

## Johannesburg Jewish Women's Benevolent Society's

### Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the Johannesburg Jewish Women's Benevolent Society was held at the Jewish Guild Hall last week. Mrs. Reuid presided and presented the annual report and balance sheet. Mrs. Reuid regretted that owing to continued ill-health she was compelled to resign, and she thanked all members of the committee for generous assistance during her term of office.

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, who was present, spoke of the splendid work Mrs. Reuid had done, and sincerely hoped she would make a speedy recovery.

Mrs. I. J. Salomon, president of the National Council of Women, also spoke, and after the adoption of the report and balance sheet the election of officers took place.

Mrs. A. Solomon was unanimously elected president; Mrs. Elkan Cohen and Mrs. Fine, vice-presidents; Mrs. J. Nathanson, hon. treasurer; Mrs. R. Jochelson, hon. secretary; committee, Mesdames N. Schneier, Lipschitz, Spitz, Fisher, Freedman, Schwartz, Isaacs, Israel, Graaff, A. P. Cohen, Fischer, Friedman, Furman, Sieff, Joffe, Rosenberg and Joe Cohen. Mrs. Reuid was elected an honorary life president.

At the close of the meeting the presentation of a handsome tortoiseshell and silver dressing-table set was made to Mrs. Reuid, and a travelling clock to Mrs. A. P. Cohen, the retiring secretary.

## Johannesburg Hebrew Teachers.

### A New Organisation Formed.

For some time past the Hebrew teaching profession has felt the necessity of organising itself into a body that could give expression to their collective will and aspirations in the field of cultural and educational work. On Sunday, the 22nd ult., a general meeting of Hebrew teachers took place at the Hebrew High School. Dr. Birnbaum, who opened the meeting on behalf of the organising committee, dwelt on the necessity of forming an organisation of the Hebrew teachers of Johannesburg and district for the purpose of attending as an official body to all the problems affecting the welfare of the teacher socially, educationally and economically. The submitted draft of constitution was discussed and adopted with a few improvements.

The committee elected is composed of the following:—Dr. A. Birnbaum (chairman), Messrs. J. Blumenthal (vice-chairman); E. A. Bakst (hon. secretary and treasurer); L. Goodman and J. Levitan. Mr. Klevansky was co-opted at the first meeting of the committee.

All teachers desirous to join the Organisation should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Bakst, 28 Upper Meyer Street, Doornfontein, Johannesburg.

## DEBROY SOMERS AT THE EMPIRE.

Lovers of a really good show should make a special effort to visit the Empire Theatre, Johannesburg, as Debroy Somers' band is a revelation to many theatre-goers. They appear first as a band proper, then as a musical vehicle for a Moulin Rouge cabaret. The show is extraordinarily good, and Mr. Somers may rest assured that he has won a big success on the Rand. His performances are certainly polished and versatile.

## AMERICAN TRAGEDIES.

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I put the letter back into the envelope and handed it to the old man.

"Well, is this anything which concerns my son?" he asked with troubled eyes.

"No," I lied; "just an announcement." "Thank God!" the old man said relieved. "Then I suppose we may hope that it is some temporary trouble that keeps him silent, and that soon our son will write to us once more."

I said that I saw no reason for not hoping.

The old man rose to go. He seemed considerably cheered by my attitude, and shook my hand fervently, as if I had brought him some real news from his "boy."

But his wife was weeping, as I gently led her to the door.

### III.—A Crimea Beauty.

In the city of Z—, in the Crimea, a young woman entered the home of an acquaintance with whom I was spending the evening and asked to see me. Her husband was in New York, she explained, and had not written to her in eight years. At first he kept receiving her letters. But it was nearly four years now that her letters were coming back to her unopened.

She had two children.

Was there anything to be done in the matter?

The woman was about thirty-eight and beautiful. Her face was gentle and her demeanour modest. She was not the sort of a person a husband could be brutal to. I was curious and asked her just

what had transpired between herself and her husband.

She lowered her eyes.

Then, as if the conversation had been terminated, she rose, bowed and walked out of the house without a word.

When she was gone, my host explained the situation:

"One of the children, the second, was born several years after her husband had left. It was during the civil war. Wrangel's troops came to town, and that night a number of young and beautiful Jewish women were caught in the streets and taken to the barracks for the amusement of his officers. . . . This young woman was one of the victims. . . . She had written her husband about that tragedy and the child. . . . For years the husband was undecided and kept writing to her. Then his letters ceased.

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### AFRICAN GESERD.

The Executive Committee of the African Geserd is organising a mass meeting to be held at the Communal Hall, Doornfontein, on Sunday, the 13th inst., at 8.15 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone who takes an interest in matters Jewish in the Soviet Union not only as a supporter, but more particularly to opponents of the idea of assisting the Jews of former Russia by the means adopted by the Geserd. An attentive hearing is assured to everyone who wishes to express an opinion on this all important subject. Addresses will be delivered by Messrs. N. Salmon, R. Feldman, B. Margolis, and J. Borwein.

### JEWISH GUILD.

#### A Snapshot Evening.

A literary evening of unusual interest will take place at the Jewish Guild on Sunday, 13th December, at 8.30 p.m. It will take the form of a Snapshot Evening, when 20-minute addresses on miscellaneous subjects will be delivered by five speakers, viz., Mr. Jack Alexander, M.A., will speak on "A Generation that is Passing;" Mr. J. Daleski will speak on "The Modern Paradox—Scarcity Amidst Plenty;" Dr. David Ordman will speak on "Eighty Thirty p.m. and other People;" Advocate Walter Pollak will speak on "Bureaucracy Triumphant" and Mrs. Selina Hirsch, B.A., will speak on "The Inferiority Complex." Advocate Gustav Saron will preside.