

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Beaufort West

A Children's Carnival in aid of the Synagogue Funds was held in the Lyric Hall, Beaufort West, on Tuesday night. Some very good costumes were worn, and the judges, Mr. Jack, Mrs. Gird and Miss L. Botha, had a difficult task in selecting the winners.

The children's entertainment was followed by a dance for the adults.

Benoni

The Benoni Nordau Club, which has now decided to wind up its affairs and to cease functioning, has contributed to the National Fund an amount of £10 8s. 8d., representing the balance of funds which it had on hand.

The following are the members of the club's executive: Mr. W. Horwitz (president), Miss V. Shames (vice-president), Mr. L. Taurog (secretary), and Mr. D. Miller (treasurer).

Bethlehem

A very successful and enjoyable social evening was held by the Young Israel Society on Sunday evening, the 19th inst., at the Park Hotel. The social was well attended, and dancing was indulged in, until a late hour, to the strains of excellent music supplied by the Broadway Six Orchestra.

During the evening Rev. H. Lidven delighted those present with his singing, and a cake was raffled and was won by Mrs. N. W. Kaplan.

The proceeds of this function go towards the Keren Hayesod Fund. Thanks are due to the Broadway Six Orchestra for supplying the music gratis.

Bloemfontein

In opening the August meeting of the local branch of the Union of Jewish Women of S.A., Mrs. Shtein, the chairman, referred to the loss of one of the most valuable members, Mrs. P. Caplan, and asked the members to rise as a token of respect.

Amongst the matters subsequently discussed was the appeal sent by Mrs. Saffra on behalf of the German women in distress. The members agreed to support the cause at their monthly meetings. Mrs. Shtein announced the result of the Bridge Drive held in June for the Education Fund, and stressed the desirability of closer co-operation and greater sympathy between the U.J.W. and the affiliated societies. Mrs. N. Lewin, of Johannesburg, then gave an interesting address on "Mental Hygiene." She dealt with the varied forms of mental disease and referred briefly to some of the methods of treatment.

Tea and the usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, at which there was a good attendance.

Brakpan

The ninth annual general meeting of the Brakpan branch of the South African Jewish Orphanage took place at the synagogue on Thursday evening, the 16th inst.

The chairman, Mrs. J. Silverman, presided. She expressed her thanks to the outgoing committee for their services during the year, and informed the gathering present that the cheque for £50 for the endowment of another bed in the name of the Brakpan branch would be forwarded to Johannesburg. This money was raised in co-opera-

tion with the United Hebrew Institutions and made possible by the spirit of unity existing between the two societies.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, resulting as follows: Chairman, Mrs. H. Blumenfeld; vice-chairman, Mrs. A. M. Weintraub; hon. treasurer, Mrs. H. Linton; joint hon. secretaries, Mesdames A. Firer and G. Miller. Committee: Mesdames J. Silverman, D. Markunsky, I. J. Smith, M. Furman, L. Kirkel, H. Altshuler, H. L. Miller, A. Sapire, G. L. Kaplan, C. Joffe, H. I. Hoffman.

Burghersdorp

The annual charity ball of the local Zionist Society was held in the Town Hall on the 6th inst. It was a great success and was well attended.

The visitors were received by the Mayor and his daughter. Mr. Myer Goldberg's Ambassador's Orchestra, from Bloemfontein, supplied the music. The following acted as M.C.'s, who carried out their duties most ably: Messrs. L. Light (chairman of the Zionist Society), S. Breger, I. Hurwitz, N. Steyn and Dr. Louw.

Thanks are due to all those who assisted financially and to those who assisted with the work. The ball realised £31 nett profit, £20 of which is to be devoted to the inscription of the name of Nahum Sokolow in the Golden Book on behalf of the Burghersdorp Zionist Society. The balance of the sum realised is to be subscribed to the Hebrew Congregation.

Cedarmont

The Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Eliastam took place on Sunday morning, 22nd inst., at Cedarmont, Standerton District. It was attended by a large number of friends from Standerton as well as by many relatives who came from Johannesburg to participate in this occasion. Rev. Coblentz officiated as Mohel. He made an appeal on behalf of the National Fund, to which the father of the infant responded by donating £1 1s. He also donated £1 1s. to the Hebrew paper, *Basad*.

Kimberley

Congratulations are extended to Helen, the gifted sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Maresky, on attaining the L.T.C.L. title at the recent Trinity College of Music examinations. Helen has been the recipient of many diplomas at all the local Eisteddfods since she was 12 years of age. She is also the first girl in Kimberley to pass her matriculation in Hebrew, for which she was awarded a special prize from the G.W. Hebrew Congregation.

Kingwilliamstown

The second annual function of the *Ayin Yakov* Society was held at the residence of the president, Mr. I. Kabelsky, who entertained the members and their families to dinner. A most enjoyable time was spent.

Speeches were delivered by the Rev. Mr. D. Gordon (the founder of the society), Mr. C. Alperstein, vice-president of the congregation (in the absence of the president), Messrs. L. Moss, M. B. Cohen and J. Cohen.

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Malmesbury

On Sunday, the 19th inst., a conversation was held under the auspices of the Zionist Society, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Misnum. Dr. H. Myers was in the chair.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. D. Gets, of Capetown, who gave a survey of the Jewish position thirty to fifty years ago, as compared with the position to-day. He dealt with the state of Eastern and Western Jewry, and described Palestine as the one bright spot in the picture.

Musical items were rendered by Misses Ellen and Esther Misnum, and Dr. H. Myers. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Dr. P. Bunant, seconded by the chairman. Mr. B. Gershon expressed the thanks of the gathering to the host and hostess.

Middelburg (Tvl.)

Mrs. N. Brozin, the hon. secretary of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that Institution the sum of £2, being July subscription collection made by Mrs. M. Birman.

Oudtshoorn

The monthly meeting of the Herzl Ladies' Zionist Society took place at the residence of Mrs. P. Agranat, West Bank, on the 16th inst. There was a very fair attendance.

Mrs. I. Sindler donated one pound for the National Fund in commemoration of her handing of the Torah to the St. John Street Synagogue. One guinea was donated to the National Fund by Mr. and Mrs. L. Norick on the occasion of the barmitzvah of their son, Benjamin; £1 11s. was collected by Mr. P. Agranat, District Commissioner of the J.N.F. at the barmitzvah.

Queenstown

The Bnei and Bnoth Zionist Society continues to hold its monthly bridge drives. In July, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Papilsky, the bridge drive realised the sum of £4 5s. Dancing added to the enjoyment of a most pleasant evening. Sunday, the 19th inst., was J.N.F. day, but owing to the indisposition of the president a meeting could not be held to appoint collectors. It is hoped, however, that the Society's activities will shortly be resumed in full force.

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 6s., being the monthly subscription collection.

Witbank

A meeting of the Women's Cultural Section of the Witbank Zionist Society took place on Monday afternoon, 20th inst., at the residence of Mrs. M. Diamond. Mrs. R. Schech read two chapters from Lewis Browne's "Story of the Jews," with a precis of the preceding two chapters, and Mrs. Maselle read "Civilisation and Barbarism" from the "Letters of Benammi," published in the *Jewish Chronicle*.

On Wednesday evening, 15th inst., an inter-debate between the Witbank Zionist Society and Women's Cultural Section was held at Mrs. Froman's residence. The subject was: "Should Women Have Equal Rights With Men?" The speakers were Mrs. Froman and Mr. Levitt. There was quite a good attendance, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

ERRATUM.

Attention is drawn to the fact that in the issue of August 24th the item appearing on the page "From Town and Country," under the heading "Somerset West," should have been headed "Somerset East."