

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Bloemfontein

The monthly general meeting of the Women's Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mrs. Navias on Tuesday, the 28th ult. Mrs. Tcherney presided over a good attendance.

A sub-committee was elected with the object of forming a Reading Circle, where books of Jewish interest would be read. Mrs. Tcherney gave a report of the Youth Conference held in Bloemfontein on the 5th and 6th of August.

The principal feature of the meeting was an interesting address by Mr. Kretzmas, his subject being "The Social and Economic Problems of the Jew."

Mrs. Blum proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Navias.

George

A pleasant and successful function took place on the evening of Wednesday, the 22nd ult., when the Jewish Community welcomed into its midst Rev. Ch. Katz, formerly of Braamfontein. Rev. Katz succeeds Rabbi Locketz as minister to the George Jewish Community.

Mrs. S. Joseph, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, presided. The first item on the programme—a recitation by Miss Edna Landsman—was well received by the large audience, and was followed by a reading on the late Chaim Nachmann Bialik by Mr. Maurice Berelowitz.

Mr. S. Ress, vice-president of the Hebrew Congregation, then extended a welcome to Rev. Katz on behalf of the Congregation, and was followed by Mr. S. Miller, who welcomed the guest of the evening on behalf of the George Zionist Society. Mr. Katz responded in suitable vein and his address was followed with great attention.

Mr. David Segal then presented a review of events of Jewish interest for the previous two months and was well applauded.

An interval for refreshments preceded a display of physical culture by Mr. J. Sher, who has organised a Physical Culture Club for the Community. A hat debate followed and the following participated:—Mr. M. Bendith, speaking on "Matrimony"; Mr. I. Kottler, on "Love"; Mr. I. Israelsohn, on "Lawyers"; Mr. E. Toker, on "Money"; Mr. A. B. Levitt, on "How to Reduce"; and Messrs. J. Landsman and M. Shlugman, who assisted each other on the subject of "Meschulachim." Mrs. Y. Landsman was in charge of the organisation, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ress on the birth of a son on Friday, the 15th ult.

Kirkwood

The usual monthly meeting of the Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mrs. A. Aires last Sunday, the 2nd inst. Rules for the society's working were considered and decided upon, after which a lecture on the meaning of freedom was read by Miss L. Thal and evoked great interest. Refreshments were then served and a vote of thanks was accorded to the hostess on the motion of Mr. Persky.

Kopjes

The annual general meeting of the local Hebrew Congregation was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Synagogue. Mr. M. Ginsberg presided, and the secretary, Mr. Sidney Ginsberg, reviewed the work done

by the Committee during the past year. The financial report showed satisfactory results.

The following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Mr. M. Ginsberg, president (re-elected); Mr. L. Margolis, vice-president (re-elected); Mr. Sid Ginsberg, secretary (re-elected); Mr. Sher and Mr. J. Papert, committee members (re-elected).

Ladybrand

On Sunday, the 19th ult., the monthly meeting of the Zionist Society was held at the Central Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. S. Roodman were the host and hostess.

Miss Bella Slomowitz read an interesting paper on "Nationalism," as also a paper on Current News.

She was thanked by Mr. M. Blechman. Dr. Inmerman proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their hospitality.

Middelburg (Transvaal).

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.

Naauwpoort

A Zionist social was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bobrov on Sunday, the 26th ult. Mr. L. Melmed presided. Mr. M. Bobrov gave a lecture on the History of Zionism, which was well received and an enjoyable evening was spent, the youth present rendering Hebrew songs.

After refreshments had been served, it was decided that such social evenings should be held periodically at each Jewish residence. Mr. I. Shakinowsky proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess.

Potchefstroom

On Sunday, the 26th ult., the local Zionist Society, together with the Ladies' Benevolent Society, arranged an "at home" to welcome Mr. and Mrs. B. Levy on their return from Europe. Both Mr. and Mrs. B. Levy are ardent Zionists, and while overseas they took the opportunity of visiting Eretz Israel. The visitors were welcomed by Mr. H. Finn, chairman of the Zionist Society, on behalf of that body, by Mr. M. B. Bloch on behalf of the local Hebrew Congregation, by Mrs. B. Shapiro, the acting chairman of the Ladies' Society, and by Mr. H. Smookler (speaking Hebrew).

Mr. B. Levy responded, dealing with the wonderful things they had seen in Palestine and the progress being made in Tel-Aviv, Haifa and numerous other places.

Mrs. B. Levy also replied.

Refreshments were served and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Miss L. Kavonic rendered a piano solo, which was very much appreciated.

Two beautiful bouquets were presented to Mrs. B. Levy, and the large attendance testified to the popularity and high esteem in which these two ardent Zionists are held.

Strand—Somerset West

A conversazione was held, under the auspices of the Zionist Association, at the Grand Hotel, Somerset West, on Sunday evening, the 12th ult. The host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller, and the guest of the evening was Adv. Gerald Gordon.

After the news sheet had been read by Mr. H. M. Jaffe, the host introduced Mr.

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Gordon, and extended a hearty welcome to him and his mother, who accompanied him.

Mr. Gordon, in his address on "The Preservation of the Jews," spoke of Jewish attempts at assimilation and the failure of these attempts. In spite of the development due to the idea of rebellion against the ghetto, the Hascalas and the French Revolution, yet anti-Semitism arose and developed. The speaker ended up with a plea for political unity in Palestine, stating that to-day the Jew had no choice—he must remain a Jew and consider means of preserving himself.

Some discussion followed, to which Mr. Gordon replied. A letter was then read from Louis Shapiro, now in Palestine, and was found very interesting, and Mr. Jaffe proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Gordon.

Theunissen

On Saturday evening, the 1st inst., the whole local Jewish community gathered at the Theunissen Hotel to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. S. Melamed and their son, who are leaving this week for Johannesburg, where they will spend the Yomtovim, before leaving to take up permanent residence in Palestine.

Mr. A. Epstein, president of the Hebrew congregation, was in the chair, and spoke of the excellent services rendered during the past 22 years by Mr. Melamed, who, during that time, had officiated regularly in the services on the High Festivals. He also spoke of the willingness with which Mr. and Mrs. Melamed had supported all matters connected with Judaism and Zionism.

Dr. A. Bernstein spoke on behalf of the Benevolent Society and wished Mr. and Mrs. Melamed God-speed and good luck in their new sphere. He then presented Mrs. Melamed with a set of silver spoons.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Mandelzweig, Mr. D. E. Kotzen, Mr. D. M. Rosin, and the Rev. Mr. Chweidan also spoke in eloquent words of the good done by Mr. and Mrs. Melamed during their long stay in Theunissen.

Mr. and Mrs. Melamed suitably responded.

Worcester

The annual general meeting of the B'nei Ubenoth Zion Society was held in the Zionist Hall on Sunday evening, the 26th ult. The meeting was in the nature of an "at home." Mr. Jack Friedman, chairman of the Society, presided.

After Miss Golin had given a recitation and Mr. Louis Volks had read the News Service, the gathering rose for a minute as an expression of sympathy with the Heller family, in the loss they had sustained through the death of their mother.

The annual general elections were then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. Jack Friedman; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Volks; treasurer, Mr. J. Rabinowitz; secretary, Mr. Max Lange; social organiser, Mr. Louis Volks; committee, Rev. Stein, Mr. I. J. Sennett, Dr. Goss, Messrs. Louis Lange, Harry Broudie, Simon Heller, Robert Sakinofsky and Rosenfeld.