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Successful Habonim Ball

The Wanderers Hall on Wednesday evening was literally crowded with a gay galaxy of dancers on the occasion of the holding of the first annual Habonim ball. Some seven hundred people were present and every available space of the tastefully decorated ballroom was occupied by dancers. There were many large parties, headed by the Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg.

Mrs. V. Gratus, Chairman of the Ball Committee, is to be congratulated on the excellent organisation which attracted so large a crowd of guests. She was assisted by Dr. L. Mace-David and Mr. Philip Rubenstein as D.C.'s and Miss Ida David as Secretary. The holding of the Habonim annual ball was indeed a financial and social success.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

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Special thanks for the success of the Campaign are due to Mr. Phillips who left a great impression on all the people with whom he came in contact and who rendered yeoman service to the Zionist Cause on that day. Thanks are also due to Messrs. A. Kellen and N. Lubner for the splendid manner in which they co-operated with Mr. Phillips and for the excellent work which they did for the Campaign, also Rev. Glass who accompanied the visitor.

In the course of the visit, Mrs. H. Phillips attended a meeting of the Ladies' Cultural Group and delivered an eloquent and inspiring address. By her charming personality she endeared herself to all those present.

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IN AID OF THE REFORM SYNAGOGUE

A Ball at the Langham

The Temple Israel building fund is to benefit through an ambitious forthcoming ball taking place at the Langham Hotel on Tuesday evening, September 28. The Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr and the Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg, Mr. and Mrs. D. Mackay, have extended their patronage to this function which promises to be outstanding in every respect. The Ambassadors band will be in attendance. Mr. Morry Blake and Miss Sadie Reval will give an exhibition dance.

The arrangements for the ball are in the able hands of a strong committee consisting of Mrs. Max Marx (Chair); Mrs. M. Cassell (Vice-Chair); Mrs. L. Reichman (Treasurer); Mrs. Max Franks (Hon. Secretary); Mesdames J. F. Kapnek, Hugh Lezard, D. Brookstone, E. Davis-Marks, L. Marks, L. Muller, E. Jacobson, H. Saevitzon, I. Katz, S. Goldblatt, R. Klipin, L. Hochschild. Reservations may be made at the Langham Hotel.

Witbank

The S.A. Jewish Orphanage has received from Mrs. A. Dembo, the hon. secretary of the local branch of that institution, the sum of £11 2s. 3d., being £4 17s. 6d. subscriptions from local members, £3 1s. 9d. clearances of orphanage boxes, and £3 3s. donation by Mrs. E. Milwidsky on the occasion of the barmitzvah of her son, Norman.

TODAY

IN JEWISH HISTORY

A Famous Orientalist

ON the 20th of August, 1905, there died in Paris Jules Oppert, one of the most famous Orientalists of his day. He was born in Hamburg and came to France at the age of 22, being received at once into the circle of Oriental scholars which had its centre in Paris. Four years later he was sent by the French Government on a journey of exploration in Central Asia and his report was so impressive that he was immediately accepted as the leading Assyriologist of France. He was awarded a national prize for the work of discovery considered to be of the greatest honour or benefit to France. His identification of the site of Babylon was the most spectacular of his discoveries.

He was later awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honour. Oppert however did not give the whole of himself to France and learning. He remembered also the community in which he was born and gave much time and thought to Jewish interests and institutions. Two of his brothers also distinguished themselves in the field of Oriental learning. Ernst, although engaged in business, had explored Corea and written on his experiences there. Gustav specialised in the history and languages of India. He was for a time on the staff of the Bodleian and in the library of Windsor Castle.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCENE

Jewish Settlers in Kenya?

IMPORTANT measures adopted by the Kenya Legislature to foster increased white settlement have led to the suggestion that Kenya offers certain prospects for selected Jewish settlers. The discussion arises out of the tribute paid by Major Grogan, one of the leading European Settlers Representatives, to the qualities of Jewish settlers, and his suggestion that the colony should examine the question of absorbing desirable Jewish immigrants.

The above news is published by the "Sunday Express" of the 15th inst.

United Party and the Jews

TO the criticism of Mr. Erasmus that the cohesion of the United Party is artificial and that this is particularly revealed in the attitude to the Jews, the "Vaderland," of the 12th inst., replies that the present policy of the United Party is a logical continuation of the policy laid down by the old Nationalist Party. In regard to the so-called "Jewish problem," the United Party is carrying out the pledges previously given by Malan.

Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

Observatory Branch.—The next meeting of the study circle will take place on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 10.30 a.m., at the residence of Mrs. Hochemowitz, 28 Observatory Avenue. Mrs. S. Fredman, Mrs. M. Levy and Mrs. L. Soreson will speak on the history of Zionism. The public is invited to be present.

Yeoville Branch.—A card evening will be held at the Villa Georgette on October 16, at 8.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Parktown Branch.—A function which is arousing a great deal of interest, the forthcoming morning market, is to be held at the residence of Mrs. L. Hochstadter, 69 Oxford Road, Saxonwold, on the 3rd of September. The market will open at 8.30 a.m., and a large variety of stalls will be exhibited. The committee urge patrons to remember that full ranges of Yomtov supplies will be available.

Parow

A successful card evening in aid of Zionist funds was held at Parow last Sunday. The hostesses were Mesdames Louis Bloch and I. Kaplan.

Does the Government Contemplate Legislation?

"THE SUNDAY EXPRESS" of the 15th inst. announces, on good authority, that if there are likely any further disturbances similar to the clashes which occurred recently in Johannesburg, the Cabinet contemplates introducing during next session legislation to cope with this new menace to public order.

Mr. Hofmeyr and Anti-Semitism

SPEAKING in the context of Mr. Ketrtridge Hofmeyr declared:

"I do not believe this Semitic crusade of Dr. Malan is going to help him. The people of South Africa as a whole come the contribution made by the Jewish community to the building up of South Africa. They welcome them in the slogan of 'live and let live.'"

Mr. Hofmeyr added that Semitism in other countries has been used as a means of paving the way to dictatorships, added that when the people of South Africa realised that Semitism was a precursor of dictatorship, they would have no more to do with it.

Peggy Hayman's Farewell Recital

The talented young Johannesburg violinist, Miss Peggy Hayman, will give a farewell violin recital which she leaves to continue her studies overseas. The recital will take place on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 7 p.m. in the Library Lecture Hall.

Miss Hayman gave evidence of fine ability at previous concerts in Johannesburg. Her present recital, including as it will selections of Bach, Nardini, Mozart and Debussy, should prove most attractive. It will be accompanied by the talented pianist, Mr. Hermann Herz. Reservations may be made at Mackay's.

CANTOR GLANTZ ON HIS WAY TO SOUTH AFRICA

Readers will recall a recent announcement in our columns to the effect that the celebrated American cantor, Rev. Leib Glantz will officiate at the Yeoville Synagogue during the forthcoming High Festivals, arriving in Capetown aboard the "Windsor Castle" on Monday, the 30th inst., and thereafter will travel to Johannesburg.

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