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UNIONE TICINESE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**CARLO BERTI.****President Unione Ticinese, Socio Benemerito.**

A well-attended General Meeting of the Society was held at Swiss House, Fitzroy Square, W.1, on Sunday, 2nd February. Mr. C. Ferrari, President, was in the Chair.

After the Minutes of the previous Meeting had been read and approved the Auditors, Messrs. E. Genini, M. Diviani and E. Berti presented their report, which fully approved the accounts for 1946 as presented by the Committee and circularised to all the members.

The Secretary, Mr. P. De Maria, then read the Committee's report on the financial and social activity of the Society during 1946.

The next item on the Agenda was a resolution proposed by the Committee, that the Trust Deed drawn up in 1936, be now revoked and cancelled and all funds of the Society be invested in the name of the Society. This resolution was rendered necessary by the recent change in the Statutory Rules of the Society and was passed unanimously.

Also rendered necessary by the new rules was the election of 3 Trustees who remain in office for 3 years. The following were elected. Carlo Berti, Oscar Gambazzi and Pietro De Maria.

When the election of the Committee for 1947 came up for discussion, Mr. C. Ferrari, President, and Mr. O. Gambazzi, Vice-President, requested that their names should not go forward for the new Committee. Mr. C. Ferrari intimated that whilst he would agree to serve on the new Committee as an ordinary member he wished to be excused the onerous duties which the Presidency entailed, whilst Mr. O. Gambazzi, felt that after practically 50 years continuous duty on the Committee he was entitled to a rest. All the Members present gave him a great ovation on his retirement from the Committee.

The Committee for 1947 resulted as follows:—

Carlo Berti, President, Plinio Morosi, Vice-President, Peter De Maria, Secretary, Giacomo Milli, jun.,

Vice-Secretary, Virgilio Berti, Treasurer, Vincenzo Ratti, Collector, Giuseppe Bonetti, Member, Luigi Bruni, Member, Mario Diviani, Member, Cesare Ferrari, Member, Carlo Valchera, Member.

Mr. Carlo Berti, thus crowns his 25 years as a Committee Member by becoming President of the Society. In view of his faithful services to the Society he was recently made a "Socio Benemerito" and the Society presented him with an Illuminated Address which read as follows:

UNIONE TICINESE
SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO
AL

SIGNOR CARLO BERTI

"offre l'omaggio della Sua gratitudine per aver Egli durante un quarto di secolo con ispirante, patriottico ed umanitario zelo partecipato alla direzione della Società assumendo poscia la scrupolosa custodia della Cassa sociale, mai curandosi di sacrifici personali nell'allievare sofferenti e bisognosi membri e lo ascrive all'Albo d'onore quali"

SOCIO BENEMERITO.

After the remaining items on the agenda were disposed of, the President Mr. Carlo Berti, called upon Mr. Carlo Meschini, the Honorary Vice-President of the Society to say a few words. Mr. Meschini said he was touched by way in which he was received by the members present and thanked the various speakers for the nice things they said about his late lamented Father, Mr. Arturo Meschini, who always had the Society's wellbeing at heart. For his part, he said he would continue in his Father's footsteps and so preserve that link which had always existed between the Society and the Meschini Family.

The President then declared the Meeting closed.
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