

New Publications.

Three publications of special interest have recently been made available by the Cultural Department of the S.A. Zionist Federation. The first is an authoritative account of the social insurance facilities set up by the Histadruth. This is a subject concerning which there is little public knowledge and the facts set out are most useful and informative. The second contains a brief but comprehensive survey of all the important co-operative and social enterprises in Palestine. It is of special interest to those groups anxious to increase their knowledge of existing conditions in Eretz Israel and to ascertain vital facts concerning the National Home. The third contains ten short stories dealing with Palestine life. Most of them are works of young Hebrew writers, translated into English. They are eminently suitable for reading at functions, group meetings, etc., and society office-bearers should make a special point of securing this booklet.

In addition, on the recent occasion of the 25th anniversary of the death of Trumpeldor, Mr. Z. Infeld, Cultural Officer of the S.A. Zionist Federation, compiled a special Trumpeldor memorial booklet, containing articles, stories and eye-witness accounts of the defence of Tel Hai, as well as two topical songs. Copies of all the above-mentioned pamphlets may be ordered from the Zionist Office, 85 Plein Street, Cape Town.

Congress Committee

The Executive Council of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies has appointed a Congress Committee consisting of Mr. Albert Livingstone (Chairman), Mr. J. Daleski and Mr. David Hayden, with Mr. B. A. Ettlinger, K.C. (President), Mr. S. M. Kuper (Acting Chairman), and Mr. G. Reichman (Treasurer), ex-officio, to take charge of the arrangements for the forthcoming biennial congress of the Board to be held in Johannesburg, May 24th to 27th.

Farewell Reception to Visitors.

FINAL HOLIDAY CONVERSAZIONE.

A farewell Reception to visitors was given at the Muizenberg Talmud Torah Hall on Tuesday, 27th February.

Mr. J. Gitlin, who was in the chair, paid tribute to the guest speakers, Mr. Sam Rabinowitz, Chairman of the Rhodesian Zionist Council, and Mr. Dave Dunsky, Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Youth Council and member of the Executive of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

Mr. Sam Rabinowitz outlined the history of Rhodesian Zionism and paid tribute to the late Rev. M. I. Cohen, who was the father of Rhodesian Zionism. The Chovevei Zion Association of Rhodesia constituted the most northerly beacon of Zionism in South Africa. Mr. Rabinowitz then analysed some aspects of local Zionist work. He referred to the recrudescence of correspondence in the press of an anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic nature. The speaker felt that the challenge in the press had to be taken up by Jews. Mr. Rabinowitz declared that the response of the affluent S.A. Jewish community to the Zionist cause was not commensurate with the need of the present time. The companies which were being launched deserved the fullest support of S.A. Jewry. Speaking on the unity of S.A. Zionism, he pointed out that according to Herzl, Palestine would be built up by the combined contributions of all sections of the Jewish people. The S.A. Zionist community which was far removed from the political arena of Palestine should concentrate its energies on an undivided contribution towards the upbuilding of the Homeland.

Mr. D. Dunsky speaking on the background of the Jewish problem, referred to the different schools of thought that were represented in the S.A. Jewish community. There were those who threw themselves in from the beginning of the Jewish Diaspora into the life of the community among which they lived. They gave up their language and accepted citizenship of their country of adoption or birth and contributed their fullest share both in peace and war. Yet no country, however progressive, offered a real home to the Jews. There were some who believed that anti-

Semitism would be destroyed by a social and economic revolution. From experience of the past, however, there was little doubt that such a revolution had to lead to the destruction of the people itself. Any system under which the people had to go under was not worth fighting for. It was only natural to fight for the interests of one's own people. The best records of the past in which some of our people placed their faith did not inspire real confidence in the Zionism presented the only chance of survival for the Jewish people. The Jewish people bowed to the will of the oppressor and in the hour of need Zionism emerged as a true champion of the national survival of our people.

Mr. Gitlin thanked the lecturers who had contributed to the success of the holiday conversazione which were that year of a higher standard than in previous years. He also expressed his gratitude of the Council to the chairman and members of the Muizenberg Congregation, ladies and especially to Mrs. Jocum and Mrs. Symons who had helped to make their functions a success. The musical items of the evening included very popular songs recited by Mr. Bader and a recital of original poems by Asher.

Great Synagogue Ladies' Guild

The next meeting of the Guild takes place on

Wednesday, 7th March
AT 2.45 P.M.

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