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FAREWELL LUNCHEON of Dr. A. R. LINDT, COUNSELLOR OF LEGATION.

Previous to his departure, Dr. A. R. Lindt, Press Counsellor at the Swiss Legation, gave a fare-well luncheon to London correspondents of Swiss Agencies, Radio Organisations and Newspapers, on Wednesday, February 25th, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

To bid farewell to a man one has become genuinely fond of always brings a twinge of sadness, but it was common knowledge, that sooner or later our friend would leave us, and we were prepared and spared from a shock.

With almost monotonous regularity members of the diplomatic staff of our Legation in London, are departing, either to return to the Foreign Office in Berne, or to other posts in various corners of the globe; bonds of friendship made up for a relatively short period are thus rudely interrupted, and all that is left to us are pleasant memories.

That Dr. Lindt, who was himself, at one time a Journalist by profession, before entering the Diplomatic Service, had bidden the Press to his party was greatly appreciated by all those who assembled at the Dorchester.

Our colleague, Mr. Gottfried Keller, has written for this paper an excellent appreciation of the work of our friend, and there is no need for me to further enlarge on it, apart from mentioning the procedure at this very intimate and friendly gathering.

Dr. Lindt, who received a hearty ovation on rising, thanked the company assembled for the assistance and loyalty they had always given him during his *séjour* in London. "I shall", he said "always remember the friendly relations which existed between us from the very day of my arrival."

Dr. H. W. Egli, the Doyen of the Swiss foreign correspondents in London, expressed on behalf of his colleagues, thanks for the help and assistance Dr. Lindt had always given to the Press, and the work he had rendered in cultivating good relationship between the Press of this country and the Swiss Press, saying: "he has been a real and good friend, which is the nicest compliment one can pay to a colleague." He concluded his address by giving a short *exposé* of the career of Dr. Lindt, wishing him best success in his new sphere of activity.

Other speakers were: Gottfried Keller, J. Wetz,

Th. Haller, J. Menessier, Mme. P. Deglon, A. Stauffer and H. Boeschstein.

This farewell party came to a close soon after 3 p.m., and with hearty handshakes we took leave from our friend August Lindt, wishing him God's speed.

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The following were present: H. Boeschstein, (Ringier Press); Mme. P. Deglon, (Radio Sottens); Dr. H. W. Egli, (Neue Zürcher Zeitung); H. Flückiger, (Luzerner Neueste Nachrichten); Mme. P. Hawkins, (Tribune de Lausanne); Th. Haller, (Schweiz. Landes-sender Beromünster & National Zeitung, Basle); P. Hofstetter; Gottfried Keller, (Agence Telegr. Suisse & Basler Nachrichten); Dr. F. Kessler, (Tagesanzeiger Zurich); Dr. Naef; E. Mettler, (Neue Zürcher Zeitung); J. Menessier, (Journal de Genève); Dr. E. Meyer, (Arbeiter Zeitung Basel & Schaffhausen); A. Stauffer, "Swiss Observer"; Dr. H. Tauber, (Die Tat), J. Wetz, (La Suisse); Mr. J. H. Büchi, was prevented from attending, owing to illness.

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