

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BELGRAVIA (Johannesburg).

On the 29th ult., Rabbi I. M. Gervis lectured before the Belgravia Branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League at the residence of Mrs. I. W. Osrin. The meeting was also addressed by Mrs. Leo Greenberg. Mrs. Fogel presided.

As a result of a raffle the sum of £5 14s. was realised. Mrs. Gluckmann and Mrs. Hayman were present, representing the Central Committee of the League.

An earnest address was delivered by Rabbi Gervis, who claimed that it behoved Zionists to cultivate a national consciousness. Modern Jews must realise that in order to achieve our national goal we must not forget to look backwards historically. The strength of Israel did not depend upon numbers, nor on material gain, but upon the loftiness of the Jewish ideal.

BETHLEHEM.

The annual general meeting of the Zionist Society took place at the Royal Hotel on Sunday, the 26th ult., when the following hon. officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Chairman, Mr. W. Israel; Vice-Chairman, Rev. M. Altshuler; Secretary, Miss M. Goodkind. Committee: Mesdames Altshuler, Rosenstein and Swartz, and Messrs. P. Seligson, J. Zeff and S. Sacks.

On the termination of the meeting those present were entertained to a social and dance organised by the outgoing officers. A vote of thanks to the proprietors of the Royal Hotel for so kindly placing their premises at the disposal of the society was passed.

BELLVILLE, PAROW AND DURBANVILLE.

The bridge evening recently held in aid of Kfar Yeladim at the residence of Mrs. Daitch of Parow, which proved so successful and the report of which appeared in our issue of July 10th, should have been published under the above heading.

BLOEMFONTEIN.

The third annual general meeting of the Bloemfontein Women's Zionist Society was held on the 25th ult. at the Communal Hall. Mrs. Tcherny, the vice-chairlady, presided over a good attendance. The report of the year's work showed that it was successful from all points of view. Monthly meetings were held at members' residences and were well attended. Several interesting lectures were delivered, which were highly appreciated by the members, and thanks are due to the lecturers.

The society had also considerably helped the Men's Zionist Society with the organisation of the Dunam Drive, which proved most successful. The society raised money by means of a jumble sale and card evening for the purpose of inscribing the society's name in the Golden Book of the National Fund and for Kfar Yeladim, and was instrumental in clearing the National Fund boxes.

The newly-elected committee consists of the following:—Chairlady, Mrs. Tcherny; Vice-Chairlady, Mrs. Lapping; Treasurer, Mrs. Friedman; Secretary, Mrs. Lewis. Committee: Mesdames Lovius, Fogel, Casper, Goldman, Klassnik, Rubinstein, Drobis, Fainsinger, Cohen, Medalia, Bloch and Schwartz.

JOHANNESBURG.

At the Barmitzvah of Master David Bloch, 31 Cambridge Road, Kensington, the sum of £5 5s. was collected and bought in by Mr. L. Becker, Millbourne Road, Bertrams. Half of the collection was given to the South African Jewish Orphanage and the other half to the Jeppetown Talmud Torah.

KOSTER.

On Sunday evening, the 26th ult., an at home was held at the residence of the president of the local Hebrew Congregation, Dr. I. Frack, to bid farewell to Rev. and Mrs. J. Mirkin, prior to their departure for Rustenburg. Dr. Frack paid a tribute to the sterling qualities of Rev. Mirkin, and deeply regretted that the financial state of the congregation necessitated dispensing with his services.

Mr. Mirkin, in reply, expressed the hope that better times were in store for the Koster community, and emphasised the necessity of unity amongst Jews in order to achieve our national aims.

Mr. Mirkin extended his heartfelt thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Frack for the many kindnesses they had shown to his family and himself, and wished the whole congregation much happiness and prosperity.

MOLTENO.

On the 4th ult., Alex, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Rathouse, read *maftir* at the local synagogue on the occasion of his *Barmitzvah*. On Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Rathouse were "at home" to practically the whole Jewish community.

After Mr. Rathouse (who is the chairman of the local Zionist Society) had welcomed those present, speeches were delivered by Rev. Jacobson, the *Barmitzvah*, Messrs. Max Tucker, Brass and Dave Ruttenberg. Musical items and recitations were then rendered, and altogether a most happy and enjoyable evening was spent.

MUIZENBERG.

A successful inter-function between the Stellenbosch Young Israel Society and the local Young Israel Society was held during the week-end of July 25th-26th. On Saturday evening a social and dance was held at the Alexandra Hotel, where over 150 people were present, including representatives from the Judean Central Council and from every Peninsula society. Mr. Solly Frank, the President, extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Stellenbosch Society, and Mr. Sol Cohen welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Council. During the latter part of the evening Mr. Herzl Zuckerman, President of the Council, gave a short address.

The social items were excellently rendered, and thanks are due to the following who helped to make the function the success it was:—Misses Molly Lazarus, D. Spark and D. Von Wiese, Messrs. Louis Lazarus, Cyril Chossack, B. Garfinkel and W. Perel.

On Sunday afternoon a rugby match was played, Muizenberg Society winning 9-0. In the evening a largely-attended dance was held at the Hotel Belgrave. Mr. M. Horwitz, President of the S.A. Young Israel Federation, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Federation. Special thanks are due to Mr. N. Emdin, the proprietor of the Hotel Belgrave, for allowing the Society the use of his hall. Thanks are also due to Miss B. Guinsberg, the Vice-Chairlady, and Miss F. Levetan, the Hon. Secretary, under whose able management the catering was carried out.

PRETORIA.

The monthly meeting of the Pretoria Women's Zionist League will be held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 2.30 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, when a paper by Dr. Katzen will be read. Music and refreshments are being provided, and all ladies interested are cordially invited to attend.

Under the auspices of the Women's Zionist League, Mrs. Lili Frishman will deliver a lecture at the Memorial Hall on August 26th.

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RESIDENCES.**From Town and Country***(Concluded from previous page.)***PORT ELIZABETH.**

On Saturday, the 25th ult., a successful dance was held at the Loubser Hall, under the auspices of the Daughters of Zion Society. Mrs. A. Levy and Mrs. Weinronk acted as judges in the fancy dress competition and prizes were awarded to the following:—Miss Helen Radomsky (first), Miss B. Henen (second), and Messrs. J. Henen and R. Isaacson, first and second respectively in the men's section.

The rainbow decorated stage made a fine setting for the song and dance "Sitting on the Rainbow." The eight dancers, led by Miss Gertie Ress, acquitted themselves well in this number. Miss Ress and the Misses Sacks and Kaplan then delighted the audience with a dance, which was thoroughly appreciated by all. The Spanish duo, danced by pupils of Phyllis Buhler, Miss Wartski and Mr. J. Henen, was indeed gracefully rendered.

The music, supplied by Miss Liddiard and her Rhythm Boys, and the tasteful decoration of the hall, greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening.

QUEENSTOWN.

At a meeting of the Sons of Zion Society, held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Strelitz, on Sunday, the 19th ult., the election of hon. officers took place and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Maurice Levin; Vice-President, Mr. Israel Blumenthal; Treasurer and Tennis Secretary, Miss Irene Schaffer; Secretary, Miss J. Strelitz; Assistant Secretary and Judean Commissioner, Miss F. Strelitz; Editor and Librarian, Miss E. Tucker. Committee: Messrs. R. Molk and J. Hurwitz.

SENEKAL.

A well-attended gathering marked the Herzl Memorial meeting, held under the auspices of the Zionist Society, at the Lounge Tea Rooms. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Cheger and Messrs. M. Mark, L. E. Dwolatzky, I. Lieberman, S. Rubin and Jack Dwolatzky. Approximately twenty trees were sold.

Sunday, the 2nd, and Monday, the 3rd inst., were red-letter days for the local community. On the former, the third installation meeting of the Bernhard Dwolatzky Lodge, No. 23, H.O.D., was held, the ceremony being conducted by the Bloemfontein Lodge. In the evening 163 people attended the banquet given in honour of the newly-installed officers. On Monday evening the seventh annual Zionist ball took place, surpassing the brilliance of any previous event. The hall was tastefully

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decorated in blue and white, whilst the supper tables left nothing to be desired. Congratulations are due to the committees of the Zionist Society and the Bernhard Dwolatzky Lodge, who were responsible for the arrangements. The nett proceeds is in the vicinity of £45, of which one-third goes to the Lodge funds.

Thanks are due to Mesdames E. Schmaman, B. Schmaman, S. Goldblatt and G. Muller, for their untiring efforts on this occasion.

THABA 'NCHU.

Mr. E. Dreyer, the Chairman of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that Institution the sum of £1 8s. 6d., being subscription collection kindly made by the Rev. B. Kamber.

VREDE.

The second annual ball of the Vrede Young Israel Society was held in the Town Hall on the 3rd inst., under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Scholtz. The Mayor opened the ball with a few words of welcome to the many visitors from Harrismith, Warden, Frankfort, Memel, Cornelia, Standerton and other towns. The Johannesburg Jazz Maniacs' orchestra supplied the music. The following were the M.C.'s: Mrs. Sam Friedman, the Misses F. Hersch, A. F. Ackerman and B. Nathan, Messrs. I. Ackerman, M. Hersch, N. Wolman and R. Rabinowitz.

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