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EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

To the Editor,

"Swiss Observer,"

23, Leonard Street, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

It was with interest that I read your article on the passing of Messrs. A. & S. Gatti, in the Strand.

May I point out, however, that the details given were not quite complete.

After the death of Stefano and Agostino Gatti, the sons of the latter — John Maria and Rocco — carried on the business. Their foresight in introducing modern methods was mainly responsible for the world-wide fame of this establishment.

Among other interests besides those of the theatrical world, John Maria and Rocco were the Promoters and Directors of the then "Strand, Westminster Electricity Corporation."

Mr. John Maria Gatti — later Sir John — had also been Chairman of the London County Council Finance Committee and in 1911 was elected Mayor of the City of Westminster.

May I be allowed to give you the text of an Illuminated Address of Congratulation the Unione Ticinese presented to its most distinguished member.

"To John Maria Gatti, on the occasion of his being nominated Mayor of the City of Westminster, 1911-1912.

Sir,

We, the members of the Unione Ticinese, Mutual Aid Society, hailing with delight and just pride your selection to this most honoured and eminent position of Mayor of the City of Westminster, respectfully offer to you our unanimous and sincerest congratulations on this auspicious occasion. Scion of the ever to be lamented Agostino Gatti, your illustrious father, the Swiss Ticinesi's friend in London and of Stefano Gatti, our first President and Trustee, his co-operator and faithful partner, both the natural idols and pride of the Italo-Swiss community in London, you in early manhood are showing the fruits of the sound cultured education and example instilled into your mind by your Swiss forefathers. Although naturalisation has made you a faithful subject of your adopted Country the welcome hospitality of which country so many Ticinesi have and still enjoy, nevertheless the Swiss blood that still runs in your veins will readily force you to realize why as a Trustee of our time-honoured Society, we feel it our jubilant duty to offer you these heartfelt congratulations. In so doing we with proud and grateful feelings recognize the honour done to the Anglo-Swiss community in London by those who have thought fit to vote you to the position of Mayor of one

of the, if not the, most ancient, historic and world-famous City in Christendom."

Yours faithfully,

O. GAMBAZZI.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

At the last monthly meeting, which took place at the beginning of June, it was decided that the monthly meetings of July and August should take place in the usual way so as to give our compatriots an opportunity of meeting in these difficult times.

The committee is most anxious that as many of our members as possible should attend the forthcoming meeting, and, whilst I regret to have no attraction or surprise to offer to tempt everyone to come along, I feel it is the duty of every member who can do so to be present as matters of vital importance to the Colony will be discussed.

It is, therefore, hoped that all those members who are in a position to do so will come and support the committee and particularly our President who, as Chairman of the *Swiss Relief Centre* (a new organisation created at the request of the Swiss Minister and in conjunction with the Swiss Benevolent Society) will explain the objects of the Relief Centre.

A dinner will be served at 7 o'clock sharp, and the meeting will follow immediately afterwards. Please advise Mr. Boehringer or the Secretary of your intention to be present so as to enable us to make proper arrangements with Pagani's to ensure the comfort of those attending.

Do Come — Tuesday, July 2nd, 7 p.m. at Pagani's.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Tuesday, July 2nd, at 7 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting, at Pagani's Restaurant. (See advert.)

Divine Services.

Dimanche 30 juin 1940. 178e ANNIVERSAIRE DE L'ÉGLISE : à l'Eglise Suisse, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2.

11h. Culte M. M. Pradervand

11h. Ecole du dimanche.

6h. Culte au Foyer Suisse, 15 Bedford Way, W.C.1.

Mardi 2 juillet, à 2h.30, au Foyer Suisse, Réunion de couture pour la Croix-Rouge britannique (Invitation à toutes les Suissesses).

Pour tout ce qui concerne le ministère pastoral, prière de s'adresser à Monsieur le pasteur Marcel Pradervand, 65, Mount View Road, N.4. (Téléphone Mountview 5003). Heure de réception à l'église le mercredi de 11-12h.30.

Sonntag, den 30. Juni 1940: in der Schweizerkirche, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

11 Uhr. Gottesdienst Mr. F. G. Sommer.

6 Uhr. Gottesdienst in Französisch im Foyer Suisse.

Dienstag, den 2. Juli, 2.30 Uhr, im Foyer Suisse, Nähverein (für das brit. Rote Kreuz). Alle Schweizerinnen sind eingeladen.

Für alle Amtshandlungen wende man sich z.Z. an Pfr. M. Pradervand, 65, Mount View Road, N.4. (MOU 5003)

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