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DANCE AT THE " SCHWEIZERBUND " (SWISS CLUB) IN AID OF LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH RELIEF FUND.

I would like to have the pleasure of describing one of the most enjoyable and memorable evenings in the history of the " Schweizerbund." The Committee answered the appeal for funds in the way they knew best — by organising a Dance and Tombola.

Owing to the absence of many of the Members on holiday, and to the short notice, organisation of a function of this kind was more difficult than would normally be the case, in addition to which, the time of the year was hardly suitable. However, the work was cheerfully undertaken for so deserving a cause, and we offer our sincere thanks to all those who took part.

We would like especially to thank the following who by giving Tombola prizes so generously materially helped towards the success of the evening:— Mesdames Caluori and Schmid, Messrs. Arthur, Bartholdi, Bruschweiler, Burkhalter, Ferrari, Ferns, Jaeggi, Matta, & Son, Richards and Zellers Ltd. Success was also due to the untiring efforts of " Winnie " Williams the Entertainment Committee, most ably assisted by Mr. Parsons and his " Boys " (the resident band) who played at such length at a reduced fee as their particular contribution towards the Fund.

During the evening, Mr. Schneeberger, the President, and the Committee were proud and honoured to welcome M. le Chargé d'Affaires and his charming

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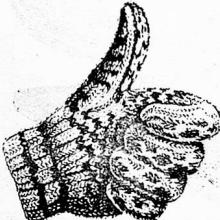
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lady, Mme Bernath, and Dr. E. W. Bircher, 1st Secretary of Legation. Their visit was deeply appreciated by all.

During the Interval, an old and ever constant friend Mme. Schaerer — " Florrie " to us all — played the piano and with her subtle magic had the whole assembly singing within a few seconds. We were then entertained by two visitors from the West London Choir, Mlle. Ingrid Ernesti who sang and tapdanced, accompanied by M. Fredi Bena whose yodelling was a pleasure to hear.

Then came the Tombola, and very exciting it was! There were so many prizes. The President thanking everyone for attending, especially thanked those who had worked so hard including Mr. Finger, the Steward, who had made such personal efforts to obtain prizes, Mme Finger who works with quiet efficiency and much self-effacement, and their daughter Elise.

When the President handed over the cheque for the Fund to Monsieur Bernath, I think everyone felt as I did, happy that by our efforts, we had been able to make a practical demonstration of our sympathy for the unfortunate victims of the Lynton and Lynmouth disaster.

M. J. S.

NEWS OF THE COLONY.



W. MEIER.
President of the Assembly of Presidents of the Swiss Societies

As mentioned in another part of this paper, Mr. W. Meier, has been elected President of the President's Assembly for 1952/53.

Mr. Meier, who also presides over the Swiss Mercantile Society, was born in 1908, and originates from Glattfelden. (Ct. Zurich). He received his schooling at the Primary and Secondary schools at Glattfelden, and afterwards spent four years at the " Kantonale Handelsschule " in Zurich.

After a short stay with an Import and Export firm in Zurich, he came to London in 1928, where he was employed by a well-known firm of Metal Merchants of which concern he became Manager in 1947.

We wish him a successful term of office in his responsible position, for the benefit of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain.