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OUR CAPETOWN LETTER.

ARRIVAL OF A METEORITE.

THE NEW "TALMUD TORAH."

SUNDRY ITEMS.

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

Cape Town,
August 25th, 1918.

My dear Cousin.

In common with some other parts of the Union the Cape Peninsula has experienced a heat wave early in the week, that has reduced us all to inert beings. Summer clothes were hauled out of wardrobes and the town rang with sighs and groans re the unseasonable weather. It is bad enough to have to endure the summer heat in January and February, but when it comes to us in August we really feel that we are badly treated by the clerk of the weather. It is really very unusual to have such heat at this time of the year, and also to have such a dry month. The water problem stares us in the face once more and restrictions are already threatened. A few days ago also a meteorite of very exceptional magnitude was observed. As seen from the city it appeared to fall on Table Mountain behind Kloof Corner. The huge incandescent mass was surrounded by an aura, which even if the meteorite was no further away than it seemed, must have been many hundreds of feet in length.

Mrs. Saphra is still very interested in the Girl Guides. On Tuesday afternoon she examined a troop at Rosebank, as she is now official examiner. The last class she instructed for the St. John's first aid certificate did splendidly in the examination, all the candidates passing, most of them with over 75% of the marks. The examiner, Major Owen, complimented both Mrs. Saphra and the girls on the excellence of the instruction and the intelligence of the candidates. This troop was the first class ever held in Cape Town to have a lay instructor, and Mrs. Saphra can therefore feel very proud of her success. She is now instructing the same class in Home Nursing.

The opening of the new premises at Wandel Street, of the Cape Talmud Torah School, the oldest institution of this description in the Peninsula, took place

on Sunday last. The event attracted a large gathering, and the bright sunny day contributed much to the success of the ceremony. A golden key to the entrance was presented to the president Mr. I. Schwartz, by Mr. M. Papert, and on the door being opened, the gathering proceeded to the playground of the school, which was tastefully decorated with the flags of the Allies and the shield of David. Following light refreshments, speeches were delivered by the President, Adv. M. Alexander, M.L.A., Rabbi Ch. Mirvish and many other guests. The Rev. W. Wilder, officiated. The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

On Tuesday night Cape Town passed yet another milestone on the road of musical progress—when the Cape Town Municipal Choral Society gave its opening performance. The Society already boasts about 150 members and the choir attained an admirable level of efficiency. The first part of the programme was varied and the second part was entirely taken up by the Cantata "A Tale of Old Japan" (Coleridge Taylor) The choir had been trained by Mr. Ingleby and the conductor of the evening was of course Mr. Wendt who must be heartily congratulated on the very pronounced success of the venture.

At Thursday evening's concert Mr. Ellie Marx was the soloist, playing Saint Saen's Concerto No 3, dedicated to and first performed by Pablo Sarasate the great Spanish violinist. It is a piece of very effective solo writing and one has never heard Mr. Marx to greater advantage. At the finish of the concerto he was greeted by a perfect storm of applause.

On Friday afternoon another of the Poetry Recitals arranged by Miss Olga Katzin and Miss Burney was held in the Banqueting Chamber, City Hall. The first series of these recitals was a

great success and I fancy this series will be even more appreciated. The object of the recitals is to be present a consistent and faithful idea of the work of the poets, and of the composers who have set their lyrics to music; or to represent the tendency of a nation in music and poetry Friday's recital was of Irish poetry, the programme ranging from early traditional works to those of such moderns as Yeats, Synge, Shamus O'Sheef, and Walter Morse Rummel. Miss Katzin's chief effort was the recitation of the last act of Synge's "Deirdre of the Sorrows," one of the most tragic of the modern Celtic dramas, and one which gave fine scope to the reciters great abilities.

Mr. H. I. Stodel will contest Ward 5, Gardens, at the forthcoming Municipal election. Mr. J. Frank of Frank and Warshaw is standing for Ward 4.

A concert in aid of the Care and Comforts Fund of the Jewish Regiment now operating in Palestine takes place at the City Hall on Tuesday next. It is under the direction of Mr. A. Hallis and Mr. W. Wolfensohn who are also both contributing items to the programme.

The Jewish Community of Van Rhynsdorp held a service on Sunday, August 4th, to pray for peace. The usual afternoon service was lead by the minister in charge of the congregation, Mr. Alschuler, and a special prayer for peace was offered. At the conclusion of the service a short address was delivered by Mr. Levin and a collection made in aid of the Red Cross Funds. £5 was collected.

The engagement is announced of Miss Rosie Wasserman, sister of Mrs. M. Gurland, to Max, second son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Berelowitz.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pamm celebrated the *barmitzva* of their son Julius on Saturday and Sunday last. Mr. Pamm is Principal of the Private Hebrew School, Breda Street.

Addios till next week. Many thanks for your very belated letter which was nevertheless welcome.

Yours affectionately,
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Some folks rail against other folks because other folks have what some folks would be glad of, but

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everyone can have.