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DURBAN DOINGS.

A YIDDISH PERFORMANCE.

COMPLIMENTARY EVENING ACCORDED.

"SUNDRY ITEMS."

Special to the "S.A. JEWISH CHRONICLE."

The combined Zionist Committees of Durban presented an operetta in Yiddish "Dos Pintele Yud" at the Theatre Royal on August 3, the nett proceeds to be devoted to the Palestine Restoration Fund. There was a large attendance of the Jewish community, the theatre being almost filled. The operetta contains 4 acts and 3 scenes, the author being B. Thomasewsky. The producers of the play were Messrs. P. Shraga and P. Bass. Mr. P. Shraga also acted the principal part viz, Smuel Sadzchen and he was the life and soul of the operetta. He caused roars of laughter with his witty sayings and his songs and dancing fairly brought down the house. Mr. P. Bass doubled the parts of Leizer Kowal and Jacob Walerstein. He was more effective in the latter role than the former although to essay the parts of an elderly man and the lover was no small effort and was a clever performance. Miss E. Abrahams also enacted a double part. In the first act as Isrolik a *barmitevak* boy she sang a song very sweetly supported by a large chorus which was received with loud applause. As Mirale in the succeeding acts she gave general satisfaction to the large audience. Mrs. J. Wolpert enacted the part of Sore, a wife, and played up to her partner quite successfully. Miss C. Essers who enacted the part of Rivky proved that she possessed histrionic talent. Mr. S. Shaffer gave a splendid rendering of Beines and was quite at home in the part. Other characters were taken by Mr. and Mrs. J. Shapiro and Messrs. I. and E. Saper whilst Mrs. W. Sacks interpolated with two songs which were loudly applauded. The players and the play afforded a delightful evening's amusement and it is to be hoped that this clever band of amateurs will be seen again in another play which will as equally afford pleasure to their friends and

to Mr. Lloyd George, the disinterested Christian investor, but as a means of aspersing Lord Reading, the ablest Jew who ever sat on the Bench. So it goes. Christianity can never forgive the race it has persecuted and slaughtered and plundered and slandered, and must always be inventing new grounds for its hate.

at the same time benefit a deserving institution.

The Durban Rent Board since its formation has been kept busy hearing applications for reduction of rents. A tenant of Mr. M. Stiller applied for a reduction of his rent. After evidence had been tendered on both sides the Board decided that the rent complained of was not excessive but considered the tenant should be absolved from paying the rates.

Hyman Rubin came before the First Criminal Court charged in conjunction with R. Beatty of theft of £19 from three sailors. From the evidence it appeared Beatty attached himself to the sailors and took them to a room where they spent the night. The next morning the sailors discovered that Beatty had disappeared and their pockets had been rifled. Rubin was still in the room. The Magistrate gave Rubin the benefit of the doubt and discharged him but sentenced Beatty to be imprisoned for three months with hard labour.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Brook left with the *Edinburgh Castle* on August 6 for England. Mr. and Mrs. Brook resided in Dalton, Natal for many years and till recently Mr. Brook was the president of the Pietermaritzburg Hebrew Congregation. By the same vessel, Miss Hilda Leaman left to pursue her musical studies in London.

The Jewish Guild Ball Committee have issued their balance sheet which shows that the sum of £574 10s. 2d. has been handed over to the Jewish War Victims Fund as the result of their annual ball. This sum marks a record for the Guild's annual effort and should be an encouraging stimulant for the Guild for future efforts.

Durban Jewry was invited to a musical evening on August 8 to meet the amateurs who performed in the play "D's Pintele Yud." The room in Synagogue Chambers was much too small to contain those who accepted the invitation to be present. Mr. J. A. Lewin who presided, paid

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a tribute to the performers and congratulated all concerned with the success they had made. Mr. P. Bass responded on behalf of the company. Most of the performers rendered songs, and particularly pleasing were the choruses sung by the choir who performed in the play. A successful evening was brought to a conclusion with the rendering of the National Anthem.

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