

The Aged Home.

The annual report of the Witwatersrand Aged Home is indeed a very satisfactory document and, we hope that in the coming year the institution will receive an even greater measure of support than it has done in the past. The number of applications for admission is constantly on the increase and, therefore, a new wing is absolutely essential. Already a generous offer has been made and we have, no doubt, that when the community realises the good work accomplished and the need for extension there will be a ready response to the committee's appeal.

Replies To Correspondents

A JEW.

Your information is entirely wrong, no distinction is made and no manager can give employment. All this is done through proper channels. We think that you were decidedly ill-advised to write such a letter which we have no intention of publishing. Regarding your prediction we think the boot is on the other leg, more especially, if you happen to be a client—*Ed. S.A.J.C.*

The annual ball in aid of the Hebrew High School which is greatly in need of funds has been fixed to take place on Thursday evening June 18th at the Selborne Hall. A very strong ladies committee has been formed to organise the function and as far as the arrangements are concerned the public are assured that everything possible is being done to give them an enjoyable time. It only remains for the tickets to sell well so as to ensure the function being a financial as well as social success. Seeing the excellent work for the Jewish community being carried out by the Hebrew High School that institution certainly deserves that the dance should be a financial success.

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There was a large attendance of the leaders of the community and heads of various Jewish institutions in Johannesburg at Park Station on Thursday morning to bid *bon voyage* to the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, M.A., Ph.D., who is leaving by the "Kenilworth Castle" on a four months' visit to Europe.

A Forthcoming Recital.

Talented Performers.

Johannesburg Jewry will learn with interest that, on May 26th, a young lady well known in Johannesburg, Miss Grayce Mitchell will give a recital at the Selborne Hall. This talented co-religionist, it will be recalled, when resident in Johannesburg was always ready and willing to give her services in aid of the sweet cause of charity and sang at innumerable concerts.

A little over two years ago Miss Mitchell left for Europe where she continued her musical studies under the greatest professors including the famous Italian Maestro, Malfada Cottoni in Milan and in Berlin under the eminent musical professor, Albert Loesh. Whilst in Italy, Miss Mitchell sang with distinction in Genoa and, also whilst in Germany she sang in Berlin and created a very favourable impression. She was to have made her debut in opera in the Charlottenburg Opera House, Berlin as Adele in the Fledermans but, owing to the then existing tragic state of affairs in Germany and a subsequent nervous breakdown, Miss Mitchell was unable to appear and went to Milan where she recuperated and worked up a repertoire that any singer could be proud of and portions of which she will perform at her concert in the Selborne Hall on the 26th inst.

Recently Miss Mitchell appeared at a concert in the Art Gallery, Durban, in aid of the St. Dunstan's and, her singing was accorded a most gratifying reception. She was encored after each of her numbers and, after her rendition of the Mignon Polonaise she was recalled twice. It is no small accomplishment for so young a girl to be able to render such grand arias as "Ah, Fors e lui," and "Caro Nome," for they demand not only great qualities of voice but a supreme mastery of technique, to surmount their colossal difficulties and, those who heard Miss Mitchell sing on that occasion unanimously agreed that not only was she a young lady of great talent but, possessed of no mean gifts. Miss Mitchell hopes to return to Milan in the very near future to appear in Grand Opera.

Accompanying Miss Mitchell is Mr. David Cohen a pianist of repute, who has also recently returned from Europe where he has not only completed his studies at the highest institutions but has

also appeared at the Queen's Hall, London, and was the recipient of flattering press notices. There can be no doubt that both these young performers deserve every encouragement and, we hope that there will be a full house at the Selborne Hall. Certainly, the programme is one of interest and well worth patronising.

The Jewish Workers of Palestine.

The Local Committee.

It is not, perhaps, generally known that there is in existence a local committee for the support of Jewish workers in Palestine and, quite recently a collection was organised for the purpose of obtaining funds for our co-religionists in the Holy Land, but owing to the wretched weather upon the date decided upon for the collection, April 26th, the collection could not be carried out. It has now been decided to hold it on Sunday next, the 17th inst. The entire proceeds of the day are to be devoted to the Agricultural Colonies in Palestine where, hardy young Jewish men and women, despite all hardships, are endeavouring to extend the Jewish possessions. We hope that all those interested will be generous in their support.

His Problem.

The Rev. J. C. Adams, rector of Wakkerstroom, said the problem in his parish was that the English population had left. The English magistrate and all his followers had gone, and they had been replaced by Dutch officials. "I have," he concluded "about my house Dutch to the right of me, Dutch to the left of me and a Jew in front." (Laughter.)

Mr. David Isaacs, of Capetown left estate in Britain valued at £19,000. He bequeathed £100 each to fourteen institutions and hospitals in London of which nine are Jewish, and also £100 to each of the following Capetown institutions: Jewish Philanthropic Society, Jewish Ladies' Association, Eton Convalescent Home, Beth Hamedrish Hachodosh, the United Talmud Torahs, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Cape Jewish Orphanage, the Benevolent and Helping-Hand Association, Bicker Cholim, Jewish Sick Relief Society, and the Somerset Hospital, the last-named subject to it not being under Government control.