

My Dear Children,

I WAS happy to receive a large number of letters this week, but disappointed to learn that some of you did not look forward to starting the new term at school.

School, like any other place, is not what it actually appears to be. It is what each of you makes it. If you decide that school is to be a dull place, it will be a dull place; and if you decide that it is to be an exciting place, it will be an exciting place.

Your minds are like flowers, and just as flowers cannot grow without sun and rain and a healthy soil, so the mind cannot grow without these things; and to the young mind, school and home are the sun and the rain and the healthy soil.

School is an adventure, an exciting voyage of discovery, where you learn the precious ability to read, where you begin to reason and think and decide matters for yourselves; it is like being in a ship at sea, and suddenly coming upon little hidden islands; new and lovely words, books that bring pictures of far-away lands, stories of other nations.

If a door is kept closed for a long time, the lock becomes rusty and refuses to work. If the brain is kept locked, if it becomes lazy and sees no excitement in school and examinations and mental exercise, it also becomes rusty and refuses to work.

THE Jews long ago realised how valuable and powerful a possession the brain can be, and the race has produced some of the greatest scholars, thinkers, philosophers and artists in the world. Throughout the ages, these thinkers, the great men of the Bible and the Talmud, the philosopher Spinoza, Theodor Herzl, the founder of Zionism, and others have commanded for the Jews the respect and admiration of every nation in the world.

The important part to remember is this: the brain must be exercised when you are young if it is to yield good results later on.

I should like to think of you, my nieces and nephews, as eager young people, who can look beyond the present into the future, and for their own benefit make of school the joyous and stimulating place it really can be.

Marguerite Heifetz

THIS week you see on the Page a photograph of Marguerite Heifetz. Marguerite is only nine years old, but has already conducted the Moscow Symphony Orchestra in Russia. She is not related to the famous violinist, Jascha Heifetz, but she is also Jewish. Those of you who have attended concerts know how difficult it must be to control and direct a large orchestra and you can guess that Marguerite must have a strong and well-developed brain. I am sure she also grows tired at times of going to school, and practising for hours on end to make her music perfect in order to conduct the grown-up members of the orchestra efficiently; but her brain is well-trained, and knows that the more it learns, the more it will want to learn. A healthy mind grows to see everything in its own way, and instead of dreading studies and hard work, looks up to these things as a staircase, each step of which leads up gradually to perfection.

Answers to Correspondents

Phyllis Smith (Thaba 'Nchu).—I am glad that you found time to write to me, and that you enjoyed your holiday so much. It was sweet of your *Zuide* to make you *Mogen Dovids*. Thank you very much for your contribution to the fund.

Freda Kroll (Petrusberg).—It is most thoughtful of you to take such an interest in the fund. Write often, and tell me more about yourself.

OUR CHILDREN'S PAGE
Contributed by
AUNT SARAH



Marguerite Heifetz

Samuel Singer (Thaba 'Nchu).—I am sending you the book you chose this week, Samuel. I am afraid it is impossible for me to publish the Hebrew letters. Write again, and remember me to your brothers.

Myra Winer (P.O. Kriel, Kinross).—Of course I forgive you for not writing sooner. I liked your letter. Thank you for your contribution. Write more often.

Hannah Gill (Boksburg North).—I am so sorry your letter was not acknowledged, Hannah. Thank you very much for your good wishes, and your contribution to the fund. I was interested in your news about Dr. Rappaport. Write often.

Arthur Edelstein (P.O. Westerdam).—I am glad you work hard, and wish you every success in the exams. I am sorry no one has tried to correspond with you yet, and I hope this will act as a reminder.

L. Abram (Reitz).—Thank you and your friends for the fine contribution you sent. I congratulate you on the formation of your Y.I. Society. To become members of the Page, you send in your names and addresses together with a membership fee of 1s. each, when your cards will be posted to you. I should be delighted to have you for nieces and nephews. To affiliate, you should write to O.F.S. Zionist Youth Executive, Box 564, Bloemfontein.

Margie Goldblatt (Reddersburg).—Welcome to the Page, Margie. I hope you will write to me often. I shall have to take 1s. of your contribution towards membership fee. The rest shall go to the fund.

Ida Hosiassohn (Postmasburg).—I am so glad you have joined the Page. Write often, Ida, and tell me more about yourself. It was good of you to remember the fund. Thank you mother for her letter.

Tybe Hoddes (Johannesburg).—I suggest that you write to Ida Hosiassohn, Postmasburg. I am sure she would be delighted to correspond with you, Tybe.

Bertie Segal (Naauwpoort).—Why have I not heard from you in connection with your prize, Bertie? Write soon.

Clara, Raphael, Sammy and Celia (per B. S. Leon, Gatooma).—Thank you so much for your contribution to the fund. It was good of you to think of it. I hope to hear from you again.

I Know a Land

FLOWERS of frost are on the trees,
And leaves of snow,
And hidden deep in winter's sleep
The frozen sap is slow;
Like little feathers covering all,
The cold and quiet snow flakes fall.

I know a land where leaves are green
On all the trees;
Where now to-day, the flowers are gay

And nodding in the breeze;
Where soft the smell of spices floats,
And birds are whistling pleasant notes.

In my heart there sings a bird
And flowers are fair,
Because I know where blossoms blow,
And, oh, my heart is there!
And there the happy branches bring
A hope more wonderful than spring.

—Jessie E. Sampter.

Jewish Woman to Help Rebuild Safed

SOME of you will perhaps recall that in the unfortunate riots that occurred in Palestine in 1929 the city of Safed was badly damaged. Thus far, due to prohibitive costs, the damaged parts of the city have not yet been rebuilt. But soon Safed will be restored to its former rank, and even enlarged and beautified. Mrs. Sara Levy, of the city of Singapore, in the British Straits Settlement, Asia, recently determined to dedicate her whole fortune of £100,000 to erecting a new residential section and synagogue in the town as well as a high school on a mount near Safed.

Aunt Sarah's Fund

Lily Swartz (Kensington, Johannesburg)	6
Phyllis Smith (Thaba 'Nchu) (For Orphanage)	2 6
Freda Kroll (Petrusburg)	5 0
Myra Winer (P.O. Kriel, Kinross)	1 0
Hannah Gill (Boksburg North) (For Palestine Orphan Fund)	1 0
L. Abram (Reitz) (J. E. and D. Kotzen, G. L. and C. Lotzof, 1s. 3d. each; F. and S. Toubkin, D. and G. Lazarus, M. Manushevitz, H. Sher, M. and L. Rabman, 1s. each; L. and C. Abram, and S. Rosen, M. and M. Leeb and W. Robin, 6d. each)	10 0
Margie Goldblatt (Reddersburg)	1 0
Ida Hosiassohn (Postmasburg)	2 6
Per B. S. Leon (Eiffel Flats via Gatooma) (from Clara, Raphael, Sammy and Celia for German Fund)	10 0
Jacob Joffe (Johannesburg)	2 6
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Two New Members for

Aunt Sarah's Children's Page Circle

Margie Goldblatt,
Reddersburg.

Ida Hosiassohn,
Postmasburg.