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Ticinese in particular, to have at their Annual Dinner the Mayors of two of London's biggest Boroughs.

Mr. Meschini, Hon. Vice-President of the Society yielded to demands for a speech which came from all corners of the Banqueting Hall, and with his usual fluency he thanked the Minister and Madame Paravicini for the great honour they had bestowed on the Society by their presence; he also expressed his satisfaction that the Mayors of Marylebone and St. Pancras had accepted the invitation, which was not only an honour but gave great pleasure to the Society.

The Unione Ticinese has always been liberal and generous towards all those who have at one time or another rendered services to the Society. I was, however, a little disappointed that one member, who has deserved well of the Society, had been forgotten, I mean Mr. W. Notari, who was for 16 years at the head of the Society, well do I remember how on former occasions my friend was enthusiastically greeted whenever he addressed this annual gathering, with such endearing terms as "good old Willie," and "our Willie," well fame is short lived and glory counts for little nowadays, but I am sure this was an oversight, and will no doubt be "made good." Sixteen years of hard and conscious work for a Society deserves a better fate. —

The last speaker was Mr. O. Gambazzi, who greatly moved, thanked the Society for the very acceptable acknowledgement of his services, "it is," he said, "one of the proudest days of my life."

I gladly associate myself with what has been said about Mr. Gambazzi, he deserves everything that has been said, he is not only a great Ticinesi, but a good and true Swiss.

Thus the speech-making came to an end, and everyone adjourned to the dancing Hall.

I cannot end this report without mentioning the many charming Ladies who were present; although this remark makes me feel rather uneasy as I have been repeatedly teased about my reports concerning the "sweetest of the sweet." As a matter of fact, whilst composing this report, a friend of mine called, and asked me whether I was again writing about the "beautiful" ladies whom he feels sure, I never see. I felt inclined to be downright rude, but on second thoughts I considered that it would be the better policy to ignore his sarcastic remarks. Braving the consequences, I proudly state that there were many lovely ladies present, and they added greatly to the attractiveness of this function.

It was a merry crowd who danced to the accompaniment of an excellent orchestra, and for those who found dancing too exacting a cabaret provided a welcome diversion.

At 2 a.m. this very enjoyable 64th Banquet came to an end.

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#### LONDON SWISS RIFLE TEAM.

The London Swiss Rifle Team held a meeting at Bisley on April 10th, when the following Committee was elected:—

*President:* M. Henry Senn,

*Secretary:* M. Paul Hilfiker,

*Members:* MM. Alfred Schmid and Willy Fischer.

All the members present regretfully agreed to release M. P. F. Boehringer, better known at Bisley as the "Swiss Admiral," from his duties as Secretary and Treasurer of the Team. They offer him their sincere thanks for the untiring and valuable services rendered during his term of office.

Training has already begun for the next Federal Shooting Competition, which is to be held at Lucerne in August, 1939. The Swiss Colony in Great Britain will certainly wish the Team to be as successful on this occasion as it has been in the past, and new members who are interested in Rifle Shooting, and more especially in taking part in the Federal Shoot at Lucerne, will therefore be heartily welcome.

Shooting practice takes place at Bisley Camp once or twice each month on Sundays, and as the London Swiss Rifle Team is affiliated with the Middlesex Rifle Association, the members enjoy the privilege and right of using the latter's most comfortable and homely Pavilion.

Applications for membership should be addressed to the Secretary, M. Paul Hilfiker, at 18, Montagu Place, W.1.

#### LONDON SWISS RIFLE TEAM.



#### H. SENN

*President,*

London Swiss Rifle Team



We have great pleasure in publishing here with the portrait of the newly elected President of the London Swiss Rifle Team.

M. Senn has for many years played an important part in the Swiss Colony in London, where he is a popular personality.

Amongst the many offices which he has held during the last thirty years, we might mention the following:

Member of the Committee of the Swiss Mercantile Society, and President of the Sports section of this Society for several years. Member of the Committee of the City Swiss Club and President of the Club in 1933 and 1934. President of the Swiss Rifle Association for two years running, Vice-Chairman of the House Committee of the "Home for Aged Swiss." Member of the "Swiss Sports" Committee and for 15 years its Hon. Treasurer.

In addition M. Senn has been elected a Honorary Member of the "Union Helvetia" and the "Swiss Gymnastic Society."

#### SWISS ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The people of South London were treated to a musical treat on Saturday, April 9th, when the Swiss Orchestral Society, under the conductorship of Mr. E. P. Dick, gave a very fine programme of music from compositions by Mendelssohn, Mozart, Offenbach and Handel.

A most appreciative audience heard these renderings with extreme delight, the programme being of a very high order.

The accompanying of Mr. E. P. Dick for the Solo of Mr. T. Weil was excellent, whilst the playing Violinist, Mr. T. Weil, aroused the audience to heights of rapture and applause which literally "brought the house down."

It is extremely kind of the Orchestral Society to give their time and talents in order to help the friends at Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars Road. Thanks were expressed by the Rev. R. F. Skinner who stated that the Orchestra had come like a lovely patch of blue in a dark sky and it would have the effect of brightening the lives of those who were present. We look forward to another visit from our friends.

*Rev. R. F. Skinner.*

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Friday, April 22nd — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting, followed by a lecture by Major Paul de Vallière, further particulars to be announced.

Friday, April 29th, from 8.30 till 2 a.m. — Swiss Accordeon Club — Grand Social Supper Dance, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

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Ostersonntag, den 17. April 1938.

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