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Durban Doings

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

It is impossible for the writer of these notes to be "au fait" with every happening of Jewish interest in this town, consequently the resident correspondent will be pleased to receive any information of interest to the Jewish community to Box 296 or Telephone 3663.

On Tuesday the 27th ulto, Mr. David Cohen, the young Durban pianist, provided music lovers with a rare musical treat when he gave a "Welcome Home" concert in the Town Hall in conjunction with Mr. Lyell-Taylor and the Durban Orchestra. There was hardly a vacant seat in the hall and chief interest was naturally attached to the "Polish Fantasia for Piano and Orchestra" by Paderewski. It is an item seldom heard even in London on account of its almost prohibitive difficulties. Mr. Cohen achieved a conspicuous and striking success beyond the expectation of even those most aware of his notable promise. He has an abundance of temperament and his playing is marked by a virile youthfulness and fire that is as enjoyable as it is striking and is characterised by both breadth and delicacy. Every work was delightfully performed and enthusiastically received. I am informed that we are to have another opportunity of hearing Mr. Cohen as soon as the New Concert Hall at the Beach is open. On Saturday last Mr. Cohen journeyed to Ladysmith to play at the opening of the New Town Hall. He is to adopt teaching as well as concert work as his profession.

Heartiest felicitations to all concerned on the engagement of Millie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Stiller of Durban to William Cranko, of Durban.

Mr. L. H. Wand, who has been on an extensive visit to

South Africa, sailed for Europe per the Arundel Castle on the 30th ulto.

The engagement is announced of Ray, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lando of Pretoria, to Sol, only son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Mink of Durban.

Mr. H. Moss-Morris paid a flying visit to the Rand last week but has now returned to town

Mr. B. G. Scott, Managing Director of Dalys Ltd., sailed for Durban on Friday last from Southampton, per the Armadale Castle. Mr. Scott has been on a short visit to the "Old Country".

On Sunday the 1st inst. a film, of great interest to Durban Jewry was screened at the Empire Bioscope, in scenes of Palestine, old and new. The large attendance evidenced the fact that considerable interest is shown in the development of our native land.

Amongst recent visitors from the Rand who intend spending a considerable period in the Garden City are Mr. and Mrs. M. Goldstien and Miss Eva Goldstien, they are domiciled at the Marine Hotel

I am informed that the Kaiser gave Iron Crosses during the late War for actions less brave than that of Mr. M. Stiller who was a passenger with Mr. Paddy Adair on his record breaking run to Johannesburg on Wednesday the 28th ulto. I am pleased to be able to record that Mr. Stiller is back in Durban although still showing signs of his strenuous journey. Rumour says that Johannesburg does not contain sufficient gold to induce Mr. Stiller to emulate his last performance.

Heartiest congratulations to Miss Vera Cohen on her engagement to Mr. John Hardstone.

Mr. J. Mendelsohn, of Johan-

nesburg is on a visit to Durban and is staying at the Marine Hotel.

Mr and Mrs H. Treisman and Mr and Mrs M. Treisman and their families have taken up their residence in Durban over the winter months.

Amongst visitors to Durban at the present time is Dr. Alexander Goldstein who is at present touring South Africa in a campaign on behalf of the Keren Hayesod. Dr. Goldstein has had an extraordinary successful mission in this country especially considering the depression which now prevails. Last night a mass meeting and reception was held at the Town Hall in connection with our eminent visitors campaign but as this paper was in press prior to the meeting the result will perforce have to be held over until our next issue. On Saturday evening last Mr. H. Hillman the president of the Keren Hayesod in Durban held a reception at his residence to enable the committee to have the opportunity of meeting our distinguished visitor.

We commend to our readers the work done by the Lever Watch Work Co., 114 Old Arcade, who undertake all manner of repairs, at prices very much below those ruling at the present time by other watch makers. The work is not only executed on the premises and not given out to second parties to do but satisfaction is guaranteed. To members of the Hebrew Order of David and the Friendly Society Movement a 15 per cent reduction is given.

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