

Capetown Notes.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

At the General meeting of the Cape Jewish Guild held on Sunday at the Old Synagogue, the Chairman, Mr. S. Winer, presented a very interesting and comprehensive report on the Guild's activities for the half year ended June 30th.

In the course of his report, Mr. Winer said the Guild rooms had been open for nearly 18 months and attendances had improved. Functions held in the Guild rooms and the Old Synagogue had been well patronised. A long felt want had been filled, viz. the acquisition of a piano, which is now at the disposal of members. Proceeding the Chairman, reported that as a result of the recent Charity Concert, it was hoped that at least £20 would be handed each to the Orphanage, Board of Guardians and the Aged Home.

The Dance in aid of the Piano Fund, held on the 25th June realised the sum of £28 which

was very satisfactory. Excellent reports were submitted of the activities of the Dramatic and Cultural sections but owing to a lack of adequate quarters, the physical culture section is experiencing difficulties in managing. The report further dealt with the Tennis and Rambling sections and which also showed excellent progress.

The Chairman made an appeal for the regular payment subscriptions. Owing to a steady increase in the membership roll, the need for larger premises is becoming more apparent, but unless members realise that without funds nothing can be done, the Committee's efforts will be nullified.

The undivided co-operation of all members is necessary to enable the Guild to realise its ambitions.

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In connection with the recent Guild Charity Concert, Mr. Michael Chaimowitz, kindly offered a prize of a beautiful cut glass bowl to the Guild lady member who sold the largest number of tickets. This method of stimulating interest and cultivating healthy competition in the right direction is highly commended.

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Forthcoming Guild events are two plays, promoted by the Dramatic Section and entitled "Sugarman the Shadchan" and "Great Snakes" and a "Book Tea" on the 5th August at the Old Synagogue.

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The provision made in the will of the late Mr. Hyman Liberman for the erection of an arch at the bottom of the Government Avenue is again in the limelight.

The select Committee on Crown Lands recommended that a grant of 1,600 square feet of Parliament House grounds be made to the Cape Town Municipality and on Thursday night the House accepted the recommendation.

As soon as the Assembly met on Thursday afternoon Mr. Speaker referred to certain procedure recently followed in the House of Crown Land, which in his opinion was highly undesirable.

He referred to the grant of ground for the erection of the "Liberman Archway".

The question of interfering with the Parliamentary Buildings and grounds is one which affects the privileges of members of both Houses", said Mr. Speaker, "and the least that should have been done in this instance was for the responsible Minister to consult the President of the Senate and

myself in the matter before any papers dealing with the subject were laid upon the table of either House. The course that would have been followed would have been to refer the matter to the Select Committee on Internal Arrangements of both Houses sitting jointly, through which body any proposal to alienate any portion of the Parliamentary ground should, in my opinion, reach Parliament."

Scrutiny, said Mr. Speaker, had not in the past been applied by the chief officers of the House to the papers regarding the disposal of or otherwise affecting Crown Lands, which were from time to time tabled by the Minister of Lands and which, as a matter of practice, were thereupon automatically referred to the select Committee on Crown Lands for consideration, otherwise the proposal referred to would not have been allowed to go to the Committee in question without his attention being drawn to it, thus enabling him to take the necessary steps to acquaint the House with his views upon it.

"I cannot say", Mr. Speaker concluded, "whether the President of the Senate was consulted before hand, but I certainly was not. I do not see that this House or I can now intervene, and I have, therefore, to content myself with drawing attention to the matter, in the hope that no future encroachments on the site over which the two Houses of Parliament exercise direct supervision will be embarked upon before such consultation as I have indicated is sought by the Government department concerned."

Mr. P. Van Heerden asked whether he could discuss the matter.

"No, There is nothing further to be said about it," replied Mr. Speaker.

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The Committee of the Cape Jewish Orphanage is experiencing heavy deficits month after month and direct methods, to a great extent failing, they have been obliged to adopt other means to raise funds.

Consequently a Nash Special Six Touring Model Motor Car has been acquired and donation tickets at 10/- each have been issued. It is hoped to raise an appreciable sum and donors to the Fund, by taking up a donation ticket not only help a good cause but have an opportunity of obtaining a fine car.

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