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SWISS OBSERVER NINETEEN YEARS AGO.

We give below a summary of the events which have taken place in the Swiss Colony nineteen years ago.

(January — December 1928.)

January, 1928 :

Ernest Ansermet, the well-known Swiss conductor, conducts the Royal Philharmonic Society's concert at the Albert Hall. (Ernest Ansermet — born at Vevey in 1883, was for some time Professor of Mathematics at Lausanne University, then founder and conductor of the orchestre de la Suisse romande.)

February, 1928 :

Annual General Meeting of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique at Swiss House. Mr. J. Baer resigns as President, and is followed by Mr. A. F. Suter.

Lecture by M. Jean Heimerdinger at the Lyceum Club, on the "Swiss author C. F. Ramuz."

National-Councillor Ph. Schmid-Rüdin, addresses the members of the Swiss Mercantile Society at Swiss House, on the aims of the "Schweiz. Kaufm. Verein."

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Mercantile Society at the Midland Grand Hotel, Principal guest: Monsieur G. H. L. Micheli of the Swiss Legation. (President: A. C. Stahelin.)

Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Mercantile Society, Mr. A. C. Stahelin is re-elected President. Messrs. Chas. A. Barbezat, W. Gamper and W. Eichenberger are elected Honorary members of the Society.

March, 1928 :

Swiss Choral Society, Annual Banquet and Ball takes place at the First Avenue Hotel, W.C. Principal guest: Monsieur W. R. de Bourg, First Secretary of Legation. (President: Mr. J. Manzoni.)

Gymnastic Display of the Swiss Gymnastic Society at the Union Helvetia Club, in aid of the Lucerne Fund to enable a team to compete in July at the forthcoming Federal Gymnastic Festival. (Leader: Mr. Schneeberger.)

Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Rifle Association at the Union Helvetia Club. Mr. Ch. Strubin is re-elected President.

The Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, returns to London from an extended trip to Egypt and Italy. During his stay in Cairo he had an audience with King Fuad, who manifested to him his great friendship for Switzerland. The Egyptian Prime Minister and other high functionaries favoured him with interviews. In Rome he inspected the Swiss Guard.

Annual Dinner of the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. In the Chair: Monsieur W. R. de Bourg, First Secretary of Legation. (President: Mr. J. Tresch.)

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Unione Ticinese at the Monico Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus. In the Chair: Monsieur Borsinger, 1st Secretary of Legation. (President: Mr. W. Notari.)

Recital by Sophie Wyss at the Court House, Marylebone Lane, Oxford Street, W.

Swiss Institute, founded in April 1905 suspends its activities. (The Swiss Institute was founded as a centre of patriotic culture, educational influence and pleasant social life, free from any political or religious bias.)

April, 1927 :

Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club at Pagani's Restaurant. Mr. M. Gerig is elected President of the Club.

Swiss Benevolent Society, Annual General Meeting under the Presidency of Monsieur F. J. Borsinger, 1st Secretary of Legation. Mr. R. Dupraz is re-elected President.

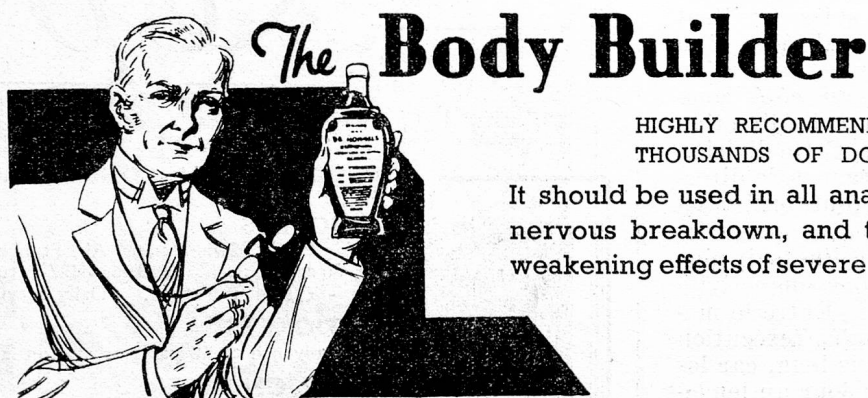
Mr. J. A. Meschini gains the title of *Victor Ludorum* at University College school sports by winning the 100 yards, 440 yards and hurdle races.

Union Helvetia, Meeting of Delegates of the Sections in Great Britain, at the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. In the Chair: M. Borgeaud.

Annual Concert of the Swiss Choral Society at Mortimer Hall, W. (Conductor: Mr. W. Meyrowitz.)

May, 1928 :

"Festa Familiare" of the Unione Ticinese at



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94, Charlotte Street, W. Principal guests : Messieurs Micheli and Rezzonico of the Swiss Legation. (President : W. Notari.)

Mr. and Mrs. George Forrer are celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary.

The President of the Swiss Confederation accompanied by Madame Schulthess, spends a few days in the Swiss Colony on an unofficial visit. The Swiss Minister gives a luncheon party at 21, Bryanston Square, in his honour. The President pays a short visit to the school of the Swiss Mercantile Society at Swiss House to convey to the committee his appreciation of the great and useful work undertaken on behalf of the young Swiss.

Annual Meeting of the Foyer Suisse at 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1. The Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini is in the Chair. Pasteur Hoffmann-de Visme is re-elected President.

June, 1928 :

Swiss Sports at Herne Hill in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini.

" Fête Suisse " Celebration at Caxton Hall, under the Chairmanship of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini.

July, 1928 :

Swiss Rifle Association, Meeting at Bisley.

M. Marc Rutty, retired Honorary Swiss Consul at Sidney, is the guest of the City Swiss Club.

News reaches the Colony that a team of the Swiss Gymnastic Society in London, has been awarded a laurel wreath for their performances at the Federal Gymnastic Festival in Lucerne.

August, 1928 :

Swiss National Day, a great patriotic Rally takes place on the Grounds of the Swiss Rifle Association at Hendon. The Swiss Minister accompanied by Madame Paravicini addresses the Rally.

September, 1928.

Madame Paravicini gives an At Home at 21, Bryanston Square, to members of the Swiss Colony who had taken tickets for the Lottery in aid of SAFFA.

National Councillor Henry Vallotton of Geneva is the guest of the City Swiss Club at Pagani's Restaurant.

The Swiss Rifle Association wins a friendly competition with the Hendon Gun Club. The Swiss team is : Messrs. Burger, Devincenti, Hirt, Krucker, Arn. Schmid and J. Wetter.

Lecture by Mr. U. A. Casal on Japan at Victoria Hall, under the auspices of the Education Dept. of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

The death is reported of Mr. C. A. Bieri, at the age of 58. Mr. Bieri was for 30 years employed as chef by the Fredericks Hotel Company, he was a life-long member of the Société de Secours Mutuels.

November, 1928 :

Mr. F. E. Cottier is appointed representative of the Banque Nationale de Crédit in London.

Mr. O. Bartholdi is opening a Swiss Restaurant at 4, Charlotte Street. The Swiss Observer representative reports the following specialities to be obtainable at this establishment : Bratwurst, Schübli, Cervelat, Wienerli, Fleischkäse, Lioner, Ballero, Salami, Schinkenwurst, etc., etc. (Tempi passati !)

Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Choral Society. Mr. E. Bommer is elected President.

December, 1928 :

City Swiss Club, 72nd Annual Banquet and Ball

at Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue. In the Chair : Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister. (President : Mr. M. Gerig.)

Union Helvetia, 33rd Annual Banquet and Ball, at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. In the Chair : Monsieur W. de Bourg, First Secretary of Legation. (President : Mr. A. Indermaur.

Swiss Rifle Association, Annual Banquet and Ball. Principal guest : Monsieur Borsinger, 1st Secretary of Legation. (President : Mr. Ch. Strubin.)

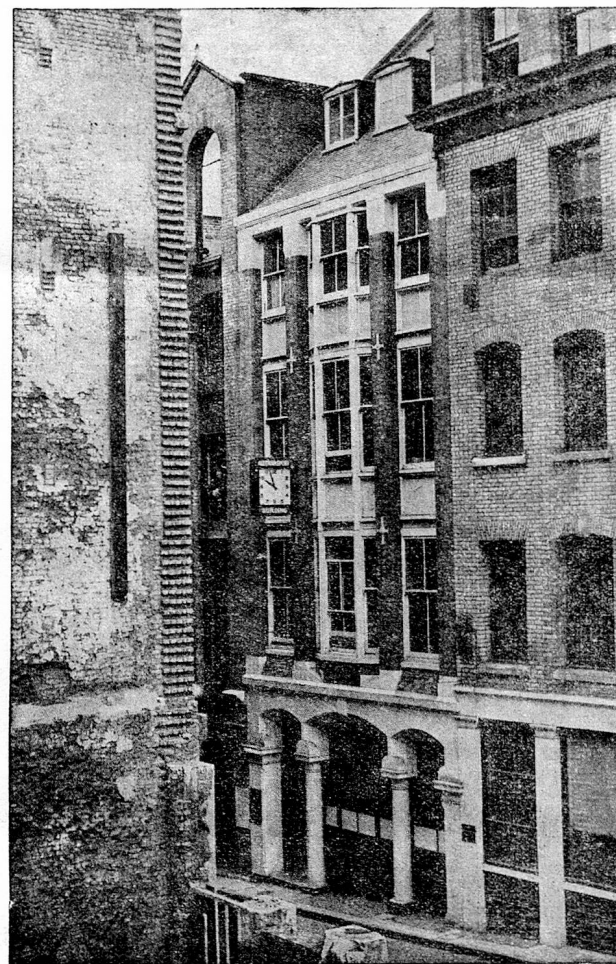
Unione Ticinese, Annual Concert and Dance at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

L'Escalade Dinner at Pagani's Restaurant.

Song recital by Mlle Violette Brown at Wigmore Hall.

Old Folk Xmas Luncheon at the Foyer Suisse under the Presidency of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini.

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