

PROGRAM OF BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

(Subject to Change)

FIRST SESSION, SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1915, at 8.30 P. M.

Mrs. HENRY MOSKOWITZ, Chairman.

Address of Welcome, Dr. Harry Friedenwald, President of Federated Jewish Charities, and Dr. Jacob H. Hollander, former President National Conference of Jewish Charities.

Presidential Address, David M. Bressler.

"Newer Methods of Adjusting Industrial Disputes"

(a) The Protocol.

(b) A Modern Conception of the Employer's Responsibility to Employees.

Papers—(a) Mr. A. V. Williams; (b) Mr. A. Lincoln Filene.*Discussion*—Mr. S. B. Sonneborn, Baltimore.

SECOND SESSION, MONDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 10, 1915, at 2.30 P. M.

Miss MINNIE F. LOW, Chairman.

(1) "How Do Jewish Settlements Differ From Settlements in General?"

(2) "What Should Be the Attitude of a Jewish Settlement Toward Nationalism and Allied Jewish Questions?"

Papers—(1) Mr. Walter Leo Solomon; (2) (a) Dr. Israel Friedlander, (b) Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser.*Discussion*—Mr. Oscar Leonard, Mr. Isaac Aaronson, Mr. Philip L. Seman.

THIRD SESSION, MONDAY, MAY 10, 1915, at 8.30 P. M.

Dr. LEE K. FRANKEL, Chairman.

(1) "Should Schools For the Training of Jewish Social Workers Be Established?"

(2) "What Should Be the Entrance Requirements and Curriculum For Such Schools?"

Papers—(a) Dr. Ludwig B. Bernstein; (b) Dr. S. Benderly.*Discussion*—Dr. Boris D. Bogen, Mr. Charles Strull, Mr. George Ellman.

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1915, at 2.30 P. M.

AUTOMOBILE RIDE to Jewish Home for Consumptives.

FOURTH SESSION, TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1915, at 8.30 P. M.

Miss SADIE AMERICAN, Chairman.

"Newer Developments in the Treatment of Tubercular Dependents."

Paper—Dr. Maurice Fishberg.*Discussion*—Dr. Sidney Goldstein, Mr. Garfield A. Berlinsky, Mr. Edward Hochhauser.

FIFTH SESSION, WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1915, at 2.30 P. M.

TRANSPORTATION RULES

MORRIS D. WALDMAN, Chairman.

Paper—Garfield A. Berlinsky.*Discussion*—Mr. A. S. Newman, Mr. Samuel B. Kaufman, Mr. Charles Strull, Mr. Julius Goldman, Mr. H. Joseph Hyman, Mr. Charles I. Cooper.

ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION

Tuesday, May 11, 1915, at 10.30 A. M. Wednesday, May 12, 1915, at 10.30 A. M.

(1) "To What Extent Have Present Conditions Increased Dependency in Your Community?"

Miss Frances Taussig, Chairman.

(2) "How Did Your Community Meet the Employment Problem During the Past Winter?"

Mr. Joseph Gedalecia, Chairman.

(3) "How Has State Aid to Widows Affected the Jewish Relief Situation in Your Cities?"

Chairman—(Open)

(4) "Is Delinquency Among Jewish Children Increasing in Your Community, and What Are the Characteristic Offenses?"

Mr. Alexander Kaminsky, Chairman.

(5) "What Will Be the Effect of the War on Immigration to This Country?"

Mr. David M. Bressler, Chairman.

THE PALESTINE RELIEF SHIP

Ever since the outbreak of the war Palestine has been threatened with famine. This was not due alone to the fact that the large, dependent population in Palestine was cut off from its normal sources of financial support, but also because of the suspension of shipping, making it impossible to import foods into Palestine as in normal times. Without a Hinterland, Palestine was forced to subsist on the store of provisions still left in the country. When Turkey entered the war the large requisitioning of supplies for military purposes diminished the already small supply on hand.

When, late in January, alarming reports reached the Provisional Zionist Committee of the deplorable situation existing in Palestine, a committee composed of Mr. Louis D. Brandeis, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. J. L. Magnes called on the State Department. Assurances were given that the United States Government would assist as far as possible in the efforts to alleviate the distressful condition in Palestine. An appeal was then made to the American Jewish Relief Committee asking it to co-operate in the sending of a shipload of food to Palestine. It immediately appropriated from its funds \$25,000. To this the Provisional Zionist Committee added \$25,000, the Central Relief Committee \$10,000, Jacob H. Schiff \$25,000, and Nathan Straus \$50,000. About \$25,000 additional was pledged from other sources, including \$10,000 from the American Red Cross, \$5,000 from Andrew Carnegie and \$5,000 from the I. O. B. B.

When the committee in charge of the relief ship started negotiations for a steamer to carry supplies to Palestine, it soon found that \$160,000 was insufficient to load a ship with food for Palestine. The charter cost of a vessel alone would have been more than \$75,000, and it looked very much as though a separate steamer would be an impossibility.

On February 15th the good news came from Washington that the Navy Department was sending the collier "Vulcan" to Oriental waters with coal for the American men-of-war the "Tennessee" and the "North Carolina," and that one hold with a capacity of approximately 900 tons would be placed at the disposal of the Jewish Relief

Committee. The Zionist organization immediately communicated by telegram and letter with more than 250 of its representatives throughout the country and arrangements were made to collect provisions and money to load the 900 tons on the "Vulcan." The response from the public was instantaneous and generous. The larger cities sent carloads of provisions; the smaller cities sent cash. In all, the Provisional Zionist Committee collected in less than a month more than \$30,000 in provisions and \$10,000 in cash. The local committees of the American Jewish Relief Committee and the various lodges of the I. O. B. B. assisted in these collections.

The "Vulcan," which sailed from Philadelphia on Sunday morning, March 14th, carried more than 2,000,000 pounds of food, valued at \$80,000. The principal cargo was flour, but there were also large quantities of rice, sugar, beans, cereals, coffee, tea, canned goods and medicines. On the "Vulcan" are two representatives of the Provisional Zionist Committee and the American Jewish Relief Committee, Mr. Louis H. Levin, secretary of the Federated Jewish Charities of Baltimore, who is in charge of the shipment, and assisting him is Dr. Samuel Lewin-Epstein of New York. Mr. Levin carries a commission from the State Department appointing him special agent to assist Ambassador Morgenthau, and specifically charged with the distribution of the food supplies for the population of Palestine. It must be mentioned here that the Jewish relief organizations have, from the very beginning, included among the beneficiaries of the distribution of food all residents of Palestine, Moslems, Christians and Jews alike.

Mr. Levin, by virtue of the authority vested in him by the relief organizations and the State Department, is empowered to take complete control of the distribution of the foods, to audit the financial accounts of the relief committees there, to investigate the actual economic conditions in Palestine and to arrange such permanent organizations in Palestine as he may find necessary and advisable. The Zionist organization has sent instructions to its representatives in Palestine, directing them to

place their entire organization and staff at the service of Mr. Levin.

The French and British Governments have given their permission, assuring safe conduct for the food. The Turkish Government has also agreed not to requisition any of this relief shipment of food. It is quite certain then that these 900 tons of food will reach Palestine safely about April 10th, and distribution will begin immediately thereafter. It is estimated that this will be sufficient, by the exercise of great economy, for three months.

Extremely remarkable and pleasing was the deep interest displayed by the State and Navy Departments and the untiring efforts of the officers and crew of the "Vulcan." The gratitude of the population of Palestine and of the Jews in this country will be everlasting to those who have assisted in making this shipment possible.

Washington Y. W. H. A.

On January 10, 1915, the formal opening of the Young Women's Hebrew Association, which is located at 1330 Tenth Street, Northwest, took place.

The Club, as planned, will fill a long-felt want in this city, as it will be conducted on generously humanitarian lines—in fact, it will be as nearly as possible a real home for those Jewish girls who take advantage of its facilities. Dormitories are provided for the accommodation of transients and permanent residents. It is in immediate charge of a matron, who will treat the residents with all kindness and motherliness. Only a nominal charge is made for the use of the dormitories, as this is distinctly not a financial enterprise on the part of the Association, but one of genuine charity and fraternity—that of providing a home for homeless working girls or strangers in the city. Large donations have already been received from various sources, several rooms being completely furnished by that means.

The Association has outlined a plan of work for its members which greatly broadens the scope and field of its operations. Classes have been organized in several lines of educational work, including classes in English, German, domestic science, dress-

making, social endeavor, elocution and dancing. The Association also plans to provide a gymnasium for the use of its members and to conduct an employment bureau.

A Junior Auxiliary to the Association has also been formed for girls ranging in ages between 13 and 17 years.

The officers of the Association are: Mrs. E. Simons, president; Miss Bertha Clepatch, vice-president; Miss Anna Cooper, recording secretary; Frances Keroes, financial secretary, and Miss Sadie Atles, sergeant-at-arms.

Henrietta E. Spiegelblatt.

Work for Girls

As a result of a special meeting called by prominent women of New York representing the Young Women's Hebrew Association, two workrooms will be opened at once for the employment of Jewish girls out of work. The chairman of the meeting, Mrs. Alexander Kohut, told the women gathered in Temple Emanu-El, Fifth Avenue and Forty-third Street, that work four days a week will be obtained for these girls. They will be paid not less than \$3 a week. Their day will begin at half-past ten in the morning, ending early enough in the afternoon to have time after their day's work there to seek regular employment.

Mrs. Morris Loeb offered the use of a loft for the work, and no time will be lost in putting it in order. The women agreed to subscribe nickels and dimes to a fund to pay the carfare and telephone expenses of the girls looking for work. The chairman urged those at the meeting to give 75 cents a week for ten weeks to help take care of those girls who do not find regular work.

One of the speakers was Chamberlain Bruere, who announced that the Mayor's committee now trying to find a solution of the unemployment problem will do everything in its power to bring together, under one secretary, groups which are struggling with the same question.

Delegates who are coming to Baltimore will please send their names in to "Jewish Charities" at once.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

OF THE

42nd National Conference of Charities and Correction

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

May 12th—19th, 1915

The Conference itself consists of nine committees, each committee with a distinct social or charitable problem. With allied conferences and association meetings, eleven halls will be required to house its sessions.

Children

Chairman, C. C. Carstens, Secretary Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Boston; Vice-Chairman, Henry W. Thurston, School of Philanthropy, New York.

GENERAL SESSION:

A Community Plan in Children's Work, Report of the Committee.
The Welfare Responsibilities of the School, ———.

SECTION MEETINGS:

- (1) Round Table: "Case Work Problems of Illegitimacy."
- (2) A Study of Results:
 - (a) Of a Child Placing Society, J. Prentice Murphy, General Secretary Children's Aid Society, Boston.
 - (b) Of Institutional Care, Wm. J. Doherty, Secretary Catholic Home Bureau for Dependent Children, New York.
- (3) The Reaction of Children's Case Work in the Development of the Constructive and Preventive Work of a Community.
 - (a) Law Enforcement.
 - (b) Development of Standards Through Legislation.
 - (c) Removal of Degrading Causes.
 - (d) Organizing a Community's Resources.
 - (e) A Search for Fundamentals Causing Family Breakdowns.
- (4) Child Protection:
 - (a) The Further Development of the Humane Societies and of Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.
 - (b) The Relation of Private Societies to Juvenile Courts and to State Bureaus of Protection.
- (5) Infant Mortality:

(The consideration of some phase of the subject is being planned in conjunction with the American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality.)

Corrections

Chairman, Demarchus C. Brown, Member Board of State Charities, Indianapolis, Ind.; Vice-Chairman, Joseph P. Byers, President Prison Association, Commissioner of Charities and Corrections of New Jersey.

GENERAL SESSION:

The Toronto Plan, J. T. Gilmour, Warden Central Prison, Toronto.
The Parole Law Affecting Prisoners Sentenced to County Jails, Judge A. C. Backus, Milwaukee.
The Present Condition of Convict Camps in the South, ———.

SECTION MEETINGS:

- (1) Payments to Prisoners:
 - (a) The Payment of Wages to Workhouse Prisoners, K. L. Schreiber, Board of Public Welfare, Kansas City, Mo.
 - (b) Payment, and the Development of Schemes for Payment, to Prisoners on the Basis of Service Rendered, ———.
- (2) Treatment of Inebriety:
 - (a) The Practical Treatment of Inebriety in a State Institution, Dr. Irwin H. Neff, Superintendent Foxborough State Hospital, Massachusetts.
 - (b) Inebriety and Crime, Dr. G. Milton Linthicum, Baltimore.
- (3) Police Department and the Society Problem.

Education for Social Work

Chairman, Porter R. Lee, School of Philanthropy, New York; Vice-Chairman, Miss Edith Abbott, School of Civics and Philanthropy, Chicago.

GENERAL SESSION:

Profession of Social Work, Report by Chairman.
Brief addresses by representatives of the four professions: law, medicine, teaching, the ministry.

SECTION MEETINGS:

- (1) The Curriculum of the Professional School, Edward T. Devine, Director School of Philanthropy, New York.
Discussion opened by Jeffrey R. Brackett, Director School for Social Workers, Boston; Graham Taylor, President School of Civics and Philanthropy, Chicago.
- (2) Field Work, Miss Edith Abbott.
Discussion opened by Miss Zilpha D. Smith, School for Social Workers, Boston.
- (3) Round Table: School Problems.

The Family and The Community

Chairman, R. M. Little, Secretary Society for Organizing Charity, Philadelphia; Vice-Chairman, Miss Amelia Sears, Director Cook County Department of Welfare, Chicago.

GENERAL SESSION:

The Family and the Community in the Year 1915.

SECTION MEETINGS:

- (1) Case Work Fundamental in Social Effort, Miss Mary E. Richmond, Charity Organization Department Russell Sage Foundation, New York.
A second speaker selected from the hospital social service field.
- (2) Psychology of Co-operation.
- (3) Recreation.
- (4) Round Table: Tests of the Social Worker's Efficiency.
(The American Association of Societies for Organizing Charity will hold an afternoon meeting after the National Conference has convened. Topic—"Maintaining Standards of Work in Times of Stress.")

Health

Chairman, Richard C. Cabot, M. D., Boston; Vice-Chairman, Charles P. Emerson, M. D., Dean of the Indiana University College of Medicine, Indianapolis.

GENERAL SESSION:

Social Responsibility of the Hospital.
Duties of a Hospital to the Public Health, William H. Welch, M. D., Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.
Chairman's Report.
Discussion: Miss Katherine Tucker, New York, and others.

SECTION MEETINGS:

- (1) Newer Hospital Responsibilities:
A Pay Clinic for Persons of Moderate Means, ———.
- (2) The Distinction Between "Intensive Cases" and "Short Service Cases" in Hospital Social Work:
Round Table.
- (3) Social Education of the Physician:
(a) What Doctors Don't Know About Social Hygiene, Joseph Lee, Boston.
(b) Social Education of the Medical Student, Charles P. Emerson, M. D., Indianapolis.
Discussion: Miss Ida M. Cannon, and others.

Public and Private Charities

Chairman, George S. Wilson, Secretary Board of Charities of the District of Columbia, Washington, D. C.; Vice-Chairman, Charles R. Henderson, University of Chicago, Chicago.

GENERAL SESSION:

Outdoor Relief, Report of Committee, Chairman.
Outdoor Relief with Special Reference to the Rural Sections of the Country, Amos W. Butler, Secretary Board of State Charities, Indianapolis.
Outdoor Relief in the United States with the Consideration of Some of the Lessons to be Drawn from European Experiences, Charles R. Henderson.

SECTION MEETINGS:

- (1) The Policy of Granting State Subsidies to Private Charities, Edward T. Devine, Director, New York School of Philanthropy.
- (2) The Policy of Granting State Charters to Private Charities, Robert W. Kelso, Secretary State Board of Charity, Boston.
- (3) Round Table: Methods and Principles in the Administration of Outdoor Relief. Stress will be laid upon the increasing magnitude and importance of public charity work. The need for effective co-operation between public and private charities will be emphasized.

Social Hygiene

Chairman, Mrs. Martha P. Falconer, Superintendent Girls' Department, Glen Mills' Schools, Darlington, Pa.; Vice-Chairman, William F. Snow, M. D., Secretary American Social Hygiene Association, New York.

GENERAL TOPIC:

How Shall We Prevent Prostitution?

GENERAL SESSION:

- Educational:
- (a) A Survey of Educational Work, Katherine B. Davis, Commissioner of Correction, New York.
 - (b) The Next Steps to be Taken, ———.

SECTION MEETINGS:

- (1) Protective:
(a) Protective League Work, Maude E. Miner, Secretary Probation and Protective Association, New York.
(b) The Rural Community and Prostitution, C. C. Carstens, Secretary Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Boston.
- (2) Scientific:
(a) The Essentials of Specific Investigation in This Field, ———.
(b) Scientific Studies of Prostitution, ———.
The Chairman is planning a round table discussion on the value of plays and moving pictures whose subject matter is social hygiene.
The Chairman would recall the fact that in 1912 the subject under discussion by the committee was "What do we know?"; in 1913, "How shall we educate the public?"; in 1914, "How shall we suppress prostitution?"

Social Legislation

Chairman, Henry R. Seager, Columbia University, New York; Vice-Chairman, John R. Commons, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

GENERAL SESSION:

Unemployment, Causes and Remedies, Chairman.
The Function of Free Public Employment Officers, ———.

SECTION MEETINGS:

- (1) Child Labor in Maryland.
(Program is being arranged in consultation with Maryland Child Labor Committee.)
- (2) Shifting of Taxation to Land as a Means of Relieving Congestion and Poverty, Frederick C. Leubuscher, President Lower Rents Society, New York.
- (3) Need and Practibility of Illness Insurance in the United States, ———.

State Care of the Insane, Feeble-minded and Epileptics

Chairman, Walter E. Fernald, M. D., Superintendent Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded, Waverly; Vice-Chairman, W. C. Van Noy, M. D., Superintendent Ind. Village for Epileptics, New Castle.

GENERAL SESSION:

What is Practicable in the Way of Prevention of Mental Defect and Disease?
Report of the Chairman.
Where Should the Problem be Attacked? Adolf Meyer, M. D., Phipps Psychiatric Clinic of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.
The Prevention of Feeble-mindedness, a Problem Yet Unsolved, Bleecker Van Wagenen.

SECTION MEETINGS:

- (1) Field Work an Indispensable Aid to Psychiatric Practice, C. B. Davenport, M. D., Cold Spring Harbor, New York.
Available Fields for Research and Prevention in Mental Defect, M. G. Schlapp, M. D., New York Clearing House for Mental Defectives.
- (2) The Relation of Mental Defect to the Neglected, Dependent and Delinquent Children of New Hampshire, Mrs. Lillian Streeter, Concord, Chairman of the State Children's Commission.
H. H. Goddard, Ph. D., the Training School, Vineland, N. J.; Martin W. Barr, M. D., Superintendent Pennsylvania School for the Feeble-minded, Elwyn; Walter S. Cornell, M. D., Philadelphia, and Amos W. Butler, Secretary Board of State Charities, Indianapolis, Ind., have also accepted the Chairman's request to take part in a program that will be a "foreword on the reasons for research and prevention" in this field. The order in which the topics are to be presented is subject to revision.

HEADQUARTERS—HOTEL BELVEDERE