

Presentation to Aunt Rachel

Function at Offices of S.A. Zionist Federation.

ON Sunday morning last an interesting function took place in the offices of the S.A. Zionist Federation, Johannesburg, when a presentation was made to Aunt Rachel, as a mark of appreciation for her eighteen years' service as writer of the "Children's Page" in the *Zionist Record*. It will be remembered that Aunt Rachel found it necessary recently to relinquish the writing of this interesting feature.

Mr. L. Braudo, Chairman of the Federation, welcomed Aunt Rachel and expressed appreciation for the work she had performed on behalf of the Jewish children in this country. It was she who had inculcated in their minds at an early age a love for Jewish nationalism and for Judaism. He felt there was no doubt that the present development of the Jewish youth movement in South Africa was considerably due to Aunt Rachel's work. Her parting from the *Zionist Record* will be felt throughout South Africa.

Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, said that the articles of Aunt Rachel must have made an indelible impression upon the young readers throughout the length and breadth of the country.

MR. I. H. HARRIS, who in the early days, was the Editor of the *Zionist Record* and was first associated with Aunt Rachel's contributions, said that he had reason to know that the children appreciated and loved her contributions. That indeed was her best reward.

Mr. J. Daleski, as chairman, associated the Editorial Board in a tribute to the work of Aunt Rachel.

Mr. David Dainow, Editor of the *Zionist Record*, eulogised the consistent manner in which Aunt Rachel had written her articles throughout so long a period. That in itself was a journalistic achievement of real note. He trusted that contributions from her pen would still appear from time to time in the pages of the journal.

Mr. J. Alexander, Secretary of the S.A. Zionist Federation, said that Aunt Rachel was the oldest regular permanent contributor to the *Zionist Record*. Her work had been one of the greatest assets to Zionism.

At this stage, Mr. Braudo referred to the encouragement which Aunt Rachel had given to children to contribute to national funds. He then presented Aunt Rachel with a set of *Machzorim*—beautifully printed and bound—as a mark of



Mrs. R. SHAER
(Aunt Rachel).

Photo: Jane Plotz.

After over eighteen years of anonymity, Aunt Rachel has permitted the *Zionist Record* to announce that she is Mrs. Rachel Shaer. Mrs. Shaer is holding the important position of Matron of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage in Johannesburg—an institution of which her husband is Superintendent.

esteem on the part of the members of the Executive of the Federation, the Editorial Board of the *Zionist Record* and the Kadimah Press, Ltd.

"Work Its Own Reward."

IN a moving and eloquent short address, Aunt Rachel declared that the words of praise greatly exaggerated the work she had done. The idea of her contributing at all was due to Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, and Messrs. A. M. Abrahams and I. H. Harris.

"The work has had its own reward," said Aunt Rachel. "It has been a pleasure to write to the children, to keep in touch with them and to share in their troubles and joys. I am happy to realise that I have been able to inculcate in the children a love for things Jewish. I am glad to know that the page will be continued and that the same children will be keeping in touch with the new writer."

Aunt Rachel added that the suggestion had been made that some of her articles should be published in book form. She would be pleased indeed if such an idea could be realised.

She then expressed her deep thanks for the beautiful gift which had been handed to her that morning and which she would always prize.

The function then terminated.

Research on Unemployment

MR. H. SCHAUDER'S UNDERTAKING

MR. H. SCHAUDER, M.A., who was recently awarded the H. B. Webb Research Scholarship of the University of South Africa, has left for overseas. The purpose of his journey is to carry out, under the terms of the Scholarship, research work on unemployment in Europe and America, with the ultimate object of applying to South African conditions the test of the experience of the older countries.

Mr. Schauder will spend some time in Britain, not only at a university centre, but in the industrial areas, obtaining first-hand information on the problem he is investigating. On the Continent he will work primarily in close association with the facilities of the International Labour Office at Geneva, supplementing such work with personal observation in the various countries, including, if possible, Soviet Russia. Thereafter he will proceed to the United States to study the problem in the country in which modern industrial methods have been introduced and utilised to a greater extent than in any other country.

Women's Zionist League

Hillbrow Branch.

THE quarterly meeting of the above branch was recently held at the residence of Mrs. Kaven, Alexandra Street, Berea. Mrs. I. J. Balkin presided. The business of the morning included the arranging for the clearances of Boxes for the month of May, and also a bioscope performance to be held at the Hippodrome on June 20, the proceeds of which to go towards the Redemption of the Sharon. The sum of £10 was the quota for the Dunam Drive of which £5 has already been handed over to headquarters, a further £5 to be given in during next month, this being a special effort on the part of the Hillbrow Committee.

Mr. ISADOR EPSTEIN.

Mr. Isador Epstein was the soloist in the performance of Beethoven's C minor piano concerto on Wednesday night with the Broadcasting Orchestra, which was specially augmented for the occasion. Mr. Epstein is an authoritative exponent of Beethoven, and his performance stressed the lyrical delicacy of the concerto. He will shortly be heard in an all Beethoven programme to be given for the Johannesburg Musical Society.

"GET-RICH-QUICK WALLINGFORD" AT THE METRO.

The festive and hilarious activities of J. Rufus Wallingford, grafter de luxe, are depicted in "New Adventures of 'Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford,'" which will open to-day at the Metro Theatre.

William Haines portrays the master crook, Jimmy Durante, the famous "Schnozzle" comedian of the New York stage, has a prominent role as the chauffeur who in an uproarious episode impersonates a senator, and Leila Hyams has the feminine lead. There are many further attractions in an excellent programme.

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