

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BLOEMFONTEIN.

The 29th annual general meeting of the Jewish Women's Benevolent Society was held in the Communal Hall on the 21st inst. There was a fair attendance. The president, Mrs. M. Levy, was not present owing to ill health. Mrs. G. Hart, the chairlady, in her report said that on account of the depression there had been more appeals for help than formerly, and fortunately they were able to cope with the demands. Assistance was rendered to all who appealed. They were greatly indebted to the President of the Hebrew Congregation, Mr. I. H. Haarburger, who had made a private collection for the benefit of the society. There had been an increase in the membership, but many more could be enrolled.

The financial statement was submitted by Mrs. W. Herberg in the absence of Mrs. Z. Lawrence, which showed a credit balance in the bank. The election of a new committee for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mrs. M. Levy; vice-president and chairlady, Mrs. G. Hart; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Z. Lawrence; members of the committee, Mesdames Hailparn, Kramer, Fogel, Herberg, Woolf, Bernstein, Epstein, Bloch, J. Lovius, C. H. Cohen, P. Caplan and A. Lewin.

CAPETOWN.

A large gathering was present at the Zionist Hall last Sunday evening, when under the auspices of the Capetown Hebrew Circle "Talmide Ezra," Dr. J. Mibashan delivered an interesting and well thought out lecture in Hebrew on the subject, "The Present Crisis in Hebrew Literature." A discussion followed, in which Messrs. Z. Avin and M. Wolozinsky participated. Mr. B. Levin was in the chair, and Miss A. Weinstein proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

The results of the Orphanage 21st anniversary fete, held recently, were made known on Tuesday night to a large gathering of workers for the fete at an "at home" held in their honour at the Orphanage. The net proceeds of the fete amount to £1,540 12s. 6d. Of this £130 14s. 6d. is being handed over to the Talmud Torah and £252 1s. 1d. to the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians in accordance with the arrangements arrived at prior to the holding of the function. At the "at home" whole-hearted thanks were expressed to the stallholders and assistants for their generous and invaluable service performed for the fete. Special mention was made of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stodel and Mrs. L. Gradner, the convenors, who put in an enormous amount of work for the success of the undertaking. Mr. B. A. Crasnow presided and the speakers were Rev. A. P. Bender, Mr. H. Stodel, Mr. J. Kadish, Mr. I. Ochberg, and Mr. J. Stodel. During the evening musical items were rendered by Mr. Max Miller, who gave a pianoforte solo; Mr. H. Garfinke, who sang; little Miss Sybil Jacobson, who gave a number of impersonations; Mr. Boris Rome, who sang; and Miss Muriel Kadish, who sang.

A successful concert was held in the Zionist Hall last Sunday night by the Dorshei Zion Association. There was a large gathering present who were entertained by the following artists: Signor Coscia, who sang a number of operatic selections; Miss Sylvia Kirsch, who sang; Miss Sybil Marks, who recited; Master Lionel Bowman, who gave several pianoforte solos; pupils of the Miriam and Elvira Kirsch School of Dancing; Mr. G. Laden, who gave a humorous sketch; and members of the Capetown Jewish Dramatic Society (Mrs. Gammorin, Miss V. Rosen, Messrs. Dubowitz brothers, D. Feinstein, Ch. Kovarsky, and A. Natas), who staged a humorous play, "Die Shadchonin." During the course of the evening an address was delivered by Advocate Morris Alexander.

Mr. D. Getz, the speaker at the Oneg Shabbos last Saturday afternoon, gave a "Survey of the Present Position of Jewry." There was a fairly large attendance, and a discussion took place at the conclusion of the address.

EAST LONDON.

A general meeting was held on Monday, 12th inst., which took the form of a biography evening and proved to be interesting. The life of "Moses Mendelsson" was ably dealt with by Mr. A. Shapiro. Mr. A. Adleson followed with the bio-

graphy of "Israel Zangwill," and Mr. I. Solomons concluded with a paper on "Trotzky." All three papers were of an exceedingly high standard and the speakers are to be congratulated on their effort.

FRANKFORT.

A meeting of the local Jewish youth was convened at the local Jewish Synagogue and as a result a Young Israel Society was formed, with the following officers for the year: President, Mr. B. Nathan; vice-president, Rev. Mr. Chiger; hon. secretary and treasurer, Miss D. Segal; assistant secretary and treasurer, Miss R. Schiffman; and committee, Miss F. Cohen, Miss A. Malkin, Mr. P. Rabinowitz, Mr. Kantor and Mr. Wolman.

A programme was drawn up and it was decided to have bi-monthly functions. The first of these functions was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goodman and a pleasant evening was spent. Another function was held at the residence of the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs. Morris Segal. This took the form of a "book tea," after which dancing was indulged in.

A debate was held on the subject of "Is the Jewish Youth doing its duty towards Zionism?" There was a good attendance present on this occasion. The debate was opened by Messrs. B. Nathan and S. Cantor, and opposed by Rev. Chiger and Miss Malkin. It was unanimously voted that the youth was doing its duty in carrying the banner of Judaism forward. A hearty vote of thanks was finally extended to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lipman, at whose house the debate took place.

KIMBERLEY.

The first monthly meeting and social of the Women's Zionist League, following the inaugural meeting, was held at the Queen's Hotel on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Mrs. B. Goldberg was hostess and a fair attendance was present. Mrs. Stoller, the chairlady, welcomed all present, after which the Rev. Konviser delivered a lecture on "Women's Work in Zionism," which was much appreciated. The Misses L. Blumenthal, C. Paul and F. Awerbuck, who were accompanied by Mrs. B. Horwitz, entertained the gathering with musical items. A news bulletin was read by the secretary, Miss T. Kleinman. The next monthly meeting will be held at the Savoy Hotel on Wednesday, October 19th, at 8 p.m., for the Sharon effort.

A bridge drive and card evening, organised by Mrs. P. Sussman, was held at the Savoy Hotel on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst. The function was most enjoyable and realised the handsome sum of £15 15s.

An all-day tennis tournament, organised by Mesdames B. Horwitz, A. G. Sussman and H. Frank, was held on Sunday, the 25th inst. A competition for a cake kindly donated by Mrs. K. Sussman brought the net result of £9. A private bridge party given by Mrs. van der Heim at the Swiss Cafe recently augmented the Sharon Fund to the extent of £2 2s. A forthcoming function of great interest will be the Spring Ball arranged for October 25 at the Constance Hall.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Leonard Levinsohn on his engagement to Miss Betty Klein, of Bloemfontein. Mr. Levinsohn is well known in cultural, musical and Zionist circles in Kimberley, and is keenly interested in Jewish and Zionist matters. He has at various times organised concerts and produced plays and play-readings for the benefit of the Zionist cause.

OUTDSHOORN.

Realising the need for the forming of a society for the adolescent Jewish youth of the town, a meeting to discuss this object was held at the Hebrew School Hall on the 4th inst. This resulted in the formation of the Oudtshoorn Maccabean Society. About 27 members were enrolled. The election of office-bearers was as follows: President, M. Manaschewitz; vice-president, I. Abel; secretary, S. Agranat; treasurer, R. Kuper; committee, B. Berman, B. Borkum and D. Weinstein.