

THE NATIONAL TULIP SHOW.—Permit me to say that the notice in your issue of May 31, 1913, *re* the Royal National Tulip Show at Chelsea was a little misleading. The growers of the Florist Tulip are a very small body, and no one ever expected what the public would call a big show. Those who entered the Tulip tent saw, however, one of the very best "twelves" that have ever been staged in London. Mr. C. W. Needham had a superb lot, which by their quality amply atoned for any shortage of competitors. Another feature was the presence of several new rectified seedlings raised by Mr. A. D. Hall and then exhibited for the first time. The Tulip cult is not dead yet. I hope to see tomorrow (June 2) the seventy-eighth annual Show of the Wakefield Amateur Tulip Society, and I have been told by those who know that I shall see a wonderful sight with many quaint old-time features, which I can imagine will harmonise well with the spirit of that least mercantile of flowers, "the Florist's Tulip." *Joseph Jacob.*