

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents

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ERMELO.

Recently a gathering was held on the anniversary of the death of Dr. Herzl. Mr. Gerber, the Chairman of the Zionist Society, addressed the members, and the Committee subscribed for four trees to be planted in the Herzl Forest.

On the first Sunday in September the local congregation held its annual meeting. The election of hon. officers resulted as follows:—Mr. Werner, Chairman; Mr. Arenstein, Treasurer; Mr. Rubin, Secretary; Committee: Messrs. S. Tabachowitz, Cummins and B. Solomon.

GEORGE, C.P.

On Sunday, 28th ult., a very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent by the Jewish community at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Comay, the occasion being their Silver Wedding. It was a most happy affair, as both Mr. and Mrs. Comay are popular residents of the town, and are prominently associated with all Jewish activities.

GERMISTON.

Mr. A. Mureinik, of 59 Prince Street, has been appointed the *Zionist Record* correspondent for Germiston, and societies and organisations are requested to send in reports for insertion in this paper direct to Mr. Mureinik.

The great part played by the Jewish community of Germiston, in the commercial life of the town especially, was evidenced on New Year and the Day of Atonement. A Sabbath-like stillness rested on Knox Street, one of the principal streets, and President Street, another shopping centre, was considerably quieter. The clothing factories were at a standstill. Devout worshippers filled the beautiful new synagogue, which has been recently consecrated, to capacity. Oberkantor M. Katzin, who officiated, is the possessor of a sweet and powerful tenor voice. His singing seemed to give a deeper meaning to the age-old songs of the synagogue. A pleasing innovation, and one which added much to the beauty of the services, was the choir, consisting of Germiston men and boys, trained by the Oberkantor.

Miss Annie Joffe, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Joffe, Germiston, is being congratulated on having passed the Cape Advanced Division, and on having won a first class diploma at the Afrikaans Eisteddfod. Miss Joffe is a pupil of Mr. S. A. Rosenberg.

On Wednesday next, October 14th, the local Young Israel Society will celebrate the opening of the Young Israel Club Room. It is hoped that parents of members, friends of the Young Israel movement and members from kindred Societies will be present in full force. Oberkantor M. Katzin will sing.

KROONSTAD.

The annual Zionist Ball was held in Kroonstad on the 18th June, and proved a great success both financially and socially. The nett proceeds amounted to £134 4s., which amount has been allocated to the Jewish National Fund and remitted to headquarters in Johannesburg.

PAARL.

The Jewish National Fund Headquarters in Johannesburg has received an amount of £8 15s. 10d. from the National Fund Committee at Paarl, included in which are the proceeds of their recent box clearance. The box yields of Mr. I. B. Silber and Mr. B. Green are worthy of mention, being £3 12s. 6d. and £1 8s. 1d. respectively.

PIETERSBURG.

On Sunday, the 24th ult., the Pietersburg-Zoutpansberg Zionist Society held its annual general meeting at the Communal Hall. There was a fairly good attendance. The Vice-President, Mrs. B. Palte, was in the chair, in the place of Mr. H. Manaschewitz, who recently resigned from the Presidentship.

The minutes of the last annual general meeting were read and confirmed, as well as the balance sheet for the previous year. Mrs. Palte then addressed the meeting, touching on the most important events for the year in the local Zionist movement, namely, the Keren Hayesod campaign, Dr. Mossinsohn's visit, the Dunam Drive, the Shekel Collection, the Zionist Library, and, most important of all from a local point of view, Mr. Manaschewitz's resignation of the Presidentship of the Society. Mrs. Palte paid a tribute to Mr. Manaschewitz's work for the last eight years, during which time he had spared no pains to further local Zionism, and expressed the wish that he would continue to take an active interest in local Zionist affairs.

Mr. Manaschewitz said the fact that he had resigned from the Presidentship did not mean that he had ceased to be a Zionist. He had the cause of Zionism at heart and would continue to give of his best. He then gave an interesting address on the present position of Zionism, in the course of which he said he hoped that in spite of the recent discouraging events in Palestine and Britain's attitude, the Jews would still acquire Palestine as their National Home. He gave examples of the work the Jews had done for Palestine and the benefit the Arabs had derived therefrom. He ended with an appeal to all to do their duty.

The election of honorary officers then took place, and upon being strongly urged by the meeting to accept the post of President, Mr. Manaschewitz was prevailed upon to do so. His action in this direction is very deeply appreciated.

The following are the remaining officers elected for the year:—Vice-President, Mrs. B. Herman; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. R. Chaitow; Committee Members: Mesdames Manaschewitz, Levin, Skok, Miller, Gifter, Salomon, J. Kallmeyer, Sr., J. Kallmeyer, Jr., Gad, S. H. Solomon, Palte, M. L. Marcus, S. L. Solomon, Fridel, J. Hirschman, and Messrs. Herman, Salomon, Kahan, Palte, M. L. Marcus, Friedel, M. H. Cohen, Rev. Gad, Mymin, Susser and Dr. Hack.

Mrs. Palte submitted a report on the work of the Junior Reading Circle. Several of the prize-winning essays were read by the children responsible for them. The prizes were then distributed by Mr. Manaschewitz.

One can hardly speak too highly of the valuable work done by Mrs. Palte, who is responsible for the inauguration of these children's classes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Palte, proposed by Mr. Manaschewitz on behalf of the children, and Mr. M. H. Cohen on behalf of the Young Jewish People's Cultural Society, for which Mrs. Palte is also responsible.

SALISBURY.

The second successful function of the Salisbury Young Israel Society took the form of a masked fancy dress ball and was held in the Guild Hall on Tuesday night, September 2nd. There was a large gathering present. The costumes were many and varied, showing much originality, and the judges, Dr. Rosin, Mrs. Banet, Mrs. Weinberg, Mrs. Cohen and Mr. Braude, were by no means given an easy task in adjudging the winners, who were as follows:

Ladies.—1st, Miss Sklar; 2nd, Miss Owen; 3rd, Miss Jacobson.

Men.—1st, S. Shragger; 2nd, D. Forman, D. Epstein, D. Arenson; 3rd, J. Levien, M. Bloom, L. Bloom.

Refreshments were served at interval when Mrs. Lasovsky gracefully presented the prizes. A large proportion of the proceeds were donated to the Synagogue Building Fund.

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