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SWISS CATHOLICS IN LONDON.

This year's Annual General Meeting, held on Sunday, 12th May 1957, at Westminster Cathedral School Hall, was quite a special event for the Swiss Catholics in London. We had the very great privilege of having a distinguished High Ecclesiastical Swiss Compatriot, His Grace Archbishop Edgar A. Maranta, of the Archdiocese of Dar-es-Salaam, amongst us.

Prior to the Eastertide Service at St. Ann's Church at which His Grace preached in English, German and Italian, the Committee entertained His Grace to lunch at the Stafford Hotel.

After the Service the whole community proceeded to the nearby Cathedral School Hall where His Grace, having been greeted with great applause on entering the hall, shook hands with many of the parishioners. Our Chaplain, Rev. A. Lanfranchi, told us how happy he felt to have His Grace in our midst.

The agenda of the Assembly was dealt with in a speedy manner by our chairman, Mr. J. J. Boos. Negotiations for an assistant priest are still going on. The Committee and Chaplain's Report for 1956 was approved. Sincere thanks were expressed to our Chaplain, who has done great spiritual and social work for the good of the Colony and St. Ann's Church Parish. The elections of five new members of the Committee took place. Mr. Boos announced with regret that we are going to lose Mr. Huber of the Swiss Embassy and a member of our Committee for many years. The whole community joined the chairman in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Huber best wishes for the future.

Attention was drawn to the forthcoming Bazaar, which will be held in October at the Westminster Cathedral Hall.

Mr. O. Grob thanked Mr. Boos in the name of all Catholics in London for his unselfish interest as chairman of our community.

His Grace the Archbishop then rose for his talk on "Catholic Missions in East Africa — Past, Present and Future". He told us in his pleasant deep voice how the Catholic Church has won millions of people in East Africa in the last century. The present position in the missions and the relations with the local governments he stated as being satisfactory, and, as regards the future, he hopes to be able to hand over at a not-too-distant date the ruling of the Catholics in East Africa to a well trained and established African Clergy.

Mr. R. Faessler took the opportunity of thanking His Grace for his speech given in so fluent English, and to wish His Grace best wishes in his future work in the African continent to which he is returning after a few more weeks' holiday in Switzerland.

Finally, the "Corale Ticinese" in their colourful costumes entertained His Grace and the community with lively songs and music.

It was a day which will be long remembered by the Swiss Catholics in London. W.S.

RECEPTION.

The Swiss Ambassador and Mme. Daeniker entertained at the Dorchester Hotel, on May 20th, Heads of Missions, members of H.M. Government, representatives of both Houses of Parliament, heads of Government departments, and members of the Press.

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