

In and Around the Town.

100, St. George's Street,
Cape Town,
Thursday.

"CAPE TOWN CRIES."

Last Friday morning there was an addition to the many street "cries" that greet on on entering the City, and the new cry will henceforth be a regular feature of the "collection." Newsboys were offering the newly constructed JEWISH CHRONICLE for sale, and the unfamiliar cry and the attractive contents bill immediately arrested attention, and to such good purpose that the first issue of the new series was soon sold out.

A SUCCESSFUL RETURN.

Nearly twenty-five years ago the CHRONICLE was first launched in Cape Town and three years later its *habitat* was changed to Johannesburg. Now, after a lapse of nearly twenty-one years, it has returned to its original home. If the reception accorded it on Friday is any criterion, a successful career in the Mother City for the oldest South African Jewish paper is assured.

JEWES AND S.O.E.

In a recent speech, Mr. Tielman Roos said he did not consider it right that only Protestants should be allowed to be members of the Sons of England. "It should," he said, "be open to all—Roman Catholics, Jews, Unitarians and others." He further stated that he "knew the Society at present had members who were not Protestants."

ON PATRIOTISM.

If patriotism and loyalty to the flag of one's adopted country were the only qualification for membership, Jews would be in a position to gain entrance. In this connection I recall a speech made some time ago by Mr. Lloyd George, when he said he had never met anybody who displayed greater patriotism in the country in which they lived than the Jewish people. "There was no class of the community," said Mr. George, "that responded more readily to the call of the flag than the Jewish people."

TRUE TO THE FLAG.

Mr. Lloyd George further said that this was true of the Jewish people in every country. They were true to the flag which gave them protection where they lived. It was a great mistake to imagine that because a race is an international one it could not also be national.

ESSENTIALLY RELIGIOUS.

But Jews are debarred from membership on religious grounds. In a conversation I had with a prominent official of the movement, I was told that the religious aspect was a most essential characteristic of the S.O.E. and they were very jealous of their constitution which was laid down on well defined lines by the Canadian Supreme Lodge under whose auspices the African section was conducted. Whilst suggestions had been considered to extend the scope of the movement to meet the conditions obtaining in South Africa, the religious aspect would naturally be a disability to the Jew—notwithstanding the fact that he may be as patriotic as the non-Jew.

AN ENTERPRISING FIRM.

I hear that Messrs. Ackerman's are about to extend their present ramifications. Undoubtedly they are a go-ahead and progressive firm, and their branches are numerous. Their latest venture is in Maritzburg where they have purchased a large block in the centre of the City. I understand the purchase price is £10,000. Alterations will cost them anything between £6,000 and £9,000. The name of

Ackerman's is known throughout the length and breadth of the country and they are not content apparently, to rest on the laurels they have already won.

A NEW PLAY.

Success has come to Miss Helena Hersman a promising local playwright. Miss Hersman, who took her degree at the Cape Town University a couple of years ago, has written a topical play called "The Old New," which deals with the internationalising of the world's sentiment through the medium of the Jewish race, and which has its opening set in South Africa. I am told that Miss Hersman has received an offer from the Palace Theatre Company, London, for a three years' option on her play. I congratulate her on her success.

THE STREET MARKET.

The Fairhaven Work Party Street Market held last Friday in aid of the Rest Cottage for ex-soldiers, was very successful, and an appreciable sum of money should be available for this very commendable object. Mrs. Stodel's section, which dealt with the sale of cigarettes, matches and badges, had been well organised, and the handsome of £98 18s. 3d. was realised. Another very popular section was the stall dealing with little novelties and Christmas presents, where a very brisk business was done. Amongst others Mrs. Tyfield worked very hard in preparing and selling the lovely things displayed. The Overseas stall attracted a lot of attention, and wants were speedily supplied by a willing band of workers including Mrs. H. Rosen and Miss Katz.

MISS RUBY LEVIN.

Miss Ruby Levin who recently arranged a dance display in aid of the Fairhaven Rest Cottage, has offered to repeat the performance on the 11th instant at the Railway Institute. Miss Levin is always ready to help a good cause and I hope that she will be well supported in her latest effort.

A NATIONAL ORCHESTRA?

Councillor L. Gradner (Chairman of the Markets and Slaughter Houses Committee) left for Durban by last Friday's mail train, where he was joined by Councillors E. J. Hartley and A. J. S. Lewis (Chairman and ex-Chairman respectively of the Finance Committee). These gentlemen form the City Council deputation who will discuss with the Durban and Johannesburg Councils, the possibility of establishing a National Orchestra. Mr. Gradner will be away for at least a fortnight.

THE ANCIENT EGYPT FETE.

The members of the Maccabean Association having undertaken to run two stalls at the forthcoming Ancient Egypt Fete, the Zionist effort to raise funds for their new hall, are displaying much enthusiasm in the work before them. At a recent general meeting there was a helpful discussion on ways and means which resulted in a working plan being drawn up. Assistants were appointed to help the principal stallholders—Mesdames L. Burman, L. Mirvish, B. Rollnick and D. Zuckerman. In connection with the Maccabean stall, a "Chanukah" Dance was held in the Banqueting Hall on the 6th, and on the 12th a tennis tournament will take place on the courts of Mrs. Henry Harris, Kensington Crescent, and Mrs. N. Stoller, Upper Orange Street.

THE GUILD FETE.

Preparations are well ahead for the "Fun Fair," promoted by the Cape

Jewish Guild, and which will be held at the City Hall on the 14th and 15th inst. One is promised many novelties at this fete, and, judging by what I have been told, it is going to be an outstanding event in the social life of the community. Mr. S. Winer, the Chairman of the Guild, has assumed the onerous position of hon. organising secretary of the fete, and has my best wishes.

TENNIS FOR GUILDITES.

I am told that the Guild's new tennis courts are proving a great attraction to members, who are quite proud of this latest addition to the Guild's social amenities.

THAT LIBERMAN ARCH.

A reader of the CHRONICLE asks why the terms of the bequest made by the late Mr. Hyman Liberman, in regard to the erection of an arch at the Adderley Street entrance of the Government Avenue have not, as yet, been carried out. He rightly points out that it is high time something definite was done to put into effect a most generous provision made by one whose sense of civic duty was very high, and who, even in his last will and testament showed his affection for the Mother City of which he was, thrice, the Chief Citizen.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a statement by His Worship the Mayor on this subject.

VISITORS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

Recent arrivals in South Africa upon pleasure bent include Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lazarus and their son, and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart. Mr. Lazarus is a prominent manufacturer of London, whilst Mr. Stewart is the Managing Director of the well-known London firm—the Hackney Furnish-Company. This is their first visit to this country and they are greatly impressed with the Peninsula scenery. Since their arrival they have had ample opportunity to visit the many beauty spots of the locality, and their drive round Chapman's Peak particularly charmed them. A delightful picnic was arranged for them at Wemmer's Hoek last Sunday by Mrs. H. Kruyer, and the party included Mrs. H. J. Stodel, Mr. H. Kruyer and Master C. Stodel.

A YOUNG FRUIT FARMER.

I hear that Mr. Elias Cohen, of Ceres, who is well-known among the younger section of the Cape Town community, has purchased for £9,000 the fruit farm "Ebenzer" from Mr. du Toit, of Prince Alfred Hamlet. The farm is one of about 170 morgen. Mr. Cohen has for some years run a fruit farm in Ceres district, but his latest acquisition will keep him fully occupied. He is an enthusiastic farmer and will, I have no doubt, soon attain the prominence achieved by other well-known and popular growers of fruit in his neighbourhood.

A CAMEO.

I must relate a little incident that occurred last week during the activities of the Street Market, organised by the Fairhaven Work Party. One of the fair workers plying her wares on the station approached a man with the usual request. He tendered half-a-crown and the lady asked him what he would like for his money. He replied: "I would like your eyes, my dear." Sensing a compliment, the fair vendor blushingly glanced up and only then noticed he was sightless. He was a blinded ex-soldier. Eagerly she then responded to his request to look up the time of departure of his particular train.

SHEKEL DAY.

Many shekels were sold last Sunday, when ardent Zionists made a systematic canvass of the town and suburbs and they had no difficulty in obtaining contributions towards the Movement. I understand the total amount received was very satisfactory.

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