

Our Children's Circle

OUR MOTTO:

"Do not unto others, what you would not have others do unto you."

"A little child shall lead them.—Isaiah xi., 6."

My Dear Little Cousins,

I wonder whether you are all sorry that the holidays have come to an end, or whether some of you feel that one can have too much of a good thing. I am sure it will be quite a change for you to go back to school and you may find it hard to settle down again. But I am sure you will all do your best this year and work very hard at your lessons. Remember that knowledge and learning are the greatest things in life, and Jewish people especially set great store by them. The time to learn is when one is young, so make the most of your time in order that you may grow into learned men and women.

What the Rabbis Have Said.

Let me tell you what some of our Rabbis have said about learning and wisdom:—

"Knowledge is more than priesthood and the dignity of kings."

"If thou has attained knowledge, what lackest thou? If thou lackest knowledge, what hast thou attained?"

"He who learns in youth—to what shall he be likened? To a writing on new paper. And to what who learns in old age? To a writing on blotted paper."

Joshua, son of Gamala, truly deserves always to be mentioned with glory. If it had not been for him, knowledge among us would have been utterly forgotten. In former times people followed the command of scripture: "Thou shalt teach the children." But the children who had no father to teach them grew up without instruction. Then at last schools were established in Jerusalem. But Joshua, son of Gamala, arranged for the establishment of schools and the appointment of teachers in all places.

Knowledge and learning, however, should not make us proud and boastful; it is simply our duty to learn and study as much as we can.

One Rabbi compared knowledge to water. As water flows off and withdraws from high places so knowledge can only flourish amongst modest men.

Another said: "He alone possesses knowledge who knows that he knows nothing."

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

Great Performance by Lionel Bowman.

BEETHOVEN'S PIANO CONCERTO.

An impressive performance of Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto in G Major was given by Lionel Bowman, the soloist at the Symphony Concert, with the Cape Town Municipal Orchestra on Thursday night, 16th inst.

If a pianist can play the opening bars of the Fourth Beethoven's Concerto with the right expression, he is in a position to interpret the work as a whole.

Lionel Bowman's opening was a test which determined the scale and character of his interpretation. For there was nobility of thought and expression, vigour tempered by roundness and warmth, a haunting sweetness and its liquidity of tone in the monologue of the slow movement going on its way serenely, without heeding the orchestral accompaniment (which hectoring at first, gradually calms down to complete subjugation) until at last there was the final poignant questioning sigh.

A moment later, the Rondo burst out with the gaiety of a child, and Bowman in a twinkling was a spirit of fun, bringing the Concerto to a close in a blaze of colour and light.

Claremont Youth Cultural Society.

Members are cordially invited to attend a meeting in the Claremont Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday, 26th inst., at 8.15 p.m. Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson will deliver an address.

Late Emanuel Lasker—Chess Champion.

As briefly announced last week, the death has taken place in New York of Dr. Emanuel Lasker, at one time world chess champion and one of the greatest masters of the game. He was seventy-two.

Lasker was born at Berlinchen, in Brandenburg. He attended a number of German universities, and early gained recognition as a mathematician. He first learned chess at the age of twelve, and at fifteen won a tournament conducted in Berlin without losing a single game, against prominent players. He became world chess champion at the age of twenty-six when he defeated Steinitz in the famous tournament of 1894. He held the title for over twenty years until 1921 when he was defeated by Capablanca.

On the rise of Nazism in Germany Lasker took refuge in Russia where he lived for a number of years before his departure for America where he spent his last years quietly.

The noted chess expert of the "London Times" says: "Lasker was one of the greatest chess players who ever lived."

POLISH-JEWISH FRIENDSHIP.

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have more than once pointed out that priority in religious toleration does not belong to Germany or Italy nor to France or England, but to Poland, and hers is the spiritual hegemony among European peoples in this highest sphere of cultural achievement. As far back as 1264, King Boleslaw gave Jews of his kingdom a charter guaranteeing to every Jew inviolability of life, limb and possession and shielded him from annoyance, insult and infringement of the rights of a free citizen. This charter was later enlarged by King Kazimierz the Great and it remained in force for over 400 years until the extinction of Polish independence."

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