

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BENONI.

The first of a series of lectures was given by Mr. Gus Saron to an audience of women at the Hebrew Hall, Benoni, on Tuesday afternoon, 6th inst., the subject being "Jewish History." The speaker emphasised the value of past history in moulding the future of a race. The lecture, which was carefully and ably presented, was listened to with deep interest and appreciation.

Mrs. Fredman, who presided, in introducing the speaker, spoke of the cultural ambitions of the Society, part of which would take the form of a series of lectures on Jewish history.

Mrs. A. B. Judelman, treasurer, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Saron, which was supported by Mrs. Phillips, Secretary.

BETHLEHEM.

On Sunday, the 27th ult., a meeting of the local Jewish Cultural Society was held at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Altshuler. There was a good attendance of members, as well as several visitors.

Mr. J. S. Jacobson read an interesting paper on "Socialism and The Five Year Plan." The lecturer demonstrated a thorough knowledge of his subject.

At the conclusion of the reading a discussion ensued in which several members participated.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Jacobson, for his excellent paper.

BLOEMFONTEIN.

At the General Meeting of the local Young Israel Society held on September 27th, the following Executive was elected:—Chairman, J. Awerbuch; Vice-Chairman, J. Hotzman; Treasurer, L. Shapiro; Secretary, Miss G. Herberg; Committee, Misses H. Hotzman, B. Levy, B. Segall and Messrs. J. Goldes and M. Segall. Judean Commissioner, L. Nash.

GEORGE.

The annual general meeting of the local Zionist Society was held on the 22nd ult., and was attended by a representative concourse of members. Mr. S. Joseph acted as chairman on this occasion.

The retiring president, Mr. A. Comay, outlined the satisfactory progress made by the society, and heartily thanked all members for their loyal support. The treasurer, Mrs. J. Landsman, then submitted the financial report. The election of hon. officers for the ensuing year took place and resulted as follows: President Mr. A. Comay, vice-president Mrs. I. Israelsohn, treasurer Mrs. J. Landsman, secretary Mr. J. Sendsul (all re-elected). Committee: Mesdames J. Berelowitz, S. Bloch, H. B. Mann, A. Comay, S. Joseph, M. Shlugman, B. Davis, I. Papert-Hill, L. Hill, Messrs. H. Miller, S. Bloch and S. Joseph.

JEPPEES.

At the wedding of Miss Manoim to Mr. Bloch, the sum of £3 0s. 9d. was collected by Mr. I. N. Cohen, of which £1 10s. was given to the S.A. Jewish Orphanage and £1 10s. 9d. to the Joppes Talmud Torah.

KINGWILLIAMSTOWN.

Under the auspices of the Hebrew Congregation, the H.O.D., the Zionist Society and the Young Israel Society, a pleasant *Simchas Torah* evening was held at the Morris Kramer Hall on Sunday, 4th October. In the absence of the life president of the congregation, Mr. M. Kramer, the guests were welcomed by the recently-elected president of the congregation, Mr. W. Belchetz.

The first half of the programme was in the form of a concert, in which the following contributed: The Misses L. Chideckel, G. Zamkov, S. Alperstein, M. Wilken, E. Wilken, H. Cohen, H. Mankowitz and M. Mankowitz, Messrs. L. Lurie, H. Alperstein, Port, Blumberg and Zamkov.

The second half was occupied with dancing to the music of Behms Havana Band. Mr. S. Wilken proposed a vote of thanks to the artists and Mr. M. B. Cohen to the ladies who kindly supplied the refreshments and generally helped to make the function a success.

KIMBERLEY.

The second function of the Kimberley Young Israel Society was a great success. Mr. M. Bliss presided in the absence of the Chairlady, Miss F. Awerbuch.

Miss B. Slosberg opened a debate in support of the statement "That the Institution of the *Snatchan* is a Beneficial One." She was opposed by Miss O. Price, and after some discussion the motion was lost. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. B. David to those who participated in the debate, and was seconded by Miss M. Levine, who also thanked Miss Gardner for the loan of her dancing pupils.

Two dance items were presented by the Misses Weinstein, Goldstein and Price. Prizes were then presented to Miss S. Callis and Mr. M. Ellenbogen, the winners of the spot dance, and to Miss S. Lincow and Mr. B. David, the winners of the balloon dance.

Before the conclusion of the evening, Mr. Dave Cohen expressed the Society's regret at the departure of Mr. Bliss, and thanked him on behalf of all present for his valuable and untiring help.

Miss Fanny Awerbuch and Miss Bertha Slosberg were in Bloemfontein as delegates to the O.F.S. Judean Conference held on the 11th inst.

MARITZBURG.

The annual general meeting of the Maritzburg Hebrew Congregation was held recently in the Synagogue Chambers, presided over by Mr. I. Feinberg. In presenting his report on the work of the past year, the president said that the committee was satisfied with the progress achieved and hoped that the coming year would be as successful. After much discussion it was decided to extend the existing building and thereby make possible the inclusion of a communal hall, which was much needed by the local Jewish community.

The Burial Board and Helping Hand Societies are now under the wing of the Synagogue Committee and in reviewing the activities of these two bodies, Mr. Feinberg expressed the congregation's appreciation of the work done by Messrs. H. L. Blumenfeld and the Cinamon Brothers in connection with the administration of the two societies.

The election of honorary officers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. I. Feinberg; Vice-President, Mr. I. Caminsky; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. H. Caminsky; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Blumenfeld; Mr. S. Kinkel, Mr. J. Ingel, Mr. R. Benjamin, Mr. R. Val and Mr. I. Kinkel.

PAROW.

The services during *Rosh Hashonah* and *Yom Kippur* were conducted by Rabbi B. Lipschitz in a most satisfactory and able manner. The latter also delivered inspiring sermons.

Simchas Torah was celebrated locally in a manner befitting the festival. At a special function, several musical items were rendered and Hebrew songs sung and altogether a joyous atmosphere pervaded the function. Mr. Berold and Mr. Daitsh delivered addresses and on the suggestion of Mr. Rubin a bottle of brandy was sold by American Auction. As a result the sum of £2 15s. was realised, which will go towards the planting of trees in the Herzl Forest in the name of the Parow Hebrew Congregation.

WINBURG.

The annual general meeting the Winburg Hebrew Congregation was held in the local Synagogue on the 7th inst. The President, Mr. Jacob Kaplan, welcomed Mr. Louis Nowitz on his return to Winburg.

The Hon. Secretary, Dr. I. Sacks, read the revenue and expenditure accounts for the past year, which was unanimously adopted. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. G. Minsker to the outgoing Committee.

The election of hon. officers then took place and resulted as follows: Mr. Jacob Kaplan, President; Mr. H. Zimmermann, Vice-President (both unanimously re-elected); Mr. Solomon Glass, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. Louis Kaplan, Hon. Secretary (re-elected); Committee: Messrs. M. Minsker, R. Broude, D. Bloom and A. Shulman, the former two being re-elected.

The incoming Committee was recommended to have control of the *Cheder*, and, in order to encourage the children in their studies, to distribute prizes. The unsatisfactory financial position of the Congregation was then dealt with and the Committee was urged to find means whereby to raise funds.