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thought of divorce?" Her reply was: "Divorce, no never — but murder often."

The records of the Association show no trace that divorce was ever contemplated. Hidden thoughts, of course, are not officially recorded. I found only one slight hint, that tension might not always have been absent in that relationship. The report about the Britannia Hut is remarkably short and dry. It mentions nothing about the plans, the building or the handing-over. It merely states, that the hut was to have accommodation for 16 gentlemen and 8 ladies, have a stove and four wash-basins. But then, surprisingly, it says that, on the suggestion of your President, pipes were to be installed "for obtaining fresh air in the sleeping room and drawing off the bad"! — I cannot help feeling that a mention of this trivial detail in an otherwise terse report was the outcome of years of agony which British climbers suffered in the fug of continental huts. — "For obtaining fresh air in the sleeping room" — doesn't that sound like the outcry of a tortured soul?

Well, even that agony has not led to divorce. The Association has proved itself beyond all reasonable doubt a staunch and truly faithful partner. On that ground alone, Ladies and Gentlemen, I feel fully justified in asking you to raise your glass and drink with me the toast to the Association. — May it long continue!

UNIONE TICINESE

"Grand Dance" in aid of the Swiss Benevolent Society

In March of last year the Unione Ticinese held a "Grand Dance" in aid of the Swiss Benevolent Society at the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club), 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. This was a most enjoyable affair, which was attended by the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker; whilst the members of the Unione Ticinese attended in full force, the Colony as such was scantily represented.

Not disheartened by this lack of general interest, our friends from the "Sunny South" are arranging another social evening, on Thursday, March 10th at the "Schweizerbund" again for the benefit of the Swiss Benevolent Society (see advertisement).

The purpose is to support our brethren who are in straitened circumstances, and we sincerely hope that many members of the Colony will attend this informal dance, not only to support the Swiss Benevolent Society, but also to spend a few happy hours with our Ticinese brethren.

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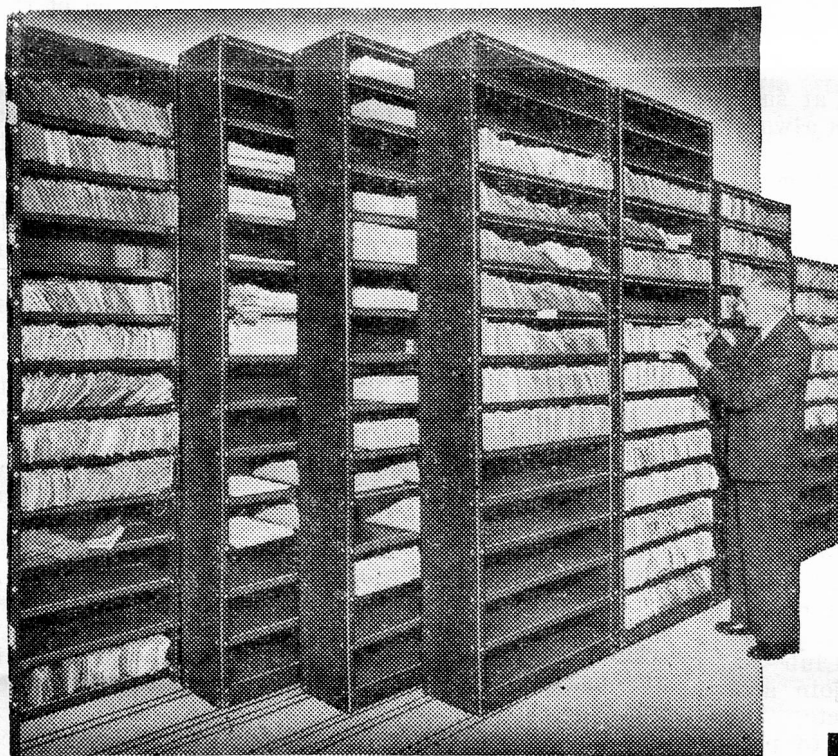


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