

RABBI SCHWARTZ'S TOUR

Fine Response for National Fund

THE J.N.F. Campaign presently conducted by Rabbi Z. Schwartz, continues to be crowned with success. Every centre is improving upon the results previously achieved. In his visits to several of the centres, Rabbi Schwartz had the able co-operation of Mrs. E. B. Schaffer, of Queenstown, who generously volunteered to assist in the campaign.

Wherever possible, the film "Zot Hi Haaretz," which Rabbi Schwartz has taken with him on his tour, has been exhibited and invariably has made a profound impression on the audiences.

After addressing a successful meeting at WEPENER under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Allen, Rabbi Schwartz proceeded to ROUXVILLE where a meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Edelstein, who presided. Thence Rabbi Schwartz journeyed to TARKASTAD, where he inaugurated the campaign in collaboration with Mrs. Schaffer. A gathering, in the organisation of which Mr. Trocki assisted, was held at the residence of Mr. Karstaedt.

After the conclusion of a successful campaign at MOLTENO, Rabbi Schwartz and Mrs. Schaffer visited DORDRECHT, where they addressed a meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. L. Stein, at the residence of Mr. Edelstein.

Thereafter Rabbi Schwartz visited BARKLY EAST, where he enjoyed the hospitality of Messrs. Edelstein and Jacobson. He met the few members of the Jewish community at the residence of Mr. Edelstein and again his mission was crowned with outstanding success.

On Sunday, the 7th inst., Rabbi Schwartz addressed the Cradock Jewish community under the auspices of the local Zionist Society. At all times, the appeal for the support of the Keren Kayemeth met with a response.

SUCCESSFUL J.N.F. CAMPAIGN IN MOLTENO.

On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., Rabbi Schwartz and Mrs. Schaffer visited Molteno, where they were accorded a cordial reception by the local community. In the afternoon, Mrs. J. E. Rathouse entertained the ladies to tea, when they had the pleasure of listening to an extremely interesting address by Mrs. Schaffer. In the evening the film "This is the Land" was exhibited at the local theatre before a large crowd. Thereafter the members of the community gathered at the residence of Mrs. D. Ruttenberg.

In an able address Mrs. Schaffer stressed the necessity, now more than ever, of personal sacrifice for the Zionist Cause and expressed the hope that Molteno Jewry would come to the fore in the Campaign.

Rabbi Schwartz then delivered an inspiring address in which he traced the development of Zionism, the growth of the Yishuv and the dire necessity for an intensification of the Jewish effort to redeem the Homeland.

The appeal for support of the J.N.F. met with excellent response, the total exceeding all expectations. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was spent. The following morning the visitors were entertained to tea by Mrs. Zanger and thereafter proceeded by car to Dordrecht.

Fine Concert for National Fund

An attractive dramatic and musical entertainment organised by Berea Branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League, was presented at the Library Theatre on 16th and 17th insts., in aid of the Jewish National Fund.

The main item on the programme were two one-act plays, "Official Announcement," by E. M. Elder, and "The Rest Cure," an amusing farce by Gertrude Jennings. Both plays were produced by Miss Anna Romain, and the general standard of acting was high. Songs by Miss Freda and Mr. Joel Myerson were the contributions to the remainder of the programme; Mr. S. Reupresented some interesting Jewish folk songs, and the Misses Fay

and Dolly Vogelmann contributed popular numbers. This was followed by some clever items by Miss Bertha Egnos, an attractive acrobatic dance by Baby Gwen Downard and more popular jazz numbers by "The Hot Shots."

The programme was compered by Mr. Dudley Cassell, and Miss Hildred Smith, Mrs. Annie Rabinowitz, Mr. J. Idelson and Mr. Morrie Rabinowitz were the accompanists.

During the first evening Mr. Morris Kentridge, M.P., representing the South African Zionist Federation, expressed thanks, on behalf of Mrs. Kentridge, the organizer of the concert, to all those who had contributed to the success of the performance.

IMITATION IS THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY

A Letter to the Editor of the *Zionist Record*

From "An Old Zionist," Johannesburg

Sir.—The writer of the J.N.F. announcement in the *Zionist Record* of October 22, must be gratified to notice, if he finds time to read a certain weekly, that in its issue of October 29 the whole form, and in some parts even the wording, of the appeal in the *Zionist Record* for the J.N.F. Chanukah Week has been copied for the Tel Hai Fund Chanukah Week. In this appeal we find, inter alia:

"To-day the Jewish people through the J.N.F., is engaged in redeeming the soil which the Maccabees defended. The redemption is as vital now as it was then to maintain the life of the people, for without Eretz Israel, Israel cannot live."

And in the other paper concerned we find seven days later these words:

"To-day the New Zionist Organisation, through the Tel Hai Fund, is engaged in redeeming the Jewish people and its land which the Maccabees defended. The redemption is as vital now as it was then, to maintain the life of

the people, for without Eretz Israel, Israel cannot live."

But the imitation does not stop at that!

For many years it has been the custom of the Jewish National Fund to place blue and white boxes in Jewish homes—and this box has become a symbol the world over of the redemption of the land in Eretz Israel. Now come along certain malcontents and in organising their own fund-raising can find no better way than by attempting to place their own blue and white boxes.

And there is even talk of a book in which names are to be inscribed—a book of not so precious a metal as our Golden Book—but a Book of Iron. A pity it is that disruptive elements should clothe themselves in the same methods as constructive elements. Veritable wolves in sheep's clothing! It would seem that those who come to sneer have remained to copy.

I trust these matters are receiving the attention of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

Yours, etc.,

"An Old Zionist."

TODAY

IN JEWISH HISTORY

An American-Jewish Poetess

NOVEMBER 19, 1887, just fifty years ago to-day, was the day of the death of Emma Lazarus, whose name shines as one of the brightest in the annals of American-Jewish literature. She was born in New York City, the daughter of a wealthy merchant, who was well on the way to assimilation. To the young girl the call of Judaism was slight. Her early writing—her first published poems were written at the age of 14—had no Jewish interest. A

translation of the poems of Heine, with a biographical sketch, was published in 1881 when Emma Lazarus was 32. This was followed the next year by an article in the Century Magazine: "Was the Earl of Beaconsfield a representative Jew?" The flight of the Jews from Russia after the enactment of the "May Laws," brought her back fully to Jewry, and henceforth she devoted her pen entirely to the interests and literature of her people.

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