

GREAT MEETING IN AID OF JEWS

**Two Thousand People Assemble
at Auditorium to Give Sup-
port to Cause.**

**\$6,000 IN CASH AND
PLEDGES FOR RELIEF WORK**

**Magnificent Response to Call for
Help From Destitute in
War Zone.**

Two thousand people assembled at the Auditorium last night to lend their support to destitute Jews in Russia, Poland and Galicia, and to voice their sympathetic sentiments.

More than \$3,000 was contributed in cash, and many hundreds of dollars more subscribed for future monthly payments, bringing the total to about \$6,000.

It was a glorious, enthusiastic crowd that thronged that hall—Jews, gentiles, all gathered to aid and uplift the people of the world's first nation, now being persecuted in Europe.

The meeting was formally opened by Bernard Silberstein, treasurer of the Central Jewish War Relief association of Duluth, who acted as presiding officer. Mr. Silberstein outlined the purpose of the gathering and introduced the first speaker, Bishop J. D. Morrison of Trinity cathedral.

Bishop Morrison reviewed the history of the Hebrew race, and spoke of their previous development in contrast with their present conditions. In brief, he said, "Abraham, the first great man of this mighty race, had for his main ambitions, righteousness and preparedness. The effect of his righteousness is peace—the one essential which his race upholds. Look at the prominent Jews of today who are holding some of the highest positions in the country. The cause of their success is due to their righteousness," he asserted. In closing, Dr. Morrison delivered a benediction for the prosperity and success of this campaign for the race.

Speaks in Hebrew Language.

Rabbi I. Teplitz of the Adas Israel congregation addressed the assembly in the Hebrew tongue. "All Jews are united and working together in a cause of this kind," said Rabbi Teplitz. "We have a man at the head of the nation who feels great sympathy toward this people, as shown by his official acts.

Dr. Maurice Lefkowitz of Temple Emanuel said in brief: "We have come here in a response to a cry for help, to aid and do our best to ameliorate one of Israel's greatest tragedies. It is a cause that can not be described in words, for it is too pathetic." In conclusion, Dr. Lefkowitz read a letter which was written by a young boy in the war zone, and had found its way into this locality. It follows:

Wander for 10 Days.

"I wandered for 10 days over the big road, with not a house for shelter or a light in the dark paths. My mother was sick and weary, and my father faint from lack of food and the hauling of bundles. Sometimes, a train passed us, crowded with other families like ours. Behind were massed the people from our city. It was cold, and the nights were long—so long that I tried to count the stars waiting for the morning. And so we wandered, until we came to a big city filled with so many thousands of people, and when we got there, we found that Benjamin had been lost on the way, and that Uncle Harry was not with us. We are looking for them, all over, and now we are so tired and worn out—and we do not know what will happen. Why does not some one help us?"

This letter, and several others of a similar nature, brought substantial response in a flood of money. People—poor and rich alike—handed their donations to the surrounding secretaries in generous sums. People were eager to give whatever they could. Amounts from 25 cents up to \$250 came in continuously until the conclusion of the meeting. In addition, men subscribed to pay certain amounts every month until the end of the war. One ardent sympathizer gave a donation of \$150, and pledged himself to give \$25 for each month to come.

In Name of Humanity.

One incident attracted much attention. It was that of G. W. Hirmman, a Gentile, employed at a lumber mill at Foxboro, Wis. This "old lumber-jack" as he termed himself, came all the way to Duluth, to do his part in humanity's name. With tears in his eyes, the man mounted the platform, tendered a donation of \$10, and pledged himself to give \$10 for each successive month until the war ends. "The Jewish cause is most noble," he remarked. "That's why I am here."

A solo, "I Love America" was rendered by Miss Rose Silk, accompanied by Esther Gomberg at the piano. She responded with a Jewish song, "Send Shrouds for the Dead, and Bread for the Living." Nathan Braverman, cantor of the Adas Israel synagogue, sang a sympathetic Jewish song "Schankt a Nedova for Melchome Korkonas."

The meeting concluded with an address by Rev. Hardy A. Ingham, pastor of Endion M. E. church. "My heart has been touched from the beginning of this terrible strife," said Rev. Mr. Ingham. "The stirring of the emotions of the people assembled here tonight could not have furnished a grander, more magnificent sight. It was glory, and love for a noble cause that prompted them to contribute as generously as they have done." The meeting closed with a prayer for relief by Rev. Mr. Ingham.