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A SPLENDID GIFT.

In the last issue of the Swiss Observer we published the news of the foundation of the "Sir William Ellis Trust for Guides of Swiss Nationality" with an endowment of £4,000.

It might interest our readers to hear, that the Swiss Minister has communicated with Sir William, and we have much pleasure in giving herewith details of the correspondence which ensued:

18, Montagu Place, W.1.
February 3rd, 1938.

Dear Sir William,

I read in the paper lately of the magnificent institution which you have had the generosity to create in favour of incapacitated Swiss guides, in the form of a Trust endowed by you with a sum of £4,000.

I have always known of your appreciation of the efficiency and loyalty of Swiss guides, but the highly gratifying fact that you have gone so far as to give such generous material expression to your feelings is more than any of us could have expected.

It would be an omission on my part were I to fail to express to you my personal estimation and, if I may say so, my gratitude to you for having established this new link in the friendship existing between Swiss and English.

Believe me,
(Sig.) C. R. Paravicini.

Sir William Ellis, G.B.E.,
Weetwood,
Ecclesall,
Sheffield.

* * * Weetwood,
Ecclesall
Sheffield, 11.
February 6th, 1938.

Your Excellency,

I much appreciate your kind letter on the subject of the Trust I have formed for the Swiss Guides and its cordial reception by so many friends has added to my pleasure.

Your letter tells me you understand the motive which caused my action, for during 30-40 years on my many climbing expeditions I have always received courtesy and often useful help and advice which has enabled me to enjoy my sport in safety.

I hope and believe that the Fund will prove a benefit to many who are in poor circumstances and be an additional bond of friendship between our two nations.

Believe me, Monsieur,
Yours sincerely,
(Sig.) William Ellis.

H.E. Monsieur C. R. Paravicini,
Swiss Minister,
18, Montagu Place, W.1.

CITY SWISS CLUB.
February 1st, 1938.

Thirty members and guests were present at the February meeting of the City Swiss Club which was held as usual under the hospitable roof of Mr. Pagani. The President, Mr. Boehringer, was in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were more or less audibly read by the Secretary and were passed without comment.

One resignation was announced and recorded. Two guests were present.

The usual post-mortem on the Annual Banquet was held. Of course, some people were not satisfied with the Cabaret, but compared with previous years criticisms were few. Either members are more easily satisfied or the Committee has learnt by experience. Nobody, this year, even complained about the length of the speeches. The Treasurer was likewise satisfied and explained that the deficit, such as it was, seemed to him to be an asset. What a Treasurer! In the course of the discussion, an ancient member suggested that the President might possibly and conceivably have been guilty of a slight but intentional slip of the tongue. As a matter of fact, he told him so in good, round, Elizabethan English.

The President only smiled his historic smile. No doubt the description was just as well deserved as that said to have been applied to Mary 1st. Alas! all the best old traditions are fast disappearing. Modern historians now tell us that Mary was quite a nice, mild, well-meaning person, that Christopher Columbus did not discover America, that Napoleon did lose the battle of Waterloo, and so I am prepared to believe everything our President tells us without hesitation.

When the matter of the Annual Banquet had finally been settled to everyone's satisfaction, and as there was no other business, the President

made two important announcements. (Kyburgian Capitals please, Mr. Editor.)

The Cinderella dance will be held at the Mayfair Hotel, on Saturday, March 12th.

The Annual Banquet will take place at Grosvenor House, on Friday, November 25th.

Swiss Socialities may make reservations for these two important dates. As a matter of fact, I noticed one enthusiast making an entry of the date of the Annual Banquet in his diary and I do hope nothing will happen to disappoint him.

It is a pity the attendance at these Meetings is no better. Of course, it ill becomes me to mention the matter as I have not been near the Club for quite a long time, but we journalists are privileged people.

One never knows what is going to happen and the most interesting discussions may suddenly take place when least expected.

NEWS FROM THE COLONY.



G. EUSEBIO

President

Unione Ticinese

We have much pleasure in publishing here-with the portrait of the newly elected President of the Unione Ticinese.

M. Giuseppe Eusebio hails from Airolo, Valle Leventina; although only 28 years of age, he is not the youngest President the Unione Ticinese has had, Mr. W. Notari holding this proud record, being only 25 when first elected President in 1920. Born in London, Sig. Eusebio received his education in Switzerland, studying at Bellinzona and Schwyz. He has been since 1927 on the staff of the London Branch of the Banca Commerciale Italiana.

It is unusual for a "Leventinese" to reach the Society's highest office, indeed he is probably the first to do so, as the Unione Ticinese recruits most of its members from the "Valle di Blenio," but it has been a particularly lucky year for the "Valle Leventina," as not only the Presidency, but also the Vice-Presidency, Secretaryship and Treasury have this year been given to "Leventinesi."

The newly elected President joined the Unione Ticinese in the year of 1933, in 1934 he was elected Assistant Secretary, and he acted as Vice-President from 1935-1937.

We extend our heartiest good wishes to the youthful President, for a successful and happy year of office.

FOOTBALL.

6th February, 1938.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

Germany1 Switzerland1

In the spacious Cologne stadium, sold out for weeks in spite of its capacity for accommodating comfortably 80,000 spectators, Switzerland confirmed their recent improved form in international matches by holding Germany in the 21st encounter to a draw at one goal all. We actually led at half-time by a goal scored by Aebi. In the second half Germany predominated, but our defence were tough and sound and 28 minutes had gone by before Szeban, the German scheming inside left, unguarded for a moment, took his chance to level the score with an unstoppable drive into the left hand top corner of the net. Germany now went all out for the winning goal, without avail, and for the first time since our losing sequence commenced at Bern in 1928, we have broken the spell.

It was a hard game, comparable to a real cup fight. Germany was generally superior in craft. In our eleven the defence, goalie and both backs, as well as the right half played brilliantly and these four may justly claim chief credit for the satisfactory result. Of the forwards, Wallace was the best and the wing forwards, Aebi and Bickel, also gave a satisfactory display whilst Amado and Wagner found great difficulty in producing their best form.

Were we lucky? The answer I suppose must be: Yes, to a certain extent. Anyhow, it was about time that the ball should roll favourably for us and our team as a whole may be heartily congratulated on a valiant deed performed away from home and against such a redoubtable opponent as Germany unquestionably must be acknowledged to be. The team, comprising 7 from Grasshoppers, 3 from Servette and 1 from Lugano stood as follows: Huber; Lehmann, Minelli; Springer, Vernati, (all Grasshoppers), Lörtscher (Servette); Bickel, Wagner (both Grasshoppers), Amado (Lugano), Wallace, Aebi (Servette). Referee: R. G. Rudd (England.)

M.G.

PERSONAL.

A marriage has been arranged to take place shortly in Switzerland between HENRY POPHAM POOLEY, of Lagos, Nigeria, eldest son of the late Dr. George Henry Pooley and Mrs. D. M. Pooley, and HELEN LOUISE STEIGER, Swiss Legation, London, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Steiger-Sigg, of Kilchberg, Switzerland.

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