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breaking off the engagement. The letter ran:—

"My feelings have entirely changed, and I never expected to marry before we became engaged, and bachelors habits and tastes are, I find, too strong too part with."

On the same day he wrote to Miss Cohen's brother:—

"The whole matter has resolved itself into such a tangle of chaffering and bargaining in which my feelings and self-respect have been torn to tatters, and so insulted, that I feel I can no longer proceed with a match that has become absolutely distasteful to me from every angle. I am thoroughly disgusted, and, if these be your Yiddisher sheedohim, then I am through with them for good. I am like the American, willing to buy everything once. I have done so, and find it has ended disastrously for me. It has shattered a good many of my dreams and illusions, and never again will I risk Providence in the marriage market."

Miss Cohen declared that defendant's conduct

Had Deeply Wounded Her Feelings

and her prospects in life. Dr. Easterman denied the breach of promise, and entered a separate plea that the contract to marry plaintiff, having been entered into by him under an essential error induced by her, he was entitled to rescind it. He stated that the engagement was contracted on representations made by her, or on her behalf, that her dowry on marriage would be £6,400. These representations, he alleged were false, and her dowry does not exceed £2,000. He admits that Miss Cohen obtained an engagement ring, and that she gave him a gold watch. Dr. Easterman asserted that plaintiff insisted on his acquiring a practice in Glasgow or some other big city, and that he received the £850 referred to by her. He contended that the loss suffered by him had been greater than any loss suffered by Miss Cohen. He had to give up a practice in Blantyre, which was worth at least £800 a year, while the practice in Glasgow, purchased with the £850 was not worth more than £500 a year. An offer was made by defendant, however, to pay back to plaintiff, if time was allowed him, all moneys expended by her on his behalf. Miss Cohen, in reply, denied that the engagement was contracted on a representation such as that alleged by defendant, and alleged that the insinuations contained in his letter to her brother had no foundation.—Counsel having been heard, Lord

Murray approved of the issue for trial by jury. He pointed out that Miss Cohen had now to prove only the amount of loss and damage alleged to have been sustained by her, and defendant to justify his conduct in withdrawing from the promise of marriage.

Capetown Notes.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

It is curious how members of Parliament begin to appeal to Jewish history and the Bible whenever the question of women's enfranchisement arises. The debate on General Byron's bill for the enfranchisement of women bristled with Biblical references; Mordecai, Esther The Ten Commandments, Moses, Adam all came into the picture, and as the Devil can quote scripture, so both sides could use the same reference to draw a different conclusion. The ancient objection to female enfranchisement, so long put forward by the backveld that it "is not in the Bible" has not been staled by custom, although there has never been any attempt at ascribing parliamentary institutions even amongst the male members to the Hebrew people in ancient times. For a time the debate on the enfranchisement bill was like a *Purim Spiel*.—Queen Esther was the heroine. Both sides used her to prove their case, we fear with poor effect. Sheherazade out of the "Arabian Nights"—with whom indeed Esther has been identified—would have been as much to the point. They both pleased their tyrant lords. But it is not so very remarkable after all to find the Hebrew Bible looming large in our South African parliamentary debate for of all European nations the English and the Dutch are the two into whose national culture the Bible has most deeply penetrated. It is not merely coincidence that it was just these two peoples who were the pioneers in the European history of the removal of the religious and civil disabilities of the Jews.

Mr. Wolfe Wolfensohn, who will be remembered as a prominent member of the Capetown Orchestra a year or two back and a solo violinist of considerable merit, has been in America pursuing his studies and incidentally adding to his laurels. A recent number of "Musical America" says: "Wolfe Wolfensohn played two Neapolitan Dances by Samara and the first movement of

the Symphonie Espagnole by Lalo. His playing disclosed admirable musicianship, warmth and balance of tone. He was heartily applauded, and responded with an encore." The "New York Herald" critic remarked that "Lalo's Symphony Espagnol, first movement, was brilliantly played, and in the two Neapolitan Dances he showed the technique of an artist."

Miss Stella Shantall, who appeared for the first time with the Capetown Orchestra on Saturday evening in a series of solo dances, has in her brief career made a big name since her successes at the South African Eisteddfod nearly two years ago. Those who saw her clever dance, "The Waif's Dream," on that occasion were delighted to see it included in Saturday night's programme.

Mr. I. W. Schlesinger, of the African Theatres, and Mrs. Schlesinger, left here for England by the R.M.S. Walmer Castle on Friday.

An Excellent Opportunity

Many properties are finding their way on to the market at the present time but, in a good many cases, they are withdrawn as the price offered by would-be buyers is not as high as is demanded. The inadequacy of the offers is undoubtedly due to the investment not being too profitable a one, when taking into consideration the price asked. On Thursday next, (Feb. 15th), however, investors desirous of acquiring valuable properties, situated in various parts of Johannesburg, will be afforded an opportunity when Messrs. Asher Bernstein & Herberts, Ltd., will offer six excellent lots for sale by public auction at their Mart in Fox Street. A careful perusal of the details will be sufficient to convince one of their worth.

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