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always met with such a friendly reception. The speaker compared himself to a spent volcano, and he made some members of the company look rather younger than they might have felt, when he said that he was climbing peak after peak in our home country, some fifty odd years ago. Many of those present were, either not thought of at that time, or the only climbing they indulged in, was into their perambulator.

I must leave it to the noble Lord to estimate to what extent the "volcano" has extinguished itself, but I was glad to notice, that even one of the last "flickers" shed a light of warmth over the gathering, and I felt sure that no heart was beating warmer for our beloved country than that of this great friend of Switzerland.

This short, sincere and witty oration was received with tremendous applause.

Sir Kynaston Studd, another great and esteemed friend of our country associated himself with the previous speaker, saying how much he valued the invitation to dine amongst the Swiss whom he had always considered a kindly people.

He paid an enthusiastic tribute to the beauty of our land, saying that many of the Swiss living here must at one time or another think back with a sigh to the towering mountains, and the lovely lakes.

The speaker's generous compliment to our country and to the City Swiss Club was received with great applause.

Finally, Mr. A. Dupraz, President of the Swiss Benevolent Society, spoke very eloquently on behalf of the Funds of the organisation he represents.

The appeal so sincerely and cleverly made earned a deserved response and yielded the satisfactory sum of £126.

Before the adjournment of the company to the Foyer in order to get the Banqueting Hall ready for dancing, Lord Rennell of Rodd thanked the Chairman, whom he called "the most popular Swiss Minister who has ever been accredited to the Court of St. James," and the President of the City Swiss Club, Mr. P. F. Boehringer, on behalf of the other guests for the enjoyable evening.

Dancing started shortly after eleven: and soon after the cabaret made its appearance, which was a welcome diversion for those, who for some reason or other did not wish to dance.

It may be mentioned here that Newman's dance band proved to be very efficient and untiring in their endeavours to lure young and old to valse round in either quick or slow tempo.

One or two "Paul-Jones" greatly added to the gaiety and mirth which was such a happy feature throughout the whole evening.

At 2 o'clock a.m. the orchestra intimated that "Auld Lang Syne" should be sung, and so another Banquet and Ball of the City Swiss Club came to an end.

There remains only for me, to voice the opinion of all those who were fortunate enough to attend this function, an opinion which unanimously agreed that it was a great success in every direction. There reigned throughout the evening a most genial atmosphere, and if one complaint could be made, it would be the one, that the time passed much too quickly.

Long after I left the luxurious precincts of the Grosvenor House, I could still hear the happy laughter of many of the charming ladies, and could one ask for a better memory to take away from a gathering where every activity in the Colony was so splendidly represented.

The Committee of the City Swiss Club, and especially the untiring Hon. Secretary, M. G. Marchand, who arranged this splendid function in such a masterful way, truly deserve the thanks of all those present.

It was an evening which will be remembered by many of the nearly four hundred present, with lasting pleasure.

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Apart from those already mentioned, the following were present:

Mr. Amann, Mr. and Mrs. Aeschlimann, Dr. and Mrs. Avery Jones, Mr. Akeret, Dr. Appelbaum, Mlle. Bunge, Mr. and Mrs. Bruggisser, Mr. and Mrs. Bernheim, Mr. and Mrs. Billetter, Mr. and Mrs. Beyli, Misses Beyli, Mr. and Mrs. Baume, Mr. O. Boehringer, Miss Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Bleiker, Mr. Bruggier, Mr. and Mrs. Bonessi, Mr. Benz, Mr. and Mrs. Bessire, Mr. and Mrs. Bartholdi, Mr. and Mrs. Bucher, Mr. and Mrs. O. Brüllhard, Mr. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Boos, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Bindschedler, Mr. and Mrs. Baumgartner, Count Borch, Mr. and Mrs. Campart, Mr. and Mrs. Chanton, Mr. and Mrs. Craddock, Mr. Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. L. Chapuis, Mr. and Mrs. C. Chapuis, Mr. and Mrs. Cramerie, Mr. and Mrs. Dick and Party, Mr. de Bourg, Mr. Dumant, Mr. and Mrs. de Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. Donat, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Dupraz, Mr. de Cintra, Miss Debson, Mr. and Mrs. R. de Watterville, Miss de Marignac, Mr. de Meuron, Dr. D. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Epprecht, Mr. and Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Plateau, Dr. and Mrs. Ferrière, Mr. and Mrs. O. Frei, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Fankhauser and Party, Mr. and Mrs. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs.

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### THE SWISS MUSEUM IN ZURICH.

Last spring the National Museum in Zurich was enlarged and re-arranged. Always noteworthy it offers now even more attractions to all those interested in history and culture. Even though it was impossible to go to any great expense, a large number of improvements and additions were made. Whole rooms were shifted around, and practically all collections were increased.

The Zurich museum is probably the most complete and interesting in Switzerland. Here the visitor finds collections dating far back to the beginning of history. There are relics discovered in the rocky regions of the mountains—evidence of cave-dwellers in the Stone Age. Even more important in early history were the lake-dwellers, who long ago lived on the shores of the lakes in central Switzerland. Marvellously complete is the absorbing interpretation of their primitive civilization during the Stone and Bronze Ages. An excellent new arrangement has been introduced in the museum, through which the visitor finds all the most interesting objects of these early times groups together; the rest of the material is placed in other collections primarily for the more serious students of history.

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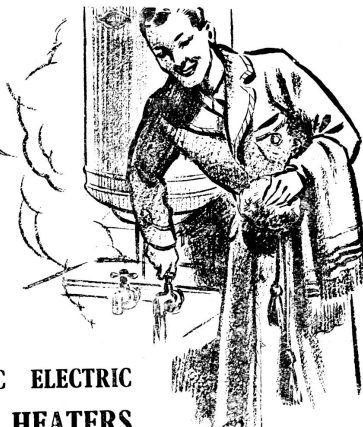
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The newly arranged section of Religious Art in the Middle Ages has as its oldest object an amazing 8th century mural from the Munster Convent in the Grisons. There are also many religious figures carved from wood, all of them ranging from the 12th to 16th centuries. The wooden altars of the later Middle Ages are most admired, and a number of altar paintings, tapestries, embroideries, carved chests and furniture are displayed on the ground floor. Here, too, is the textile collection, becoming rightfully more and more valuable.

Famous for its collection of old Swiss weapons, the high vaulted Hall of Arms, with murals by Ferdinand Hodler, was also improved. In this huge room are the weapons, helmets, and armors used in the medieval times of Switzerland's foreign wars. Rows of spears point up to the still hanging war banners. In another room, along with collections of medals, are the uniforms used in later centuries. Wonderful specimens of the skill of medieval goldsmiths are shown in the jewel-room, and priceless heirlooms of old noble families are displayed along with fabulously valuable religious goblets, bowls and other objects of art.

The museum has numerous rooms outfitted with medieval furniture, depicting clearly the interiors of castles and homes during various periods of the Middle Ages. There are also examples of late Gothic and Renaissance architecture, specimens of glass painting, and old ovens, harpsichords, and spinning wheels. Here at the Zurich museum the visitor obtains an authentic and comprehensive picture of the development of Swiss civilization from the primitive Stone Age to the present day.

#### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY LECTURE BY

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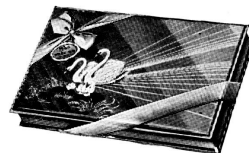
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