

In Bulawayo

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The Study Circle.

The first fortnightly meeting of the reorganised Study Circle took place on Monday, the 16th ult. There was a fairly good attendance. Mr. B. Padowich, who is here on his Keren Hayesod tour, delivered a lecture in Yiddish on "Art in Palestine." The lecturer gave an interesting account of the development of Jewish art in Palestine and showed that only in Palestine would the development of an original Jewish art be possible. The lecturer was followed by Dr. Mierowsky, who spoke on "The Aims and Programme of a Jewish Study Circle."

In the discussion that ensued, Rev. M. I. Cohen urged the younger members of the community to take a more active part in the cultural work of the Circle. It was then unanimously decided to elect Miss A. Baron and Mr. B. Baron on to the committee of the Circle as representatives of the Jewish youth. Mr. C. Gershtater suggested that the study of Jewish history should occupy an important place in the programme of the Circle.

Hebrew School Concert.

The Guild Hall was crowded on Sunday, 22nd ult., when the Hebrew Classes gave a very successful concert in connection with the annual distribution of prizes. The whole programme was carried out by pupils of the classes and kindergarten and all the items were in Hebrew. The tiny kindergarten pupils were enthusiastically applauded for their singing and recitations. Their little sketches, "The Artisans" and "The School Band" left a very strong impression on all present. The following children took part: Menachem Cohen, Edie Solomon, Rabinowitz, Kaplan, Rassiner, Annie Kaplan, Crystal Cohen, Rina Abramson, Tina Solomon, and M. Kaplan.

The younger pupils of the afternoon classes played in a Hebrew play, "The Children of the Forest," composed by Mr. C. Gershtater. The little artists rendered their parts with remarkable fluency and naturalness, and delighted the audience with their songs and dances. The following children took part in the play: Sadie Chasan, Ziona Cohen, Abe Abrahamson, Leah Solomon, Jessie Roizon, Hetty Sher, and David Baron. There were also a number of single items splendidly performed by Beckie Fisher, Ivan Faigenbaum (piano), Hetty Radowski, Lilian Fingelson (dancing), Ziona Cohen, Abe Abramson (solo songs), Joyce Favish (recitation).

After the interval, during which refreshments were served, prizes were distributed to a number of successful pupils of the school. Mr. A. Jacobs, chairman of the Education Committee, presided, and after addressing the gathering, called upon Mrs. C. Solomon to present the prizes. The following children were awarded prizes: David Baron, Haig Kaplan, Leah Solomon, Sadie Chasan, Abe Abramson, Nita Margolis, Sylvia Radowski, Arthur Kaplan, Roy Friend, Lillie Rossiner, Sidney Lasman, and Sidney Palti.

Jewish Guild.

The Jewish Guild held a very successful concert and a gym. display on Tuesday, 24th ult. Among those who contributed to the programme were: Mrs. Abdella (solo songs), Mr. H. Charles (recitation), Mr. U. Gluckman (piano solo), Miss L. Charles (recitation), Joyce Favish (recitation), and R. Goldrich (cello). The concert concluded with a gymnastic display of the Gym. Section of the Guild, led by Mr. A. Bernstein.

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MR. JABOTINSKY'S NOVEL.

Supplies of "Samson the Nazarite," Vladimir Jabotinsky's novel, which was fully reviewed in our issue of May 9th, have now been received by the South African Zionist Federation, from whom copies can be obtained at 5s. 8d. post free.

In this novel the main incidents of the Biblical narrative are handled in a masterly way. The London *Times* describes the book as "a singularly felicitous attempt to reconstruct Biblical history in the style of historical fiction;" whilst the literary critic of the London *Daily News* describes it as "one of the best historical novels I have read."

The book is a neat, well printed volume of just over 300 pages and should be in every Jewish library.

THE HEBREW-SPEAKING CIRCLE, JOHANNESBURG.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., a debate on "Hebrew Education" was held under the auspices of the Hebrew-Speaking Circle, Rabbi I. M. Gervis presiding. Over 70 members were present. Interesting addresses were delivered by Messrs. M. Kreitzman, A. Levin and others. At the conclusion of the debate, Rabbi Gervis spoke eloquently on the subject and congratulated the Circle on its progress.

A National Memorial Evening will be held under the auspices of the Hebrew-Speaking Circle on the 16th inst., at 8.30 p.m., at the Jewish Guild, to commemorate the 26th anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl. The speakers will be Rabbi I. M. Gervis and Mr. P. Cornfeld, the well-known Zionist propagandist. Mr. M. Kreitzman will preside. Chief Cantor Rev. Rabec and the choir of the Wolmarans Synagogue (by kind permission of the committee) will render the memorial service.

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