In and Around the Town.

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ORPHAN AID WEEK.

The General Committee of the Cape Jewish Orphanage has decided to institute throughout the Cape Province an Orphan Aid Week. The object of the Orphan Aid Week is to revive interest in the Cape Jewish Orphanage and to inaugurate a movement for the establishment of Orphan Aid Societies in the larger centres of Jewish population in the Cape Province. For the past three years the Cape Jewish Orphanage has been faced with deficits which in the aggregate have amounted to £3,000. The two outstanding causes have been the serious falling off in annual subscriptions and the growing responsibilities of the after-care section of the work. It must be remembered that as the children in the care of the Institution approach the period of manhood and womanhood, their material needs increase, and it is the duty of those who are entrusted with their well-being to so equip the children with careers so as to make it possible for them to be launched in life as useful self-supporting Jewish citizens.

REGULAR SOURCES OF OF REVENUE.

No special appeal for funds for the Institution has been made for several years, nor is it the intention of the Committee to make such an appeal now. It is, however, the considered opinion of the Committee that the time has arrived when the Orphanage must be placed in possession of regular reliable sources of income to enable it to continue its humanitarian and Jewish work in the most efficient manner possible. The only regular sources of income are annual subscriptions, and while the Committee is always grateful for the receipt of special donations and gifts in kind, it cannot rely on spasmodic and haphazard revenue, when the moral and material welfare of nearly 100 of our own are dependent on the results. The Orphan Aid Week has therefore been devised and is intended to be an annual feature to take place during the week in which the feast of Purim is celebrated. This year Purim falls on Tuesday, 26th March, and the Committee of the Jewish Orphanage intends making a personal appeal to all Jewish congregations, institutions and organisations in the several cities, towns and villages throughout the Cape Province to fall into line with this Orphan Aid Week Scheme and organise a personal canvass for annual subscribers.

AN APPEAL TO JEWRY.

Where possible it is hoped that a function such as a Purim Concert or Purim Ball will be organised in augmentation of the funds of the Orphanage.

The Cape Jewish Orphanage Committee realises that this will mean a sacrifice of time and energy, but the Committee also realises that every effort for the welfare of the Jewish people involves sacrifice, and where better can such sacrifice and energy be devoted than in the cause of the helpless Jewish orphan? In an analysis recently made of supporters of the Cape Jewish Orphanage, it has been unfortunately found that there are many centres of Jewish population in the Cape Province which do not contain a single subscriber to the Institution. The Committee hope to remedy this, and it appeals to Jewry of the Cape Province to co-operate in the endeavour to obviate the necessity for a public appeal by enrolling every Jew and Jewess as a regular annual subscriber of the Institution, which deserves so well of the community.

EVOLUTION V. REVOLUTION.

In this week's Sedra, Exodus 23, verses 29 and 30, we read: "I will not drive them out from before thee in one year, lest the land become desolated, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee until thou be increased and inherit the land."

Wherever one turns one hears the statement that ten years have elapsed since the Balfour Declaration was issued, and yet Palestine is still far from being truly the "Eretz Israel," the land of Israel. If our pessimists would only read a little of what was foretold in the Book of Books, they would soon realise that the establishment of a country is not like moving chattles from one place to another and being established in a few days. Moses in his wisdom could see that there were some among our people who imagined that all that was required for the fulfilment of the promise to the patriarchs, was to take them out of Egypt, and within a twinkling of an eye establish them in their own land. Hence at a very early stage the people had to be told that things could be worked by *revolution* but rather by *evolution*. Things must take their natural course. "I will not drive them out from before thee in one year. . . . By little and little I will drive them out from before thee until thou be increased and inherit the land." The ultimate borders of the land are even mentioned (in verse 31): "And I will set thy bounds from the Red Sea even unto the sea of the Philistines and from the desert unto the river. . . ." In later days after the 70 years of captivity, we find Isaiah II. delivering the most encouraging message to those who were returning to the land of Promise, and he was certainly careful enough to mention the identical thing so that they should not meet with disappointment (Isaiah 66, verse 8): "Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day, or shall a nation be born at once? . . . "

Our answer to-day to those who lack patience is the same as in the days of old.

MR. G. KAZINOFF.

Mr. G. Kazinoff, the young South African Jewish singer, whose performances gave so much pleasure in Cape Town last October, writes to tell me that he is leaving for Europe with his wife on the "Toledo," sailing 19th February. H expects to join the Russian opera in Paris for the season.

He is to sing with the Orchestra on Saturday, 16th February. This appearance will be in the nature of a farewell concert with the Orchestra. Kazinoff will sing an Aria from the "Flying Dutchman" and some of his popular Russian items, including the "Volga Boatman."

It will be remembered that Kazinoff, though still very young, has a powerful and mature bass voice. He has just completed a successful tour with Margaret Fairless. His progress overseas will be watched with much interest by friends and well-wishers in this country.

HEARD AT MUIZENBERG.

Young Visitor (aged 5): "Mummy, are Christian people allowed in the Alexandra Hotel?

IRMA STERN'S EXHIBITION.

Our readers will no doubt recall an article on Irma Stern, which appeared in "Out of the Ordinary" some months ago. Since the appearance of this article Miss Stern has had but little peace for there are those amongst us who regretted that this great artist should carry the fruits of her labours in South Africa, her home country, overseas to the Continent and America without giving South Africans a chance to see and acquire her work.

With unexpected suddenness Irma Stern has decided to exhibit in Cape Town, and our pleasure at her decision is undoubtedly shared by numbers of our readers.

The exhibition will be held at Ashbey's, 91, Long Street, from 6th to 19th February.

Irma Stern has a magnificent technique and a wide range of subject matter. Her flower studies are full of South African sunshine, warmth and luxuriant colouring. Rich and beautiful chrysanthemums, golden sunflowers in their summer ripeness and stately and exquisitely beautiful magnolias are flowers rich, rare and exotic, that bloom in the garden of this prolific South African artist's work.

Her native studies, vivid and natural, cannot fail to evoke admiration.

Lovers of art will be pleased at the opportunity to acquire some of the black and white and charcoal native studies which fall within the range of a humble purse.

It would indeed be a splendid gesture on the part of the Jewish community, and a fitting tribute to the work of a renowned Jewish artist, if a few of our local people

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were the first to present to the new Art Gallery one of Irma Stern's pictures. That the Jew does appreciate art, Sir Max Michaelis has shown the country on a liberal scale. Here is yet another opportunity for private beneficence.

VISIT OF SIR EDWARD AND LADY STERN.

Among the arrivals by mail on Monday were Sir Edward and Lady Stern, who have come to Cape Town on a health trip. They are staying at the Mount Nelson Hotel, where they will remain until their departure on the 22nd inst.

This is Sir Edward's second visit to South Africa, for this well-known banker, who is the head of the firm of Stern Brothers, came here on a similar trip thirty years ago. On that occasion he went to Kimberley, Johannesburg, Durban and Port Elizabeth as well. He notes a wonderful improvement in the growth and development of Cape Town.

Sir Edward was somewhat surprised at the increase of the Jewish population and was much interested to hear that many Jews have taken to the land in this country. At first he could not understand how people could take up farming in country as dry as he had seen it while motoring out to Sir Lionel Phillips' residence yesterday.

So wide an interest in diverse topics did Sir Edward Stern display that we could not help remarking:

"You are interested in many things, Sir Edward."

"Oh, yes, of course, I am," was the reply. "All Jewish people are."

AMERICAN JEWISH GLOBE-TROTTER IN TOWN.

"I have been twelve, or is it fifteen, times round the world," said Mr. Abe Goodman, of Memphis, U.S.A., who arrived on the "Carinthia" on Tuesday, "but I think that the drive I took this afternoon to Cape Point is second to none."

This was indeed a fine tribute from so wide a traveller, and he went on to say that Cape Town was in every way far more advanced than he had expected.

Mr. Goodman is a big man in the Southern States, and is largely interested in cotton. A former bank president and member of Goodman Bros., real estate firm, Mr. Goodman has never found a country where he could not cash a cheque. He gave up using travellers' cheques long ago.

Tall, ruddy-faced, with white hair, Mr. Goodman has an erect, commanding carriage, and the manner of a man of affairs. "In the Southern States," he told me, "there are no distinctions between Jews and Gentiles. My best friends I find equally among both." Nothing can so well indicate the status Mr. Abe Goodman has on board the "Carinthia" as the fact that he was elected chairman of the Masonic Club immediately one was formed on board. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Goodman are two of four Jews amongst the scores of passengers. The other two are Dr. and Mrs. Nathan M. Cohen.

JEWISH DOCTOR FROM BOSTON ON "CARINTHIA."

Dr. Nathan M. Cohen and his charming wife are amongst the younger set on the American pleasure cruiser, the S.S. "Carinthia."

They too are very enthusiastic in their praises of the beauties of the Peninsula, and they say the Cape Point drive compares favourably with the Amalfi Drive in Italy and the Grand Corniche route from Nice to Monte Carlo.

Mrs. Nathan M. Cohen was amazed to find such apparent indifference to the tourists on the part of traders and hawkers, an attitude totally different from that encountered in any other part of the world.

"Even in Constantinople, way back there they knew the ship was coming. Flags were flying and traders were buzzing with their ware."

Here, however, looking for something South African, she went into a shop and asked:

"What can we buy here?"

The answer came in a bored voice: "Anything you want."

Mrs. Cohen has bought something at nearly every place she has visited so far, but she has got nothing from Cape Town.

THE LATE MR. S. BLATT.

Mr. S. Blatt, who died a few days ago under such tragic circumstances, was 68 years old and had been resident in Cape Town about 35 years. Many years ago he was a successful jeweller and was well known all over the country. He was recognised as a well-read man so far as Hebrew literature was concerned and was a good Talmudic scholar. Mr. Blatt was involved in a tram accident in Plein Street, as a result of which it was found necessary to amputate a leg. He never recovered from the shock. He leaves one daughter, who, by the way, was a famous singer in Australia many years ago.

FOR A HOLIDAY.

Mrs. S. Franks, the popular matron of the Cape Jewish Aged Home, is leaving for a well-earned holiday, which she will spend in Johannesburg. It is her intention to visit the many Jewish institutions there, and, of course, her interest will be particularly centred in the Johannesburg Aged Home. Mrs. Franks will be away a month.

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