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CAPETOWN COMMENTS.

THE HOLY DAYS.

THE "SHOOL" MEETING.

GUILD ACTIVITY.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

The year 5687 was ushered in with all due solemnity on Wednesday evening. All the Peninsula Synagogues were crowded with worshippers throughout the Holy Days. Even the "Minyanim" arranged in the town and suburbs had record congregations. Both local journals devoted many columns to seasonal greetings, whilst "messages" appropriate to the occasion were given prominence. The town was unnaturally quiet—eloquent evidence of the large part played in trade and commerce by Jewry. Practically every other shop in the principal streets displayed the usual "Closed for the Holy Days" notice, and yet, one regrets to say, here and there one found premises, with Jewish owners, shamelessly showing a disregard for the importance of the High Festivals, by keeping their doors open when the mass of their fellow Jews are at prayer and meditation.

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Mr. Harry Harris, president, occupied the chair at the annual meeting of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation, which was held on the morning of the 5th inst. There was a representative gathering of members, who, being in an amiable mood, expeditiously despatched the business before them. Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet, and this was seconded by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. Goldstein. A comprehensive discussion was instituted by Mr. Alex Thal and after the various observations and questions had been disposed of by the Hon. Treasurer, the Report and Balance Sheet were unanimously adopted. The next item on the agenda was to elect five members of the Committee. The retiring members were Messrs. M. Rosen, H. J. Stodel, Harry Harris, L. Kramer, and J. Gesundheit. The latter, who is shortly leaving for Palestine, did not seek re-election, and whilst the first four named did, there were three nominations for the fifth seat. They were Messrs. Isaac Ochberg, I. J. Honikman and J. Frank. Voting was by ballot and resulted in the following being elected: Messrs M. Rosen (113), L. Kramer (113), H. J. Stodel (105), H. Harris (102) and J. Frank (96).

After certain expenditure on necessary repairs had been confirmed, a motion by Mr. A. M. Jackson in regard to the question of proselytes was withdrawn.

It was unanimously decided that the congregation affiliate with the South African Zionist Federation and another unanimous decision was that a new motor car be purchased for the minister.

Messrs. Levy & Co., were re-appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

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There was much gaiety at the Guild Rooms on Tuesday night when a Mock Mannequin parade and fashion display was held. The hall was packed and

many were unable to gain admittance. The proceeds were ear-marked for the United Hebrew School, and that Institution will benefit to the extent of over £17.

The parade of the "mannequins" was a screamingly funny affair. Their make-up was perfect, but the "lovely" gowns "fitted where they touched." But for this is would have been very difficult in many cases to detect that the mannequins were mere males. Coiffures had received extra special attention, and there was a "Willie Clarkson" touch in the various styles affected—whether previous to or after the advent of the bob, shingle and Eton crop. There were sixteen mannequins in the parade, and this was followed by a "Tea Party" which created much merriment. The hostess, an elderly dignified person, with lorgnette complete, was successfully portrayed by Mr. S. Winer, whose deportment and gestures were perfect. "She," with her two cronies, two scandalising old ladies, (F. Weinberg and H. Franks), kept the audience in a continual roar of laughter throughout their tea table chatter. It was a veritable school for scandal. The advent of "four flighty young ladies" (Messrs. L. Wendel, D. Sutton, B. Weinberg and J. Gild), interrupted the scandalmongers, one of whom with vigour was saying "If I were to open my mouth," and upon being offered a cigarette by one of the flighty members, immediately fainted.

A wedding scene was next staged and this caused considerable merriment. Those that took part in it were Mr. Phil Valentine (Bride), Mr. L. Wendel (Groom), Mr. H. Aronson (Bestman); Mr. H. Franks (Bride's mother); Mr. F. Weinberg (Bride's father). Mr. Shraga as a Kewpie was supported by dainty (?) flower girls and the scene was completed by numerous guests (without presents).

Altogether it was a most enjoyable evening. The Guild orchestra gave several items during the evening and received a well merited ovation.

The following is a list of successful Jewish candidates in the local examinations in music (under the auspices of the University of South Africa):—Licentiate. Branch A. (Teachers) Pianoforte: Gertrude Nochemowitz, Cape Town. Singing: Mildred Korelstein, Cape Town. Music Certificate examination. Practical Subjects. Pianoforte (Final Div.), Pass: Rebecca M. Barenblatt, The Strand; Betty Kahn, Bredasdorp; Sylvia D. Kirsch, Cape Town; Ethel Noach, Oudtshoorn. Advanced Division, Pianoforte. Honours: Rosie Kessel, Cape Town; Freda Rogoff, Cape Town. Pass: Miriam Blusger, Robertson; Lily Israel, Calvinia; Kate Penkin, Cape Town; Bertha Pentz, Cape Town; Golda Selzer, Cape Town. Intermediate Division. Honours: Ruth M. Cohen, Cape Town; Rosie Lipschitz, Worcester. Pass. Dora Abrahams, Paarl; Doris A. Apirion, Wynberg, Hinda Averbach, Claremont, Gertrude Borkum, Oudtshoorn; Alice Cohen, Paarl; Sylvia Cohen, Calendon; Frances Glantz, Cape Town; Tilly E. Katz, Moorreesburg; Sophia Kudowitzky, Cape Town; Sonia Kusselovsky, Paarl; Pearl M. Lazarus, Cape Town; Bertha Lewis, Oudtshoorn; Gladys Margolis, Cape Town; Esther Rifkell, Wynberg, Hilda R. Schwalbe, Cape Town; Fanny Singer, Tulbagh; Mathilda Sonnenberg, Sea Point; Ethel R. Yudelman, Cape Town.

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Let thy speech be short, comprehending much in a few words.

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He that honouret his father shall have a long life.—From the Apocrypha.