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M. Meschini concluded his address with a fervent appeal for unity amongst our countrymen.

That the Unione Ticinese are not easily forgetting the manifold services rendered by its popular Hon. Vice-President was proved by the sincere applause.

The next speaker was M. J. J. Boos, President of the Swiss Mercantile Society, who was entrusted by the guests to thank the Unione Ticinese for their generous hospitality. Although M. Boos has only very recently assumed his responsible office, he is, of course, no novice in the art of speech-making, he thanked the Society in a very witty manner for an evening which will linger for a long time in the memory of all those who had the good luck to be their guests. Mr. Boos also mentioned that the Colony is proud of the Unione Ticinese for the generosity shown by the Ticinesi towards their countrymen in need.

This was the last speech, but before the company adjourned a very touching ceremony took place, Monsieur Paravicini, in his capacity as Chairman, presented two lovely bouquets in our national colours to Mme. Eusebio, the mother of the President, and to Mme. Arturo Meschini, on behalf of the members of the Society.

This ended the official part of the evening and after a short interval dancing began, it was a merry crowd who danced to the accompaniment of an excellent orchestra, and for those who found dancing too exacting a cabaret provided a welcome diversion.

At 2 o'clock a.m. this very happy and enjoyable function came to an end, it was an evening which makes one proud to call the Ticinese members of our Swiss Confederation.

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LUCULLUS LODGE. Ladies' Festival.

The Lucullus Lodge, which comprises amongst its members a large contingent of our countrymen, held its Ladies' Festival on Monday, February 27th, at the Piccadilly Hotel, London, W.1, Mr. A. Indermaur being in the chair.

This very enjoyable function was preceded by a reception held by the President, who was ably assisted by his charming wife. During the dinner an attractive programme of music was played by the Billy Bell's Dance Band.

The Lodge, I understand, takes its name from that famous Roman General Lucullus, who was not only a great warrior, but an equally celebrated gourmet. This illustrious person, when once served with a mediocre meal, turned with disgust to his attendant, exclaiming: "Ne savais-tu pas que Lucullus soupait ce soir chez Lucullus?" It is further reported that one single meal which he served to his friends cost £2,000, and Lucullus was the first man who imported cherry trees from Africa into Europe, this alone to my mind, apart from his merits as a warrior, should secure him a place amongst famous men. The Swiss should be especially grateful to him, remember "no Lucullus, no Kirsch," and to express their appreciation, all the Ladies present were supplied with a bunch of cherries, I had high hopes that the Gentlemen would be presented with a bottle of Kirsch, but it did not "come off." —

Well, this time Lucullus dined at the Piccadilly Hotel, and the menu was so select and excellent, that I am convinced that even Lucullus himself would have enjoyed it.

It is the custom at these functions that numerous toasts are proposed and drunk; these are heralded in by loud knocks with a wooden hammer, and two other gentlemen, whom I could not locate, lustily provided the echo, thus preventing anybody from taking a few winks in between the sumptuous courses.

The speeches were short. I greatly enjoyed the one by the President, Mr. A. Indermaur who dwelt on the charitable work this young Lodge has been able to perform since its foundation some eight years ago, especially in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He concluded his interesting address by wishing the company an enjoyable evening.

Mr. E. Upton eulogized the Ladies, and Mrs. Wyss shortly and adequately replied to this

toast. The toast to the President was proposed by Mr. G. H. Scott, and was enthusiastically responded to. A Gentleman then, amidst great applause, presented to Mrs. Indermaur, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, a diamond ring as "a slight compensation for the absence of her husband from home on so many occasions, and as a token of the great esteem in which she is held." I thought this idea a capital one, and I only wish that some of my friends, who at times keep me out late, would follow this example.

During the evening an enjoyable entertainment was provided by a cabaret which was greatly appreciated, in addition Mlle. Daphne de Wyt, who is well-known to the Swiss Colony in London, entertained the revellers with some Burlesque Dances. This charming young artiste at once captured the hearts of everyone with her exquisite performance, and the thunderous applause which was so spontaneously given, was well deserved.

The dancing, which was greatly enjoyed, lasted until 2 a.m. when the Festival, which was attended by about 230 members and guests, came to a close.

It was truly a very happy evening, and the Lucullus Lodge may be heartily congratulated on the success of their Ladies' Festival.

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