

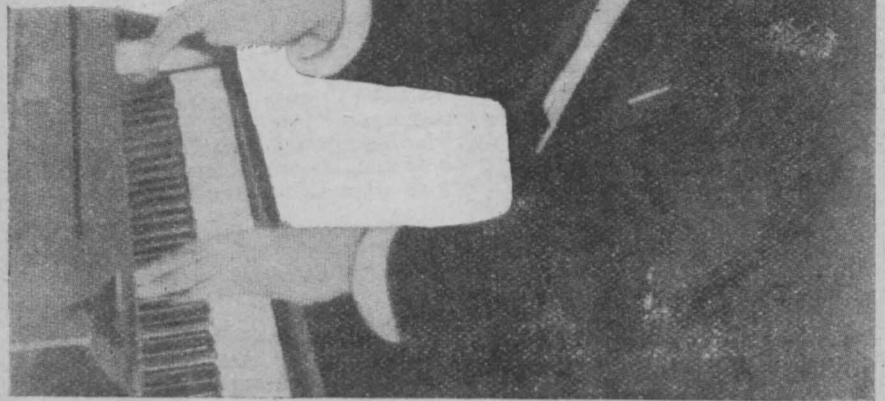
# The Harold Samuels Lecture Recitals

## AN APPRECIATION AND A TRIBUTE

**T**HERE has just concluded in Johannesburg a series of lecture recitals on pianoforte music and its composers by Harold Samuels which, in retrospect, fully deserves the description of "epical."

Not that there was any doubt at the time of the series that here was an event which would live as long as memory endures in this city of quick appreciation and just as sudden indifference. Not on any evening when Mr. Samuels adorned the breadth of his perceptions by musical illustrations; was there a vacant seat in the New Library theatre. On two or three occasions one had the "pleasure" of seeing numbers of important people standing at the back of the hall for over an hour without, it might be said, shifting a foot. What a tribute to a man, and what evidence that even amidst the effervescence of jubilee celebrations the spirit of music could hold men and women of all creeds and nationalities completely enraptured.

Harold Samuels has performed a dual miracle. He has shown that the music of the great masters of the past still lives as potently as ever, despite the blare and bombast of much so-called modern music, and more importantly, he has proved that in this oft-maligned city of materialism and money worship, there can be called forth a different kind of worship, so heartening that it can be paraded henceforth as irrefutable proof of the sincerity



of Johannesburg where real music is concerned.

Well-merited praise has been earned by the combined universities of South Africa for their truly inspired act in bringing a man of Samuels stature to South Africa, particularly at this time. To the notabilities who presided at the first and last of the series can be extended the assurance that they definitely share in the reflected glory of the successful event. The Principal of the Witwatersrand University, Mr. Raikes, welcomed Mr. Samuels on the occasion of his first appearance, and the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, officiated on the last. Professor Kirby, well-known for his work in promoting the classical side of music

on the Rand, acted as introducer on one occasion, and there were also Mr. C. A. O. Duggan, dignified and pithy, and Mr. John Connell, cheery and bubbling with anecdotes, to fulfill the same role on other evenings.

Mr. Harold Samuels gave six lectures in all, covering in wonderful fashion the three great "B's," Bach, Beethoven and Brahms, and neglecting none who have added to the heritage that the years to come will cherish. Whether there will arise another so gifted to interpret and instruct is to be hoped for, for to one who attended the whole series, it would be churlish not to wish others a pleasure too great to be selfishly hoarded.

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### Jewish Scientific Institute

Dr. Steinberg in Capetown.

Dr. I. N. Steinberg, the representative of the Jewish Scientific Institute in this country, is now in Capetown. A committee has already been formed to assist him in his mission. The Rev. A. P. Bender is the honorary president, and Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., chairman. The committee also includes Mrs. Julius Frankel, Dr. C. Resnekow, Dr. J. Sachs and Mr. Max Sonnenberg, M.P.C. Mr. Achron is the organising secretary. The first public meeting will be held on Sunday, 20th September, 1936.

### "IT'S LOVE AGAIN" AT THE COLOSSEUM.

From Friday the attraction at the Colosseum Theatre is "It's Love Again," starring one of the most popular and fascinating actresses—Jessie Matthews. The story tells of the life of a chorus girl who longs for fame and it is a film which is particularly suited to Miss Matthew's talent. She is supported by Sonnie Hale, Robert Young and a strong cast of well-known players.

### Jews Who Fell in the Great War

Commemoration Service Next Sunday.

The annual commemoration service of the South African Jewish ex-Service League in memory of South African Jews who fell in the Great War, is to be held in Johannesburg on Sunday, September 20, at 2.30 p.m.

Members of the League, together with Jewish members of the Defence Force and of the V.A.D., will assemble outside the South African Jewish War Memorial Hall, in Von Brandis Street, where the parade will be under the command of Mr. A. B. Klipin, vice-president of the League. Permission has been granted for military decorations to be worn.

### Miss Szold Thanks

Potchefstroom Jewish

Ladies' Society

Mrs. R. Herr, hon. secretary of the Potchefstroom Jewish Ladies' Society, has forwarded us a copy of a letter sent to the society by Henrietta Szold thanking them for a generous contribution of £72 to enable a Jewish boy in Germany to be transferred to Palestine and maintained and educated there for two years.

The responsible organisation in Berlin designated Gerhard Schlessinger as the ward, and he is now in a Kevutzah near Palestine where 28 German boys and girls are located in pursuit of an agricultural education and future life in Eretz Israel.

Miss Szold expresses her deep gratitude for the fine work of the Potchefstroom society, a sentiment which will be echoed by every Zionist in the land.

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