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Hull

COMMUNAL RABBI INDUCTED on 30/03/1956

Rabbi E. S. Rabinowitz

From our Correspondent

The induction of Rabbi E. S. Rabinowitz as Communal Rabbi of the three congregations here was performed yesterday week by the Chief Rabbi, who was accompanied, on his visit to Hull, by Mrs. Brodie.

The induction service, which was held at the synagogue of the Old Hebrew Congregation, was conducted by the Rev. J. Levinson, the Rev. J. Freedberg, the Rev. H. Davies, and the Rev. R. Berg, and was attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Alderman H. Kneeshaw and Mrs. Kneeshaw, the Sheriff and his lady, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brocklehurst, and representatives of religious and lay organisations in the city.

Installing Rabbi Rabinowitz, Dr. Brodie said that we lived in times when spiritual leadership should be as effective as possible: there were so many influences to draw people away from the fountain of life that the rôle of religious life had never been more difficult or worth while.

"I am confident," said the Chief Rabbi, "that the choice of Communal Rabbi which has been made will be just-

fied and that Rabbi Rabinowitz, through his efforts and your co-operation, will, together with his colleagues in the ministry, be able to strengthen the foundations of our faith in Hull."

At a celebration dinner held in the Synagogue Hall, the President, Mr. L. Rapstone, who was in the chair, said that the occasion was unique and historical: for the first time since the com-



Rabbi Rabinowitz and the Chief Rabbi

munity was established nearly 150 years ago a Communal Rabbi had been installed, and the first step had been taken towards uniting the three congregations.

Mr. I. Appleson, on behalf of the United Synagogues' Council, made a presentation to the Chief Rabbi of a cheque for £50 for Jews' College.

The Lord Mayor said that the Jewish people of Hull had made large contributions to the industry and social activities of the city and many had held high offices with dignity.

The Sheriff, paying tribute to the work of the Jewish Board of Guardians, spoke of the way the flatlets for the aged in Anlaby Road had impressed him.

A presentation of wristlet watches was made to Rabbi and Mrs. Rabinowitz, on behalf of the Western Synagogue, by the Vice-President, Mr. L. Harris.

Proposing a toast to the Chairman, Councillor L. Rosen said that it was largely due to Mr. Rapstone's initiative and determination that that ceremony had taken place.

The guests included Professor Brynmor Jones, Vice-Chancellor of the University; Mr. T. B. McKim, Managing Editor of the HULL MAIL, and Mrs. McKim; the Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. H. Graham; and among the speakers were Dr. S. Lurie, President of the Western Synagogue; Mr. H. Rosen, President of the Representative Council; Mr. J. Marks, President of the Central Synagogue; and Mr. W. Abrahams, Secretary of the United Synagogues' Council.