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LA CHANSON DE LAUSANNE GUESTS OF THE CONFRERIE VAUDOISE.

At a Luncheon at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane,
W.1, on Thursday, June 9th, 1949.

The saying, "When Greek meets Greek" has not a good reputation, but when "Vaudois meets Vaudois"; ah! cela c'est une autre chose!

True to their reputation of being one of the most hospitable institutions in the London Colony, the "Confrérie Vaudoise" had invited their brethren from the canton of Vaud to a Luncheon. Amongst the other guests present were the Swiss Minister and Madame de Torrenté, M. and Mme. Weibel (Swiss Legation), M. Jordan, Conseiller Municipal (Lausanne), M. Jaccard, Directeur de l'Association des intérêts de Lausanne, Mr. Derek Mc. Culloch and Mr. A. Stauffer.

And what an enjoyable gathering (numbering 101) it was, the members of the "La Chanson de Lausanne" were split up and mixed at the tables with their London Confrères; I was lucky enough to have as my neighbours two very charming vaudoises, the sun of their lovely canton was almost reflected on their pretty faces. And how jolly they were and how quickly they talked, far too quick for a "Bernois" with his Français Fédéral.

To heighten the homely atmosphere the visitors from home had the splendid idea of putting a number of bottles of delicious Dezaley in their luggage which

they generously offered to their hosts and thus everybody was able to drink the toast to "La Suisse" in one of our native vintages.

Mr. A. Renou, who was in the Chair, extended hearty greetings to the members of the Choir, telling them how delighted the "Vaudois de Londres" were to have their brethren in their midst, and also welcomed the other *invités*, especially the Swiss Minister and Madame de Torrenté. He wished the "Vaudois" an enjoyable and successful stay in this country.

The Swiss Minister then addressed the gathering expressing his pleasure at being able to spend a few hours amongst his compatriots from the canton de Vaud and congratulated the organisers of the "Fête Suisse" for having had the splendid idea of inviting "La Chanson de Lausanne" a choir with a famous reputation, to take part in their celebrations at Central Hall.

Further speeches were made by the President of the Choir and by M. Jaccard, all speeches were "short and sweet."

The Choir rendered a number of songs which were greatly enjoyed by the company. It was, all in all, one of the most enjoyable gatherings I have attended; these "Vaudois" and "Vaudoises" are good company. As I am going to spend part of my this year's holiday in the lovely canton of Vaud, I am looking forward with joy to meet the charming "Vaudoises" and the delicious "Dezaley."

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