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83rd FETE SUISSE.

Again we wish to direct the attention of our readers to the "Family Party" of the Swiss Colony, which takes place on April 17th at the Central Hall, Westminster, and which will be honoured by the attendance of the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker.

We have not the slightest doubt that the programme which will be presented will be an enjoyable and interesting one, no costs having been spared to make it so.

The organisers have done their duty, and it rests now with the members of the Colony to show their appreciation by attending as numerously as possible.

As mentioned in our last issue, expenses are not inconsiderable, and to enable the committee to meet these it is absolutely necessary that the hall must be filled to capacity.

Do not say "I *may* be there", say "I *shall* be there", and you will not regret it.

We do not wish to foster any "Kantönligeist", but we dare to hope that all "Luzerner" and "Luzernerinnen" will flock to Central Hall in order to greet their compatriots hailing from their native canton.

This pressing invitation, of course, applies to all our compatriots from whichever canton they originate.

It might perhaps interest our readers to learn of the programme prepared for our Swiss visitors. Wednesday, 16th April, Arrival, Thursday, 17th April, "Fête Suisse", Friday, 18th, Inspection of London, Saturday, 19th, Visit to Margate, Sunday, 20th, Visit to Brighton, and Monday, 21st April, Return to Switzerland.

Whilst in London the visitors will stay at the Glendower Hotel, and Onslow Court Hotel.

And now one last word — do not leave it to the last moment to order your tickets; by ordering now you will avoid possible disappointment.

The programme will end about 10 p.m.

F. DANMEYER 80 YEARS OLD.

The small group of octogenarians in the Swiss Colony will be joined by a new member on the 13th of this month, when Mr. F. Danmeyer, of 11, Ravensdale Avenue, North Finchley, N.12, is celebrating his 80th birthday.

Mr. Danmeyer was born at Basle, where he received his schooling at the "Primar" and "Realschule", after which he joined the "Schweiz. Bankverein" Basle.

Following the urge of so many young Swiss in those times to go abroad and seek their fortune, he left for Paris, and early in this century, about 1902, he arrived in this country, obtaining a post with a London financier.

Successively he held various positions in stockbroking and commercial firms. Everywhere he worked he was highly esteemed for his integrity and his dependability.

Mr. Danmeyer was married to an English lady, who died some three or four years ago.

Soon after his arrival in London he joined the Swiss Mercantile Society, of which he was elected President in 1905. This post he held until 1909. Some

years ago he was presented with the bronze plaque given by the S.K.V. to members of fifty years' standing.

Mr. Danmeyer joined the City Swiss Club in 1906 and two years ago was elected an Honorary Member, having been associated with this well-known Club for fifty years.

From 1914 to 1915 he returned home to serve his country during the "Grenzbesetzung".

We tender him our heartiest congratulations on his 80th "Wiegenfest", coupled with the wish that he will remain amongst us for many more years to come.

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