

Our Children's Circle.

Conducted by **COUSIN HELEN.**

"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,

Sunday will be the ninth day of the Jewish month of Av—Tishe B'av. This day, as some of you know commemorates a very sad event in the history of the Jewish people, for on it the Temple was destroyed during the downfall of Jerusalem.

Palestine was at that time under the Romans and the Jews were very badly oppressed. The Roman Governors taxed the Jews heavily and, what was more, offended their religion in many ways. So bad did matters become that the Jews were led to revolt. The Romans entered their towns and a great struggle followed. The Jews were not great soldiers and unfortunately they quarrelled among themselves.

The Roman forces were very powerful; they were led by Titus, son of the Emperor Vespasian, and one by one they captured the Jewish towns. Terrible massacres and bloodshed took place.

Titus assembled his huge army in front of Jerusalem and demanded the surrender of the inhabitants. The outer wall of the city was captured after a fierce struggle; but famine and sickness killed more of the inhabitants than did the weapons of the enemy. At last, on the 9th day of Av in the year 70 C.E. the inner wall of the city was taken and the Temple burnt. One only wall of the Temple was left; it stands in Jerusalem to-day and Jews pray there, kiss the stones and weep when they think of what it stands for. In English this is called the Wailing Wall, in Hebrew Kotel Maar-ovi (Western Wall).

Correspondence.

Milly Goldin.—Welcome to the circle. I hope you will write often.

Lionel Hodes.—Thank you very much for your letter. Please write again soon.

Joyce Volks.—Thank you very much for your long and interesting letter. Please write again soon.

Sheine Nurok.—Thank you very much for your letter. I am glad you are doing so well at school and hope you will be top. Please write again soon.

Rachel Kotlowitz.—Thank you very much for your letter. Please write again soon.

Correspondence Exchange.

Lionel Hodes, 78, Durban Street, Worcester, would like to correspond with a boy or girl in Palestine about thirteen years of age.

Sheine Nurok, "Sharon," 13, Marmion Road, Cape Town, would like to correspond with a boy or girl in England about eleven years of age.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

Cape Zionist Youth Activities

CAPE TOWN HERZLIA.

Youth Conversazione. Under the auspices of the Cape Town Herzlia a Youth Conversazione was held on Thursday, 8th July, at the Zionist Hall. Before an audience of about two hundred Dr. Felix Gross delivered a brilliant analytical examination of the subject "A Review of Music through the Ages," illustrating his lecture with gramophone records. Mr. L. Bowman rendered a piano solo "Scherzo" by Rubinstein.

In discussing the Jews' contribution towards the sphere of music Dr. Gross declared if one studied the works of, e.g., the great Jewish composers one found a total absence of anything typically Jewish and this only went to show that music was an art that was international in both origin and aim.

Music entered upon a new era when Beethoven entered the music arena. His music acted as an intellectual stimulant, stirring the listener to his depths. Mendelssohn inspired by the contemporary longing for the past revived Bach and raised him to the heights of a teutonic idol. Richard Wagner, besides influencing the opera, dominated music from 1870 until the years before the war.

Offenbach proved himself to be a great master of musical comedy, but was only a great musician who deserves to be ranked among the great opera composers. He would also claim to have been responsible for the initial introduction in our times, for modern dance music. Jazz music was an expression of the times in which we live, with its rhythm, nervousness, bustle, imitation and speed. It serves chiefly a practical purpose—to entertain and act as dance music.

General Meeting. On Tuesday evening, the 20th July, the biennial general meeting will be held at the Zionist Hall.

Bialik Circle. To-night there will be a meeting at the residence of Miss H. and Mr. J. Aronson when Mr. S. L. Gross will read a paper on "Incentives to Jewish Nationalism during the 19th Century." As this should prove an intriguing and interesting subject members are advised to roll up in full force.

Ping Pong. In view of the success with which this section has met, the Ping Pong meetings will be held regularly once a week. Besides Ping Pong other indoor games are indulged in. The facilities offered are extended to all members who can obtain further particulars from Miss Levy or Miss B. Horwitz.

CAPE TOWN YOUNG JUDEANS.

A meeting of the above newly formed Society was held at the Zionist Hall on Saturday, July 10th at 8.15 p.m. After some musical items, the Chairman, Mr. J. Aronson outlined the decision of the Royal Commission together with the rest of the news. A debate then followed the subject being that "Herzl was a greater leader than Moses," the speakers for the motion being Miss B. Joffe and Mr. S. Kannoitz while against was Mr. S. Peires. Discussion followed. The motion on being put to the vote was lost. Hebrew songs and the dancing of the Horah were then in-

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shaping of Zionist policy in South Africa and this would lead to a deepening and strengthening of Zionist interest and activity throughout the country.

The other resolutions submitted to Conference by the Dorshei Zion Association are also important and show that the Association is concerned with all aspects of the Zionist movement; we trust that they will be adopted by Conference and that they will be carried into effect with the least possible delay.

There is every indication that the forthcoming Conference will be a very large and representative one. We trust that its deliberations will prove successful, and that it will serve to demonstrate the solidarity of Zionists throughout South Africa and their determination to remain loyal to the idea of Zionism in the face of all setbacks and difficulties.

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indulged in. A very successful meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

The next meeting takes place at the Zionist Hall on Saturday, 24th July, at 8.15 p.m.

Stellenbosch Y.I. Society.

The annual General Meeting of the above Society took place in the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday night, 4th July. Mr. J. Levinsohn presided.

After the minutes of the last general meeting were read and adopted, the Chairlady, Miss H. Shulman, presented her report for the past session. She stated that the previous year had been as successful as other years from all points of view. She emphasised the importance of the J.N.F. and appealed to members to support the Menorah.

The Junior Study Circle had progressed much, and much had been done in the way of sport.

The Chairlady then thanked the Committee members, and all others for their kind co-operation and loyal support during the past session.

Mr. A. Zetler, Treasurer of the Y. I. Society presented the Financial report. Dr. Shulman in moving the adoption of the Report thanked the auditors, Messrs. N. L. Lewis and S. Zetler for auditing the Society's books.

The following were duly elected to the Committee: Hon. Chairlady, Miss H. Shulman; Hon. Vice-Chairman, Mr. N. L. Lewis; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Zetler; Hon. Secretary, Miss L. H. Segall; Supervisor, Mr. Sam Lewis; J.N.F. Commissioner, Miss Y. Levinsohn; Assistant Commissioner, Mr. A. Werb. Committee members: Misses M. Lurie, M. Lewis, Y. Levinsohn, and the Messrs. S. Chideckel, E. Segall, A. Werb and S. Zetler. Council Delegates, Misses L. Segall and H. Shulman; Auditors, Mr. S. Zetler and Mr. S. J. Lewis; Hall Committee members, Messrs. S. Zetler and S. Chideckel; Sports Committee: S. Chideckel, Chairman; Miss M. Lurie, Secretary; additional members, Messrs. R. Shulman, E. Segall, N. T. Lewis and H. Levinsohn.

Votes of thanks were proposed to Mr. J. Levinsohn for taking the Chair, and to Messrs. S. Zetler and N. L. Lewis for auditing the books.

Owing to pressure of space further "Youth Activities" have been held over.