

## The New High Commissioner for Palestine.

General Wauchope, Commander-in-Chief in Northern Ireland, Appointed.

London, July 13th.

Sir John Chancellor, the High Commissioner for Palestine and Transjordan, has resigned his position as from November 1st next, on the termination of the period for which he accepted the appointment, and His Majesty has been pleased to accept his resignation, says an official statement issued this evening by the Colonial Office.

His Majesty, it is further announced, has been pleased to approve the appointment of Lieut.-General Arthur Grenfell Wauchope, General Officer Commanding the Northern Ireland District, to succeed Sir John Chancellor as High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief for Palestine and High Commissioner for Transjordan.

Lieut.-General Wauchope, who is 57 years of age, has been General Officer Commanding the Northern Ireland District, stationed in Belfast, since 1929. He entered the Army when he was 19 and served in the Boer War on the staff of the late Major-General Wauchope, commanding the Highland Brigade in South Africa, being severely wounded at Magersfontein. He was in 1902-03 Aide-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief of the Cape of Good Hope. When the Great War broke out in 1914 he was a major, being promoted afterwards to colonel. He was wounded and mentioned in despatches. In 1923 he was promoted Major-General, and in 1923 he was Military Member of the Overseas Settlement Delegation to Australia and New Zealand. In 1924-27 he was Chief to the British Section of the Military Inter-Allied Commission of Control in Berlin.

## Mr. Felix M. Warburg Officially Resigns.

Chairmanship of Jewish Agency Administrative Committee.

Basle, July 12th.

Mr. Felix M. Warburg submitted to-day his official resignation from the chairmanship of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency, in a letter addressed to the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency which opened its session here this afternoon, with Dr. Cyrus Adler in the chair. Thirty-five members of the Administrative Committee and of the Jewish Agency Executive were present at the meeting.

Owing to the state of his health, Mr. Warburg writes, he is compelled to request that his candidature for the office which he has held should not be considered. A detailed statement from Mr. Warburg on the internal situation of the Jewish Agency was also read out to the meeting.

Dr. Weizmann delivered a brief report to the meeting on the political situation, and Dr. Werner Senator, the Treasurer of the Palestine Executive of the Jewish Agency, reported on the financial situation.

Mr. Joseph C. Hyman then presented a report on the activities of the American members of the Administrative Committee.

The Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency has elected a Budget Committee, a Finance Committee and a Political Committee, which are all starting work to-morrow.

## FAITH

By LEAH RACHEL YOFFIE.

*What is my faith? A memory  
Of Sabbath lights and hallowed bread,  
And two old hands astir with prayer,  
Laid on a curly head.*

*What is my faith? A fragrance  
Of willow boughs and myrtle leaves,  
And airy Sukkahs hung about  
With dried and yellow sheaves.*

*What is my faith? A melody  
Of Hebrew chants and strange, weird prayers,  
All dying in a wordless wail  
Of old despairs.*

*What is my faith? A sorrow  
Of one vast grave on Russian plain,  
Heaped stark against a naked sky,  
Where huddle my poor slain.*

(By courtesy of The Chicago Sentinel.)

## THE MIZRACHI LEADER.

Rabbi Berlin Re-elected.

Basle, July 13th.

The Mizrachi World Conference was concluded to-night, Rabbi Berlin being again elected as President of the Mizrachi World Organisation.

Rabbi Fishman has been elected President of the Mizrachi World Executive.

## A New Cantor for Johannesburg.

Beth Hamedresh Hagodel Engages Chazan from Europe.

There is due to arrive in South Africa in a few days' time Cantor Konwiser, one of the prominent chazonim in Poland, who has been engaged to conduct services for the forthcoming

High Festivals at the new house of worship of the Beth Hamedresh Hagodel in Saratoga Avenue, Johannesburg. Cantor Konwiser is forty-four years old. At the age of fourteen he studied at the Minsker Yeshivah and sang in a famous synagogue choir. He then went to Koenigsberg and studied with the well known Chief Cantor Birenbaum and also took lessons from famous professors in voice culture and production. From 1907 to 1910 he was second cantor and choir-master of the Minsker Choir School. Then he became *chazan* in Slutsk and has occupied a number of important posts since.



Cantor Konwiser.

Cantor Konwiser is the possessor of a fine tenor voice and he is bringing to South Africa his boy of thirteen, who is known as the owner of a remarkable soprano voice. The young lad will assist him in his choir.

## HEBREW SPEAKING CIRCLE.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., Mr. P. Cornfeld will lecture at the Doornfontein Communal Hall on "Rationalism and Sentimentalism in the Haskalah Epoch."