



By PENELOPE.

The Police Commission.

Johannesburg appears to be settling down to a quiet season; I say "appears" advisedly, because with an impulsive population such as ours, you never know when something funny is going to crop up. Our latest excitement is the Report of the Police Commission, I see that we are not to have an augmented police force. In fact quite the contrary. We are considered so law-abiding that the Government is going to practise economy as far as the guardians of the peace are concerned. Women police are not to be appointed, though quite a number of local women's Societies have sent forward recommendations as to the necessity of such appointments. Personally I have not made up my mind whether such appointments are necessary or even advisable in this country. I am inclined to think that prevention of immorality and crime should rather be the aim of reformers than the curing of the ill when it has reached the Police Court stage.

The Old Boys' Fete.

There has, as you all know, been a tremendous lot of talk in the town about the morals of the working girl (and others) and round table talks and conferences are proceeding, all with the laudable object of tackling the problem. The woman who to my mind hit the right nail on the head, and who has had a wide experience amongst girls and women in all classes and stages of social life, considers that one of the Royal Roads to a sane and clean existence lies in the playing fields. She wants to see more and more sports field for girls and boys alike. I quite agree with her and that is why I want to see everyone supporting the Old Boys' Fete which takes place next month. The Old Boys' Associations of King Edward, Jeppe High and St. John's are combining in a tremendous drive to raise money with the object of starting Club grounds for games and swimming, and I think anyone with vision can see even further developments in the way of recreation Clubs, arising from this effort. Many people who have been asked to subscribe towards the funds and the expenses of the fete argue that they should not be called upon for an effort that is not for charity. Such people are, I think, lamentably narrow in their outlook and incapable of realising how important to our young manhood, and therefore by reflection to our young womanhood, the organisation of healthy amusements and occupations is.

No one can deny that Johannesburg lacks natural outlets for youthful energy, play grounds are limited, swimming baths few, and the surrounding country is poor in attractions for the people who do not possess cars of their own.

The young man fresh from school will have a right to his own play grounds where he can keep in touch with his old friends and be prevented from growing up too quickly when the Old Boys' Asso-

ciations succeed in carrying out their laudable plans.

Jewish Women's Benevolent Society.

I hear that the Jewish Women's Benevolent Society is making a big effort for wider membership and that they are organising one of their successful Concert Teas at the Lounge on the 25th of May. I hope to collect further details as to their programme by next week. Mrs. Lena Frankel is the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Reuvid the President and Mrs. Braude Vice-President. Tickets are 2/6 and anyone who goes to the concert will be assured of a pleasant afternoon, for these shows are very well arranged at the Corner Lounge.

Jewish Guild and "Faust."

There seems to be a very ambitious and efficient crowd of amateurs connected with dramatic and operatic effort at the Jewish Guild. They are busy rehearsing "Faust" with a chorus of 40 singers trained and directed by Signor Margottini, orchestra conducted and trained by Signor Angelo Casiraghi, dancing by Pearl Adler and Lily Browse, the latter being also Premiere Danseuse with a Corps de Ballet of eight trained dancers, pupils of the Adler Browse Studio, and the whole production under Mr. Feitelberg. The production will be ready within the next few weeks and I hear that it is to be followed by "The Golden Moth" at the Standard later in the year.

Good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Anstey.

The popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Anstey was shown last week when 200 members of their staff assembled at the Automobile Club at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anstey. The entertainment was an afternoon reception, a dinner and a dance. Mr. Ernest Anstey, Mr. Snell and Miss Anderson made graceful and appreciative speeches, and Mr. William Anstey, in responding, commented on the happy and amicable relationship which had existed between all concerned in the management, and said that he felt sure that the same constant and loyal support would be extended to Mr. Ernest Anstey and the partners in the firm as it had been his good fortune to experience.

A beautiful fitted suit case and illuminated address were presented by Mr. Snell on behalf of the firm and a fitted handbag to Mrs. Anstey and diamond tie pin to Mr. Anstey by Miss Anderson on behalf of the staff. At the dance which followed the dinner the Jazz Maniacs played and many guests outside the firm attended. Among those present at the dinner, in addition to 200 members of the staff, were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anstey, Mr. and Mrs. William Anstey, Mrs. N. Anstey and Miss Puntney, Mr. and Mrs. Snell, Mr. Hindley, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Windsor, Mr. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. Jee, Mr. and Mrs. Golding, Mr. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Clay, Miss Anderson and Miss Johnstone.

Children's Colds.

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