

## In and Around the Town.

100, St. George's Street,  
Thursday.

first envoy to this country. I noticed there several prominent members of the local Jewish community, and Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.L.A., was among the speakers. Since the meeting I have been reading, in one of my Indian exchanges, the famous Mahatma Gandhi's personal account of his life in South Africa in the days before 1913. Therein I found the names of several Jews who helped Gandhi in his South African campaign. Kallenbach, of Johannesburg, a devotee of Tolstoyan philosophy, is mentioned, as is also F. W. Ritch, a Johannesburg attorney. Another mentioned is Henry S. L. Polak, now residing in London, where he is practising before the Privy Council, and who since 1913 achieved international fame as an authority on overseas Indian problems, and who takes an active part in Theosophical activities.

### A DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION.

The Barmitzvah of Mr. and Mrs. M. Pevsner's son Norman was celebrated on Sunday, when a most delightful reception was held at their charming residence, on the main Green Point Road, "Portswood." The previous day Master Norman read his portion of the Law at the Great Synagogue, and in this he acquitted himself very creditably. On Sunday there was a large and select gathering, and the guests, who were received at the main entrance by the Barmitzvah boy and his parents, were able to see the beauties of "Portswood" under ideal circumstances. It was a glorious day, and the flowering lawns on each side of the long carriage drive leading to the house were a pleasing sight to the eye. Both inside and in the grounds tables laid on the restaurant style accommodated the guests, and their needs were administered by the hostess, her daughters, and a capable staff. The catering was done entirely by Mrs. Pevsner, who received much help from her two daughters, Lilian and Elizabeth. Nothing was wanting for the comfort of those present, the arrangements being ideally perfect. One could not help noticing and admiring the table decorations. Each table had its own colour scheme, the flowers, grown in "Portswood's" own gardens, matching the coloured underlay beneath the handsome hand-made Madeira cloths. Throughout the whole afternoon there were musical items in the music lounge. Piano, vocal and violin numbers were rendered by capable artistes, and whilst many were attracted to the lounge, the harmonious strains could be heard in every part of the house. Before the guests dispersed, Mr. H. J. Stodel, the President of the Gardens Congregation, in a few appropriate words proposed the health of the Barmitzvah boy, to which he replied in a modest little speech. Mr. Pevsner also said a few words, and cheers were called for and given lustily for all those connected with the happy occasion.

It will be recalled that recently in this column I referred to the Salvation Army and the late General Booth's remarks on the happy disposition of the Jew in South Africa, and how, despite the greatest honours a Government can bestow for the labours of its civil servants, this class of Jew remains firm in his faith and communal activities. On that occasion the late General Booth instanced the career of our esteemed co-religionist Sir Mathew Nathan, one of the greatest of England's Colonial governors, whom the late head of the Salvation Army met in Natal in the early part of this century. I now hear that the present chief of the world-wide movement, General William Booth's son, will shortly be visiting South Africa. Those of my readers who follow closely the Anglo-Jewish Press will have noted in recent issues of well-known English Jewish journals the prominent advertisements asking for support for the Army's institutions in England and abroad. It is generally recognised how beneficial for humanity is the Salvation Army, with its huge ramifications all over the world, and Jewry, as is evidenced by the publicity given in its papers, are not behind in its appreciation of the Army's humanitarian activities.

### OUTDSHOORN JEWRY.

I have had occasion before to refer to the activities of the Oudtshoorn Jewish Community, and while on the subject of the Salvation Army, I was interested in a report of a public reception given at Oudtshoorn, the representative in South Africa, on a recent visit to that town. At that gathering Dr. Stusser spoke on behalf of the Jewish community. During the course of his address, Dr. Stusser referred to the part Jewry had played in the building up of Oudtshoorn. He regretted to say, however, that on account of the feather slump and bad times they were leaving the town. That night he stood on a common platform, and he felt that if there was more tolerance between the different sections he saw no reason why universal brotherhood could not be realised. Dr. Stusser also spoke of the good work the Salvation Army were doing locally and of the wonderful medical work they were doing throughout the world. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that the Commissioner's stay in South Africa would be a long and pleasant one, and that he would leave this land of sunshine with many pleasant reminiscences of his stay. He wished the Commissioner the best of luck.

### INDIA'S FIRST ENVOY.

I was present last week at the City Hall on the occasion of a reception given by the local Indian community to the Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastra, P.C., India's

### NELSON DAY CONCERT.

In celebration of Nelson Day the Cape Town Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Pickerill, gave a special Nelson Day concert at the City Hall on Saturday night. The orchestral items for the naval concert were very well chosen, and the inclusion of several songs by Captain Bentley was a special attraction. He has a very pleasant voice and he was repeatedly encored. Miss Underwood made her first appearance as a soloist, and gave a piccolo solo, "The Deep Blue Sea." She repeated this as an encore. Miss Edith Mouat danced the ever-popular Sailor's Hornpipe in her usual excellent style, and then together with her sister danced "The Jimmy Sale Rag" as a duet. Miss Marjorie Woodgate received a very cordial welcome, and contributed some favourite songs which she sang very well. Miss Florence Linder, the dainty young Durbanite, who made her first appearance before a Cape Town public, was a complete success. Her programme item was Eva dell'Acqua's "Villanelle," which she rendered in French. She received a double encore, and sang in English "The Dream Song" from "Princess Charming," and then gave a wonderful interpretation of Musetta's song from "La Boheme," which she sang in Italian. She has a really excellent soprano voice, and there is no doubt that she will go far in her singing career. Mr. Pickerill is to be congratulated upon an excellently arranged programme.

### MISS MARION TYFIELD.

A promising dramatic artiste is Miss Marion Tyfield, Advocate and Mrs. L. Tyfield's pretty young daughter, and I understand that shortly an opportunity will be afforded those interested in the drama to judge her talent in that particular field of art. She will appear in the old Restoration play "Way of the World" (Congreve), and she will take the part of Mrs. Marwood. This will be staged by the Cape Town Repertory Theatre. One can anticipate that Miss Tyfield will handle her particular part to perfection, for it will be recalled how successful she was in "Romeo and Juliet," which was produced not so long ago, and which earned for her unstinted praise all round. Marion has a strong personality, and in one so young this is a remarkable trait. Her acting on the last occasion was beyond reproach. Forceful, without overdoing her part, she combined excellent technique with the abandon necessary in the part she interpreted. So that in the coming play one can look to some good acting by Miss Tyfield. She has had the advantage of experienced tutors. After about eight months with Terry Freedman in London, as well as at the Royal Academy, she has been a pupil of that well-known teacher Cecile de Bank, and latterly was an assistant at Sylva Dartois' Academy of Dramatic Art. I understand Miss Tyfield has now opened an academy of her own in town.

### THE AGED HOME.

The inmates of the Cape Jewish Aged Home thoroughly enjoyed the excellent concert which had been arranged for them at the home last Wednesday night. A splendid programme, the work of Mrs. H. Hamburg, revealed a galaxy of talent, and that lady deserves the encomiums of all interested in the old folk for the trouble she went to to give them a little brightness and cheerfulness. In his speech of thanks to the artistes at the conclusion of the entertainment, Mr. M. Eilenberg, who himself has done so much for the home and the inmates, expressed the hope that many more such concerts could be arranged, and he said how grateful the committee, the matron and the inmates were to those who had taken part in the programme. These were Mrs. Barney Pinn (who sang and also gave piano selections), Miss Charness (vocalist), Mr. Lichtenstein (violinist), Miss Ida Hamburg (elocutionist), Little Miss Marks (danseuse), Mr. Percy Trappler (humorist) and Miss Fanny Shrier and Miss Gertie Gabbai, who gave an effective duet in Hebrew. Refreshments for the occasion had been collected from friends by Mrs. Hamburg.

### WEIZMANN TO VISIT AFRICA?

South Africa will soon receive a visit from Dr. Weizmann. At any rate that is the information I have received from London. I am told that the leader of the Zionist movement, who left England during mail week for Palestine, will return to London in November, and shortly afterwards proceed to this country in the interests of the Keren Hayesod and the special Palestine unemployment budget. I have not been able to get confirmation locally of the report of Dr. Weizmann's

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visit, so must of necessity regard it merely as a rumour at present.

### THE GALA SEASON.

The genial and energetic secretary of the Cape Peninsula Publicity Association, Major Hendrick Cooke, has handed me the most enticing programme which has been drawn up in connection with the Gala Season and which will be inaugurated next month. I understand from Major Cooke that the Gala Season this year is going to be a gorgeous and stupendous affair. In connection therewith there will be cabarets, dances and "rags," numerous concerts, exhibition, athletic and swimming contests, etc., etc., and there is no doubt that during the season the Cape Peninsula will be in a hilarious mood. I am told that many of Cape Town's leading musical, artistic, sporting, agricultural and photographic clubs are joining enthusiastically to make the Gala Season an unqualified success. An outstanding feature will be the Gala Carnival at Pinelands' Garden City on Saturday, November 19, when His Excellency the Governor-General will open the proceedings at 10 a.m., thereafter there will be much fun and frolic until midnight. The best of luck to the Cape Peninsula Publicity Association on their efforts to create a brighter Cape Town!

### BOYS' WEEK.

The interests of the younger generation of the Peninsula will be strongly emphasised during the Boys' Week that is being arranged for the second week of the Gala Season in November. This has been organised under the auspices of the Cape Town Rotary Club, and the organising general committee is under the able chairmanship of Dr. F. H. Dommissie. Various sub-committees have been formed, and each section is in the hands of capable leaders. The Rotary Club are to be congratulated upon the splendid idea and the enthusiasm with which they have taken it up. They desire to acquaint the public with what is being done for the youth of the Peninsula, and the body of public-spirited men who have taken the matter in hand have just drawn up a programme of events which is very comprehensive, and which will be in the form of educative as well as entertainment items. Prominent personalities like Sir Carruthers Beattie, Professor F. Clarke, Advocate Bowen, etc., will deliver addresses during the week suitable for the occasion. A great attraction will be the sports display which is to take place on the afternoon of the 12th November, and which His Excellency the Governor-General will open. On the whole, the Boys' Week will be a most representative affair, and I am sure that many of my readers will give it their heartiest support.

### "WALKING WITH GOD."

In this week's "Sedra," Gen., ch. 6, v. 9, we read: "These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous and perfect man in his generation. Noah walked with God." Rashi remarks that the words "in his generation" are a trifle ambiguous. They can be taken to mean that he was righteous only by comparison with the wicked people of his time, or they

may be read in this way: If Noah was a righteous man, living as he did in an environment of iniquity, how much better would he have been if he had lived among the righteous people? Which ever of these two interpretations be correct, it must be admitted that Noah possessed a knowledge of many arts and sciences. To have understood the natures of all the animals that were under his care for so long he must have had a considerable knowledge of zoology, chemistry, the preservation of food, shipbuilding, and the many other arts which must have been necessary to the preservation of life. Yet we read "Noah walked with God." The calamity of the present age is that, while skilled in arts and sciences, we have lost touch with God. Nor is this only within our own ranks, but also with other denominations. Some are of the opinion that the surroundings in which we live to-day are not congenial towards the production of righteous men, while others think that the world is much better to-day than it was. Which ever way we take it, it is our duty to "walk with God."

MR. GOSSIP.

### Henry Ford and His "International Jew."

The question whether or not Mr. Henry Ford has withdrawn his "International Jew" from circulation, is raised by the New York Yiddish daily, "The Day." "We American Jews," it says, "are interested to know whether or not Henry Ford has withdrawn in his letter to Louis Marshall, or whether the book is still being sold at anti-Semitic book stores as it was before Mr. Ford's recantation. We American Jews are interested in establishing whether his promise to 'right the wrong' done us was made sincerely or was merely a meaningless phrase. If he meant it sincerely, how does he strive to keep his word? For, in our opinion, even if a man were to take a hundred ritual baths a day, but continue to hold the contaminating matter in his hand, he is not cleansed. We are interested to know this and we have a right to be interested in order to bring clarity to the subject. By virtue of this right we direct our enquiry to those among us who have been mediators between Ford and the Jewish world in the days of his recantation. We ask has Henry Ford withdrawn his inciting book, the 'International Jew,' from the world book market, or does he permit it to be circulated further? A clear reply to this question is essential."

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