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## Zion and the Jews

Over $\$ 5,000,000$ has been raised the past year in Ameri ca for the development of Palestine as a Jewish homeland convention of the American Zionists now in session at Phila delphia. Over $\$ 10,000,000$, most of it from America, has now been spent to rebuild Palestine.

The Zionist effort is purely a sentimental one, based up on fiction, tradition and idealism, an effort by an exiled homeless people to realize a dream and provide a homeland It has been cherishred by the orthdox Jews since the destruc were enslaved and scattered by Titus, although Palestine remained the center of Jewish religious thought until the fifth century. Zionism has assumed definite form and pur-
pose in late years as a result of the menace of anti-Semitism

Confusion of race and religion, both bearing the same name, complicates any study of the Jews. Many outsid rated as Jews and yet not of Jewish blood, racially speaking. When Alexander destroyed Tyre, many of the dispersed Phoenicians, who were also Semitic, adopted the Jewish religion, and when Rome destroyed Carthage, many of the surviving Carthagenians did likewise and hence became classified as Jews. These people were the merchants, blood still flows in the dark complexioned, hooknosed Jew who traces his decent to Spain and the Mediterranean countries and still maintains the commercial characteristics of his ancestors.
On the other hand, an entire tribe of Turks adopted the Jewish religion in its migration into Europe and mixed with the Jewish refuges, setling in Poland. Marriage an inter-marriage with the natives of the various countries in
which settlement was forced during hundreds of years of which settlement was forced during hundreds of years of
forced migrations and persecutions, have given the Jews many of the local characteristics of the country of their nativity, so that there is really no homogen
despite the binding influence of religion.

The Jews of ancient Palestine were primitive farmer and nomad herdsmen. They were a poor people and Palesrainfall of that era, before dessication had so advanced disputed for centuries by alien races and civil war raged among tribes. On occasions the entire nation was deported anders. Such only a remnant returning, to mix with in carried on across its borders by Phoenicians and Egyptians with the far east.
Tacturers, instead of farmers. mantle of the ancient Phoenicians much has fallen tho flows in their veins. They are exploiters rather than developers. By training and environment they are unsuited for pioneering and reclaiming the desert. Centuries in life of toil in a semi-tropic region. So it is not surprising that many of the pioneers sent by the Zionists have recorded failure.
The efforts of the Zionists to appropriate Palestine has country, whed with any enthusiasm by the natives of that get along together peacefully despite the fact that they are Mohammedan, Christian and Jewish in religion. Naturally Jews is vieved with invasion of European and American dition, Palestine in rather a small place, 150 miles long, 100 wide at its broadest part, for such a numerous people a he Jews of today.
The world war proved the Jew a patriotic citizen of his armies, showed his gallantry in battle and his genuis aided materially in financing the war. Such a people have easily earned their citizenship in the land of

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