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## SWISS ARTIST'S EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS IN MANCHESTER.

We have much pleasure in informing readers in the North of England that our compatriot, Mr. Richard Weisbrod, of Darwen, Lancashire, will hold a one-man exhibition of some 40 paintings in oil and water-colour at the Mid-day Studios, 96, Mosley Street, Manchester 2.

The exhibition will be opened at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 29th, by our Vice-Consul, Mr. J. J. Huber, and Mr. Weisbrod's works will be on view for some 3 or 4 weeks.

Although our talented compatriot did not take up painting seriously until some 4 years ago, he already has a number of highly successful paintings to his credit, some of which have been shown at local exhibitions of Northern Art Societies, as well as in the Galleries of the Royal Society of British Artists. His subjects show a wide range of scenes, from the places he knows best — Switzerland, Paris and Lancashire — as well as some still lives.

A well-known art critic has described as outstanding characteristics of his work: brightness, a definite and individual style, a sensitiveness to colour combination and a strongly developed feeling for design. He paints in the modern manner — but not too modern — and is said by another critic to be entirely successful in capturing the pictorial character and atmosphere of his subjects.

Mr. Weisbrod has recently held a very successful one-man show at the Lewis Gallery in Blackburn and we wish him equal success in Manchester.

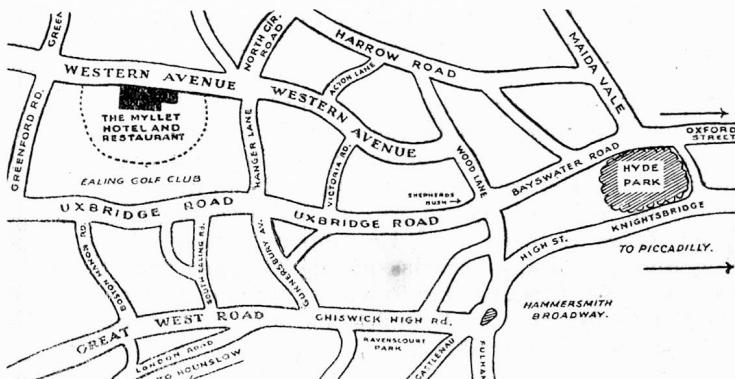
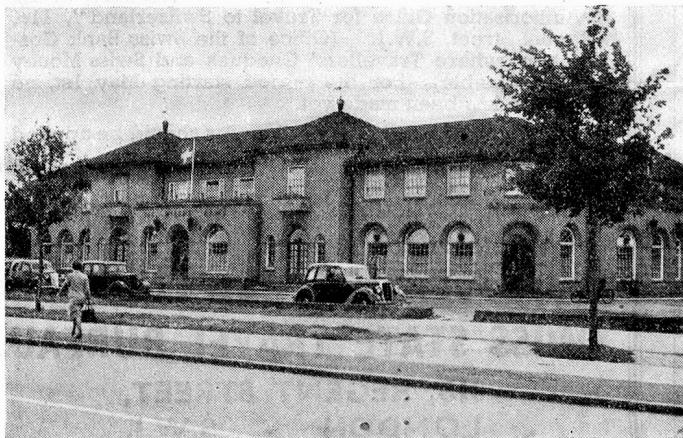
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A hundred and forty Students attended part or the whole of the Winter Term 1948 (6th September — 17th December). Thirty-eight of them successfully passed the Diploma Examination. It must be noted, of course, that only the Students of the advanced classes are eligible for the Examination.

The always very popular Saturday excursions covered a large number of well-known London sights, but also parts of the metropolis which are familiar only to connoisseurs.

Visits to the town of Oxford with its famous Colleges, to the Docks of Southampton, and to Ford's Motor Works at Dagenham combined with a pleasant trip by launch down the Thames, proved to be most instructive and were very much appreciated.

A party of Students attended a performance of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" at the New Theatre.

The College Football Team lost a match against the London School of Economics earlier in the term, but beat the same team 5 : 1 on 8th December, and the Banque Belge Team 5 : 2 on 2nd October.

H.M.

## COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE SWISS LEGATION.

The Swiss Minister and Madame Henry de Torrenté gave a cocktail party at the Legation, to members of the Swiss Colony, on Friday, January 28th, 1949.