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**JEWISH RESTORATION.**

Many others than Jews have felt an interest in the doings of the second Zionist congress which recently closed its session in Basle, Switzerland. The object of the Zionist movement is the restoration of the Jewish people to the land of their forefathers, Palestine. The congress just past is stated to have included over four hundred delegates who are eminent in Jewry in the lands from which they came, and which embraced all the leading countries of the world. Addresses were delivered in English, German, French, Russian, Italian, Hebrew, Polish and Roumanian, full of the hope of restoration. Reports from some Jewish colonies already established showed that the Hebrews returned to their own land took a deep interest in the cultivation of the soil, a calling which they very rarely and reluctantly undertake in other lands.

It was remarked, too, that the present is a favorable time for Jewish aspirations inasmuch as the rulers of the earth seem to be more disposed to toleration and friendship than at former times. The Emperor of Germany has taken a deep interest in the progress of the colony at Jaffa, the port of Jerusalem, which colony was founded by Baron Rothschild. There is no one man who has it so much in his power to further the object of the Zionists as the Sultan of Turkey, and it is significant that for the first time a most friendly telegraphic message was received from him while the congress was in session.

Among the things done at this notable meeting was to authorize the establishment of a bank with a capital of \$10,000,000 in furtherance of the Zionist movement. Of this capital over one million was taken on the spot. Another thing done was the adoption of a national flag, which for the first time flew over the building where the congress met. This we are told will be the actual flag of restored Israel, "the biblical six pointed shield of David in blue on a ground of white."

Baron Rothschild of Paris has undertaken to build a number of great factories in Jerusalem for the employment of Jews. This work is to be assisted and extended by the great bank above alluded to about to be created by the congress. The Jews control a great deal of the capital of the world, and partly from this reason they have great influence at the courts of Europe. They could easily buy Palestine if the Sultan would sell it to them. His financial needs and a little pressure from the friendly powers might yet bring about the transfer.

However events may turn in the future, it appears that the congress closed full of hope and confidence, believing that the time is near at hand when the city and kingdom of David will be again in the possession of the Hebrew people.

There are now six vacant seats in the Commons for which, it is said by elections will be held simultaneously at some time convenient for the electors in the not distant future. Three of these seats are in Ontario, one in P. E. Island and two in Quebec.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Many travellers will agree with the Toronto World in its advocacy of cheaper railway travel, and especially in its contention that the charge for a sleeper ought to be reduced one half. Thousands of travellers sit up all night rather than pay two dollars for a sleeping berth.

Cecil Rhodes appears to be left in a minority in the Cape Colony elections. There is a good deal of excited feeling in South Africa, and for some reason an opinion is abroad that neither President Kruger nor Cecil Rhodes, the opposing leaders, are quite safe from assassination.

The Kingston, Ont. Freeman professes to see signs that Mr. Foster aspires to the Conservative leadership, among the signs being the endorsement of the New Brunswick convention followed by renewed activity on the part of Mr. Foster. But Sir Charles Tupper has not yet retired and is not likely to do so.

When the Kaiser is good he is "very, very good" and when he is bad he is quite otherwise. Just now he is in a most amiable mood towards all that is British witness his congratulations on the fall of Khartum his compliments to British soldiery, and his appointment of his grandmother, Queen Victoria as a German Colonel. This last, though it appears odd, must be the correct thing as the Kaiser is a stickler for military propriety.

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SIR, In a recent number of your valued journal you make the statement that "a Wisconsin physician has put forth a new theory of the circulation of blood."

This may be another case of "history repeating itself" but that eminent phrenologist and physiologist, Prof. O. S. Fowler, of Philadelphia, elucidated that theory most clearly and forcibly at least twenty-five years ago. In his book, Human Science, copyrighted in 1873 he says: "breathing propels the blood." The received theory that the heart propels it is erroneous. Let us show that the blood is not propelled mainly by the heart; next, that it is propelled chiefly by the breath. The advancement made in modern science demands that it be applied *de novo*, to this as well as to all other questions and theories handed down from former generations. Surely we can afford to look new problems squarely in the face and canvass their intrinsic methods."

He then propounds logically and lucidly his theory; arguing that the heart does not contain sufficient muscle to perform the work required at all times from it by the old theory. After giving the scientific calculations of the heart's work he says: "all these estimates refute themselves by their own sheer impossibility. Think of a heart putting forth twenty times more relative energy than an active pedestrian climbing a mountain, and a third more than a racing boatswain's arm, which is ten times as heavy. No, medical savans your theories are preposterous. The office of the heart is to regulate, out off, and admeasure the blood, not to create its propelling power. It's main office is regulatory not propulsive. The lungs not the heart generate this motive power. Medical colleges why have you taught these absurdities so long?"

From the above sentences taken disconnectedly from different parts of his argument it can be seen that the theory appears to have been at the same time new, and that there was no doubt in the Professor's mind of its truth.

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