

## **August Rohling Upholder of Ritual Murder Charge Against Jews Dies Aged 92.**

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Professor August Rohling, the notorious antisemitic author, who at the time of the Tisza-Eszlar blood libel trial nearly 50 years ago was the scientific expert who upheld the accusation that Jews practise ritual murder, has died at the age of 92.

Professor Rohling, who was born in Hanover, in Germany, studied at Muenster and Paris, and was successively Professor of Catholic Theology at the Universities of Muenster, Milwaukee, in the United States of America, and Prague, which was then in the Austrian Empire and is now Czecho-Slovakia.

He made himself notorious by his attacks not only against Judaism but also against Protestantism. of his anti-Jewish works "Der Talmudjude", which has run into many editions, was for years the standard work for antisemitic authors and journalists. The book first appeared, at the time when Bismarck inaugurated his anti-Catholic legislation, as a retort to the attacks made by the liberal journals on the dogma of infallibility and on the Jesuitic text-books of morals, it being usual for the anti-liberals to pretend that all liberal newspapers were controlled by Jews. The book was very extensively quoted by the Catholic press and created quite a literature, but it did not become a political force until the appearance of antisemitism, and especially until the Tisza-Eszlar trial in 1883, when Franz Delitzsch defended Judaism against the attacks of Rohling. Dr Josef S. Bloch also accused Rohling of ignorance and of forgery of the texts. Rohling sued Bloch for libel, but withdrew the suit at the last moment. Later on he greeted the appearance of Zionism as a solution of the Jewish question.

Those of Rohling's works which concern the Jews are in addition to "Der Talmudjude": "Katechismus des 19. Jahrhunderts fur Juden und Protestanten", Mayence, 1878; "Franz Delitzsch und die Judenfrage", Prague, 1881; "Funf Briefe uber den Talmudismus und das Blutritual der Juden", 1b. 1881; "Die Polemik und das Menschenopfer des Rabbinismus", Paderborn, 1883; "Die Ehre Israels: Neue Briefe and die Juden", Prague, 1889; "Auf nach Zion", 1b. 1901; and "Das Judenthum nach. Neurabbinischer Darstellung der Hochfinanz Israels", Munich, 1903.

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