

entitle it to share in any degree in its Government."

Again:—

"When it is asked what is meant by the development of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, it may be answered that it is not the imposition of a Jewish nationality upon the inhabitants of Palestine as a whole, but the further development of the existing Jewish community, with the assistance of Jews in other parts of the world in order that it may become a centre in which the Jewish people as a whole may take, on grounds of religion and race, an interest and a pride. But in order that this community should have the best prospect of free development and provide a full opportunity for the Jewish people to display its capacities, it is essential that it should know that it is in Palestine as of right and not on sufferance."

Again and again it has been stated that the intention from the beginning has been to make a National Home for the Jews, but every provision has been made to prevent it from becoming in any sense of the word a Jewish State or a State under Jewish domination.

We hear of criticisms that can be directed against it, but I venture to say that when we get away from vague generalities we have had no case brought to our notice of anything like oppression or domination exercised by the Jews.

LORD ISLINGTON: Can the noble Duke give us specifically the five offices occupied by Jews.

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE: I am afraid that I cannot at the moment. Well, my Lords, we certainly realise that a heavy responsibility is placed upon us, but I need hardly inform you that we watch with the greatest care and anxiety the position in Palestine. The High Commissioner arrived in London last night. I have not yet had the pleasure of seeing him but I hope thoroughly to discuss the situation in all its bearings, and I hope, if I may venture to address an appeal to those who have taken an active part in this Question, that they will use their influence—I believe it will be in their best interests—to urge their friends in Palestine to act in a constitutional manner, and to avail themselves of those opportunities of taking their share in the development of the country. What Palestine needs to-day is a period of quiet development, and I am quite sure that the enthusiastic account which Lord Milner was able to give us, from personal knowledge and personal experience, will be amply justified. I am informed that the five Jews mentioned by Lord Islington are the High Commissioner, the Attorney-General, the Director of Commerce, and one or two other of the District Officers. I hope I have been able to satisfy your Lordships that the policy which we are carrying on is strictly in accordance with the Mandate which has been placed upon us, and that we are endeavouring to discharge those functions to the best advantage not of any one section of the community in Palestine but of all sections in that country.

VISCOUNT GREY agreed that there were some papers which could not be published, but the question whether there had been conflicting pledges could only be decided by the publication of actual documents, and he thought it would be a pity if it should be found

impossible not to publish some documents taking out of them things which it would not be desirable or necessary to publish. If things turned out as Lord Milner hoped, they would all be glad; but if they developed as Lord Islington feared the Government might find themselves in such difficulties that their position might be shaken. He did not feel easy in his mind as to the future. He hoped that while Sir Herbert Samuel was in this country the noble duke, in conference with him, would really work out some more definite plan by which this Zionist policy which, while not imposing Jewish administration on districts mainly Arab, would yet preserve for the Jews the opportunity of founding their own university and their own home of Jewish culture inside a State which was mainly Arab—could be brought more into harmony with the civil rights of the people.

UNITED SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH RELIEF, RECONSTRUCTION AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Brandfort.

The sum of £124 14s. 6d. has been received from Miss R. Lovius, the hon. secretary of the Ukrainian Orphans Fund, being proceeds of a dance and collection in aid of the Fund held in this town, for which the Central Executive Committee is very grateful.

Elizabethville.

The subscribers to the monthly collections made by Mesdames Blumenthal and Gelman in this town for the Fund are the following:—Messrs. Simion Israel, Marco Israel, Menache, Habib Bros., Alhadeff Bros., Segall, J. Fisher, Samuela, Kemp, Saperstein, Finkelstein, Wulfsohn, L. Blumenthal, Davis, Lora, Sedec, D. J. Robinson, R. Goldseller, Yessouroun, S. Bass, Kalk, Rosen, A. Blumenthal, J. Blumenthal, Haddad, Weinstein, Mesdames L. Sanua, H. Blumenthal, Herbstein, R. Glasstone, E. Robinson, R. Sanua, Schulman, M. Pieters, Smith, Gelman, J. Juster, Levy, Kolinowsky, H. Glasstone, and Messrs. B. Granat and S. Salomon.

Nylstroom.

The sum of £15 5s. has been received from Miss D. Lipschitz, the hon. secretary of this Branch, whose efforts on behalf of the Fund are greatly appreciated by the Executive Committee. Of the amount mentioned, £10 was the proceeds of the sale of motor car tickets; £2 2s. 6d. was July collection from the local subscribers; and £3 2s. 6d. August collection.

Pietersburg.

The Central Executive Committee of the Fund acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the sum of £34 3s. 8d. from Miss Kallmeyer, the energetic hon. secretary of the Pietersburg Branch, being proceeds of a small dance held there on account of the Drive.

The sum of £30 5s. 8d. has also been received from this Branch, per Miss A. Kallmeyer, being the proceeds of a dance given by Mr. and Mrs. S. Saks, Bandolierkop. Although the dance took place nearly fifty miles from Pietersburg, yet Mr. Joe Edelman and his band gave their services free of charge. The dance was a social as well as a financial success. The well-filled hall proved that the Fund had many sympathisers, as both Jews and Gentiles alike travelled many miles from Pietersburg and various other places to be present at the dance. Great thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Saks who, always, at the first request from the committee, are ready to do their best for the Fund.

Port Elizabeth.

Mrs. Louis Butlion has forwarded to the Fund, per Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau, the sum of £25 2s. 6d., which she realised as a result of a raffle of a double suite of doll's furniture and a miniature house made by her, the proceeds going to the Jewish Orphanage in Russia, for which the Executive Committee of the Fund is very grateful.