

# Farewell to Dr. Alexander Goldstein.

## INTERESTING FUNCTION.

A large and representative gathering met in the Zionist Hall on Wednesday night to bid farewell to Dr. Alexander Goldstein who leaves Cape Town to-day after spending five weeks here as leader of the J.N.F. Campaign. Tributes were paid to Dr. Goldstein by representatives of local Zionist societies, who all stressed the outstandingly successful results of the Campaign. Dr. Goldstein responded in a very interesting and inspiring address.

Adv. H. M. Bloch was in the chair and on behalf of the Dorshei Zion Association extended thanks to Dr. Goldstein for his conduct of the Campaign. At the same time without a real understanding of Zionism on the part of the Jews of the Cape, a major success would have been impossible. Success was assured through the small handful of people who organised the Campaign and to the Zionist Committees in every centre. It was, however, in the working up of enthusiasm that Dr. Goldstein had played a great part. Zionism had deep roots in the hearts of South African Jewry, who realised that war-time conditions demanded a real revision of standards. Dr. Goldstein had brought a message of faith and courage from the Yishuv and had inspired all with whom he came into contact. He did not spare himself in the conduct of this campaign and his success to-day was comparable with that of his previous visits.

Mr. Bloch then presented Dr. Goldstein on behalf of the W.P.J.N.F. Committee with a valise, suitably inscribed, as a token of appreciation. He wished him god-speed and asked him to take back to Eretz Israel the message that South African Jewry stood by them in all their vicissitudes and would continue to support the national effort to the utmost.

Mrs. F. Winokur on behalf of the Bnoth Zion Association expressed appreciation to Dr. Goldstein. The Campaign had been a record-breaking one, but every contributor must feel richer by the knowledge that he had fulfilled his obligations. The women had not participated directly in the Campaign but were carrying on the day-to-day work with ever-increasing zeal and enthusiasm. Dr. Goldstein had given them much inspiration and encouragement. She extended good wishes to him and hoped that he would one day return to South Africa as the ambassador of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

Mr. E. Kluk spoke on behalf of the Zionist Socialist Party. For the short time Dr. Goldstein had spent here, he said, the results had been phenomenal. He had come at a time of doubt and confusion and brought a message of courage and faith from the Homeland. His success went far beyond the monetary results for he had inspired S.A. Jews with a new understanding of Zionist ideals. It was earnestly hoped that Dr. Goldstein would return to South Africa in the not too distant future to continue his good work.

Mr. E. Charlaff on behalf of the Massadah Association associated himself with the remarks of the previous speakers. The Yishuv was displaying wonderful courage and heroism and would continue to face all their trials in the same spirit. It was up to South African Jewry to give them

all their material and moral support. He would say to Dr. Goldstein: "Shalom ulehivot."

Mr. S. M. Levin on behalf of Cape Zionist Youth paid tribute to Dr. Goldstein, who had greatly influenced the Youth movement in South Africa. In energy and enterprise he himself was one of the most youthful of the Zionist workers who had



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visited this country. He had shown that Zionism was a great ideal and inspiration, to which Jewish youth should strive.

The Campaign had been unique in that it was the first real war-time campaign. The inspired leadership of Dr. Goldstein had helped to place Zionism in its proper perspective and was largely responsible for the outstanding success of the Campaign.

Dr. Alexander Goldstein said that he felt very much at home in South Africa; he was very happy to renew his friendship with local Zionist workers and paid a warm tribute to Mr. J. Gitlin. He was pleased to see that there was fresh young blood in the movement, and that those who were in the youth movement during his previous visit were to-day leaders in various centres.

He was proud, continued Dr. Goldstein, that Zionism had penetrated so deeply into the hearts of South African Jewry and congratulated those responsible for the organisation of the Campaign before his arrival. It had been a real People's Campaign. The poor and middle class has contributed, while the very rich kept aloof. The problem was how to win over the powerful financial elements in the community. The method of propaganda must be revised; there must be more understanding of the psychology of the masses, an appeal to the deep human instincts. We had as yet not succeeded in penetrating the masses of the people. The achievements so far were splendid, but we must not rest on our laurels.

The chief problem was that of youth. He was deeply convinced that there was a very serious crisis in the life of South African Jewish youth. Everything must be done in order to counteract the danger which lay in the fact that the parlour communist who, far from living up to communistic standards, lived in luxury and was essentially materialistic in outlook, was poisoning the soul of youth.

Then again there was the danger that in the war atmosphere the Jewish question would be overlooked. Only by making Zionism interesting and attractive could we win over the youth. We must capture the imagination of the youth, teach them the eternal values in Judaism, and inspire them with the real Chalutz spirit. South African Zionism could not be measured by monetary contributions. There was wonderful Jewish material here, but there was not yet that single-mindedness of purpose, that monistic attitude which had characterised Russian Jewry. All forces must be mobilised to overcome any form of inertia and every form of camouflaged anti-Zionism.

Summing up his impressions of his five weeks' visit to the Cape, Dr. Goldstein said that the results had justified the hard work. Apart from the financial success of the Campaign, new enthusiasm had been infused into thousands of hearts. Palestine had been brought very much nearer to many Jews who felt themselves bound heart and soul to the National Home.

In conclusion, Dr. Goldstein expressed his deep appreciation of the tributes paid him and of the gift presented to him. He earnestly hoped and prayed that Palestine which had four times escaped the sword of Damocles would be preserved intact, that Jews would be able to hold the fort, and that South African Jewry would continue to be a pillar of strength to the Yishuv.

During the evening songs were rendered by Miss F. Felthun and Miss Hilsenrath, accompanied by Miss H. Schwalbe.

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