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Correspondents.

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BELLVILLE, PAROW AND DURBANVILLE.

Under the auspices of the Bellville, Parow and Durbanville Ladies' Zionist Society a card evening was held recently at the residence of Mrs. L. Sive, of Bellville. The function proved a social as well as a financial success.

BLOEMFONTEIN.

At the last bi-annual election of the Young Maccabean Society, held on the 7th ult., the following hon. officers were elected, Chairman, Mr. S. Berger; Vice-Chairman, Miss S. Cartoon; Hon. Treasurer, Miss A. Byrne; Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. Lazarus. Committee: Misses S. Greenblatt, F. Fainsinger, and Messrs. B. Holzman, H. Fix and D. Goldblatt.

BOTHAVILLE.

On Wednesday, the 9th inst., the local Judean Social Circle organised a function in celebration of Chanukah. There was a large gathering present at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Behr, presided over by Rabbi I. L. Feldberg. The function opened with the singing of Hatikvah by the cheder children led by the chairman. Master B. Sacks then performed the ceremony of kindling the lights, after which all the children joined in the singing of *Moez-zur*.

Rabbi Feldberg delivered an interesting address on "Hasmonians," which was much appreciated by the audience. Messrs. T. W. Behr and A. Sacks also spoke and paid tribute to the work of the society which aimed at bringing the community closer together.

At the conclusion of the function the general election of hon. officers of the society took place and resulted as follows: Chairman Rabbi I. L. Feldberg (re-elected); secretary Mr. M. Malamed. Committee—Messdames A. Sacks, H. Heller, Misses Annie Miller, B. Blumberg and R. Stockiner.

A vote of thanks to Miss Ida Sacks, the retiring secretary, was proposed by Rabbi Feldberg, who paid tribute to her energetic and devoted services and regretted that owing to her approaching marriage she was unable to stand for re-election.

BRANDFORT.

The S.A. Jewish Orphanage has received from the Brandfort Hebrew Congregation the sum of £9 7s. 2d., being £6 6s. synagogue offerings during the last High Festivals and £3 1s. 2d. *kaporis* money collected by Mr. S. Fainsinger.

BRITSTOWN.

The treasurer of the Cape Jewish Aged Home acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a donation of £5 from Mr. Max Scheibler, collected by Mrs. Klass.

CRADOCK.

The first public debate held under the auspices of the local Young Israel Society on the 13th inst., was well attended. The subject chosen was "Does the Jewish Youth of South Africa Lack Idealism." Mr. A. Levenstein, who was supported by Miss R. Adler, spoke for the motion and Mr. J. Levenstein, who was assisted by Miss M. Thal, spoke against the motion. At the conclusion of the debate, which on being put to the vote was declared for the motion, an animated discussion ensued.

An enjoyable evening was spent by all present, and it is hoped that this function will be the forerunner of many more.

EAST LONDON.

The annual general meeting of the local Hebrew Congregation was held in the Communal Hall on Sunday the 29th ult., and was well attended. Animated discussion on the balance sheet ensued, the deliberations covering every field of communal work.

The election of hon. officers then took place and resulted as follows: President, Mr. M. Shwer; Vice-President, Mr. I. J. Abelman; Treasurer, Mr. I. Sapire; Secretary, Mr. Morris Cooper. Committee: Messrs. A. Addleson, B. Behr, Meyer Hertz, S. Rabinowitz, N. Strelitz, S. Traub, M. Wad.

FOCHVILLE.

On Sunday the 6th inst., at the *Bris Milah* of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Yachad, the sum of £1 13s. was collected by the Mohel, Rev. M. Taylor, of Johannesburg, for the Talmudical College.

FRANKFORT.

The local Hebrew Congregation has engaged the services of Rev. M. Chiger, late of Senekal, as minister. Rev. Chiger was a student in the Rabbinical College Mercaz Horav in Jerusalem, which is run under the personal supervision and tuition of Chief Rabbi Kook, of Palestine. At college Rev. M. Chiger proved a brilliant student and graduated as a Rabbi. He in addition qualified as a Hebrew teacher.

The activities of the local Zionist Society have recently been resuscitated and the first function since its revival was held on Sunday the 6th inst., in the form of a social evening in the banquet hall of the Central Hotel, by kind permission of Mr. H. P. Lipman, the proprietor. Mrs. M. Kopelowitz, the chairlady, in welcoming those present urged upon the gathering to give its support to the society in order to assure the success of its aims. Mr. Barney Nathan spoke on the significance of Chanukah. The Misses Goodman, Shrog and Segal, then rendered a number of recitations, which were keenly enjoyed by the audience. After Rev. M. Chiger had delivered his address, the chairlady proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had helped in bringing the function to such a successful issue and paid special tribute to the energetic efforts of Rev. Chiger.

HEIDELBERG (Cape).

At the initiative and under the management and supervision of Mrs. Marcus Friedman and Mrs. Sandler, a dance was held here in the Town Hall on October 28th, for the benefit of various Jewish causes and brought in all a nett profit of nearly £30. Of this, £10 has been allocated to the Jewish Relief Organisation, London; £5 to the funds of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies; £5 for a Dunam of land in Palestine to be purchased in the name of the Heidelberg Jewish Community; and £9 9s. 8d. to complete Heidelberg's annual quota of £40 for the Jewish National Fund.

The whole Community in general and the two lady organisers in particular are to be most warmly congratulated both upon the fine results achieved and upon the splendid use being made of the proceeds. Heidelberg Jewry, for its size, is one of the most public-spirited communities in South Africa and this effort is only the last of very many which they have made from time to time.

JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. I. H. Harris, Principal of the Jewish Government School, Doornfontein, has sent to the Zionist Federation £5 for Kfar Yeladim, this being a portion of the annual "Think of Others" Fund raised by the children of the school.

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KLERKSDORP.

At the annual general meeting of the Young Israel Society, held recently, the election of hon. officers took place and resulted as follows: Vice-Chairman, Miss L. Cohen; Secretary, Mr. H. Appelbaum; Treasurer, Mr. S. Kramer. Committee: the Misses L. Lasarow, G. Eisenberg, L. Appelbaum, Messrs. L. Eisenberg, M. Lasarow, M. Meyerowitz, S. Boner and M. Cohen.

In reviewing the activities of the society for the past year it was pointed out that debates, historical readings, and socials were held, and were well attended.

A Hebrew Circle has been formed as well as a Maccabean Sporting Club. Recently a successful debate was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Owsianick on "That the British Government has done its duty in Palestine." Thanks were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Owsianick for the loan of their house on this occasion.

KROONSTAD.

The Chanukah play and concert organised by Rev. J. Slomovitz and Mr. Max Cohen, took place on the 6th inst. Practically the whole Jewish community attended. The chairman of the Hebrew School, Mr. W. Kretzmer, in his opening address paid tribute to the work of Mr. Cohen, who had acted as principal of the local Hebrew School for the past two years, and under whose tuition the children had made marked progress. Rev. J. Slomovitz, assisted by the pupils, then intoned the Chanukah service, after which Master Gordon Mervis lit the Chanukah candles. Speeches in Hebrew and English were delivered by Masters J. Marcus and H. Nathanson, respectively. Recitations were rendered by Masters P. Hotz and Rabinowitz in Hebrew and English.

The performance of the play "Hannah and her Seven Sons," written and produced by Mr. Max Cohen, was then proceeded with. Those who took part were Miss Doris Kaplan, Mr. Isaac Kaplan, Masters Hotz, Jacobson, Levinson, Rabinowitz, Nathanson, Epstein, Mervis Kretzmer, Orkin, Abrams, Wainer and the Misses Z. Rabinowitz and S. Levinson. Musical items were then rendered by Mr. Max Herman, the talented violinist, and his pupils. Miss Anna Marion danced in graceful manner, assisted by her pupils, and Mrs. H. Abrahams sang sweetly. Miss Doris Kaplan danced a Russian dance which was keenly appreciated by the audience.

The function proved an outstanding success and the thanks of the committee of the Hebrew School are due to the organisers for their untiring and energetic efforts.

MIDDELBURG, TVL.

The S.A. Jewish Orphanage has received from Mrs. N. Brozin, the Hon. Secretary of the local branch of that Institution, the sum of £2 12s. 6d., being November subscriptions collected by Mrs. N. Berman.

OUTDSHOORN.

The half-yearly collection carried out by the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society realised the sum of £10 19s. 6d., of which amount £8 9s. 6d. was allocated to Kfar Yeladim, the South African children's colony in Palestine, and £2 10s. to the Women's International Zionist Organisation, London.

Thanks are due to the untiring efforts of the ladies on the committee responsible for this collection. The committee is indeed to be congratulated on its general activity and fine record of achievement this year.

PRETORIA.

The children of the Pretoria Hebrew Kindergarten gave their annual concert on Sunday, 13th inst., at the Memorial Hall, Beatrix Street. Songs, recitations and a dramatic sketch were rendered by the little ones in Hebrew, Miss S. Josephs, acting as accompanist. The high standard of the performance was a tribute to the excellence of the work being done by the teacher, Miss T. Levin, who was the recipient of a presentation from the parents of the children.

Speaking of the work of the Kindergarten, Rabbi Hirsch said the instruction in the school was invaluable in inculcating at an early age a sentiment of attachment to Jewish ideals, and in providing a sound basis for the future study of the Hebrew language. He announced that a new building was about to be erected for the accommodation of the Kindergarten, and he expressed the thanks of the Committee to Mr. Hertenstein, who had so generously donated the funds therefor.

RIVERSDALE.

The Chanukah feast, held at the Beth Hasefer Hall on Sunday evening, December 6th, was one of the most impressive functions ever held in Riversdale. Practically the whole Jewish community, including all the Cheder children, were present. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Locketz. Rabbi Locketz in an inspiring address depicted the meaning of Chanukah, whilst Mr. Moritz Samuels read an historical account of the origin of the festival. These and other speakers imparted a real Yomtov atmosphere to the occasion. A noteworthy participant in the festivities was Miss Ethel Spector of Kishinev, a sister of Mr. Morris Spector of Riversdale, whose fine voice was heard to advantage in a series of Jewish songs. She also spoke, describing the significance of the Chanukah feast. The appreciation of the gathering was marked by their insisting upon Miss Spector speaking again as well as giving further songs.

The local ladies are to be warmly congratulated on the splendid decorations and refreshments.

SALISBURY.

Owing to the absence through indisposition of Mrs. L. E. Banet, who has been such a moving spirit in the work of the Zionist Society, its activities have experienced a setback. Her many friends and fellow-Zionists all wish her a speedy recovery and a resumption of her invaluable work for the cause.

Mr. D. Franco has contributed £8 8s. for trees to be planted in the names of his four children, Moshe, Isaac, Abraham and Miriam. Mr. Franco is a most enthusiastic Zionist and does splendid work for the cause amongst the Sephardic community of Salisbury, whose numbers have recently increased, and who co-operate wholeheartedly with their co-religionists for Eretz Israel.

VEREENIGING.

The Mock Wedding held recently at the Isaac Lewis Hall under the joint auspices of the local Women's Zionist League and Young Israel Society, proved an outstanding success both socially and financially. The various participants acquitted themselves well and aroused considerable amusement amongst the large gathering present. The following took part: Miss R. Katzen, Miss L. Fletcher, Mr. Louie Skey, Miss J. Katzen, Mr. E. Meyeff, Mr. L. Druian, Miss S. Daniels, Miss D. Katzen, Mr. M. Sher, Mr. S. Katz, Miss S. Druian, Miss B. Friedman, Miss S. Papock, Miss L. Skey, and Miss A. Abrahams.

There was a charge of 1s. 6d. entrance fee and as a result of this most enjoyable and entertaining function, the funds of the two societies have been considerably increased.

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