

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BETHLEHEM.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., a lecture was given by Mr. Adv. Horwitz of Bloemfontein, under the combined auspices of the Zionist and the Young Israel Societies. The lecturer chose as his subject "The Survival of the Jew," which proved interesting and informative. A hearty vote of thanks was passed on the motion of Rev. Altshuler, to the lecturer.

BOKSBURG.

A special meeting of the Sir Rufus Isaacs Lodge No. 6, was held recently at the Lodge Rooms to bid farewell to Bro. Rev. B. I. Massel, who, with Mrs. Massel, was leaving Boksburg for Pietermaritzburg. Bro. A. Beitler presided over a record attendance of members.

Refreshments were served and after Bro. H. N. Massel had proposed the toast of the Lodge, to which Bro. G. M. Jenks (V.P.) replied, Wor. Bro. B. Levius was called upon to make a presentation to Rev. Massel.

Bro. Rev. Massel in his reply thanked the members for their kindly thought and, continuing in humorous vein, related many interesting and amusing anecdotes.

CRADOCK.

On the 21st ult., a Zionist literary evening was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Levenstein. Mr. H. Allschwang delivered a most interesting address dealing with his recent visit to Palestine.

Mr. J. Gruss then read an article on "Intermarriage," being an extract from the *Jewish Chronicle*, which was listened to with great interest. The Rev. Handelson sang. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. F. Levenstein for placing their house at the disposal of the Zionist Society on this occasion.

FRANKFORT.

At the Brismilah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Leef at which the Rev. J. Kupowitz, Mohel, officiated, a donation of £1 1s. was given by Councillor Morris Segal in the name of the child for the South African Jewish Orphanage.

KROONSTAD.

The annual Zionist Ball, under the auspices of the Kroonstad Zionist Society, took place in the Town Hall on Wednesday night, the 15th inst., and was most successful and enjoyable. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Kaplan were in their accustomed places as host and hostess, roles which they have filled for years by virtue of their holding the positions of Chairman and Chairwoman respectively of the men's and women's sections of the Society.

The decorative effects were very pleasing, being dominated by the illuminated *Mogen David* and by the prevalence of the Zionist colours. Kroonstad residents in attendance were supplemented by many visitors from neighbouring towns and villages. The excellent floor and the efforts of the "Dormy House Revelers" conduced to the enjoyment of the dancers. Mr. Dan Levy, of Johannesburg, who officiated at the piano for the greater part of the evening, was ably replaced later on by Miss Minnie Baskin, who has now settled in the town.

The function was opened by the Mayor, Mr. J. M. Auchterlonie, who congratulated the members of the Society and the organisers on their courage and pertinacity, which had earned the reward of so excellent an attendance.

Mr. S. J. Kaplan was director of ceremonies, assisted by Messrs. W. Kretzmer, H. E. Gersohn, P. Rabinowitz, C. Smiedt, M. Wainer and Dr. Charles Hurwitz as M.C.'s. The great success of the function was not achieved without a great deal of painstaking work, for which the following ladies committee was responsible: Mesdames S. J. Kaplan, W. Kretzmer, H. M. Jacobs, H. Gersohn, C. Hurwitz, P. Rabinowitz, I. Rabinowitz, L. Goldblatt, E. Jacobson, A. Melamed, P. Smiedt, R. Kopelowitz, C. Kaplan, A. D. Hoffmann, S. Glasser, — Pleat, M. Orkin, G. Grad, J. Gillis, B. Mervis, L. Smiedt, the Misses R. Kopelowitz (hon. secretary), L. Grossmark, G. Jacobson and H. Hoffmann.

KRUGERSDORP.

A successful bioscope performance was held on the 25th ult., at the Vaudette Theatre under the auspices of the Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society, as a result of which the amount of £24 was raised.

The chairwoman and committee wish to thank all members who helped towards the success of the function, particularly Mesdames G. Sackheim and Israel Friedman, who were responsible for the sale of tickets. They were ably assisted by Mrs. S. Cantor and Mr. H. Friedman.

LADYBRAND.

Mrs. M. Pincus, the Chairlady of the local branch of the South African Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that Institution the sum of £2, being collection of subscriptions for that Institution.

MIDDELBURG, TVL.

Mrs. N. Brozin, the Hon. Secretary of the Middelburg Branch of the South African Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that Institution the sum of £6 2s., being subscription collections collected by Mrs. M. Berman.

POTCHEFSTROOM.

On the 19th inst., three members of the Transvaal Young Israel Executive, Messrs. I. Dunsky, M. Rubenstein and H. Weiner, addressed a mass meeting in the local Communal Hall. It is hoped that as a result the flagging interest of the local Societies will be revived.

Thanks are due to Mesdames B. Levy and D. Cohen for their kind hospitality and to the Misses F. Sandler, E. Levy and R. Dresner and Messrs. Gordon and Gamzu, to whose efforts the success of the function is due.

ROBERTSON.

The social held in the Zionist Hall on the 5th inst., under the auspices of the local Zionist Association, was well attended. In the absence of the chairman, Rev. S. Josefowitz, Dr. M. Israelsohn presided.

The chairman extended a welcome to Mr. Rybko, who delivered an address on "Zionism," which proved most interesting. Musical items were then rendered and a vote of thanks to Mr. Rybko was proposed by Mr. I. Goldberg.

SPRINGS.

The annual general meeting of the Springs Branch was held last month, and the function was a very successful one. The following committee has been elected: Chairman, Mrs. M. Lipson; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Tapuach; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Crouse; Hon. Secretary, Miss Beatrice Lowenstein. Committee: Mesdames B. Lorge, Melamed, Boyer, Levitas, D. Panovka, Kupritz, Miller, Gordon, Katz, Gordiner, M. Lorge, Schneider, and the Misses D. and P. Levitas, A. Chaimowitz, I. Kapelus and J. Lorge.

WAKKERSTROOM.

The local Hebrew Congregation gathered on Sunday, the 5th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyton, to commemorate Dr. Herzl's *Jahrzeit*. After the meeting a collection was made for the Tree Fund.

WARMBATHS.

The Warmbaths Season is now in full swing, and advantage was taken last week of the number of guests staying at the Warmbaths Hotel to organise a concert on the premises in aid of the Johannesburg Jewish Orphanage.

Thanks are due to the organisers, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Fine, of Benoni, Mrs. S. Bers and Master Lewis Myers of Warmbaths, and to the following artistes: Rev. S. Backon, of Benoni, Miss Miners, of Pretoria, and the Misses R. and L. Rubensohn, Miss

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RED DAISY TEA is delicious and refreshing. Try it.

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Jose Alexander, Miss Rappaport, Mr. Sutner and Master L. Krokbin, all of Johannesburg.

Special thanks are due to Mr. W. Robson (representing Messrs. John Dwyer and Son, Ltd.), who added much to the entertainment and profit of the evening by presenting a bottle of "John Haig" whisky, which he sold by American auction. £12 was realised on this transaction, bringing up the proceeds of the evening to the creditable total of £28 4s. 6d., which was forwarded to the Orphanage by Mr. M. I. Isaacson.

Both artistes and audience being in a merry mood at the conclusion of the programme, an impromptu dance wound up a successful and enjoyable evening.

WINBURG.

On Sunday, 21st ult., under the auspices of the Young Israel Society, Rev. S. L. Kaplan delivered a lecture on "The Problems of Zionism and Judaism," in the local synagogue. The lecture proved most interesting and was much appreciated by the large gathering present. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by the Vice-Chairman of the Hebrew Congregation, Mr. H. Zimmermann. The function was presided over by Mr. Jacob Kaplan.

To commemorate the 27th anniversary of the death of Dr. Theodor Herzl, the local Jewish community assembled at the Synagogue on Sunday, the 12th inst. The function opened with the service of *Mincha*. After Rev. S. L. Kaplan had intoned the *Haskorah* he delivered an inspiring address, in Yiddish, on the work and idealism of Dr. Herzl.

On Friday, the 17th inst., at the conclusion of the *Maariv* service, Rev. Kaplan addressed the congregation on the life and work of the late Rev. Lawrence of Bloemfontein. As a mark of respect for the departed minister, all present stood up and a special prayer was recited.

WORCESTER.

The fourth of a series of monthly conversaciones was held at the Zionist Hall, Worcester, on the 8th inst., and resulted in a pleasant evening being spent. The hosts on this occasion were Mr. I. Shirken, his mother, Mrs. C. L. Shirken and sisters.

The evening was opened with a violin solo by Mr. M. Citroen, accompanied by Miss Rose Berhman, which was followed with the usual news bulletin by Mr. E. Traub. Miss Rose Berhman then rendered a piano solo, after which a lecturette was delivered by Mr. J. Friedman, the subject being "The Evils of Assimilation." A recitation by Miss S. Sadman completed the first half of the evening. During the refreshment interval many people took the opportunity of meeting Mr. Rybko, who had just arrived from Robertson to do propaganda work at Worcester.

The second half of the evening was opened with a piano solo by Miss Hodes which was followed by a discussion on the subject "Whether the Custom of Selling Honours and Offering donations in Synagogues is Desirable." This was initiated by Rev. E. Stein, and amongst those who took part were Messrs. A. Volks, J. Rabinowitz and I. Shirken. Mr. J. J. Wilk took the opportunity of thanking Mrs. Traub for supplying covers for the tables for the purpose of the monthly conversazione. A song by Mrs. A. Volks concluded a successful evening both from a social and cultural point of view.

National Fund

BULAWAYO.

Under the auspices of the Chovevi Zion Society, a series of private functions is being arranged to swell the resources of the Jewish National Fund. These entertainments were started by a bridge evening given by Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Sale at their residence on June 18th, which realised the sum of £6 4s.

A tennis tournament arranged by Mesdames Kaplan and Radowsky at the Queens Courts raised £2 8s.

The Misses Dora Klug, Dora Scher and Jessie Banet organised a Surprise Party at which they collected 9s. for the Fund.

These amounts have now reached the Headquarters in Johannesburg as part of a remittance of £56 3s., the balance being made up as a result of recent clearance of National Fund boxes. The Bulawayo clearance yielded £39 0s. 9d. including the following noteworthy items: Mesdames H. L. Rubenstein £2 6s. 3d.; Sol. Cohen, £2 5s. 2d.; P. L. Sale, £2; M. Ralstein £1 16s.; H. Kollenberg, £1 8s. 6d.; P. Price, £1 8s.; J. Gerber, £1 1s.; R. Raizon, £1. In addition the handsome sum of £5 11s. 3d. was cleared from the box of Mrs. H. Gordon of Wankie and £2 10s. from that of Mrs. M. Herman of the same town.

'NDOLA.

The Herzl Zionist Society of N'Dola and district did an excellent piece of work for the Jewish National Fund on June 23rd last when they staged a special bioscope show at the Bijou Bioscope, 'Ndola, and had a capacity house. The proceeds amounted to the splendid sum of £36, which has duly reached the Headquarters of the Fund in Johannesburg. The newly-elected Committee is to be most heartily congratulated on this, its initial function, which, however, it hopes will be only the first of many. One and all are to be heartily congratulated on the hard work they put in and the success which this brought.

Mr. J. Janower, of the Zionist Federation's Executive, and Chairman of the Jewish National Fund of South Africa, paid a short visit to 'Ndola recently, and on the evening of July 15th there was a representative gathering of the local Jewish community to meet him at the home of the President of the Zionist Society, Mr. H. Mayers. The whole of the Society's Committee was present, as well as Mr. A. Cohen, the President of the Hebrew Congregation.

As the result of a full, friendly and informal chat, Mr. Janower left one and all much better informed than they had been before about Zionist matters, and instilled much enthusiasm into many who previously had not thrown themselves actively into the movement. No doubt, too, Mr. Janower's visit will have gone a long way towards encouraging 'Ndola and district to reach and exceed its quota for the Jewish National Fund.

POTCHEFSTROOM.

The Potchefstroom Zionist Society some time ago inaugurated a series of card evenings, the proceeds of which are being divided between the Jewish National Fund and the funds for the Communal Hall.

Three of these functions have already been held; the first at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Finn, the second being given by Mrs. B. Levy and the third by Mrs. Mindlin, both at the Communal Hall. As a result of these functions the National Fund has benefited to the extent of £15, and the Society wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the hostesses for their kind efforts.

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