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CHURCH BAZAAR.

A Bazaar was held on Saturday, October 15th, 1949, at the Kingsway Lecture Hall, Kingsway, W.C.2, in order to help to defray the heavy costs involved in the recent building operations at the "Eglise Suisse," 79, Endell Street, W.C.2.

We are very pleased to report, that this undertaking has met with a complete success, the result being, that just over £450.0.0 was realised. Once again, the London Colony has nobly supported a deserving cause.

Punctually at 2 o'clock, the Bazaar was officially opened by Madame E. de Graffenried, wife of our Chargé d'Affaires, who in a very charming way, referred to the object of this undertaking, encouraging the would be buyers to generously loosen their purse strings.

Madame de Graffenried, also paid a touching tribute to all those Ladies who had helped in such an unselfish way in organising this Bazaar.

There were a great number of stalls packed with very attractive goods at reasonable prices. I was particularly struck by the profuse display of childrens' garments, and judging from the results obtained in this special section of the Bazaar, it looks as if the members of the Colony are very "active," it is indeed a most comforting fact, as the Colony is badly in need of a younger generation.

The Food store, too, enjoyed great popularity, which goes to prove, that any additions to the family larder are still most welcome.

Less well catered for were "articles for Gentlemen," apart from a display of ties, some of which were rather "loud," there was mighty little to catch the eye of the male sex.

Anticipating a display of f.i. bottles of Kirsch, Fendants, Johannisberg, Dôle, Neuchâtel, Salamis and Swiss "Wurstwaren," Stumpen and Brisago's, I brought a large suit-case, but instead of getting these much desired articles, I came away with Xmas cards, talcum powder and a few other small articles.

May this be a hint for the next Bazaar, I am convinced, that a display of this kind would almost cause a riot.

There was a solitary "Päckli" of "Stumpen" on view, and I was just going to make a purchase, when it was snatched away, almost under my eyes, by, would you believe it, the Gentleman who kindly had presented it. Once again I had to pay for being a Bernese.

There were one or two raffles organised by several charming young Ladies, with beseeching eyes and ways, who managed to extract the money from, as it is now known, the weaker sex, namely the men.

The childrens' corner, did a roaring trade, they were even successful in "roping in" grown up's. I was lucky in getting as a prize, a postcard depicting Heinrich Pestalozzi, and I have a good mind to send this card to the Gentleman, who did "me out" of my "Stumpen."

A sumptuous tea was served by attractive waitresses (amateurs) which helped to swell the Exchequer.

I gladly associate myself with the tribute paid to the willing and hardworking Ladies by Madame de Graffenried, who so generously helped to make the Bazaar a real success, and not the least I would like to thank, on behalf of the organisers, the numerous purchasers, who so generously supported a cause which is most deserving.

Encouraged by the splendid result of this undertaking, I have a good mind to organise a Bazaar, for another "deserving" case, namely the "Swiss Observer" (we are terribly "hard up"). I promise that it will be a lively affair, and I hope, that all these young bewitching Ladies, who were so active and successful at the recent sale, will give me their support; as a reward I promise them to publish their pictures in our paper, so that there would be no need to call in the services of a Matrimonial Agency.

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