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a solid preparation in English is the foundation for proficiency and success in their professional career, this school, under the very able guidance of Mr. Slade, has helped a whole generation, more than ten thousand, of young Swiss, to perfect the rudimentary knowledge of the English language which they bring from their schools. Rightly, this college enjoys the official recognition of the federal authorities and receives an annual subsidy. I think this is also a fitting occasion to express on behalf of the Embassy our appreciation and thanks to the Principal, Mr. Slade, and his staff for their untiring and devoted services to the college.

"I am sure that the students know how to appreciate to their full value the advantages which this college provides for them. I hope they are conscious that it is not enough to do their homework, to read a lot or to listen to the radio, but that, to be conversant with a foreign language, one has to practise it all the time, also outside the class rooms.

"Our Swiss community in Great Britain, which has kept up for more than a hundred years the good reputation of our people for efficiency and probity, is in great need of the younger element to fill in the ranks. May I hope that with the proficiency acquired through such excellent school training, more and more of our young compatriots will be willing to consider a prolonged stay in this country. I can assure you of the Embassy's support to that effect and I know that the British authorities are ready to grant the necessary facilities.

"I am most grateful to the Mayor and the Mayoress for showing us, through their presence, the sympathetic interest which they take in this flourishing institution; by asking them to spare some of their precious time to visit this college we wish to express our appreciation of having enjoyed during almost 35 years the hospitality of their Borough."

The Ambassador's address was enthusiastically applauded by all present, and the Mayor of St. Pancras, Mr. Harold P. Bastie, J.P., then rose to respond. He expressed his appreciation of the hospitality accorded to him and the Mayoress, and said they still had happy recollections of the Society's function

which they attended last winter. He confessed to having been unaware of the important work that had been going on in this building within his borough, but that he was now in a position to enlighten his fellow councillors. He said that it was not a common trait of the Englishman to learn foreign languages, but that he did admire the sensible approach to the subject by the students who were devoting so much time and energy to studying English. He hoped that this knowledge, in due course, would prove both useful and enjoyable to them in their business career as well as in their social life. In a humorous aside, he stated that the sole thing he had in common with all present was a Swiss watch on his wrist which, he had to admit, was the only thing in his life that was always right.

He said how interesting he had found the lessons he had attended, and voiced his thanks to the Principal and all the teachers at the College for the time and efforts spent by them in imparting a sound knowledge of the language and an appreciation of this country to the students.

The Mayor received vociferous applause on resuming his seat, and finally Mr. A. Jaccard, Chairman of the Education Committee, expressed thanks to the visitors for having spared the time to come to Swiss House to see the College at work, and to the Principal and his staff for their devotion to duty. This was cordially endorsed by all the students present.

Following the meeting, the teaching staff were introduced to the Mayor and the Ambassador at an informal gathering, and thus came to a close a memorable and enjoyable afternoon. *WB.*

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