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THE CITY SWISS CLUB'S SURREY OUTING.

Like last year, the outing of the City Swiss Club to "Great Fosters" at Egham, which took place on Friday, 10th June, proved a great success, and no less than 125 members and friends were present.

It was intended that — as formerly — cocktails should be served in the open, but unfortunately weather conditions were too uncertain, and at the last moment it was decided to have the *apéritif* under cover. The popular President of the Club, Mr. X. Speckert, and his charming wife, greeted the members as they arrived, amongst these being Monsieur J. J. de Tribolet, 1st Counsellor of Embassy, and Madame de Tribolet, and other members of the Swiss Embassy. As we were spared any rain, many of the company, in spite of a strong wind, were able to have a stroll in the vast grounds before dinner.

The azure swimming pool, which is one of the attractions of "Great Fosters" in summer time, looked deserted and forlorn, and nobody felt tempted to have a "dip".

It was past 8 o'clock when the company was summoned to the old and stately baronial hall for dinner. The tables were decorated with pale pink peonies and illuminated by candlelight.

The *Menu* served consisted of Smoked Salmon, Cream of Asparagus Soup, Contrefilet of Beef Chasseur, Buttered Peas, Carrots Fines Herbes, Fried Potatoes, Iced Wonder Cake and Coffee, and was much enjoyed.

Unfortunately the wine-list made no mention of Swiss Wines, which was a pity, as such well-known vintages as Fendants, Dezaley, Yvorne, Neuchâtel, Dôle, etc., always stimulate especially the gaiety of a Swiss gathering. In between the various courses being served, several couples took to the dancing floor, no doubt having been tempted by an excellent dance-band consisting of five members. There were no toasts and no speeches, and I am sure nobody missed them. After coffee was served there was almost a stampede for the dance floor, and one noticed with delight there were many of the younger generation present, which is a good omen for the Club's future social gatherings. As time went on the atmosphere became much animated and decidedly *intime*; how wrong those who at one time accused the City Swiss Club of being "snobbish and stiff"! I could perceive nothing of snobbishness on that evening, and as to stiffness, only my legs could tell after having tried to "hop" about like a youngster!

It was past midnight when the last waltz was played, and the revellers left this attractive place with happy memories of a pleasant evening spent amongst "nice people" and historic surroundings.

The President and the committee of the City Swiss Club, especially Mr. Lucien Jobin, are to be congratulated on the arrangements they had made.

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