

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Benoni

An "At Home" was held by the local branch of the Women's Zionist League at the residence of Mrs. G. London, on October 10th, at which the appreciable sum of £10 15s. was realised.

On Monday, 23rd October, the Women's Zionist League had the pleasure of listening to Dr. D. Katzen, who had come from Johannesburg to lecture to the members on her impressions of her recent visit to Palestine. There was a good attendance, and the lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Patley who was with Dr. Katzen also gave a short address.

Bethlehem

The South African Jewish Orphanage has received the sum of £6 4s. 6d., being proceeds of the clearance of the Orphanage Box at the residence of Mrs. Z. Jankelowitz, per Mr. N. Epstein, the Hon. Secretary of the Bethlehem Jewish Burial Society.

Bethulie

As the result of synagogue contributions made during the High Festivals, the following institutions benefited: Keren Kayemeth £2 2s.; Jewish Orphanage £1 1s.; Jewish Aged Home 10s. 6d.

Bloemfontein

Under the auspices of the local Women's Zionist Society, a very successful concert and mannequin parade was organised by Mesdames Teherney and Friedman, which yielded the sum of £19 11s. A card afternoon was arranged by Mrs. R. Lurie and realised £5. Both these functions were held on behalf of the Jewish National Fund.

Ceres

On the 15th inst. a social gathering was held at the newly-built Talmud Torah and Communal Hall.

The outstanding feature of the evening was an interesting lecture delivered by Dr. Mibashan, who specially came over for the occasion and sketches in Yiddish presented by Messrs. M. and A. Nates from Capetown. The remainder of the programme consisted of sketches in Yiddish staged by the Young Israel Society and produced by Rev. Natas. Piano solos were rendered by Miss F. Boris and Miss A. Sax and songs by Miss Sylvia Kirsch. Refreshments were provided by the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Germiston

The annual Rosh Hashonah concert organised by the local Women's Zionist League, was held at Maxime's Bio on the 24th September. The concert proved a great success, the sum of £22 being realised.

The following artists took part: Miss Lily Goldblatt, Miss Lily Rubin, the Karlin Bros., and Messrs. Levin, Weinstein and Zinn addressed the audience. The film, "Mazeltov," kindly lent by the African Consolidated Films, Ltd., was much appreciated.

Dr. B. Ordman expressed thanks to the artists and to all those who helped to make the concert a success.

Grahamstown

The J.N.F. Headquarters in Johannesburg gratefully acknowledges receipt of an amount of £13 15s. 7d. from the Grahamstown Zionist Association, being £6 19s. 1s. proceeds of a dance held on the 7th October, and £6 16s. 6d., the yield from 16 boxes.

A successful dance was organised by the local Zionist Society on behalf of the Jewish National Fund. As a result of this effort, Grahamstown's quota for the Jewish National Fund was reduced by close on £7.

Hermanus

The Hermanus and District Zionist Society has affiliated to the S.A. Zionist Federation.

The Zionist Society held a committee meeting on the 15th October at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Melnick. The President, Dr. J. I. Lipschitz, was in the chair, and the committee was present in full force and disposed of a good deal of business. Mr. M. Kushner, of Bot River, has been added to the committee.

The visit of Dr. Altschul and Mr. Zuckerman proved of the utmost interest. In the afternoon they met the committee at the residence of Dr. Lipschitz and assisted in drawing up an outline programme of activities for the ensuing three months. A decision was made that the younger members receive special tuition in Zionism and Jewish affairs once a week from two selected senior members. The same evening the visitors were heartily welcomed at a very enjoyable social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Abel. Dr. Lipschitz, presiding, introduced them to all present. Inspiring and informative addresses were delivered by Mr. Zuckerman and Dr. Altschul, whilst an attractive programme was rendered by the following artists:—Mrs. Simon Allen (pianoforte soli), Miss Irene Silke (recitation), Reba Lipschitz (pianoforte solo). During an interval refreshments were provided by the ladies of the Society, and a sale of cakes yielded revenue for the National Fund. At the close of the evening, Mr. J. Geffen, the National Fund Commissioner, sincerely thanked their visitors and also the host and hostess, the ladies and the artists, and the singing of "Hatikvah" closed a most enjoyable evening.

Kimberley

The Childrens' Fancy Dress Carnival held in the Constance Hall on the 15th inst., was declared open by Rev. Konviser. The venture proved most successful, all entering into the spirit of the fun.

Mrs. J. Bergman presented the prizes, and the judges, Mesdames Davis, van der Heim and Aaronson, and Messrs. D. Mann and H. Frank, had no easy task in selecting the prize-winners. Mr. Esakowitz and his orchestra, in great measure, added to the pleasure of the youthful throng; and the committee are indeed indebted to them for rendering their services free, and to all donors of refreshments, articles and prizes, and to all who helped to make the effort the success it was.

The proceeds, £30 17s. 1d., are in aid of the Haifa Bay Fund.

Kirkwood

The Zionist Society of this village has affiliated to the S.A. Zionist Federation.

Koffiefontein

The interest displayed by local residents at the time of the reorganisation of the Zionist Society some time ago has been well maintained, and there has been a satisfactory increase in the membership list. On the other hand, the society is the poorer by the departure of Mr. H. A. Bane, its president, for Mowbray, and of Dr. J. Karpas, a committee member, to join the Addington Hospital at Durban. At a special general meeting held on Sunday, October 15th, the places of these two gentlemen were filled respectively by Mr. S. T. Bane and Mr. B. Bloch, whilst Mr. M. Reznick was elected vice-president.

Mr. Nathan Karpas, secretary and treasurer, moved a vote of thanks for the valued work done for the benefit of the society by the outgoing president, Mr. H. A. Bane.

Kopjes

An afternoon tea was given at the residence of Mrs. Berman recently to celebrate the engagement of her youngest Harry, to Miss Ettie Zulman, of Springs. A sum of £1 10s. was realised for the N.F. Fund.

Ladybrand

On Sunday, September 2nd, members of the local Jewish community were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Meltz, on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of their fourth son, Cecil. The proceedings were under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Friedgut. Subsequent to felicitation dresses and a speech by the Barmitzva, P. Durbach sold a cake per American which realised the sum of £3, and was added to the local synagogue.

On September 24th a film entitled "The Herzl" was shown under the auspices of the Zionist Society. The film was explained by Messrs. B. Adelstein and O. Proos. In conclusion of this function the gathering assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sandler, where refreshments were served.

On October 2nd another film, "A Journey Through the Emek Jezreel," was shown by Bella Slomowitz explaining the film.

On Sunday, October 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Slomowitz were "At Home" to a large gathering of friends to celebrate the engagement of their eldest son, Harry, to Miss Becky will, of Kroonstad.

A rare treat was provided to the children here when Rev. Wolk invited them to the Succah on the 2nd day of Succoth. They were entertained to tea by Mrs. B. Friedman.

Last Sunday evening three film rollings respectively with "The Triumph of Soil," "Festivals and Celebrations in Israel" and "Sport and Physical Culture," shown in the Synagogue Hall, the explanatory papers being read by Miss Bella Slomowitz, Miss Sadie Proos and Mr. Ockie Proos. The Zionist Society's Chairman, Dr. C. Immerman, expressed thanks to all who had assisted in making the evening a success.

Middelburg (Cape)

On October 22nd, at a meeting of the Zionist Society held at the synagogue, the following office-bearers were elected for the coming year: Chairman, Mr. Melmed; Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. Edelson; Sec. and Treasurer, Miss Evelyn Mawitz; Assistant Secretary, Miss R. Bergman; Committee members: Mrs. Segall, Mrs. Mr. Touyz, Mr. Seinker. National Fund Box Commissioner, Rev. Myburg.

The same evening an inter-debate between Senior and Junior Zionist Societies was held at the residence of Mr. Mrs. Edelson—the subject for debate being "That the Modern Return from Exile constitutes a more Difficult Task than Exodus from Egypt." The Senior Society speakers, Rev. Myburg and Mr. Edelson, moved the motion, and the Junior Society speakers, Mr. H. Melmed and Mr. L. C. Gervis, opposed the motion. After a heated discussion, the voting resulted in a mere majority for the Senior Society.

During the course of the evening a presentation of Dr. Herzl, presented by Rev. Myburg, was raffled, and realised the amount of £10.

Muizenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lehrmann who have returned from a tour of Europe, Palestine and America, were given a reception at Muizenberg at Mr. Seftel's Private Hotel.

Mr. J. Lehrmann who brought greetings from Palestine spoke enthusiastically of the zeal and devotion of the Chaluzim and the great progress made in Palestine.

Mr. Lehrmann's brief remarks were followed by an address on Palestine by Mr. Gervis which was greatly enjoyed by the audience.

Chief Cantor Katzen contributed a recitation which was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Drabkin entertained the audience with recitations.

[Further Town and Country Items will be held over until next week.]