

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 7720.

Our season of festivity is drawing steadily to a close but the last fortnight brought us some very enjoyable events, first and foremost amongst which must be placed the Grand Ball given by the Durban Jewish Ladies Guild, on the 14th inst. This ball is an annual affair and has aptly been termed "the" ball of the season and both residents and visitors, looked forward to the "July Ball with keen anticipation for weeks beforehand, the result being—a bumper attendance. This year was no exception to the rule, the Town Hall as usual being the venue, and there must have been between fourteen and fifteen hundred guests present. Naturally with such an immense attendance one was not able to trip the light fantastic with ease but this rather added instead of detracting from the general enjoyment. Vos' orchestra discoursed all the latest "hits" with such verve that one could not forbear to dance even if one would. The sit down supper which is a feature of this ball was carried out on its usual lavish scale and great credit is due to Mrs. L. Hart, president of the Guild, and her energetic committee who were responsible for its success. The main hall was most artistically decorated with multi-coloured balloons interspersed with electric lights which brightened up a somewhat sombre hall, the entrance loggia was quite transformed into a beautiful lounge with groups of palms and easy chairs. The proceeds are in aid of the Durban Jewish Benevolent Society and the Guild's own fund and both these deserving causes should benefit by a goodly sum.

Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Robinson on the birth of their daughter.

An interesting Durban engagement announced last week was that of Miss Hermina (Mintz) Blumenfeld, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Blumenfeld to Mr. Max Wolpert only son of

Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Wolpert—our heartiest congratulations are extended to all.

On Sunday the 19th inst. a large and most representative gathering both of our own community and the community in general flocked to Kings Hall to the reception given to Rabbi Zlotnik. Long before the appointed hour the hall was packed to overflowing. The Rev. E. M. Levy M.A., presided and the proceedings were opened by a pianoforte solo by Miss Ruby Geviser, a talented little lady of about ten summers, followed by a recitation by Miss Cissie Romain another young lady who gives promise of great things, both these performances received the applause they merited. Rabbi Zlotnik then delivered a most inspiring address, half being given in English, the other half in Hebrew, that all might hear the brilliant speaker's eloquence and learn the message he had brought. A collection was made in the hall and the sum of seven hundred pounds was subscribed to the Jewish National Fund. A vote of thanks was then proposed to the speaker by Mr. L. Hart, president of the Zionist Association, and seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Mr. T. Wadley. The proceedings concluded with the singing of "Hatikvah" and "God Save the King."

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mr. H. Brown, of Ackerman's Ltd., on his recent sad bereavement.

Miss Freda Peskin and Mr. Leon Berman are to be heartily congratulated on being placed in the third class in the recent matriculation examinations.

The marriage of Mr. John Hartstone and Miss Vera Cohen, will take place on August 6th.

The Durban Jewish Circle have once more been to the fore and their latest success was that of their concert party the "Merry Circlettes" in their show given in Kings Hall on the 22nd inst. This is the second performance the Circlettes have presented unto us and it was, if anything, even more successful than the last—and that says a lot. Before I go any further let me point out that Mr. A. K. Nyman is to be most heartily congratulated upon gathering around him so many talented young ladies and gentlemen and for presenting to us

such a really excellent show. The company is comprised of the Misses Rae Cohen, Cysse Sano, Zaidie Nyman, Raie Cohen and Annie Moshal, Messrs. Max Cohen, David Kentridge, Jack Kempner, David Davis, Maurice Cohen and A. K. Nyman. Premier honours must, I think, be awarded to Mr. Nyman, for in his humorous items he was irresistibly funny and in the concerted numbers was quite the life and soul of everything. "Something Russian" by "The Boys" was quite one of the best turns of the evening, whilst "A Small Hebrew Argument" was so typical and so well "argued" by Messrs. Nyman and Cohen that one could not forbear to laugh. The singing of the ladies of the party was really delightful, especially the duet from "Il Trovatore" sung by the Misses Nyman and Moshal. Another item which was greatly appreciated was that entitled "Some Jazz and a Little Melody" in which Miss Cysse Sano and Messrs. M. Cohen Kentridge, Kempner and Maurice Cohen showed us the instrumental side of the Circlettes and last but not least was a step dance by Messrs. Kentridge and Kempner. There are many more individual items I would mention but space does not permit, but let me sum up and add that this is the Circlettes second show, and I think I am voicing the opinion of the majority, when I say, let there be a third very soon. The proceeds of the entertainment are in aid of the Circle Building Fund.

Miss S. Aronson who has been on what might almost be called a worlds tour returned to town on Sunday last per the Edinburgh Castle.

Mr. I. Ochberg of Capetown is on a visit to Durban.

Mr. S. Moshal sailed yesterday on an extended trip to the "Old Country" per the Edinburgh Castle.

Amongst Rand visitors to town are Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Jacobs.

Business registered Receiver Revenue 29/1/25. Samuel Sher and Morris Suskin, trading "S.A. Stock Buyers and Woolen Merchants, stand 9.7. 123 Commissioner Street, will be removed to stand 364 Marshalls 38 Von Brandt Street, Johannesburg, from 1/8/25 P. Cronson 14

Notices advertised in Government Gazette and Local Paper 29th May, 5th June and 12th June by Charles Treloar Trehair and Prudence Trehair has been cancelled and business transferred to Prudence Trehair. Cronson, Parties Agent. 14