

Capetown Notes.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Last Sunday morning a pleasant and picturesque function took place under the shady oaks above the old Orangezicht Homestead.

Sir Alfred Pickford, the overseas Commissioner of Boy Scouts, who is visiting South Africa for the special purpose of inspecting the Scout troops, inspected the Jewish Boy Scouts of the Cape Peninsula.

He kindly arranged for a special inspection to take place on the Sunday morning for the Jewish boys, so that they would not have to parade on the Sabbath. The Rev. A. P. Bender was present and addressed the Scouts, pointing out to them the lesson to be drawn from this consideration of our Sabbath in the part of a high officer of their order. Captain White proposed the thanks of the boys and their officers to Sir Alfred, who afterwards joined the boys in a spirit of jolly comradeship over mugs of hot tea and other refreshments.

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A jolly meeting of the Jewish Girl Guides was also an event of the week. At the Old Synagogue on Monday a geography tea was the amusement provided by the Jewish Girls' Association for their young friends, the Guides from Capetown and from Wynberg. Miss Fanny Haft, who led the Wynberg Guides—a troop organised and trained by herself, brought them into town to be entertained along with Miss Charnass' troop and Miss Gordon the president of the Jewish Girls Association, with many helpers saw that they had a thoroughly good time.

First there was an inspection, as Miss Stapleton, the District Commissioner happened to have timed her visit for that evening. After inspecting the girls, who all looked very smart and trim in their businesslike uniforms, she addressed a few words of encouragement to them and dismissed them. They then each proceeded to pin on to their blouses a representation of some town in the Cape Province. These were to be guessed by each competing Guide, and prizes, kindly donated by Mr. Bender, were awarded to the correct guesser of the greatest number and to the bearers of the best representations. After tea and

cakes had been served there was a short but excellent concert programme by members of the Jewish Girls' Association, the most striking item of which was a number of clever and charming recitations by a young reciter, Miss Lerner. The prizes were then presented by Mrs. Mark Cohen who had kindly acted as one of the judges in the competition. Mr. Bender delivered a short and appropriate address to the girls and after complimentary speeches from the Guide leaders, the pleasant little affair concluded with the singing in chorus of the Guide Song.

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Mrs. L. Raphaely and Mrs. S. Benjamin are organising what promises to be a novel departure from the ordinary run of bazaars and fetes, in the form of a Japanese tea party, to be held in the Railway Institute on the afternoon of October 31, which is the birthday of the Emperor of Japan. It has been arranged in conjunction with the Save the Children Fund, which is organising a world appeal on behalf of the stricken children of Japan.

The Mayor (Mr. R. J. Verster), Prof. Richie, Gen Tanner, Mr. Imai (Consul for Japan), and other members of the Japanese community, have promised to be present. A section of the Amateur Dramatic Society, under Mrs. Jack West, have undertaken the decorations; and the Fairhaven Work Party will be in charge of the tea, which is to be served in orthodox Japanese fashion on grass mats on the floor, and with chopsticks! The lighting effects are in the hands of Mr. Smollan of the African Theatres Trust; and the Defence Force Band, by the courtesy of Gen. Tanner, will provide light music.

As the fete is primarily for young people, they should, if possible, wear kimono, for the prettiest of which, a prize will be awarded; and small presents will be given by the Japanese community to the little visitors, in grateful recognition of the tribute of sympathy from the children of this town. Games and dancing will be kept up all the afternoon, and lessons in Japanese may be had for the moderate price of one penny.

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This morning, (Sunday) the annual general meeting of the United S.A. Relief, Reconstruction and Orphans' Fund. Mr. Morris Alexander M.L.A. took the chair. The committee for

the ensuing year was elected and the work of the previous year received. Mr. Alexander moved and the Rev. A. P. Bender seconded the adoption of the report. The Rev. Ch. Mirvish spoke in support of it. The Fund had done much useful work, but money and service was urgently needed for the continuance of it.

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Miss Adelaide Newman the young pianist who, two years ago won the "Daily Mirror" pianoforte competition played with the Orchestra on Saturday night, and was well received by the audience at the Popular Concert.

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Mr. David Dainow delivered an address entitled, "A Jewish Interpretation of Shylock" to members and friends of the Jewish Students' Association at the Hiddingh Hall,

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Liberman left by Saturday night's train for Johannesburg.

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Last Tuesday evening at the Old Synagogue, Mr. Ralph Asherson lectured to the Jewish Literary and Historical Society on "The Jewish Prayer Book." Amongst those present was the Rev. A. P. Bender who moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer at the conclusion of his interesting address.

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News has been received by cable that Isadore, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cristol of Cape Town, has qualified in medicine and surgery. He is a past student of the South African College.

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Mr. R. Bernstein has, we are informed, been nominated to stand as a people's candidate for the Hanover-street Division in the Provincial Council.

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