

## The Philanthropic Ball.

### A SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR.

The dancing season, so far as the Jewish community is concerned, was opened on Tuesday night, when the Annual Philanthropic Ball was held. This annual function is organised to provide funds for the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians, whose duty it is to minister to the poor and needy of the community.

Despite the inclement state of the weather, there was a large number of patrons present. Unlike last year, the various local institutions are holding their dances separately this year, as it was felt that the experiment of amalgamating the functions was not the success that was anticipated. The decorations, whilst not on an elaborate scale, were effective and had been carried out jointly by Messrs. The African Tobacco Manufacturers, The United Tobacco Co. and Messrs. Policansky Bros. In addition, each of these firms kindly sent gifts of their various brands of cigarettes, which were sold together with many other novelties and favours in a tastefully arranged kiosk, presided over by Mrs. George Isaacs and Mrs. Bashew. Both the minor and banqueting halls had been arranged for the excellent supper that was served from ten o'clock onwards, and it speaks well for the excellence of the arrangements made by the organisers when it is said that every little want of the guests was amply provided for. Even card-players were catered for, but a notable feature was the fact that even the older people preferred the dance-floor to the card-room. Both the supper rooms were prettily arranged and the colour scheme was in white and red. The honorary organisers, Mrs. R. Lewis and Mrs. B. Rollnick, together with all the ladies and gentlemen of the Committee, are to be congratulated on an outstanding success. It is not possible yet to give a definite figure so far as the financial side is concerned, but it is anticipated that, as a result of the ball, the funds of the Board of Guardians will be appreciably added to.

A novel feature of the evening was a "treasure hunt," which created quite a diversion, and was a refreshing change from the usual interludes introduced at these affairs. The clues were very conflicting, but the "mystery" was subsequently solved by Mr. E. Brin, who thus carried off the handsome prize which had been offered. The music was provided by "The Revellers" Orchestra, assisted by Miss Disner, and their playing, whilst occasionally indifferent as to time, was on the whole favourably commented upon.

Amongst those present were: Mr. S. Albow (President), Mr. R. Weinberg (Vice-President), Mrs. T. Saphra (Vice-Chairlady), Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis, Adv. and Mrs. M. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Bashew, Councillor and Mrs. Goldstein, Mrs. L. Wittenberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weinreich, Mr. and Mrs. O. Basson, Mrs. L. Schirie, Mrs. H. Sandler, Mrs. L. Gradner, Mr. and Mrs. S. Shaskolsky, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. M. Schach, Mr. and Mrs. S. Schach, Mrs. W. Harris, Mr.

and Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Henry Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Issy Harris, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Goodman, Mr. Harry Kaphan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carasov, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pinn, Mrs. and Miss Pevsner, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Fryde, Mr. Mark Warshaw, Mr. and Mrs. D. Getz, Mrs. P. Policansky, Mr. and Mrs. Kruyer, Mr. S. K. Fryde and Miss B. Gerrard, Mr. Arthur Symons and the Misses Phyllis and Hylda Symons, Mr. and Mrs. L. Tuchten, Mr. and Mrs. F. Suritz, Mr. and Mrs. M. Eilenberg, Dr. B. Berelowitz, Dr. Gelb, Councillor and Mrs. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Moss, Mr. and Mrs. B. Josephs, Miss R. Gerrard, Miss R. Wyner, Miss Z. Barnett, Dr. Cristol, Miss Gutman, Mr. and Mrs. B. Crasnow.

## A Jubilee Number.

The *Israel's Messenger*, the official organ of the Shanghai Zionist Association, has just issued its Silver Jubilee Number. It is attractive and contains many interesting contributions. There are messages from co-religionists from different parts of the world included in the issue, all congratulating the Editor, Mr. N. E. B. Ezra, on the success of his journal, during the long period of its existence.

Among the messages is one from Dr. J. L. Landau, Chief Rabbi of the Federated Synagogues of the Witwatersrand, reading as follows: "My Dear Mr. Ezra,

"Only he who has been placed alone on a distant lonely tower, exposed to the severity of the elements, to the hostile fury of the enemy, and to the pangs of isolation, can fully appreciate the painful feelings of another placed in a similar position.

"Well, my dear Mr. Ezra, I, having spent twenty-five years of service in the distant South of the African Continent, in a community consisting of scattered fugitives of Russian, Polish, Lithuanian, and other members of European Jewry, am quite able to realise the difficult and enormous task you had undertaken twenty-five years ago when you, intrepidly and resolutely, established your journal, *Israel's Messenger*, there in the Far East, like a high lonely tower, from which you valiantly fought the battle of the Lord. That you, in the course of twenty-five years, which your journal will complete in April next, have been able to popularise our Jewish national and religious ideals, to such an extent as to gain an army of adherents, who now champion your cause; that you have succeeded in spreading those ideals not only among our own brethren but also among the high and noble representatives of the Governments of the Far East; that you have enjoyed the privilege of seeing the seed sown in your lonely furrow rise and burst into blessed blossom, must now fill your heart with a moral happiness that surely is the richest reward a man in your position can expect.

"The fact that you can now, after twenty-five years of most trying and exacting work, signal from the top of your watch-tower the message: 'Victory! The day dawns! The sun of national redemption is rising though still

enveloped in mists' must fill your heart with feelings which no tongue, however eloquent, can adequately express."

## IN AND AROUND THE TOWN.

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Sabbaths. As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your Sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it."

Rabbinic comment on the above verses, as well as on similar verses in former chapters, where we read about the law of "Shemithah" and "Yovel," is to the effect that the greatest sins committed by the children of Israel up to the time of the destruction of the first Temple were the non-observance of "Shemithah" and "Yovel." The seventy years that the children of Israel were in exile were really to give the land the opportunity of resting for seventy years, which equalled the number of "Shemithahs" which they had omitted while they were on their land.

This is clearly stated in the second book of Chronicles, chap. 36, verse 21, which reads: "To fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfil three score and ten years."

The reason why the non-observance of "Shemithah" and "Yovel" brought about their exile more than anything else was because in accordance with the law of Moses "the land could not be sold in perpetuity." Those who, through negligence or through other misfortune, were forced to sell their possessions or even to become slaves themselves, became again the rightful owners of their former possessions. The slave became a free man. The non-observance of these laws on the other hand created hatred, animosity, oppressor and oppressed, which was due to lead to destruction. Even today's ills of the world could only be settled by the observance of the laws of Moses (Leviticus, chap. 26, verses 5 and 6): ". . . and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your safety. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid. . . ."

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Marks, of "Dares-Salaan," Queen's Road, Sea Point, accompanied by Miss Gutman, have arrived back in town after an absence of three months on their farm in the Standerton district.

## Registration of Business

The Partnership heretofore existing between A. E. ABERNATHY and FLORENCE GREGORY, carrying on business at "Lillian" at 254a, Bree St., Johannesburg, has been dissolved by the retirement therefrom of FLORENCE GREGORY; A. E. ABERNATHY as from the 30th day of April, 1929, will carry on the said business under the same style or firm at the same address on her own behalf. 24.31.7

Dairy on Stands 616/7, No. 104, Bouquet Street, Rosettenville, has been transferred from MARY LINDSAY to ISRAEL IZIKOWITZ and JACK IZIKOWITZ, from 1st June, 1929. 17.24.31

The Alpha Furnishing Company registered Receiver Revenue, Johannesburg, 21/1/29, by PHOEBE LEVY, Railway Grounds, Delarey Street, Vrededorp, Johannesburg, will be removed to 6a, Carr St., Fordsburg, Johannesburg, from 1/6/29.—P. Cronson, Party's Agent, Phone 159, 53a, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg. 17.24.31

# What Shall I Read?

By Aleph Beth.

THE CARDINAL'S MISTRESS.  
by Benito Mussolini. Cassell.  
Darter Bros.

The author of this book is more interesting than the book itself. Signor Benito Mussolini is a man of such astonishing vitality that nothing he does need come as a surprise. He has a genius for understanding each individual in a mass. He is a mob leader, but he also knows how to reach the heart of every little shop girl and every beggar in his mob.

Some months ago when I was in Italy I never ceased to be surprised at the varied and unexpected manifestations of Mussolini's personality. For instance, in almost every street, in the meanest slums, on back walls and on the sides of stone steps, on pillars and fences, everywhere where one did not look for it, there suddenly was seen a black lowering silhouette of the "Duce." Never for one moment was any individual, from the tiny toddler to the midnight marauder, allowed to forget that Mussolini's watchful eye was everywhere.

The same avid desire to bring his own vivid personality home to the meanest intellect permeates the book, "The Cardinal's Mistress." It was written many years ago when Mussolini was still a struggling young journalist. The serial story recounting the adventures of Claudia Particella, the beautiful and imperious mistress of Cardinal Carl Emanuel Madruzzo, of Trent, spread itself over many weeks in a small but much-read little Italian journal.

It is an old-fashioned type of romance written in a florid style and is full of violent action and exciting disturbances.

It throws an illuminating sidelight on a personality discussed and watched by the whole of the world.

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