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It accepts children in need of holidays at the Swiss frontier. They are boarded out to various families, carefully selected, and find health and happiness at the low cost of 5/50 — 6 frs. Journeys to the Swiss frontier are met, generally speaking, by parents.


In conclusion Dr. Egli asked for suggestions to strengthen relationships between us, the Anglo-Swiss and the Home Country. After all, there exists basic similarities between these two Nations, and love and true friendship should be formed, rather than an over-allegiance to one country.

After a short discussion leaning largely on domestic and personal wishes to his listeners, our President, Dr. J. A. Schedler, thanked the lecturer for his address. He was seconded by Mr. J. J. Huber, and the audience showed their appreciation in no uncertain manner.

On Sunday morning a sadder task confronted Dr. Egli, the blitzed and flooded parts of Salford. Brave people, literally steeped in adversity, were seen and heard, people who complain, but not bitterly. How pleasant it is to report that one or two of those children are soon going to Switzerland for three months.

The intense desire of Dr. Egli to learn something of the suffering of a small section of the working population is to us all a further proof of a kindly man, a warm heart — a Swiss.

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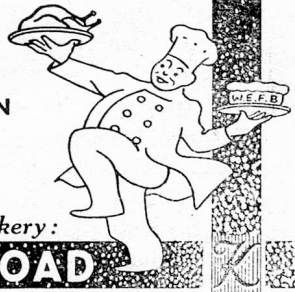
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SWISS CLUB, DUNFERMLINE.

Some 50 compatriots attended our annual gathering on the 19th March, 1948, at the nicely decorated recreation hall of Canmore Works.

In his address, the Vice-President was very pleased to announce the presence of our Honorary Member and at the same time our Consular Agent, Mr. E. Hofstetter.

A very special welcome was also accorded to our Honorary Member, Mr. W. O. Bosshardt, and to the representatives of the Swiss Club, Balloch and other distinguished guests.

Good wishes for a successful evening were conveyed to the party from letters received from Mr. Frick and Mr. Gurtner. We also wish to thank Mr. Frick for his telegram from London, "*My very best wishes to everyone for a pleasant evening.*"

After the opening song "Rufst Du Mein Vaterland," we enjoyed a splendid address by Mr. E. Hofstetter and also by Mr. Berli, the President of the Swiss Club, Balloch. We wish to thank both gentlemen for their kind words and good wishes to the Swiss community in Dunfermline.

The main attraction of the night was a Film Show, under the direction of Mr. W. O. Bosshardt. This included a film of last year's 1st August celebration on the shores of Loch Lomond which refreshed us with so many happy memories.

After the Film Show, we enjoyed some light music by Mrs. Gertrude Meier, until the supper was served.

During the latter part of the evening, there were many attractions in store for the participants. Just before mid-night, we were able to announce the winners of the various games and competitions. Mrs. Schoenenberger then presented the prizes.

So came another annual gathering to an end. We all enjoyed ourselves very much and look forward to the next meeting.

We take this opportunity of thanking all those members who have so willingly contributed to a successful evening.

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THE SWISS COLONY IN LIVERPOOL.

On Sunday, March 7th, the Swiss Colony met, at the instigation of the Consulate, in the hall of the Y.W.C.A. in Birkenhead to welcome two distinguished visitors, the Rev. Reverdin, Minister of the "Eglise Suisse" in London, and Dr. Egli, President of the London Group of the New Helvetic Society.

After divine service conducted by Pasteur Reverdin, the guests had tea. M. Schärer, Acting Consul, extended a very hearty welcome to Pasteur Reverdin and Dr. Egli, at the same time expressing the wish that the Colony would have the pleasure of seeing them again in Liverpool in the near future.

After tea Dr. Egli addressed the gathering on "Switzerland and the Swiss Abroad," giving very interesting details on the activities of the Secrétariat des Suisses à l'Etranger, whose principal aim is to strengthen the ties between the Swiss abroad and the home country. His speech, excellently delivered, was very well received. The vote of thanks was proposed by M. Schärer.