

PLAGUE VICTIMS SECURE RELIEF

HEBREWS OF DULUTH RAISE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHOLERA STRICKEN IN HOLY LAND.

SUM OF \$200 SUBSCRIBED
IN LESS THAN AN HOUR

L. ABRAHAMSON AND J. POLINSKY
ARE SOLICITING COMMITTEE.

Expect to Forward \$500 to Plague sufferers in Jerusalem Today.
Palestine Rabbi's Appeal.

Hebrews of the city are responding nobly to the call for relief sent out in behalf of their brethren in the Holy Land, who are stricken with that terrible scourge of the orient, Asiatic cholera, which is raging in the city of Jerusalem and through nearly all of Palestine.

Members of the Adas Israel and Chura Kadisha parish subscribed \$200 within an hour after the opening of the fund was announced Saturday, after divine worship. Yesterday L. Abrahamson and J. Polinsky, who were appointed a committee to interview the Hebrews of the city, added \$100 more in about half an hour. They will continue soliciting today and expect to forward \$500 to Jerusalem this evening.

Prevalent More Than a Year.

Cholera has been prevalent in Jerusalem and its environs, and indeed throughout most of Asia Minor, for more than a year. It was not until recently, however, that the plague assumed such alarming prevalence as to become a threat to the entire population. It has grown particularly virulent in Jerusalem, Jaffa and all the cities and towns along the shore of the Mediterranean, and whole families are stricken down with it daily.

A paralysis has fallen on the people, who in terror and despair have given up employment, and are bewildered at the terrible onslaught of the disease. Business is abandoned, and the country is prostrate in the presence of wholesale death in its most dreaded form.

Want has followed the footsteps of the disorder, and a great part of the population of the cities are actually starving. Last week Rabbi Samuel Salant head of the Jewish church in Palestine, sent an appeal to the civilized world for assistance. It was forwarded from New York to all the orthodox churches of the country, and read at the services last Saturday. It stated that aid must be forthcoming at once or it would be too late.

Sum Raised at Once.

After the reading of the telegram in the local church, short addresses were made by Rabbi Epstein and President L. Abrahamson, with the result that \$200 was raised at once, and the committee appointed to solicit further from members who were not present.

All the other orthodox congregations of the country are responding as promptly and as liberally, and it is expected that enough money will be raised to supply the wants of the stricken people. The subscription appeals alike to Jew and Gentile.

The money will not be used alone for the relief of the unfortunate Hebrews. The cholera sufferers of every denomination will be included in its distribution. Rabbi Salant, who will have charge of the relief fund, is one of the most noted divines of the east. He is at the head of a great system of hospitals and schools, and people of every race and creed are beneficiaries of his ministrations.