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GREETING, 1914

Of the Jewish Consumptive Relief Society of California

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It again becomes a sacred privilege to write a second retrospect in conjunction with the New Year. When last we wrote it was upon the occasion of the Jewish New Year.

Now, with the opening of the modern calendar year, only a year and a quarter after the first organization of the society, "The Jewish Consumptive Relief Society" makes its humble bow before the public—especially the Jewish public—as an open institution. Albeit a very very modest and humble opening, yet one with promises for future great usefulness. All, and everything will depend upon the support and help which the community shall extend to this, the first organized effort of the Jewish masses for an institution other than one for religious purposes only. There is involved not only the question of caring for the sick and helpless among us, but there is involved and involved another very serious question. Can all classes of our people assimilate and work harmoniously for one great cause? Is there a spirit of tolerance among the rich and the poor, the educated and uneducated, the agnostic and believing Jew? In other words, is there a Melting Pot of reverence and respect for each other's various views and aims?

The crucial test in Los Angeles is in this, the new and popular movement for the aid of the tubercular patient!

In the early days of the New Year circumstances presented themselves to the board, which made it imperative for us to admit at least a half dozen urgent cases to the use of our vacant and unused property—our acres and unfinished houses at Duarte. A modern test house, best that could be found in the city, at a cost of about \$200, with furnishings, was procured for immediate use. Special meetings of the two women's auxiliaries were called. Each auxiliary promptly offered to put up and furnish an additional four-patient test house in its own name.

Soon we hope to be equipped for twelve patients, to whom we hope to give the best possible care and food that present conditions shall permit. We are not yet prepared for bedridden or helpless patients. Only those who are in a very incipient stage can be accommodated, as there is no telephone, electricity nor water system installed. Without much ado and without much pathos or pleading, the writer asks in the simple plain way which God has only vouchsafed her, the co-operation of the whole Jewish public, regardless of caste or creed. Are we not all one in the brevity of our pilgrimage here on earth? Are we not one in human trial and weakness? We are surely one before the Cover of all that makes life worth living—in the gifts of Love and Strength and Health! Let us then devote what we have of these to one of Life's best privileges, the helping of our weaker brother and sister while life and power are yet ours for the evening comes and then the

dark hour of eternal rest! What more beautiful tribute could you devote to the memory of dear ones gone before than a memorial tent or portable or concrete house at the Duarte Sanitarium for tubercular patients, with your dear ones' names inscribed thereon? What a living monument! Better than mausoleum or cold marble! Come, then, to the waiting acres at Duarte and be one of us. Better than riches or grandeur is the pleasure of "an humble and a contrite heart." May we then learn to bring this "ancient sacrifice" and walk in the way of our ancestors under the leadership of many a modern Moses, whom we hope this movement may call forth in this our beloved city of the Golden West. The Jewish Consumptive Relief Society of California sends you its greeting of nineteen-fourteen, asking your co-operation, your help and the kindest and deepest consideration with which God in his bounty has endowed you now and for the years to come.

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