

## **Neglected Safed**

In a long article published in the Doar Hayom on Thursday last, Mr. I. Karniel complains bitterly against the attitude taken up by the Jewish Agency towards the inhabitants of Safed. The writer gives a sad description of the youth of Safed who walk about the city looking for work, with no hope of finding any. More than 150 Jewish families left Safed soon after the 1929 riots. And not a week passes without a family leaving the town.

A delegation of Safed Jews, which recently saw Mr. Farbstein of the Jewish Agency demanded that the sum of L.P. 15,000 set aside for buildings in Safed from the Relief Fund, be used for constructive work and for giving employment to the Jews of Safed.

Safed is the centre of Upper Galilee. It has a rich historic past. Nature has endowed it with all the attributes of a health resort. Sir Herbert Samuel, first High Commissioner for Palestine, more than once spent his summer holidays together with his family in Safed.

The new Commercial Centre was built on the old ruins, inspite of the opposition of the inhabitants themselves. The sons of Safed are being forced to leave for Brazil and Australia. Many of those who left long ago to Australia and Brazil are eager to return to their city, if they could find employment.

Safed is a town of small merchants and charitable institutions, Safed could be made a first-class health resort, by building hotels. It is famous for its cheese, and splendid wine.

The future of Safed will depend on the way in which the directors of the Relief Fund act. They could improve the situation if they wished. The sums set aside for Safed if spent in the right manner could easily bring about the desired results.