

## Cape Town Young Judeans.

On Saturday evening the C.T. Young Judeans celebrated their eighth anniversary at a reception held in the Zionist Hall. A large gathering of members and others filled the hall.

Mr. S. M. Levin was in the chair and in his opening remarks dealt with the activities of Cape Young Israel in general and the Young Judeans in particular. The Society had produced many able workers who were to-day active in senior Zionism and was well proving itself worth while. However, the support of the elder section of the community was constantly necessary, even if only for the moral encouragement it gave.

The Mayor, Mr. L. Gradner, spoke of the excellent work the Society was doing and he looked to the members of to-day, when they attained their majority, to be the worthy protectors of the Zionist ideal. Young people who were prepared to give up the pleasures of dances and bioscopes for the sake of attending meetings of a society whose aims were the fostering of everything Jewish were indeed doing something admirable. It was in such activities that a pride in the Jewish race and Jewish aims and activities was acquired. He wished the Society every success in the future. Mr. Gradner apologised for the absence of the Mayoress due to the inclemency of the weather.

Mr. G. Gitlin, Chairman of the Society, said that although eight years was not a very long time for a society to be in existence, it was, nevertheless long enough to enable one to look back and see whether good work had been performed. The quality

of a society was not to be judged by the number of leaders which it produced, but by the extent of Jewish consciousness it aroused in the general body of members and the attitude they retained after leaving the society. In this respect, the Society was definitely doing well.

Mr. Galin appealed to the members not to regard the Society as something petty but to remember that it was part of a world organisation. Ex-members of the Society should not neglect Zionist work but should continue their activities. Furthermore, it was essential that parents should have a correct idea of the aims and objects of the Society and not regard it as an organisation of little positive value.

Dr. C. Resnekov, on behalf of the Dorshei Zion Association, spoke on the necessity of having a junior society such as this one; the organisation he represented looked with favour on a body which fostered the spirit of Judaism. What was necessary to-day above all was an optimistic outlook and a belief in one's own abilities. Jewry would always remain in the Diaspora if a spirit of pessimism prevailed, but to-day the call of the land was strong. The call was essentially one of youth, and youth would undoubtedly answer it.

Dr. H. W. Altschul, on behalf of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, said that the activities of junior bodies in the early days had been somewhat easier because everything was then done on virgin soil and was accordingly praised. The youth of to-day, however, had the advantage of having grown up with the movement and had not started late in life.

Jewry was to-day on the threshold of great events. The spread of anti-Semitism had created a greater unity among the

Jewish people than there had been for a long time. Unity, however, did not mean a uniformity of ideas and the sooner it was realised that the major obstructions were from without and not within, the more quickly would progress ensue.

After a number of items consisting of a violin solo by Mr. C. Kreitzer, a recitation by Miss A. Gelb, a song by Mr. I. Lipshitz and a ukelele solo by Mr. Harry A. Cohen, and conjuring by members of Danby's School of Magic, refreshments were served.

Mr. R. Rechtman, on behalf of the Society, proposed the toast of "The Seniors." Mr. Alfred Friedlander, in replying, congratulated the Society on its success. He then briefly outlined the new schemes of the Synagogue Committee for the arousing of an interest in Judaism in the young Jews and Jewesses of the community; he hoped that many of those present would participate in these schemes.

Mrs. I. M. Hurwitz, for the Bnoth Zion Association, proposed the toast of the Society. She said that although the Society had been in existence only eight years it had already made its mark on the community. She hoped the good work would be continued.

Mr. J. Simenhoff said in replying to the toast that he was the only supervisor of the Society present. Of the others, two were not in Cape Town, and the other, Mr. Elias Miller, we had had the misfortune to lose some time ago. He (Mr. Simenhoff) had been present at all eight anniversaries of the Society; he hoped to be present at many more.

Dancing was then indulged in till about midnight. Throughout the proceedings a book-stall containing an English and a Hebrew section was open and did a considerable sale.

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