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(1) To form a link between the authorities and the Jewish population of Palestine;
(2) To co-ordinate the relief work in Palestine and to assist in the repatriation of exiled and evacuated persons and refugee;
(3) To assist in restoring and developing the colonies and in organizing the Jewish population in general;
(4) To assist the Jewish organization and institutions in Palestine in the resumption of their activities;
(5) To help establishing friendly relations with the Arabs and other non-Jewish communities;
(6) To collect information and report upon the possibilities of the future development of the Jewish #settlement and the country in general;
(7) To inquire into the feasibility the scheme of establishing a Jewish university.

In order to be able to achieve the foregoing objects the Commission must have permission, subject to military necessities, to travel, investigated, and make reports on the above-mentioned matters.

The “Zionist Review” further announced the acquisition of the land for the future Jewish university in Jerusalem. It is situated upon the Mount of Olives, and was at one time the property of the late Sir John Gray Hill. It is one of the most historic and most beautiful of sites in the whole world. Sir John Gray Hill, it will be remembered, was an ardent supporter of the Jewish national movement. The current number of “Zionist Review” contains an article upon the Jewish university project by Mr. Bertram B. Benas, the Liverpool barrister, who was one of the legal advisers in the negotiations which have just been successfully completed.

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