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## THE SWISS OBSERVER TWENTY-FOUR YEARS AGO.

We give below a summary of some of the events which have taken place in the Swiss Colony twenty-four years ago. (January to December 1922.)

*January, 1922:* Professor Borel, of Geneva University, gives a lecture on "The Problem of Naturalisation in Switzerland," at Steinway Hall, under the auspices of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. Mr. J. Baer in the Chair.

The Swiss Mercantile Society appoints a committee under the Chairmanship of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, to study the question of finding suitable accommodation for the rapidly increasing Education Department.

*February, 1922:* Annual Dinner of the Swiss Choral Society at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Mr. J. Manzoni, President, is in the Chair.

Lecture of Mr. J. F. Green, M.P., at the Swiss Institute, on "Dr. Johnson."

Seventieth Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Mr. F. Delaloye is retiring from the Presidency and is succeeded by Mr. F. Riederer.

Concert of Monsieur and Madame J. Dalcroze at Ælion Hall; the Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini attend, together with Professor Borel.

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The Swiss Institute Orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. E. P. Dick, gives a concert at Steinway Hall, W.1.

Mr. G. Ador, former President of the Swiss Confederation, President of the International Red Cross Committee, arrives in London, to preside over a meeting of the Financial Committee of the League of Nations.

*March, 1922:* The Swiss Gymnastic and Athletic Society "Helvetia" gives a gymnastic display at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. Mr. A. Mäder and his company give a sketch entitled "Self Defence Act." Mr. A. Boog, President, is presented with an illuminated address in recognition of his services rendered to the Society during many years.

Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. Mr. J. Baer is re-elected President.

A lecture by the Rev. Ernest Bury, M.A., on "Napoleon I" is given at the Swiss Institute.

Monsieur E. Cammaerts, the famous Belgian writer, is addressing the members of the Swiss Institute on "Littérature et les Relations Internationales."

*April, 1922:* The Swiss Institute Orchestra, conducted by Mr. E. P. Dick, gives a concert at Steinway Hall.

Mr. G. P. Gooch, M.A., D.L., gives a lecture at the Swiss Institute on "The European Situation"; the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, is in the Chair.

Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club at Gatti's Restaurant. Mr. R. de Cintra is elected President.

The Swiss Choral Society, under the leadership of Mr. Pestou, gives a concert at Steinway Hall.

An "Old Members' Evening" takes place at the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place. In the Chair, Mr. Burkhart.

Annual Dinner and Ball of the "Schweizerbund" at 74, Charlotte Street. In the Chair, the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini.

*May, 1922:* 48th Annual Dinner and Ball of the Unione Ticinese, (President W. Notari) at Gatti's Restaurant. In the Chair, the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini.

Death of Mr. Jean Antoine Bartholdi, partner in the firm of Hufenus & Co., member since 1907 of the City Swiss Club and resident in London for the last 30 years.

Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Institute. Mr. H. Joss is elected President, in succession to Mr. A. L. Despond.

Annual Dinner of the Football Section of the Swiss Bank Club at the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. In the Chair, Mr. R. Dupraz, President.



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*June, 1922:* The Swiss Minister, accompanied by Madame Paravicini, is placing a wreath of alpine flowers at the Cenotaph. (The flowers were collected by the inhabitants of Château d'Oex as a tribute to those who died in captivity.)

The Swiss Sports are held at Herne Hill Athletic Ground under the Presidency of Mr. George Dimier. Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, the Swiss Minister, presents the prizes.

Emil Frey, the Swiss pianist, and Professor at the "Konservatorium" in Zurich, gives a concert at the Steinway Hall.

Lecture by Dr. Paul Lang under the auspices of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique on "The Attitude of the British Foreign Office towards Switzerland in the 19th Century," at Central Hall, Westminster.

The Swiss Colony hears of the death of Dr. Gaston Carlin, Swiss Minister in Berlin, and formerly Swiss Minister at the Court of St. James's from 1902-1919.

Annual Dinner and Ball of the Société de Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres (President C. Campart) at 74, Charlotte Street; the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, is in the Chair.

Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Mercantile Society. Mr. G. E. De Brunner is elected President.

*July, 1922:* A Swiss contingent takes part in the League of Nations Union Hyde Park Demonstration. The Swiss group includes "Helvetia" accompanied by numerous lady attendants, "William Tell" and a detachment of the Swiss Gymnastic Society in National gymnasts' attire. In front of the gymnastic section march the standard bearers of the City Swiss Club and the Union Helvetia Club, Messrs. C. A. Barbezat and F. Rohr respectively. Messrs. G. Dimier and Senn also carry large Swiss flags. Amongst the representatives of the Swiss Societies are: Messrs. J. Baer, P. F. Boehringer, F. Burgin, R. de Cintra, G. Colomb, G. E. De Brunner, J. Geilinger, G. Jenne, A. Schupbach, A. Stauffer, W. Wetter, E. Werner, G. Wyss and others.

Concert by M. Rodolphe Gaillard, Swiss baritone, at Leighton House, Kensington.

The "Grasshopper" Rowing Club from Zurich attends the Henley Royal Regatta, but are beaten in the Grand Challenge Cup by the Thames Rowing Club, and in the Stewards' Cup by "Leander."

*August, 1922:* 1st of August celebration arranged by the Swiss Institute, the Union Helvetia Club and the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) at Morley Hall. Monsieur W. Preiswerk, from the Swiss Legation, ad-

resses the gathering in the absence of the Swiss Minister.

*September, 1922:* Death of Mr. Virgil Keiser, for many years an active member of the "Secours Mutuels," the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) and the Union Helvetia Club.

Première of John Knittel's (Swiss) four act play "The Torch" at the Apollo Theatre.

Piano recital by Mlle. Olga Carmine (Swiss) at Wigmore Hall.

*October, 1922:* Professor Eugène Borel, President of the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal in London, gives a lecture on "The Position of Switzerland in International Law" at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In the Chair: The Right Hon. Lord. Philimore, P.C., D.C.L., L.L.D.

*November, 1922:* Lecture by Dr. Paul Lang at Central Hall, Westminster, on "Die gegenwärtige deutsch schweizerische Dialektdichtung."

The Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, accompanied by Monsieur Henri Martin, Counsellor of Legation, are the guests of honour at the dinner and ball, organised by the "Schweizerverein" of Manchester, on the occasion of the "Grütlifeier."

On Armistice Day (November 11th) a large laurel wreath adorned with lilies and poppies is deposited at the Cenotaph by some members of the Swiss Colony in memory of the Swiss who fell in the great war.

Lecture by Mr. George Dimier at King George's Hall, Y.M.C.A., Tottenham Court Road, W.1, on "Mountaineering in Switzerland."

*December, 1922:* Death of Mr. Charles Bovet at the age of 85. He was long a member of many of the Swiss Societies in London.

Annual Dinner of the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club is held at the Royal Adelaide Galleries, Strand. Guest of Honour: The Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini.

Concert by Swiss Choral Society for the benefit of the Swiss Benevolent Society at Steinway Hall. The Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini attended.

Sixty-sixth Annual Banquet and Ball of the City Swiss Club (President, Mr. R. de Cintra) takes place at Prince's Restaurant, Piccadilly. In the Chair, the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini.

Causerie by Professor Borel, at the Nouvelle Société Helvétique on "Problèmes internationaux dans l'histoire suisse."

L'Escalade celebration at Restaurant Gatti. In the Chair, Mr. R. de Cintra.

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