#### MUSIC AND ART IN JOHANNESBURG

### Jewish Folk-Song Concert

The third concert of Jewish folk music, organised by the A. Z. Idelsohn choral group, will take place at the Wanderers Hall, Johannesburg, on Sunday evening, March 1.

A varied and interesting programme has been arranged, which will no doubt attract a large audience. It is expected that the success of the previous concerts, organised by this group of talented local vocalists, will be more than repeated on the coming occasion. The proceeds of the affair will be devoted towards the fund for song competition which the group has organised.

## A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra

The second of this year's concerts to be given by the A.B.C. Symphony Orchestra will take place next Tuesday night at the Jewish Guild, Johannesburg. The programme will include the Cesar Franck Symphony in D Minor, Beethoven's famous Overture "Leonora," and Bach's Concerto Grosso. Mr. Bram Verhoef will lead the orchestra, which will be under the baton of Mr. Jerry Schulman.

#### The Don Cossack Choir

To-morrow the Don Cossack Choir will conclude their Johannesburg visit. This fine body of singers has been drawing large audiences during their stay in the city and their magnificent choral work has elicited the admiration of all music lovers.

On Wednesday night they presented a programme which contained many request items, among them the famous "Volga Boatmen" song. The comic ballad "Malania" evoked laughter even from those to whom the language was strange, for it is not conditional to appreciation that one should know Russian. So fine is the art of this talented band of singers that the very essence of their song is conveyed in its musical form.

Not often do music lovers in this country get an opportunity of hearing so talented a choir, and credit is due to M. Kostrukoff, the conductor, on his fine handling of the choir. Thanks are also due to M. Alexander Levitoff and the African Consolidated Theatres, who arranged the choir's visit to this country.

## A DICKENS' NOVEL AT THE METRO.

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The latest Dickens' novel to be adapted for the screen is "A Tale of Two Cities," which is the attraction at the Metro Theatre this week. Great care has been taken to keep the scenario as close to the original as possible, and months of research were needed to collect impressive data concerning London and Paris during that period. Revolutionary Paris had to be constructed and a Bastille was built specially for the film. Ronald Colman has the leading role as Sydney Carton, the man who sacrificed his life to save the husband of the woman he loved. Elizabeth Allan is charming as Lucie Manette, while Henry B. Walthall plays Dr. Manette. Other important roles are played by Edna May Oliver, Donald Woods, Basil Rathbone, Reginald Owen and Blanche Yuka.

## North Eastern Hebrew Congregation

Annual General Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the members of the North Eastern Hebrew Congregation and Talmud Torah was held recently at the Communal Hall, Ninth Street, Orange Grove. There was a fair attendance of members present.

The chairman, Dr. Leibman, reviewed the past year's activities.

After the audited annual accounts were read and confirmed, and the honorary auditor, Mr. G. Wainstein, re-elected.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. president, Mr. B. Keell; chairman, Dr. J. Leibman; vice-chairman, L. Michelson; hon. treasurer, N.

## Paintings by Victor Cohen

An interesting exhibition of paintings will be opened at Herbert Evans Galleries, Johannesburg, on Monday, the 17th inst., by Councillor Maurice Freeman. The paintings are the work of Mr. Victor Cohen, a young South African Jewish artist who was awarded a scholarship to further his studies overseas and who has recently returned from England.

Cohen's art is said to have undergone considerable development while he was away and the exhibition should be one of note. Cohen is definitely an artist of promise and his work should be carefully watched by those interested in the development of art in South Africa.

The exhibition will be opened at 3.30 p.m.

## A Chinese Play

On Sunday, the 16th inst., at 8.15 p.m., the Johannesburg Repertory Players will present for the Jewish Guild "Lady Precious Stream," a comedy in the true Chinese traditional style, by S. L. Hsiung. The producer will be Miss Muriel Alexander, assisted by Miss Blodwen Lloyd.

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It is a beautiful story, beautifully told. Its success in London, where it is still running and drawing crowded houses, is due to the author's deep insight into the manners and customs of the English people, as well as to his knowledge of theatrical technique. In his own inimitable way he makes the characters talk and think in English fashion, while yet remaining essentially Chinese. The play is full of rollicking humour; the settings are characteristic, although there is little or no scenery, and the cast comprises over 25 players who have been carefully selected.

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On Monday, the 17th inst., at 8.15 p.m., the Guild will hold a mixed duplicate contract bridge tournament. The admission charge will include light refreshments. Prizes will be awarded the winners. Will those desiring to participate kindly make their bookings as early as possible?

# "DIAMOND JIM" AT THE PLAZA.

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Edward Arnold is the star of "Diamond Jim" at the Plaza Theatre this week. He enacts the role of James Buchanan Brady, popularly known as "Diamond Jim" on account of his passion for that stone, and the story, set in New York of the gay 'nineties, depicts his rise to wealth, his spectacular parties and his various love affairs. Other featured players in the cast are Jean Arthur, Binnie Barnes, Cesar Romera and Eric Blore. The Plaza Theatre presents an attractive and interesting supporting programme. gramme.

# "I DREAM TOO MUCH" AT THE COLOSSEUM

Lily Pons, the famous coloratura soprano, makes her film debut in the Colosseum Theatre's attraction for this week. Combined with a delightful modern love story, there are many opportunities for the singer to display the beauty of her voice, and in "I Dream Too Much" she sings a number of famous operatic extracts. Supporting Lily Pons in this film are Henry Fonda, Eric Blore and Osgood Perkins. There is also a good supporting programme.

# Rosenfeld; hon. secretary, P. Manhan; trustees, N. Kramer, E. Todes, B. Keell, M. Slayen and Dr. Leibman. Committee: Messrs. B. Asgor, H. Benjamin, M. K. Eidelman, P. Hirshowitz, and M. H. Bramley

## Volksrust

Mrs. H. Serebro, chairman of the local branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £7 2s. made up as follows: £2 2s. 6d. subscription collection from local members kindly collected by Miss L. Fine; £3 19s. 6d. proceeds of sale of second-hand clothes by Mrs. B. Fine (sen.), and £1 donation by Miss Hylda Serebro.

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