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OLD FOLKS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
AT THE FOYER SUISSE.

On Monday the 15th December, this most unique gathering of some 40 Old Folks of the Swiss Colony again took place, the Swiss Minister, Mr. C. R. Paravicini, presiding.

After the reception in the drawing room the guests took their seats in the brilliantly decorated hall of No. 15, Upper Bedford Place, which had been turned into a charming banquetting room by the manager, Mr. W. Meyer. There a special Xmas dinner awaited them, prepared for the occasion and most daintily served by the staff of the Foyer. At the same time the Swiss violinist, Mr. André Loewe, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Aug. Dejung, greatly cheered the company by a programme of appropriate music. After dinner Mr. Paravicini addressed the party and gave expression to his great pleasure in meeting so many of the doyen of the Swiss Colony in such a happy atmosphere and such pleasant surroundings as those of the Foyer Suisse. He congratulated his hearers on their wonderful fitness and health that permitted this festive occasion in mid-Winter, also noting the fact that so many were well past the three score years and ten. At the close of his speech the Minister called upon the senior member of the gathering and presented her with a silver medal specially struck for the day and engraved:

"To the ven. senior of the Swiss reunion, 1930, Mrs. Edwards, née Landis, born 8th June, 1845."

This ceremony came as a great surprise and called for most enthusiastic applause. The Rev. Hoffmann-de Visme, president of the Trust, and Mr. Th. Ritter also spoke a few words tendering heartiest wishes for a happy Xmas and a bright New Year.

May we hope that the memory of this Yuletide afternoon spent at the Foyer Suisse will brighten up the long dark Winter days of many of our dear old people in the metropolis. C.B.

THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents and cannot publish anonymous articles, unless accompanied by the writer's name and address, as evidence of good faith.

To the Editor of the *Swiss Observer*.

Dear Mr. Editor.—I should not like Jeanette to think that I had forgotten her or her first letter, nor that I have abandoned all aspirations to inflict on the *S.O.* my ideas as to ladies' frocks. On the contrary, I have been taking an intensive course on the subject and have spent hours looking in shop windows. The result will appear later, but with regard to the Annual Banquet of the City Swiss Club I would like to point out that I did not receive an official mandate from the Committee to report the proceedings. No doubt, the Committee wisely thought that ck's style was not suited to such a solemn occasion, but never mind, Jeanette, perhaps next year I will see what I can do all on my little own. In the meantime, perhaps ck will turn up in disguise at one of the forthcoming Cinderellas.

And now I should like to take this opportunity of wishing my readers the Compliments of the Season. I trust you do not get too tired of ck's nonsense. It is really intended to act as a foil to Kyburg, and please remember, dear Readers, that when the F.P.C. cannot assist you (see Advert. last week's number) ck is always willing to help and give advice in the columns of the *S.O.* on any subject from the best way of frying brains to beauty culture.

Finally, may I just make one little appeal. You all know how fond I am of Dr. Eckenstein. He tells me that the sale of "Five Weeks in America" is hanging fire. About another eighty copies must be sold and then the entire profits will go to the charities for which they are destined. So will everyone please get their friends to buy copies instead of lending them. I hope everyone will do their best as I should like to see the Swiss Benevolent Society and the Société Française de Bienfaisance receiving a nice little sum.

A Merry Christmas to you all. Goodnight, everybody. ck.

To the Editor of the *Swiss Observer*.

Dear Sir.—I feel I must thank "Jeanette" for her gentle criticism of my report on the CITY SWISS CLUB Banquet. How could I be so forgetful as to content myself with a mere passing remark of all the ladies' dresses in general, when each one deserved a paragraph of its own! And how you, Mr. Editor, would have been pleased, for once, to be able to rival the big dailies with the size of that particular issue! Had full justice been done to the subject, I would have secured a place in posterity! And now I have missed it.

Of course, it may be that Jeanette's gentle dressing down was meant more for "ck" on account of his unfulfilled promise than for me for having encroached on his preserves with such significant lack of appreciation of a delicate subject; still, I must give him the benefit of the doubt and pray Jeanette for forgiveness.

I wish many more Jeannettes would write and offer criticism. 'De la discussion jaillit la lumière . . . et peut-être aussi que je ne veux pas dire ici!' With apologies to Jeanette! J.Z.

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