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LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The London Swiss Philatelic Society held its 67th Monthly Meeting at Swiss House on 30th September last.

The President bid Members a friendly welcome to the resumption of the Society's activities, expressing the hope that they had all had an enjoyable holiday.

The following gentlemen, Messrs. A. Phillips, Roy Muller and T. S. Braga were enrolled as Members.

On behalf of the Hon. Packet-Superintendent who was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. G. Wahl appealed for more booklets, informing Members that sales had fallen off somewhat, which was due, to a large extent, to prices being too high and quality of stamps offered not always being up to standard. If Members were to bear these two factors in mind, it would help to increase sale considerably.

The official part of the meeting having come to an end, the Hon. Secretary, in his capacity as Display Organizer, introduced Mr. S. C. Daft, the guest of the evening by reading the following opening paragraph of a report on the Society, which appeared in the current number of "Philately," the official organ of the B.P.A.:—

"When the first meeting of the new season takes place on September 30th the cosmopolitan nature of this lively Society will be emphasised, for an Englishman will speak on and show Norwegian stamps to a largely Swiss audience. Mr. Stanley C. Daft is a well-known Scandinavian specialist, who will receive a warm welcome."

Members were privileged to see 80 sheets of NORWEGIAN stamps and covers, and the outstanding condition of the stamps — specially the early issues — was particularly noticeable.

The President, after a few complimentary remarks, called upon Mr. J. Beken to propose a vote of thanks on behalf of the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. L. H. Osborn and followed by loud applause by all present.

Once again, Members, who attended regularly the monthly meetings, had the privilege of enjoying an exceptionally good display.

E.A.G.

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Philatelically-minded subscribers who have read the article:— "DO YOU COLLECT STAMPS?" which appeared recently in the *Swiss Observer*, are reminded that the Hon. Secretary: EMIL A. GOTZ, 58, Etheldene Avenue, London, N.10, will be pleased to supply them with a copy of the Society's rules and also an application form, should they desire to join the Society.

UNIONE TICINESE.

The "Swiss Observer" has much pleasure to direct the attention of its readers to the 75th Anniversary Celebration, Banquet and Ball of the Unione Ticinese, which will be held on Sunday, October 23rd, 1949 (6.30 p.m. for 7 o'clock). Monsieur Henry de Torrenté, Swiss Minister, will be in the Chair. Dr. E. Celio, Federal Councillor, has accepted the invitation of the U.T. and will attend this important gathering of our compatriots from the Ticino. (Tickets can be obtained from the office of the "Swiss Observer".)

DR. ARNOLD KUENZLI'S DEPARTURE.

It seems fitting that the departure from London of Dr. Arnold Künzli, Correspondent of the "National-Zeitung" in Basle, and his charming wife, should not pass unnoticed. Arnold Künzli came to London two years ago, after having served his paper in Rome for some time. He was as industrious in his profession as he was gifted with a keen eye to observe the essential things in any foreign country. He was, in other words, a shrewd observer of the political scene, and had talent to bring his observations to paper in an extremely readable way. He will, no doubt, make a rapid career in his calling.

Perhaps Künzli has not left a very great mark in the Swiss Colony in London, though he has been on the Executive Committee of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique for some time. He was, by nature, rather shy and retiring, and shunned publicity for himself. He nevertheless soon endeared himself to his colleagues of the pen who were more or less in daily contact with him and to all those who enjoyed his and his wife's hospitality in their snug little Hampstead flat.

I am sure I am speaking on behalf of all my colleagues who work for the Swiss Press, if I wish Arnold and Franca Künzli all the very best on their way to Bonn, where they have been transferred, and on their further path through life. They can be sure to be missed by those who knew them in London.

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