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UNIONE TICINESE.

About fifty members of the Unione Ticinese met at Swiss House, Fitzroy Square, on Sunday, 26th February, for the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The President, Mr. Peter Jacomelli, opened the proceedings by welcoming Mr. Albertini, First Secretary at the Swiss Legation, and then went on to report the activities of the Committee during the preceding year. On the whole, the various functions had been well supported but he was disappointed to announce that the Italian Classes had had to be discontinued from lack of support despite the fact that an excellent Tutor had been found. He thanked the members of the Committee for all their work during the previous year and in particular he wished to thank Mr. Carlo Berti, the Vice President, who despite his advancing years remained a constant source of inspiration and was forever active in the interests of the Society.

Mr. Albertini then took the Chair for the election of the new Committee and Mr. Peter Jacomelli was elected President once more, with the unanimous consent of the whole meeting.

The rest of the Committee for 1956 is as follows:— Vice Presidents: Mrs. A. Berti, Mr. C. Berti; Secretary: Mr. F. A. De Maria; Assistant Secretary: Miss B. Bozzini; Treasurer: Mr. V. Berti; Collector: Mr. F. Bassi; Members: Mrs. Bruni, Miss C. Polti, Mrs. Milli, Miss Anghileri, Mr. M. Diviani, Mr. P. Bonetti, Mr. L. Bruni, Mr. E. Cammozzi.

Mr. Albertini was unanimously elected Honorary Vice President of the Society.

The rest of the Agenda was disposed of very quickly as word had gone round that the chestnuts were ready. For those who did not see the advertisement, it must be explained that the Committee had decided to hold a "Castagnata" in the evening and while the meeting had been in progress, a party under the direction of Mr. Alfonso Luraschi had been preparing the chestnuts in the depths of Swiss House.

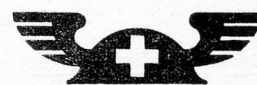
The meeting over, the tables were rearranged, the wine and "Castegn" shared out and there ensued one of the most enjoyable evenings that many members have ever spent at Swiss House. While the feast was in progress, a quintet under the direction of Mr. Louis Bruni, provided entertainment in the form of our native songs while the audience mellowed either by wine or by nostalgia, ably supported them.

When only the "farfoi" were left, the tables

were cleared and the more adventurous spirits took part in various games and dances while Mr. Bruni continued to supply the music on his accordion.

At nine o'clock it was decided that to stay any longer would be to outstay our welcome and the proceedings were sorrowfully brought to an end. The organisers of the Castagnata are to be congratulated on providing a very entertaining evening and it is to be hoped that this was merely the forerunner of many such meetings and that on the next occasion more members and their friends will take the opportunity to attend. On leaving many members were heard to express their thanks and the wish that it would not be long before "Castegn" are once again roasted at Swiss House.

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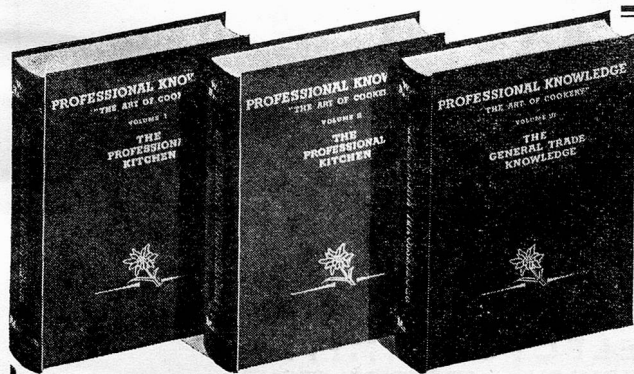
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