



The United Hebrew Congregation.

The honour conferred on Mr. Joseph Ratzker, President of the United Hebrew Congregation, is fully deserving as this gentleman has, for thirty years been one of the most active communal workers and has done much for Jewry in Johannesburg.

A Curious Apologist.

Not the least interesting feature of last Sunday's proceedings at the special general meeting of the United Hebrew Congregation was the apology of Mr. Maister for his hasty remarks or, shall we say, threats when he threatened to resign because the general body of members asked the chairman not to allow him to continue his speech. According to this gentleman the words which caused him to make use of the expression "I will resign," were, "This is not a political meeting." It was with this expression that the chairman, Mr. Bernard Alexander, asked Mr. Maister to resume his seat. Many of us have heard this expression used on several occasions at communal meetings when persons will persist, when politely asked to sit down, in continuing with irrelevant remarks and, I do not see that there was any harm in Mr. Alexander having used the expression. If the speakers will not obey the chair then some drastic remedy must be adopted and, Mr. Alexander was perfectly right. For Mr. Maister to try and make out that the expression was used because of political differences is nothing more or less than a lot of nonsense. Had Mr. Alexander been in town he would have been present at the meeting and, if he had bothered to reply personally, if I were he I would not, to Mr. Maister then his reply would have been even more crushing. In any case, it is to be hoped that, for the future, when Mr. Maister does attend communal meetings he will at least show some little respect to the chair.

Yiddish Folk Song Concert.

For the first time in South Africa a Folk Song Concert is being arranged by the Yiddish Literary Society at its Hall on Sunday next June 28th. Preparations for this concert have been proceeding for some weeks as it is very difficult to obtain locally the music of folk songs. But, thanks to the exertions of Mr. Boris Rom who is organising this concert, a selection of beautiful folk songs will be presented. Some of these songs are very old, but are still being sung. In addition to Mr. Rom, Miss A. Epstein the well-known vocalist will sing and also Mr. I. Feinstein. There will also be an excellent musical programme, and Mr. J. Donsky will render some humorous readings.

The concert promises to be one of the most interesting yet held and, all who are interested in Jewish song should not fail to attend on Sunday evening. Admission is 1/6 and the public is asked to come early as the seating accommodation is limited.

The Visit of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

The visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Johannesburg created the greatest enthusiasm. At the official welcome in front of the Town Hall, one noticed that there were present representatives of all Jewish institutions, whilst there were a goodly number of Jewish ex-service men at the inspection of the ex-service men. At the Ball on Tuesday evening and at the banquet on Wednesday, the heads of all communal institutions were present whilst at the children's review there were several thousands of Jewish children. Thanks to the foresight of the reception committee, provision was made whereby each Jewish child received kosher food.

Acknowledgements.

The following acknowledgements have been received from the Jewish Ladies Communal League and Rabbi J. L. Zlotnik. "My Committee have asked

me to write and thank you for your kindness in having awarded the League your cake for merit.

The cake was much appreciated by the Orphanage Children when they paid a visit to the Yeoville Shool on Shevuoth."

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"I am in receipt of the "Chronicle Cake" you sent me and I beg to thank you most cordially for this act of kindness and hospitality, and for your endorsing and encouraging my campaign on behalf of the Jewish National Fund in such a thoughtful way."

Hebrew High School.

Dance in Aid of Funds.

In aid of the funds of the Hebrew High School, a successful and well-attended dance was held last Thursday night in the Selborne Hall. About 350 people attended, and Mr. Bernard Patley acted as director of ceremonies, assisted by Mr. H. Beemer and Mr. A. Witkin. Mrs. M. Posner and Mrs. J. Shapiro were in charge of well-stocked novelty stalls, and Mrs. A. M. Lipschitz and Mrs. G. Sieradzki took charge of the stall for cold drinks.

The organisers of the dance were Mrs. J. L. Landau (chair), Mesdames B. P. Marks, A. Schlosberg, B. Patley and I. J. Balkin. They were assisted by a large and influential committee.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Sive and party, Mr. and Mrs. E. Solomon, Dr. Balkin, Dr. and Mrs. Sacks, Mr. Bernard Patley, Dr. Hart, Councillor and Mrs. Teeger, Mr. Schlosberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Shapiro, Rev. I. J. Beckman, Dr. Lichnaitzky and party, Mr. Mann (principal of the Hebrew High School) and Mrs. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sieradzki, Dr. Meskin and party, Mr. and Mrs. Janower, Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Hirsch, Mrs. Light, Mrs. A. M. Lipschitz, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gluckman, Mr. and Mrs. Witkin, Mr. and Mrs. George Nathanson, Mr. and Mrs. Klipin, Mr. S. M. Goldstein and party, Mr. and Mrs. A. Isaacs, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bradlow, Rev. and Mrs. N. Lopati and Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson and party. Abler's band played for dancing, and dainty supper was served during the evening.

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