

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Belville, Parow and Durbanville

The local Ladies' Zionist Society are engaged in preparing for a ball to be held in aid of the Jewish National Fund on October 3rd, at the Goodwood Hotel, Goodwood.

An enjoyable evening is assured to all attending.

Benoni

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., the Zionist Youth Society will hold its semi-annual ball, under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress of Benoni. The venue is to be the Hebrew Hall, and the proceeds are to be devoted to Zionist funds.

Mrs. H. Phillips, chairman of the Women's Zionist League, presided at a meeting held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at which Mr. D. Mierowsky, Director of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, delivered an inspiring address on "Palestine and the Diaspora." The main purport of his address was that Palestine cannot have an independent existence without the Diaspora, just as the latter would be doomed were it not for Palestine. What was needed in the Diaspora, said the speaker, was an adequate Jewish education for the child—a complete knowledge of the Hebrew language, and what was of equal importance, a knowledge of Jewish history.

Mrs. J. Friedman proposed the vote of thanks.

Bloemfontein

At the annual general meeting of the Jewish Women's Benevolent Society held on the 29th ult., the following were elected as office-bearers:—President, Mrs. L. Kramer; vice-president, Mrs. G. Hailparn; hon. treasurer, Mrs. I. Fogel; hon. secretary, Mrs. José Lovius; committee: Mesdames Hart, Lapping, Lewin, Siew, Epstein, Herberg, L. Bloch, Woolf, Bernstein, Moses.

It was reported that grants to various persons amounted to £332 8s. 4d. Regular grants averaged £12 10s. per month. Numerous families were assisted with bread, groceries, milk, meat, coal, wood and clothes. Functions realised £102 odd.

Boksburg

An enjoyable social afternoon was held at the residence of Mrs. L. Berman, Boksburg North, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Mrs. B. Myer read a paper on "Life in Palestinian Villages," which was most interesting. Miss Ray Massel gave a piano-forte solo and Miss Babs Rosen two recitations, all of which were much appreciated.

Bothaville

On Thursday, the 30th ult. the local Zionist Society held a farewell party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sacks, in honour of the vice-chairman of the Society, Rabbi G. H. Kahan, prior to his departure for Rustenburg.

Mr. H. Brill presided and having thanked Rabbi Kahan for his services to the Society, bade him farewell on their behalf.

Mr. Behr, Chairman of the Congregation, thanked Rabbi Kahan for what he had done for the congregation during his stay in Bothaville.

Speeches were also delivered by Messrs. A. Sacks, and B. P. Marks (of Johannesburg), and Mr. S. Tankel presented Rabbi Kahan with a cigarette case, on behalf of the Zionist Society.

Several other members of the congregation and the Zionist Society expressed their thanks to Rabbi Kahan for his good work.

Rabbi Kahan, in his response, expressed his regret at leaving Bothaville, where he had spent a very happy time.

Burgersdorp

The monthly meeting of the local Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Becker on Monday, the 27th ult.

Almost all the members were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The sum of £1 was collected for the National Fund.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Becker and Miss Sarah Becker for their kind hospitality.

Claremont

The annual general meeting of the Jewish Ladies Society, was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Tuesday, the 28th ult.

The following were elected to office for the ensuing year:—

Chairman, Mrs. L. Berman; vice-chairman, Mrs. H. Gorfinkel; treasurer, Mrs. J. Levy; secretary, Mrs. H. Bloch; assistant secretary, Mrs. A. Saxe and 14 committee members.

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The chairman, Mrs. L. Berman, thanked the ladies present for re-electing her, and also gave an account of the usefulness of the society in assisting the congregation, various charitable organisations, appeals, such as the Polish Orphans' fund, the Keren Hayesod, and local distressed families.

She appealed to the members to continue their support in the future.

Harrismith

A successful cultural afternoon was held under the auspices of the Women's Zionist Society at the residence of Mrs. G. Steinberg on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. An interesting lecture was delivered by Mrs. Belloch. It was decided to form a Sewing Circle.

Pretoria

The monthly conversazione of the Zionist Society will take place at the Memorial Hall on Sunday, 16th September, at 8 p.m. Mr. Harry Levin will speak on "Bialik" and Mr. David Zaidel will sing.

Muizenberg

A card evening and a display of work done, prior to its despatch to the orphans in Palestine, will be held under the auspices of the Jewish Ladies' Sewing Circle at Kriklers Hotel, Alexandra Road, on Saturday evening, the 22nd inst., at 8 p.m.

DOORNFONTEIN FRIENDLY LOAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday morning, the 16th inst., the Doornfontein Friendly Loan Association will hold its annual general meeting at the Doornfontein Synagogue. The activities of this body for the past year reveal a very satisfactory state of affairs. Revenue exceeded expenditure by £63 6s. 10d. and the accumulated funds of the Association now stand at £385 6s. 7d. Securities for loans issued are considered sound, and the useful work of the society is increasing year by year. During the past year donations to the Association recorded an increase over the previous year's donations of £17 12s. 7d. Twenty-three new loans were granted during the past twelve months amounting to a sum of £285 in all.

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