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Col. Prof. E. Borel closed the series of speeches with the following tribute to English hospitality:—

Gentlemen,

I feel rather uneasy about being called upon to address you at this late hour, but I would like to say one or two words. The first is of heartfelt thanks to my friend, Mr. Martin, for the words which he has addressed to me, and the second to my Swiss compatriots for the reception they gave me here in London; for this I have been deeply thankful to them. I have been extremely happy to live with them and to find our old Swiss spirit still so strong. I may not actually be the oldest guest, but I claim to be nearly the oldest guest, for it was almost forty years ago when I first came to London, and I shall always recollect my first visit. I came again to London a few months ago, not the youth I was then, but I found the same pleasure in living on English soil, and derived from contact with its people the same moral inspiration as before. Our countries, of course, differ, geographically speaking. We have our mountains—here we have the London fog. I will not say much more about London, but will only say that this moral comfort I have enjoyed when staying here arises from various causes. I am reminded of a letter I happened to read a few weeks ago; it was from a young lady in Switzerland who was in England last year. She made some references to certain difficulties she had encountered, and although she said her visit had not been successful in every respect, she stated that in her opinion one could absolutely trust to the fairness of the British people. This admission particularly struck me. These ideas of fairness and justice are among the traditions which your country has inherited from the past. We greatly appreciate the example of freedom—that respect of the law which you have given to the world. Amongst the many foreigners coming to England, I think, there are very few who attain such rapid proficiency in the use of the English language as the Swiss. The other evening I was the guest at a meeting of my countrymen; it was a meeting of the Swiss Mercantile Society, and although all present had the command of three languages, the choice for our discussion during the whole of the proceedings was English. That, I think, is an unmistakeable sign of how thoroughly at home we feel here. In conclusion, therefore, let me say how greatly we appreciate the many advantages and liberties which we Swiss enjoy here living on British soil, and how anxious we are to deserve their privileges. Let me then propose the health of my countrymen living on British soil.

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Before and during the dinner and between the speeches the orchestra played various selections, prominent among which were Swiss airs, which afforded a very pleasant surprise and gave great delight to those present.

Monsieur Dimier, with his usual verve, conducted the 'ban cantonal,' 'ban fédéral,' 'ban d'artilleur,' 'ban du coeur,' as suited the circumstances, and it was evident that the English guests were greatly amused at, and at the same time very appreciative of, this to them no doubt very peculiar way of expressing our appreciation.

One more remark before concluding. The reception and dinner were from every point of view highly successful and did great credit to the untiring energy and wonderful organisation of our Commercial Attaché, Monsieur Henri Martin, to whom each one of the 90 guests must certainly feel grateful for the very interesting and enjoyable evening.

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