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SWISS ARTISTES APPEARING IN ALL NATIONS CAVALCADE.

The Swiss Male Choir and the Swiss Accordion Band, drawn from Swiss residents in London, have been chosen to appear in the All-Nations Cavalcade of Song and Dance at the Royal Albert Hall, on Sunday, May 25th, at 7 p.m.

"The appearance of Swiss artistes is causing a great deal of excitement among those who visit the offices of the All-Nations Cavalcade for they continually ask questions about these performers," said Mr. Russ Hardy, producer of the show.

The Cavalcade, staged in aid of the National Playing Fields Association, has drawn acts from all parts of the World with its dancers, choral societies and the scenes, "From Opera to the Calypso." It will truly be a kaleidoscope of colour and glamour.

The Swiss artistes are all appearing with the backing of their respective societies in London and it is interesting to note that many of the Swiss organisations in the metropolis have given their blessing to the Cavalcade. Mr. C. Seinet, President of the City Swiss Club, and Mr. W. Meier, President of the Swiss Mercantile Society, are amongst those who have said how pleased they are that the Swiss Male Choir and the Accordion Band have been selected to take part in a Show for so worthy a cause.

Tickets, priced 7/6, 6/-, 5/-, 3/6, and 2/-, are obtainable from the Royal Albert Hall, usual ticket agencies, or personally and by direct post from Mr. Russ Hardy, c/o Hotel-Plan Ltd., 245, Regent Street, W.1. (GRO. 8921.) If writing to Mr. Hardy for tickets, please enclose a stamped-addressed envelope together with the cheque, money order, cash or postal order.

With such a strong Swiss flavour to the show, it is confidently expected that the Swiss Colony in London will give its utmost support.

A MEMORABLE DAY FOR THE SWISS IN DUNFERMLINE.

On the 24th of April, for the first time, a Swiss Minister visited his compatriots in Dunfermline.

To celebrate the occasion the Swiss Club gave an informal party in the canteen of one of the local silk factories. Well over 40 Swiss living in Dunfermline, Glasgow and Balloch were present when Mr. Burgisser,

Vice-President of the Club, welcomed the distinguished guests; His Excellency Minister de Torrenté and Madame de Torrenté; Dr. Bircher and Madame Bircher; Consul Schneider and Mr. Hofstetter.

After a very nice supper Mr. Burgisser proposed a toast to The Queen and also to the prosperity of Switzerland. Mr. Hofstetter then gave a short account of the history of the Swiss Colony in Scotland. He mentioned its close relations with the Textile Industry and finished his speech by expressing the wish that the dark cloud which at present is looming over this industry would soon pass. Mr. Schneider who spoke in "Schwyzerdütsch" made a special point of thanking Mr. Hofstetter for his work during many years as a Consular Agent for Scotland.

Monsieur de Torrenté, on behalf of all the guests, thanked the Club for the invitation which he said enabled him to meet most of the Swiss living in this northern part of the British Isles. He brought formal greetings from the Swiss Authorities. He mentioned the great value of a Club for Swiss living far away from their home country and concluded his speech by wishing the Colony future success and prosperity.

After a vote of thanks by Mr. Burgisser the official part of the evening was closed with a song.

Soon the guests had to leave but the Swiss in Scotland sincerely hope that one day they will again have the honour of entertaining their Minister.

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