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## SWISS OBSERVER EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO.

We give below a summary of the events which have taken place in the Swiss Colony eighteen years ago. (January — December 1929).

*January, 1929 :*

Cinderella Dance of the City Swiss Club at the Metropole Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, W.1.

*February, 1929 :*

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Mercantile Society, at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.1, in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President : Mr. A. C. Stahelin.)

Annual General Meeting of the Unione Ticinese, at the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund), 74 Charlotte Street, W.1. Mr. W. Notari is re-elected President.

Lecture by Mr. A. F. Suter on "East Indian Copals and Damar" at the Royal Society of Arts.

"Schweizerbund" Sick Society held its fiftieth General Meeting. In the Chair : Mr. C. Gentsch, President, who is re-elected.

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Choral Society at the 1st Avenue Hotel, High Holborn, W.C., under the Chairmanship of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President : Mr. E. Bommer.)

*March, 1929 :*

The death is reported of Mr. Henri Hoesli, at the age of 70. The deceased was a resident in this country for forty years, where he enjoyed great popularity. He was a member of the City Swiss Club and the Swiss Mercantile Society for many years.

General Meeting of the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund), at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Mr. L. Pasche is elected President.

Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Mercantile Society, at Swiss House. Mr. M. Paschoud is elected President.

Swiss Institute Orchestral Society takes part in a concert given by the "Croydon Excelsior Musical Society." Conductor : Mr. E. P. Dick.

Banquet and Ball of the "Société Culinaire Suisse de Londres," at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1, in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President : M. Juriens.)

Swiss Bank Sports Club. Dinner and Dance at Maison Lyons. (President : Mr. C. J. Searle.)

The death is reported of Mr. J. J. Geilinger, the doyen of the Swiss Colony in London, at the age of 85. The deceased came to this country in 1866 and was in business in Mincing Lane. For a great number of years he took a keen interest in the work of the Swiss Colony in London. He was a member of the committee of the City Swiss Club for many years.

Swiss Gymnastic Society gives a Gymnastic Display at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Annual Dinner and Ball of the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund), at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Principal guest : Monsieur W. de Bourg, 1st Secretary of Legation. (President : Mr. Pasche.)

*April, 1929 :*

Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club, at Pagani's Restaurant. Mr. E. Werner is elected President.

Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Club, Birmingham. Mr. P. Brun is elected President.

The death is announced of Mr. G. E. Colomb, at the age of 63. He was, for twenty years, President of

the "Société de Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres."

*May, 1929 :*

The Colony gives a Fare-well Dinner to Monsieur F. J. Borsinger, Counsellor of Legation, who is transferred to Brussels. In the Chair: Mr. E. Werner, President of the City Swiss Club.

A social evening is held at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1, by the Unione Ticinese, under the Presidency of Mr. W. Notari.


Swiss Sports Festival at Herne Hill Sports Ground, presided over by Mr. Ch. Barbezat.

*June, 1929 :*

The death is reported of Mr. Arthur Palliser, former representative of the "Société Suisse de Surveillance Economique" from 1914-1918, and afterwards he represented Switzerland on the International Wheat Commission. Mr. Palliser was a great friend of Switzerland, and his services both to the Swiss Government and to the Swiss Legation in London have been important.

The death occurs in Birmingham of Mr. L. M. Delarey, General Manager of the Grand Hotel and the Midland Hotel, at the age of 53.

Annual Dinner of the "Société de Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres," at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Principal guest: Monsieur W. de Bourg, 1st Secretary of Legation. (President: Mr. C. C. Campart.)

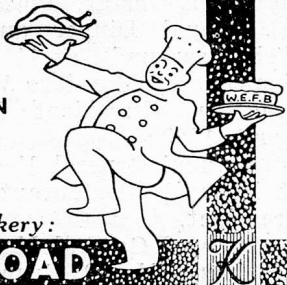


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61st "Fête Suisse" celebration at Caxton Hall.

*July, 1929 :*

Unione Ticinese Annual outing to High Beech, Epping Forest.

*August, 1929 :*

1st of August Celebration at Hendon, in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini and National-Councillor M. Valloton.

A team of the Swiss Rifle Association left London to attend the "Tir Fédéral" at Bellinzona. They returned to London with a laurel wreath and a silver cup.

The death is reported of Mr. Ad. Hoegger, Chairman of the British Cotton and Wool Dyers' Association and a partner in the firm Kerr & Hoegger, Ltd., in Manchester. He was born in 1849 at St. Gall, and spent the best part of his life in this country, where he enjoyed a great reputation.

*September, 1929 :*

M. Doria, the Swiss champion swimmer, makes an attempt to swim the channel, after having been for eight hours and 35 minutes in the water, he abandoned his attempt owing to stomach troubles.

*October, 1929 :*

Swiss Mercantile Society. Mr. Levy is introduced as Head-Master of the College at a ceremony which took place at "Swiss House," in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini.

Miss Sophie Wyss, the well-known Swiss soprano, gives a song recital at Grottrian Hall.

Ladies Festival of the "Helvetica Lodge" takes place at the Café Royal. In the Chair: Mr. René Marchand.

*November, 1929 :*

The death occurs of Mr. John, George Sigg, who was well-known in London and Liverpool. He was for a number of years President of the Shellac Trade Association. A member of the City Swiss Club, he liberally supported various institutions of the Swiss Colony.

Annual Banquet of the Swiss Choral Society at the 1st Avenue Hotel. Principal guest: Monsieur W. de Bourg, 1st Secretary of Legation. (President: Mr. E. Bommer.)

Annual Banquet of the Union Helvetia, at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. Principal guest: Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister.

City Swiss Club Annual Banquet and Ball, at the Hotel Victoria, in the Chair: Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister. (President: E. Werner.)

*December, 1929 :*

Annual Banquet of the Swiss Rifle Association, at the Union Helvetia, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1, in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President: Mr. Alfred Schmid.)

Presentation of a banner to the Swiss Gymnastic Society by the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, at the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. (President: Mr. E. S. Block.)

Annual Concert and Dance of the Unione Ticinese in aid of the Swiss Benevolent Society, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. (In the Chair: Mr. W. Notari, President.)

Swiss Mercantile Society. Students' Xmas Dinner at the 1st Avenue Hotel. Principal guest: Monsieur C. Rezzonico, Commercial Attaché. (In the Chair: Mr. M. Paschoud.)