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(From our Own Correspondent.)

DURBAN.

On Sunday, April 5th, a meeting of children will take place in the Park Gate Hall at which reference suitable to the significance of the occasion will be made by Rev. E. M. Levy and other speakers. A short musical programme is being drawn up, and to further gladden the hearts of the youngsters, light refreshments will be provided.

SHEKEL DAY.

Drenching rain unfortunately handicapped the endeavours of the Shekel collectors in their duties on the 15th March—the collection had perforce to be postponed until the following Sunday. The collectors were as follows: Mesdames S. Hackner, E. M. Levy, B. Halaban, Misses Shapiro, Magid, Tayfield, Lutrin, Messrs. Stone Hertz, I. Strous, J. Marks, Foreman, Franks, Greenstein, Leon Berman and E. Saks.

The following: Miss L. Jacobson, Messrs. B. Fisher, J. A. Lewin, S. A. Nathenson, A. J. Cohen, H. Linden and S. Hackner are most heartily thanked for their kindness in giving their cars for the occasion as are also the members of the Y.I. Society, who made very able and willing workers. Various N.F. boxes were cleared, and the contents will be forwarded to Johannesburg at the first available opportunity—the delay in transmission having been caused by the work in connection with the University celebrations absorbing a considerable amount of time.

JEWISH LADIES' GUILD.

The bi-annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on March 9th, a very interesting report of the half year's work being read by the president, Mrs. Lionel Hart. The Guild's activities deal mainly in aiding the needy, and it is an unfortunate sign of the times that the funds of the Guild are constantly being called upon. The Guild's annual ball—Durban's premier ball—takes place on July 7th, the proceeds of which have already been allocated to the funds of the Guild and those of the Jewish Benevolent Society.

H.O.D.

The F.C. Hollander Lodge of the H.O.D. is progressing at a rapid pace. A great deal of enthusiasm prevails, and the membership is increasing daily. This fact augers well for the solidarity of Jews in Durban.

CIRCLE NEWS.

The recent functions held at the "Circle" have been of a most extraordinary interesting nature, and, in spite of the terrible weather experienced here, have commanded excellent audiences. The lecture by Mr. Maurice Webb, on the 9th, was of a highly interesting and elevating nature, the subject being "The Business Man and the Artist," which was delivered in Mr. Webb's impeccable style. Another enjoyable evening was spent at a Bridge Drive, organised on behalf of the Orphan Fund. A con-

siderable number of tickets was sold—the attendance however, suffered through the vagaries of the weather. Sir Arthur W. Pinero's well-known play, "His House in Order," was read by members of the "Circle" on the 23rd March, those taking part having made themselves thoroughly conversant with the work, and thereby affording the audience a great deal of pleasure.

Although not usually indulging in superlatives to any extent, I must admit that the performance of the "Merry Circlettes" was by far the finest that has yet been seen before the "Circle" members, both in respect to the fare provided and the manner in which it was delivered. Great credit is due to Mr. A. K. Nyman, the organiser and producer—the company included the Misses Rae Cohen, C. Smo, Z. Nyman, Raie Cohen and J. Droyman, Messrs. M. Cohen, D. Kentridge, J. Kempner, D. Davis and A. K. Nyman. The accompaniments were ably carried out by Misses Smo and Cohen. The choruses, solos, etc., were vociferously applauded—the whole production being voted a huge success. The proceeds are in aid of the Orphan Fund and judging by the crammed house a splendid sum will be realised.

Considerable regret will be felt by the entire community through the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kahn and family. Mr. Kahn has taken a keen and active interest in all matters Jewish, and is one of the founders of the Circle, its president three years in succession and a member of its executive since its inception. Mr. Kahn also rendered excellent service on the committee of the Keren Hayesod during Dr. Goldstein's campaign. In extending to Mr. and Mrs. Kahn and family the best of wishes for future happiness and prosperity, I am sure that the sentiments of the entire community are voiced.

GENERAL.

At the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Oslar Hackner, of Norwich Avenue, over £25 was subscribed towards the National Fund for the purpose of inscribing the baby's name in the Golden Book. Owing to haste in dispatching these notes to Johannesburg, full particulars are not available—but this will be remedied in the next issue of this paper.

"LETTERS TO MY SON" (Concluded from page 39)

imbued with poetry the religious observances of his time. Gifted with the poet's eye and the philosopher's mind, he recognised beauty in all its guises, and was, therefore, the most tolerant of men. Many of his sketches have been translated into most of the European languages. To the English-speaking world he was introduced in book form by Miss Frank, volumes of translations, published by the Jewish Publication Society of America. This volume does not contain the best of Peretz's works, and the translator, by aiming at literalness, often fails to convey the meaning intended by the original. Yet even from this English version, which does not do justice to the genius of the author, one may gain some conception of the artist that he was.

Peretz has become a classic in Jewish literature and will ever be numbered amongst the stars that heralded the dawn of the great Jewish revival.

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