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UNIONE TICINESE

Thirty members of the Unione Ticinese gathered in the palatial lounge of the Swiss Hostel for Girls on Sunday, 4th March, for the 88th Annual General Meeting of the Society.

The President, Mr. Peter Jacomelli, welcomed the members and immediately thanked Madame Daeniker and her Committee for making the Hostel available to the Unione Ticinese for its meetings.

After the minutes had been read and approved, the Committee's Report for 1961 was given by the Secretary. Mr. F. De Maria reported that financially the year had been a success and that the funds of the Society were in a very good state despite all the calls that were made on them during the year. The total of Sick Benefit paid out to members had been very high, but nevertheless the Dorchester Dances continued to bring in a good profit and the Society was able to pay its way without drawing upon capital. A very popular feature of the year had been the distribution of Merlot Wine, a total of 550 bottles was bought by members and the Secretary hoped that there was no connection between this item and the high amount of Sick Benefit!

In thanking the Committee for their hard work during the year, the President said that 1961 had been a difficult year for the Society, since, after the summer months, it had been impossible to arrange any social functions owing to the uncertain position of the Schweizerbund. Another feature had been the decline of the Corale to some dozen members due to some having returned to the Ticino and some having married. However, the President looked to the future with confidence and hoped that as many members as possible would support the programme of activities that would be sent to them in the near future.

The elections to the Committee for 1962 resulted as follows:— President: Mr. Peter Jacomelli; Vice-Presidents: Miss C. Polti and Mr. V. Berti; Secretary: Mr. F. A. De Maria; Assistant Secretary: Miss A. Bozzini; Treasurer: Mr. J. De Maria; Collector: Mr. F. Bassi; Members: Mrs. L. Bruni, Miss A. Gianelli, and Messrs. J. Diviani, J. Pedretti, L. Bruni, F. Allegranza, C. Rosselli and Z. Bianda.

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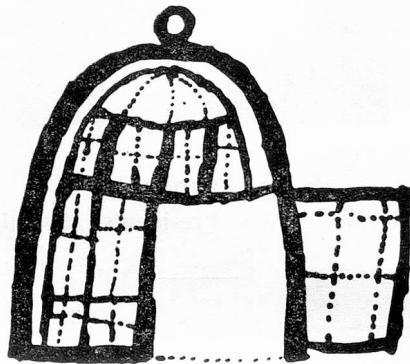
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