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OUR CAPETOWN LETTER

JUSTICE BENJAMIN'S ELEVATION.

CAPE ORCHESTRA'S ACTIVITIES.

SUNDRY ITEMS.

(SPECIAL TO THE S. A. JEWISH CHRONICLE.)

Capetown, 8th February, 1920.

My dear Cousin,

I think I told you in last week's letter of Adv. L. Benjamin's appointment as Judge of the Supreme Court. Mr. Justice Benjamin took his seat on the Bench for the first time on Monday last and was cordially felicitated on behalf of the Bar by Mr. Greer, K.C. There was a very large attendance of members both of the Bar and Side Bar. Speaking as senior member of the Bar, Mr. Greer expressed the sincere welcome of all to Mr. Benjamin on his appointment.

not as they wish them to seem will have already realised that much water will flow under the bridges before the Jewish nationalisation of Palestine becomes *un fait accompli*. A propos of the objection of these Mahommedans and Catholic Arabs we would remind our readers of the interesting article which we published at the beginning of last month pointing out the particularly difficult position in Palestine in regard to the 600,000 Arabs who are already domiciled there. Even then we laid stress upon the fact that the Jews generally and the Zionists particularly, must not run away with the idea that it will be possible to send the present population of Palestine out in order to make room for the immigration which is only promised and has yet to be performed. It is true that since then a Johannesburger has announced his intention of proceeding to Palestine, but as one swallow does not make a summer so one solitary immigrant from sunny South Africa will not have the effect of providing a population for the Holy Land. We shall have to arrange a far greater immigration into our own country before we can find logical reasons for dispossessing those already in possession.

They all looked upon the new judge, who had had a very distinguished career, as a personal friend and they felt that not only would he be a great ornament but also of very great assistance to the Bench. Mr Justice Gardiner endorsed the sentiments expressed by Mr. Greer and said he felt certain that Mr. Justice Benjamin would be an acquisition to the judiciary of this country. In thanking them for their kind observations Mr. Justice Benjamin said it had afforded him the utmost pleasure when he was notified that the Government had been pleased to appoint him a Judge of the Supreme Court. As most of them knew, the whole of his professional career had been passed either in the old Supreme Court, or in its successor, the present Cape Provincial Division, and during that time he had come into personal contact with every member of the Bar practising in those Courts. It was of immense value for a Judge to have the assistance afforded by the Bar and it was a matter for congratulation when a new Judge could say that he looked upon each member of that Bar in the light of a personal friend.

On Friday afternoon the first of the Capetown Municipal Orchestra school concerts was held and it can safely be said that this new venture will be an eminently successful one. The City Hall was filled with school children of all ages and before the programme commenced Mr. Wendt gave a short address on "The Meaning of Music." The concerts are held under the auspices of the School Board and are to be given in various parts of the Peninsula to familiarise school children with the appearance, sound and the different methods of producing the sounds of the various orchestral instruments. Among the scholars present on Friday were the children of the Orange Grove School, the De Villiers Street Public School and the Cape Jewish Orphanage. The Rev. A. P. Bender, as a member

of the School Board, was also present.

Dr. R. Goldberg of Pretoria has appointed one of the lecturers in the Medical School of the University of Capetown.

Adv. M. Alexander, K.C., has been unanimously elected as Unionist candidate for the Castle Division of Capetown—the seat that he has so long and so successfully filled in Parliament.

Under the auspices of the Capetown Young Israel Society a "hat night" was held at the Zionist Hall last evening. Musical items were also rendered.

The choir has returned to the Great Synagogue after its holiday. There have also been minor alterations made in the service.

A pretty wedding took place in the Great Synagogue on Wednesday evening last when Miss Rosa Kaplansky and Mr A. Leeuw entered into the holy bonds of matrimony. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Banqueting Hall of the City Hall.

This morning a presentation is to be made to Mr. H. Rosen, former president of the Capetown Public Talmud Torah School. To-day also a meeting of the Cape Orphanage committee is to be held with a view to raising the required £10,000 for the proposed new wing.

The engagement of Miss Bertha Bernstein, who is in Mr. C. C. Silberbauer's office, and Mr. H. Friedlander, Attorney of De Aar, is announced.

Miss Rosaline Morshou, a Capetown girl who has just returned from an extensive course of musical study in Berlin and London, is establishing herself here as a teacher of piano-forte. Miss Morshou gave a very successful concert in London before leaving and has been very favourably criticised in the press. Other arrivals in the musical world are the four talented Carmel sisters—Emma the pianiste, Eugenie the 'celliste, Julia the violiniste and Rosie elocutioniste. These young artists have gone through a course of professional training at the leading Academies in London and have given concerts in various places in England with considerable success.

Yours, X.