

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,

The following story has been sent in by one of our cousins, J. Meyerowitz:—

Back to the Promised Land.

The hot desert sun burned down on a party of travellers who had come back to cultivate "the Promised Land" and rebuild it.

After one week of "trekking" through what seemed a sea of sand, they finally reached a swampy piece of land. There they planted a tree, one of the first fruit trees to be planted since the Jews had fled from Palestine many hundreds of years before. When the tree had been planted, the Rabbi said a prayer over it and blessed it. As the pioneers pitched their tents they sang with hope in their tired voices.

The next morning the little party were up at sunrise feverishly working on the ground. They tried to clear the swamps and build houses where they were before.

Their work was most difficult and many died of fever from the unhealthy, damp, swampy land. This did not deter them, and there were always new pioneers to carry on the work begun by the very brave little group.

Gradually the swamps dried up and settlements were founded on all parts of the land.

It is owing to the early pioneers that today Palestine is one of the most successful agricultural lands in the world.

The Pioneer.

By Jessie Sampter.

I took the mattock from his hand
To break the strong resistant earth:
He came a stranger to the land
That gave his people birth;
He burned with youth; his eyes were bright
As with a dedicated light.

December. But the sky was warm,
Not like his winter of the north,
And teased by sun and rain and storm
The buds were bursting forth.
He shouted: "Comrades, over there,
Don't break the ground without a prayer."

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

Zionist Youth Activities.

EXECUTIVE.

Menorah Greetings.—The closing date for greetings has been extended for a week and hence there is still time for a last-minute effort to be made. Zionist youth members are urged to send in greetings without delay so as to ensure a record New Year issue of the magazine.

Leaders' Training Course.—Two further meetings of the class were held this week. On Monday evening, Mr. S. M. Levin summarised the Zionist approach to the Jewish problem, and then dealt with the structure of the Zionist Organisation. Last night Rabbi Israel Abrahams spoke in detail on Herzl and Achad Ha'am.

The political position of the syllabus will be concluded next week, the lecturers being Dr. A. Birnbaum and Mr. E. Kluk. The second portion consisting of a survey of Jewish Culture, commencing with the Bible and Talmud, will be inaugurated at a later stage.

Talmud Simplified.—Two important innovations have been introduced, which should be carefully noted. First, the time of meeting has been changed: the study will now commence at 4 p.m. Secondly, the Circle will have its own Mincha Service, on completion of the study.

The last meeting was partly devoted to song, ably conducted by Cantor Golub, and partly to an examination of the subject of the legal relationship between employer and employee with special reference to "specific service." The Rabbi will describe the various documents issued in Talmudic law at the next meeting to be held in the Roeland Street Synagogue Hall, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 14th inst.

MAITLAND JUNIOR ZIONIST SOCIETY.

The above Society held a meeting at the hall on Sunday, 8th inst. Two talks were

given by Mr. B. Kaufman and Mr. J. W. Fish on the Torah. The feature "What do you know?" was, as usual of high standard. This was followed by a Hat Debate and various games.

MUIZENBERG YOUNG ISRAEL SOCIETY.

An interesting evening was spent at the fortnightly meeting, held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday, 1st September. Mr. Nathan Spektor (ex-chairman of the Society), who had recently returned from London, gave the members an interesting account of his stay there, and also of the last Zionist Congress at Geneva, which he was fortunate enough to attend. Mr. Spektor also answered numerous questions put to him by the large gathering of members.

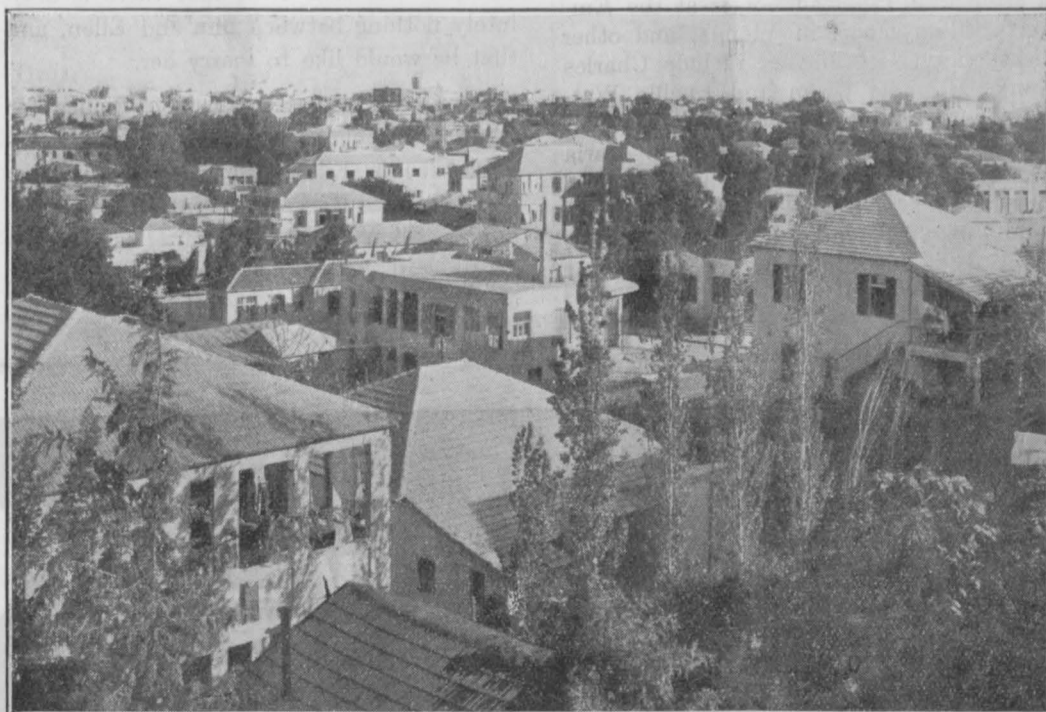
A Menorah talk informing the members of the new scheme, viz., fortnightly issues of the Menorah in newspaper form, and asking members for their support in the forthcoming "Rosh Hashana" greetings canvass, was given by the convenor. Another item on the programme was a "Hat Debate." Humorous as well as subjects of policy were chosen and these had the desired effect of initiating discussion by even the younger members of the society.

On September 15th the society will be the guests of the Claremont-Wynberg J.Z.S., with whom they are holding an inter-function—debate and dance.

MUIZENBERG BOYS' BARMITZVAH CLUB.

The bi-annual general meeting was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Friday, 30th August. The meeting began with the elections, which resulted as follows: Chairman, G. Trakman; Secretary, L. Fine; Treasurer, I. Rifkin; J.N.F. Officer, H. Levenson; Sports Convenor, A. Berman.

The club was then invited to attend a G.O.Z.S. meeting at which Hebrew songs were rendered by Mr. B. Hirson, after which games were played.



General view of Tel-Aviv which was raided by Italian planes on Monday.