

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. Sarah Gertrude Millin, the South African novelist, who returned this week from Kalk Bay, Cape, will leave Johannesburg towards the end of February for England. In April she intends to visit Egypt, Palestine, Greece, and Turkey, and will return to London at the end of May. Mr. Philip Millin, K.C., will go overseas in the June vacation to meet his wife, and they intend to return to Johannesburg during August.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Reinhold and family, who have been on holiday at the Cape, returned to the city this week.

Miss Bertha Shulman of Johannesburg left this week by the s.s. "Duchess D'Aosta" on an extended trip to Palestine and Europe.

Mr. Isaac Ochberg (Chairman of the Dorshei Zion Association of Cape Town) is spending a few days in Johannesburg on one of his periodical visits.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lourie, the well-known communal workers of Johannesburg, are arriving on Monday next in Cape Town on the s.s. "Carnarvon Castle."

The engagement is announced of Sarah, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Freedman, Berea, Johannesburg, to Louis Feinstein, of Breyten, youngest son of Mrs. H. Feinstein and the late Mr. M. Feinstein, of Johannesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cohen, of Frere Road, Parktown, have received cable news that their eldest son Hyman, has obtained his M.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. degree at the Middlessex Hospital, London.

The marriage will take place at the Yeoville Synagogue on Sunday, 22nd January, of Miss Beatrice Kisber and Mr. Bernard Alexander Horwitch.

The engagement is announced of Rona, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Gordon, Soper Road, Berea, to Levi, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Zinman, Wynberg, Cape.

Cantor A. Rudy was heard over the Johannesburg Broadcasting Station last evening. On Sunday evening next he will sing at the open air concert in Joubert Park with the Johannesburg City Orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hillman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf Hillman of Johannesburg, who sailed from South Africa, towards the end of November on an overseas trip which will include a visit to Palestine, reached London on December 12th. They were met at Waterloo Station by Mr. Israel Cohen, the Secretary of the World Zionist Organisation, who welcomed them on behalf of the Zionist Executive.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillman have been the recipients of warm hospitality at the hands of Dr. and Mrs. Weizmann. We learn that Mr. and Mrs. Hillman have been visiting Switzerland and other parts of the Continent and intend to reach Palestine about the end of February.

The marriage will be solemnised at the Jepestown Synagogue, of Helen, elder daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. T. Amoils, of Belgravia, to Woolf, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Aron, of Nyabria, Salisbury, on Sunday, 29th January, at 11 a.m.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gerber of Aliwal North on the birth of a bonny son on the 13th January.

Malvin Wilfred Rom, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rom, of Bethlehem, will read a portion of the Law on Saturday morning, the 21st inst. A reception will be held at the Town Hall, Bethlehem, at 8 p.m.

The marriage will take place on Sunday, January 29th, at the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, of Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Pillemer, to Mr. Louis Sacks.

The University Council Scholarship (£150 per year) of the University of Cape Town, awarded on the result of the M.B., Ch.B. examination, has been awarded to Norman Sapeika.

THE S.A. HEBREW MONTHLY.

"Basad." The Only Monthly Hebrew Paper in South Africa.

The third issue with interesting contents has just appeared. Price 6d. per copy, 5s. per annum, to be obtained at all Jewish book shops or at the "Basad" Office C/o S.A. Zionist Federation, Progress Buildings, Commissioner Street, P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg.

Mr. Percy Cowen.

Completion of Twenty Years Work
as Secretary of the S.A. Jewish
Board of Deputies.

DURING this month, Mr. Percy Cowen, the well-known communal official, completes twenty years service as Secretary of the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies. He was appointed to this post at the first meeting of the Council of the Board held in January, 1913. The South African Board was established in August, 1912, at a conference of South African Jewry held in Bloemfontein, at which the Council was elected, but no meeting was held till the following January.

The name of Percy Cowen is well-known throughout South Africa in view of the fact that correspondence from him is regularly reaching every corner of the land wherein Jews reside.

Besides his service with the Deputies, it will always be remembered that he was general secretary of the Jewish War Victims Fund in South Africa from its inception in February, 1915, to its close in 1927. During this period, a grave responsibility was placed upon Mr. Cowen, who had the enormous sum of £600,000 pass through his hands. This was the magnificent amount which South African Jews raised during twelve years on behalf of their stricken brethren in Eastern Europe.

Mr. Cowen has been secretary of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage since July, 1924. Since his arrival in this country in October, 1909, for the purpose of editing the S.A. *Jewish Chronicle* (which was at that time published in Johannesburg), Mr. Cowen has been intimately associated with every angle of Jewish activity on the Rand. He possesses an encyclopaedic knowledge of every aspect of Jewish life and development in South Africa. His loyalty to his duties are well-known and the conscientious manner in which he has carried out his onerous tasks, for a long period, has earned for him the esteem of all communal workers.

SMIEDT—FALCKE.

The marriage took place recently at the Berea Synagogue of Juliet, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Falcke, to Mr. Cyril Smiedt, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Smiedt, of Kroonstad. The Rev. S. Steinberg officiated, and Mr. Markus Falcke was the best man. The bride was given away by her father. Her sister, Miss Bertha Falcke, was her bridesmaid, also Judith Falcke, the little flower girls being Sheila and Pat Falcke, who were attended by two page boys, Allen and Hilton Falcke.

A dinner and dance at the Criterion Restaurant followed the ceremony.