

One great difficulty with the Jewish immigration was the fact that they came from many different countries and spoke many different languages. Probably the language most spoken was Russian, with Polish and German following. In order to make a common language for them, the attempt has been made to revive Hebrew as a spoken language and great progress has been made in this direction. The Hebrew University in Jerusalem conducts most of its classes in Hebrew and the British Government has established three official languages for Palestine, English, Hebrew and Arabic, so that all signs and official documents are in the three languages.

The Jews have established many agricultural villages in different parts of Palestine, which are applying modern methods of agriculture with considerable success.

The situation is complicated by the fact that the ~~different~~ the native population of Palestine, consisting mostly of very ignorant country people, still outnumber the Jews many times. The Arab leaders in the cities are greatly outnumbered by the Jews in the cities. The economic situation of the whole country is being improved by the work of the Jewish colonies and by the new industries that they have introduced. The Moslem leaders feel themselves in eminent danger of losing their hold on the ignorant Arab masses unless the Jewish activities can be checked. It is interesting to imagine the situation of the Moslem leaders in Jerusalem; The old city of Jerusalem is crowded together within narrow walls in quite a congested area. Outside of this modern houses have been erected toward the north in great numbers. In the middle of the congested area is a large flat section, by all odds the most valuable part of the whole region. This is the area formerly occupied by the temple of Solomon, where the Moslems erected, centuries ago, two very beautiful mosques. In this large area the Moslem leaders have their headquarters. At one side of this area is a wall composed of large stones of the type which were used in the temple of Herod. This wall has for many centuries been the wailing wall of the Jews. When the Moslems held Palestine in absolute control and it was almost entirely a Moslem city, the Moslem leaders could look down from the splendid temple area with scorn, upon the Jews in the street below.