

Britain. And although one must admit that South Africa cannot offer the same facilities for a conference as the Mother Country, but the greater the difficulties appear to be the more far-reaching the effects would be upon the community. I will conclude by saying, that the London *Chronicle* was instrumental in bringing about the existing Ministers' Conference of England. It behoves the *S.A. Jewish Chronicle*, as the leading Jewish organ, to be responsible for a Ministers' Conference in South Africa. And if a "Jewish Minister" will persist in preferring a union of *Shochtim*, let me assure him that the outcome of a Ministers' Conference would be here the same as in England, a union of *Shochtim*.

Yours obediently,

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[We deal at length with the above letter in our editorial column.—Ed. *S.A.J.C.*]

S.A. JEWISH ORPHANAGE'S NEW WING.—The calls upon the Orphanage for the admission of children necessitate the erection of the "King Edward VII. Memorial Wing" without delay, and the committee have decided to proceed with the work as speedily as possible. Mrs. Sam Marks, who has been elected President of the Building Committee, convened a meeting of all interested in this work, which was to have been held last night after this issue had gone to press, at the Hebrew High School, corner of Claim and Wolmarans streets, at 8 p.m., at which ways and means were to have been devised whereby the necessary money could be obtained. The estimated cost of the new wing is £6,000. At this meeting some very important matters relative to the building were to have been broached. A report of the proceedings will be published in our next issue.

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BOARD OF DEPUTIES.

THE RABBINATE.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

London, February 2, 1912.

The annual meeting of the Jewish Board of Deputies never fails to arouse keen interest in the Jewish community. On Sunday Mr. D. L. Alexander, K.C., delivered the usual address, which was listened to with the closest attention by the large attendance, which included Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, Sir Phillip Magnus, M.P., Sir Adolph Tuck, Mr. Albert Jessel, K.C., Mr. D. Q. Henriques, Mr. Gustave Tuck, Lieut.-Colonel C. Q. Henriques, and Mr. Joshua Levy. Prior to the business of the day it was resolved that the board present respectful addresses to their Majesties the King and Queen, to Queen Alexandra, and to the Princess Royal, expressing the sorrow of British Jews at the loss they had sustained by the death of the Duke of Fife.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Alexander protested against the attitude of a small section of members of the board who, whenever their views were not acceded to, sought to harass the executive by not wholly worthy methods, and to weaken the influence of the board.

Mr. Leopold de Rothschild also made reference to the differences which had existed, and pointed to the proud history of the board, to its effective intervention in the interests of Jews on all important occasions, to the dignity with which it represented the Jews of the British Empire, and to its efforts to reconcile advanced views on important Jewish questions with the unbending orthodoxy of the newest arrivals.

Other speakers included Mr. Isaac Samuel, of Cardiff, who asked for more effective provincial representation on the various committees, Mr. B. S. Straus, Mr. Landau, Mr. M. Jacobs, Alderman Feldman, of Hull, and Sir Adolph Tuck.

The Rabbinate.

Another important step was taken on Sunday in the direction of filling the post of Chief Rabbi, rendered vacant by the death of Dr. Hermann Adler. At the Hotel Great Central the special sub-committee sat, which was appointed by the Rabbinate Conference on January 14th, to consider the duties and emoluments of the gentleman who may be elected to succeed Dr. Adler. This committee consists of seventeen members—nine London and eight provincial—most of whom attended yesterday's important meeting, over which Mr. Albert Jessel, K.C., presided. During the morning deputations representing various sections of the clergy (including the foreign Rabbis) were interviewed, and careful note taken of the many important questions raised by them in connection with the future ecclesiastical administration of the community.

A famous Cantor,

There was a remarkable attendance at the Great Assembly Hall, Mile-end-road, on Sabbath last, when the Rev. Israel Tkatsch, the Ober-Kantor of the Buda-Pesth Great Temple, conducted the services. Mr. Tkatsch delighted his congregation with his fine rendering of the beautiful prayers and traditional melodies, being assisted by a special choir, which added materially to the effectiveness of the service. The famous cantor was followed throughout with the closest attention, proving how strong a hold the Continental method of rendering the ritual still has upon the newest arrivals to these shores. Admission was restricted to ticket-holders, the proceeds of the sale of tickets being devoted to augment the funds of the Jewish Hospital Association.

A Jewish Magistrate Honoured.

For some years past it has been the custom of the Maccabees, a society of Jewish professional men, to en-

tain those of our co-religionists who have gained distinction in spheres of public usefulness, as a token of the community's regard and pleasure in the success achieved. Many notable men have been thus entertained, and on Sunday night yet another name was added to the long list, when a large gathering of members and their friends took place at the Wharnclyffe Rooms, Hotel Great Central, to honour the guest of the evening—Mr. J. A. Symmons, on his appointment as a Metropolitan Magistrate, the first Jew to fill such an office. Mr. A. M. Langdon, K.C., presided, among the large number present being Mr. Plowden, Mr. A. Lawrie, and Mr. Rentoul.

Mr. Langdon, in proposing the toast of the guest of the evening, outlined his career from the days of his attendance at Gower-street School to his elevation to the magistratical bench. In his reply, Mr. Symmons expressed his appreciation of the honour paid him. He had already been on the bench long enough to know its difficulties and possibilities. The time had long passed in this country when any Jew need fear to hold up his head in any assembly, and though he had never received a brief because of his religion, he had never lost one on that account. England was the country where prejudice was dead.

Other speakers included Mr. Harry S. Lewis, Mr. Haldinstein, and Mr. Plowden.

Thanksgiving Service.

There was a large gathering at the Great Synagogue, Duke-street, Aldgate, the principal Jewish place of worship in the metropolis, on Tuesday afternoon, when a special service of thanksgiving for the safe return of their Majesties the King and Queen from India was held. Psalms and prayers, appropriate to the occasion, preceded and followed the sermon.

The Rev. Dayan Hyamson, who was the preacher, said they had assembled that afternoon to express their thanks to God for the safe return of their Majesties the King and Queen. They were grateful to God for having watched over them, and for the fact that the Royal progress had not been an idle pageant, but was an event which they hoped would be attended by results of lasting value. Their Majesties' homecoming had been overshadowed by gloom, for they had suffered personal bereavement, and their ship had passed the very spot where fourteen gallant lives had been lost. They could only hope that comfort would be vouchsafed them in the sorrow which had overtaken them.

They offered up their prayers of thanksgiving not only as English citizens, but as Jews. Loyalty was an attribute of their co-religionists in all the lands wherein they dwelt, even in those where persecution is rife. How much more, then, had they cause for that loyalty which animated British Jews with whom it had become a passion, a delight, and almost an instinct? These sentiments were no monopoly of Jews born in England, but were shared by the immigrants who found in this land a new heaven and a new earth. Earnestly did they hope that the high purpose of their Majesties would be crowned with success, and that under their rule the Empire would grow in strength and in glory, a pattern to other lands of the highest form of progress.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

The death of Mr. Herbert Reginald Friedman on Monday, as the result of an accident, came as a shock to his many friends among whom he had been very popular. Mr. Friedman, who is only 26 years of age, was riding a motor bicycle down Twist Street, and he collided with a trolley, the impact throwing him on the back of his head, fracturing the base of the skull.

The deceased, was a partner in the S. A. Toilet Requisite Company, a member of the Doornfontein Freemasons' Lodge, and of the Transvaal Scottish Signallers, as well as of the Wanderers' Gymnastic Club. Of late he had been managing the Benoni branch of the S. A. Toilet Requisite Company, and on Monday had come into town for the day.

The funeral took place on Tuesday from the Government Mortuary, and deceased was accorded military honours. A good-sized contingent of the Transvaal Scottish Volunteers, including members of "C" Company, of which Mr. Friedman had been a lance-sergeant, attended. Among the officers were Major Tait-Conner, and Lieuts. Randall, Kemp, and Robertson, while about twenty non-commissioned officers and men under Sergeant-Major McLeod, were also present.

Among those present at the graveside were Messrs. M. Friedman, M. Cyril Friedman, R. Davis, Ashburnham, Jack Bell, J. Goldstein, M. Davis, Burrows, R. Morris, H. H. Morris, Moss Morris, Phillip Morris, Rabbi Dr. Landau, Revs. Woolff, Manne, Hirschowitz, Messrs. Saltzman, Leo Simmons; representatives of the *Chebra Kadisha*, including Messrs. R. Alexander, S. Sonnenfeld, J. Freundlich, Rubinstein, Reuvid, Aronstein, Brodie, Baranoff, Levi, Landau and Wineberg; representatives of the Wanderers' Gymnastic Club, representatives of the Doornfontein Freemasons' Lodge (E.C.), and Messrs. S. Berman, J. Arenstein, Julius Alexander, Max Frank, I. Marks, and J. Henochsberg. The Rev. W. Woolff officiated.



(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

KIMBERLEY.

A gloom was cast over the Kimberley Jewish community on Wednesday morning last, when it became known that a lady, in the person of Miss Netta Cohen, aged 19 years, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Cohen, had passed away. The deceased had not long returned from Eastbourne, England, where she had been attending college, and was very popular among her many friends. Some three months ago her medical adviser ordered her away to Caledon, but when Capetown was reached Miss Cohen had to take to her bed. Her condition had caused her relatives and friends great anxiety for some time, and her demise on Wednesday morning was much deplored, the greatest sympathy being expressed for the bereaved family. Miss Cohen was a young lady of much charm and ability, and her long sickness she endured with much bravery and fortitude. Her demise will be deplored by all those with whom she came in contact, and her many friends will be much poorer at the loss of a true friend.

The remains were interred in the Beaconsfield Cemetery on Sunday morning, the funeral being a large and representative one. The solemn cortege passed along Du Toitspan-road amid great manifestations of grief. The chief mourners were the deceased lady's father and brother, and amongst those present at the graveside were: Rev. H. Isaacs, Councillors Orr, Green, Cohen and Sagar, Messrs. E. Weinberg, B. Weinberg, B. Cohen, S. Cohen, J. Cohen, M. Cowan, Councillors P. Senior and A. Sicur (Beaconsfield), Messrs. J. Cohen, R. Senderowitz, S. White, S. G. Gordon, Herr Rybnikar, F. Stafford, F. Stone, W. J. Robinson, J. D. Tyson, P. Strawbaum, M. Davids, J. Selman, A. Freeman, Dixon, J. Krenski, J. Cohen, Habersfeld, M. J. Solomon, L. Isaacson, I. Lewis, J. Lewis, Lazarus, B. Rigal, A. Strawbaum, S. Isaacson, B. Isaacson, H. Sagar, A. Hyam, L. Isaacs, Kleinerman, Marensky, E. Gross, H. Gross, S. Levin, D. Bergman, Edelstein, Raaff, Masters, A. Zamovitz, Davids, senr., B. Greenberg, B. Horwitz, A. Gunning, S. W. J. Harsant, F. Kremmer, L. Tuchten, N. Hoffmann, Franks, Vine, K. Jacobson, N. Price, M. Mitchelson, M. Barnett, senr.

NAIROBI (British East Africa.)

A new synagogue is to be built here on very ambitious lines, and the structure when completed will easily rank with the finest synagogues in Africa. It is to be built practically opposite the Scotch Church. The building will have a dignified appearance, and will form an architectural feature to the fast growing township of Nairobi. The architect in designing the edifice, has adopted a free treatment of Romanesque. This style lends itself readily to a bold and dignified effect, and is eminently applicable to the religious body it is to house. Internally the synagogue will present a very fine effect. In the roof will be formed a well proportioned dome, and at the east-end, will be the apse, circular in plan, and divided from the main body of the building by a bold arch. A gallery is also provided at the west-end, approached by a spacious staircase in the tower. Ante-room accommodation is also provided, opening off the vestibule. The architect for the structure is Mr. William Miller Robertson.