which they are citizens. Those who think that these reports are somewhat exaggerated have only to read the account of the Balkan War by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Peace. The details therein mentioned make the strongest men comfit, and they alone must be adequate to describe what is happening now in the war zones of the world.

On February 6th the American Jewish Committee had realized $457,000 for the relief of Jews in Europe and Palestine who are suffering as a result of the war. For some time the Committee had been attempting to send a shipload of supplies to Palestine, but it was impossible to get a ship for this purpose. Now, however, the Navy Department will allow supplies to be sent in a United States battleship, which is going to Turkish waters some time in March; and perhaps the Jews in Jerusalem may soon be allowed more than the three-quarters of a pound of bread per day, which latest reports gave them. Paring February 28th, has been set aside as a day on which the Jews of this country will be asked to sacrifice from their pleasures for their brethren’s dire needs.

The recently published report of the United Hebrew Charities shows that on December 31, 1914, there were 4170 families under its care as compared with 2214 last year; 1228 families applied last year for relief for the first time. The Hebrew Technical Institute, of the same city, recently announced that its 1200 graduates are earning $1,680,000, whereas all the money spent in its thirty-one years of existence is $1,200,000. The supreme value of vocational training is revealed by the fact that even in these days only 2 per cent of its graduates are unemployed. The Hebrew Free Loan Society last year lent $80,000 to 21,000 persons, and 80 per cent of this sum was returned within forty-eight hours.

Important Correction

In the January number of Jewish Charities Dr. de Sola Pool is quoted as saying that in Cincinnati there are 27 persons per sleeping room among the Levantine Jews of that city. It should have read 2.7—quite a difference.

Tuberculosis Work in Cincinnati

The Jews of Cincinnati are perhaps more liberal contributors to local charities than the Jews of any city in the United States. The United Jewish Charities has repeatedly and urgently called upon our people to increase their subscriptions and the response has always been most liberal. Yet at times doubt has been expressed as to the need for such large sums and as to the efficiency with which they are distributed.

It will, I am sure, be both interesting and gratifying to your local readers to have such unmistakable evidence of the good work of our charity organization, as is found in the study of the tuberculosis death rate in Cincinnati during the year 1914.

In this year the white population of Cincinnati, estimated at 380,000, had 784 deaths from tuberculosis. The Jewish population cannot, of course, he accurately determined, but a fair guess would place it at 55,000. I am confident it will not fall below that figure. On what basis the Jews should show about 32 deaths during 1914. Actually, only 8 Jews died of tuberculosis during the year. Possibly in fairness there should be added three Jews who were sent away from Cincinnati by the United Jewish Charities and died in other cities—a total of 31—a death rate of only 20 per cent of the death rate of other whites in the city.

I believe these facts to be a most irrefutable proof that the $20,000 spent annually by the United Jewish Charities for the care of consumptives, and the unexcelled clinic which we run, are accomplishing their ends. As an evidence of what utter neglect can accomplish, let me say that among the negroes, who are not so numerous as Jews, the deaths were 12, or sixteen times the number of Jews.

If the death rate from tuberculosis of all people in Cincinnati were no larger than among Jews, it would mean a saving of 780 lives a year.

The figures here given are absolutely accurate, taken from the official records of the Health Department.

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The following figures of collections and expense of administration of our Federation should prove conclusively to the most confirmed skeptic the advantages of this mode of collecting charitable contributions. In the year 1910 the Federation collected from 3767 subscribers $90,901, against which the cost of collecting for same was $7434, against which the cost of collecting for same was $7524.47, or 8.36 per cent; in 1912, from 2620 subscribers, $132,421, expense $10,607, or 8.07 per cent; in 1913, from 6885 subscribers, $160,000, expense $18,902, or 8.62 per cent; and in 1914, $132,421, expense $7524.47, or 5.6 per cent.

It is quite certain that if the New York charitable associations were to federate, there would be a very considerable saving in administrative expenses, and overlapping and duplication of work would be gradually done away with.

**Worcester to Organize**

The following frank and pointed appeal was issued in Worcester, Mass., preparatory to a meeting for the purpose of discussing the organization of the Jewish Charities of that city:

"An important step is about to be taken in the Worcester Jewish community, with respect to its charitable activities. It is a movement to combine the various charitable societies under one big head, to be known as The United Hebrew Charities. It is a step that Worcester should have taken many years ago.

"The Jewish charity in this city has been administered by eight or ten different societies, all working without organization, without system and without efficiency; each duplicating the work of the other. Thousands and thousands of dollars are spent each year in this manner, and there is no question but that a large part of it has been absolutely wasted.

"The Jewish community here is growing rapidly, and with that growth comes also a larger percentage of poor people who are more or less dependent upon that community. The need, therefore, for a systematic administration of that charity has become imperative. Other cities have long ago awakened to this need and have organized this work on a business basis.

"Have you ever stopped to realize that heretofore practically all the charitable work has been done under the direction of women? The men have been satisfied to supply the money, and to sit back and leave the actual work to them. Not that we are criticizing their work. It has been done remarkably well under the circumstances, but now that the need and the work have reached such large proportions, it is necessary that men of affairs take hold of it; business men, who, if they would become interested in this work, organize it properly, and apply to it the same methods and the business ability that has made them successful in their own line of endeavor, would make the money donated to charity go twice as far. This is no exaggeration. It has been demonstrated in other cities.

"We are therefore addressing you, sir, to interest you in this important undertaking. There will be a meeting of the leading Jewish men of the community for the discussion of this proposition on Tuesday evening, January 19th, at 8 o'clock, in the committee room of the Chamber of Commerce, 1 Foster Street. We want you to be there and give us the benefit of your ideas and your experience, and we trust that you will not let any petty politics or personal enmities you may have retard you that we are criticising their work. It has been done remarkably well under the circumstances, but now that the need and the work have reached such large proportions, it is necessary that men of affairs take hold of it; business men, who, if they would become interested in this work, organize it properly, and apply to it the same methods and the business ability that has made them successful in their own line of endeavor, would make the money donated to charity go twice as far. This is no exaggeration. It has been demonstrated in other cities.

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