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To
My Wife and Companion
in Zionism

GERTRUDE

Known to Young Zionists as
"Cousin Judith"

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INTRODUCTION

By JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK

THE restoration of Palestine as the national homeland of the Jewish people is rapidly approaching realization. For centuries, pious Jews have prayed for it; for decades, Jewish pioneering colonists have striven for it; for the past twenty years, Jews everywhere have banded together in the Zionist Organization to achieve it. The impelling forces were diverse: the religious, racial, philanthropic, and economic predominated.

But the rapid growth of the Zionist movement in recent years is due, perhaps, in largest measure to the added hope and belief that in a Palestine with an eventual Jewish majority, and therefore in a revived Jewish civilization, the social visions of the people of Israel would be translated into law and practice: that the Jewish people chosen as ever for service, would thereby be enabled again to offer to the world an example of social justice, the finest fruit of a nation's creative power.

The Pittsburgh Program represents in part this social view: the author of Social Zionism, as one of its makers, is especially fitted to expound its principles, especially insofar as they relate to land and taxation.

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INTRODUCTION

By MRS. JOSEPH FELS

IT is most encouraging to those who are hoping and striving for real social progress to see a serious effort made by publicists to adapt modern science to human nature. This is particularly true in regard to the restoration of Palestine. It was not enough for land reformers to say that the earth belongs to the human race, that each person has the same right to its use as all others. That might be justice, but it does not accord with human nature. The idea of ownership is too deep rooted to be lightly set aside. Men and women wish to own land, to hold the title to it, to sell it, or to bequeath it. They would own land as they own a house, or furniture, or the clothing on their back. The problem has been to find a way to harmonize the right of all men to all land, and at the same time, to secure the right of the individual to a particular piece of land. The author of this booklet seems to me to have found the way by organizing the Zion Commonwealth, Inc.,—a company for land