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# Annual Report

1948-49

FRIENDS OF  
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

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## Annual Report

**A**LTHOUGH the financial statement included in this report only covers the period from 1st October, 1948 to 30th September, 1949, the present report reviews the work of the Friends up to 1st April, 1950.

### OBITUARY

The Friends record the death during the year of two Vice-Presidents, Prof. Harold Laski and Sir Frederick Ogilvie. Our sense of loss by the death of Prof. Laski is enhanced by the fact that he was to go to Jerusalem this summer to give lectures in the Department of Political and Social Sciences. He had expressed his desire to do that when speaking at a meeting of the Friends in North London last year, and everybody in the University was eagerly looking forward to his visit. We must also put on record our feeling of loss by the death of Dr. Eliash, the Israel Minister, who had shown himself a steadfast and valuable friend during his year in England. Besides his speeches at the Legal and Medical Dinners, mentioned later, he had attended several other meetings given by the Friends, and shortly before his death had been present at our Annual Ball in London. With everyone concerned with the relations of Israel and England, we mourn the untimely loss of a diplomat, a scholar and a loyal Jew who had done much by his personality and his devotion to bring about understanding between the two peoples.

The University has lost another devoted Friend in Mrs. Samson Wright, the wife of the Vice-Chairman, Professor Samson Wright. For many years she had given selfless service to our cause.

### THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

It was noted in the last Annual Report that the new academic term was opened in April 1949. Teaching had been suspended during the whole of 1948 and the winter term of 1948-49, because the students had been mobilised for the defence of Israel. But for the summer term of 1949 a considerable number of students were released from the Forces. The University was throughout the year, and still is, exiled from its home on Mount Scopus. Though



the University buildings as well as the University-Hadassah Hospital are occupied by Jewish police and workmen, the road to Scopus from Jewish Jerusalem leads through the Arab lines, and no agreement has yet been reached with the Kingdom of Jordan on the opening of the road. The work of the University has had to be carried on in a score of temporary buildings in the town, But it goes on with extraordinary energy and faith.



STUDENTS AT TERRA SANCTA

During the winter term of the academic year, 1949-50, the number of students rose to nearly 1,500, many of whom come from Western countries. They include a number of young men who had volunteered from abroad to fight with the Army of Israel. There is a small group from England, and the University has attracted too, new teachers from this country.

#### ENGLISH PART IN THE UNIVERSITY

In the past the Faculty of Humanities included Prof. Leon Roth who holds the Achad Ha'am Chair of Philosophy ; Prof. Norman



Bentwich who has the Weizmann Chair of International Relations ; and Mr. Mendilow and Mr. Lever who are Lecturers in the Department of English. The Science Faculty had Prof. Saul Adler who was appointed for the year 1948-49 Dean of the Pre-Faculty of Medicine. Last year Prof. John Cohen of London University, formerly head of the Department of Psychology of Leeds University, was appointed to the Chair of Psychology, and Dr. Solly Cohen of Cambridge University became Lecturer in Physics. The Registrar of the new Faculty of Medicine is Dr. Camrass who comes from Glasgow. Miss Margulies of Cambridge University was appointed as an Instructor of English language and literature.

It is notable, too, that the direction of the Hebrew University has passed in great measure to Jews from the English community.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors, held in May 1949, Prof. Selig Brodetsky was elected as President ; and Sir Leon Simon, who since 1946 had been Chairman of the Executive Council in Jerusalem, became Chairman of the Board of Governors, following the President of Israel, Dr. Weizmann. Prof. Leon Roth, who during the world war had been Rector of the Hebrew University for a period of three years, was elected Dean of the Faculty of Humanities for the current year.

#### NEW FACULTIES

Two new Faculties were established in the period under review. The Faculty of Medicine has developed out of the pre-Faculty established in the early period of the second world war. The medical courses for undergraduates were inaugurated, during the summer term of 1949 in what had been a wing of the Palestine Government Hospital ; and there was a festive celebration at which the Prime-Minister of Israel, Mr. David Ben Gurion, spoke. In November 1949 a Faculty of Law was opened and attracted at once over 200 students. It includes two English Lecturers : Mr. Henry Baker, who is also a member of the Ministry of Justice in Israel, and the Chairman of the English Friends. They lecture on the history and principles of English Law and the application of that law in Israel. During the winter term Dr. David Daube, Lecturer in Roman Law at Cambridge University, was invited to visit Jerusalem, and gave a course on Roman Law and its relation to Jewish Law.





THE PRIME MINISTER, DAVID BEN-GURION, AT THE OPENING OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL  
IN JERUSALEM

Another link between the University and the English community was forged in the summer of 1949, when courses were arranged in Jerusalem for parties of students and teachers. A group of teachers from England, headed by Mr. Gertner, took part in a Hebrew course.

The Information Department of the University, which is under the direction of the Rev. Bernard Cherrick, the former Director of the Jewish National Fund in England, was strengthened by the appointment of Mr. Jehuda Goodman, who was one of the heads of the Habonim movement in this country.

#### WORK OF THE FRIENDS IN ENGLAND

In last year's Annual Report, it was mentioned that the English Friends undertook their first public campaign for funds during the year 1948-49. Dr. Alec Lerner was the Chairman of the Campaign Committee. The campaign was opened by a representative Dinner under the chairmanship of Prof. Norman Bentwich in November, 1948, and was followed by a large number of meetings in London and in the Provinces. Throughout the campaign we had the valuable help of the Rev. Bernard Cherrick.

Among the numerous functions which were held in the course of the campaign special mention must be made of a Dinner arranged by the Manchester Friends under the chairmanship of Alderman A. Moss, with Mrs. Lorna Wingate and the Rev. Bernard Cherrick



as the main speakers ; and a meeting in the house of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosenthal in Leeds.

The general activities of the Friends expanded in many directions.

In May 1949 the new Bradford Branch held its first University Dinner and Ball under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, with Dr. and Mrs. S. Segal as guests of honour.

A Dinner was given by the Legal Group in May, 1949, under the chairmanship of the Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Cohen, in honour of the late Dr. Eliash, soon after his appointment as the Israel



LORD JUSTICE COHEN ADDRESSING THE GATHERING. ON HIS RIGHT IS THE LATE DR. MORDECHAI ELIASH, ON HIS LEFT (IN ORDER) THE MARQUIS OF READING, LADY COHEN, SIR WILLIAM FITZGERALD, K.C., MRS. NORMAN BENTWICH AND PROFESSOR SIR A. GOODHART, K.C.

Minister to England, and with the purpose of securing funds for the Law Faculty. The speakers at the Dinner included : Dr. M. Eliash, the Marquess of Reading, Mr. R. F. Levy, Sir William Fitzgerald (late Chief-Justice of Palestine), Prof. Norman Bentwich, Prof. Arthur Goodhart, and Mr. V. Mishcon. The speech which was made by Dr. Eliash on the connection of English Law with the Law of Israel made a deep impression. From the contributions, £500 were allocated for the purchase of legal books, and £300 for the salary of the external lecturer on the History of English Law. The covenanted contributions will be used for the



purpose of sending a distinguished English Professor of Law to Jerusalem from time to time as a visiting lecturer.

The Medical Group organised a Dinner in celebration of the opening of the Medical Faculty of the University in July, 1949, under the Chairmanship of Professor Samson Wright. The speakers included : Dr. M. Eliash, Professor Sir Henry Cohen, Dr. Redcliffe N. Salaman and Dr. A. Felix. This function also brought considerable contributions to the Friends of the Hebrew University for the Medical School.

#### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Friends were able to obtain from the Jewish Colonization Association for the year 1948-49 a much increased contribution, amounting to a capital grant of £5,000 towards the Agricultural Department and a further grant of £3,000 towards the general fund of the University.

Mr. S. S. Perry, who several years ago had made a donation of £30,000 to the University for Biblical Studies, made an additional grant of £4,000.

The Trustees of the Humanitarian Trust made a special grant of £4,500 towards the re-equipment of the Cancer Research Institute.

In addition, the Friends had the active support of several charitable organisations :—

The D.C.O. (Deserving Charities Organisation, President : Louis J. Mintz, Esq., Chairman : Jack Swerdlin, Esq.) arranged a Variety Show at the London Palladium for the University, the proceeds of which amounted to £2,728 11s. 0d.

The University received, also, grants of £100 each from the Egerton Aid Committee (President : Mrs. Sarah A. Winter, Chairman : Alfred Kleiman, Esq.), and from the Straight 8 Aid Society (Chairman : Joseph Steinberg, Esq.).

The Junior Three C's (Chairman : A. Pelican, Esq.) held a Ball in aid of the University and made a contribution of £1,300.

At the beginning of the new financial year particular stress was laid on the activities in the provinces. In October our Brighton and Hove Branch was honoured by Sir Henry and Lady 'dAvigdor Goldsmid who were the principal guests of their first University Ball, which was used to intensify their membership drive. In December 1949, a Dinner was held in Birmingham with Lady Hartog and Dr. Alec Lerner as the main speakers. In the same month the Cardiff Branch arranged a successful Concert and a



## Summary of Cash Account for the

	RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
BALANCES—1ST OCTOBER 1948							
Current Account .. ..		1,707	6	0			
W. Zander "A" Account .. ..		485	14	6			
Petty Cash .. ..		8	10	8			
					2,201	11	2
SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, PROCEEDS OF FUNCTIONS & CAMPAIGN INCLUDING PAYMENTS UNDER COVENANTS & INCOME TAX REFUNDED—							
(1) For Hebrew University—							
General Budget	£46,187 16 7						
Agricultural Department per I.C.A. .. ..	5,000 0 0						
Medical Faculty Group .. ..	1,728 19 5						
Legal Group .. ..	1,258 16 4						
Other specified purposes .. ..	4,605 13 7						
		58,781	5	11			
(2) Daniel Sieff Institute .. ..		13,381	4	2			
(3) Haifa Technical Institute .. ..		959	12	8			
					73,122	2	9
REMITTANCES FROM SOUTH AFRICAN " FRIENDS " .. ..							
					32,500	0	0
AMOUNT PAID DIRECT TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY—per contra .. ..							
					3,000	0	0

I have audited the above Account with the books and vouchers of " Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem", London, and certify it to be correct in accordance therewith.

(signed) D. ROTH  
Chartered Accountant  
Hon. Auditor

30th May 1950

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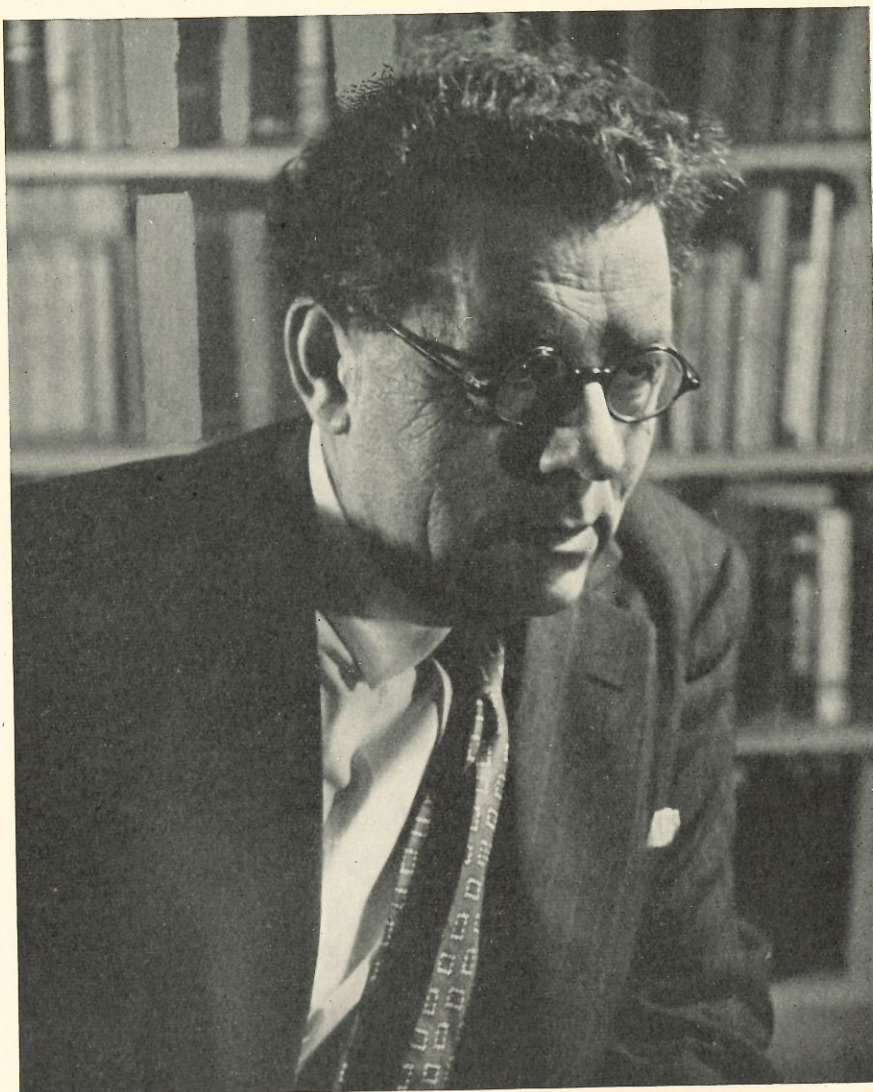
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## Year ended 30th September, 1949

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
REMITTANCES TO & PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF							
(1) Hebrew University							
General Budget							
and specified							
purposes ..	£50,509	4	7				
Direct remittance							
contra per	3,000	0	0				
				53,509	4	7	
(2) Daniel Sieff Institute .. ..				15,886	15	2	
(3) Haifa Technical Institute .. ..				90	0	0	
					69,485	19	9
REMITTANCES TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY ON BEHALF OF SOUTH AFRICAN " FRIENDS "					32,500	0	0
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES—							
Premium paid for lease of offices at							
97 Baker Street .. ..				550	0	0	
Office Furniture and Fittings .. ..				204	12	3	
Salaries and National Insurance .. ..				3,800	1	7	
Rent, Rates, Lighting, Heating and							
Cleaning .. ..				485	1	3	
Printing and Stationery including Annual							
Report .. ..				722	16	10	
Postages .. ..				331	8	10	
Telephone and Cables .. ..				180	0	6	
Provincial Travelling, local fares, allow-							
ances and incidentals .. ..				1,117	17	5	
Expenses of Meetings .. ..				126	18	0	
Office Expenses and Sundries .. ..				294	13	7	
				7,813	10	3	
Deduct : Contribution by Daniel Sieff							
Institute towards Administra-							
tion Expenses .. ..				100	0	0	
					7,713	10	3
Stamp Duty on Covenants .. ..						86	14
							0
GRANT TO M. VERETE FOR SCHOLARSHIP ..				250	0	0	
Deduct : Contributed by A. J. A. ..				100	0	0	
					150	0	0
BALANCES—30TH SEPTEMBER 1949							
Current Account .. ..				256	17	4	
W. Zander "A" Account .. ..				547	18	6	
Petty Cash .. ..				82	14	1	
					887	9	11
					£110,823	13	11





PROFESSOR E. L. SUKENIK

Head of the Department of Palestinian Archaeology at the Hebrew University

Ball was organised in Bournemouth with Sir George Knight and The Rev. Dr. A. Cohen as guests of honour. In January a Dinner was given in Glasgow in honour of Prof. Sir Henry Cohen, under the chairmanship of Mr. Benno Schotz.

New Groups were formed in Hull, Leicester, Westcliff and Swansea.

The Cambridge branch, which had been inactive for some years, was revived.

The Friends in Manchester arranged a Concert in December which was followed by their Third University Ball in March.

The annual Concert in London, under the dynamic chairmanship of Miss Clariça Davidson, was held at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and the proceeds were shared with the Friends of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

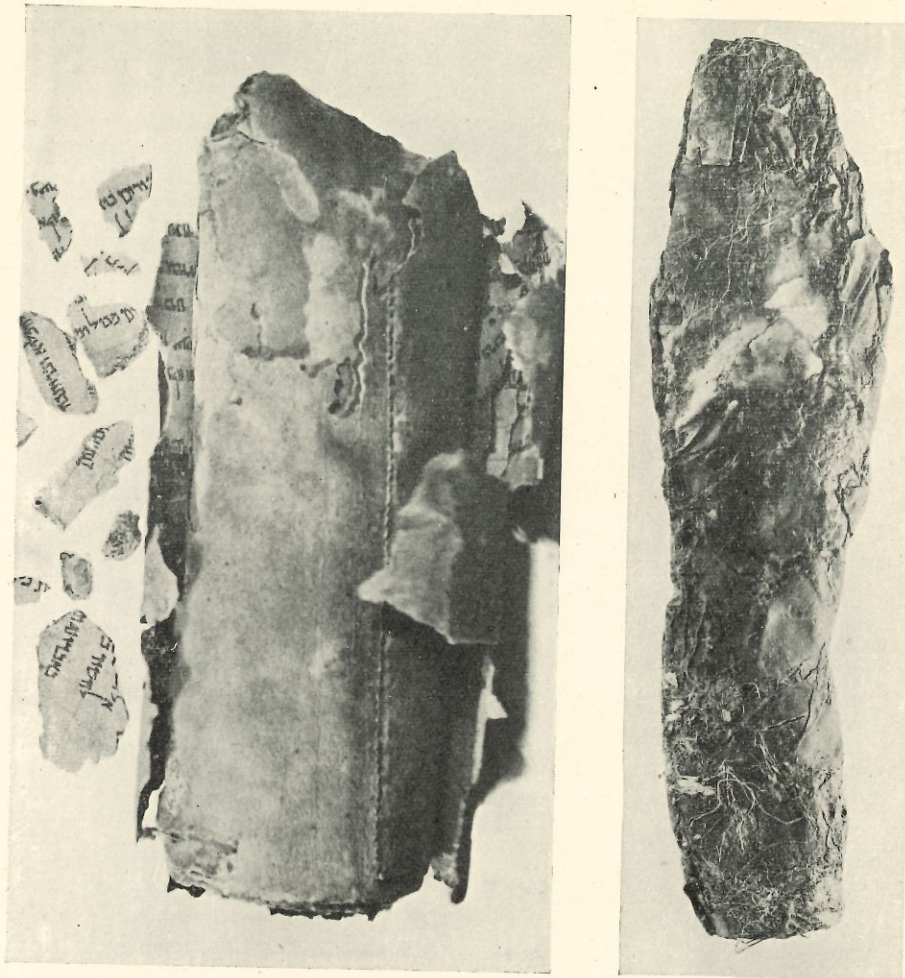
The Fifth Annual Ball in London was organised again by Mrs. Benzion Halper, who, for five years, by her unstinted efforts, has made these balls an outstanding success.

#### PROFESSOR SUKENIK'S VISIT

The most notable feature of the current year was the visit of Prof. E. L. Sukenik, head of the Department of Archæology of the University, who has attained fame by his interpretation of the 2,000-year-old Scrolls that were found in a cave near the Dead Sea. The scrolls comprise a complete codex of the Book of Isaiah, dated before the Christian era, and fragments of a number of other biblical books, still more ancient, and several Hebrew books of the pre-Christian era, which were unknown.

Prof. Sukenik was invited to lecture at the principal universities in Great Britain and Ireland ; dinners and receptions were given in his honour by the Friends in London, Cambridge, Leeds, Belfast, Dublin, Liverpool, Sheffield, Manchester, Swansea, Newport, Cardiff, Newcastle and Oxford. The Israel Legation arranged for a Press Conference, shortly after Prof. Sukenik's arrival in London, and the Gaumont British News took films. The B.B.C. recorded a talk for the Third Programme. His final address was to a crowded meeting organised by the Council of Christians and Jews in Church House, Westminster. He was able to bring to this country an original sheet of the Isaiah Scroll, which was exhibited in the British Museum and aroused widespread interest. His learning and his humour, though he was speaking





TWO OF THE TWENTY ANCIENT SCROLLS

in a foreign tongue, made his lectures extremely popular and won for the University many new Friends. He was tireless in his efforts during his six weeks tour, and the Friends would like to place on record their sense of deep obligation to him. The national and local press paid extraordinary attention to his lectures; and it may be said that hardly anything in the history of our Society has done more to make the work of the University known to the English public.



#### DRAWING ROOM MEETINGS

Since 1st October, 1948, a large number of drawing-room meetings were held in all parts of greater London, and in every case brought new members and special contributions. Mrs. B. Halper held general meetings in her own house and was most untiring and successful in getting Friends to give their houses for these meetings. Those to whom we are indebted for this most important service are : Mr. and Mrs. K. Broer, Dr. and Mrs. M. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Lieberman, Mr. and Mrs. Franz Reizenstein, Mr. and Mrs. S. London, Dr. and Mrs. D. Preiskel, Mr. and Mrs. H. Samuel, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Halevy, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gold, Rev. and Mrs. H. Frydman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Woolf, Mr. and Mrs. J. Steinberg, Mr. and Mrs. I. Phillips, Dr. and Mrs. S. Helberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Skoblo, Dr. and Mrs. S. Sacks, Dr. and Mrs. M. N. Oster, Mr. and Mrs. D. Weitzman, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hillman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. P. Elman, Dr. and Mrs. M. Bendit, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lever, Mr. and Mrs. H. Skolnik, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sieff.

#### OFFICE

Dr. Walter Zander, the Secretary-General of the Friends visited Jerusalem during the summer to become acquainted with the latest developments of the University and to come back with fresh inspiration.

An assistant to Dr. Zander has been appointed : Mr. Kenneth H. Bennett, who was formerly working with the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation. He has been particularly active in organising meetings and functions in a number of provincial branches.

The Friends are indebted to the small staff for their tireless service. The progress of the Society is in largest measure due to the work of Dr. Walter Zander.

The Friends would like to express their gratitude to their Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Roth, Manby & Co. for their generous service in auditing the Society's Accounts throughout the years.

#### CASH ACCOUNT

The income for the year 1948-49 shows a considerable increase over that of the previous year. Payments received for the general budget of the University amounted to £46,187 as compared



with £22,661 in the previous year ; the total income for the University collected in this country amounted to £58,781. To this have to be added £3,000 allotted by the Central British Fund directly to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, so that the total of payments the University received from this country amount to £61,781 as compared with £47,806.

In addition the University received through the Friends £500 Ordinary Shares of the Palestine Corporation Ltd. from Mrs. Helena Davis. It may also be mentioned that Prof. Norman Bentwich, Mr. E. de Rothschild and Mr. W. E. Wolff are holding for the University £1,000 6% Preferential Shares of the British Colonial Furniture Co., Ltd., donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Cohen.

The payments received for the Daniel Sieff Institute amounted to £13,381 as compared with £14,277 in the previous year. The share of the Technion amounts to £966.

The rise in expenditure is the result of the greatly expanded activities and increase of staff.

All remittances to Israel were made under the currency quota granted by the Bank of England.

#### ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The activities of the Friends are in no way limited to the raising of funds. An essential purpose is to bring about understanding and sympathy in this country for all the work of the Hebrew University and to facilitate what may be called intellectual co-operation between Israel and England. Much work has been done in this connection.

The Chairman of the Friends represented the University at the Conference of the International Association of University Professors and Lecturers which was held in Basle in April, 1949. He also represented it at the Centenary Celebrations of Queen's University, Belfast, in October 1949.

#### LIBRARY

The Library Committee, which has the purpose of obtaining books and periodicals for the University and departmental libraries, has been revived after some years of inactivity. We are very grateful to Miss M. Sylvester-Samuel, one of the oldest members of the Council, and to Dr. A. Schweitzer, who has taken on the onerous work of Secretary. Among the gifts of books secured during the year was the Law and Economics library of the late Horace Samuel,

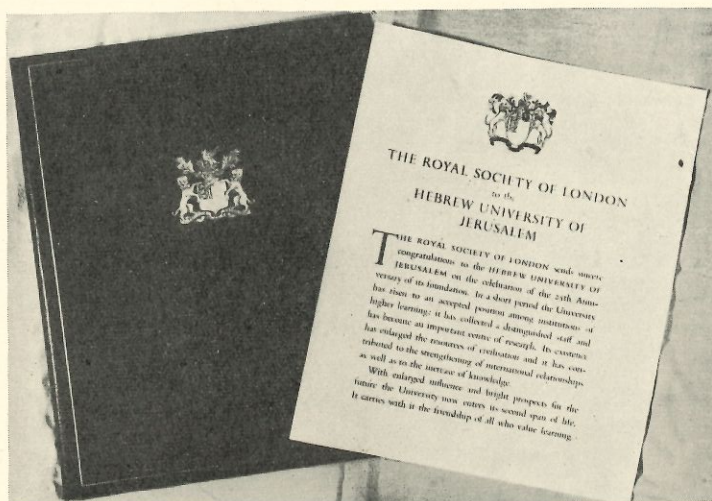


who was a leading advocate in Palestine for many years. The need of obtaining copies of legal and other text-books is particularly great, because the University is still cut off from the use of the greater part of the Library on Mount Scopus, and also because it is extremely difficult for students to buy English text books in Israel. Most welcome help for the Library has been secured through the English Friends from the British Council, which has agreed to loan to the University Library its collection of some 30,000 books in Jerusalem.

As in previous years, the office of the Friends in England has acted as agent for purchasing supplies for the different departments of the University.

#### RESEARCH STUDENTS

The Friends have been administering a number of scholarships for graduates of the Hebrew University for advanced study in England. Two of the graduates who had been pursuing their research in England, Dr. Flaiszer-Talmon, with the help of a grant from the Zangwill Fund, and Mr. Verete, with a grant from the Anglo-Jewish Association, completed their work and returned to Israel. Dr. Flaiszer-Talmon has been appointed Lecturer in Mediæval History ; and the work which is the result of his studies is being published in England.





#### THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of the Friends was changed in view of the enlarged and growing activities and the need for having a small Executive Committee which could help the office with the day-to-day work. The new Constitution, which was adopted at the Annual Meeting in May 1949, provides for a Council with representatives of the principal groups in London and the Provinces.

#### THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The University is celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of its opening on 5th May ; and the Friends will be represented by Dr. Redcliffe N. Salaman, a member of the Board of Governors, Dr. Alec Lerner and the Chairman. The leading organs of the English press as well as the Jewish press have given great attention to the achievement of the University in its first twenty-five years.

#### CONCLUSION

The Friends can look back on a year of steady work and progress and owe a special debt of thanks to all those who have generously given their personal help. We may claim that the Hebrew University has now established itself in the mind of all sections of the English community as one of the most significant institutions of the Jewish people. Its importance is enhanced, outside as well as within Israel, by the creation of the State. It constitutes one of the principal cultural ties of the Jewish people. As its first Chancellor, Dr. Magnes, wrote : " The Jewish people without a University is like a personality without a mind."

At the same time we still have a long way to go to achieve our aim of enrolling in the Society of Friends every Jew and Jewess who feels attachment to Judaism and to Israel. We ought to have 50,000 subscribing Friends. We have not yet reached one fifth of the number. Our aim can be achieved only by the full co-operation of all our present Friends. If each of them would be an apostle to his own circle, the Friends in England could then play their full part in enabling the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to attain its full stature.

NORMAN BENTWICH  
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