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NEWCOMER TO LONDON MUSIC.

Rudolf am Bach, pianist, will make his *début* at a recital at Wigmore Hall, on Sunday, March 11th, 1951.

He was born in 1919, and is a citizen of Zurich, he received his first piano lessons at a very early age from his father, who was a conductor in that town. When 13 years of age, he became a pupil of Professor Emile Frey of Zurich.

In 1936, he entered the "Konservatorium" in Zurich and two years later (1938) obtained first prize from the Hegar Fund of the above-mentioned institute, and the diploma for piano teaching. In 1939, Rudolf am Bach qualified for the diploma for concert performances with the degree *summa cum laude*, and became a pupil of the late Professor Frédéric Lamond. In 1940, he was awarded first prize at the National Swiss Music Competition in Geneva. Since 1939, he has occupied the post of teacher at the School of Music of the "Musikkollegium" in Winterthur.

During the last 10 years Rudolf am Bach has appeared as soloist at a number of concerts in the principal towns of Switzerland, Italy, Germany, and Austria, under the conductorship of Dr. Fritz Brun, Dr. Scherschen, Paul Sacher, Ansermet, H. von Karajan, Raphael Kubelik and others.

In a great many concert notices which have appeared in Swiss and foreign papers, he is praised for his "brilliant technique" and "a thorough acquaintance with works from Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Weber and Liszt."

We heartily recommend the recital of this brilliant artist and compatriot of ours to our readers, and hope that he will register "full house".

Rudolf am Bach will play works from J. S. Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms.

CITY SWISS CLUB. Monthly Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on Tuesday, February 13th, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

Mr. R. Dupraz, was in the Chair and there were about 70 members and friends present.

The President extended a hearty welcome to the Swiss Minister, Monsieur Henry de Torrenté, and to the newly appointed 1st Counsellor of Legation, Dr. M. E. Bernath, and Captain E. Specker, who has recently taken up his post as Assistant Military and Air Attaché at the Swiss Legation and to the guest of honour, Mr. A. L. Palmer, Manager of the Anglo-American Oil Co. Ltd.

After the usual toasts, Mr. Palmer addressed the Company on "Oil in European Recovery. This excellent exposé on a very topical subject was followed with great interest, and the lecturer was heartily congratulated by the President on behalf of the company, for his most interesting talk.

Close of the Meeting 10 o'clock.

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EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

February 10th, 1951.

The Editor,
The Swiss Observer,
London, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

We were very interested in the short paragraph which appeared in Friday's Edition of the "Swiss Observer" referring to the Presentation made to my husband by the Consistoire.

The actual facts and dates of his serving on the Consistoire are — that he was asked by the Rev: Roehrich to join the Consistoire in 1886 — and he has served since then without a break until the end April of 1950 — twenty-four of these years as President.

No doubt there are still some members of the Swiss Colony who will be interested in these additional details of such devoted service.

Yours faithfully,
Marguerite B. Brauen.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

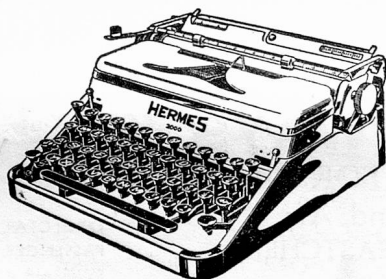
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