

what appeared, that the Board of Deputies was not the official representative of Jewry and that certain members of our community were speaking on its behalf. Whilst those who write in a purely private capacity on such matters are no doubt well-meaning, we cannot but say that at times their actions are apt to be read in the wrong light. The Board is not self-elected. It is appointed by the many and various communal organisations who are affiliated to it and therefore is the only body that can claim to be thoroughly representative of South African Jewry. We would urge the Board to seriously consider the question of giving greater publicity to the valuable work it is accomplishing. At the present time, even the bulk of Jewry in this country does not know, neither does it realise, the immense amount of work that is done in a quiet, unostentatious a manner and we fully believe that if this were made known then there would be even greater support, and what is more, it would show to the public at large the admirable and constitutional methods adopted to safeguard as well as further the interests of those it so ably represents.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.

South African Zionists will naturally feel greatly disappointed at the news that the President of the World Executive, Mr. Nahum Sokolow, will be prevented from carrying out his intention of visiting this country early next month. One has not to look very far for the reason for this cancellation. First, there are many urgent and grave problems affecting Zionism which demand immediate attention and the gravity of these has been added to by the political situation in England and a man of Mr. Sokolow's importance is needed to assist in the solving of them. His long and wide knowledge of the many questions raised will prove invaluable. Secondly, the leader of the Zionist Organisation Dr. Weizmann is still absent in America

where he is accomplishing much good work and cementing American Jewry together to assist in the Jewish Agency, the date of his return to England is not yet being definitely known. The fact remains however, that work has yet to be done in this country and in face of disappointments must be carried on.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mavis Myers, late of the S. A. Jewish Orphanage, to Mr. M. I. Isaacson.

Capetown Notes.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Athlone, the wife of the Governor-General has graciously consented to open the forthcoming Oriental Wonderland Fete to be held for the purpose of raising funds to build a new communal hall.

Anton Maaskoff the brilliant violinist, together with his father, the celebrated actor Maurice Moscovitch, sailed last Friday for Capetown in order to fulfil his engagements with the Capetown Orchestra during the Festival. Afterwards he will undertake a short tour through the Union, and also play twice with the Orchestra during their Johannesburg season in April.

The Festival, will be the most ambitious ever attempted in South Africa, and should form a fitting and worthy celebration of the ten years of arduous and artistic labour of our Capetown Orchestra.

The "Cape Times" gives a detailed account of Mr. Morris Robinson's (of Messrs. Ashbey curio and antique dealers) presentation to the Queen of Holland, and his conveying to her the gift of the freemasons of the Cape Province and the Orange Free State. The gift was a lovely fan of South African ivory, as a setting for a semi-circle of the finest and most delicate plumes

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that the Oudtshoorn farms produce. On the face of the handle are fashioned the Royal crown of Holland and the monogram of Queen Wilhelmina, all of gold and diamonds, which again are the products of the country; and the whole is enshrined in a casket of choice South African woods, covered with snake skin. In short, the only details in the whole gift which have not been produced or made within the lands of the Union are the ribbons of the fan and the casket lining.

Miss R Gitlin M.A., is amongst the six graduates who have qualified this year for the Secondary Teachers' Higher Certificate of the University of Capetown. Miss Gitlin has also qualified for the degree of Bachelor of Education. She is a daughter of one of the most indefatigable of the prominent Zionist workers in this city.

Miss Irma Stern whose painting in the expressionist style attracted so much attention and curiosity last year, returned this week from Europe with her parents. She has recently exhibited in Berlin and other great centres with marked success.

The Rev. M. Diamond, formerly minister of the Dunedin Hebrew Congregation, Mew Zealand, officiated at the Roeland street Synagogue at the evening service on Friday and officiated and preached at the Sabbath morning service.

Mr. I. J. Friedlander for years the President of the Namaqualand Hebrew Congregation, Vice-Chairman of the Springbok Village Management Board, and on the committee of practically every sporting, social or public body of the little town of Springbok in Namaqualand was given a farewell by the Namaqualand Jewish community, at the residence of Mr. Gelb, of Concordia, when he was presented with an illuminated address and a travelling suit case on the occasion of his leaving to settle in Capetown.

"Potash and Perlmutter" on the film has attracted a great audience of cinema-lovers at the Alhambra where it was shown this week.

Advocate I. Goldblatt, of Cape Town, who is now in the South-West territory, has become engaged to Miss Cohen, eldest daughter of Rev. M. A. Cohen.