



**The Birthday Ball.**

The Publicity Committee and those connected with them are to be heartily congratulated upon the success which they achieved at the dance given at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening in commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Johannesburg. The decorations were both original and charming. In the centre of the platform was placed a mine head-gear in miniature, electrically lighted, which served the novel purpose of a bandstand for the members of the Capetown Orchestra and Adeler's band, who were attired as pioneer miners. From the centre of the ballroom swung a centrepiece from which ropes of greenery, intertwined with golden lights and Chinese lanterns, were carried to the boxes, which in their turn were canopied in gold and mauve, hung with baskets of flowers and draped with banners. The balcony and walls were decorated with greenery and soft yellow lights, and the lampshades round the ballroom embodied the now-familiar sign of the Publicity Association. In the centre of the hall beneath a huge globe of colour was an octagonal brightly-coloured centrepiece, which was the cause of much speculation, until at a later stage of the programme it opened to reveal a bevy of pretty girls, all Johannesburg dancing teachers, dressed as roses, who gave a charming ballet.

In honour of the occasion His Excellency the Governor-General the Earl of Athlone and Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, came over from Pretoria for the ball. At the vice-regal table at supper were Her Royal Highness Princess Alice the Countess of Athlone, Lady May Cambridge, Viscount Trematon, Captain J. N. P. Lascelles, the Mayor and Mayoress, Sir Llewellyn and Lady Andersson, the Administrator of the Transvaal and Mrs. Hofmeyr, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Allen, Mrs. G. M. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Crocker, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Buckle, Mr. and Miss French, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Lindbergh, and Mr. O. J. J. van Wyk.

Very beautiful dresses were worn and as these have been given full publicity to in the columns of the dailies it is hardly necessary for me to describe them in detail. In fancy costumes about two hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen competed and displayed

some very charming, faithful and original styles of dress. The judges were Mrs. E. M. Ramsay, Miss Bompas, Mrs. Rothkugel, Messrs. J. Albrecht and F. Thomas, and their awards were as follows: Early South African Period: 1, Dutch Huguenot (Mrs. Coates). No competitors appeared in the 1886 section. The most original costume was worn by Mrs. Edward Benjamin, as "Then and Now," and the second prize was won by Miss D. Sims, as "Spider." The best-dressed lady was Mrs. Rakow, as "Eastern Tea Picker," Mrs. Pienaar being highly commended for her costume of a Parsee Lady. Mr. Stayt won the prize for the best dressed man, as "Chinese Mandarin," and Mr. Joffe the most humorous, as "Little Johannesburg." The prize for the best couple was won by Mrs. Lensvelt and Mr. Baumbach, as Hollanders, and the second by Mr. J. Dean and Miss Marsh, as Indian Prince and Princess.

After H.R.H. Princess Alice had presented the prizes to the successful competitors dancing was resumed and kept up until the early hours of Thursday morning. The catering was excellent and very different to that usually found at such big public dances and so I am glad of the opportunity of handing out congratulations to Messrs. J. W. Quinn & Co. who were responsible for it.

**My Lady's Sandwich.**

It is wonderful how much the eating of sandwiches is on the increase in Johannesburg and how many little places there are where dainty packages of a few sandwiches of many different kinds can be obtained for the expenditure of a few pence. These are singularly useful to people in offices who do not want to take the trouble of going out for lunch or even for the typiste who is not crazy about sweet cakes to have with her morning or her afternoon tea. I like to think of sandwiches as dainty little ladies of high degree—the essential of a sandwich being daintiness. It is a treat to meet a sandwich which is not tongue or beef or cucumber. A little care, and a use of your imagination, will enable you to contrive for yourself and for your tea or picnic or supper friends delicate and delicious sandwiches, which will earn you gratitude and bring flattering inquiries as to how it's done. Here are a few hints and suggestions.

The obvious is often forgotten, so I say staleish bread, white or—better in many cases—brown, cut thin, crust all off. For various sandwiches this special butter is helpful and a time saver. With a quarter of a pound of best butter mix in a wee little

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lot of salt, a pinch of cayenne or freshly ground grey pepper, and a little made mustard. Occasionally add a few drops of lemon juice. There are other butters which are complete sandwich fillers, such as anchovy butter, made with mashed anchovies, not with paste, curry powder, chopped parsley, chopped meat, chopped capers or olives, tomato ketchup, etc. Think out the etceteras. What about cream cheese, mixed with bananas, or capers, or chopped olives, etc.?

#### Suffrage in India.

The fact that we South Africans have a deputation or sort of temporary Embassy over in India at the moment draws our attention to the fact that the removal of the sex barrier will enable Indian women both to vote and to stand for election to the legislative bodies, the interest attaching to the November elections will be greatly increased. Although India is admittedly a place of striking contrasts, surely nothing could be more anomalous than the fact that a country whose women still keep purdah or are confined to the harem should give them a greater share of political freedom than is enjoyed by some of their European sisters. Mrs. Naidu, the Indian poetess, who will be remembered as having visited South Africa last year, and several other highly-educated women, hope to stand for election. Even should none of them be returned, they have no cause to regard their achievements as being so very far behind those women in Great Britain, who, with all their freedom, yet have only six M.P.'s of their own sex.

For authority the Indian women's emancipation movement refers back to the days of ancient Indian civilisation, when the women had legal rights, were sometimes political leaders, and stood by their men in times of national crisis. There is a historic record of the bravery of the women of Rajputana, who on one occasion died in battle rather than fall into the hands of their foes. There have been great and wise Indian women rulers, and the

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#### ALL OUT OF SORTS?

**So was this Braamfontein Woman who tells her Experience.**

All too often, women accept their pains and aches as natural to their sex. They fail to realise that weak kidneys are often to blame for that backache, those headaches, dropsical swellings, rheumatic twinges, dizzy spells and that tired depressed feeling. Thousands have found new health and strength by helping the weakened kidneys with Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. This Braamfontein case is one of many:

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mother of the present Maharaja of Mysore is a highly cultured and popular Princess, who, as Regent, administered her son's State for many years.

Women enfranchised under the property qualifications which are the basis of the concession do not number much over a million. But the last census revealed the fact that only three million women are literate, as compared with twenty million men. Nevertheless the beginning that has been made constitutes as big a development as would be acceptable to large numbers of the present generation, rooted in traditions which are threatened by these modern innovations.

#### The Opposition.

Many women do not understand the vote, and declare that such things are for the menfolk only. Others ridicule the granting of it to the female sex. As may well be supposed, many of the men are bitterly opposed to it, and with their womenfolk regard developments in the direction of women's emancipation with great disfavour. However, many members of the younger generation are absorbing the idea of the new freedom and responsibilities of women. That sorely-needed newcomer to community life, the professional Indian woman, is doing a great deal to break down barriers, even as professional women did in this country. So greatly are medical women needed in a country where maternal and infant mortality are terribly high that the parents of high-class girls are becoming reconciled to the idea of their daughters adopting this profession. A very important step in this connection was the establishment of Lady Reading's College, which saves girls the necessity of coming to England to study for medicine. So one sees that a Jewish woman has had quite a big hand in the emancipation of her sex in the country of her husband's wise governance!

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#### THE SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP.

##### FIRST AWARD MADE.

The South African Jewish Scholarship, founded and financed by Mr. E. H. Cotton, J.P., and Sir Lewis Richardson, Bt., has been awarded to Mr. Abe Tobie Shrock. Mr. Shrock was born in Capetown on 27th May, 1906, where he received his early education. He has passed:

- (a) The Lower Taalbond Examination (1920), First Class, with prize;
- (b) The Junior Certificate Examination (1921), First Class, First Division, with prize;
- (c) The London Matriculation (1924), First Class (for which he sat in South Africa).

He then came to London and became a student of Jews' College in October, 1924. Last year he passed the Special Intermediate Arts Examination.

It is Mr. Shrock's intention to pass the Examination for the Rabbinical Diploma before returning to South Africa.

The Scholarship is administered on behalf of the Trustees by the Council of the Jewish War Memorial.

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Professor Vittorio Ascoli, of Rome University, is at the head of the delegation of medical men which has been appointed by the Italian Government to attend the Medical Congress at Buenos Aires. Professor Ascoli will also deliver a course of lectures in Brazil, and will participate in the Anti-Tuberculosis Congress in Washington.