

An Account of the Second International Hebrew Christian Alliance at Hamburg

16th to 21st July, 1928

THE Conference started on the 18th of July and lasted until the 21st, at mid-day, but a large number of delegates, in order to avoid travelling on Sunday, arrived in Hamburg on Saturday. This enabled us to hold an Executive Committee Meeting on Saturday evening, the 14th, when we made final arrangements and necessary alterations, as two or three speakers, who intended to be present, found at the last moment that they could not leave their countries.

On Sunday, the 15th, Dr Max Reich occupied the pulpit at the Jerusalem Kirche, where all the delegates assembled to worship with the congregation of that church, and delivered an inspiring address on the 23rd Psalm.

In the evening the President, Sir Leon Levison, addressed the English-speaking community of Hamburg in the British and American Seamen's Chapel, on the 9th chapter of the Book of Revelations, where he dealt with the subject of Satan and Evil.

The Conference started on Monday evening, the 16th, with a Meeting of Welcome, when Dr Aston, Dr Arnold Frank, and Dr E. Moser delivered short addresses, welcoming the delegates to Hamburg. They were supported in their Addresses of Welcome by leading representatives of the various Evangelical Christian denominations of the city. The President, Sir Leon Levison, made a suitable reply thanking the various speakers for their hearty welcome, which they extended to the delegates in the name of the Lord, and at the same time explaining to the delegates the ideas which were to govern the conduct of the Conference. Then

followed short addresses by various delegates representing the different Alliances. The Rev. E. Bendor Samuel returned thanks on behalf of the British Alliance, of which he is President. Dr Foldes, President of the Hungarian Alliance, then followed, Dr Max Reich and the Rev. Jacob Peltz of America; Mr Pollak of Austria, Mr Landsman of Poland, Rev. Peter Smoljar of Latvia, Mr Gubermann of Russia, Mr Ginsberg of Sweden, Mr Schlamo-witz of Denmark, Mr Feighin of Bess-arabia, and the Rev. S. B. Rohold of Palestine. After each address a choir, consisting of the Deaconesses of the Irish Presbyterian Mission Hospital, rendered appropriate sacred music, which was very much appreciated.

This opening meeting was one which thrilled each delegate in his innermost soul, because he at once realised that this was a historic gathering, the like of which has never been equalled in the history of the Church since the first century.

TUESDAY, 17TH JULY.

The actual work of the Conference started on Tuesday morning, the 17th July, and was opened by a devotional service at 8.30 a.m., which was conducted by Dr Max Reich, of America.

At 9.30 a.m. Sir LEON LEVISON, the World President, took the Chair, and after a few appropriate remarks, called upon the Rev. E. B. Samuel to read a Paper before the Conference on "The Presentation of Christ to the Jews." He was followed by the Rev. Peter Smoljar, who also read a Paper on the same subject. A discussion followed, in which a number of delegates took part.

Dr FOLDES, the President of the Hungarian H.C.A., in his remarks, said that the best way to reach the Jew is through love. The Missionary who loves the Jewish people will never fail to touch their heart.

Sister HELENE WEINMANN, Jugo-Slavia, said, It is my experience that what gives a wonderful key to the heart of our people is our personal, deep conviction of the saving power of God in the Gospel. This conviction has been an open door to me, and I rejoice to be able to say it, that, not only the poor, but the rich, educated Jews humble themselves before such a conviction. Recently a young man, a Zionist leader, came to me and said, 'My father was a Zionist leader, but he has died a believer in Christ. His last words were, "No other Messiah could be looked for but Jesus."' 'We, in our Zionistic Circle,' said the young man to me, 'have a goal, but no conviction. We are inwardly bankrupt, and I feel that we have no support. We need a conviction of something that does not waver, and that is Christ. I am glad that you carry Christ into Jewish houses in this country, and I hope the time will soon come when Christ will live in our Jewish hearts and minds.'

Pastor KARL KUNERT continued on this subject, That we, Christians, out of Israel, love our brothers of the flesh, to whom we wish to bring the Gospel, and that we have led a life of prayer and faith, as a matter of course. But I go further. Brother Moser said yesterday, 'We are in the Jerusalem Church; that is to say, we do not stand alone, the Jerusalem Congregation stand behind us. We dare not stand alone before our Jewish brothers and sisters, but a company of believing Christians must stand before us, next to us, and behind us, and bear testimony to the Jews that we are not won to Christianity by money, but because we came to know that Jesus Christ is the Lord, and His Gospel the power of God to save us.'

The Rev. Mr WEINHAUSEN laid stress on the fact that when we set out to seek and win the Jews for Christ, we must not only be interested in the salvation of his soul, but remember that the Jew is a human being, and lives a natural life. If when the Jew accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour, he is cut off from all natural affections and his livelihood, we must try and render him not only spiritual help, but also material help.

Mr KAGAN, in his remark, said he was glad that Mr Landsman emphasised the fact that we were not gathered here as missionaries, but as Hebrew Christians. He thought that this, to his mind, was the greatest appeal to the Church of God all over the world when the Christian Church realised the wonder of this movement. They will then learn that when a Jew becomes a Christian, he automatically becomes a missionary. What is meant by a Missionary? A missionary is not a man who is paid to preach the Gospel. A missionary is a Christian who lives the Gospel, and if we Hebrew Christians live the Gospel in our everyday life, all difficulties will disappear because the Christ of the Gospel will solve these difficulties for us, and will bless us a witness to our people.

After several others had contributed their views on the subject, the Conference adjourned at 11 a.m., and was reopened again after an interval of half an hour.

The second subject of the morning session was that of "Literature." Two Papers were read—one by Mr HUGH SCHONFIELD, and one by the Rev. NAHUM LEVISON, B.D. In the discussion which followed, Mme. ROTHSCHILD, of Vienna, pointed out that to establish a literature under the auspices of the I.H.C.A. would be a marvellous Christian enterprise. It would be the making of Jewish Missions.

We can, through literature, give a practical demonstration of the power of Christ, which is working in our lives, telling of the new Covenant into which we have entered, when we have accepted Christ, and we could also, in this respect, do something to counteract the anti-Semitism which is so prevalent in some countries on the Continent. She hoped that the Conference would lay this matter to heart, and make it a subject of prayer.

Rev. E. B. SAMUEL expressed the sincere thanks of the Conference to the anonymous Christian friend who enabled us to start the *Hebrew Christian Quarterly*, and said that he felt that, having the *Hebrew Christian*, we have made a start in producing a literature of our own. He hoped that the time would not be long before we were able to insert a number of articles in the German language, so that our German brethren might benefit by the International Quarterly, and further, congratulated the American Alliance on their new venture, in starting a paper called *The True Light*, which is published both in the English and Yiddish language and fervently prayed that we might be able to have a publication of this kind for Britain and Europe as soon as our finances make it possible for us to do so.

Mr GORODISHZ referred to the Translation of the Old and the New Testament into Yiddish, and hoped that in the future the Alliance would be able to produce an improved version, which would be the standard translation of the Scriptures.

Rev. JACOB PELTZ thought that we were now dealing with a subject that is of vital importance. He told the Conference of the effort which the American Alliance has made in connection with issuing literature that will be adequate for present-day Jewry, and also helpful to the Christian people. He gave an outline of the vicissitudes with which they were faced, and ultimately of their decision to proceed with the paper that is now published called *The True Light*.

They started by issuing ten thousand copies bi-weekly, and it has now reached a circulation of fifty thousand copies per issue. He did not believe that all the wisdom was to be found among the Hebrew Christians of America, and was sure that the Hebrew Christians of Europe were competent to produce a literature that will do us all credit. He hoped that the Second International Conference will take immediate steps to establish a Literature Committee, and assured the Conference that America would be willing to support the scheme.

Rev. Mr LANDSMAN expressed himself as being very glad to see this proposal of having a Literature Committee established. Hitherto, he said, we depended upon Gentile Christians to write on the vital question of Jewish Missions, and of expressing the Jew to the Christian Church—his habits, manners, and customs—and of producing suitable literature for the Jewish people. He wanted to point out that some of the Gentile Christian writers thought that they knew the Jews much better than the Jew knew himself, and that they had nothing to learn from the Jewish Christian.

The time has now arrived when the Hebrew Christian should raise his voice and plead, both for his people with the Christian Church, and with the Jews on behalf of Christ and the need of his own soul, and he felt confident that we will compel both to listen through our constraining love and Christ-like character.

Sir LEON LEVISON pointed out that the question of literature was dealt with by the Buda-Pest Conference, and that it was actually decided by that Conference to establish a small committee under the auspices of the World Missionary Conference Council, to deal with this matter, but, so far as he was concerned, he felt that this important piece of work is pre-eminently one that should be accomplished by the I.H.C.A.

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He earnestly appealed to the Conference to undertake the task, and pointed out that if the Conference should pass by the question of literature, and not undertake to do something tangible in the matter, that it will regret the omission for the rest of its existence. He advised the Conference not to expect perfection from the very beginning, but to have patience until a literature will be issued in which the best and the ablest men and women of the I.H.C.A. will contribute of their best and make our witness by the Grace of God one that will be a blessing both to ourselves and to the world at large.

The Morning Session was closed by the benediction. The delegates adjourned to the Town Restaurant for luncheon at 1 p.m.

On returning to the Jerusalem Kirche at 2.30 p.m., Sir Leon Levison took the Chair, when the following resolution, in connection with the question of "Literature" that was discussed in the forenoon, was submitted and carried unanimously:

"Be it resolved that this Conference appoint a Committee for the purpose of creating an organisation for the publication of literature, presenting Christ to the Jew, and interpreting the Jew to the Church."

Dr FÖLDES, President of the Hungarian H.C.A., then read a Paper on "The Religious Condition of the Jews in Hungary."

Dr REICH, at the conclusion, asked the following question:—"How far has the undercurrent of the desire and longing for that, which neither ancient nor modern Judaism can supply, but which Christ Jesus alone can satisfy, prevailed among the Jews of Hungary, and could Dr Földes tell us the reason of the Christward movement of the Jews of this country?"

Dr Földes replied that in no people, as in the Jewish people of Hungary, is there such an intense longing for the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy and the establishment of the Kingdom of God upon earth. When Christendom imposed baptisms upon the Jews by force, and compelled them to listen to sermons, which were full of arrogance and lacked every element of Christian love, the Jew found no reason to love the Christian religion or to study the New Testament. As a result of present day conditions in Hungary, and of the spiritual awakening among the Hungarian Jews, there is a keen longing among them, not merely to study the Gospel, but to live it. The Jews in his country have become matured, as a result of their coming into contact with many Christian influences, with the consequence that there are many thousands of Jews, who are really at heart Christians, though they may not yet have openly confessed their faith. He would like to emphasise at the same time that he does not put much value on figures and statistics as these do not bear any value to him one way or another.

Mr EUGEN POLLAK gave a very interesting account of the H.C.A. of Austria, and specially referred to the Hebrew Christians of Vienna. He said that although they are not as yet large in numbers, the reason for that is that they are very particular as to whom they admit into their membership. Everyone that is admitted is expected to live under the discipline of divine truth, and they insist upon the Hebrew Christian in his profession of Christ, acting up to the Christian ideal in deeds as well as in words, and that their daily walk may be mirrored in the walk and life of Christ, and thus demonstrate to their unbelieving Jewish brethren of Vienna something of the excellency and the beauty, something of the joy and glory of the Christian life of faith.

The unconverted Jew in Vienna needs that. The nominal Christian of that city needs such an exhibition, and he believed, by the grace of God, that their H.C.A. members, leading such a life, will win multitudes for Christ.

Mr GUBERMANN, from Russia, then spoke of the H.C.A. of Russia. After describing the prevailing conditions in that country, he asked the Conference not to think that the Hebrew Christians were being unduly persecuted. The Government gave them full liberty. What they were up against was the prevailing unbelief both amongst the Jewish and Gentile people of Russia. The Hebrew Christians who believe in the things that are of God are ridiculed. They are spoken of as the lamp that is dying out. They are considered as a flicker of its former flame, and that they will rapidly perish, and be forgotten. They are told that they belong to the past, and that they are adhering to a Bible that will soon be forgotten. He was anxious that the Conference should consider the great need of the Hebrew Christians of Russia, that they should be encouraged and assisted in every possible way. Words failed him to express the message of joy and hope which the I.H.C.A. has brought into the life of Hebrew Christians in Russia. They not only expected great things from this movement, but desired to contribute of their best towards the effort of the Alliance to bring all the Hebrew Christians together in worship and fellowship and true love, to plead the word of God to the two million Jews of Russia, and thus become a powerful witness for the truth as it is in Jesus. He wanted every member of the I.H.C.A., both ordinary and associate members, to keep the spiritual need of the Jews in Russia in their heart in prayer, and emphasised the importance of prayer for Russia at this specially critical time.

Another brother spoke of the many open doors among the Jews in Russia. Multitudes of them are thoroughly tired of the old style of Judaism in which they have been brought up. They are reaching out for something that they have not got. They give us a welcome, and even want us to go into their synagogues there. The government has laid down rules to which they have to submit, when they come into or leave a town, to enter their names at the Police Station, and so they get permission to stay two or three weeks or months as the case may be, so long as they submit to regulations. There is a great, wide open door for the Gospel among the Jews in Russia.

After other delegates had given short accounts of the various other Alliances, the Conference proceeded to the election of a Nomination Committee, who would bring forward names of Hebrew Christians from their respective countries, that would be suitable for the Executive Committee of the I.H.C.A.

The following were elected to the Nomination Committee:—Poland—the Rev. P. Gorodishz, Messrs J. L. Landsman and L. Rosenberg; Great Britain—Messrs H. Samuel, Kagan, Lerner, Gold-Levin; Germany—Dr Frank, Rev. E. Moser, Mr Lowy, Pastor Kunert; America—Revs. Jacob Peltz, J. Gartenhaus, Dr Max Reich; Palestine—Revs. S. B. Rohold, Elias Newman; Sweden—the Rev. Johannes Ginsberg; Rumania—Rev. Mr Feighin; Russia—Mr Gubernmann; Hungary—Rev. Dr Deszö Földes; Denmark—Rev. Moses Schlamowitz; Lettland—the Rev. P. Smoljar; Austria—Mr Eugen Pollak, and Mr Ernst Schwartz, Vienna; Dantzic (Free State)—Rev. Paul Rad; Yugo-Slavia—Miss H. Weinmann.

A hymn was then sung after which Sir Leon Levison concluded the afternoon service with the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

8 p.m.—The evening meeting took place within the Jerusalem Kirche. Dr Arnold Frank was in the Chair. After the devotional exercises an address was given by the Rev. J. I. Landsman, "On the Essence of Judaism," followed by another address by Pastor Kunert on the "Essence of Christianity." Between the addresses, Mr Feighin, of Kishenev, Bessarabia, sang a hymn in Yiddish which was very much appreciated. The meeting closed with the benediction.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH JULY.

The morning session began with a devotional service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. Newman, of Damascus.

At 9.30 a.m. the President, Sir Leon Levison, delivered his address on "The Further Consolidation of the I.H.C.A." At the conclusion of his address, all the delegates stood up in silence for a minute or two as a token of their deep respect for the President, and their grateful appreciation of his labours for the cause which is so dear to all their hearts.

Mr LERNER moved the following Resolution:—

"That this Conference of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance met in session, records its sense of deep gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of health, of general mercies, for gifts of grace and intellect vouchsafed to our President, Sir Leon Levison, during the past three years."

This Assembly also wishes to express to Lady Levison its hearty thanks for her valuable co-operation with Sir Leon in all his labours for the furtherance of the Alliance and the well-being of Hebrew Christians.

Dr GOLD-LEVIN: "Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It gives me great pleasure to second this Resolution thanking God for our President, and expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Lady Levison for her self-sacrificing association with our President in his great work.

The mover of the Resolution has said many complimentary things with which I heartily associate myself, but I would like, in a word or two, to emphasise the other half of the Resolution—that is our expression of gratitude to Lady Levison. Our President has, in our Lady President a God-sent help-met, for which we thank God; and we, as an Alliance, do here express our thanks to our President's good lady for giving him to us as she has done for the last three years. It has meant a great deal of sacrifice to let our President go away travelling here and there, and perhaps the lady delegates of the Conference will appreciate it more than we men can. It is a noble sacrifice, and we thank God for it. So, I would suggest that we, as a Conference, at this point stand up, and by our standing up show to Lady Levison how grateful we are to her for her help and interest."

Rev. S. B. ROHOLD: "I have known Lady Levison as a personal friend, and knowing the sacrifices she has made during the three years, I lift up my voice to give her hearty thanks, and I beg to unite with the other speakers in support of the Resolution."

Mr LERNER: "Now it has been proposed and seconded, and the Resolution will be put in the Minute."

Sir LEON LEVISON returned thanks to Mr Lerner, Dr Gold-Levin, and the Rev. Mr Rohold for the kind way in which they referred, both to himself and to Lady Levison.

Lady Levison herself addressed the Conference and said, "I thank you all very much for what you have said. I do not consider it has been any sacrifice at all, compared with the greater sacrifice that our Lord has made for us all. Believing, as I do from my heart, that this movement is in the plan of God, how could I stand in the way by holding my husband back? To feel I was sharing in that plan was compensation enough for any little sacrifice that I have had to make. I thank you all again."

Rev. S. B. Rohold said that he has met with a great many Hebrew Christians, some of whom had been honoured by kings, and all of them were shining examples of Hebrew Christianity. He recalled the time when he first took the initiative in starting the H.C.A. of America, and spoke of the vicissitudes through which that Alliance had to pass since the year 1915. He paid tribute to Dr Max Reich, the Rev. M. J. Levy, and others, who assisted him so well in organising the American Alliance. Mr Rohold then referred to the fact how he found that in Christian work, as in other things, one cannot make bricks without straw. We have been listening to our honoured President and learned something of his courageous efforts on behalf of the I.H.C.A., *i.e.*, how he got into contact with different countries, and organised different Alliances in the short period of three years. From personal experience he said he knew that if the President was to bear all the burden himself, he would run the risk of imperilling his health. He (Mr Rohold) used to think that he could work fourteen hours per day, but he soon found that it took it out of him. It sapped the marrow from his very bones, and made him feel that he was rapidly becoming an old man. The question that he desires to put to the Conference was this—Our President is now in the prime of life.

Does the Conference want him to become old before his time, or to break down in health? He felt that the answer would be decidedly no! Sir Leon was not only their President, but also their affectionate friend and brother and while he himself is prepared to go ungrudgingly to the uttermost, without considering age or strength, he (Mr Rohold) would like to move the following Resolution, with a view to relieving the President of some of the work, because they realised that as the I.H.C.A. is spreading, the work is becoming heavier every day.

Resolution by the Rev. S. B. Rohold.

—Whereas, God has so richly blessed this International Hebrew Christian Alliance as to bring it up during the three years of its existence to its present high and holy state; and whereas we, as a Conference, realise the imperative need for further advance in the development of this Alliance, and also the impossibility of such further advance because of the lack of a capable, consecrated permanent General Secretary, to work in conjunction with its honoured President, and the Executive Committee:

It is therefore unanimously resolved that a small Sub-Committee of not more than three responsible members be appointed and be given full power—

- (a) Prayerfully to seek for and to appoint such a permanent official;
- (b) That a sum of £1000 be raised immediately for the salary and office expenses of such a General Secretary;
- (c) That a further sum of £2000 be raised to meet the various obligations pertaining to this office, such as literature, relief, itinerant expenses, and the various sundries pertaining thereunto.

Let me, just in a word, assure you that we have had greater difficulties in America, and when we proposed our first budget of 20,000 dollars, everyone asked the same question, Where will you get it? and I will give you the same answer, "Silver and Gold are mine, yea, the cattle upon a thousand hills."

We have not failed to get that amount and more, and I can assure you that the prayers that went up there have gone up here too. Three thousand pounds is a modest sum and is sure to come.

I have much pleasure in moving the adoption of the Resolution, and my friend Dr Max Reich, ex-President of the H.C.A. of America, will second the Resolution.

The Resolution, having been seconded by Dr Reich, was put to the meeting and unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. HARCOURT SAMUEL then moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Dr Gold-Levin, after which it was put to the Conference and carried unanimously:—

"That this Conference appoint a small, select Committee to assure the various missions among the Jews of our goodwill towards them and our desire to promote the best interests of all rightly called into the Jewish Mission Field, Jewish or Gentile. This action is prompted by the feeling of gratitude in our hearts to God for the blessing that has come to Hebrew Christians through their labours."

This was agreed to unanimously.)

The Treasurer, Mr H. LERNER, was then called upon to present the Balance-Sheets. He said that before doing so he would like to observe that figures are always as dry as dust, and sometimes very uninteresting, but with the permission of the President, he would like to refer to a fact that bears on this aspect of the activity of the I.H.C.A.

We have heard with great interest of the work which our beloved President has done on behalf of the I.H.C.A. during the last three years.

It has been said that if you wish to know a person, you must live with the person. Well, I have not had the pleasure of actually living with our President, but I have had the great privilege and joy of working with him side by side as no one else has done, and no one else knows so much of his work as I do. Nearly all the money that the two Balance-Sheets represent, and also the Balance-Sheet for the last ten months, with the exception of the moneys that have been sent to us from America, has actually been raised by the President himself through his un-failing efforts on behalf of our Cause.

Mr LERNER then presented the Balance-Sheets, which were passed and approved by the Conference. At the close of which a hearty vote of thanks was moved to Mr Lerner by the Rev. Harcourt Samuel and seconded by the Rev. Nahum Levison, and carried by the delegates standing as a token of their appreciation for Mr Lerner's services.

After Mr Lerner had returned thanks to the Conference and expressed his joy in having rendered whatever service he did to the Cause, he moved the following Resolution :-

"We desire to put on record our deep gratitude to the American Hebrew Christian Alliance for the invaluable assistance which they afforded us in connection with the Relief of our poor Hebrew Christian brethren in Russia, Poland, Palestine, Hungary, and Austria, and we sincerely hope that, in the future, they will not only help us as in the past, but will increase their gifts, as the need increases, with the extension of our movement."

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The Rev. JACOB PELTZ, in returning thanks to the delegates for their appreciation of what the American Alliance has done, said, That he felt that what they have hitherto done was only a beginning, and assured the Conference that he will go back to America and tell his brethren of what he has heard and seen, and when he had done so he felt sure that America will do in the future much more than they have done in the past to support the I.H.C.A. in the splendid work, which is being accomplished by this movement from month to month."

The PRESIDENT said that seeing now that we have got a quarterly magazine, he would like that the Balance-Sheets should be printed each year in the *Hebrew Christian*, so that all the members could have a copy of it.

The morning Session was closed with the benediction.

The Afternoon Session began at 3 p.m., when a Paper was read by the Rev. J. I. Landsman, on "The Training of Hebrew Christians." This was followed by another address on the same subject by the Rev. Jacob Peltz, who took the place of Professor Beirnbaum, who was unavoidably prevented from attending the Conference.

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The PRESIDENT then referred to the fact that the question of the training of Hebrew converts for the ministry and the mission field was dealt with by the International Missionary Conferences at Buda-Pest and Warsaw. He then took up an attitude which he would like to lay stress on at this Conference, seeing that we were really the body who are affected. He expressed his deep appreciation for the fine address which was delivered by Mr Landsman, and also thanked Mr Peltz for his remarks. The question that we are faced with was one of vital importance.

In view of the fact that the Jew of the future to a large extent is being educated in our Universities, he felt that if we are to win the confidence and respect of such educated men, it behoves us to see to it that our Jewish Missionaries have an equally good education and meet these men on an equal footing. During his visit to America, he was very forcibly struck by the fact that in some Universities the percentages of Jewish students were as high as eighty, while in others they were sixty, forty, and over thirty-five per cent. While the first essential in the education of a Missionary should always be to lay stress on the spiritual training and the upbuilding of character, yet, at the same time, every effort should be made to give them as good a general training as we possibly can. Meanwhile, he urged the Conference to co-operate with the institution at present available, and to do their utmost to support the Warsaw School, which is being conducted under the able leadership of our esteemed Brother, the Rev. J. I. Landsman.

Brother KUNERT having pronounced the benediction, the Conference was closed.

THE EVENING SESSION.

An Open Meeting was held in the Jerusalem Kirche at 8 p.m., when the Rev. S. B. Rohold presided.

After reading from Isaiah, Chapter Ixii., in Hebrew, and leading the meeting in prayer, the following speakers addressed the meeting:—Dr E. Moser, Revs. Mr Weinhausen, Rudnitzky and Rad. At the close of the addresses the Lord's Prayer was repeated in Hebrew by the congregation, and the Meeting was dismissed with the Aaronic Benediction in Hebrew.

THURSDAY, 19TH JULY.

The Morning Session started with a devotional service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. Weinhausen, of Berlin.

At 9.30 a.m. Sir Leon Levison took the Chair and delivered an address on "Ways and Means," in which he also embodied the questions of (a) relief, (b) literature, and the training of Hebrew Christians.

At the close of his address Dr Max Reich drew the attention of the Conference to a leading article in a local paper in which the I.H.C.A. was described to be an organisation composed of unconverted Jews, who were trying to propagate anti-Christian ideas. It was agreed that Dr Arnold Frank should send a suitable reply to this paper.

A discussion then followed on the President's address. Dr FÖLDES, of Budapest, said, "that he was particularly impressed by the remarks of the Chairman, which referred to the tragedy of the Jewish dual personality. He felt that the chief business of the Alliance was to put an end to this tragedy. Our duty was to create a new environment and such conditions as will enable the Jew to lead a natural life, if he so desires. More particularly did he feel it incumbent upon the Alliance that we should assist our believing Hebrew Christian brethren to an honourable independence, which will enable them to stand forth with prophetic zeal as witnesses for Christ.

The Rev. J. GINSBERG asked for assurance from the Chairman that the Hebrew Christians, who will be assisted by the I.H.C.A. with education and otherwise, should be carefully examined as to character and Christian belief. This assurance was given to Mr Ginsberg by the Chairman.

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The Rev. JACOB PELTZ, General Secretary of the American H.C.A., said that he would like to say a word or two with reference to the different subjects, dealt with by the President in his address. He wanted to assure the Conference that the suffering and destitute conditions of the Hebrew Christians in Eastern and Central Europe and Russia touched the hearts of American Hebrew Christians as no other thing did. They realised their special responsibility in regard to their relationship with the Hebrew Christians abroad with whom they are linked up through the I.H.C.A. He felt frankly ashamed that they had not done more in the past. Their contribution was, up till now, as a drop in the bucket. He intended to multiply their sums for relief, and felt confident that they could do so, if the case was adequately explained to the Christian public of America. He felt sure they could do that.

Mr LERNER, the Treasurer of the I.H.C.A., intimated at this stage the fact that the Rev. Dr Arnold Frank had kindly donated One Hundred Pounds towards the expenses of the Conference. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Conference to Dr Frank for his kind gift.

Mr SCHONFIELD pointed out that the needs enumerated in Sir Leon's address were both great and urgent, and appealed to the members and associate members of the I.H.C.A. to render help by trying to arrange meetings in various churches of their own denomination, or in giving drawing-room meetings in their houses, so that the needs could be made known. In this respect he felt that everybody could render some service to the I.H.C.A.

A delegate, who was present at the Conference in Budapest, pointed out that in the matter of relief for Hebrew Christians, the question of their training and the establishment of an industrial centre was allocated to the I.H.C.A. as their special field of work.

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Since then all the Missions seemed to feel in this respect "at ease in Zion," but it is strange that not one single mission has ever contributed a farthing to the I.H.C.A. for this vital need. Nor did he think that they will ever do so. He felt, therefore, that it was up to the Conference to make a special appeal to the Christians of every country to assist the poor Hebrew Christians in a way that will make them self-supporting; to enable them to become great missionaries and matured Hebrew Christians, in order to enable them to write and interpret the Jewish soul and explain the present interesting condition of Jewry.

The Rev. PETER SMOLJAR spoke of his work as a missionary since 1905, and of the great needs of the Hebrew Christians in Russia, with whom he had been personally in contact for a long time. He was glad that the President had their cause at heart, and felt also with regard to the education of Hebrew Christians that they would do us credit as missionaries, both amongst the Jews and in the Christian Church.

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The Rev. P. GORODISHZ: The President said we spoke about money just now. I am sure he doesn't like to talk about money. The most of us are workers for Christ, and we make use of the words of St. Paul in the Gospel to the Romans. Now that we come to speak on the question of money it is the Gentiles from whom we want the money, but we have got to begin with ourselves. Jewish Christians who have not sacrificed themselves for this Holy Cause have no right to go to Gentiles for assistance. Every one of us ought to settle here and now how much he is prepared to sacrifice for this sacred cause.

Rev. H. WEINHAUSEN said, One thing has not been mentioned, which, in my judgment, is far more important than money, and this is work. What we need more than anything else for Jewish Christians is a clearing-house that would enable them to find suitable work. Remember I have found a great deal of personal delight in helping for thirty years, and I should be glad to take up this kind of work for Berlin and the rest of Germany. Many brethren have travelled about as missionaries, but I have travelled about in this cause from time to time. I think that in every country those who work should get together and examine every case carefully and help them in the way which is found most suitable.

Mr VAN NES (Rotterdam) said, I am very glad to be permitted to take part in this discussion, as I am not a Hebrew Christian. It would give me great pleasure to see as much money as possible gathered for this great work of the I.H.C.A., and I would think it very wrong unless the Christians, among the Gentiles, contributed towards this in Christ Jesus. I am very anxious that the money should be spent for the third object which the President referred to—(the looking-after Hebrew Christians).

The following Resolution was passed in Budapest and in Warsaw with regard to the I.H.C. Alliance:—

“The Conference has learned with great interest and sympathy of the formation and growth of the I.H.C.A., and expresses the hope that it may serve in uniting Christian Jews, throughout the world, in an enriching spiritual fellowship and become a blessing for the Jewish people, as also for the Christian Church.”

The Conference at Budapest also left the care of the Hebrew Christians to the I.H.C.A., *i.e.*, Industrial Homes, Training, etc.

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The great work of the Jewish Christian Alliance is to further develop spiritual fellowship amongst the Hebrew Christians, and to teach them how to take their proper place in the one Holy Catholic Church, and in the redeemed of the world. He mentions here names of great Hebrew Christians—the examples of their lives in Holland, *e.g.*, Da Costa, Capadoccia, and others, who have become indirectly part of the Christian Church of Holland, with the result that through these two men, the Jewish Christians in Holland feel themselves thoroughly at home in the Christian Church, and do not need a single donation that is gathered in the other churches.

Sir LEON LEVISON said, Those who would like to assist by contributing so much each year could give their names to our Treasurer who will be here to receive any donation you care to give.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

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Now I, as your President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, lay down our offices. I will call the Chairman of the Nominations Committee to take my place. I only want to say before I leave the Chair, that we have got a Nomination Committee, which consists of representatives from every country, and these representatives are going to bring to you the names of Hebrew Christians I hope that the meeting will be conducted in an orderly and brotherly manner.

Dr GOLD-LEVIN (Chairman of the Nomination Committee): Ladies and Gentlemen,—We come now to another very important matter pertaining to this Conference. It is the appointment of Office-bearers, and of the Executive Committee that shall function until the meeting of the next Conference. As the President has told us, we have by precedent a Committee for nomination.

That Committee met in the adjoining room the day before yesterday, to suggest to the Conference the names for the next term as office-bearers.

We dealt with the finding of the best possible delegates and persons for the Executive and the other offices. In the first place it was unanimously and wholeheartedly agreed that we ask the retiring President, Sir Leon Levison, to reoccupy the honoured office of President of this International Alliance. Therefore, in the first place, I put it to the Conference and feel sure it will be unanimously carried that Sir Leon Levison be the President for the next three years.

Sir Leon, it gives me great joy to tell you that you have been elected unanimously for a further period between this Conference and the next, as the honoured President of this International Alliance. Now, may I ask you to come and take the chair.

Sir LEON LEVISON: My Fellow-Members, I feel greatly touched by the unanimous and hearty way with which you have asked me to take the leading of this great and important movement for the coming three years. I want, on my part to promise from the depth of my heart that the task with which you have entrusted me will be kept sacred, and, as before, I will do my very utmost for you. On the other hand, I hope and pray, from the very bottom of my heart, that you will give me your active support, so that I and everyone of us will do our best until we meet again in three years. May we be able to show that we have made as much progress and a great deal more than we have made between the first and second International Conference. I promise you all, and, through you, your Alliances, that I shall specially work for your welfare. I do hope you will support me by continually sending me news of your welfare, your progress, and especially of your spiritual growth. I thank you very much for your kindness in electing me as your President."

The next person to be elected on the programme is the Treasurer of the I.H.C.A. The recommendation of the Committee is that we ask Mr Lerner to again act as our Treasurer.

Dr GOLD-LEVIN moved this.

Rev. S. B. ROHOLD seconded, and proposed that it should be carried unanimously, which was done.

Sir LEON LEVISON: I have very much pleasure in welcoming you as Treasurer of the I.H.C.A. for the next three years. You have given me your loyalty. You have worked with me with a deep and great love for the cause. I am looking forward to the next three years for further union, co-operation, and loyalty. I have no doubt that I will get it from you.

Mr LERNER: Mr President, and my beloved Hebrew Christians, I reckon it as the greatest honour and the greatest privilege to be elected as your Treasurer. It gives me very great pleasure to be of service to my fellow-members. I want to do all I can, and I want you to know it is a very difficult post, and one in which I want you to support me with your money and your prayer, that God may keep me very humble and may enable me to do all I can for the I.H.C.A. I want to do all I can for the post, which is a very happy one. I thank you all.

ELECTION OF A HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY,

Rev. A. P. GOLD-LEVIN, LL.D.

Sir LEON LEVISON: I do not need to say very much in connection with this name. We all love him, we all respect him, and I honestly believe that the International will be very much stronger by having Dr Gold-Levin take up one of the offices.

The Rev. ELIAS NEWMAN, Damascus, seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Sir LEON LEVISON: A Recording Secretary on the Committee is recommended—the Rev. Harcourt Samuel. Mr Samuel has been working with me for three years, and I want to testify in a few words to the faithful work Mr Samuel has done. We all love him, and would like him to work with us.

Rev. S. B. ROHOLD: I feel it is a great pleasure to nominate the young people. He is the true offspring of his father, Rev. E. B. Samuel. Mr Harcourt has been a good Recorder of the business of the I.H.C.A. As an old man, I am very anxious to see the young life. I am quite sure the motion will be carried unanimously.

Mr SCHONFIELD seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

Sir LEON LEVISON: I welcome you, Brother Samuel, with all my heart, and I trust we will work as harmoniously as before, and that our work will be owned of God.

Rev. HARCOURT SAMUEL: I feel sure in anything I have to do I may still rely upon the advice of my dear father, who is only laying down the office because of the pressure of other things.

Sir LEON LEVISON: *Re* Executive Committee. We cannot take each name separately, so I will read out the names. Each delegate will notice that we are having on the Committee representatives from every country.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

The names of the new Executive Committee will be found on the inside cover of this Magazine.

Dr GOLD-LEVIN moved that we pass the list *en bloc*.

Rev. E. B. SAMUEL seconded, and this was agreed to.

SIR LEON LEVISON: I want to move a vote of thanks from the Chair on behalf of the Executive Committee, your Chairman, and this Conference, to the Rev. E. B. Samuel. To me it came as a surprise to hear that Brother Samuel is too busy to continue the Secretaryship. I only learned of this last night, and I was extremely sorry. I will tell you the reason why. Mr Samuel worked with me just as a brother, and a friend, and so far as Christian character is concerned, I could not but admire him all the time for his gentle spirit, his sweet and deep interest in Hebrew Christianity. I sincerely trust that, though not acting as Secretary, he will give us his counsel and advice as a Member of the Executive. I move a hearty vote of thanks to our Brother, and sincerely pray that God may spare him to us for many years, to labour for and love our people as he has done in the past.

Rev. S. B. ROHOLD: Mr President, I am particularly anxious to support this vote of thanks. There are brethren who are a light in darkness, but they do not shine in the world, not because they do not shine, but the humility of Jesus is a reality to them. Brother E. B. Samuel has been a personal friend of mine for over thirty years, and I always found him helpful, ready to give advice, and a dear, loyal friend to the young Hebrew Christian. He fought for the Alliance over thirty years, now he has put down the Secretaryship, but he will not lay down the real work. I love him from my heart, and it is a great privilege to second this vote of thanks. We are not a mutual admiration Society. I stood up simply to express my feeling and I repeat the earnest prayers of the President that the Lord may give him strength to continue in the love of Christ, especially for the young Hebrew Christian.

Carried with acclamation, the audience standing.

Rev. E. BENDOR SAMUEL said I only rise to express my warm gratitude to our beloved President, and all of you who have expressed such kindness. You have always been exceedingly kind to me, far more than I deserve. It is only my real pressure of work in many directions that compels me to ask my friends not to nominate me again as Secretary. But my interest remains as deep and as sincere as ever before, and I want you to understand this, that my work among the Hebrew Christians in London will continue to the very best of my ability. We have some really good meetings of Hebrew Christians in London, of which I have the pleasure of being the President, and this, together with the work of the Executive, I will gladly continue. Once again, I heartily thank you, and express my appreciation of your kindness.

Rev. H. WEINHAUSEN, Berlin, closed the Morning Session with a prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 P.M.

An Open-air Meeting in the Alster District of Hamburg, was held in order to bear witness before the public of our faith in the living and loving Redeemer.

One can hardly describe the meeting adequately. It was soul-inspiring to see the hall in the park packed with over two thousand people, while hundreds could not gain admission.

Dr ARNOLD FRANK was in the Chair, and Dr Reich, Mr Feighin, and the Revs. Peter Gorodishz, Elias Newman, and E. B. Samuel spoke. Mr Feighin, who became a Christian when well up in years, and having been formerly a leader of the service in the Jewish synagogue, gave a very touching account of his conversion, and sang several hymns in Yiddish, which made a great impression on the vast audience. Altogether, this meeting was one which will never be forgotten by those who were present, and we thanked God for the opportunity thus given to us to bear witness for the truth as it is in Jesus, in the city of Hamburg.

EVENING SESSION, 8 P.M.

The evening meeting took place in the Jerusalem Kirche, which was open to the public. The Rev. E. B. Samuel was in the Chair, and the Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus gave an account of his conversion. This was followed by an address from Dr Max Reich on "The Idea of the Messiah in the Old and New Testaments."

FRIDAY, 20TH JULY.

COMMUNION SERVICE.

A solemn hour, long to be remembered, was the one during which Communion Service was celebrated at the Jerusalem Kirche, on Friday morning, at 8.30 a.m.; 153 delegates, representing eighteen different countries were present, besides a number of non-Jewish Christians. The Rev. Dr Frank,

assisted by the Rev. Nahum Levison, B.D., and Dr A. P. Gold-Levin, officiated. The service started, with a hymn, after which the Rev. N. Levison read the Twenty-third Psalm in Hebrew. This was followed by prayer, offered by Dr Frank. Then the reading of 1 Cor. xi. 23-26. This also was read in Hebrew by the Rev. A. P. Gold-Levin. This was followed by a very helpful exhortation by Dr Frank on the text, "It is finished." The sacred elements were then handed round, and after all had partaken, Dr Frank returned thanks and concluded with the Lord's prayer, in which all joined.

When the benediction was pronounced the service was closed by all standing and singing the Doxology. It was a unique service, not only for its simplicity, but also for the fact that we, as Hebrews, who formerly detested anything Christian, now united in adoring Christ's Holy Name around His table. It was an hour never to be forgotten.

9.30 a.m.—Sir Leon Levison in the Chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS—*contd.*

Decision to have only four Vice-Presidents, and reasons.

Dr GOLD-LEVIN said there are three reasons why we are bringing these recommendations before the Conference. The first reason is that the Presidents are elected for one year of their Alliances. The President of the International Alliance is elected for a period of three years. The result is, that whilst the National Presidents are being changed, the International President finds himself unable to keep in touch with those Presidents for the whole three years of his office, as they are changed so often. It is therefore found advisable to have four Vice-Presidents who will remain in office the full period of three years. Secondly the President needs the help, information, and advice concerning the Alliances through these Vice-Presidents in office. Thirdly, each time a new Vice-President is elected, the printed heading on the paper has to be altered, which is very expensive.

Four Vice-Presidents appointed to be as follows:—

1. A Vice-President for America, including Canada.
2. A Vice-President for Europe, with Germany as the Centre.
3. A Vice-President for the East and Far East, including Africa, with the Holy Land as the Centre.
4. A Vice-President for the British Empire, as such.

Dr GOLD-LEVIN moved that Brother Rohold be elected Vice-President for the East and Africa.

Rev. N. LEVISON moved that Rev. D. J. Newgewirtz be elected Vice-President for America and Canada.

Dr REICH moved that the Rev. E. B. Samuel be first Vice-President for Great Britain and the Colonies.

Rev. S. B. ROHOLD moved that Dr A. Frank be elected Vice-President for Europe.

These nominations, after being seconded, were unanimously carried.

The Rev. N. LEVISON moved the following Resolution with regard to Committees :—

“ Be it resolved that this Conference appoint a number of Standing Committees, who shall bring in findings through the three years and submit them to the Executive Committee. When passed by the said Committee, they shall be printed and circulated to all delegates of the next International Conference, at least one month before the meeting of the Conference.”

The Rev. Jacob Peltz seconded this.

Sir LEON LEVISON : It is felt that, being a young Movement, we have not had an opportunity of doing things that are helpful to the delegates coming to the Conference. You receive a programme with subjects for discussion, of which you know little, or very little. If an expert committee were to give you an outline in advance, printing it, and sending it to you, you, as delegates, would come to a future Conference fully informed, and thus more progress would be made.

Agreed to unanimously.

Letters of Greeting were then read by Sir Leon Levison from the following :—

Mr A. C. Karmouche, Secretary of the Palestine H.C.A. ; the Rev. A. Selicheter ; Revs. Rudensky, Ehermann, Morris Sigel ; The Rev. D. J. Newgewirtz, President of the American H.C.A. ; Revs. Gruen, M. Zeidman ;

Prof. Beinbaum; Mrs Ruben, Pittsburg; Mrs Naomi Soman; The Jewish Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland; Rev. Wm. Deans; Rev. J. A. C. MacKellar; Rev. Boris Schapiro; British Jews' Society; the Rev. S. Wilkinson, of the Mildmay Mission, London; Rev. Chalmers, New York; Missionary Fischl, Breslau; Dolman, Hamburg; and from Radoz, Norway, and Denmark.

The Rev. Mr Schor's letter—"I am very sorry not to be here at Hamburg at the Conference, but it is impossible. Greet all the brethren for me. Some I have met, others I know by name only. My thoughts and my heart will be there with you at the Conference all the time."

Many greetings from Life Associate Members were also received.

. 11.30 a.m., "Hebrew Christian Industrial Centre in Poland."

Speaker, Rev. Leon Rosenberg.

Our friend spoke on the subject of Jewish Christians, in those cities where the Jews are in the majority, and referred to an utterance at the First I.H.C.A. that Jewish Christians are a twice-exiled people. He went on to say that Jewish Christians in this part of Poland are being driven out of their employment, and when they become converted they are turned out, and cannot get employment in the factories. They are indeed in a sorry plight. In one city there are three hundred textile factories, and only one is in the hands of a Gentile. The sufferings of Jewish Christians there are very severe. It does happen sometimes that the profession of Christianity, and becoming baptised into the Church in order that they might improve their social status in the community occur. They will persecute only a member of their community who becomes a real, sincere, Christian from an inward conviction.

Yet we speak of the Jewish people being united, or a unity. They are a unity in one particular. They are all one in hatred of those of their people who confess the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. There must be practical work at the end. To found colonies of Jewish Christians, the speaker thought would be a mistake. His idea is that the Jewish Christians should live in contact with their associates. They should be light in the midst of Israel. He thought that the erection of factories, of workshops, would be a greater and more practicable way to meet the situation.

Rev. J. I. LANDSMAN said I will give you in a few words what Brother Rosenberg has said. Someone promised him twelve sewing machines. Some can find work in that manner. Again, knitting machines for use by women give employment for others.

Other ways would be to give Hebrew Christians work by opening a small stationery office, and by book-binding. In these ways many would be able to maintain themselves. This cannot be the work of a Mission, or a missionary because, if he does so, then he is limited to such Hebrew Christians who have been baptised by him. He would like this started in the name of the Alliance. Anything done, then, in Lodz would be for the benefit of the whole of Poland.

Dr REICH: I listened with the deepest interest to the practical suggestions that have been made by both of the speakers, and I do believe that the methods proposed are practical. In America, for instance, we have sent representatives out to Poland and Russia, to distribute money to the Hebrew Christians, and it was like pouring water into a sieve. Now I feel it justifiable and reasonable to appeal to men of goodwill and the Christian Church, to aid us, and I believe it will be forthcoming.

The Society of Friends, of which I am a member, has been engaged for a long time in helping those in unfortunate circumstances. After what Brother Rosenberg has told us, I will place the whole matter before them at home, and we will do something.

Sir LEON LEVISON authorised Dr Reich to approach "The Society of Friends."

Sir LEON LEVISON: Now that we have got this statement from Brother Rosenberg, we will translate it and have it printed in *The Hebrew Christian*, and other brethren will be able to read it. After that, I will send out letters to see whether each Alliance is able to do something. You will join with me in

making this one of our first points of advance, as you have said. Brother Rosenberg can start with a little, and aim at doing something more. However, we want to be very careful that what we do in the future should not be done by way of giving anyone the idea that we are going to buy or bribe them. We must think out a scheme to safeguard that. Our Jewish Christian brother has got to be helped to become self-supporting, a decent citizen one who will do us credit as a Hebrew Christian.

The Morning Session closed by Brother Rosenberg pronouncing the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 p.m., Brother Landsman led in prayer. Speaker, Rev. Mark Kagan. Subject, "The Hope of Israel."

3.30 p.m. Speaker, Dr Gold-Levin. Subject, "Hebrew Christians as Members of Different Churches."

4 p.m. RECOMMENDATION by Rev.
M. J. Levy—

“Let it be recorded that it is my belief and the belief of others—That the International Hebrew Christian Alliance, whilst proclaiming Salvation alone by Grace, without works of the Law, should also proclaim to our unconverted Jewish brethren, that they have the right, if they so desire, to observe the God-given (not rabbinical) national customs of Israel, when they accept Christ as their Saviour, according to the teaching and practice of our Lord Jesus Himself, and the Apostles.”

The Conference refused to consider this Recommendation, but allowed Mr Levy to make a short statement.

Mr N. Rüdnitzky closed with the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

8 p.m. Dr REICH opened the meeting and gave a short address from the pulpit.

Rev. JACOB GARTENHAUS asked the delegates to stand up as a mark of respect to the Rev. S. B. Rohold.

The Rev. S. B. ROHOLD gave an address entitled “The Holy Land: Its People and Present Conditions.”

Mrs MARK KAGAN moved “That this Conference of the I.H.C.A. Alliance, now in full session, expresses the hearty thanks of the Assembly, to the Rev. Samuel Schor, for all the noble and consecrated service of love, which he has rendered towards the formation of this International Alliance, three years ago, and for the deep interest he has taken in the movement ever since. The Conference humbly prays that the blessings of God may be vouchsafed unto our beloved Brother, and unto his dear wife.”

Rev. S. B. ROHOLD seconded, and it was agreed to with great heartiness.

After prayer by Dr Frank, Dr Moser pronounced the benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING, 21ST JULY.

8.30 to 9.15 a.m. Devotional service led by Pastor Parnes, Germany.

Dr REICH read a Resolution, re Palestine, as follows :—

“The H.C.A. of America, in Conference assembled at Atlanta, Georgia, 23rd April 1928, desires to voice its deep sympathy with the legitimate hopes and strenuous efforts of our Jewish brethren to re-establish an International Home in the land of our Fathers, and it pledges its co-operation to this end. It also recommends that the I.H.C.A. Conference, to be held in Hamburg, take up this concern as its own, and inform the Jewish people to that effect.”

Dr GOLD-LEVIN made a remark here about the ultra-Jewish aspects of Zionism, and that we ought to be quite clear on this point.

Sir LEON LEVISON, said that we, as Hebrew Christians, cannot be indifferent to the great hopes and aspirations of our people. Everything that concerns the welfare of the Jewish people must concern us, and unless we identify ourselves with their hopes and their longings and aspirations, we are no part of them. We are essentially, still, and want to remain, Jews. The only difference between other Jews and ourselves is, that we have come to see that in Jesus all the hopes and aspirations and the call of our people has been fulfilled. I think Dr Reich and Dr Gold-Levin are in agreement with me that the Hebrew Christians *do feel that it is our duty* to interest ourselves in all these aspirations, hopes, and desires, and that we are at all times prepared to help such as aspire to a clean and worthy life.

The Rev. NAHUM LEVISON moved the following Resolution:— "That this whole matter be referred to the Resolution Committee, and that they be instructed to draw up a suitable Resolution which will incorporate Dr Max Reich's view, to be considered by the Executive Committee, with full power to approve thereof."

The above Resolution was seconded and carried.

Mrs RACHEL SCHOR read a paper by the Rev. S. Schor, on "The Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

Rev. S. B. ROHOLD: I ask Dr Frank to come forward for a minute. The Hebrew Christians gathered together at this Conference desire that Lady Levison, who has been with us here for the first time, should take away a little souvenir from us as Hebrew Christians, as well as from Hamburg. Therefore, I ask Dr Frank, as the Pastor and Head of this Mission and our Host, to kindly present this little souvenir to Lady Levison. (Lady Levison was presented with a gold wristlet watch.)

Dr FRANK, in doing so, said, "It is a great joy to us to give you a memento of the Conference, and as an expression of our love for your husband."

LADY LEVISON: "Dr Frank, and dear Christian Friends. I am so touched by the expression of your kindness in giving me this beautiful gift, I do not know how to express my gratitude. It is most lovely, and I shall take it away as a memento of a very happy and wonderful week. I have not been to a Conference of Hebrew Christians before. On account of my young family, I could not get away even to the London Conference.

"It has been a great inspiration to me to be here, and to see you all, and I feel that I shall be inspired to help my husband even more than hitherto, for seeing is realising in a way that one never could do by letters, or by what he tells me.

"I would just like to thank you again, and to say, 'God bless you till we meet again.'

11.30 a.m. Sir LEON LEVISON moved the following Resolution from the Chair, which Dr Reich supported, and all concurred, by standing up :—

“This Conference of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance wishes to put on record the most heartfelt gratitude and a sense of indebtedness, which words fail fully to express, to Pastor and Mrs Frank, to Pastor and Mrs Moser, and all associated with them in their holy work, for the excellent arrangements they have made for the holding of the Conference, and well-being of the delegates to the Conference. The Conference humbly prays that the blessing of the Most High may be vouchsafed to our dear Friends in Christ.”

Rev. S. B. ROHOLD: We felt we would like to leave a memento, and I would ask our dear friend Mrs Frank to accept this little gift.

Sir LEON LEVISON presented the gift to Mrs Arnold Frank (a Gold Fountain Pen) and said, “It is only a very small thing, but it comes from our very hearts. As Mrs Frank is a little shy, Dr Frank will hand it on, and as Mr Rohold said, it will help to remind her of the affection, good feelings, and thanks, for all the hard work involved and hospitality offered by Dr and Mrs Frank.”

Dr Frank thanked the delegates on behalf of his wife.

Rev. S. B. ROHOLD: Dr Reich, who was my right hand for years in America—I believe he will be my right hand in heaven too. He and I were entrusted with the duty of arranging for the presentation of a gift or two. We are filled with gratitude to many, but we could only select two; so we selected Mrs Frank, as the essence of all that is good, and we have selected Brother Singer, who has endeared himself to everyone since we arrived.

I will ask the President to present this to him.

Sir LEON LEVISON: It is not the value of this little present, but we would like you just to take it and keep it as an evidence of our respect, love, and gratitude, for making us so comfortable and happy in the city of Hamburg. You had to do a great deal for this Conference, arranging and planning everything. I fully appreciate the labour and task; you have done all in your power to make this Conference successful.

I would like to thank you here, on our own behalf, and on behalf of the many Hebrew Christians who are praying for us and who are with us in spirit.

Mr SINGER conveyed his thanks in German.

Sir LEON LEVISON: I have still further to express my thanks to all the ladies, to the other members who assisted Dr and Mrs Frank. We have been received and given hospitality in the Deaconess' Home, and outside, and I would ask you, Dr Frank, to convey in your own words, to those who have done so splendidly, our appreciation of their untiring efforts to make the delegates at home and the Conference such a success.

Mr Sir LEON LEVISON gave his Closing Address at 11.30 a.m., and concluded the Conference by wishing all the delegates and friends "God Speed."