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NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE.**Farewell Dinner to Consul J. J. Huber and Mrs. Huber.**

The Farewell dinner offered by the Nouvelle Société Helvétique (London Group) to Consul J. J. Huber and Mrs. Huber, on Tuesday, June 18th, at the Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9 Belsize Grove, N.W.3, was a very happy affair indeed; although it was to a certain extent an official function, it had nevertheless the character of a friendly family party.

Amongst about 60 members and friends present were the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker.

Previous to the dinner being served, Mrs. Huber was presented with a beautiful bouquet as a small token for the many services she had rendered in the past.

Towards the end of the dinner, and after the usual toasts had been proposed by the President, Mr. W. Renz, the latter, in a short address, paid a sincere tribute to both Mr. and Mrs. Huber. He mentioned the many services Consul Huber had rendered, not only to the Colony in general, but, in particular to the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, of which he was a member of the Council. Mr. Renz voiced on behalf of the company regrets that the parting hour had come, wishing them both God-speed and success for the future.

Monsieur F. Ansermoz, 1st Secretary of Embassy, mentioned the many services Mr. and Mrs. Huber had

rendered to the Swiss Hostel for Girls, services, he said, which will always be gratefully remembered.

Consul Huber, on rising to reply to the two addresses, received a hearty ovation. He spoke of the goodwill, friendliness and encouragement he had always received from the Colony during his stay in London, thanking everyone for their trust, friendship and help. "My wife and I regret to leave you", he said, "but we take with us many happy memories."

Mr. Huber continued by saying that throughout his stay here the relations with his office and the Colony had been harmonious and very friendly. He paid a warm tribute to the generosity of the Colony over a great number of years, to the aged and poor, and more recently for the creation of the Swiss Hostel for Girls, and expressed the hope that one day the history of the Colony would be written, relating the splendid efforts which had been made in the sphere of charity as a splendid example for future generations.

The address of the Consul was loudly cheered, and the company sang upstanding "For they are jolly good fellows"!

A most enjoyable evening which had an intimate *cachet* thus came to a close, and both Mr. and Mrs. Huber, on leaving us, will have witnessed once more how much they have been appreciated, and how we wish them success and happiness for their future.

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