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News of the Day.

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OUR CAPETOWN LETTER

JEW IN PARLIAMENT.

THE CARMEL SISTERS' DEBUT.

SUNDRY ITEMS.

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

Capetown, 28th March, 1920.

My dear Cousin,

A great deal of interest is being centred at present on our Jewish members of Parliament and I am sure that we were all very well pleased to read that Mr. Kentridge asked some very pertinent questions concerning the pogroms in Poland. It is on occasions of this kind that we realise what it means to have a voice in affairs of state and recognised the paramount importance of guarding one's interests. The Jewish community can rest assured, that having so sturdy and true representatives as Mr. Alexander and Mr. Kentridge their common welfare will be vigorously guarded.

While speaking of Parliament it is interesting to remark that the Hebrew Bible which was used in administering the Oath to Jewish members of the House formerly belonged to Lord Beaconsfield. The same volume was also used at the first Union Parliament and was lent by Mr. S. Jacobs. So historic a volume deserves to be preserved as a remembrance of Disraeli's connection with his race.

An event of considerable interest to musical people such as the Jews are—was the appearance of the Carmel sisters. The City Hall was filled with a company of attentive and enthusiastic listeners. The four sisters deserve the greatest praise and encouragement for their very brilliant performance. It would be an invidious distinction to place them in order of merit for each of the four performed her part well.

This week I notice that Mr. Harry Graumann was among the passengers, who left for England by the "Walmer Castle."

I regret to report that Mrs. Pepper who was at one time a very ardent

worker of the Bnoth Zion, has passed away. The community have lost a valuable member and desire to express their sympathy with the bereaved family.

One of the liveliest of Jewish bodies is the Students' Jewish Association. Last Sunday this body gave a very successful social—the first of the season. There were present Rev. Mr. A. P. Bender, Advocate Alexander, Dr. Goldberg, Mr. Hunter, M.L.A. Miss F. Klenerman presided and addressed the meeting. Her object was to emphasize the desirability of supporting the society. The appeal was chiefly addressed to the new students. She remarked that segregation was not the object of the society but the fostering of common ideals and interests.

The Jewish Reading Circle of which I made mention last week is progressing very favourably.

With love,
Yours,
X.

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As a result of a fight between Jews and Arabs in the Public Garden of Jerusalem, the British authorities prohibited the music from playing "Hatikvah" or any other hymn, besides the English national hymn.

In the re-organised University of Strasburg a number of new chairs have been set up, including one for Yiddish. It is believed that this is the first Professorship of Yiddish at any university in the world.

Reports from America state that during the past few weeks, a number of Transatlantic liners brought with them heavier numbers of third class and steerage passengers than has been the case since the European war broke out. Of these over 600 were Jewish.

The Western Christian Advocate must think that all dancers are hell-bound, for it says: "Apologists for dancing should read Matthew, fifth chapter, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth verses. These searching words of Jesus would eliminate the parlour dance as well as the public debauch."

It is reported that the authorities at Razimin have seized a large number of Jewish residences and converted them into public offices. They have also turned the synagogue into a hospital for epidemic diseases. The Jewish Deputies, after an unsuccessful protest against the action of the officials, sent a detailed memorial on the subject to the Ministry.

"Doctor of Hebrew Laws (D.H.L.)" is an honorary degree recently created by the Faculty and Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College, New York, to be conferred upon rabbis and laymen in recognition of distinguished service in the cause of Judaism. The rule governing the degree provides that not more than two persons should be honoured in the same scholastic year, and that the diplomas record specifically the service rendered by the recipient.

Reuter's Agency learns from a Rumanian source that the Jews of Budapest have presented to the French Mission in Vienna a memorandum with a hundred thousand signatures to be forwarded to the Peace Conference, asking that the Rumanian troops should return to Budapest to re-establish order and to put an end to the persecution to which the Jews are now exposed.