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CONDUCTED PARTIES TO SWITZERLAND DURING THE SWISS NATIONAL EXHIBITION.

A number of readers have expressed the wish that we should arrange for two or three conducted parties to travel at specially reduced rates to Switzerland on the occasion of the Swiss National Exhibition.

To meet our readers and their friends, we are willing to accept applications for joining one of these conducted parties of no less than fifteen persons, to leave for Zurich via Calais-Laon-Bâle on the three following Saturdays:—

July 29th, August 5th and August 12th.

The ticket will be valid for 30 days, and the holder can return at any time within this validity. The cost of the ticket is £7. 1. 6. This includes:—

a) 2nd class travel throughout.

b) Reserved seats on the outward journey.

c) Full dinner on the train.

d) Entrance fee to the Swiss National Exhibition and

e) The services of a responsible conductor (party leader) throughout the journey.

Even young folk who wish to join will therefore be well looked after.

It should be noted that prospective members will have to make arrangements where necessary for hotel accommodation in Switzerland. Those who wish to stay in Zurich especially, should make their hotel reservations as early as they can.

If possible, some Official reception in Zurich will be arranged for our parties.

The programme, subject to possible alterations, of the Swiss National Exhibition from the end of July to the middle of August will be as follows:—

July 30th to August 1st. Meeting of the Swiss people living abroad (Congress Building).

Performance of William Tell by the Brunnen Popular Theatre (Exhibition Theatre).

July 30th to August 5th. Assembly of the International Dentists Association.

July 31st to August 3rd. International Congress for Garden Art (Congress Building).

August 1st to August 6th. National Boccia Championships.

August 1st, 3rd and 5th. Army review. Demonstration of modern fighting systems and efficiency of modern weapons (Allmend).

August 2nd to August 7th. Performances of the Bâle Popular Theatre (Exhibition Theatre).

August 5th to August 6th. Championships and Sectional Contests of the Federal Gymnastic Association (Letzigrund). Glarus Cantonal Day. Performance of "Die ebig Allmei" by G. Thürer. Swiss Swimming Championships.

August 6th to August 8th. International Beekeepers Congress (Congress Building).

August 7th to August 12th. Tour de Suisse (Cycling Race).

August 8th to August 11th. Performance by the Lucerne Popular Theatre (Exhibition Theatre).

International Cattle Breeders Congress (Congress Building).

August 11th to August 17th. Concerts by the Federal Music Society (Central Hall).

August 12th to August 20th. National Exhibition Shooting Match combined with Cross-Bow Shooting (Albisgütli).

August 13th. International Swimming Contests, Switzerland v. Holland.

August 15th to August 17th. International Shoe and Leather Trade Congress.

August 18th and 19th. Performance by the Soleure Popular Theatre (Exhibition Theatre).

August 19th and 20th. Military Fencing Championships.

August 19th to August 21st. Federal Costume Fête (Processions, Theatrical performances in traditional costumes).

August 19th to August 26th. Medical Faculty of the University.

International Training Courses for Physicians.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club will take place on Wednesday next, the 19th instant, at Pagani's restaurant.

It is hoped that all members will make a very special effort to come to this important meeting where so many vital decisions affecting the life and future of the Club are to be taken. The election of the Committee is one of the most important items, and members should definitely take their opportunity of expressing their own opinions through their votes which they can only do by being present.

It is hoped also that apart from the official business which has to be transacted on this occasion, some pleasant surprise may add to the enjoyment of those who attend so that the reputation for attractive meetings which has been established during these last few months may be continued.

Now is the time for all good members and patriots to make up their minds and come on Wednesday. The Committee looks forward to their presence and support.

Bee.

SOCIAL GATHERING IN BIRMINGHAM.

The Swiss Club of Birmingham held a Social Gathering at the Black Swan Hotel. There was not a large number there, but the real Swiss atmosphere reigned throughout the evening. It had, what one may call a "gemütliche" atmosphere which you always find amongst our compatriots. The Dinner was well chosen, and thanks to the Committee we had as "pièce de résistance," as you well may imagine, "Sauerkraut und Rippli." Delightful wines were flowing incessantly. You could not help thinking, however, about our beloved little country, sparkling like a diamond under the rays of the sun — standing high —, in all the sense of the word, amidst a world of turmoil. Needless to say, we did not let it dampen our spirit. Suddenly, the voice of our President rang through the room, proposing the Toast to H.M. the King, to which we responded with enthusiasm. Mr. Reinhart, a past President and old member of the Club delighted us with a speech, and took the opportunity of presenting our President, Mr. Brun, with a gold watch and chain, a gift from the members, showing their appreciation as a reward for ten years of presidency. It was a very solemn moment. Mr. Brun, deeply touched, declared that he would wear it always. In spite of his daily duties, he has filled this position with energy and devotion having at heart the interest of the Club. Together with his wife, he has shown great hospitality at home. As a token, Mrs. Brun was presented with a flap jack. In expressing her thanks, she candidly stated, that she could not make a speech very well, although speeches were left to her at home. Mr. Reinhart read a letter from our Consul in Liverpool, Mr. Montag, in which he expressed his regrets for not being able to attend. Reference was made by our President that a very old member of our Club, Mr. Egger, was indisposed, and could not partake of some Sauerkraut much to his regrets. The time was getting on, little feet tucked under the table, were trembling with impatience for the band to strike. And now: "On with the dance." It was really good to see old members dancing to the rythm of an old time waltz and to favourite tunes, appropriate to the occasion and admirably arranged by Tom Hogg and his Orchestra.

F.L.D.

A CORRECTION.

In connection with our report about the Swiss Orchestral Society and Swiss Accordion Club Concert, at Queen Mary Hall, on Wednesday, March 29th, we wish to state that the attendance was over 500 and not, as stated, "nearly four hundred."

We also wish to inform our readers that Mme. Aus-der-Au was dressed in the national costume of the canton Thurgau and not the costume of the canton of Schaffhausen.

PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. W. Fischer, of 30, North Villas, Camden Square, N.W.1, on the occasion of his engagement to Mlle. Meier of Zurich.



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