

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent—Special to the "S.A. Jewish Chronicle".)

Jewish Music—The Yiddish Theatre and an Appeal—A Worker Entertained—A Custom Continued—Immigration.

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Mr. Abraham Zevi Idelsohn, who recently lectured before the Jewish Historical Society and also at Oxford, has just completed the second volume of his musical thesaurus, entitled *Gesaenge der Babylonischen Juden*, published by Benjamin Harz, Berlin. It will be found of consuming interest to every lover of musical folk-lore. The author maintains that the melodies reproduced must have been popular songs before the destruction of the Temple. Scholars will be delighted with his quotations, which are voluminous. He mentions, for instance, Clement, the Alexandrian theologian, who refers to Aristorenos (354 B.C.) for the statement that the harmonies of the Psalms were similar to Doric chants. Mr. Idelsohn came to Oxford with an introduction from the High Commissioner to Professor Cook, who took great interest in the publication of Mr. Idelsohn's books.

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In all its glory and splendour, this newly decorated and refurbished theatre opened its doors last Monday evening at a little later than the usual hour, owing to the Day of Atonement. Very soon the house was packed from gallery to fauteuil, and the genial face of its proprietor, Councillor J. W. Rosenthal, beamed with satisfaction at this successful re-opening. 'The Polish Wedding' was the title of the play performed (in Yiddish) by Mr. Joseph Kessler and Madame Dina Fienman, and an excellent company, all of whom received a great ovation from an appreciative and enthusiastic audience. Mr. Rosenthal, who is a prominent and active worker on the Committee of the Great Synagogue, bethought himself of the appeal made, on behalf of our poor brethren in Eastern Europe, and suggested to his friend, Councillor H. Kosky, J.P., that an appeal might be made to the audience for the cause. A collection made by Mrs. J. W. and Miss Estelle Rosenthal, Mrs. Harry Kosky, Mrs. Barnett Friedberg, Madame Fienman and other actresses, and Miss Cutler, resulted in £30 being given. To this sum was added £10 by Councillor Rosenthal, £10 by Councillor N. Kosky, J.P., and £10 by Mr. Joseph Kessler. £25 has been sent to the Ukrainian Fund; £25 to the Relief of the Jewish Victims of the

War Fund; and £10 to the Jewish Board of Guardians, the latter in response to the appeal of the Chief Rabbi at the Great Synagogue on the Day of Atonement.

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On the invitation of the Directors of the Keren Hayesod, a luncheon was given to Col. Wedgwood, M.P., and Mrs. Wedgwood, to wish them God-speed on their departure, for America. Col. Wedgwood is to attend the Convention of the Poale Zion at Toronto, and to address meetings in the United States on behalf of the Keren Hayesod. Mr. Joseph Cowen presided, and among those present were Commander Kenworthy, M.P., and Mrs. Kenworthy, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Snowden, Mr. C. J. L. Malone, M.P. Dr. and Mrs. Eder, Dr. B. Feiwel, Mr. S. Kaplansky, and Mr. Leo Herrmann.

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In continuation of a custom established by the late Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, and followed by him for many years, Mr. Anthony de Rothschild, accompanied Sir Adolph Tuck, Bt., Senior Warden of the Central Synagogue, and Sir Robert Waley Cohen, K.B.E., Vice-President of the United Synagogue, visited on *Yom Kippur* the free services at Chenies Street during the *Mincha* Service. Sir Adolph read the *Haftarah* from the Book of Jonah and Sir Robert gave a short address. The visit obviously caused gratification to the crowded congregation.

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Under the existing immigration regulations the following persons are entitled to receive permit on application to the nearest British Consul or passport authority: (1) Persons proceeding for a visit not exceeding three months; (2) persons who can show that they have in their possession £500; (3) returning residents.

The following persons are entitled to receive their permit only after the Consul to whom they have applied has obtained special authorization from the Government of Palestine; (1) Members of professions who intend to follow their calling in Palestine; (2) wives, children and other relatives who are wholly dependent upon residents in Palestine; (3) persons of religious occupation; (4) persons with definite prospects of employment in Palestine with specified employers or

enterprises.

Intending travellers to Palestine should, in filling up their application forms to the British Consuls or passport authorities, state definitely to which of these categories they belong. For example, a person in possession of £500 who is going to join his relatives in Palestine should, in the question 'What is the reason of your journey?' reply: 'To live on my means of £500,' instead of 'To join my relatives.' Or, again, a person proceeding on behalf of a firm for a visit of three months should say, 'For a visit of three months,' and not 'On behalf of my firm.' This warning is rendered necessary, as many cases have occurred of late where applicants giving inadequate information have had their applications altogether refused or definitely deferred, the passport authorities not being in the habit of making further inquiries from the applicants before giving their decision.

A Good Opportunity.

Those who wish to secure good value for their money could not do better than attend the sale of diamond, gold, and silver jewellery, which will be offered for sale by public auction on Wednesday next, by the Embee Auctioneering Company at their Mart, 129 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg. There will be no reserve prices on any of the lots offered for sale.

The Guild Ball.

Wednesday next, November 8th is the date set aside for the annual ball of the Johannesburg Jewish Guild. As in previous years this brilliant social function will be held in the Town Hall and judging by reports to hand there will be a record attendance. Amongst the distinguished guests will be the Prime Minister, General the Rt. Hon. J. C. Smuts and Mrs. Smuts. Prior to the ball, a banquet will be held in the Selborne Hall and the demand for tickets for this function is also very large. Those who desire to attend either or both of these gatherings should inform the Secretary at once.

For a Lame Back.

When you have pains or lameness in the back bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain. For sale by all dealers.

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