

## In and Around the Town.

100, St. George's Street,  
Thursday.

### THAT LEAGUE OF GENTILES.

Some time ago I drew attention in these notes to a circular issued, presumably by the so-called League of Gentiles, and found in mail and other trains of the South African Railways. The circular was reproduced at the time in order to show to what lengths certain people will go in their blind hatred of anything Jewish. A day or two ago I received through the post another ebullition, and only its great length makes it impossible to reproduce it. It is a four page pamphlet and contains some of the most ludicrous and fantastic statements I have ever heard. Although Christians are exhorted to "wake up and join the much feared League of Gentiles . . . ." the authors have been very careful to omit their names, and there is no address to which application for membership can be made. In the circular reference is made to certain subjects mentioned in these notes, but, of course, to suit their own purpose, my remarks are distorted and misconstrued. I suppose it is too much to ask the authors to disclose their identity?

### TWISTED MENTALITY.

Two pages of the circular are devoted to a rambling quotation of a supposed funeral oration delivered at Prague in 1869 by one Rabbi Reichorn over the tomb stone of "Grand Rabbi Simoon ben-Ihuda." I must say at once that I have never heard of Rabbi Reichorn and the statements ascribed to him are so ridiculous and so far-fetched as to prove immediately the source of their manufacture. The first lines of the "quotation" are very funny, and it speaks volumes for the twisted mentality of the authors of the circular if they themselves seriously believe it possible for such words to be spoken. Rabbi Reichorn is supposed to have said that "once every century Sages of Israel have been accustomed to meet in Sanhedrin to examine our progress towards the domination of the world which Jehovah has promised us and our conquest over our foe, Christianity." Other, and even more fantastic assertions are credited to Rabbi Reichorn, but I venture to say that few will treat this obviously faked "oration" other than with amusement.

### JEWISH PHILANTHROPY.

Then the circular implores Christians to wake up (in capital letters). I learn for the first time, and I am sure that better informed co-religionists will also be surprised to learn that "the Jew has a world wide movement with a view to reducing Christianity to impotence . . . ." What rot! What arrant nonsense! This is really stretching it too far, and I am sure there are few who will "buy this one." Before I finish with the circular I would answer the query: "Could Jews quote one instance where their synagogue or pulpit was used to assist Christians." Obviously the authors of the circular do not concern themselves with what the Jewish section of the community is doing, quietly and unostentatiously, for the benefit of the general population. Yes, I can quote, not one, but many instances where from the synagogue pulpit appeals have been made for support for institutions that are not Jewish. Thousands of pounds have been given to non-Jewish charities, to hospitals, etc., by Jewish philanthropists. There are innumerable instances of the Jewish community in South Africa as in other parts of the world organising collections

for hospitals, soup kitchens, aid societies, etc., outside the Jewish community. Neither race nor creed matter to a Jew when there is humanitarian work to be done.

### NO NAME; NO ADDRESS.

I would again point to the fact that the authors of this latest outburst have failed to give their names. Are they ashamed of their propaganda? They certainly ought to be. At any rate they should have the courage to come out into the open. One is acquainted with the methods of such people, who hide behind anonymity simply because they know they have no justification for their machinations. What is really biting these South African anti-Semites? Are they desirous of stirring up trouble and strife? Why are they trying to generate evil? Are they jealous of the success Jews have achieved in their endeavour to make good citizens and to work for the benefit of the country? We are not living in the dark ages. We are in an enlightened age living in a country that needs the co-operation of every section of the community. The Jew is here for good, not for ill. He only desires to see the country progress for the benefit of mankind in general. I would recommend those who gave their time to the compilation of their circular to take up some more useful work—work that will be productive of some good for this, our country, and they will find the Jew willing and anxious to assist.

### AN APPRECIATION.

A correspondent writes: "As a regular reader of your worthy paper, I would like to express my appreciation in general and of your feature 'In and Around the Town' in particular. It is, as it were, the key note to the situation with respect to South African Jewry in that it embraces in its scope most items of interest and references to persons of note visiting our shores." It is very nice to receive such appreciative comment, and I would like to say that I shall be glad to receive from any of my readers news of general as well as of local interest for publication in these notes. It is not always easy to find subjects, and I look to my readers to help me to maintain this feature.

### AN INTERESTING ENGAGEMENT

The announcement of the engagement between Miss Mildred Korelstein and Mr. Charles Bloch has created a deal of interest in local Jewish circles where both are held in the greatest esteem. I understand the wedding will take place in May, and that the honeymoon will be spent in London and on the Continent. Miss Korelstein has achieved considerable success as a vocalist, and always gave her assistance to organisers of charity concerts. A pupil of Miss Eveline Fincken, Miss Korelstein won many Eisteddfod awards and gained the van Hulsteyn bursary. She has the Licentiate Diploma in both piano and voice, and is music mistress at the S.A. College Junior School. Her fiance, Mr. Bloch, is a son of Mr. M. Bloch, the well-known wholesale merchant of Cape Town and Johannesburg, and a generous supporter of Jewish institutions. I offer both Miss Korelstein and Mr. Bloch my heartiest congratulations.

### NEW YIDDISH COMPANY.

Monday's mail-boat brought to these shores a new Yiddish Theatrical Company. They proceeded at once to Johannesburg, where, headed by Vera Kanevskya, they will commence a season of Jewish plays. Kanevskya was the popular leading lady of the

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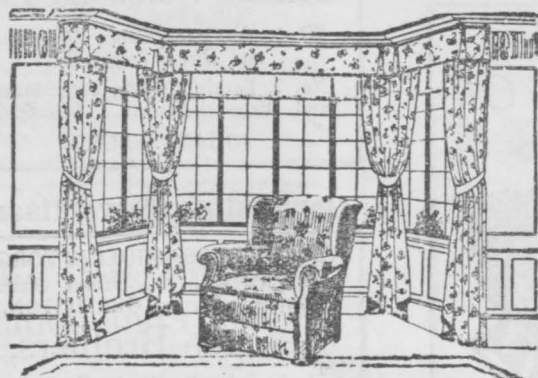


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Isaacovitch company, and, regarded as one of the most versatile Yiddish actresses to visit South Africa, she endeared herself to all patrons of the Jewish plays. She will be assisted by Paul Breitman and A. Teffner, who were also with Isaacovitch. So Johannesburg Jewry will be able to welcome three old favourites as well as remaining members of the cast, who are newcomers to this country. They will receive a great welcome in the Golden City.

### A VISIT TO CAPE TOWN?

I understand, from private sources, that it is the intention of this company, to make good the omission of the last company, and will pay Cape Town and other important centres a visit, if arrangements can be made with the African Theatres. Needless to say the Yiddish players are sure of a sincere welcome if they pay the Mother City a visit. Their repertoire consists of the latest operettas and Yiddish musical comedies. No chances are being taken with respect to the musical side, and in this connection a musical director is included in the company. Theatre "fans" in Johannesburg will, I have no doubt, fill the Standard Theatre to capacity when the season opens.

### ORPHANAGE "BARMITZVAH" RECEPTION.

There was a happy gathering at the Cape Jewish Orphanage on Sunday. The occasion was a reception given by the Committee to three of the orphan boys, who had attained their religious majority. It is always an important event at the Home, and on Sunday there was a large and representative gathering of Cape Town Jewry. Unfortunately for various reasons there were many who were unable to be present. Amongst the absentees were the Rev. A. P. Bender, Rabbi Ch. Mirvish, Mr. L. Gradner, Mr. A. Friedlander, Mr. J. Kadish, each of whom sent letters apologising for their absence and made appropriate references to the function.

Mr. A. M. Jackson, Vice-President of the Institution, said a few words of welcome and mentioned incidentally that he thought many more subscribers to the Home should be present on such occasions. The health of the Barmitzvah boys was proposed by Mr. I. D. Fryde, who is, by the way, the youngest member of the Committee. In acknowledging the honour which had been allotted to him, he offered, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Committee, congratulations to the boys in whose honour that reception had been arranged. As a young man himself, he said, it was a source of gratification to him to welcome into the fold of Jewry other young men.

Master Solomon Rachutzky responded on behalf of himself and his colleagues. In a happy little speech, he expressed their thanks for the kindness shown to them by the Committee since they were admitted to the Institution. At intervals during the function there were musical items, and much enjoyment was given by Mrs. P. Marcus, who sang in her inimitable style, and pianoforte solos by some of the Orphanage girls. The Barmitzvah boys were the recipients of numerous gifts-in-kind and money, which again demonstrated the interest taken in the inmates of the Home by the Committee and supporters.

### A SELF-IMPOSED DUTY.

Whilst speaking of the Orphanage I would like to refer to the great interest taken in the children at that Institution by Mr. and Mrs. A. Fryde. It is not, perhaps, generally known that for many years these public

spirited people provide each orphan boy, upon his reaching his thirteenth birthday, with a complete outfit of clothing. Considering the number of barmitzvahs during a year, this entails a considerable outlay of money. But Mr. and Mrs. Fryde, whose benefactions are as generous as they are quiet and unostentatious, continue this self-imposed duty out of a spirit of love for the little inmates of the Home. Eloquent references were made at Sunday's affair to Mr. and Mrs. Fryde's greatheartedness, not only as regards the Orphanage but other local institutions. I know, to some extent, the manner in which they dispense charity, not only in Cape Town, but overseas, and the many nice things said about them on Sunday were not in the least exaggerated. Their example should be emulated by many more.

### REMEMBER!

We are approaching Purim. How appropriate it is that the Sabbath preceding Purim should be known as "Shabbos Zochowr" (The Day of Remembrance). In addition to the week's *Sedra* which begins with Leviticus, there will be read a short chapter from Deuteronomy (Chap. 25, verses 17-19), wherein Israel is exhorted not to forget past events. The greatness of a Nation lies in its ability to remember its past history, its trials and tribulations, to rectify weaknesses thereby strengthening its future. On Purim, Israel is told not to forget the sending of presents (see Book of Esther). I do not mind if, in this connection, I am forgotten, but I would like my readers to remember "Matonoth Loevyonim" (the gifts to the poor). On the occasion of this Festival of Purim, all should remember our poor and send their presents (donations) to one of the several charitable institutions.

MR. GOSSIP.

## A Pretty Wedding.

DICKMAN-LABOWITZ.

A very pretty and popular wedding was solemnised last Thursday evening in the Great Synagogue, Gardens, when David Herman Dickman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dickman, was married to Fanny, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Labowitz. The Rev. A. P. Bender, assisted by Rev. L. Kirschner, officiated. The bride looked charming in pale pink georgette, beaded in silver and her veil of tulle was arranged over a pretty floral coronet. She was attended by Miss Mary Plax in pink, Miss Mona Baskin in gold, and Miss Rhoda Fine in multi-shaded georgette.

The bestman was Mr. Ise Dickman and the *chupa* pole bearers were Messrs. Max Leiserowitz, Aubrey Dickman, Max Labowitz and Maurice Domp. Leon Dickman was the page boy and Blanche Lipman, in an early Victorian frock was an effective little flower girl. Mrs. Chas. Dickman wore a smart gown of black georgette with a silver beaded fringe, and Mrs. M. Labowitz was becoming in black georgette with silver sequins and floral trimmings.

Following the wedding ceremony a reception was held in the Banqueting Hall, City Hall. The principal toasts were given by Mr. Lipman and Mr. Fruter, to which the bridegroom suitably responded. The honeymoon is being spent in and around Somerset Strand.

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