

Jewish weal. It must be remembered that the Gentile public, from which all Jewish papers solicit business—for strangely enough the Jewish advertiser generally prefers the Gentile press—is apt to value the newspaper according to the opinions expressed by its readers and its contemporaries and the natural consequence of each Jewish journal running its local contemporaries down is that the advertiser gradually but certainly acquires a contempt for all and is apt to take up the attitude of a certain Shakesperian character and, slightly paraphrasing his words, declare, "a plague on all your press."

We Jews frequently complain that people talk too much about us and comment adversely on our conduct without troubling to realise that not infrequently we bring these criticisms on ourselves by our own uncharitable attitude one to the other. We must not lose sight of the fact that we are the centre of observation—and that not always friendly! We cannot afford to discuss our rabbis or our press, our charitable institutions or our communal leaders. After all we must not forget that they are OURS. They may be "poor things" but they are our own. This petty girding at each other does no good to any one concerned and merely has the effect of lowering ourselves in the estimation of those amongst whom we live, dwell and have our being.

We feel sure that our readers will realise the sense of the foregoing arguments and understand that the present practice of "cutting our nose to spite our face" is a stupid one. None of the present four Jewish papers published in Johannesburg are likely to go out of existence. Each one has sufficient resources and sufficient support from one quarter or another to enable it to carry on and the paper that seeks to make capital by attacking any or all its contemporaries is being guilty of a foolish action which—boomerang like—will react and damage the stupid and spiteful one.

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#### THE "CHRONICLE" CAKE.—No. 895.

Writing from the Scientific and Technical Club, under date of August 7th, Mr. Theo Wendt says:—"I should like to express my sincere thanks to you for presenting me with the beautiful 'Chronicle Cake' 'In Sympathy.' I will have great pleasure in sharing it with my colleagues of the 'JB' Orchestra, —alas, soon to be disbanded. May I add that the kind messages received from friends, known and unknown, and of all political and religious faiths, have touched me very much. Should it be necessary for me to sever my connection with Johannesburg, which city has always extended to me a warm welcome, these expressions of goodwill will always remain a pleasant recollection."

However grief mundane existence mars  
 "The Best is Yet to Be" beyond the stars;  
 'Twixt two eternities we weep and smile,  
 And consolation seek in this the while.  
 Life's interregnum is but by the way,  
 To wait and wonder darkly day by day,  
 And if but wise, for coughs and colds assure  
 With Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

## Zionists and the J.D.C.

### ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE ALLEGED.

#### Confidence of American Jewry in J.D.C.

(Special to the "S.A.J.C.")

Breaking its long silence, the Joint Distributing Committee has issued a formal and comprehensive reply to the attacks that have been made upon the \$25,000,000 United Jewish Campaign by a number of Zionists during the past year.

This statement is a rejoinder to speeches made at the recent convention in Buffalo of the Zionist Organisation of America, and resolutions there adopted charging the Russian agricultural work of the Joint Distribution Committee as being put forward as a rival to Palestine, and that it has been made a rallying point for the non-Zionists and anti-Zionists. The statement categorically charges attempts to sabotage and wreck the United Jewish Campaign. It reaffirms the determination of the Joint Distribution Committee to continue aiding Palestine, pointing out that while the campaign was being attacked, part of the funds it raised were being used, and is now being used for reconstructive and relief work in Palestine.

The following is the statement of the Joint Distribution Committee issued by its Executive Committee:—

"From the first day of its organisation this Committee has been actuated by the sole thought of bringing aid and comfort and constructive relief to all Jews, wherever they may live, who require the sympathy of Jewish hearts and the help of Jewish hands. It has sought to foster the spirit of unity and brotherhood, and it fondly believes that it has succeeded in that endeavour. Strife and controversy in the face of a great disaster, have been regarded by it as sinful. Its great objective has been to cultivate peace and harmony. It indulges in the conviction that the great body of American Jewry recognises the disinterestedness and the unselfishness of its endeavours. The manifestation of confidence shown by the impressive response made to its recent call, is a source of infinite gratification and serves as an eloquent answer to the continuous and vicious attacks that have been made during the past year upon its activities by a group which is temporarily in control of the Zionist Organisation of America, which has just held a convention at Buffalo.

"We have maintained silence during the persistent guerilla warfare conducted from ambush and have disregarded the continuous flight of poisonous arrows directed against us. We deemed it beneath our dignity to notice these petty methods. But now that the organisation, through its official spokesman, has publicly denounced the Joint Distribution Committee, and has indulged in the cheap amusement of adopting a resolution condemnatory of us for daring to further agricultural relief measures for the Jews in Russia, we would lay ourselves open to criticism were we to leave unanswered the charge that has been made that we are maintaining a propaganda calculated to undermine Palestine.

"We characterise even the insinuation of such a purpose as deliberate and wilful misrepresentation. Let us briefly review the facts.

"More than a year ago we were reluctantly convinced that the condition of the Jews of Eastern Europe was such as to give reality to the fear that