

ZEIRE ZION NEWS.**BANK HAPOALIM.**

Parallel to the Conference the Zeire Zion intend to continue their campaign in support of the Workers' Bank of Palestine. They wish to take this opportunity of appealing to delegates from societies which received circulars pointing out the necessity for supporting this institution to take the opportunity of buying shares. The Workers' Bank advances much-needed credit to the workman in Erez Israel, and every guinea spent on a share is of permanent value to our Yishuv. Many workmen who would otherwise be thrown out of employment are enabled to carry on by this credit system, which eventually places them on a firm footing. Reports from headquarters show that the £48,000 (Egyptian currency) which was lent out was paid back punctually and regularly. Never has there occurred one instance of loss to the Bank. Today there is not a single workers' institution in town or village which has not received assistance from the credit of the Bank. But its capital is, alas, all too insufficient for the calls made upon the Bank. Through it a strong labour community, living from the fruits of productive work, can be created. It is therefore our duty to see that the capital of the Bank is increased, and its difficulties thereby lessened. To all those who realise what the Jewish workingman can accomplish for Palestine, we direct our appeal. Come forward and buy shares. Give the Bank the power to develop the resources of Erez Israel. The Workers' Bank will and must become the central instrument for the creation of a powerful labour Yishuv. Give it the chance it asks for—that of building new towns, new villages, new centres of activity for our Chaluzim.

Shares will be obtainable during the Conference from members and delegates of the Zeire Zion. It is hoped that the response to this appeal will be a generous one.

RECEPTION TO DR. ALEXANDER GOLDSTEIN.

On Sunday evening, the 10th February, the Zeire Zion Hall was the scene of an interesting function.

Its purpose was to tender a reception of welcome to Dr. Alexander Goldstein. Mr. J. Bahr opened the proceedings in Hebrew, in a speech of greeting to Dr. Goldstein. Mr. Benzion Shein then spoke, alluding to the outstanding merits of Dr. Goldstein, and his influence on the Russian Jewish youth. He went on to discuss the class struggle in Palestine, and the importance of Zeire Zion from a labour standpoint, pointing out that the success of the Jewish resettlement lay in the hands of the mass of our people. Dr. I. Olsvanger then followed, and in philosophical vein dealt chiefly with the importance of the Jewish nation retaining its individuality and resisting the current of assimilation.

In his reply, Dr. Goldstein thanked the Zeire Zion for their welcome and expressed the hope that they would justify their existence as a labour party, in deed as well as in word. He appealed to them to direct their attention to the Hecholutz movement, and to augment the number of Chaluzim in Palestine by South African pioneers. He failed to understand why, up to the present, it should be the flower of our Jewish youth in Eastern Europe only who abandon their homes and studies to go to Palestine as Chaluzim, and why young South Africans should not do so. The only difference he could conceive between a Chaluz from Europe and one from Africa was that those from South Africa would arrive in Palestine well clothed and in possession of means, while those from Europe came barefooted and penniless. He then made a stirring appeal on behalf of the Hebrew language, which he would see a living one in Goluth as well as in Palestine. He advocated the establishment of Hebrew classes and kindergartens. Finally, he alluded to the Keren Hayesod, and appealed for canvassers and support for the forthcoming campaign. He greatly deplored the fact that his should be the humiliating and degrading task of asking for money, but without means the work of establishing Palestine as our national homeland could never be accomplished.

An excellent musical programme was heard during the interval. Miss Fay Sallon was heard in songs in Yiddish and English, and Miss Wullffart in violin solos. The evening closed with the singing of "Hatikvah."

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