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UNIONE TICINESE.

the crystal chandeliers and mirrored walls of the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, re-echoed once more to the delightful tempo of Harry Vardon's Music and another Tea Dance, organised by the Unione Ticinese, was under way.

It is a remarkable fact that these Dances are a never ceasing source of enjoyment and pleasure, even to those who have been to many over the past ten years. This one was no exception and after a very good tea had been consumed by the assembled company, Mr. Peter Jacomelli, the President of the Society, welcomed his guests in a few well chosen words. The chief guest of the evening was Dr. Albertini, the First Secretary of the Swiss Legation, and he was accompanied by his wife Mme. Albertini. Dr. Albertini spoke to the Ticinese present of their native Canton and traditions and the words of the speaker added to the weather that evening made us all wish that the distance between ourselves and our beautiful mountains could suddenly disappear.

The speeches over, the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Virgil Berti, announced the Cabaret. The first act was the dancing of three sisters of the Lock family, Brenda, Jean and Marion. They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Holleyman. There then followed the Corale of the Unione Ticinese under its conductor, Mr. Louis Bruni, and as usual we were treated to a collection of the songs of the Ticino and even if, as some of the company were heard to whisper, one of the songs had its origin a little further south than even the Ticino, it was an enjoyable performance none the less.

The cabaret over, there was the usual dancing to the inimitable tempo of Harry Varden who, like all of us is not getting any younger, but he at any rate, like vintage wine, gets even better with the years.

Before finishing these brief notes, it might be of interest to future guests of the Society at the Dorchester, to know that the words "Dress Optional" which appear on every ticket are usually restricted to either Evening Dress or Lounge Suit and are not to be taken as referring to the fancy dress of a bygone age which was sported by some of the company and which was out of place in the elegant and sedate atmosphere of the Dorchester Hotel.

However in spite of this slight incongruity an enjoyable time was had by everybody and I would only be echoing the wish of everyone present if I urge the

hard working committee of the Unione Ticinese to make haste and organise another dance as soon as possible.

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MODERNISATION OF SWISSAIR FLEET.

Swissair has ordered an additional three Convair Metropolitans for its European network. This brings to eleven the number of Metropolitans the airline has on order.

The three aircraft are scheduled for delivery next year. The first of the original order for eight will arrive in Switzerland early next month and the other seven will follow during the summer. They will operate between the U.K. and Switzerland as from the end of June.

All the Metropolitans will be equipped with storm warning radar and superior sound-proofing.

PERSONAL.

We extend congratulations to Mr. J. A. Reiber of 129, Bede Burn Road, Yarrow, on his re-election as President of the Northumberland and Durham Women's Athletic Association, and as Chairman of the Yarrow Cycling and Athletic Club.

Mr. Reiber, a Bernese, who came to this country in 1908, has been for many years a well-known personality in sports circles, winning many competitions and prizes.

We are extending best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwander, of 14, Lansdowne Court, Brighton Road, Purley, who are shortly leaving London — after 43 years of residence — to live in Basle.

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