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**D**IRECTLY after the close of the General Election, the Executive of the English Zionist Federation were enabled to publish a collection of replies from Parliamentary Candidates who responded to the question put in the circular of which the text is given below.

A good number of such replies did not, however, come to hand when this pamphlet was first published. Some of the letters it will be seen were written when the heat and bustle of the election had passed away, hence this revised edition of replies in favour of the Zionist Movement.

The list is arranged alphabetically according to names, and the place named is the Constituency contested.

The quotations are excerpts from letters responding to the circular, or where so noted, to replies to a question locally put to the Candidate upon the same lines as the circular. The names marked with an asterisk (\*) are those of candidates who have been elected to Parliament.

The following is the text of the Circular issued :—

JESSEL CHAMBERS, CHANCERY LANE, W.C.  
*September 27th, 1900.*

DEAR SIR,—The question of Zionism is now agitating the minds of the masses of the Jewish voters in the United Kingdom.

The object of the Zionist movement is to assist those Jews who are persecuted in the lands of their birth to obtain a

legally secured home in Palestine, and to settle there under the suzerainty of the Sultan.

It need scarcely be pointed out that the realisation of this movement will practically solve the ever-growing Jewish problem in Europe, and will tend to divert the tide of emigration which now takes place to Western countries. In the interests of humanity and freedom, and in accordance with the great and lofty traditions of England, may I, on behalf of the English Zionist Federation, appeal to you, whenever the same may be necessary, to use your influence to secure the sympathetic consideration of Her Majesty's Government to the Movement, and its good offices in favour of Zionist aspirations whenever the same may be required with those Governments who have interests in Palestine and Syria.

Should you view our Movement with sympathy, and inform me to that effect at your early convenience, I shall be glad to advise our friends, in the constituency you seek to represent, to give all the support to your candidature of which they are capable.

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH COWEN,  
*Sessional Chairman.*

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| *ABRAHAM, Wm.<br>(Mabon)               | Rhondda                           | "I am with the Zionist Movement heart and soul, and will do all that I possibly can to further it in and out of Parliament."                           |
| *AGNEW, Sir Andrew, S. Edin-<br>Bart., | burgh                             | "Considers objects entirely laudable and worthy of sympathy."                                                                                          |
| *ALLEN, Charles P.                     | Stroud<br>(Glos.)                 | "It would give me great pleasure . . . to assist the Zionist Movement."                                                                                |
| ANDERTON, A.                           | W. Bradford                       | Answers Question: "Yes."                                                                                                                               |
| ASHBURY, J. M.                         | E. St. Pancras<br>(London)        | "You have my sincere sympathy and good wishes."                                                                                                        |
| *ASHMEAD BART-<br>LETT, Sir E.         | Ecclesall<br>(Sheffield)          | "I feel much sympathy for the Zionist Movement and shall be glad to attest it."                                                                        |
| BAKER, Sir John                        | Portsmouth                        | Answers Question: "Yes."                                                                                                                               |
| BAKER, J. Allen                        | E. Finsbury<br>(London).          | "I am in hearty sympathy with the object of the Zionist Movement. . . . I have myself personally visited some of the Jewish settlements in Palestine." |
| BENN, J. William                       | Bermondsey<br>(London)            | "I am quite in sympathy with your movement."                                                                                                           |
| BENSON, G. R.                          | W. St. Pan-<br>cras<br>(London)   | "I have great sympathy with the movement."                                                                                                             |
| *BHOWNAGGREE, Sir<br>M. M.             | N.E. Bethnal<br>Green<br>(London) | "The object of your movement is a perfectly legitimate and desirable one and therefore, I can sympathise with it."                                     |

BRAMSDON, T. A.	Portsmouth	Answers Question: "Yes."
BRAND, Rear Admiral, T. S.	Eastbourne	"I should always be ready to use what slight influence I might have in favour of the movement."
BROWN, R. S.	E. Edinburgh	"I think that on the grounds of humanity and freedom every effort should be made to encourage such a movement."
BUCHANAN, Robert	Dumbarton-shire.	"I sympathise most heartily with the movement."
BULLIVANT, W. Pelham	Poplar (London)	"Any scheme for the amelioration of the Jewish race which has the approval of their representatives has my most cordial sympathy."
CARLILE, Col. E. Hibbert	Huddersfield	"I attended the Zionist Congress, in London, and am much interested in the subject, and view the movement with cordial sympathy."
*CHANNING, F. A.	E. Northampton	"I am quite sure it is a right as well as a very beautiful and noble idea."
CLARK, Goddard, J.P., L.C.C.	Mile End (London)	"Is in entire sympathy with the movement."
COATES, Major Ed. F.	Elland (Halifax)	"I am in sympathy with your movement, and would assist it as far as lies in my power."
*CODDINGTON, Sir William	Blackburn	"In entire sympathy with the movement."
*COLVILLE, John	Lanark (N.E.)	"I am in hearty sympathy . . . will gladly use my influence to secure the sympathetic consideration of the Government to the movement."
CONYBEARE, C. A. S.	St. Helens (Lancs.)	Answers Circular: "Yes, I shall be happy to do so."
CORY, Clifford J.	Tunbridge Wells	"I view the Zionist Movement with sympathy."
COURT, J.	Derbyshire (N.E.)	"I can truly say that anything which will relieve the persecuted Jews will have my sympathy."
CROSS, James C.	Radcliffe (Lancs.)	"I view the Zionist Movement with great sympathy."
DAVIS, Howell	S. Bristol	"Has great sympathy for the Jews and the Zionist Movement. He has spent some time in Palestine this year."
DICKINSON, W. K.	N. St. Pancras (London)	"I have great sympathy with the Zionist Movement."
*DOXFORD, Sir W. T.	Sunderland	"I am fully in sympathy with Zionist Movement."
ELLIOTT, George E.	S. Bedfordshire	Answers Circular: "Certainly."
EVANS, S. T.	Mid. Glamorgan	"All those who know the history of your race should view with sympathy their aspirations, and I sympathise with the Zionist Movement, which has for its object the realization of those aspirations."

- \*FIRBANK, J. T. E. Hull "Movement has his entire sympathy."
- \*FLOWER, Ernest W. Bradford Answers Question: "I should be in sympathy with this. . . . The Government should see that the Sultan gives adequate guarantee for the peace and security of the new colony."
- FRY, John Pease Eccles "I am favourable to the objects of your Society."  
J.P., M.A.
- GREEN, G. Stockport "I cordially agree with the object of the Zionist Movement."
- \*GRETTON, John S. Derby "I am entirely favourable to your proposals."
- \*GREVILLE, Capt. the E. Bradford Answers Question: "Most cordially."  
Hon. R. H. F.
- GROVE, T. N. Archibald S. North- "In sympathy with your movement."  
amptonshire
- \*GROVES, Jas. G. Salford, South "I shall be pleased to help you."
- HART, Sir Israel Cent. Hackney "The Zionist Movement has his full  
(London) sympathy, and he will be prepared to use his influence in its favour whenever possible."
- HART, Davies T. Rotherhithe "In great and cordial sympathy with  
(London) the Zionist Movement, which I have watched from the beginning with much interest."
- \*HASLETT, Sir N. Belfast "Will do his utmost to assist the cause  
James H. in every possible way."
- \*HAY, Hon. Claude G. Hoxton "My intimacy and close friendship  
(London) with very many Jews . . . . enable me to form a correct judgment of the subject . . . . and I should always be guided in this matter by the views of the most representative and loyal of Jews." (*Sep. 30.*)  
"You can be sure that I shall urge any scheme which will, subject to the views of English Jews, who really know their co-religionists' lives, and are in earnest and are well informed on the subject, take the oppressed and poor Jew out of the hands of his oppressors."  
(*Oct. 2.*)
- \*HEATH, Arthur H. Hanley "I shall certainly uphold the rights of  
(Staffs.) the Zionists."
- \*HEATH, Col. James N.W. Stafford- "Entirely sympathise with your Move-  
shire ment."
- \*HELME, N. W. Lancaster "Has had an old lingering wish to see Jews back in Palestine."
- \*HOGG, Lindsay Eastbourne "I consider the object of the Zionist Federation Movement most laudable, and would certainly support it."
- HOLLAND, Hon. Romford "I can say without any hesitation  
Lionel R. that it would be a pleasure to me to help in any way I could the movement."
- \*HORNBY, Sir W. H. Blackburn "In entire sympathy with the move-  
ment."

HUNTER, G. B.	Sunderland	"I shall be glad to do anything in the direction you indicate."
HUNTINGDON, P.	Darwen (Lancs.)	"I quite sympathise with the movement."
ILLINGWORTH, Percy	Shipley (Yorks)	Answers Circular : "Yes."
JOWETT, F. W.	W. Bradford	Answers Question : "Yes."
KEYSER, Charles E.	Reading	"Zionism may certainly rely upon my sympathetic support." <i>2nd Letter—</i> "Although I am not an 'M.P.' I may, I hope, have many opportunities of showing my sympathy with the cause."
*KING, Sir H. Seymour, K.C.I.E.	Central Hull	"It will be a great satisfaction to me to use my influence and do everything in my power to aid the object you have in view."
KYD, David Hope	Whitechapel (London)	"I am glad to be able to say that I am in favour of the movement."
LANSBURY, George	Bow & Brom- ley (London)	"I am convinced it is a movement which makes for the well-being not only of the Jews but of the people of all countries."
LAWRENCE, J.	Cardiff	"I should have the greatest pleasure in giving same my warmest support."
LAWTON, J. E.	North Salford	"I shall be very glad to give it sympathetic and careful consideration."
*LONG, Right Hon. H. W.	S. Bristol	"I fear that as a member of the Government it is not possible for me to pledge myself to support any Foreign Policy of the special character you mention, but I shall always be glad to give sympathetic consideration to the representations of the Jewish Community."
LOWLES, J.	Haggerston (London)	"I am warmly in favour of the Zionist Movement."
*MACDONA, J. Cumming	Rotherhithe (London)	"I give you my sympathy."
*MARTIN, Richard B.	Droitwich	"The objects of the Zionists must commend themselves to all thinking men . . . England would be the poorer by loss of her Jewish citizens."
*MAXWELL, W. J. K.	Dumfriesshire	"Is in sympathy with your movement."
*M'CREAE, G.	E. Edinburgh	"Has my hearty sympathy."
*MOON, Edward R.P.	N. St. Pancras (London)	"I had the great satisfaction in 1888 of travelling in the Holy Land . . . and therefore it is with special sympathy that I view your movement."
*MORRISON, J. A.	S. Wiltshire	"Has my entire sympathy."

MORGAN, J. Hay	Tottenham (London)	"I am in full sympathy with the Zionist Movement."
MORTON, Alpheus C.	Bath	"I am in entire sympathy with your movement."
*MURRAY, Wyndham	Bath	"I see in Palestine a comparatively large country, very poorly populated, but capable, I should suppose, of becoming a very prosperous country."
*NEWNES, Sir G., Bart.	Swansea Town	"I will give the matter, about which you wrote, careful consideration whenever the question comes forward. I am certainly in sympathy with all those who are persecuted." ( <i>Nov. 6.</i> )
ORLEBAR, Rouse,	Northampton	Answers Circular: "I am in favour of the above objects."
PARKER, J. C. Denham	E. Northamp- tonshire	"It would certainly have his sympathy."
PATERSON, R.	College Divi- sion (Glas- gow)	Answers Circular: "I will . . . con- sider the question favourably as it deserves."
*PEMBERTON, John S.G.	Sunderland	Answers Question: "Yes."
PENDER, Sir James Bart.	Mid North- hampton- shire.	"I entirely sympathise with the movement."
PICKERSGILL, E. H.	Bethnal Green (London)	"I regard that movement with sympathy"
PLATT, Col. Henry	Carnavon	"Is entirely in sympathy."
PRIESTLEY, W. E. B.	E. Bradford	Answers Question: "Yes."
RAIKES, H. St. John	Mid. Derby- shire	"Has my full sympathy."
RAPHAEL, Herbert Hy.	S. Derbyshire	"I have every sympathy with the Zionist Movement, and in all other matters affecting our co-religionists, I should always be ready to invoke the aid of the Government."
REDHEAD, Robert	S. Shields	"I will use my best efforts."
*REED, Sir E. J., K.C.B.	Cardiff	Answers Question: "Most certainly and most warmly."
RENTON, Capt. A. L.	S. Dorset- shire	"I view your movement with much sympathy."
ROBINSON, John	Nottingham	"It will be his pleasure to do what he can towards the promotion of the return of such members by the Jewish Com- munity as may desire it to the cradle of their race."

- \*ROBSON, W. S., Q.C. S. Shields "I am sorry that in the rush of the election I had no time to answer your letter. . . . I may say I am most sincerely in sympathy with the objects of the Zionist society, and whatever a private member can do I will gladly do to assist these objects. I will co-operate with any other members in bringing influence to bear on the Government to make representations to the Sultan of Turkey in favour of a Charter." (*Oct. 24.*)
- \*ROLLESTON, Sir F. Leicester "I regard the Zionist Movement with great sympathy."
- \*ROLLIT, Sir A. K N. Islington (London) Answers Circular : "Heartily agree."
- \*ROPNER, Colonel Stockton-on-Tees Answers Question : "I will with pleasure," etc.
- SAMUEL, Jonathan Stockton-on-Tees Answers Question : "I shall be very pleased to assist in procuring a charter to secure a home for Jews in Palestine."
- SANDS, W. H. W. Marylebone (London) "I am quite in sympathy with your movement."
- \*SANDYS, Lieut.-Col. T. M. Bootle "Should the views of the Federation be brought before the House of Commons he will give them his careful consideration."
- SAVORY, Sir Joseph Appleby (Westmoreland) "Is heartily in favour of the Zionist Movement."
- \*SCHWANN, C. E. North Manchester "Am fully prepared to, as requested."
- \*SETON-KARR, H. St. Helens (Lancs) "I am and always have been in sympathy with the movement."
- \*SHARPE, W. E. N. Kensington (London) "Most certainly in favour of your movement."
- SNOWDEN, Philip Blackburn Answers Circular : "Most certainly."
- STANGEE, H. G., Q.C. S. Nottingham "I feel strong sympathy with the Movement."
- STORY, S. Newcastle-on-Tyne "Great sympathy with the Movement, glad to help."
- STRAUS, B. S. St. George's-in-the-East (London) "I have always favoured the Zionist Movement, and my sympathy will always be with you."
- STUART, James, Prof. Hoxton (London) "I not only view the Zionist Movement with sympathy, but with admiration."
- TORRANCE, E. E. Islington (London) "Am heartily in sympathy with your Movement."
- WALLOP, Hon. J. F. Tavistock (Devonshire) "In sympathy with your movement."
- \*WANKLYN, J. L. Bradford "Has great sympathy."

*WARNER, I. C. T.	Lichfield	"I certainly view with sympathy the movement. . . . and wish you every success in it."
*WEIR, J. G.	Ross and Cromarty-shires.	"I shall be glad to support any action which may be taken in Parliament to further the views of your Federation." (Nov. 6th.)
WILKIE, A.	Sunderland	"Would support the matter referred to."
*WHITE, Ald. George	N. W. Norfolk	"Any influence I might have shall be used in its support."
WOOD, T. M.	Glasgow (St. Rollox)	"I should do what I could in the direction you indicate."
WOODS, S.	Walthamstow	Answers Circular: "With great pleasure."
WRAGGE, R. H. Vernon	Rotherham	"I am quite in sympathy with your movement."
WRIGHT, Fitz H.	Ilkeston	"I should be glad to use any influence I might have to secure the sympathetic consideration of H.M. Government to the Movement."
*WRIGHTSON, Sir Thomas	E. St. Pancras (London)	"Having travelled some years ago in Palestine, I am greatly interested in the question . . . . . I believe in a strong nationality, as the Jews could easily form, and would be a great advantage politically in that corner of the Mediterranean."
WYVILL, M. D.	Otley, Yorks	"Would use his influence to help the Movement . . . . whenever required to do so."

The following are the terms of the Telegram sent to Candidates standing for Constituencies where only one Candidate had expressed himself favourably to the Movement.

*October 2.*

The English Zionist Federation urges all Zionists in your Constituency to support you, as you are in favour of the Movement. Please Publish.

L. J. GREENBERG, *Hon. Sec.*



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