

## Fashion Notes and Notions.

By PENELOPE.

### For the Seaside Fund.

Quite a little stir was created in dancing and social circles last week over the entertainment in aid of the Star Seaside Fund in the Standard Theatre, which was presented by Pearl Adler and Lily Browse and a number of their pupils. This is the time of the year when everyone begins to think of sending their children to the sea-side and no more popular or more useful work of kindness is performed in this town than the sending of hundreds of little children in poor circumstances to Durban year after year. Only those who have visited the children in their huts and seen them playing in the Scotchman's pool or building castles on the beach, can possibly realise how wonderful this scheme is and that the necessary task of raising funds is only the beginning of the work. Many visitors from Johannesburg supplement their monetary assistance by gifts of fruit, food and vegetables, and help to amuse the children by taking the cripples for drives and by arranging picnics and other entertainments for them.

It is no wonder that anyone who organises an entertainment to raise money for the funds is met with a whole hearted response from all sides and from all sections of the community.

The committee for the entertainment at the Standard was as follows: Mesdames C. D. Don, Henry Adler, D. W. Sims, J. Heyman, Schapiro, Braude, Rubenstein, Leon, D. W. Deeble, W. Scott, A. Youldon, the Misses Macleod and Peacocke and Mrs. Grant Smith (organiser). They were assisted by the mothers of the pupils performing, by donations of all kinds, and by generous concessions from the African Theatres, Ltd., and the African Caterers, Ltd., particularly Mr. Welsh, the manager of the latter, who not only waived his rights to sell sweets that night but presented the committee with a handsome donation of sweets made by his daughter.

The house was packed on the night of the entertainment and the gallery had been placed at the disposal of local orphanages and institutions by the generosity of Sir Harry Graumann and Mrs. D. W. S. Sims and the Corner House was filled with about 400 young people who certainly added to the enthusiasm of the house. The arrival of the Boys of the Naval Brigade was really impressive giving an official air to the proceedings, when they lined up and marched in to the brisk commands of a drill sergeant. Mr. Rondi was in attendance with Mrs. Sims who was in charge of the distribution of the seats and he personally gave each child a bag of sweets and a bun. Mrs. Heyman, the hon. treasurer, assisted by Mrs. Schapiro, was in charge of the front of the house and Miss Pamela Deeble of the sale of sweets.

The programme itself was excellent, the dancing

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was of a particularly high standard and the arrangement of the programme original. This is the first time that real Ballet has been produced by local teachers with local dancers and the ambitious experiment was more than justified by the success and appreciation achieved. Lily Browse as Premiere Ballerina danced with grace and command of technique and with remarkable dramatic expression. The corps de ballet showed excellent team work and individual skill and understanding. In the Babies Ballet the children, all under eight years, appealed as much on account of their knowledge and training as through the prettiness of their youthfulness. It was unfortunate that several had to be replaced at the last moment through the illness of those who had practised the parts. The living Statues were artistic and beautifully grouped harmonising with the music and with the period of Grecian Art they represented. The balance and poise of the young dancers was undoubtedly the result of practise along the right lines and it evoked well deserved applause.

At the end of the evening presentations were made to the Misses Adler and Browse, Mrs. Grant Smith (who was responsible for the direction), and Miss Stokes, by the children, with many beautiful bouquets from friends in the audience.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg (Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Leake) were present, and during an interval the Mayor thanked the Misses Adler and Browse, the committee and the performers, for their good work and the excellent entertainment given.

The presentations were made by four small girls, Lily Pretorius, Edna Rubenstein, Valerie Leon, and Biddy Hardy.

### In the Guild Hall.

In celebration of the official opening to the general public of the new tea-room at the Jewish Guild Memorial Hall, the firm of "Fanny Farmer," which has now taken over the management, gave a well-attended fancy dress dance there on Saturday evening.

About 150 people were present, and prizes were offered for the best costumes.

Adeler's Band played and excellent refreshments were served.

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ade of Fashion and History will be held in the Town Hall under the auspices of the National Service Fund. Costumes of all periods will figure in the dress display and at the cabaret which will take place afternoon and evening.

Talking of fashions I spent a perfectly splendid morning at the new Institute of Beauty Maison Chic, the leading Permanent Hairwaving Specialists, who have opened up in the late Lounge Tea Rooms, 62 Pritchard Street. Everyone is recommending their friends to go there because the establishment is run on such very satisfactory lines. The saloons are thoroughly modern and hygienic and a first class chiropodist is in attendance. A very pleasing feature of this new saloon is a new scale of charges much lower than the prices asked at most places. What impressed me most was that all work executed had been done by expert service from the best saloons in Africa. I can confidently advise people wishing good service to call on Maison Chic without delay. The Principal of the concern (Mr. Cook) having just arrived from the Continent has brought out a wonderful range of Transformations, Switches and all the latest toilet preparations which add to the efficiency of this high-class saloon.

#### Coming Displays.

Miss Biddy Milne, the well known teacher of dancing and elocution, who is the daughter of the M.O.H., is busy arranging a display of dancing and elocution by her pupils to be held in the Standard Theatre on Saturday, 26th inst. Proceeds are to be devoted to the funds of the Children's Aid Society and a very good house may be expected. The Mayor and Mayoress have granted their patronage.

#### Wedding of Rabbi's Grand-daughter.

Last Sunday in the residence of the Rev. M. L. Harris his grand-daughter, Miss Hilda Mitchell, who is the second daughter of Mrs. Mitchell, was married to Mr. Harold Blumgart, son of Mrs. A. Blumgart, of Bloemfontein. The bride was given away by her mother and her grand-father, the latter also conducting the ceremony. She, the bride, looked charming in a pretty gown of white georgette handsomely embroidered in silver, her veil was worn under a wreath of orange blossom and her shower bouquet was of carnations and sweet peas.

During the ceremony the Chief Rabbi, the Rev. J. Landau, gave a stirring address and later over two hundred guests assembled many coming from Bloemfontein, Pretoria, and other towns though no invitations had been issued. The bride's mother, who with her father extended a hearty welcome to all, was handsomely gowned in silver grey crepe-de-chine and refreshments were served in a marquee which had been erected in the grounds. In the evening a family dinner was attended by fifty members of the family and later the newly married couple departed for their honeymoon which is being spent at Karrydene, Natal. The bride travelled in a smart suit of russet brown rep with hat to match. It is interesting to learn that Mrs. Mitchell's eldest daughter is to follow the example of her sister and will be married in about six weeks to Mr. B. Rabin, of Brakpan.

The Rev. Mark L. Harris is one of the pioneers of Judaism in this country. He came to Johannesburg from Kimberley in 1884 to lay the foundation stone of the first Synagogue in Johannesburg.

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## CIVIC INEFFICIENCY.

### PRIVATE VERSUS MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT.

After a long career of civic inefficiency and mismanagement the Dublin Corporation was dissolved on May 20th, 1924, by order of the Irish Free State Minister for Local Government. The property and powers of the Corporation were transferred to three Commissioners. At the time the news was received with unfeigned relief by the citizens of Dublin, who had suffered for years through the mismanagement of the Corporation, which had become largely a political assembly, the business of the city being virtually ignored. The city's rates were among the highest in Europe; the city's streets were amongst the dirtiest in the British Isles, and the extravagance of the Corporation in its dealings with its officials had become notorious throughout Ireland.

On June 17th, 1924, the Minister appointed a Commission of Inquiry to examine all questions of administration, representation and taxation in the city, country and urban districts of Dublin and to recommend such changes as might be desirable. Since that date the Commission has taken a great volume of evidence, and its report is expected to recommend that the affairs of Dublin be administered by three or four city managers, on lines which have proved so successful in certain parts of America and Germany.

Meanwhile the Government has decided to prolong till 1929 the rule of the three city Commissioners who have done such notable service for the city since they replaced the suppressed Corporation. In the ordinary way these Commissioners should go out of office this year, but the Government has announced the early introduction of a bill to keep them in office for a further term. The citizens unanimously applaud this decision, as well they might, seeing that the Commissioners have, as compared with the Corporation, given far more efficient municipal service at considerably less cost. Five years ago the burden on the ratepayers was appreciably over 20s. in the pound. (It should be mentioned here that in the British Isles rates are levied upon rental value and not upon capital value, as is usually the case in South Africa). This year the rates have been brought down to 16s., while a large reduction has been made in the charges for electric lighting and power. Side by side with this economical administration numerous improvements have been carried out. For instance, new street surfaces have been laid down at a rate that would have been incredible under the old Corporation, while the cleansing has undergone a remarkable change for the better. The whole city administration has been reorganised and tightened up in a manner that has completely disarmed the criticism of the partisans of the Corporation.

It is the same old story. The management of a town's business is not different from the management of any other undertaking. No form of socialistic incursion into the field of business—call it nationalisation, municipalisation, or what you will—can ever hope to successfully supplant private enterprise. Such adventures will always fail because of the waste and muddle (the result of "Jobs for Pals") which seems to be the inevitable attendant upon every form of bureaucratic control.

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Content is better, all the wise will grant,  
Than any earthly good that thou canst want.

—Byron.