

special appeal is made, contribute with that usual generosity, and we agree that those communal workers who have for some time past been urging the bringing forward of some scheme by which every member of our community should be approached with a view to becoming a subscriber to some institution or other. The present position can best be imagined when we say with all due seriousness that in Johannesburg alone there are several worthy bodies likely to cease their activities, if sufficient funds are not forthcoming and, furthermore, if the support is not continued on much more generous lines than it has been in the past. Again and again, a suggestion has been made that there should be an amalgamation of all charitable endeavours, and, whilst we have always advocated such a procedure, some little time must elapse ere a satisfactory and workable arrangement can be arrived at. In the meantime a campaign whereby every Jew and Jewess who is able to give something towards Jewish charities, should be approached, would be of inestimable value. To-day, there are far too many of our own folk who have escaped doing their duty, and the only excuse they can offer is that they had never been approached.

We have now entered upon another year in the Jewish calendar, and it is to be hoped that before it is ended, that the position will not merely be relieved, but will be such that our institutions will be in a much more thriving condition. Despite the bad times, we are certain that sufficient money can be raised to meet practically all requirements.

Owing to an unfortunate printer's error in the advertisement of the Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co., on page 16, of our special Rosh Hashona number the dividend declared on the 21st June, 1922, was published as 7%, whereas it should have been 7½%. We regret that this mistake should have occurred, and hasten to point out the error.

Capetown Notes.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

In the Synagogues *Rosh Hashona* has been celebrated in Capetown by large congregations. The Great Synagogue has overflowed with worshippers attentively following the impressive services, listening to the stirring sermons of the minister and the singing of the customary festival music by the choir.

Fine bright weather has, if possible, increased the crowds of worshippers who filled not only all the available space in the regular Synagogues; but all the overflow halls, hired for the festival season, where services have been held have barely been sufficient for the occasion. Outside, closed business houses, festively attired ladies, and pages full of greetings in the newspapers betokened the Jewish holy day; whilst the gentile citizens seem to have fallen in with the spirit of the season, and business firms advertise their good wishes to their Jewish friends, and patrons, and private people jocularly greet Jew and gentile alike with "A Happy New Year".

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The Rev A. P. Bender sends an inspiring message to the Jewish Community through the press. Mr. Bender's message occupies an important position in the centre of a page full of New Year's greetings. It refers to the opportunities of the New Year for advancing the ideals of the Jewish race. It expresses the hope that the festival will be welcomed as the bearer of a charge to all to sanctify their

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lives by personal service to one another and to Humanity. "I hope" says Mr. Bender, "that they will realise that the more consistent and the more zealous they show themselves in the fulfilment of the essential teachings of their religion, the more certain they are to entertain and to illustrate a fitting and an exalted conception of their duties as free citizens of South Africa and of the British Commonwealth.

An intense and abiding love for the cradle-land of the Jewish race and a patriotic aspiration to bring about its complete resuscitation as the spiritual and cultural Centre of World-Jewry—an unwavering fidelity to the distinctive traditions of religious idealism which had their birth-place in the age consecrated soil of Palestine—an overmastering desire to alleviate the unexampled sufferings of their less fortunate brothers and sisters exposed to the slings and arrows of outrageous prejudice and intolerance in less enlightened lands than our own—all this is perfectly compatible with an absorbing interest in the political problems and the national aims and movements of the people of this Sub-Continent and with a natural and an ever-deepening ambition to serve the country in which Jews possess the fullest rights of citizenship, in a manner worthy of those who themselves are heirs to the highest ideal of patriotic and civic service".

The message concludes with an exhortation to Jews to cooperate with their fellow-citizens in furthering the true interests of South Africa and the Mother City in particular, until the day when the prophecy is realised "and he shall call every man his neighbour under the vine and fig tree".

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The Great Synagogue has published its report for the year just concluded.

The Annual General Meeting of members takes place on Sunday, when five members of the committee will be elected, as well as one to fill the place of the late Mr. H. Liberman.

The report records satisfactory progress in every department of

We'd "a night out" masquerading about,
Adding our share to the racket and rout,
Myself and a pal at the Carnival
As "The Merry Monarch" and Claude
Duval.
But, oh, what a wreck in the misty morn!
Our dominoes missing and doubtlets torn,
With hoarseness, headache and chill to
endure
Sprinting for Woods' Great Peppermint
Cure.

the many-sided work of the Congregation.

Throughout the year under review, Divine Service has been held regularly morning and evening without intermission and has invariably been well attended. The gatherings on Sabbath Eve and Sabbath Morning have likewise grown appreciably from week to week, although there is still room for improvement in the attendance of the members generally at these Services. The Sabbath Afternoon Services for boys and girls continue to maintain a widespread popularity. On the first Saturday in each month this Service is attended by Companies of the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides, when the Choir officiate and thus enhance the impressiveness of the Service. A valuable innovation has been introduced in the arrangement of a Service on the second Sabbath Eve in each month, especially adapted for young men and women of the Jewish Community in the Cape Peninsula. It is gratifying to note that the Service is becoming increasingly attractive—in the highest sense of the term—to the rising generation. These Services were happily initiated by a large and representative rally of the youth of the Community at a special Sunday evening Service. In this connection the Committee cannot refrain from expressing their admiration of and gratitude to their deeply respected Minister the Rev. Mr. Bender for inaugurating these services.

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The improvements introduced by the Cantor (Rev. L. Kirschner) and the Choir Master (Mr. G. Grosberg) from time to time in the musical rendering of the several Services, have tended to a more becoming decorum throughout.

The report appeals for the assistance of young men with musical voices to take a part in the Choir.

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The usual Choral Service in celebration of the time-honoured Festival of Chanukkah was successfully carried out. During the last Penitential period, overflow Services were held on the New Year Festival and on the Day of Atonement in the Old

Serene in my strength changing seasons
along

I laughed at the stories my neighbours
told,

Of virulent germs which infected the
strong

As well as the feeble with "septic cold"
But I'm wiser now, and I need to be, too,

For I know what its victims for days
encure,

And I've learned what my neighbours do
With Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

Synagogue under the personal direction of Mr. I. L. Barnett, the Vice-President of the Congregation, assisted by the following gentlemen in the conducting of the Services: Rev. M. Cohen, Mr. J. Gezundheit, Mr. M. Charnass, Mr. S. Sandler, Mr. M. Arkin, Mr. F. Rabinowitz, and Mr. E. Simonhoff. These Services brought together a considerable concourse of members of the Community and will be continued on the same lines during the coming Holy Season.

The Minister of the Congregation was privileged to open and consecrate new Synagogues at Wellington and Beaufort West, during the year.

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Forty-four Barmitzvahs have been celebrated during the year, and fifty-three marriages. Forty-seven funerals have been conducted and the last rites of the dead have been carried out faithfully by the members of the Chevra Kadisha under the leadership of Mr. H. J. Stodel.

Forty-one new members have been added to the congregation during the year, but the Committee regret that owing to the constant pressure upon the limited accommodation available, they are frequently unable to find seats for those who have unquestionable claims on their consideration. There is generally a long waiting-list, and the Committee give preference to the claims of the sons and daughters of those who have for years been supporters of the Great Synagogue.

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The Committee have to deplore the decease of Mrs. Doretta Hartogs, who was for several years the capable and zealous President of the Jewish Ladies' Association, and who worthily represented the Community from time to time at Organisations of woman in the City; Mrs. Sarah Goldman. Mrs. Hilda Gordon, Miss Lottie Gabriel, in the flower of her womanhood; Mr. Joe Silver, Mr. Gershon Rubin, Mr. William Levey, Mr. Boris Sloan, prominent and popular young athlete, Mr. Hyam Moss, Mr. Abraham Walker, who was for a quarter of a century a constant attendant at the Services and a generous supporter of the Synagogue, Mrs. Ada Silverman whose life was prematurely closed by a tragic accident, and last, but not least, Mr. Hyman Liberman, J.P., whose devotion to the Congregation and to the Synagogue was conspicuously manifested during half a century of zealous and untiring service on its behalf, and whose career in the public service

has shed lustre not only on the Congregation of which he was so distinguished a representative, but on the entire Jewish Community of the Sub-Continent. A Solemn and impressive Memorial Service was held in his honour in the Great Synagogue, attended by a large and representative Congregation, which included His Worship the Mayor of Cape Town (Mr. R. J. Verster) and the Town Clerk (Mr. J. R. Finch).

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The Committee have had considerable pleasure in placing the Old Synagogue at the disposal of Societies and Institutions with religious, educational, Philanthropic and social objects in view, connected with the Jewish Community in the Cape Peninsula, almost every day throughout the expiring year. Thus this building continues to prove itself a valuable auxiliary to the Synagogue, and it is hoped that at no distant date it will be possible to improve its accommodation and to equip it with more suitable illumination, as well as with the other indispensable requirements of public gatherings. This year, an improvement has already been affected by an additional entrance and other necessary conveniences.

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With regard to the financial position of the Congregation, they have been enabled to meet the growing expenses of the Congregation, but there is a small surplus to carry forward. Owing to the generous bequest of the late Mr. Hyman Liberman, the Committee may look forward to the extinction of the debt, which still rests on the Synagogue, as soon as the commercial depression passes.

The Committee submit the following resolution, which was passed unanimously at their meeting for adoption by the General Meeting.

"That the Committee place on record their deep sense of the severe bereavement sustained not only by the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, but by the entire Jewish Community, in the death of one of its most distinguished and most zealous members, Hyman Liberman Esq., J.P."

The report proceeds with a summary of Mr. Liberman's most conspicuous services to the congregation and the community generally. It concludes with a

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Notice is hereby given that the General Dealer's business carried on by Clara Malkes at 70 Rissik Street, Johannesburg under the style of O.F.S. Supply Stores has been abandoned as from 10th September 1923. C.N.A. 21.28.5

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tribute to its officials and an appeal for continued support from its members.

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Mr. Eli Biurski has been elected Mayor of Swellendam, a position he has already held in former years

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Biurski are holding a reception on Sunday at Rose Court, Breda Street in honour of the Barmitzvah this Sabbath of their son Louis George.

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Next month a grand ball is to be held in the City Hall in aid of the Jewish Aged Home.

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The engagement is announced of Dr. Sieff to Miss Minnie Futeran daughter Mr. and Mrs. S. Futeran of Capetown.

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Mr. Max Gorfinkel, M.A., Croll scholar of the University of Cape Town, has been awarded the Mackintosh Bursary in Psychological Medicine at the University of Glasgow. Mr. Gorfinkel entered the University of Glasgow last April to complete his medicine study.

The Parktown By Election

The electors of Parktown will, on the 25th inst., be called upon to elect a new member for their Division in the House of Assembly, and, we would cordially recommend the claims of Mr. Willie Rockey, the official candidate of the South African Party. Mr. Rockey has been a resident of this country for 36 years, and in the course of a long and honourable career, has rendered yeoman service both to Johannesburg and to the country. When the first Municipal Election took place in Johannesburg in 1903, Mr. Rockey came second in the list of successful candidates, and served the city nobly and well for three years. In 1910 he stood as candidate for Langlaagte, defeating Mr. Weyburg, and sat in no less than three Parliaments, representing the constituency for no less a period than 10 years. The candidate, unlike many other aspirants for parliamentary honours, has decided views of his own, and the only danger to his successful re-election to the House of Assembly, to our mind, is the apathy of the voters. We trust that with a man knowing the constituency as he does, and possessing such excellent qualifications, the electorate will see the urgent necessity of recording its votes and returning so eminently suitable a candidate.



The League of British Jews.

A few years ago a rather curious organisation was formed in England and styled itself "The League of British Jews."

What the exact qualifications were to obtain entrance as a member to this select and august body, has never yet been discovered. Some were of the opinion that none should be admitted unless they could trace their ancestors back to the time of William the Conqueror who landed at Hastings in the year 1066, or better still the arrival of Julius Caesar in B.C. 55. However, this is only by the way. What we may rightly ask is what has this body accomplished, has it done anything that has been beneficial to Jewry? It has done nothing but bring ridicule upon itself, and at the same time done an immense amount of harm to Jewry. There is not the slightest need for any particular section of our community to endeavour to make capital out of their supposed super patriotism. The Jew is known as a good and loyal citizen, and these Plantagenets would be far better employed in "healing themselves," and endeavouring to become better Jews. Here in South Africa an attempt was made to form such a similar organisation, and, after tremendous efforts, I believe a President, Vice-President and the whole gamut of officials were appointed. The whole organisation consisted of one person, and he soon gave up the idea. We were surprised to see amongst the New Year greetings in the local press, the following—"The League of British Jews wishes its members, adherents and friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year." I have made extensive and numerous enquiries, but cannot trace who and where this self styled patriotic organisation is to be found, and if those who comprise such an organisation are such great patriots, why not style themselves "The League of South African Jews." All said and done, the advertisement may be a joke, but form as many leagues and organisations as one likes,

the old adage holds good "All Israel are Brethren."

The Twelve Greatest.

I notice that our esteemed contemporary, *The American Jewish Tribune*, has been promoting a competition to determine who are the twelve outstanding Jews of the world. No less than sixty-six names were submitted up till a week before the closing of the competition and, strange to say, that a well known Councillor of Johannesburg, whose doubtful deeds necessitated as he describes it, fifteen thousand soldiers fully armed to catch him, did not even appear in the list. However, a week before the closing of the competition Prof. Albert Einstein was the favourite, closely followed by that great literary figure and Jewish champion, Israel Zangwill, whilst the remaining ten in the first dozen were; Dr. Weizmann, Louis D. Brandeis, Henri Bergson, Georg Brandes, Louis Marshall, Lord Reading, Nathan Straus, Stephen S. Wise, whilst Sir Herbert Samuel managed to get the twelfth place by the skin of his teeth. The claims of practically all these gentlemen are too well known to need any repetition and next week one may be able to give the final result.

Notice is hereby given that the business of Furniture Dealer carried on by Joseph Davis Cohen under the style of firm of J. D. Cohen & Co., at 44, Plein Street, Stand No. 317, Johannesburg, has been removed to temporary offices at 3, Hoek Street, as from the 1st September 1923, and will be removed to Nos. 4/5, Stands Nos. 111 and 112, Hoek Street, Johannesburg, as from the 15th October 1923. Raphaely, Gratus & Liebson, Attorneys for J. D. Cohen. 21.28.5

Business registered Receiver Revenue, Johannesburg, 31/1/23 by Magdalena H. Swanepool 84, De arey Street, Vrededorp will be removed to Stand 75, 3rd Street, Vrededorp, Johannesburg, from 30/9/23. Cronson, Parties Agent, Phone 00159, 48, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg. 21.28.5

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