

Mr. Alexander Lewin's Further Activities

KROONSTAD.

ARRIVING in Kroonstad on Friday, the 9th inst., Messrs. Lewin and Spiro met the committee of the local Zionist Society the following evening, when a general discussion ensued on local Zionist activity. The visitors outlined the plans of the Propaganda and Organisation Department of the S.A.Z.F., made suggestions for the intensification of local activity, and drafted a programme for the coming five months.

The following evening, the 11th inst., Mr. Lewin lectured to a well-attended audience on "The Situation of Zionism and Its Tasks." In the absence of Mr. Kaplan, the chairman, Mr. Rabinowitz, vice-chairman, presided. Rev. Slomowitz proposed a vote of thanks.

MARQUARD.

ON Monday, December 12th, Mr. Alexander Lewin, accompanied by Mr. S. Spiro, arrived in Marquard. They were met at the station by Mr. Cowan (chairman of the society), Mr. Dwolatzky, and Miss D. Regensburg (secretary).

In the afternoon they addressed a meeting of the local Youth Society in the Synagogue. A discussion followed, after which a resolution was adopted to affiliate to the Orange Free State Young Israel Central Council. A programme of activities for the coming six months was drafted. The same afternoon the visitors met the committee of the Marquard Zionist Society.

The whole community was present at a very successful mass meeting addressed by Messrs. Lewin and Spiro. Mr. Lewin's address on "The Significance of Zionism at the Present Time" was followed by numerous questions, to which he replied. Refreshments were served and the meeting concluded with the singing of Hebrew songs.

SENEKAL.

THE following day, December 13th, Messrs. Lewin and Spiro left for Senekal, where on their arrival they were met by Mr. N. Rosenthal, secretary of the society, and Mr. A. Zaltsman.

In the evening the guests were entertained to dinner by Mrs. S. Goldblatt.

Later a well-attended meeting was held under the auspices of the local Zionist Society. After a short introductory speech by the chairman, Mr. J. Dwolatzky, Mr. Lewin gave a very interesting address on "Aspects of Present Day Zionism." Mr. Spiro informed the gathering of what the Youth Council had achieved and its further programme.

A vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Mr. M. Mark and seconded by Mr. I. Greenman. The function concluded with a presentation to the chairman, Mr. J. Dwolatzky, who was leaving Senekal for the purpose of getting married on the 26th. Mr. M. Mark, the previous chairman of the society, made the presentation on behalf of the society. Mr. Dwolatzky suitably responded.

BETHLEHEM.

ON Sunday, December 18th, Messrs. Lewin and Spiro met the committee of the Bethlehem Zionist Society and explained the purpose of their visit. A discussion followed, concluding with the composition of a programme of work for the coming six months.

Mr. Spiro met the committee of the Young Israel Society, when a further programme of work was drawn up. The committee of the Zionist Society undertook at some future date to visit other centres in the vicinity of Bethlehem and, where possible, to endeavour to form Zionist societies.

THE BELLE OF NEW YORK.

The famous musical comedy—The Belle of New York—is being produced on a most elaborate scale at the Empire Theatre this evening, and is likely to attract audiences for several weeks to come. The production is in the capable hands of Mr. Philip D. Levard and the musical director is Mr. Albert Keats. This comedy is well known for its remarkable success years ago, and its revival here is likely to be similarly appreciated by a new generation of playgoers.

In Bloemfontein

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Women's Zionist Society.—The monthly general meeting of the Women's Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mrs. J. Fainsinger on Thursday, the 15th inst. Mrs. Tcherny presided over a good attendance. After Mrs. Fogel had reported on the recent clearance of boxes, Mrs. Lewis, the secretary, distributed pamphlets dealing with the work of the Women's International Zionist Organisation. The principal feature of the afternoon was a lecture by Mr. N. Phillips, who discussed the place of the woman in the work of Zionism. In the course of his address he depicted the progress of the movement since the days of Herzl. The seed of Jewish culture must be sown in the earliest years, so that in the most impressionable period of their lives her children would develop in the national Jewish environment. At the conclusion of the lecture Mrs. Bloom proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker and to the hostess.

The Hebrew School.—On Tuesday last the prize-giving ceremony in connection with the Hebrew School was held at the Communal Hall, and attracted some 250 people, which included 100 children. The children surprised their parents with their knowledge of Hebrew in a programme of Hebrew songs and plays. The Chairman of the School Committee, Mr. J. Phillips, presided and reported on the excellent progress which had been made during the year. Thanks were accorded to Messrs. I. H. Haarburger and Schrire and the members of the school committee for their excellent work, and the gratitude of the community was expressed to Mr. L. Shapiro for his continued support. Mr. Shapiro, who some time ago donated £1,600 for the building of the school, donated the sum of £150 a year ago towards the purchase of prizes for a period of three years for pupils who distinguished themselves in their Hebrew studies. He also gives annually £10 10s. for five pupils showing the most regular attendance.

Young Israel Central Council.—The Council, which now consists of several experienced members has proved itself a active and potent body. Its policy is to build up a powerful base in Bloemfontein, while not neglecting the country societies affiliated to it. For this purpose a big canvass has been arranged to secure new Young Israel members in Bloemfontein. One sincerely trusts that the seniors of Bloemfontein will co-operate with the Council and lend support, as the scheme is a most commendable one.

Young Israel Society.—The Bloemfontein Young Israel Society has had an active session and the O.F.S. Central Council must certainly be congratulated on giving the society every assistance. On Saturday night, the 17th inst., the Young Israel Society held a Chanukah programme, which was attended by some 200 people. It was arranged by Mr. L. Lawrence, the chairman of the O.F.S. Central Council, and the Rev. Reichenberg conducted the choir. An instructive lecture was given by Mr. L. Lawrence, B.A., on "The History and Significance of Chanukah." A paper on "Trumpeldor and Modern Jewish Heroes" was read by Mr. Joe Auerbuch. The dancing of the Hora followed by a dance concluded one of the finest functions that the Young Israel Society has ever held.

In Port Elizabeth

Repertory Play Reading Society.—The last reading of the year was held at the residence of Mrs. Whistler, on Sunday, the 4th inst., the play being "Walter Scott," by W. E. Gunn.

Hebrew School.—The annual prize distribution and concert took place on the 11th inst., the Emmanuel Hall being filled to capacity. Hebrew Songs and sketches were given by the Kindergarten pupils. The rest of the entertainment comprised Hebrew sketches, etc., by the pupils of the Hebrew School.

Rev. Vilenchik and Rev. A. Levy addressed the gathering and urged the community to support this institution wholeheartedly. They had inspected the classes and paid a warm tribute to the excellent progress, and the fine spirit prevailing among the pupils, also the splendid results shown by Mr. and Mrs. Infeld during their short time in their midst.

Mrs. S. Weinronk presented the prizes to the successful pupils and a gift to each child attending the Kindergarten. Mr. Lazar Mirkin awarded half-a-guinea each to Monty Shnier, Fred Benjamin and Ame Lazarus for the best performances of the evening; also half-a-guinea to Minnie Bloch for being the only girl to receive an "Honour" prize.

The Jewish Guild.—This society is organising a Young Israel Week from the 1st to 8th January. An entertaining and instructive programme has been arranged.

General.—Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. B. Weinronk on the engagement of their daughter Lena to Mr. Max Rom of Johannesburg.