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SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.

Visit of Pastor Claude Reverdin.

The Swiss community of Manchester had the privilege to have Pastor Claude Reverdin in their midst on the 12th March, at the Midland Hotel. After dinner in the Grill Room, members and friends gathered for a brief but inspiring religious service in which our minister centered our thoughts on the problem of prayer.

The service was followed by a "causerie" on the subject of "Notre lutte contre la maladie — Religion et Medecine".

Pastor Reverdin was suitably introduced by our Vice-President Mr. E. Berner. After bringing us greetings from Mons. J. P. Inebnit and Mr. A. Staufer, M. Reverdin outlined the tremendous progress that medical science has made during the last two generations. While it was necessary some 50 years ago for the family doctor to have some knowledge extending over almost the whole field of medecine, it has since become inevitable for the doctor to specialize in some definite subject; the human body would appear now to be divided into sections each treated by a different specialist. The old intimate relationship between doctor and patient tends to disappear, and the patient has lost his entity of body, soul and mind. Simultaneously with the progress of science and the success of the fight against disease, new diseases are found and the fight must start again. The logical conclusion of these arguments is that illness is an active enemy of mankind that cannot be completely evicted from our lives. And to help in this dilemma comes religion with the right kind of prayers as a definite relief.

Pastor Reverdin read a few extracts from two books published recently, viz.

"Médecine de la personne" by Dr. Tournier, advocating a return to the old relationship between patient and doctor, with an extensive study of the circumstances of the patient, his troubles and worries, in fact any thing that can help to establish the psychologic cause of his condition, and not to be satisfied with only diagnosis and treatment.

Also "Le don de la guérison" by Dr. Racanelli, an Italian, emphasizing the beneficial result of prayer, both material and spiritual, for both patient and doctor.

In conclusion, Pastor Reverdin recalled how Jesus-Christ always approached human beings as a whole. The forgiveness He gave was very often followed by physical healing. As he is the same "yesterday, and to-day, and for ever", his effective action in our life will have consequences not only in our spiritual being, but also in our physical life. Our faith plays a most important part in our fight against disease.

A vote of thanks to M. Reverdin for his magnificent and inspired address, was proposed by our member Mr. G. Senn.

The evening was a great success and will long be remembered.

R.B.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Rifle Association was held on Friday, March 20th, at the Glendower Hotel, Glendower Place, S.W.7. Mr. A. Schmid was in the Chair, and there were 30 members present.

After the reading of the Minutes by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Magnin, and the presentation of the accounts by Mr. F. Suter, the President gave a short account of the activities of the Society during the past year. He reported that the membership had increased from 45 to 55, and that altogether 10 meetings were held at the Shooting Range at Bisley where 4,700 rounds were fired. Mr. Schmid warmly thanked his colleagues on the committee for their collaboration, and in conclusion expressed the hope that intensive training would take place for the 1954 Federal Shooting Festival, at which the Association was going to compete in Lausanne.

The outgoing committee was re-elected en bloc, and consists of the following: President: A. Schmid, Vice-President: J. C. Wetter, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer: F. Magnin, Range Officers: W. Fischer, J. Odermatt, Captain E. Specker, Ernst Brullhard. Auditor: F. Suter.

After a short discussion as to the forthcoming competitions, the President closed the Meeting, which was followed by an excellent dinner.

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