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**Association of Jewish Groups, Johannesburg**

Lecture by Mr. Edgar Bernstein.

A meeting of an intensely interesting nature took place at Mrs. Broomburg's residence in Parktown, when Mr. Edgar Bernstein addressed the Israel Zangwill Group on "Wasserman"—whom he called the Jewish Dostoevsky. The speaker painted with dramatic force the life of Wasserman, its loneliness, its unhappiness, its intense quality. He adumbrated the problems which beset him, in his relations to humanity as man, as German, as Jew, and correlated this sketch with the incidents, characters and sweep of Wasserman's books.

The lecturer's deeply sympathetic treatment of his subject, his talent for getting under the skin of his subject, which made him approach it with a feeling of reverence, was communicated to his audience. Mr. Bernstein showed that the writings of Wasserman are as cross-sections of life. He piles event upon event, seemingly unrelated threads are introduced, later to be woven together into a tremendous pattern to which however there is no end, no conclusion. In this refusal to define ultimate issues, the lecturer sees the breadth of vision and depth of thinking of Wasserman. After a brief discussion of a few of his books, and provocative replies to a number of well-directed queries, the gathering broke up—those who had not read Wasserman inspired to do so, and those who had, to read him again in the light of a new understanding.

At the next meeting of this group Dr. Syngalowski will speak on the Ort-Oze in Yiddish.

**Women's Benevolent Society**

At the annual meeting of the Pretoria Jewish Women's Benevolent Society held on the 5th inst., Mrs. A. Etin was elected president for the year.

Other office-bearers are Mrs. G. Kaplan (vice-president); Mrs. H. Sher (hon. treasurer); Mrs. H. R. Schewitz (re-elected hon. secretary).

The following are the committee members: Mrs. J. Abrahamson, Mrs. P. Payne, Mrs. J. Hellman, Mrs. W. Hirsch, Mrs. M. Niefeld, Mrs. L. Hack, Mrs. W. Ravid, Mrs. N. Rom, Mrs. A. Harris, Mrs. J. Druian, Mrs. Friedlander, Mrs. B. Friedland, Mrs. J. Taback, Mrs. H. Stein, Mrs. H. Hack, Mrs. A. Hurwitz, Mrs. Gershtater, Mrs. S. Kessel, Mrs. D. Sliom and Mrs. S. Joffe.

**Eastern Districts Judean Society**

On Saturday evening, the 15th inst., the Eastern Districts Zionist Youth Society is holding its first dance of the new session which will be free to all members. The dance is taking place at the Eastern Districts Communal Hall, cor. Marshall and Browning Streets, Jeppes.

On the 23rd inst., at 8.15 p.m., the society is holding an interdebate with the Northern Districts Zionist Youth Society in the Eastern Districts Communal Hall, the subject being: "That the limitation of Jewish immigration to Palestine is beneficial to the furtherance of Zionism."

**Witwatersrand Jewish Aged Home**

At the monthly meeting of the general committee of the Jewish Aged Home held this week, and presided over by Mr. A. W. Katzen, it was reported that there were 113 inmates, 85 men and 28 women. Four inmates (men) were admitted during the month, and three died from extreme old age. Eight applications for admission were dealt with at the meeting, of which four were granted.

The revenue for the month included an amount of £75 collected by, and received from, the Krugersdorp branch aid society of the Aged Home. In view of the approaching Jewish New Year Holy Days, an urgent appeal is made for special gifts of poultry, eggs, etc., as well as of wearing apparel for both sexes.

**GERMISTON BRANCH**

A meeting of the Witwatersrand Jewish Aged Home (Germiston branch) was held at the residence of the chairman, Mr. M. Cohen, 15 Argyle Street, Germiston.

A cheque for £100 was remitted to the head branch, and various functions have been arranged to take place in the near future to raise funds for this institution.

One of the functions arranged will be a ball, which the committee anticipate should greatly help to swell the funds. Mrs. M. Cohen generously provided refreshments and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the host and hostess.

**"TROUBLE FOR TWO" AT THE METRO.**

"Trouble for Two"—the attraction at the Metro Theatre from Monday—is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's famous series of stories "Suicide Club." Taking the leading role as Prince Florizel of Koravia and Miss Vandleur are Robert Montgomery and Rosalind Russel, and supporting them are Frank Morgan as Colonel Geraldine and Reginald Owen as the president of the Suicide Club.

**"Jewish Music"**

Prof. Kirby to Speak.

Under the auspices of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, an interesting lecture on "Jewish Music" will be delivered by Professor P. R. Kirby at the Langham Hotel on Tuesday, August 25th, at 3 p.m. All Jewish women interested are cordially invited to attend. Tea will be served after the lecture.

**Annual Ball of Johannesburg Women's Benevolent Society**

The City Hall has been chosen as the venue of the annual ball of the Johannesburg Jewish Women's Benevolent Society. A number of novelties have been arranged including a stall in charge of Mrs. B. Cohen and Mrs. E. Kantor. A novel flower stall in the form of a garden is being run by Mrs. B. Jacobson. Alec Benjamin and his Personal Orchestra are supplying the music and a very enjoyable evening is assured to all. Among the able committee in charge of the arrangements are Mrs. H. H. Morris, chair-lady; Mrs. Furman, treasurer, and Mrs. H. Jaffe, secretary.

**A DANCE.**

A dance in aid of the Building Fund of Temple Israel, to be held at the Villa George, Johannesburg, on Saturday, will be given by the Hasmonians (Men's Association of the Johannesburg Jewish Reform Congregation).

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