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WOMEN'S CIRCLE — "FRAUENVEREIN"**Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

On a lovely spring day, 2nd May, we had our Annual Meeting, held again in form of a very pleasant Luncheon at the Swiss Hostel for Girls in Belsize Grove, Hampstead.

There were twenty-one ladies present, all smartly dressed and coming from all parts of London and as far away as Kent, Surrey and Middlesex.

We all enjoyed a friendly chat before we went into the nicely decorated dining room for lunch. It was a very tasty meal beginning with an excellent hors-d'œuvre. After we had finished our coffee and delicious apricot tart, our President, Mrs. R. Senn, called for silence to welcome us and to give a report on last year's activities. She also read a few touching excerpts from letters of thanks written by old and needy Swiss in this country, who received articles of clothing at Christmas, and for whom our efforts are meant.

Our Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. P. Moehr, gave us a report on the financial state, i.e. the money we spent, the money we have and the money we ought to have! We should appreciate new members who would support our work for compatriots in need. There is no subscription; everybody gives what they can afford in both time and money.

At the end of the business part, Mrs. W. Meier, our very able Editor of the "Swiss Observer", a member of nearly 30 years' standing, read some jolly good verses written many years ago by the husband of the then President, Mrs. W. B. Sigerist. The "Zehn Gebote des Frauenvereins" caused much laughter.

We also had the pleasure of having our former President, Mrs. F. G. Sommer, amongst us. We appreciated her presence all the more, knowing that she came a long way to be with us. Altogether, it was a very pleasant meeting.

Before I close this report, I should like to remind all Swiss ladies wherever they are, to join us, please. Everybody is welcome. With the exception of August, we meet every first Tuesday of the month from 1.30 p.m. in the *Foyer* of the Swiss Church at 79 Endell Street, near Holborn and Tottenham Court Road Stations. There will always be a nice cup of tea ready and plenty of time to have a chat.

E.W.

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We are most grateful for their kind and welcome support.

BIRTHDAYS

We send best wishes to the following old subscribers whose birthdays fall within the next few weeks: Mr. Max Schneider (Basle) will be 62 on 26th June and Mr. Jakob Vogel will be 86 on 2nd July. Congratulations are also extended to all other readers who celebrate a birthday in the near future.

At this time, we should like to remember our old Editor, the late Mr. Fred Stauffer, who would have been 78 on 25th and the late Mr. Willy Deutsch whose birthday was on 28th June, the day "Gallus" as he signed his poetry, would have reached the age of 82 this year.

PERSONAL

On Saturday, 1st July, the wedding will take place at St. Mary Woolnoth's (Swiss Church), of Miss Sandra Hobro to Mr. Peter Martin Meier, son of the late Mr. Walter Meier and Mrs. Mariann Meier. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the young couple.

Miss Annette Weisbrod, our distinguished compatriot who has often delighted the Swiss communities in this country by her piano playing, has just given successful concerts with Miss Esther Nyffenegger (cello), in Hamburg, Bremen and Cologne.

One of our subscribers, Dr. iur. Curt Gasteyer (of the Institute of Strategic Studies in London), has been appointed member of the Study Commission which has to work out a draft for a strategic conception of Switzerland; it is attached to the Chief of General Staff; its Chairman is Prof. Dr. Karl Schmid (Bassersdorf); its findings are to be passed on to the Federal Council.

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