

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents

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GERMISTON.

Oberkantor M. Katzin, who officiated in the New Germiston Synagogue during the High Festivals, bade farewell to his friends and to the choir which he founded, at a social held a few days ago.

A presentation from the choir boys to the Oberkantor was made by Masters G. Kalk and B. Margolius. Mr. Katzin voiced his pleasure at having been associated with the members of the local community. He was indeed sorry to leave them all. Dancing and singing followed.

It is understood that Mr. Katzin will, in all probability, obtain a post in Johannesburg in the near future.

GEORGE.

The annual general meeting of the George Hebrew Congregation was held on Sunday, 26th ult. The treasurer, Mr. M. Shlugman, submitted the financial report and balance sheet which were duly adopted. The election of honorary officers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted as follows: Mr. A. Sindsul, chairman; Mr. H. Miller, vice-chairman and treasurer; Mr. J. Sindsul, secretary. Committee: Messrs L. Jacobson, A. B. Levitt, I. Papert, Hill, M. Shlugman and B. Davis.

GRAHAMSTOWN.

The local Jewish Ladies' Society held a successful *Sigum Hatorah* in the synagogue recently, to celebrate the presentation of a Scroll of the Law by the above Society. This was written by the Rev. N. Stern, of Port Elizabeth. The Sepher Torah is indeed a beautiful work of art and great credit is due to Rev. Stern for his splendid work. The ceremony was opened by Rev. J. Blackman, who delivered an inspiring address on the meaning and value of the Torah. The whole Jewish community was present, and after the usual proceedings in connection with the writing by the scribe of the last letters, various letters were sold by auction, to which a generous response was made and as a result the sum of £87 was realised. The new Scroll was put into the ark and all present sat down to refreshments which were prepared by the ladies.

The chairman of the Hebrew congregation, Mr. J. Nailand, proposed the health of Rev. and Mrs. Stern and Rev. and Mrs. Blackman, to which the parties duly responded. Mr. A. Fisher paid a tribute to the chairlady, Mrs. A. M. Ossher, and the members of the Ladies' Society in the special endeavour to purchase of the Torah. Other speakers were Messrs. A. H. Schneider, A. Radomsky, P. Rudnick, B. Jacobson, L. Woolfe, J. Price, S. Kaplan, M. Bennet, B. Borman and S. Gittleston.

MALMESBURY.

Thanks chiefly to the initiative of Rev. S. Efron, the Macabean Association was thoroughly reorganised at a general meeting held on September 28, when the following honorary officers and committee were elected: Chairman, Charles Beinart; vice-chairman, Joseph Meyers; treasurer, Ben-Zion Beinart; secretary, Miss Berthe Cohen. Committee: Misses M. Friedman, G. Kahanowitz, M. Kahanowitz, and Mr. S. Cohen.

Mr. Efron and the chairman, in closing the meeting, exhorted all the members to bring the association to the same high level as in former years, and although the majority of the older members, on account of the necessity of pursuing their post-matriculation studies elsewhere, can no longer participate in the association's activities, it is hoped that the younger members will worthily follow the excellent example of devoted and enthusiastic work which always marked this association in the past.

WINBURG.

The annual general meeting of the Winburg Hebrew Congregation was held at the synagogue on Sunday, 19th ult. The president, Mr. J. Kaplan, thanked his committee and members of the congregation for their support during the year. Special thanks were accorded to Miss Hilda Zimmerman for the able manner in which she carried out the duties of secretary.

The election of hon. officers then took place and resulted as follows: Mr. J. Kaplan, president (re-elected unopposed); Mr. Zimmerman, vice-president (re-elected); Dr. Sachs, treasurer; Mr. Louis Kaplan, secretary. Committee: Messrs L. Rosenberg, Minsker (snr.), R. Brodie and Kramer.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the president and committee.

At a general meeting of the Winburg Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society, the following officers were re-elected: Mrs. J. Kaplan, president; Mrs. H. Zimmerman, vice-president; Mrs. I. Sacks, secretary and treasurer. Committee: Mesdames Kramer, L. Rosenberg, Boall and Minsker.

The financial report for the past year was read by the secretary. It was unanimously decided to donate £5 towards assisting the distressed Jews in Eastern Europe.

WOLVEFONTEIN.

Following time-honoured custom, divine service was held here at the residence of the Glazer family during the recent High Festivals. Again following the practice of many years, substantial amounts were contributed on the occasion for Palestinian purposes. Of a total of £15 15s. offered, £10 10s. goes to the Jewish National Fund and £5 5s. to five Jerusalem charities. The contributors were:—H. Glazer, £2 12s.; Milner Bros., £2 11s.; C. T. Touyz (Rietgat), £2 0s. 6d.; J. M. (Waterford) £1 13s. 6d.; S. Trapido (Blau Krantz), £1 5s.; S. Kruger (Steytlerville), £1 3s.; L. Trapido (Sapkamma), 7s. 6d.; J. Miltz (Port Elizabeth) 7s. 6d.; Mr. Glazer, 2s. 6d.

The balance of the money was made up of 7s. 6d. *Kapores gelt*, £1 7s. 6d. realised from the sale of a bottle of scent donated by Mr. S. Milner, and £1 17s. 6d. realised from the sale of a box of chocolates presented by Mr. S. Trapido.

WORCESTER.

The Barmitzvah of Raymond, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rabinowitz, was celebrated on Sunday, the 19th ult., in the Zionist Hall. A reception was held in the afternoon over which Mr. I. J. Sennett presided. The function was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. A number of felicitous speeches were delivered and toasts proposed to the parents of the Barmitzvah and the congregation. Those who participated in the addresses were: Messrs. I. J. Sennett, Rev. E. Stein, M. Shandling, A. Volks, L. Goldberg, J. J. Wilk, J. Brown, H. Simon, B. Lipman, S. Lange, D. Levin, M. Rabinowitz, L. Volks, Mrs. I. J. Sennett, Miss Harriet Hodes and Master A. Goldberg. In commemoration of the occasion Mr. J. Rabinowitz donated the sum of £5 to the Jewish National Fund and a number of tables for the Zionist Hall.

THABA 'NCHU.

Mr. E. Dreyer, the Chairman, of the local Branch of the South African Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to the Head Office the sum of £1 11s. 6d., being monthly subscription collected by Rev. E. Kamber.

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