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THE ALHAMBRA.

What is undoubtedly the finest and most realistic war film is being shown at the Alhambra this week. "Mons" is attracting large audiences nightly, and memories of those stirring days in August, 1914, are brought back in a vivid manner. The valorous deeds of the "Old Contemptibles," of which one reads now in a calm and detached manner, are portrayed in their stark and glorious reality. Old veterans declare the incidents shown on the screen to be true to detail, and the state of tension in which the audience is held from start to finish is relieved by outbursts of cheering whenever a particularly heroic episode is shown. The Mons epic is one that will live for ever. The retreat that was a glorious withdrawal will never be forgotten. The unequal fight between 50,000 British troops and 170,000 German soldiers, could only end one way, but the "Old Contemptibles," despite unbelievable losses accomplished their glorious part, and when the time arrived took up their task in the advance that followed the retreat. History tells us with what result. Only two nights remain now in which can be witnessed a film that is full of thrills, of brave deeds and a story of the wonderful little British army that crossed the Channel in the early days of August, 1914.

THE TIVOLI.

Once again there is full vaudeville at the Tivoli, and the excellent programme is drawing large audiences to this popular rendezvous. Heading the bill is the Havana Band, who, for one week, are presenting a varied programme of music that includes "That Certain Party," with which the combination have made a hit. They receive a cordial welcome at each performance. Sammy Shields remains on the bill and his act is well received. His new football numbers are put over in real Shieldian style. Also remaining over from last week are Hind Sisters and Revel, who present a really fine dancing act. Rosslyn and Plant are on a return visit and are just as attractive as on their first appearance. Newcomers are Jerry and Kitty Buckley, who present a clever juggling act. McCarthy and Khadidja, who have never previously played outside Great Britain are first class equilibrists, and they are heartily applauded for their work. Edythe Hyland, a vocalist of no mean order, is also on the bill and delights the audience with her numbers.

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To the Editor, S.A. JEWISH CHRONICLE.

Sir,—In this week's notes of "In and Around the Town," Mr. Gossip laments the apparent apathy of the younger members of our community in local charitable societies. He has not shown his usual impartiality and fairness in dealing with this question, because he has not paused to consider whether the faults of which he complains are entirely due to these young people whom he has chosen as a subject of contention.

Briefly the position is this. There are scores, nay hundreds of young men and women who are only too keen to associate themselves with the various charitable associations in the Cape, but are they given the right opportunity? Any attempt on the part of a young man or woman directly become connected with the committee of such an institution is treated with the contempt of many "old fogeys," who consider the duties of committee men and women as belonging to the senior members of the community, whether they are capable or not does not enter into the discussion at all. Surely, every one must admit that the time must assuredly come when these people will no longer be able to take an active interest in communal affairs. Who are going to take their place? They do not even give the younger members of the community a chance of, as it were, serving an apprenticeship, and thus learning the inner work of any such institution under discussion. At present for a young man, possibly very willing and efficient and capable of doing his duty, to sit on a committee, he must be endowed with very wealthy parents or parents-in-law, or have a wonderful influence, beneficial or otherwise on the rest of the committee. Otherwise he has no earthly chance of demonstrating his interests in charitable work.

All that is necessary to prove my argument is to attend any general meeting. Those present look askance at any young man or woman who dares to raise a query or make a suggestion that has for its motive the betterment of the institution.

No, sir, the young people of our community are as anxious to assist in the amelioration of distress as are our elders, but the so-called "Kovid" of sitting on a committee is strictly reserved for the older people.

Will Mr. Gossip please reconsider his scathing remarks on the youth of Jewry and deal with the other side of the question.—I am, etc.

"KEEN AND WILLING."

Cape Town, 20th March, 1927.

To the Editor, S.A. JEWISH CHRONICLE.

Sir,—In your issue of the 18th inst., you stated that Mr. "Ad." Harris headed the Poll at the Municipal Election, this should read Mr. "Sol." Harris. Please be good enough to correct same.—I am etc.,

M. HARRIS.

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