

spirit—which is manifested in our Torah, and indeed in every phase of history—will continue to shape and to mould the destinies of mankind, till the words of the prophet shall be fulfilled. "And the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea' And the Jews who stand to-day in their synagogues to celebrate that divine revelation fervently hope and confidently trust, that their children in future generations will, as we to-day, strong in their convictions and unshaken in their faith testify to the truth of our Torah and proclaim the message of the prophet: "The Word of the Lord shall endure for ever." Amen.

Zionist News.

(Officially communicated to the
"S.A. Jewish Chronicle")

A Quarter of a Million Marks for the Zionist Central Fund.

According to the subscription list published in the Zionist Central Organ *Die Welt* (Berlin) the collection this year for the Zionist Central Fund so far amounts to 257032 marks. These figures are specially worthy of notice in that the sum has been collected within five months. About 60,000 marks of this amount has been collected in Germany, 100,000 marks in Russia, and 50,000 marks in Austria Hungary. As some collections, especially in foreign lands, are not yet completed and the raising of subscriptions is being energetically continued, it is expected that a considerable increase in the amount will be forthcoming.

The object of the Central Fund is to provide means for the carrying out of the mission of political civilisation which the Zionist Organisation has undertaken. This year, the task of maintaining and expanding the work of the Hebrew Schools in Palestine is added thereto, which schools have been established by the Zionist Organisation as the result of the language struggle in Palestine. About two-thirds of the total amount are to be devoted to these objects.

"The Hilfsverein der Deutschen Juden."

The general meeting of the *Hilfsverein der Deutschen Juden* recently took place in Berlin. In the report of the Committee the relief work done by the Society during the last year was set forth, special mention being made of the school work in the Orient. With regard to the schools of the *Hilfsverein* in Palestine and the recent language struggle, the report stated that the leaders of the *Hilfsverein* would adhere to their fundamental principles, and, as for the rest, they desired peace. In the subsequent discussion also, in which Dr. Hantke took part on behalf of the Zionists, the desire was expressed on all sides that the school conflict should end peaceably. In complete contrast to this friendly spirit came, at the con-

clusion of the debate, the sharp attacks of Dr. James Simon, the Chairman of the *Hilfsverein* and Dr. Paul Nathan, the Honorary Secretary, upon the Zionist leaders and the Zionist press. Thus the meeting and discussion which had been so harmonious ended in discordance.

Opposition to the "Declaration" of the Anti-Zionists in Germany.

The following report has been received from Oldenburg:—As will be remembered, the "Anti-Zionist Committee" in Berlin recently made a declaration in the advertisement columns of an important daily paper against the endeavours of the Zionists. At the Conference of Rabbis of the Grand-Duchy of Oldenburg held recently under the presidency of Rabbi Dr. Mannheimer the following resolution was unanimously passed:—The Conference of Rabbis of the Grand-Duchy of Oldenburg expresses its deepest regret and its disapproval of the "Declaration" published in a non-Jewish daily paper to a number of Jews which "Declaration" is calculated to depreciate the German Jews in the eyes of people of different faith and to further promote and embitter the schism in Judaism."

The Anniversary of a Jewish Nationalist.

On the 6th. May, Dr. Nathan Birnbaum (Mathias Acher) celebrated his fiftieth anniversary. His name is very well-known. He was the founder of the first National Jewish Students Corporation in Western Europe, the "Kadimah" in Vienna, and had, even before Theodor Heral, Zionist ideas. Later on he withdrew himself in many ways from Zionism. He was one of the first to propagate the Yiddish language, and became an ardent politician, offering himself twice for election in the Austrian Parliament. Jewish National literature is indebted to him for his numerous writings. A book intitled "Nathan Birnbaum, Sein Werk und Seine Wandlung", by Leo Hermann, (price 50 pf. postage extra) has just been published by the Judischer Verlag in Berlin (Sächsischerstrasse 8).



"The Call of the Stars" is the interesting title of a work by Dr. John R. Kippax, which the Putnams are publishing at once. It is a handsomely printed volume giving in plain and non-technical language, the story of the starry heavens. The work is richly illustrated by 41 charts and diagrams; and plates taken from recent photographs made by distinguished astronomers. "The Call of the Stars" is essentially a Star and Planet Book for the People.

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