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OUR CAPETOWN LETTER.

SYNAGOGUE SERVICES.

MAYORESS'S RECEPTION.

SUNDRY ITEMS.

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

Capetown,
September 22nd.

My dear Cousin,

I was glad to receive your letter saying that you fasted so well on the Day of Atonement, and that you so much enjoyed the Synagogue service—our Congregations here were also very large indeed and in the Gardens Synagogue the Rev. A. P. Bender delivered two inspiring sermons. It really is a pity that at our services during the year there are rows upon rows of empty benches, and our beautiful large Synagogue only seems to justify its existence on *Rosh Hashona* and *Yom Kippur*.

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The engagement is announced of Dora, only daughter of Mrs. H. Alschwang and the late Mr. Nicholas Berman, formerly of Middelburg, C. P. and Advocate N. E. Rosenberg elder son of Mrs. E. Rosenberg and the late Ellis Rosenberg of Abel Rd. Johannesburg.

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The entertainment organised by Miss Nora Canard in aid of the Troops Christmas fund, and held in the Goede Trouw Hall, realised the sum of £20, which amount has been handed over to the Mayor.

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A very interesting concert is to be given in the City Hall on Tuesday next by the Municipal orchestra and the Cherniavsky brothers. The proceeds are to be handed to the Mayor for distribution amongst war funds, and the programme is an exceptionally attractive one.

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Miss Ada Reeve is still filling the Opera House. She has a wonderful personality and her charm and fascination seems more potent than ever. She has consented to present the prizes at the 23rd monthly entertainment to the sick and wounded given by the Claremont Committee.

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Adv. M. Alexander M.L.A. delivered an address in the Unionist Club

Room on "The Regulation of Wages Act"—a subject in which he is very interested and one on which he spoke with his usual eloquence. Major B. V. Davi's was in the chair.

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The Mayoress Mrs. D. I. Thorne was "at home" in the Banqueting Hall on Thursday afternoon to all war workers—both ladies and gentlemen. At an early hour the hall was packed and it was pleasing to note many members of our community among the crowd. The Mayor and Mayoress received their guests at the entrance. After light refreshments had been served an adjournment was made to the City Hall where a programme of music was rendered.

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Cape Town women have collected about £50 for a wedding present for the Hon. Phyllis Buxton. They are going to purchase a South African picture painted by a South African artist, the choice being left to the executive Committee. Talking of pictures reminds me that the other day I saw some charming water colours by Oscar Hollander. His sunsets are particularly fine, also his conception of distances. One very South African picture was of the Karroo, with the stunted bushes in the foreground and a long sandy road stretching towards the horizon—its very spirit breathed the veld.

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The Red Cross effort for Our Day is going gallantly forward. The different sections are each under a controller, the theatres section being in the able hands of Mr. H. Stodel. A very interesting item will be the aeroplane display to be given by Lieut. A. H. Gearing R.F.C. when a special souvenir aeroplane newspaper will be dropped by the aviator and sold to the public.

No more news to-day dear.

Yours as ever,

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Cape Town Hebrew Congregation.

Annual Meeting.

Success of the Sabbath Classes.

Failure to Create Trouble.

(Specially reported for the "S. A. Jewish Chronicle")

Mr. Rosen presided over a gathering of 149 members we believe a record attendance. The main features of his Presidential address were the increasing prosperity of the congregation, a record of the Congregation's appreciation of the British Declaration regarding Palestine, the purchase by the Jewish community of a site to build and establish a home for aged people, for which at least half the amount required has already been subscribed; the consideration of several suggestions given at the last annual meeting, particularly the re-opening of the old building for services, which has achieved a certain amount of success; a tribute to the effective work of various Jewish Societies in the city, especially the Jewish War Victims Fund, which had practically dropped to a very small scale, and which had now through the energy and devotion of the Rev. B. Strod, the Hon. Treasurer and of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. I. M. Goodman (formerly of Johannesburg) achieved very considerable dimensions and very practical success. The Congregation

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