

Durban Doings.

THE SOKOLOW VISIT.

THE TOWN HALL CABARET.

GENERAL NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Since the period covered by your correspondent's last epistle, the Jewish activity of Durban has succumbed to Sokolow. That great name has eclipsed the usual matters forming the staple of Durban doings. Perhaps it would be true to say that everything merged into the one thing. What dominated local Jewry was the Sokolow delegation and the Keren Hayesod campaign. Even the Circle Cabaret which took place on Tuesday night, the 15th June, in accordance with arrangement quite independent of Sokolow—it became the beautiful living frame for the living portrait of that great personality in contemporary world Jewry. Of the cabaret more anon. Monday evening, the 14th June, would ordinarily have been taken up by the usual Circle function; but instead it became the "night out" for the great mass meeting in the Keren Hayesod campaign. The huge Town Hall had hardly ever—certainly very rarely—seen such a vast concourse of our fellow Jews and Jewesses. Apart from Sokolow it was a demonstration of the unprecedented numerical strength of our population which is evidently growing by leaps and bounds. The arrival of Mr. Sokolow, Dr. Celina Sokolow, Dr. Hindes followed by Mr. Hillman (the chairman), Rev. E. M. Levy, M.A., Mr. S. Bloom and Mr. Cecil Lyons, was the signal for a great outburst of cheering. The speakers were Mr. Hillman, Mrs. Morrison, Dr. Hindes and Rev. Levy. Mr. Cecil Lyons performed yeoman service in connection with the canvass and the evening ended not only with "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King," but with a grand total of £5,500. That total is still mounting up and the canvass proceeds.

This great mass meeting had as its forerunner a dinner at the Marine Hotel. Mr. Hillman (President of the Keren Hayesod Campaign) was in the chair, and in addition to the loyal toasts there were toasts eloquently proposed and received respectively by Rev. E. M. Levy, M.A., "Erez Yisroel," to which Mr. S. Bloom responded; Mr. H. Hillman, The Keren Hayesod, and Mr. S. Nathanson responded; Mr. F. C. Hollander, J.P., "Our Guests," to which Dr. Hindes responded, followed by the never-to-be-forgotten speech of the evening by Mr. Sokolow. The enthusiasm prevailing amongst the large gathering was immense.

There is much else upon which it would be possible to enlarge in connection with Sokolow—the rousing Mayoral and communal reception at the quayside to meet Mr. Sokolow on the Kenilworth Castle, the picturesque figures cut by the Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster K. Rosendorff, who formed a guard of honour and by means of large palm-branches made a green archway through which the leader passed from the gangway to his motor car; the children's demonstration at the Park Street Synagogue under the direction of Rev. E. M. Levy, M.A., which Mr. Sokolow attended, accompanied by Dr. Celina Sokolow and Dr. Hindes—these incidents and many of a more unofficial character form milestones in the triumphal pro-

gress of Mr. Sokolow through the streets and hearts of Durban. He was hailed as a national hero and much of your valuable space would be required to give you a real verbal photograph of the happenings. At the "send off" Mr. Sokolow and party were greeted by a large gathering at the station, who sang the "Hatikvah" as the train to Pretoria steamed out.

The cabaret at the Town Hall under the auspices of the Circle, casually referred to above, was an unqualified success. There prevailed an extremely sociable tone and the receipts broke all previous records. The proceeds are for "our orphans." The big undertaking could not have been the great success it was without the self-sacrificing labours of that gallant band of workers who sacrifice so much for the cause of Judaism in the town—the Executive of the Durban Jewish Circle.

Personal Matters.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Barney Levy of Manning Road upon the arrival of a son. The Bris Milah took place on Tuesday, the 15th June, and proved a very interesting gathering. Rev. Levy presided and proposed "The Child." He left the main oratorical burden to be borne by that eminent disciple of Sokolow, Dr. Hindes, who was very eloquent upon the bond uniting Jewry throughout the world. Rev. Menachemson, the "Chazan" and "Mohel," was also stirred to a rousing oratorical effort. His was a moving speech. A considerable sum donated by Mr. and Mrs. Levy and others to the Keren Hayesod was announced, and the proceedings concluded with the "Hatikvah."

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Deep sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Greenstone of College Lane, who lost a son, a promising lad of 18. There was an exceptionally large gathering at the interment. Great sympathy with the bereaved is also felt for the death of Mrs. Chanani of Newmarket Street.

"The Circle" Weekly Function.

On Monday evening, the 21st inst., the usual Circle weekly function took the form of a hat debate. Mr. S. Moshal presided over a fairly large audience and an evening both entertaining and intellectual was spent. Amongst the subjects discussed were "The flag question," "Nahum Sokolow," "The Jewish Consciousness," "Should married women dance." The speakers included Mr. Cecil Lyons, Mr. H. Hillman, Mrs. Katzen, Rev. E. M. Levy, M.A., Mr. Blumenthal, Miss T. Moshal.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillman's Party.

A prominent event in the social life of Durban Jewry took place on Saturday night, the 26th inst., when Mr. and Mrs. H. Hillman held a fancy dress ball at their residence "Langhill," Innes Road. The "tout ensemble" presented a brilliant spectacle of shimmering fairy lamps in the garden (where supper was served) and gorgeous colour and picturesque costumes of the guests. An efficient orchestra was in attendance and a most enjoyable programme of dancing was gone through. The fancy dress costumes worn were without exception highly interesting and attractive, and were in themselves eloquent testimony to the artistic feeling lying latent in Durban for further development. Miss Florrie Linder sang some very beautiful items suitable to the frock she wore—that of an early Victorian demure Miss—from her varied repertoire and took the hearts by storm of the large and brilliant gathering. The affair will long be remembered as a further tribute to the qualities of Mr. and Mrs. Hillman as a charming host and hostess.