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**CAPETOWN COMMENTS.**

**THE RAILWAY ACCIDENT.**

**CAPE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.**

**GENERAL NEWS.**

(From Our Own Correspondent).

One of the most disastrous railway accidents in South Africa occurred at Salt River Junction on Wednesday evening and resulted in 15 people being killed and some 26 seriously injured, of the latter two more succumbed to their injuries on Friday. The train involved was the 5.2 Capetown-Muizenberg Express, and it is stated that the coupling chains between two coaches broke, the loose ends apparently getting caught in the points and diverting the detached carriages on to another line. They then hurtled along under their own impetus and a moment or two later crashed into the supports of the overhead road bridge, the sides of the carriages being ripped off by the contact.

Indescribable scenes were witnessed, and the news of the tragedy, spreading like a prairie fire over the Peninsula, it was not long before thousands had congregated at the Salt River Station. Distressing and painful were the scenes at the morgues when the gruesome task of the identification took place.

Among the killed were Mrs. Leah Walt and her two daughters Freda and Jane. They were proceeding to their home in Plumstead. Hearing of the accident and knowing his wife and daughters were on the ill-fated train, Mr. Isaac Walt, who has been in ill-health for some time, had the terrifying experience of searching the morgue, and subsequently finding the mutilated bodies of his loved ones. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, when the remains of Mrs. Walt and her two daughters were laid to rest at the Maitland Cemetery in the presence of a very large and representative gathering of the Peninsula Jewish Community.

The bodies were first moved to the mortuary at the Old Jewish Cemetery at Woodstock, and then the cortege and mourners proceeded to Maitland.

The Rev. A. P. Bender conducted the burial service, when scenes of the most moving nature were witnessed. Mr. Walt, the grief-stricken husband and father, was present at the funeral.

The two daughters were former pupils of the Sea Point High School, from which they matriculated last December. They were both studying at the Technical College up to the time of their untimely and tragic death.

The sympathy of the whole community is with Mr. Walt and his sons in their terrible bereavement.

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The Committee of the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians, faced with the prospects of having to curtail their activities, have been obliged to issue an urgent appeal for funds, and have arranged a House to House Collection and Membership Campaign through the Peninsula for Sunday, the 20th instant. It is to be hoped the response will be prompt and generous. It is utterly impossible for the Committee to function unless they receive adequate financial assistance. Month by month there is a huge deficit and as a consequence the Board is heavily overdrawn at the Bank. The work of the Board is an indispensable feature of Jewish communal life in the Peninsula and by helping our poor the community are merely helping themselves. Obviously the Jewish public must come forward and see that this necessary work is not hampered by lack of funds. Only a small portion of Peninsula Jewry subscribe to the Board and the time has arrived when the importance of its work should be more generally recognised.

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A gloom was cast over the Jewish community of Malmesbury owing to the sudden death of Mr. Abraham Cohen, of the firm of Trevis and Cohen, a well known and highly respected citizen of that place. Mr. Cohen was found dead in bed on Tuesday morning and the cause is attributed to heart failure. The many friends of the late gentleman in Capetown will join with those in Malmesbury in their sympathy and condolence with the widow and the young family.

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The annual meeting of the Jewish Sick Relief Society (Bickur Cholem) was held in the Old Synagogue, when Mr. B. Witten presided over a fair number of members. Rabbi M. Kramer was also present. Letters of apology from Rabbi Ch. M. Mirvish, Rev. A. P. Bender and Adv. Alexander were read in which they heartily congratulated the Committee on the great success achieved during

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יונגע מענטשען, וועלכע ווינשען צו הייראטען, קענען בעסער ניט טאן ווי זיך ווענדען צו הערן ון א וול פארט פון די אויבענדערמאנטע איידוענס. הונדערטע קייסעס פילע פון די בעסטע און פארנעמסטע אידישע פאמיליען אין יאהאנעסבורג אין די יוניאן ווינען דורכגעפירט געווארן מיטן בעסטען ערפאלג און צופרידענהייט. אלע אונטער-האנדלונגען שטרענג פרייאט און צופערטרויליך. אינטערויוס אראנזשירט דורך בריף אדער טעלעפאן.

the year. The minutes of last annual meeting and the report and balance sheet for the last twelve months were read by the Secretary, Rev. N M. Rabinowitz, and were unanimously adopted. The revenue for the last twelve months was £911 9s. 7d. and the expenditure £805 4s. 7d. During the year 570 visits by doctors were made, 889 prescriptions were paid for by the Society and many surgical appliances subscribed for, whilst milk, meat, eggs and other nourishing foods were supplied to poor and needy sick. Medical baths and treatment were provided for in private nursing homes by the Society, when there were no beds available in the New Somerset Hospital. Regular visits were paid to the hospitals, convalescent homes and asylums by the members of the Committee. Rev. E. S. Walt, Hon. Secretary of the Hospital Nurses and Kosher Kitchen Sub-Committee, submitted to the meeting the full report of the work done by that Sub-Committee during the last twelve months in order to obtain permission from the Hospital Board for the establishment of a Kosher Kitchen at the New Somerset Hospital, and in conclusion stated that all the difficulties had been overcome and that the Society was expecting any day to receive the official sanction of the Hospital Board.

Mr. F. Suritz, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, then moved the adoption of the report and asked that permission be given the Society to proceed with the work. This was seconded by Mr. A. Aronson, supported by Mr. M. Preiss, and unanimously adopted. Mr. Friedgood was unanimously re-elected Hon. Treasurer for the fourth consecutive year and the following were elected to the Committee for a period of two years: Messrs. F. Suritz, L. Gladstone, A. Aronson, S. Schach, M. G. Sive. These with Rev. L. Kirschner, Rev. E. S. Walt, and Messrs. B. Witten, L. M. Sachs, H. Sandler, I. Rozocky and D. Kalwerisly, who were elected last year, and the Treasurer, form the new Committee. The Rev. L. Kirschner and Mr. W. Rodman were re-elected Trustees and Messrs. B. Chideckel and J. Shaer were re-elected Auditors. Rabbi Kramer paid a tribute to the Committee for devoting their time in the interests of the poor sick and expressed his hope that they would receive from the public the support they deserved. At the first meeting of the Committee, Mr. F. Suritz was by a large majority elected President, and Mr. B. Witten was unanimously elected Vice-President.

A wedding of considerable interest was solemnised at Cradock when Mr. Louis Mandelstein, of Jagersfontein, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Mandel-

stein, of Philipolis, O.F.S., was married to Flora, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Perl of Cradock. The ceremony was performed in the Cradock Synagogue by Rev. A. Mandelbrote in the presence of a large number of friends and well-wishers. The bride was attired in an elegant frock of white satin charmeuse, made with godets in the skirt, and with sleeves and panel of white georgette, the latter embroidered with silver beads. Her shoes were of silver brocade and her long white net veil was held in position by a silver coronet and spray of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white roses and carnations. The attendant bridesmaids were the two sisters of the bride, Miss Dora Perl, in mauve, and Miss Bessie Pedl, in new blue crepe de chine. The maid-of-honour was Miss Jenny Mandelstein, sister of the bridegroom. After the service a reception was held at the house of the bride's parents. As the newly-wedded pair entered they were greeted by the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Jennie Gluckmann. About 80 guests came to offer their congratulations and were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Perl. The happy couple left by car in the afternoon on a motor trip to East London and Durban.

In this week's issue of "The Cape" reference is made to the "Lieberman Arch," the proposal to erect which has been rejected by the Parliamentary Committee. "The Cape" says:—

The money for the erection of this arch was bequeathed in his will by Mr. Hyman Lieberman, an ex-Mayor of Capetown, whose generosity in this respect should be an example to other citizens who have made comparative fortunes out of Capetown trade. Mr. Lieberman was a Jewish refugee from Eastern Europe who showed his gratitude to the city of his adoption by generous bequests. So many blunders have occurred in regard to the erection of monuments in Capetown that we fear this noble bequest of Mr. Lieberman will be abused. The National Society is, as usual, quietly snoring. The Cape Publicity Association denies that it ever recommended the erection of this arch where the late Mr. Lieberman wanted it—at the foot of the Avenue, a reproduction of the Old India Company's gates. Who, then, is to take steps to see that the Lieberman bequest is carried out?

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