, who in turn presented it to Mr. J. Rosenberg as a mark of esteem on the occasion of his impending marriage to Miss Bloch, of Johannesburg. A raffle was also drawn in the course of the evening which realised the amount of £5.

A number of musical items of Zionist character were rendered by Mr. Chazan.

The evening concluded with the Chairman thanking the ladies for having kindly provided the refreshments, and the committee and all those present for their unstinted support in helping to place the name of the Theunissen Zionists for all time in the pages of the Balfour Golden Book.

STANDERTON.

At the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Orelowitz, of Standerton, the Rev. A. K. Coblenz officiated and the amount of £1 10s. 0d. was collected for Reb. Moshal's Talmud Torah.

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QUEENSTOWN.

The new session of the Sons of Zion Society commenced with a successful journal evening on the 3rd inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tucker. The editor, Mr. B. Serebro, in submitting his editorial, dealt particularly with current events. Practically all the articles were of Jewish interest and of a high standard.

On the 10th inst. a reading meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Levin, when some excellent selections from Jewish literature were read.

On the 13th inst. the annual concert and dance of the society was held in the St. Andrew's Hall. This proved highly successful, both from a social and financial point of view. Thanks are due to Miss J. Strelitz, Miss E. Adleson and Messrs. S. Frank, M. Hurwitz and N. Melmed for the arrangements.

VRYBURG.

The Young Israel Society held its first general meeting on Sunday, the 20th ult., on the occasion of Dr. Herzl's Jahrzeit. There was a fair attendance of members as well as of the general Jewish community.

Rev. Slonim addressed the gathering on "The Life and work of Dr. Herzl," and then recited the *Haskarah*. Mr. Lieberthal made an appeal to those present to subscribe to the Herzl Forest Tree Fund, and over 25 trees were sold.

WARMBATHS.

The first annual meeting of the Warmbaths Hebrew Congregation was held last Sunday, the attendance being a representative one. Mr. R. Zway presided, and gave a review of the past year's activities, which showed that the congregation was in a sound position.

At the *Siyum Hatorah* held recently to celebrate the new *Sepher Torah* kindly presented to the congregation by Mr. M. Herr, of Johannesburg, a goodly sum of money was realised.

Mr. Zway then referred to the satisfactory attendances at the High Festival services held last year and intimated that Rev. A. Kaminer had now been engaged to perform the duties of minister.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. Bers, then read the financial report, which was passed. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. I. L. Isakov; Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. Bers (re-elected); Committee, Messrs. R. Zway, S. Matz, C. Zway, L. Davidowitz and M. Abramson.

Mr. I. Isakov moved a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman, Mr. R. Zway and paid a tribute to the untiring services rendered by Mr. Zway during his term of office.

WORCESTER.

On Monday, the 11th inst., the *Bris Milah* of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Heller took place at their residence. Rev. Stein officiated, and Mr. I. J. Sennett presided at the subsequent reception. The usual toasts were proposed by Messrs. J. J. Wilk, and were suitably responded by the father. A donation of £5 towards the Herzl Forest Tree Fund was made by the parents in the name of the child, and a further donation of £3 3s. towards the same fund by the Standard Fruit Company.

On Thursday afternoon the *Bris Milah* of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Myerson, of De Doorns, was celebrated, Rev. Stein officiating. Mr. Sennett presided. Toasts were proposed by Messrs. Goldberg, Rabinowitz, Friedman, J. J. Wilk and John Lange. Mr. Wilk appealed for money in aid of the Herzl Forest, and as a result £6 was collected in the name of the infant.

The National Fund boxes have recently been cleared by Messrs. J. J. Wilk and J. Broudie, and a list of these will be published shortly.

The Propaganda Committee of the Worcester Zionist Society is busy making arrangements for a few lectures and debates which will shortly take place, and with that object in view are attending the committee meeting of the Dorshei Zion Cultural Section at Capetown.

A move is on foot to have a large picnic held at Bainskloof on Dingaans' Day, at which it is hoped Paarl, Wellington, Capetown, Worcester and Ceres Societies will be well represented.

There has lately been quite a run of *Simchas* here. Congratulations are being extended to the following:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Scher, on the birth of a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. H. Golin, on the birth of a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Heller, on the birth of a son; Mr. and Mrs. I. Meyerson, on the birth of a son; and Mr. and Mrs. D. Robinsky, on the birth of a daughter.

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

Contributors to these pages are kindly requested to study the need of brevity in their Reports. Furthermore, all contributions should be written on one side of the paper only, and for preference should be typed double spacing.

BETHLEHEM.

On Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the residence of Mrs. H. Goldberg, an interesting meeting took place, under the auspices of the Bethlehem Jewish Cultural Society.

The subject under discussion was, "Which should be the Jewish national language, Hebrew or Yiddish?" Rev. Altshuler moved that Hebrew be the national language. He was well supported by Mr. J. S. Jacobson and Mrs. Altshuler. Mr. D. Gordon and Mr. Wm. Israel supported Yiddish as the national language.

A spirited debate was held. The Chairman, Mr. Israel, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg for their kindly hospitality.

BENONI.

There was a large attendance at the meeting held on Sunday at the Hebrew Hall for the purpose of forming a Zionist Revisionist Society.

Mr. C. Hoppenstein presided, and extended a hearty welcome to Mr. L. E. Judes, the chairman of the South African Union of Zionist Revisionists, and Messrs. Daleski and Getz, members of the executive.

Mr. Judes spoke on the present position in Erez Israel and the attitude taken up by the present leaders of the movement. Messrs. Daleski and Getz also spoke.

It was unanimously decided to form a Zionist Revisionist Society for Benoni and district and to be affiliated to the South African Zionist Federation. The following hon. officers were elected: Mr. Ch. Hoppenstein, chairman; Mr. H. Shur, hon. treasurer; Mr. D. S. Salkow, hon. secretary. Committee: Messrs. L. Alter, R. Suskind, M. Miller and E. Shiliansky.

BOTHAVILLE.

The Judean Social Circle held its first social gathering on Sunday, the 10th inst. Mr. A. Sacks congratulated the committee and members on forming the Circle.

Rev. Feldberg, chairman, gave an interesting address on "How anti-Semitism Aids Judaism." A lively discussion followed, after which the cheder children sang a Hebrew song.

Miss Milly Shachet thanked those present for the interest displayed in the society, and the ladies for supplying the refreshments.

BURGHERSDORP.

The grand ball held under the auspices of the local Zionist Society in the Town Hall on the 6th inst. proved a financial as well as a social success. The hall presented a picturesque appearance, as it was tastefully decorated, and credit is due to the Jewish youth of Burghersdorp for the energetic manner in which these decorations were carried out. The M.C.'s were Dr. Louw and Mr. S. Berger. Thanks are due to the Jewish ladies for providing dainty refreshments.

The function realised a net profit of £20, which is to go towards the inscription of Lord Balfour's name in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

CERES.

The Ceres Jewish Annual Ball took place at the local Bioscope Hall on the 4th inst. There was a large attendance, including numerous visitors from surrounding villages and Capetown.

The tables and hall were tastefully decorated, and presented a most pleasant sight, a novel idea being a huge aeroplane suspended from the centre chandelier. The function proved a financial and social success, and thanks are due to the organisers for their excellent work.

FAURESMITH.

The S.A. Zionist Federation has received a remittance of £30 19s. 6d., being the total offerings for Zionist and Palestinian purposes made by members of the local community during last year's High Festivals. The amount is made up as follows:

£7 7s., M. Horwitz, £4 4s. each, P. Philips, B. Jassinowsky, P. Jassinowsky; £2 12s. 6d., S. Horwitz; £2 2s. each, H. M. Horwitz, A. Orelowitz; £1 11s. 6d. each, A. Katz, G. Heyman; £1 1s., N. Philips. The totals of the offerings to each institution were as follows: Jewish National Fund, £19 8s. 6d.; Kfar Yeladim, £5 15s. 6d.; charitable institutions, £5 15s. 6d.

FICKSBURG.

The Jewish Cultural Society held a "Question Night" on Sunday, the 17th inst. in the Good Templar's Hall, when practically the whole Jewish community attended. Questions were asked on numerous subjects and were duly replied to. Most of the members participated, and the evening proved both instructive and informative.

GRAHAMSTOWN.

At the first meeting of the Young Israel Society held this term, the election of honorary officers took place, and resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. H. I. Radomsky; vice-chairman, Mr. S. Topic; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Solly Ogus; assistant secretary, Miss L. Radomsky. Committee members: Misses D. Green, R. Ossher and Messrs. B. Cohen and S. Blackman.

KROONSTAD.

On Sunday, the 10th inst., a meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Kaplan, for the purpose of forming a Hebrew Circle. After welcoming those present, Mr. H. Kaplan called for nominations for the posts of chairman and secretary. Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Cohen were elected to fill these positions.

The following Sunday a meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. S. J. Kaplan. After sundry discussions, an interesting story was read by Mr. H. Kaplan.

MIDDELBURG, CAPE.

On Sunday, the 20th ult., a meeting to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Dr. Herzl was held in the local synagogue, presided over by Mr. B. Capcan. After the Mincha Service, Rev. Myburg recited the Haskarah.

The Rev. Myburg then addressed the gathering and a collection was made for the purchase of trees in the Herzl Forest.

On Sunday, the 27th ult., Mr. and Mrs. D. Melmed celebrated the Bris Melah of their infant son, practically the whole Jewish community being present. Rev. Gerber, of Aliwal North, officiated as Mohel and Mr. N. Melmed, of Philadelphia, acted as Sandik.

A collection was made in the name of the infant "Ronald Melmed" for the purpose of buying shares of the Jewish Colonial Trust and contributing to the National Fund.

MOLTENO.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., Emmanuel Moses, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rathouse, read a portion of the law in the local synagogue on the occasion of his Barmitzvah.

On Sunday a reception was held at the Masonic Hall. Mr. S. W. Schneider opened the proceedings and Rev. Jacobson proposed the toast of the Barmitzvah, to which Master Rathouse suitably responded.

Speeches were also delivered by Messrs. Rathouse, M. C. Schneider, A. Ruttenberg, Jack Stein, Alex. Schneider, Max Tucker, — Jervis, — Stubbs and Dr. Hotz and Mrs. Urdang (Jnr.). Mrs. B. Urdang (Jnr.) and Miss Sadie Schneider sang during the function.

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