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### AN INGENIOUS CLOCK.

Some three years ago there appeared an article in this paper under the above heading, acquainting our readers that Mr. René Marchand, of Messrs. Marchand & Jobin, Ltd., 100 Hatton Garden, London, E.C.3., had built in his front garden at Hayes Road, Bromley, a floral clock which bore the inscription "May it please Her Majesty", it being Coronation Year.

Mr. Marchand, being an enthusiastic gardener, has recently re-designed his novel and intriguing Majex floral chiming clock at his home in Bromley, which has proved quite an attraction to all passers by.

The clock, which is worked by electricity, now incorporates a second hand, and is still believed to be the only fully-chiming floral clock anywhere. Mr. Marchand has also created an Armillary Sphere, — as can be seen in the photograph — by the only remaining blacksmith in Bromley, same is fully authentic in design, and an object of keen interest to all viewers, as it is seldom that an Armillary Sphere can be seen outside of a Museum, and certainly not as an integral part of a Floral Clock design.

The entire clock is floral, with the exception of the bare outline or frame work. Amongst the many hundreds of beautiful tropical plants of various colours incorporated in its construction are Alternanthera, Echivera and Mesembianthum, to name only a few.

The mechanism and Westminster Chimes are independently operated by electrical means; we are told that it keeps perfect time, which is not surprising considering that Mr. R. Marchand is in the watch and clock trade.

### CENTENARY BANQUET & BALL. CITY SWISS CLUB

Friday, November 16th, at the Dorchester Hotel,  
Park Lane, W.1.

Amongst the highlights of the social events in the London Colony, this autumn, will be the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the City Swiss Club.

Events of this kind are of a rare occurrence, and so far only two Societies have attained centuries, namely the Société de Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres, founded in 1703, and the Swiss Club, Manchester, founded in 1850.

We are informed that preparations to celebrate this important anniversary with fitting manifestation are well in hand.

Important guests, both from Switzerland, and from our English friends will be invited on this occasion, and we understand that a "surprise entertainment" might be provided.

It is hoped that a great number of old and young members of the Club will attend this "birthday party", together with their friends.

Members of the City Swiss Club, will be shortly advised, and we invite them already now to reserve, Friday, November 16th, 1956.

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