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OUR CAPETOWN LETTER.

JEWISH TALENT AT THE EISTEDDFOD.

THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

A MUIZENBERG FIRE.

(SPECIAL TO THE "S. A. JEWISH CHRONICLE.")

Capetown,
20th January, 1918.

My dear Cousin,

Have you ever sat through a procession of Eisteddfod tests and listened to the self-same compositions a dozen times each? It sounds appallingly uninteresting, doesn't it, and yet in reality it is most fascinating. Capetown has been absorbed this week with the Eisteddfod so much so that the opening of the Union Parliament waxed pale beside the greater light. I shall tell you a little about the great musical festival, although the full results of the competitions will not be announced until the 28th, when the grand finale takes the form of a Concert and Prize Distribution. That is going to be a great event, judging from the talent coming forward, both locally and from all parts of the country. The Eisteddfod opened last Monday. Judges have been culled from all the musical centres, and entries have been received from far and near. The event promises to be a great success and the crowded halls show what keen interest is taken in the competitions. There are a number of Jewish competitors as was only to be expected, for music seems to flow through our veins, and I expect to see many of our co-religionists among the successful prize winners. In the under 12 piano competition the judges awarded the gold medal to little Isadore Goodman, of whom I have written you many times. He is only eight or nine years old and a composer to boot. His rendering of the last movement of Mozart's Sonata in C was really fine. In the sight reading (violin) Master Joe Pessach of Worcester gained the bronze medal, and Miss Massiah was awarded a diploma in the open Piano Competition. Master Pessach also headed the list of the under 15 Violin competitors. It was most interesting in the singing tests to notice the different interpretations given by the different competitors. Miss Mor-

ison, who came second in the Mezzo Soprano second grade, has a fine voice with distinct contralto quality in the lower register. She ought to do big things later on. I am greatly looking forward to the continuation of the tests this coming week—to the finals in particular.

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And now to the opening of the Union Parliament. The town was flagged and lined with troops in honour of the occasion, and the streets were filled with spectators waiting to see His Excellency and Lady Buxton drive up to Parliament House. The ceremony took place in the debating Chamber of the Senate House, which had been transformed into the Throne Room, and which presented a very gay appearance. The fair sex monopolised most of the public gallery and part of the hall, and lent a pretty touch of colour and brightness to the proceedings. I noticed the Rev. A. P. Bender seated to the left of the Throne and among the members Advocate Alexander, Mr. Graumann and Mr. Robinson.

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One of the prettiest houses in Oranjezicht burnt to the ground last night. The Fire Brigade was absolutely helpless, as a South Easter was raging, fanning the flames beyond control. The house, has recently been purchased by Mr. Futeran who is at present in Muizenberg with his family. The flames seemed to light up the whole mountain side, and shone through the thick plantations of trees with wonderful effect. Hundreds of people flocked into Belvedere Avenue to watch the fire, despite the tempestuous night. It is strange what fascination there is in fire and water. One never tires of watching either, and yet each of these elements makes one feel sad—depressed. I think it is their greatness that fills one with awe; with a realisation of one's own impotence and insignificance. And that is most depressing! One hates to be

reminded that one is but an atom in this world. Is that not so?

Yours, X.

The Hawker business registered Municipal Office, Johannesburg, 25th January, 1917, by M. Massey, 10 Paul Nel Street, Hillbrow, Johannesburg, has been abandoned as and from 31st Dec., 1917. Harry L. Levitt, Agent for the party 18/25/1

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