

## OUR CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

Conducted by **COUSIN HELEN.**

### Our Motto:

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

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

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My Dear Little Cousins,

This week I want to tell you about the Children's Village in Palestine called Meier Shfeyah, which is maintained by Junior Hadassah, the Young Women's Zionist Organisation of America.

One hundred and fifteen boys and girls who come from many countries of Europe and the Near East live and work and study at Meier Shfeyah. Some are orphans, some are neglected children and others are children of sick, poor or quarrelsome parents. Meier Shfeyah, which is situated in the beautiful Valley of Sharon, in the northern part of Palestine, is a very healthy place for these boys and girls. The children govern themselves and have their own council, the decisions of which are binding not only on the children but on the teachers and directors as well. The children study four hours a day and work four more. Their work is done, for the most part, in the outdoors where they conduct a farm. Most of them have their own pets. The children visit many places that are of historical interest; they climb mountains to get a view of the entire country; they visit electric works, factories, vast forests that are being developed.

Meier Shfeyah is a very up-to-date little village. It has the only tractor in the neighbourhood which it loans to nearby farms. It has a brand new threshing machine, an irrigation plant that is admired by all the farmers of Palestine and the newest improvement, electricity in the buildings and on the streets of Shfeyah.

The children issue their own weekly newspaper in Hebrew (Hebrew is the only language the children use) and in this the children write about all of the things that happen and that are planned in their own community.

### The Nobleman and the Pious Man.

While travelling on the road, a nobleman saw a pious man, whom he knew very well, engaged in prayer. He saluted the man but received no recognition of his greeting. The nobleman became annoyed but waited for the man to complete his prayer, after which he said to him: "You are a stupid fellow. Your law commands you to take care of yourself, yet when I greeted you, you did not reply. If I had split your head for it, I would not be blamed."

"Sir, I beg of you to control your anger," replied the pious man, "for if you will allow me, I will show you wherein I was justified. For instance, if you were in conversation with your king and a passing friend greeted you, would you like to be interrupted in your conversation to give answer to that salutation?"

"Woe unto me, if I did so."

"Now, sir, consider the respect you thus pay to a mortal king who is here to-day and gone to-morrow, while I was facing the King of Kings, the immortal. What should I have done?" And so the nobleman forgave him and was wiser for it.

### Clouds.

Sometimes when the wind blows,  
I see the clouds go drifting by.  
They look large and fleecy  
As they float up in the sky.

The sky is like an ocean deep,  
In which the clouds go sailing,  
The clouds take forms of many things  
Until they all start wailing.

Miriam Markman,  
Humansdorp.

### "Land of Promise" Film.

I hope you will all go and see the "Land of Promise" film at the Majestic Bioscope, Plein Street, Cape Town, next week. This is one of the most interesting talkies ever shown, and gives you a beautiful picture of life in Palestine. Everyone who has seen it thinks it is marvellous, so do not miss the opportunity of seeing it. There will be matinees on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Correspondence.

Miriam Markman.—Many thanks for your letter and poem. As regards compositions, I cannot tell you whether I could print them till I see them. I should be pleased to receive one from you—especially if it is on a Jewish subject.

Please write again soon.

Your loving,

COUSIN HELEN.

### ZIONIST CONVERSAZIONE.

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of a South African national pride was often neglected by him, and South African national questions scarcely touched or examined. The Native Question the Coloured Problem and the Poor White Problem, were overlooked, and it was in connection with the last, said the lecturer, that there was scope for the Jews to regain the confidence of their Christian neighbours. Those who had organising and administrative experience should form themselves into a committee for the purpose of co-operating with the Poor White Commission and act in co-partnership with the Dutch Reformed Church in this great work of the rehabilitation of those of our neighbours who had sunk below the bread level. The scheme would require men, women service, sacrifice and also a great deal of money, and he submitted it for the consideration of South African Jewry as an answer to the slanders and defamation to which they were being subjected.

Mr. B. Padowich, Adv. Gerald Gordon and Mr. Kottlowitz took part in the discussion, to which Mr. Goodman replied

Mr. Koorland rendered a pianoforte solo, and Miss Bernardt songs.

## Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

### Paarl Junior Zionist Society.

After a long interval, the Society held a fairly successful Oneg Shabbat in the Talmud Torah Hall on Saturday, 23rd May. Miss Fanny Gross was in the chair, and the speaker was Mr. Jacob Levinsohn, ex-Chairman of the Society. Mr. Levinsohn chose for his lecture "The History of Chassidism," and dealt very eloquently with the subject.

Other speakers were Rev. Strelitz, Mr. J. Geffen and Mr. Melamed.

Hebrew songs were sung by the members of the local Habonoth Gedud.

### Claremont-Wynberg Junior Zionist

A meeting of the above Society was held in the Claremont Talmud Torah Hall on the 31st May.

Mr. Meyerowitz, who presided, welcomed the large audience and the lecturer, Mr. Natas. At the opening of the meeting reference was made on the death of Dr. N. Sokolow and also to those who fell in the recent disturbances in Eretz Israel, and the audience was asked to rise as a mark of respect to the dead. The Chairman then introduced Mr. Natas, who gave a very illuminating and vivid address on Shmarya Levin, dealing particularly on his superb qualities as a man and as a member of the Jewish nation. Mr. Natas, too, sketched a vivid parallel between the late Dr. N. Sokolow and Shmarya Levin and showed that both these leaders had great influence over Jewish life. Shmarya Levin was, too, one of the most ardent followers of Achad Ha'am, believing most staunchly in the spiritual values of Eretz Israel.

Following the tea interval, Mr. S. Masters, of the Maitland Junior Zionist Society, and Messrs. A. Roberts and S. Krige, of the above Society, discussed the Legislative Council, each from a different point of view, the Arab, British and Jewish respectively. The audience was thus presented with a good account of the proposed Legislative Council and this, together with Mr Natas's excellent lecture, provided a very instructive and interesting evening for the members present.

Mr. L. Mendelsohn, Vice-Chairman of the above Society, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Natas and the speakers, which the Chairman heartily endorsed.

The meeting closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

### Muizenberg Young Israel Society.

On Saturday night the above Society held a Members' Social. Inspiring addresses were delivered by Messrs. P. Lurie (supervisor), E. Levinsohn and M. Sacks, urging the members on to their work and emphasising the importance of the Young Israel Movement.

During the dancing which followed, lots were drawn by members to arrange items within five minutes. After tea had been served, games were played and an enjoyable evening terminated with the singing of Hebrew songs and the dancing of the "Hora."

On June the 20th, the Society is holding an "At Home" in celebration of its eleventh anniversary. Societies are asked to keep this date open. Details later.