



(From Our Own Correspondents.)

ROBERTSON.

In preceding years Robertson at this season of the year assumed the appearance of a place visited by some ravaging plague from whence its inhabitants fled for their lives, particularly as far as the Jewish inhabitants were concerned, for no sooner had the summer sun made its appearance over the horizon than the exodus to the sea resorts began, exceeding perhaps in its haste and bustle the Egyptian exodus and considering how susceptible Jews are to the appeal of the salty sea water, it makes one wonder if the Egyptian departure would at all have been so expeditiously brought about without first having the promise for a short stay at the seaside. This year, however, owing to the depression of trade in general and of the ostrich feather industry in particular, there was no exodus, and this opportunity the Rev. J. Levine utilised in holding a Special Chanukah Service on Sunday last, which was the first in the annals of the Roberson Hebrew Congregation, and practically the whole community put in an appearance on the occasion. Mr. Levine read the evening service and kindled the lights, a specially trained choir rendered the musical portions, after which Mr. Levine gave an address on the history of the Maccabaeans and dwelt upon the significance of and lessons to be derived from the Chanukah lights.

Yiddish Society.

There was a large attendance at the hall of the Yiddish Literary and Dramatic Society on Sunday evening when an enjoyable musical and literary programme was provided by a number of artistes who showed real talent. Mr. E. Rendel, the Chairman of the Society, presided, and the following contributed to the evening's programme:—The Misses Hanson and Feinstein, and Messrs. Herschowitz, Myers, Halperin, Donsky, S. and I. Schragar, Ehrlich, Leon and Wallis. These deserved well of the Society, and we are asked to state that the Committee expresses its thanks to them for taking part in the programme. An "American Auction" of Graetz's History of the Jews realised £8 10s. od. Altogether, the function was a financial and popular success.

The previous Sunday Mr. A. Avidoff delivered a lecture on the "Aims of the New Yiddish Literature," Mr. Rendel presiding. There was a fair attendance and a number of those present took part in the subsequent debate, to which the lecturer responded.

The Great War.

Special Intercession Service.

By the last mail we received from the Chief Rabbi the order of an Intercession Service (in Hebrew and English) that the Chief Rabbi has sent to all Congregations in the Empire with a request that the service be held on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915. Such a service must appeal to all British citizens of the Jewish faith, and whether under the jurisdiction or not of the Chief Rabbinate it is the duty of every Congregation in the British Empire to hold the Intercession Service on the date mentioned, in order that all British Jewry may, with one voice, as it were, intercede on behalf of the men at the front.

Learn to Shoot.

We recommend to our readers' attention the advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue, telling of the Johannesburg Miniature Rifle Range, situate at the corner of Eloff and De Villiers Streets near the Railway Station, which deserves not only a visit on the part of members of the public but also every support in the way of carrying out the objects for which the Range was opened. Among the many advantages of this Range may be mentioned the services of a competent instructor given gratis to all users of the Range, private ranges for the ladies, and the convenience both for ladies and gentlemen of being able to have refreshments in the course of their shooting practice. Evidently, the proprietors of the Range are anxious to give every assistance in their power to spread the knowledge of shooting amongst those who may be called upon at any time to put that knowledge to earnest test, for members of the V.C.T.A., recognised commandoes and rifle clubs are offered the use of the Range at half rates. On Saturdays and holidays shooting pools are arranged. There is certainly room for this Range in Johannesburg, especially at the present juncture, and we feel confident that it only needs the fact of its existence to be brought home to the public for it to become a success.

At Tchenstochow, a Jewish family named Isaacson, consisting of a mother, two daughters, and a son, committed suicide, consequent on the abduction of the head of the family by the Germans to Prussia, one of the daughters having been dishonoured by the invaders. The number of suicides in the town is appalling.

The Finnish Government has issued a circular desiring the authorities to exile Jews who are alleged to utilise the War for the purpose of raising the prices of food and other articles and of employing "sweated labour."

Forty Jewish artisans have been expelled from Petrograd on account of their being unemployed, and thirteen Jewish merchants have been fined for visiting that city.

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