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ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY.
Annual General Meeting.

The third Annual General Meeting of the Anglo-Swiss Society took place on Tuesday, April 25th, 1951, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, the Rt. Hon. Philip Noel-Baker, P.C., M.P., was in the Chair.

The Annual Report and Accounts were presented and accepted, and the officers of the Society were re-elected for a further term of office. Newly appointed to the committee, were: Dr. H. W. Egli, President of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, and Mr. W. Meier, President of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

The President, on behalf of the members, thanked Lieut-Colonel Stuart Townend, most heartily for the great services he had rendered to the Society in the capacity of Director.

The Meeting was followed by a cocktail party which was attended by the Swiss Minister and Madame H. de Torrenté, M. Bernath, 1st Counsellor of Legation, M. and Mme. S. Marcuard, M. G. Lepori, M. and Mme. R. Keller, M. P. Clottu, M. and Mme. Dupraz, etc.

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DANCE HELD AT THE SWISS CLUB IN AID OF THE AVALANCHE FUND.

On Friday, April 20th a Grand Dance was held at the Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1, in aid of the Avalanche Fund, which proved to be a happy and successful event.

During the evening pleasant musical interludes were provided in true Swiss style, firstly by The Swiss Male Choir, followed by Mr. Gandon and the Swiss Accordion ensemble, which included some fine yodelling songs rendered by Miss Helbling.

Later during the evening we had the pleasure of hearing some operatic arias sung by Miss Webber, followed by our old friends Bertha Abersold and Florrie Schärer, who entertained in their own delightful way.

The President, Mr. W. Schneeberger, is happy to announce that the proceds £32.2.4 will be forwarded to the Swiss Avalanche Fund, and would also like to thank, on behalf of the Committee, all the members and guests present for their admirable support for such a worthy cause.

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LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

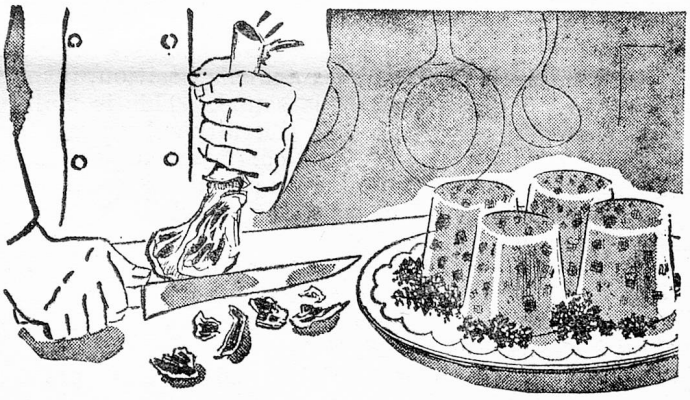
The 82nd Meeting of this Society was devoted to a study of part of one section of the superb collection of the stamps of Great Britain gathered together by Mr. H. C. V. Adams, F.R.P.S.L. It might convey some idea of the importance of the collection to add that it gained the Exhibition Trophy at the International Exhibition held as Grosvenor House last year.

The portion commented upon and shown by Mr. Adams was devoted to the issues of King Edward VII reign. The original and various suggested designs were accompanied by die proofs, and experiments in various colours and kinds of ink. A large proportion of these were unique.

The famous "Tyrian Plum" 2d. value which was prepared for use but never issued owing to the death of King Edward was represented by die proofs in the issued colour. Only one unused and one partly used copy of the stamp itself exist, both being in the Royal Collection.

A remarkable rarity included was the 1/- value in which His Majesty appeared adorned with an immense square cut beard owing to a defective printing. It is said that only six copies of this exist.

Mr. E. Miller, himself a specialist on the stamps of Great Britain, and Mr. Meier-Tissot, both spoke to the vote of thanks which was carried by acclamation.



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