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YIDDISH BOOKS WANTED.

The Yiddish Literary Society has circularised all candidates for the forthcoming municipal elections asking whether in the event of election, they will be in favour of establishing a Yiddish Department to the Johannesburg Public Library. The circular points out that in spite of the smallness of the French and German population of the city, they are well provided in the library with books in their own language, and the society asks for the same consideration for the thousands of Jewish citizens of Johannesburg who read Yiddish only.

THE THEATRE.

THE CHINESE PUZZLE.

A distinguished actor has arrived in Johannesburg in the person of Mr. Leon M. Lion, a co-religionist, who has gained great fame in England as a dramatist, producer and artist. Mr. Lion is bringing out his own company in which is included Miss Renee Kelly, one of the most charming actresses on the London West End Stage. The opening performance will take place on Monday, November 3rd, when "The Chinese Puzzle," a fascinating mystery drama, of which Mr. Lion is part author, will be produced. There should be a large gathering to greet this distinguished company of London artistes.

"SUGARMAN THE SHADCHAN."

Mr. I. M. Goodman is to be congratulated on having written a clever satirical farce on local Jewish life. It was a company of talented amateurs who presented the play. As a result, a pleasant evening's entertainment was provided to those who were present at the Jewish Guild building on Tuesday evening, to witness the opening performance of "Sugarman the Shadchan" as played by the members of the dramatic section of the Jewish Guild. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Alf Feitelberg, the producer, who showed rare judgment in choosing the players for the various diverse characters.

Mr. Harold Miller as the "Shadchan" did some polished work, delineating the character with much wisdom, causing as a result considerable amusement throughout the play. Miss Ada Solomon is the next to be congratulated on a really clever characterisation of a Cape coloured servant girl. The other parts were well carried out by Miss Dolly Cohen, Miss Lena Malk, Miss Blanche Beiles, Mr. Solly Pepsy and Mr. Albert Cohen.

The programme stated that the costumes were supplied by *Madame Schlumper*, but that is considerable libel on the rather charming frocks worn by the ladies in the play.

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HEBREW ORDER OF DAVID.

On Monday, October 27, the Dr. Herzl Lodge of the Hebrew Order of David, the largest Jewish Friendly Society in South Africa, will celebrate its twentieth birthday, and invitations have been extended to all members to be present at the usual Lodge meeting, which will take place that evening. All the lodges of the Order in South Africa, as well as the Grand Lodge, will pay official visits, and following the customary business, the members will be entertained by the President, Chairman and Executive of the Building Fund Committee.

KOVNO SOCIETY.

A dance will be held at the Selborne Hall on Wednesday, November 5th at 8 p.m., in aid of the distress fund of the Kovno Society. It is anticipated that this will be a great social and financial success. The ball is under the patronage of the Mayoress of Johannesburg.

ORPHANS WILL PERFORM.

Great interest is being taken in the entertainment which will be given by the children of the Jewish Orphanage at the Standard Theatre on November, 12th and 15th. It is hoped that this function will be well patronised by members of the Jewish community.

"SHULAMITH" WELL PRODUCED.

The Jewish opera "Shulamith" was well produced at the Standard Theatre for a full house. Goldfaden's play still has a great hold upon Yiddish speaking people and enthusiasm prevailed as each character appeared before the audience.

Mr. Joel Meyerson sang particularly well the part of Avesholem, and in the main part of the play Miss Anna Donan did well. The production is due to the energetic work of Miss Dora Nathan and her company.

LECTURE BY DR. J. M. EDELSTEIN.

An interesting lecture was delivered last week by Dr. J. M. Edelstein, Lecturer on Anatomy at the Witwatersrand University. In the course of his address, the lecturer urged the necessity of general education to make the people realise the gravity of the problem presented by eugenics. Dr. Edelstein's lecture was much appreciated by his audience.

ZEIRE ZION ACTIVITIES.

On October 16th, Dr. I. Olsvanger lectured at the Jewish Guild Hall, under the auspices of the Zeire Zion, which listened to a masterly address by Dr. Olsvanger on the ideals of this prophet. Dr. W. Sachs presided.

On October 18th, a farewell evening was given in honour of Mr. P. Potash on the eve of his departure for Palestine. Mr. Fine presided, and addresses were delivered by Mr. J. Bahr, Mr. Melamed, Mr. Hirschowitz and others. A presentation was made to the *Chalutz* on behalf of the Zeire Zion. Mr. Potash, in replying, expressed his appreciation for the honour, and urged upon others to follow suit. He hoped that his example would be the beginning of a South African *Chalutz* movement.

On October 22nd, a farewell evening was held in honour of Dr. I. Olsvanger. There was a crowded gathering present which gave honour to the distinguished orator. Dr. Olsvanger from South Africa. Dr. Olsvanger suitably replied and urged the members of the Zeire Zion to carry on the work which they had so well begun.

THE MAYOR OF JOHANNESBURG THANKED.

A vote of thanks to Mr. M. J. Harris, the Mayor of Johannesburg, was passed at the last meeting of Town Council before the elections.