

IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

A New Branch of the Bnoth Zion Association.

Mrs. S. Gesundheit opened a very successful branch on Thursday, 14th inst., at 8.15 p.m., at the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont.

There was a gathering of over fifty ladies and about a dozen gentlemen. Mrs. S. Gesundheit acted as Chairlady pending the election of officers and committee, and in that capacity welcomed the speakers, Advocate Morris Alexander and Mrs. P. M. Clouts.

Mr. Alexander spoke for over half-an-hour on Zionism, referring to the activities of Jewish women in South Africa and that of other lands, particularly that of Australia from whence he had so recently arrived—and found that the Jewesses here in South Africa were not unworthy of the praise given them. The speaker then ended his but too short speech, wishing the new branch every success, and regretted the brevity of his speech as he was due at a banquet at the City Hall.

Mrs. L. E. Berman thanked Mr. Alexander for his address.

Mrs. P. M. Clouts was then asked to address the gathering, and in a very able manner gave her usual informative speech together with many suggestions both welcome and useful, and wished the branch all success.

Mrs. S. Gesundheit then called for a proposal of Chairlady for the new branch, and there was a unanimous cry for the steady and energetic worker—Mrs. Harris Gorfinkel, which was soon seconded. Mrs. Gorfinkel then took the chair and with the help of the members elected the following:—

Chairlady, Mrs. H. Gorfinkel; Vice-Chairladies, Mrs. D. Harris and Mrs. L. E. Berman; Secretary, Mrs. Nan Hossen; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Feitelberg. Committee: Mrs. Block, Miss, B. Salaman, Mrs. J. Gerber, Mrs. Katz, Miss A. Adkin, Mrs. Peskin, Mrs. D. Freedman, Mrs. C. Meyerowitz, Mrs. Abramson, Mrs. W. Rubin.

Tea and cakes were then served and thirty members duly enrolled.

Mrs. L. E. Berman thanked Mrs. P. M. Clouts for coming to address the gathering, and Mrs. S. Gesundheit for opening the new Claremont-Rondebosch Branch.

The "At Home" ended with the Hatikvah.

Woodstock-Salt River Hebrew Kindergarten.

A concert will be held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Woodstock, on Sunday, 24th inst., at 10 a.m.

Concert at Muizenberg.

A concert organised by Miss Kelmowitz and Miss Betty Brown was held at the Balmoral Hotel, Muizenberg, on Tuesday, 5th March. £4 5s. 6d. was realised, £3 of which has been sent to the Cape Jewish Aged Home and £1 5s. 6d. to the Kosher Kitchen.

Cape Maccabee Organisation.

A general meeting will take place at the Zionist Hall on Tuesday, 26th instant, at 8.15 p.m.

Football Club:

A meeting was held on Monday, 18th inst., and it was decided that this club would continue to play friendly matches during the coming season, as in former years. The first practice will take place on Sunday, 24th inst., at the Green Point Common at 10.30 a.m. Intending members are invited. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. J. Krans; Secretary, Mr. Epstein; Treasurer, Mr. J. Segal; Captain, Mr. J. Miller; Vice-Captain, Mr. J. Faiman.

Cultural Society:

The first meeting was held on Thursday evening, 14th inst., at the residence of Mrs. Choretz, 2, Berkley Street, Gardens. The meeting was well attended. Mr. J. Segal was in the chair. Mr. M. Shevelew briefly sketched the aims and objects of the Society and stressed the necessity of supporting the Kfar Maccabee. Elections then took place. Mr. M. Shevelew was elected Chairman, Miss S. Lipshitz Secretary, and Mr. J. Segal Treasurer.

After tea Miss S. Lipshitz proposed a vote of thanks to the hostess.

Hithadrut Ivriith (Hebrew Circle).

A Purim celebration was held in the Zionist Hall on Saturday night. Mr. Z. Avin was in the chair.

Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson delivered a short lecture on Purim and showed how persecution led to an intensification of the Jewish spirit both from a religious and national point of view. The same lessons could be learnt from Haman and Hitler.

Mrs. C. S. Mibashan read a story by Tchernikowsky, and Mr. M. Natas entertained the audience with a humorous parody on the Megillah written by himself.

Miss Phillips rendered a pianoforte solo and Mr. Lifshitz a song.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the evening a success and the proceedings terminated with the singing of Hatikvah.

Woodstock-Salt River Branch of Bnoth Zion Association.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, 12th March, at the residence of Mrs. C. Resnekov. Mr. Natas was the lecturer and the subject was "The Zionist Ideal in Hebrew Literature."

The lecturer spoke about the work of famous authors and showed how they were inspired by Eretz Israel. Eliezer Ben Jehuda was the pioneer who made Hebrew a living language. A. D. Gordon wrote about agricultural work in Palestine and set an example by working himself.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Ochberg and their daughter, Mrs. J. Robinson, returned in the "Arundel Castle" on Monday.

The engagement is announced of Milly, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Bliden, and Jack, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, of Bloemfontein.

Miss Lily Jocum, of Muizenberg, returned yesterday in the "Giulio Cesare" from a visit to England.

Mr. and Mrs. Sessel Kuper (nee May Berold), of Johannesburg, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

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Mr. Jack Friedman and Miss Trackman rendered pianoforte solos.

After the interval Mr. Natas answered several questions.

Mrs. L. Katz proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Mrs. Bloch (acting chairlady) thanked the hostess, Mrs. Resnekov, and the artists

Hebrew Kindergartens.

The annual general meeting was held on Monday, 18th inst., at the Zionist Hall. There was a fair attendance of those interested in the maintenance of the kindergartens, subscribers and parents.

Mrs. E. Maissel was in the chair and made a few introductory remarks about the value of the work done in the kindergartens and the importance of continuing the Hebrew education of the children when they leave these classes.

The annual report was then read by Mrs. R. Friedlander. It showed what valuable work had been done in the past year, when, in spite of financial difficulties, the committee managed to maintain both kindergartens. The adoption of the report was moved by Mrs. S. Gesundheit, who congratulated the committee on its year's work and voiced the pleasure and interest of the Bnoth Zion Central Committee in the kindergartens which it had originally established and at present still subsidised.

Election of committee for ensuing year resulted as follows:—

Joint Convenors, Mrs. E. Maissel and Mrs. R. Friedlander. Committee: Mesdames H. Glaser, Jacobson, Press, Heneck, Klein, Ch. Cohen, Mendelson, Miss Bernstein, Miss Berk, Mrs. Cooper-Smith, M. Futeran and Mrs. B. Friedman.

Oneg Shabbos.

Adv. M. Alexander, M.P., delivered a very instructive address on the "Jews in Australia" at the last Oneg Shabbos. He dwelt on the danger of assimilation threatening Australian Jewry owing to the standstill of immigration. Wherever he came he was met with great cordiality and admiration was expressed for the excellent achievements of South African Jewry in all spheres of communal activity, and particularly in the field of national endeavour.

The lecture was listened to with great interest.

Rev. Kassel and son and Cantors Zive and Konwiser rendered Jewish folk-songs. Mr. I. Fine presided.

The next Oneg Shabbos will take place on Saturday at 4.30 p.m. at the Zionist Hall, starting with Mincha service. Mr. M. Wolozinsky, M.A., will lecture.