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should be made of the gratitude of the Sezione Femminile to Mr. J. Gianelli, who had made such a grand contribution in the form of a large supply of cakes and a cheque.

During the year the members had also not slackened in their efforts to work for the Red Cross, and this worthy cause had again been the recipient of a large parcel of useful garments.

The monthly social meetings at the Swiss House were still proving to be immensely popular and well attended, thanks in particular to the very good refreshments provided by the members of the Ladies' Catering Group.

Mrs. Lunghi-Rezzonico concluded by saying that she was exceedingly pleased with the excellent results of the previous year, and hoped the new year would prove equally satisfactory.

The 1945 Committee then retired and Mrs. L. Bruni temporarily took the chair. On behalf of the Society she conveyed its thanks and warm appreciation to the retiring Committee for their good management and their hard endeavours, which had done so much to maintain the enthusiasm and interest of all the members. She said she wished in particular to convey the deepest gratitude of the members to the President, Mrs. Lunghi-Rezzonico, for her fine leadership, and it was hoped that she would long continue to guide and inspire the Society's activities. To the Vice-President, Mrs. Berti, heartfelt thanks were also especially due for her constant interest and unstinting energies throughout the year.

The election of the 1946 Committee then took place, and it was a sure indication of the confidence placed in the previous year's Committee that it was unanimously re-elected, namely: President, Mrs. T. Lunghi-Rezzonico; Vice-President, Mrs. A. Berti; Secretary, Miss R. Abate; Treasurer, Miss R. Morosi; Vice-Secretary, Miss L. Diviani; also Miss I. Abate, Miss R. Darani, Mrs. I. Milli and Miss A. Morosi.

A new application for membership was then submitted for consideration and unanimously approved, followed by a discussion on the new year's activities, from which it was obvious that the 1946 programme was going to be a full and a varied one.

One item worthy of note was that the members were strongly in favour of, and indeed adamant, that an endeavour should be made to repeat and even surpass the outstanding success of the Christmas Bazaar of 1944. Such enthusiasm and insistence was truly most heartening and no better sign could have been forthcoming of the members' desire to collaborate and work for the Society's interests.

The meeting concluded in an happy vein and the members then had the pleasure, in company with the members of the Men's Section, of hearing a most interesting and enlightening talk by Mr. R. Mordasini on "The History of the Ticino and its Relations with Italy." This was the first of a series of lectures on Switzerland which Mr. Mordasini has very kindly offered to give, and the members of the Unione Ticinese are pleasantly looking forward to the next one.

Afterwards excellent refreshments were served by the Ladies' Catering Group, and amid never ending happy chatter and exchange of news everybody agreed that the afternoon had been a most enjoyable and successful one.

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CITY SWISS CLUB.

The Monthly Meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on February 4th, 1946, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, and was preceded, as usual, by the customary dinner.

The principal guest of the evening was Mr. Vernon Bartlett, M.P., the well-known journalist and broadcaster; 170 members and friends were present, and the attendance thus nearly established a record for an ordinary monthly meeting.

The President, Mr. A. Bon, in opening the meeting, extended a hearty welcome to the Guest of Honour, telling him that the members of the Club have very much appreciated his acceptance to address them.

Mr. A. Bon also greeted the Swiss Minister, Monsieur Paul Ruegger, Professor William Rappard and Monsieur Charles de Jenner, newly appointed Minister to Sofia, at present on a visit to this country; to the latter, the President expressed his congratulations on his having attained the rank of Minister.

The subject of Mr. Vernon Bartlett's address was "The Future of Europe," and his very interesting *exposé* was listened to with the greatest of attention; circumstances unfortunately do not allow to report more fully on this event.

The Swiss Minister and Professor Rappard made complimentary comments on Mr. Vernon Bartlett's excellent address.

Close of the Meeting, 9 p.m.



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