

## ZIONISTS IN SESSION

**American Federation Meets In  
Hassner's Hall.**

### GROWTH OF THE MOVEMENT

**Dr. Gotthell Says It Is Constantly  
Increasing — Officers For Next  
Year Chosen—List Of Delegates.**

The second annual conference of the Federation of American Zionists opened yesterday morning at Hassner's Hall, 111 West Franklin street, and will be continued today, closing with a mass-meeting tonight.

The Federation is an organization consisting mainly of Hebrews who are interested in colonizing Palestine with members of their race and in assisting and encouraging the Jewish colony already in Palestine. The principal work of the conference yesterday was the reception of reports of the outgoing officers and the election of officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

President—Richard Gotthell, of New York, professor in Columbia College.

Vice-presidents—Dr. B. Felsenthal, Chicago; Dr. Aaron Friedenwald, Baltimore; Dr. M. Jastrow, Philadelphia; Prof. C. Levias, of Cincinnati; Rabbi Margolis, Boston; Rabbi S. Sheinfeld, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. H. Maslousky, New York.

Honorary Secretary—L. D. Morrison, New York.

Honorary Treasurer—C. D. Birkhohl, New York.

Executive Committee—Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, New York; Miss Henrietta Szold, Baltimore; Dr. S. Schaffer, Baltimore; Dr. B. L. Gordon, Philadelphia; D. W. Amram, L. Zolotzkoff and W. Schur, Chicago; M. Taylor Phillips, of New York, and the officers of the federation. Messrs. Zolotzkoff and Schur are editors of Hebrew papers and Mr. Phillips is a member of the New York Legislature. Rabbi S. S. Wise is the retiring honorary secretary and the rabbi of Madison Avenue Synagogue in New York city.

The conference began at 9 o'clock yesterday morning with an address of welcome to the delegates by Rabbi S. Schaffer, of Baltimore. Over 20 societies from as many cities were represented at the conference by about 70 delegates. President Gotthell was made the temporary chairman and later the permanent presiding officer of the conference. Rabbi S. S. Wise was secretary. In his address Professor Gotthell called attention to the living issue raised by Zionism and said that it would be an issue in the future. The conference of American Zionists, he said, was in part a realization of Zionists' hopes. He referred to the growth in Zionist ranks, which now numbers 125 societies, with a total membership of 10,000.

Rabbi S. S. Wise, honorary secretary, called attention to the publication and distribution during the year of a number of works in the interest of Zionism. He referred to the fact that the Independent Order of the Sons of Benjamin, at a recent convention in New York, had passed resolutions indorsing and commending Zionism. During the year there had been sold in America 12,000 shares of the Jewish Colonial Bank, which is located in London. Rabbi Wise said that more sales could have been made, but it was desired to sell the shares only to those having interest in Zionism. The reports of President Gotthell and Secretary Wise will be printed for general distribution to Zionists.

Cablegrams and telegrams of congratulations on the conference were read from leaders of the movement all over the world. They included messages from Dr. Herzl, Vienna; Dr. Max Nordau, Paris; Dr. M. Gaster, London. Cablegrams were sent by the conference in response.

A communication was read calling attention to the sufferings of the starving Jewish miners in Galicia. The conference appropriated \$50 and decided to try to raise more to aid the miners.

There was a lengthy discussion of methods of organization to be adopted by the Federation in order to increase its membership and usefulness, especially the feature of fraternal organization. In this discussion all the leaders of the Federation took part, the speeches being limited to five minutes each. Most of the addresses were in German or Hebrew. Rabbi Wise opposed the fraternal organization on the ground that the history of such organizations in recent years had proved them failures.

There was also a general discussion of the proposition raised by the English Zionist Federation for the purchase of the Maccabaean sites in Palestine and the establishment thereon of a Jewish colony and a Jewish agricultural college. No action was taken on either of the propositions, which were referred to future action. They will probably be taken up this morning.

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Rabbi G. Gotthell, of New York, read a paper on the bearing of the Dreyfus case to Zionism which provoked much enthusiasm.

The conference is being held under the auspices of Choveni Zion and Asraa Choveni Zion (the junior order), of this city, both of which are connected with the Federation. The committee on arrangements and reception of guests consists of Samuel Clayman, Charles Katz, H. Cohen, Dr. I. Lubchansky, J. Hranitsky, L. Waxman, B. Schwartz, S. Abel, Louis Levin, Mr. Zwibler, Mr. Loudon and A. Waxman.

The delegates to the conference are:

Baltimore—Asraa Choveni Zion—Moses D. Robinson, Hyman Goldberg, Isaac B. Weinburg, Dr. James Scharf, M. E. Selenkon.

Choveni Zion—Dr. S. Schaffer, Dr. A. Friedenwald, F. Silberman, Louis H. Levin, S. Abel, S. Barroway, A. Hurvitz, Dr. J. C. Josephson, Rev. M. A. Schraeder, A. Aronson, Jonas Rappaport, H. Nachlas, Israel Fine, A. Silberman, Rev. M. J. Brande, Charles Baurenfreund.

Berkley, Va.—Rev. Max Levitt.

Minneapolis—George Gordon.

Syracuse—Samuel D. Solomon and David Davis.

Boston—S. Blumberg, Louis B. Magid.

Atlantic City—J. H. Parskey.

Philadelphia.—Zion Society—Rev. H. M. Speaker, G. H. Mayer, M. Klein. Ohavel Zion—Rev. B. Lewenthal, Herman Krieger, Rev. Dr. E. Erabler, Aaron Brave, Dr. B. L. Gordon, Mrs. J. Kessler, Mrs. S. Halfern, Miss Minnie Horowitz, Ph. Sherr.

New Haven, Conn.—Rev. Z. A. Bailey.

Louisville, Ky.—S. Shapinsky.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Rev. S. Sheinfeld.

Wilmington, Del.—Louis Finger.

Rochester, N. Y.—Rev. D. Ginsburg, A. Jaffa.

Norfolk, Va.—J. S. Sachs.

Cleveland—S. Kohn.

Worcester, Mass.—Lea Aaher.

New York.—American Daughters of Zion—Misses Einson and Mosesson; Zion Club, No. 1, I. Mirsky; Zion Club, No. 2, A. Radin; Ohavel Zion, S. H. Audron, B'nai Zion, D. Levenson, Zionab, I. Cohen, Rev. Dr. L. Zingler, H. W. Shulman and Dr. J. H. Bluestone; New York Federation of Zionists, Rev. S. S. Wiss, E. D. Morrison, Rev. Hy. G. Gotthell, Prof. Richard Gotthell, K. H. Sarason, C. D. Birkaban; Young American Zionists, Max Raich.

Chicago—W. Schur.