

Magnificent Bach Recital

FINE PLAYING BY HAROLD SAMUEL

Probably the greatest success ever achieved by the Johannesburg Musical Society was the recital given under its auspices of works of Bach by Harold Samuel at the Selborne Hall last Monday evening. A packed hall displayed a splendid enthusiasm that left the great artist in no doubt as to the deep appreciation he had aroused.

Perhaps the most striking feature of Mr. Samuel's rendering — a quality that has justly earned for him the reputation of being one of the greatest living exponents of the works of Bach—was his ability to realise all the depth of colour and beauty in Bach's works, to translate the most delicate nuances.

Considering that the instrument on which he played was, or appeared to be, one that had been subjected to much, some possibly, indiscriminate, use over a period of a number of years, the amazing gradations and control of tone which Mr. Samuel displayed in pieces like the Partita No. 5 in G Major and the D Major Toccato was all the more memorable.

A warm congratulation to the Johannesburg Musical Society on the outstanding success of this recital must be coupled with an expression of regret that it has been the only occasion on which the Johannesburg public has been privileged to hear this gifted artist.

Postponement of Lecture

For unavoidable reasons, the lecture due to have been held before the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League by Mr. Harry Levin on "Bialik" has had to be postponed until October 15th at the Langham Hotel.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Kensington Branch.—An interesting reading meeting took place on Thursday morning, the 13th inst., at the residence of Mrs. W. Bloomberg. Miss Helen Kaplan read extracts from the History of Zionism by Mr. Nahum Sokolow. The next meeting took place on Thursday, the 27th inst., at the residence of Mrs. Zinn.

Berea Branch.—A literary afternoon of the Berea branch of the Women's Zionist League was held at Mrs. Isserow's residence on September 5th. A most interesting paper on "The Last 30 Years in Zionism" was read by Mrs. Leftwich. This meeting was well attended. The next function will be held at the residence of Mrs. Broido, 18 Dunbar Street, Yeoville, on October 3. All interested are welcome.

The Orphanage Ball

AT the first meeting of the committee of the Jewish Orphanage Ball (which is to be held in the City Hall on November 7th) many novel suggestions were made which are sure to make the ball a very enjoyable one. Mrs. E. E. Brasch is the chairwoman of the committee.

Mrs. M. Franks and Mrs. H. H. Morris undertook the novelty stall, and there is to be a flower stall, which is being placed in the hands of Mrs. W. Hillman and Mrs. B. Kaumheimer. Ice-cream and soda fountains are being arranged, and the cabaret items will be a special feature of the dance.

The ticket sellers have already started on their work, and tickets seem to be going very well indeed. People intending to be present should book their tables early with Mr. Alec Henochsberg, the hon. secretary, at telephone 33-7639.

"A Shilling Day"

"A Shilling Day" for the Palestine Workers' Fund is being organised to take place in Capetown and Johannesburg on Sunday, October 14. Previous "Shilling Days" for the same Fund have met with an excellent response. Every effort is being made to make the collection a success this year.

The Motorists' Rendezvous

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