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THE SWISS CLUB BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, May 21st, the Birmingham Swiss Club met at Mr. Kunzle's Restaurant, Five Ways, at 7 p.m., and had the pleasure of a visit from Dr. Egli, N.S.H., London.

Mr. Kunzle very generously placed a Room at their disposal and provided most excellent refreshments.

The President introduced Dr. Egli, who then gave a most interesting talk on "The merits of closer ties between the Swiss Abroad and the Homeland," emphasizing especially the necessity of inculcating in their children a love and knowledge of Switzerland and her traditions.

He pointed out that the number of Swiss abroad equals about 10 per cent. of its entire population.

Questions were asked as to the possibility of schools in Switzerland to cater for children between the ages of — say — 12 and 14 years where education might be continued on English lines without detriment to their present progress or alternatively where children of more tender years could go for short periods and thus absorb a little of the Swiss way of life.

Dr. Egli is at present on a tour of the Provincial Swiss Clubs and all their suggestions will be pooled and submitted by him at the "Ausland Schweizer Tag" assembly in Interlaken next month.

Mr. Wüest, President of the Birmingham Swiss Club, hopes to attend there as a Delegate, and we shall look forward on his return to first-hand information on these and other matters.

Dr. Egli expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young people amongst his audience, and it is to be hoped that if some of them should decide to live abroad permanently, they will retain their ties with the Homeland.

Amid applause the President thanked Dr. Egli and said how much the Birmingham Swiss appreciated his visit.

After refreshments, Mr. Duvoisin, on behalf of the Club and all those present, thanked Mr. Kunzle for his generosity and hospitality in giving them the privilege of holding their meeting in such agreeable surroundings and for the excellence and variety of the refreshments offered for their enjoyment.

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