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**DURBAN DOINGS.**  
**THE CIRCLE'S ACTIVITY.**  
**A CHARITABLE OCCASION.**  
**SUNDRY ITEMS.**

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The Circle met on April 18 at the Central Tea Room to hear Mr. J. H. W. Bullimore lecture on Shakespeare's Hamlet. There was a good attendance presided over by Mr. B. Kahn. The lecture, a most interesting one, was followed by a discussion, the meeting closing with a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Mrs. C. P. Robinson journeyed out to South Coast Junction to form the Umbilo branch of the Women's South African Party. She explained the aims and objects of branch associations very clearly and was accorded a vote of thanks for her successful efforts. The last of the series of meetings was held to form the Point branch at which Mrs. C. P. Robinson addressed those present and was thanked by Mrs. W. Greenacre for starting all the branches of the Women's South African Party which are all now firmly established.

A curious episode occurred in the Borough Court by which a case had to be postponed by the Magistrate owing to the accused, Harry Rhodes having left home without his hat. The charge against him was that he failed to pay a riksha boy his legal fare. Rhodes elected to give evidence and being a Jew could not be sworn without his hat, hence the adjournment of the case.

Miss Edith Gordon's engage

ment to Mr. J. G. Selby of Capetown has been announced. Miss Gordon is a sister of Mrs. J. V. Goodman.

Alec Osrin was found guilty in the First Criminal Court of fraud by presenting two cheques for £17 odd which were returned by the Bank, refer to drawer. A fine of £10 was imposed a fortnight being allowed him within which to pay the fine.

To ensure a big attendance at a *Brismelah* it is incumbent on the father of the child to fix the ceremony at a time close to the luncheon hour. Mr. I. Geviser was wise enough to do this by appointing 12.30 p.m. as the time in question. As a result over one hundred guests were seated at the festal board at lunch time on April 20, at Mr. Geviser's residence. After a sumptuous past Rev. S. Pincus rose to propose the health of the newly initiated boy Mr. Geviser, in reply, donated a silver box suitably inscribed, which was put up by American auction by Councillor I. Davis and after a considerable amount of bidding was knocked down at £110. This sum, through the initiative of Mr. I. Geviser, will be divided between the Jewish orphans in Europe and the War Victims Fund. Mr. Geviser was heartily congratulated on the success which he attained in raising this large sum.

Earl and Countess Haig have been Durban's distinguished guests this week. The presentation of a magnificent sword of honour to the Field Marshal took place on a specially erected platform in front of the Town Hall. The platform was crowded for this ceremony, amongst the occupants being Councillor I. Davis and Mr. F. C. Hollander M.P.C. These gentlemen were also present at the banquet which was tendered to Earl Haig in the evening.

There has been news of David Cohen, our popular pianist. He was sent to London having won abursary to be educated at the Royal Academy of Music. This institution disclaimed any knowledge of its obligations to educate young Cohen. Eventually David Cohen was taken to the Royal Trinity College where he was asked to play before the Board of that institution. They were so pleased with his performance that he was immediately offered a full course of three years training free. His Durban friends all wish him a prosperous career.

At the annual general meeting of the Durban Turf Club held on April 22 Mr. L. G. Joel was re-elected a Steward for the ensuing year.

An electric iron which had not been disconnected was the cause of a fire which occurred on the premises of Croll and Lapinsky in Field Street. Smoke was discovered issuing from the premises at seven in the morning and a report being sent to the Fire Brigade the small motor engine was sent out and the flames extinguished with chemical appliances. A good deal of damage was done by smoke and flames.

The *Armada Castle* which arrived in Durban on April 23 brought as passengers Mr. A. Highman, Mr. G. Hollander, Miss Joel, Miss G. Solomon, Miss R. Lavenstein, Mr. M. Cohen, and Mr. A. Greenberg.

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