

## In and Around the Town.

58 Burg Street,  
Thursday.

### FEDERATION.

A step in the direction of federation of charities was taken in the early part of last year, when five of the principal institutions of Cape Town joined together so far as their annual balls were concerned. It was felt at the time that by cutting down the number of such affairs to three, the financial result to each of the institutions concerned would be no less than when each individual organisation ran their own, whilst at the same time a benefit would be conferred upon the subscribing public by reducing the number of calls upon them, and would also be the means of obviating a great deal of the work which fell upon the shoulders of the same people year after year. Those who have visualised the amalgamation of charitable societies saw in this innovation a sort of test, and were rightly of the opinion that, if the result was satisfactory, much would have been accomplished in their endeavours to unite various charitable institutions. This amalgamation of the societies so far as the dances are concerned was watched with great interest and no little anxiety by the protagonists of federation.

### UNITED EFFORT A FAILURE.

One is now in a position to judge as to the success or otherwise of the venture, and I am sure that much regret will be felt in federation circles to know the comparatively small amount which each of the five organisations have received as a result of the united effort. Financially it has been a dismal failure, and it is very significant that the result of the second ball was a drop as regards the opening dance, whilst the third and last showed a very great difference between that and the second. It is seldom if ever that any institution fails to realise a great deal more from individual efforts than the amount received as a result of united effort.

### LACK OF NEW WORKERS.

Then as regards the workers, here again there was no improvement, for one saw the same few stalwarts coming forward for each of the three functions. No new blood appears to have been introduced, whereas it was anticipated that in the amalgamating of the societies there would be a great army of workers who could have assured a greater financial success than is achieved when each society works on its own initiative. One has every reason to believe as a consequence that the experiment will not be repeated this year, and already there is talk of convening a meeting of all the societies, as was previously the case, for the purpose of fixing upon dates in order that the events shall not clash. On all sides one hears expressions of dissatisfaction as regards the result of the 1928 innovation. It is a great pity that such should be the

case, for, if this is an indication of how the spirit of co-operation and the usefulness of federation is received, then we must view with caution the greater idea of uniting all societies under one central body. It is hard to find reasons for the poor response to the united effort. On the one hand prior to its introduction people clamoured for a reduction in the number of affairs, and all prognosticated that nothing would be lost by having three balls instead of the usual five individual functions. Whether the result can be taken as an indication of how the scheme for federating charities will be received is, of course, a debatable point. At the same time, those who are working towards that end may be well advised to explore the position thoroughly before embarking on a scheme which the community may yet not be ready to receive.

### LIKE FATHER LIKE SON.

Mr. Henry Mond, son of Lord Melchett, is following in his father's footsteps, so far as politics are concerned. Mr. Mond is the prospective Conservative candidate for the East Toxteth Division of Liverpool, where he is making a good impression as a speaker and for his alert outlook on politics. He has made a study of the unemployment question, and is therefore able to speak authoritatively on this topic. It is a difficult matter to handle at the present time, but it is one that will loom very prominently during the forthcoming British elections. In a recent statement, comparing England with America, Mr. Mond said that people had the idea that the latter country was a most prosperous one, where everybody was well off. Admitting that America was in affluent circumstances, an impression formed by his last visit there, Mr. Mond says that the United States does not advertise the fact that that country has between three and four million unemployed, no dole and no National Health Insurance. Startling facts these, and facts which should illustrate that, however bad things may appear to be in the Old Country, they compare very favourably with America, with all its vaunted prosperity.

### JEWISH COLONISATION FUND.

A public meeting, under the auspices of the Jewish Colonisation Fund (Association for the settling of Jews of Russia on the land), was held in the Old Synagogue on Sunday, and was well attended. The meeting was intended as a public challenge to those who are unsympathetic or openly hostile to the work of the fund. The following resolution was adopted: "That this mass meeting, held in the Old Synagogue, Cape Town, places on record its fullest appreciation of, and entire sympathy with, the historic rebuilding work which is taking place in Russia, to establish the Jewish masses in industry and agriculture, thus laying the foundation of a healthy and cultural regeneration of the Jewish people. Further, this

meeting condemns the aloofness and inactivity of a portion of the Jewish community of Cape Town towards the fund, and, particularly, the attitude of that section which, from ostensibly 'Nationalistic motives,' opposes, and boycotts the work of Jewish Colonisation in Russia."

### MUIZENBERG DANCE.

Despite the intense heat, the annual dance, organised by Mrs. Bobbie Barnett, under the auspices of the Muizenberg Jewish Ladies' Society, and held at the Marine Hotel, was very well supported, with the result that local charities will benefit considerably. At this time of the year Muizenberg is crowded with up-country visitors, and these, combined with dancers from Muizenberg and Cape Town, helped along the gaiety of the occasion. Dancing was none too comfortable, but a full floor was more the rule than the exception. Miss Raye Levine's Orchestra was in attendance, and one was impressed with the excellence of the music by this all-ladies' formation. The financial side was enhanced by a sale of fancy caps, and a "number prize"—a box of chocolates—was won by Mrs. L. Feitelberg.

The ladies' committee, consisting of Mrs. Bobby Barnett (lady president), Mrs. Claude Salmon (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Clain, Mrs. Blumenthal, Mrs. Canard, Mrs. Greenbaum, Mrs. L. Barnett, Mrs. Jocum, Mrs. Schur, Mrs. Guttwoch, and Mrs. Koenigsfest, are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

### SAREMBOCK HONOURED.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sarembok, of "Klein Preuss," Ceres, have been honoured with a visit from the Governor-General and Princess Alice, Lady May Cambridge, and members of the Government House staff. The Royal Party were in Ceres, and expressed a desire to inspect the famous Sarembok fruit estates. They showed a keen interest in the up-to-date methods used by Mr. Sarembok in the production of the various varieties of fruit, which have made his name as a producer of merit. After an exhaustive survey, lunch was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Sarembok in their charming homestead. The Saremboks have been visited by and have entertained many celebrities on various occasions, but never before by such distinguished guests as the Earl of Athlone and his family.

### A MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE.

I was glad to see that a movement is on foot in Johannesburg to purchase radium for the Johannesburg General Hospital. I have read many reports in London newspapers about the interest people are taking in cancer research work. Quite recently I pointed out in these columns how Jewish medical officers in London are tackling this most serious of all human problems, and a movement should be started in Cape Town to organise a "cancer fund." Meanwhile I have noticed in a Johannesburg journal that two prominent members of Rand Jewry have opened the fund with a sub-

(Continued on page 60).

## QUALITY CIGARETTES

and

## QUALITY GIFTS!

**BIG BEN**  
Turkish Cigarettes

**4d for 10**

The finest range of Gifts ever offered to Smokers in South Africa.

Call at the  
**GIFTS DEPOT**

**21, Adderley Street,  
CAPE TOWN.**

If unable, write for Catalogue to:—  
**WESTMINSTER TOBACCO CO.  
[C.T. & L] Ltd., Box 78, CAPE TOWN**

**MERCANTILE PRESS**

(A. W. ELFORD & CO., LTD.)

Printing of Distinction  
and Quality.

**143, LOOP STREET**  
(CORNER DORP & LOOP STREET)  
**CAPE TOWN**  
Phone: 4530 & 1234.



## IN AND AROUND THE TOWN.

(Continued from page 53.)

stantial donation. They are Messrs. Schneir and London. At first their donations appeared anonymously in the Press. Incidentally I learn that Messrs. Schneir and London have now decided to hand to the "Star" a cheque for £500 for the radium fund without any condition whatever, and in order to make the radium campaign a greater and speedier success offer to increase the amount to £1,000, providing nineteen other individual donors each contribute £1,000.

## THE LETTER.

I think my readers will be interested in the letter which Messrs. Schneir and London sent to the "Star," and I therefore reproduce it:—

"We originally made an anonymous offer through your valuable paper to donate £500 or £1,000 for the purchase of radium, provided nineteen others would contribute similar amounts. We realised that the need for radium was great, and that relief should be forthcoming in the speediest possible manner. Despite every effort made by you through your columns, progress up to now has been very slow.

"In view of a certain feeling apparently prevailing in the minds of the public as reflected by remarks in the Press, and particularly by Mr. Samuel Thomson, that the amount stipulated was rather high, and that an opportunity to subscribe to the Radium Fund to the best of its financial ability should be given to it, we have decided to hand you our cheque for £500, without any conditions whatsoever.

"In order, however, to make this radium campaign a greater and speedier success, we herewith offer to increase the above amount to £1,000 should nineteen other individual donors each contribute £1,000."

I hope that such a spirit of generosity to worthy objects will induce the wealthy members of our community to commence a similar radium fund for Cape Town hospitals. It is a blessing to sponsor such a noble charity.

## MASTER OF SYNCOPATION.

Although Mr. Peter Bernard, who has been appearing at the Tivoli, was born in America, he spent many years in London, and he is a great favourite in the East End, where he is always ready and willing to lend his services in the name of Jewish charity. Wherever he is showing, his is an open invitation to Jewish organisations to call upon him to help them to raise money for the "under-dog." This is his first visit to South Africa, and so far he has made a distinct hit—particularly among his co-religionists. He is described as a "Master of Syncopation," and, aided by a competent pianist, he immediately captures the fancy of his hearers. He has an inimitable way of rendering songs which are present-day "favourites." In London and New York he is well known as a song writer, and he has many popular numbers to his credit. Mr. Bernard is one of the few artists who appear on the stage minus the customary make-up, and it is interesting to know the reason for this. Some time ago, appearing in one of Mr. Albert de Courville's pro-

ductions, he was asked by the latter to appear at a hospital charity performance. On the way to their rendezvous, the taxi carrying them was involved in a smash, and Bernard was cut about the face. He insisted upon appearing, however, but owing to the condition of his face, was unable to "make-up." From that time onwards he discarded make-up of any description and comes out "just as he is."

## A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

There was a happy gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Marcus, Frere Road, Sea Point, on Sunday, when the birthday of Mrs. Jack Brodie (nee Rosie Stodel) was celebrated. The idea, Mrs. Marcus's, was a complete surprise to her sister, as was also the novel "surprise cake" presented to her. It was indeed a surprise cake, as was found when the cake was cut. It was a very happy evening, thoroughly enjoyed by the fifty odd people who had the privilege to be present. Mrs. Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stodel's youngest daughter, has been holidaying in the Peninsula, and the party was a climax to a very enjoyable sojourn. Members of her family were present, headed by her parents, and all were delighted to see Mrs. Stodel, who has been ill for some time. During the evening there were games and dancing on the stoep, which had been tastefully decorated, and an excellent supper was served during an interval. Mrs. Marcus is a very capable organiser—there have been many proofs of this, and it is, therefore, no wonder that the affair was such a great success.

## A HOUSE WARMER.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller entertained nearly three hundred guests at a "house warmer" at their residence, "Sunnyside Villa," Virginia Avenue, on Sunday night, whilst an opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Mr. Miller, who shortly leaves for a trip overseas. Mr. R. Weinberg was the chairman of the evening, and he referred in appropriate terms to the occasion. In the name of those present he wished Mr. and Mrs. Miller the best of luck in their new residence, at the same time wishing Mr. Miller bon voyage and a safe return from Europe. Among those present were Advocate Morris Alexander, Councillor J. Frank, Mr. A. Z. Berman, Mr. D. Prisman, Rev. Mr. Spektor (Roeland Street Synagogue) and Rabbi Kramer, of the Poneziz Hebrew Congregation. There were several speeches, and during the evening Mr. Spektor rendered several songs which were much enjoyed. The more orthodox section of the community was well represented, and this can be understood when it is mentioned that Mr. Miller's father has a prominent place in that section, and is an old member of the Poneziz Congregation.

## Reuben Brainin to visit South Africa.

We have received telegraphic advice that Mr. Reuben Brainin leaves Europe on the 16th proximo for South Africa, under the auspices of the Jewish Colonisation Movement of this country.

Mr. Reuben Brainin is the doyen of Hebrew literature, and is a leader in American Hebrew literature. He is also one of the foremost Jewish publicists in the world. He was the founder of Russian Zionism, and was attracted to the scheme for the settlement of Jews on the land in Russia, and has since devoted his energies to that project. Not so very long ago he visited Russia on a special mission at the instance of American Jewry, to see for himself the manner in which the Jewish Colonies in White Russia and the Crimea were faring. He then saw these Colonies in active work and was very impressed with what he witnessed. On his return to America he largely influenced Mr. Julius Rosenwald, the great American philanthropist, to contribute the sum of five million dollars to the fund for Jewish Land Settlement in Russia. Invited here by the Jewish Colonisation Fund of South Africa, Jewry will have the opportunity of seeing and hearing a distinguished son of Israel. No movement that has for its object the welfare of the masses fails to enlist his active support and advocacy. With perhaps one exception, Brainin can be regarded as the greatest Jew that will have ever visited these shores. In his day he has done a lot for Zionism, particularly in Russia, and through his activities has earned the title of "Father of Russian Zionism."

## THE JEW IN SOUTH AFRICAN LITERATURE.

(Continued from page 57.)

and prestige of those eminent Jews or Gentiles who helped to settle and welcome Jews in this land of the veld-free South Africa.

It is the nineteenth century that gives us a more appreciative place of the Jew in the literature of South Africa. The last hundred years of South African history are the years of pioneering efforts in all directions of our national life. The century, which we have now consigned to the museum of studied criticism and reminiscences, is an epical one, and deserves due recognition of its niche in the gallery of South African progressiveness. And the year 1820 marked a new era in the literary development of South Africa, for the

British Settlers brought out with their contingent a genius of the type of Thomas Pringle. And in 1824 the first South African independent newspaper was founded—the *S. A. Commercial Advertiser*—edited by John Fairbairn and Thomas Pringle, first editor of the famous *Blackwood's* magazine, and whose poetical works reveal a deep Biblical sounding. In Vol. 1, No. 9, of this newspaper is to be found a very eloquent anonymous poem "To a Beautiful Jewish Girl," based on the Apocryphal knowledge of the heroine Judith—a subject ever interesting and of which a 100 different play versions exist. In all probability—although some authorities declare it to be the work of Campbell, the best-known poet of that age—it is the work of Thomas Pringle and was first published on 3rd March, 1824. Oh Judith! had our lot been cast

In that remote and simple time,  
When, shepherd swains, thy father's  
pass'd  
From dreary wilds and deserts vast  
To Judah's happy clime;

My Song, upon the mountain rocks  
Had echoed oft thy rural charms,  
And I had fed thy father's flocks,  
Oh! Judith of the raven locks,  
To win thee to my arms!

Our tent, beside the murmur calm  
Of Jordan's grassy-vested shore,  
Had sought the shadows of the palm,  
And blest with Gilead's holy balm  
Our hospitable door.

At falling night, or ruby dawn,  
Or yellow moonlights' welcome  
cool,  
With health and gladness we had  
drawn,  
From silver fountains on the lawn,  
Our pitcher brimming full.

How sweet to us at sober hours  
The bird of Salem would have  
sung,  
In orange or in almond bowers—  
Fresh with the bloom of many  
flowers  
Like thee, for ever young!

But, ah, my love! Thy father's  
land,  
It shed no more a spicy bloom,  
Nor fills with fruit the reaper's  
hand;

But wide its silent wild's expand,  
A desert and a tomb!  
Thomas Pringle also included the above poem in the first volume of the *South African Journal*, of which he was one of the editors, and added the concluding verse of this anonymous poem.

Yet by the good and golden hours  
That dawned these rosy fields  
among,  
By Lion's palm—encircled towers,  
By Salem's far forsaken bowers,  
And long forgotten song . . .

(To be continued.)

'Phone 2526 Central.

## C. STUBER.

Seedsman and Nurseryman.

Wedding and Presentation Bouquets  
and Baskets artistically arranged.Synagogue and Hall Decorations a  
Speciality.

No Order too small.

45, ST. GEORGE'S STREET,  
CAPE TOWN.Food is safe from ants and flies in a  
room containing—

## ANTICIDE

Obtainable through all Chemists or  
Box 1458, Cape Town.

1/3 PER PACKET.