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CAPETOWN COMMENTS.

THE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

S.A. HEBREW DIVIDING BENEFIT SOCIETY.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

If the success that attended the recent House to House Campaign for funds for the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians was not as great a success as expected by the Committee, one thing at least was achieved. The Board has received much advertisement and publicity, of which it has always been in need. For obvious reasons the Board has to work quietly and unostentatiously; it has to function without fuss or flair, and relies upon the generosity of the Community to provide the means to enable them to discharge their duties for the benefit of our poor and to the satisfaction of the Jewish public. The Board's greatest drawback has been the lack of publicity whereby the work done can be made known in detail to the public. To a great extent the recent campaign has remedied this. The responsibility for maintaining the Board should be more generally shared. If every member of the Community able to do so became an annual subscriber, the Board would find no necessity to issue frantic appeals for aid and find themselves in the position that obtained just prior to the Campaign. One fact remains, however, the fair financial success achieved is but a temporary palliative; it will not remove the ills that continually beset the Committee. Consistency in the support must be maintained now and always. The work of the Board will be consolidated if the many hundreds of co-religionists will enrol as subscribing members. It must be borne in mind that by helping the Board the Community helps itself.

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When the Committee of the Board of Guardians gave out their S.O.S. call, there was a gratifying response from the ladies of the Community, who ungrudgingly gave their services and systematically combed town and suburbs for donations and subscriptions. Well-known social workers came forward in the noble cause of charity, and great credit is due to them for the success achieved. In addition to taking part in the House to House Campaign those indefatigable workers, Mrs. Dolly Buirski and Mrs. I. Jacobs, of Tamboers Kloof, set out to raise money by other means, and as a result of two house parties and a surprise party, the considerable sum of £73 was handed in to the Board. The house parties were held at the residences of these ladies and were attended with much success. The surprise party, organised by the Misses Gladys, Eva and Tuts Jacobs and Cissie Buirski was held at the Guild Rooms last Wednesday. The attendance was affected by several counter attractions, including the Hospital Ball, nevertheless there were over 80 people present. The mothers of the organisers, Mrs. D. Buirski and Mrs. I. Jacobs, saw to the catering arrangements. Bright music, supplied by the Elite Orchestra, light hearted dancing and excellent refreshments made a very enjoyable evening.

An interesting announcement was made at Mrs. Jacobs' house party. It was the engagement of her daughter Gladys to Mr. Jack Berman, of Kloof Street. The news was received with much enthusiasm for both Miss Jacobs and Mr. Berman are well known and popular members of the younger section of local Jewry. Both are keen social workers and always ready to give their services in a good cause.

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The half yearly meeting of the S.A. Hebrew Dividing Benefit Society was held on Sunday morning, when the President, Mr. H. Leventosh, occupied the chair. There was a good attendance when the Balance Sheet and subsidiary fund accounts for the half year were presented. The Reserve Fund showed a balance of £1,823 14s. 11d. £177 16s. 1d. had been contributed to the Sick and Funeral Fund as against which £308 13s. 6d. had been disbursed on sick pay, death allowances, funeral charges, tombstone allowances, etc. The Balance Sheet showed assets of £1,960 0s. 10d., representing Union Loan Certificates, Government Stock and deposits in the Good Hope and Post Office Savings Banks. In addition to contributions by members to the Sick and Funeral Fund during the period reviewed, £56 5s. 3d. was paid to the Management Fund, £10 17s. 0d. was paid in quarterly fees, whilst overage fees brought in £5 12s. 0d. Interest amounted to £27 17s. 2d. The total income for the six months was £287 9s. 6d.

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With characteristic energy, Miss Lily Frank has organised a grand concert to be held in the Railway Institute on the 22nd inst., and, judging by the talent she has gathered around her, an exceptional programme will be presented. Bookings have been very satisfactory, and there should be a goodly sum available for allocation between the Orphanage and the Board of Guardians, in whose names the Concert is being held. A feature of the programme will be the inclusion of several young people who distinguished themselves in recent Eisteddfods.

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The Cape Jewish Orphanage is also feeling the effects of a great falling off in revenue. Every month, since the beginning of the year, there has been a large deficit, and the necessary reserves are being encroached upon to an alarming extent. The Committee, realising the heavy demands made upon the Community of late, are not making a direct appeal, but have arranged a Motor Car Competition on similar lines to that run last year. Then the result was eminently satisfactory. An Essex Six Coach has now been acquired and this well known car awaits some lucky investor of a ten shilling note.

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CHARITY, THE MIGHTIEST THING ON EARTH.

There are ten strong things in the world.
The rock is strong, but iron breaks it;
The iron's strong, but fire can melt it;
The fire is strong, water can quench it;
Water is strong, the clouds absorb it;
The clouds are strong, the wind disperse them;
The wind is strong, but fear unmans him;
Man's fear is strong, but wine removes it;
And wine is strong, but sleep dispels it;
But stronger than all these is death!
Yet charity can save from death.

Baba Bathra