

Durban Doings.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Mr. Joel Myerson gave a recital on the 5th inst., at the Alhambra Picture Palace, among the items with which he delighted the audience, was a magnificent rendering of *Kol Nidrie*, and whilst its reception by the members of our community was naturally immense, yet it was pleasing to note that the other portion of the audience showed their appreciation in a no less degree.

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Mr. Benj. G. Scott, Managing Director of Dalys, Ltd., is now convalescent, after his serious illness resulting from a nasty motor accident on the Maritzburg road.

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"The Circle", our Jewish social institution, held a very successful Bridge Drive on Monday last, the Prize Winners of which were: Dr. Moshal, and Messrs L. M. Braham and A. Ritte. On Monday next Mr. E. Chubb, the Curator of the Museum, is to give a lecture to the Circle members on "Tutankhamen and Ancient Egypt."

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The engagement of Miss Fanny Greenberg, of Maritzburg to Mr. Harry Kirson of Durban is announced.

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Durban Jewry have two weddings to interest them this month. Mr. Leslie Patley, a resident of Durban, will be joined in the holy bond of matrimony with Miss Audery Kearns Jacobs of Johannesburg, whilst on the 15th instant Mr. E. Bernstein and Miss Rose Pearl Flatau will be married at the synagogue, St. Andrew's Street.

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The Durban Hebrew Congregation held their Adjourned Special General Meeting on Sunday last to consider the advisability of making alterations to the Ladies' Gallery in order to provide necessary seating accommodation. As is not at all unusual, when there is an important matter on the Agenda, there was by no means a good attendance, the members who were conspicuous by their absence, being those who would benefit most by the alteration. Amongst those present were Messrs. A. J. Cohen (who in the absence of Mr. Hollander, M.E.C. was in the Chair,) P. Wartski, L. M. Braham, L. Hart, B. Lurie, J. Lurie, S. Bloom, B. Kahn, M. Stiller, L. Davis, A. J. Lipinski, L. Lipinski, S. Sevel, H. Lipinski, J.

Leaman, (Hon. Secretary,) and about 30 others. The resolution was in the hands of Mr. L. M. Braham who in the course of his address elaborated the reasons for making extensive alterations to the Ladies' Gallery. Mr. Stiller, who is one of the fathers of the present scheme, seconded the motion. After many members had spoken both for and against, Mr. S. Lyons moved an amendment that the matter be referred back to the committee to see if it were not possible for them to bring something like a unanimous recommendation, after consulting with different architects for the necessary alterations, both for the Ladies' Gallery and the sanitary arrangements. After a more or less desultory debate, Mr. Rothstein sprang a bombshell on the meeting in the form of a resolution to the effect, "that no alteration be made in the Synagogue until the bond be paid off." This found a belated seconder in Mr. M. Fine. Members were probably of the opinion that such a ridiculous amendment would never be carried so they did not even think it necessary to speak against it. To the general surprise of the meeting when the Chairman put Mr. Rothstein's amendment to the vote, it was carried by a small majority, the larger portion of which admitted afterwards, that they did not even know for what they were voting. The Chairman, however, closed the meeting without putting either the original proposition or the amendment to the vote. As, no doubt, further developments will take place upon this very important subject in the near future I will not comment further upon it.

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Mr. F. C. Hollander, M. E. C., returned from a short visit to Capetown on Tuesday evening last.

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The New Durban Hebrew Congregation, whose new Synagogue in Park Street is nearing completion, made an appeal through the post to every member of the Jewish Community, but the response, up to the present, has been negligible.

The "Chronicle" Cake.

No 714

In acknowledging "Chronicle" Cake No. 714, Mr. D. O'Donovan writes "I greatly appreciate the honour conferred upon me and I am hoping that my invention will be of real benefit to the mining industry."

Nordau Garden City.

In the summer of 1919, on the occasion of Nordau's 70th birthday, the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organisation published an appeal signed by Dr. Weizmann and Mr. Sokolow, which contained the following:—

'In these historic days we remember with deep thankfulness the venerable teacher and leader of the Zionist movement, Max Nordau, the mighty orator of the people of Israel. The Zionist Organisation desires to erect a permanent memorial to Max Nordau in the land of Erez Israel. The Executive Committee has decided to authorise the Jewish National Fund to carry out a great colonisation work in Erez Israel which shall be worthy to bear the name of Nordau.'

The Executive now states:—

'During four years there have been collected, after much effort on the part of the K.K.L.; only £16,000, instead of the £50,000, which represent the necessary minimum. This is a poor expression of the deep feelings of thankfulness of the Zionist Organisation to its venerable teacher and leader.' Particularly is this result unsatisfactory when it is remembered that we have before us an undertaking of vital necessity to our *Yishub* in Erez Israel.

'The time has now come for us to discharge our obligation, an obligation of honour, to the memory of Nordau. If his bones lie in foreign soil there rests upon us a double and triple duty to assure for his spirit a home in Erez Israel. This is a national holy obligation to the man who sacrificed so much for the benefit of Erez Israel, and who knew so well how to fulfil his duty to Zionism.'

At the same time we would suggest to Zionist leaders that they do not forget the fact that Nordau's family are in straitened circumstances and, we would suggest something be done for them. Memorials are all very well in their way but, we must not forget our duty to those whose breadwinner made great sacrifices for the Jewish cause and as a result left his family impoverished.

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