

The Approaching Festivals.

To the Editor of the Zionist Record.

From J. E. Michaelson (Reitz).

Sir,—The approach of the High Festivals is again bringing advertisements in the Jewish and non-Jewish Press, dealing with the engagement of halls for the holding of High Festival services, as commercial enterprises

There can be no doubt that such practice is derogatory to the name of South African Jewry, and must have a very bad effect upon our youth. Another glaring anomaly is the performing of various functions during the festival by members of the laity, who during the rest of the year are Sabbath breakers and even ignorant in Jewish knowledge

We often read in the Jewish Press of communal leaders extolling Judaism and yet do not, in their personal behaviour, endorse a single word in their utterances.

We are, at this juncture, badly in need of spiritual guides of the calibre of the seers of old, who openly and consciously called attention to the iniquities in the House of Israel.—

Yours, etc.,

J. E. Michaelson.

SONS OF ISRAEL (Port Elizabeth).

The third annual installation of the officers of the above lodge will take place on Wednesday, 27th inst., at the Temple, when the following brethren will be installed:—President, Bro. Albert Marock; immed. past president, Wor. Bro. Louis Dubb; vice-president, Bro. L. Harris; treasurer, Bro. Herman Katz; secretary, Bro. Laz. Rubin (re-elected); master of ceremonies, Bro. Dave Lewis; chaplain, Bro. L. H. Marock; preceptor, Wor. Bro. Joseph Kaplan (re-elected); organist, Bro. J. Ausbrauch (re-elected); inner guard, Bro. J. Zartz; outer guard, Bro. J. Sain; marshalls, Bros. A. Goldstone, M. Kapelus, L. B. Lazarus, A. Shier; book examiners, Bros. L. Levy, Max Sherman; trustees, Wor. Bro. W. Solomons, Bro. S. Porter, Bro. H. L. Shrader; committee, Bros. S. Seligman, L. H. Marock, J. Zartz, J. Sain, S. Porter.

After the ceremony, a grand ball will be held in the Hotel Elizabeth, under the patronage of our worthy patron, Sir Lewis Richardson. Brethren who are in compliance will be admitted free of charge, while non-members will be admitted for 7s. 6d. double and 5s. single.

Although all previous affairs arranged by the Sons of Israel have been highly enjoyable, this year's function promises to surpass them all, and as only a very limited number of tickets will be sold to non-members, intending visitors are advised to make early application to the secretary, Mr. Laz. Rubin.

The Loan Fund which has recently been established will be in full swing next month, and those brethren who are in the unfortunate position of requiring monetary assistance will be liberally treated by the committee, to whom applications for loans must be made.

At the last regular meeting of the lodge, Bro. A. J. Lindsay was accorded a farewell on his return to Durban, and although Bro. Lindsay has only been with us a short time, he has proved a much-valued member, and his presence will be very much missed. Our loss will certainly be Durban's gain.

The Worthy Bro. President, officers and committee wish to thank Bro. J. Miller most heartily for the presentation of a beautifully bound *Chumash* for use in the Temple.

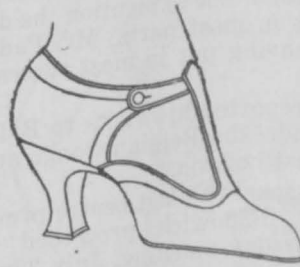
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The following additional donations are reported:
Port Elizabeth.—I. Zinober, £10; F. Katz, £10 10s.; W. Davidson, £10 10s.; "Flyns" (Max Sherman), £5 5s.

Salisbury.—M. Aarons, £1 1s.

East London.—Quigney Drapery Store (J. Altshuler), £7 7s.

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OPHIRTON AND BOOYSENS CONGREGATION.

The 24th annual general meeting of the Ophirton and BooySENS Hebrew Congregation was held on Sunday, the 18th inst., in the synagogue chambers, Ophirton. A large gathering of members was present, and satisfaction was expressed at the sound financial position and the economical manner in which the previous committee had managed the affairs of the synagogue in the past year.

Great interest was shown in the election of officers for the ensuing year, there being an overwhelming number of candidates for the sixteen positions to be filled the result of the election was as follows:—President, B. Grolman; vice-president, A. Solomon; treasurer, S. Behrman; hon. secretary, M. Sarovitch; trustees, I. Cohen and L. M. Rabinowitz. Committee: Messrs. D. Golombick, K. Sindelman, B. Kruger, R. D. Rottenburg, S. Heifer, P. Hyde, J. Nor, L. Gordon. Messrs. M. L. Golombick and I. Cohen, Jnr., were selected as hon. auditors, and Mr. M. Sarovitch was unanimously appointed as the representative on the South African Jewish Board of Deputies.

DAWN ASSHETON AND LASZLO SCHWARTZ.

Miss Dawn Assheton proved herself a talented singing actress in the course of the international musicales, which she gave at the Standard Theatre this week, in conjunction with Mr. Laszlo Schwartz, the Hungarian violinist.

Miss Assheton has an extremely finely controlled coloratura voice, which she used to advantage in her various interpretations. Mr. Laszlo Schwartz proved himself to be a violinist of merit, and his items were enthusiastically received by the audiences.

It is announced that these two gifted artists will give a recital at the Workers' Hall in Benoni on Sunday evening, and on Monday evening at the Town Hall in Boksburg.

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