

INDUCTION: Rev. W. WOLFSON: KITWE: 30th April 1961.

Just on 15 years ago, I was privileged to offer prayers at the Consecration of the 1st Synagogue on the Copper-Belt in this Town.

It was then a golden opportunity in the spiritual history of the sons and daughters of this Community in this outpost of the Commonwealth. YET, the "still small voice" of our conscience in the FULFILMENT of that Consecration was missing. The word of God had not been preached and still remained unherrd; the symbolism of not only the BET HAKNESSET, but also of the BET HAMIDRASH together with the thrilling voices of little children: of the TINOKET SHEI BET RABBOI was stilled; and the opportunity for men and women to learn the strength of their faith and its contribution to world civilisation has only been fulfilled when this KENILLAH K'DOSHA decided to appoint :

a spiritual leader who:

who shall come before them and go out before

them, so that:-

this Congregation of the Lord shall not remain as sheep without a shepherd".

Hence, my friends, my great joy, which I share with you to-day, when I once again offer prayers in this formal Induction of your spiritual leader and shepherd, marking the beginning of a great and noble epoch in the life of this Community on the Copper-belt.

Your Minister has come to integrate this Community within the Congregation of Israel. He has come to unify your efforts and to resuscitate your energies into a complete pattern in your own spiritual endeavours.

Yes, friends, Rabbinical leadership demands the ability to translate the spiritual vision of man, and it is now fully evident, that this has been his unfaltering determination from the very first day he entered this Community.

I look upon this Ceremonial to-day as a TWO-fold in its implication. Not only as a formal induction of your Pastor into a great field of service to God and humanity, but also a call for the REDEDICATION of the flock to whom he ministers for your own unifying support; your sincere respect and your active co-operation.

You, my friends, have long deliberated in the appointment of your spiritual leader..and we are happy to know that you have found a man of high ideals, of learning, of devotion, determined to strive to do his duty to God and man and, yes, through the conscientious performance of this duty, he will, we are assured, gain that respect and that love of his congregants.