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THE INDIGENOUS CHURCH

God's Holy Spirit, to cultivate an indigenous Church, to see it grow out of the very soil, as it were, and keep his hands off, to have the sense to stand back and watch Christ build His Church, with all the characteristics of that land: a truly indigenous Church, produced and growing in that country, not imported and not exotic.

I am sorry there is only time to hint at these things and not to pursue the subject further. May these prove seed thoughts that will grow to something in your minds!

Transjordan and the Palestine Problem

Transjordan is covered by the Palestine Mandate, but those clauses which refer to the establishment of a National Home for the Jews are expressly excluded. Its geographical relationship to Syria, Iraq, Arabia and Palestine indicates its role as a protective buffer to the last country, and such it has proved to be during the regrettable years of terror and anarchy. A small military and police force of seventeen hundred men have sufficed to hold in check the warlike tribes, and no irruption in force into Palestine has occurred. Behind these meagre forces has stood the Amir Abdullah Ibn Hussein, who has ruled the country since 1921, and who has been a bulwark against fanatical extremists and a power for restraint and peace.

In the early years of the Mandate, when Jewish enterprise was creating the Jewish city of Tel Aviv and the numerous thriving agricultural colonies, the Amir and his counsellors were reported as being impressed and not unwilling to welcome a controlled Jewish immigration to assist in developing their country. The door ajar was closed, however, when exuberant success in Palestine carried the minds of many beyond the conception of the building of a National Home to that of founding a Jewish National State. That untimely idea might be remedied and the confidence of Transjordan regained.

The country certainly possesses the two essentials for colonization, land and water. It has an area of 34,740 square miles, while Palestine has but 10,000 square miles. Its population, however, is only three hundred thousand, whereas that of Palestine is about one-million-and-a-half. That part of Transjordan lying to the east of the Hejaz railway is at present derelict for lack of scientific development; the land west of the line is well watered, of high agricultural value and susceptible of an intensive cultivation beyond anything yet attempted. The revenue of the country in 1936-37 was a mere £P. 420,340, increased by a grant in-aid by the Mandatory Power of £P. 142,970, whereas just across the Jordan, Jewish and Arab enterprise has created surplus millions for the Palestine exchequer.

Transjordan, by a gesture of goodwill, could materially contribute to solving the difficulties in Palestine, while assuring her own agricultural and economic development, and to lifting just a little of the burden of the six million unwanted Jews in Europe.