

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Benoni

The local branch of the Women's Zionist League held an "At Home" on the 22nd ult., at the residence of Mrs. H. Phillips. The function was most successful, realising the sum of £10 towards Zionist objects.

Bethlehem

A meeting was held at the local *shool* on the 27th ult., under the auspices of the local Herzlia Society.

The chairman opened the meeting and extended a hearty welcome to a delegation from Bloemfontein consisting of Mr. Marcus Sachs, chairman of the Bloemfontein Herzlia Society; Mr. E. Eliasov, chairman of the Young Israel Society, Bloemfontein; and Mr. S. Belfort, associate editor of the *Menorah* for the O.F.S.

Mr. Marcus Sachs gave an inspiring address on the Jewish question, pointing out how segregation had failed to solve that problem; how assimilation had proved to be an utter failure, which was testified by the position in Germany to-day, and how Zionism was the only solution.

Mr. Eliasov spoke on the Chalutz scheme and Mr. Belfort gave an address on the first exile of Israel in Babylonia, illustrating its similarity to the present position of Jewry.

Bothaville

A function was held on the 20th ult. at the residence of Mrs. T. Behr, when addresses were delivered by a number of speakers. Mr. T. Behr spoke interestingly on "Should South African Parents Send their Children to be Educated in Palestine?"; Mrs. H. Heller on "The Women's Part in Zionism"; Mr. Sam Tanchel on "Humorous Yiddish Stories"; Mr. A. Sacks on "Zionism as I Knew it Twenty-five Years Ago"; Mr. Ben Stockiner on "Jabotinsky—the Man"; Miss Fanny Sacks on "Sport in Palestine"; Miss M. Kaplan on "S.A. Youth and Zionism"; and Mr. Hyman Joffe on "The Railway System in Palestine."

During the evening Rabbi G. H. Kahan rendered a Yiddish song.

Kimberley

Griqualand West Ezrath Zion Association.—There was a large attendance at the 29th annual general meeting of this association held in the Zionist Hall on the 27th ult. Mr. H. Stoller was in the chair.

At the outset the chairman asked the audience to rise as a sign of respect for the late Mr. William Sagar. The chairman's report showed a fine record of progress made during the year. He also touched briefly on the condition of the German Jews, and expressed his regret at the dissensions in Zionist ranks.

The election of the new committee resulted in Mr. H. Stoller being unanimously re-elected chairman of the association, with Rev. M. Konviser and Mr. M. Blumenthal as Vice-Chairmen; Hon. Secretary, Adv. D. Cohen, with Miss S. Klein as Assistant Secretary; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Frank; Trustees, Messrs. R. Awerbuck and H. Damelin. Committee: Messrs. S. Schrire, H. Frank, Rev. Ch. Goldberg, Adv. J. Friedman, Jacobson, Mr. S. Ginsberg, and E. Bloom; Mesdames H. Stoller, Awerbuck, D. Cohen, and Ch. Goldberg; Misses S. Lincow, T. Kleinman.

Mr. A. Slosberg, hon. life president of the association, in moving a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee for their splendid work, paid special tribute to the work of the chair-

man, Mr. H. Stoller, and the hon. secretary, Adv. D. Cohen.

Women's Zionist League.—The first annual meeting of the Women's Zionist League was held on the 27th ult. The chairlady, Mrs. H. Stoller, reported favourably on the year's activities, and the following committee was elected for the ensuing year: Chairlady, Mrs. H. Stoller; Vice-Chairladies, Mesdames B. Goldberg and B. Horwitz; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. J. Bergman; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Miss T. Kleinman and Mrs. D. Cohen. Committee: Mesdames R. Awerbuck, L. Barnett, G. Aaronson, H. Frank, Friedberg, Ch. Goldberg, S. Goldberg, L. Horwitz, S. Melunsky, N. Hendler, A. G. Sussman, K. Sussman, J. Sperber and Miss A. Kretzmar.

Middelburg (Tvl.)

Mrs. N. Brozin, the local representative of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £2 10s., being the July monthly subscription collection.

Molteno

A scheme of house functions organised by private hostesses on behalf of the Jewish National Fund is becoming popular in this centre. During the past month, three such functions have been held, at the residences of Mesdames A. Ruttenburg, D. Ruttenburg and D. Göttlieb, yielding respectively £5 1s. 3d., £4 1s. and £2 14s. 6d. Great credit is due to the hostesses for the success of these functions.

Port Elizabeth

The monthly social of the local Ladies' Zionist League was held at the residence of Mrs. A. A. Levy on the 15th ult., and presided over by the hostess, Mrs. Sam E. Bennum read a paper on "The Historic Causes of Modern Zionism."

Pretoria

Lectures by Mr. Maurice Samuel.—Pretoria has been allocated the 3rd and 13th September for two lectures by the famous Jewish author. These lectures will be held at the Jewish Memorial Hall, Beatrix Street, and Pretoria Jewry should not miss the wonderful opportunity of hearing this well-known authority on Jewish topics in general, and Zionism in particular.

Conversazione.—The Zionist Society is holding the monthly conversazione on Sunday, 27th August, at the Memorial Hall. Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooper are the host and hostess and Professor Boxall the speaker of the evening. Musical items have been arranged as well.

Hanoar.—The Chalutz campaign in Pretoria is making excellent headway and the total sum raised to date is £75. The members of the Chalutz committee have arranged for a Grand Fête to be held on September 6, at the Jewish Memorial Hall. There will be many attractive stalls, including cakes, novelties, refreshments, etc. A special feature is a Fancy Dress Parade for children in the afternoon. Valuable prizes will be given for the best National costume, the most original, etc. It is to be hoped that Pretoria Jewry will turn out *en masse* to support an excellent undertaking.

Little Miss Fanny Rutowitz, aged 11, is to be highly congratulated on raising 13s. 3d. at a miniature fête organised by her last week.

The Barmitzvah of Oscar Horwitz, son of Mrs. Horwitz, of Pretoria (late of Bethlehem) took place at the Pretoria Synagogue on Saturday, 19th August. He was the first boy to conduct the Friday evening services which are now regularly held for the younger members of the community in the Hebrew Kindergarten.

On the eve of his Barmitzvah he conducted the service conspicuously well, and has a very fine voice. The committee of the "Junior Synagogue" presented him with a token of their esteem as a mark of congratulation.

The Hall Improvements Committee is organising a Mock Wedding to be held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday, 17th September.

Robertson

A Herzl memorial meeting was held at the Zionist Hall on July 23rd, over which Rev. S. Josefowitz presided. Addresses were delivered by the former and Mr. David Sandler, and Mr. A. Josefowitz read a paper on the life history of Dr. Herzl. An appeal for trees resulted in 14 trees being subscribed for.

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 2s., being monthly subscription collection kindly made by the Rev. B. Kamber.

Vrede

On Sunday evening, the 13th ult., Mrs. N. Wolman gave an Orphanage Evening, which realised £4 18s. The proceeds have been forwarded to the South African Jewish Orphanage by Miss F. Hersch, the hon. secretary of the local branch.

Winburg

On Wednesday evening, August 23rd, the monthly at home of the Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pincus. In the absence of the chairman, Rev. Kaplan, vice-chairman, presided. The chairman introduced Mr. M. Pencharz, chairman of the Bloemfontein Zionist Society, and Mr. J. B. Shacksnovis, inspector of the Board of Jewish Education. Mr. Pencharz delivered an inspiring address, in which he dealt with the German situation, and urged Zionism as the only salvation. Mr. Shacksnovis followed with an eloquent address on Zionism and Hebrew Education. Thanks were accorded to both gentlemen, who were the guests during their stay of Dr. and Mrs. I. Sacks. The participation of the visitors greatly enhanced the success of the gathering, and the hope is expressed that Winburg will be favoured with similar visits by others from time to time.

Worcester

On 24th ult., the Bnei Ubenoth Zion Society held their annual general election which resulted as follows: Chairman, Jack Friedman; Secretary, Louis Volks; Vice-Chairman, A. Volks; Treasurer, J. Rabinowitz. Committee: I. Shirken, E. Traub, J. J. Wilk, Dr. Goss, R. Sakinofsky, Louis Lange, I. J. Sennet, H. Broudie, S. Heller, Rev. Stein. National Fund Representative, M. Rabinowitz. Auditors, Messrs. Shandling and Sakinofsky.

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