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NEWS FROM THE COLONY.



ETIENNE R. COTTET,
President,
Swiss Club Manchester.

As will be seen in another part of this paper, Mr. Etienne R. Cottet, has been elected President of the Swiss Club, Manchester.

Mr. Cottet was born at Bossonens (Ct. Fribourg) in 1894, and started his schooling in his native village and at the Ecole Régionale d'Attalens. On the conclusion of his studies he made his apprenticeship at the Hotel Beau Séjour at Lausanne going later on to the Hotel Eden at Montreux.

In 1911, at the age of nearly 18, he decided to go abroad, and his choice was Germany, where he obtained a position at the "Kaiserhof" Berlin, and afterwards had several appointments at Breslau, Bad Salzbrunn, etc., etc.

It was in 1913, that Mr. Cottet arrived in this country, where he obtained a position at the Hotel Adelphi in Liverpool, belonging to the London Midland and Scottish Railway; after having spent several years at various Railway Hotels, he was appointed Manager of the Euston Hotel in London, during the coronation of the late King George VI, in 1937.

For several of the tragic war years, he was in charge of the Hotel Adelphi at Liverpool, which Hotel was, on many occasions, bombed and badly damaged. In 1943, he took over the management of the Midland Hotel in Manchester, and at the same time also man-

aged the famous Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland, which under his direction was again transformed into a Hotel after having been used as a hospital.

In April, 1949, he was nominated Manager Superintendent of the British Railways Hotels in the North-West region of England, which brought twelve of the largest Hotels under his supervision.

Two years later, October 1951, Mr. Cottet was appointed Chief Hotels Manager (Headquarters) and he is now operating from the Hotels Executive Headquarters at 222, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1; in this capacity he is responsible for the management of the Executive's Hotels, mainly those of the North-Western and Midland, London and Southern areas.

In tendering Mr. Cottet our heartiest congratulations on his election to the Presidency of this over 100 years old distinguished Society, we wish him a successful year of office, for the benefit of the Swiss Club, Manchester in particular and for the Swiss Colony in Great Britain in general.

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SWISS CLUB, MANCHESTER.

At the Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday, 23rd February, 1952, at the Midland Hotel, the Committee for the ensuing year was elected as follows:

- President:* Mr. E. R. COTTET
- Vice-President:* Mr. E. BERNER
- Secretary:* Mr. R. BEAUJON
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