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61st "FETE SUISSE"

JUNE 19th, 1930.

Events of all kinds and descriptions follow one another swiftly in our Colony, and now June has set in, the "Fête Suisses" traditional month! So we are looking forward to that yearly family gathering of the London Swiss, anticipating eagerly to meet there, once again, some old friend from whom circumstances have parted us for too long.

We understand the programme will be very acceptable this year. "Central Hall" with its better accommodation should make it much easier for the artists as well as for the audience: it has 1,200 seats and a large platform. Besides the Dolmetsch's and Miss Browne, already mentioned, there will be Mr. André Loew, the Neuchâtel violinist. Our faithful Colony Orchestra will have a real chance, this year, to show us what it can do, thanks to more convenient arrangements, and will surely create the patriotic "stimmung" we have always enjoyed. As for the Swiss Choral Society, it ought to fill up easily the big hall with the powerful volume of its fine voices, and our gymnasts should create a sensation with their acrobatics, just as in old Portman Rooms. Besides, the grand organ, held by Pastor Hahn, will be a valuable asset; the rising generation will provide one of Dalcroze's exquisite "rondes," and our three national languages will all come into their own.

It is up to our Colony now to do its bit, in answer to the Committee's venture in hiring this new magnificent hall. It will do so readily, we know, not only to assist the Committee in meeting the larger cost of hiring, but because the whole net profit of the Fête will go to the benefit of our poor compatriots. Each ticket bought helps. Take, therefore, as many as you possibly can!

The Secretary.

SWISS CONSUL HONOURED.

The Senate and Council of the University of Liverpool have agreed to confer upon Mr. Emil Montag, Consul for Switzerland in Liverpool, the Honorary degree of Master of Science of the University of Liverpool. This degree will be conferred on the day of the Summer Graduation ceremony of the University, the 5th July 1930 at 11.30 a.m. in St. George's Hall, Liverpool.

Mr. E. Montag has been a Fellow of the Geological Society of London since 1902. He is also a member of Scientific Societies, both English and Swiss, including the Liverpool Geological Society on whose Council he has been since 1913 and whose President he was in 1924 and 1925. His interest in Geology therefore extends over 30 years and it is very satisfactory that the authorities of the University should have seen their way to honour him with the Honorary degree of "M.Sc." and through him the Liverpool Geological Society which has such an excellent record for good work.

PERSONAL.

We congratulate Monsieur and Madame L. Jobin on the advent of a further pledge of their mutual affection, a daughter, Yolande Antoinette, having been born on Friday, May 30th.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN BERNASCONI.

Sheffield has lost one of its most prominent Catholic citizens by the recent death of Mr. John Bernasconi, who for a great many years had been active in every good work for the Church in his native city—for although of Swiss extraction, he was born in Sheffield eighty years ago. Mr. Bernasconi had been in failing health for several months before his death. Three years ago he retired from business life after a busy career of sixty years. A generous benefactor to charity, he threw himself ardently into many Catholic enterprises, as did also Mrs. Bernasconi, who holds the Médaille de la Reine Elisabeth for her efforts on behalf of Belgian refugees during the Great War. On the occasion of their golden wedding in 1925, Mr. and Mrs. Bernasconi were honoured with a message of congratulation from the Holy Father.

Owing to lack of space we are reluctantly compelled to hold over the reports of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, Foyer Suisse and Swiss Mercantile Society; these will appear in our next number.

FOYER SUISSE, 15, Upper Bedford Pl., W.C.1

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Home News—(Continued)

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T.G.

GENEVA.

On the occasion of the centenary of the independence of Belgium a great pageant will take place at Brussels. By special invitation of the "bourgmestre" of Brussels the Landwehr band will travel to the Belgian capital on the 14th inst. to take part in the festivities.

T.G.

LAUSANNE.

For some time a plumber named Keller was "walking out" with a 22-year-old servant girl. Frequent scenes of jealousy and rough treatment induced the girl to bid her all too ardent lover farewell, but the hero of this drama was not going to take this parting "lying down." In the darkness of the night he waylaid his former sweetheart, who was returning home with a girl friend; after an enquiry as to where she had spent the evening was made and an answer refused, the man fired a revolver at the two girls point blank, and then turned the weapon on himself. All three are now lying in hospital, the two girls are fortunately out of danger, whilst the too impetuous lover is fatally wounded.

T.G.

TICINO.

The President of the Conservative party of the Canton of Ticino, advocate Tarchini, has resigned from the National Council and will be replaced by advocate Celio.

The Grand Council has voted a credit of Frs. 50,000 for the erection of a radio receiving station on the Monte Generi.

A report from the pen of Dr. Tomarkin states that the Authorities of the Canton of Ticino are foremost in fighting consumptive diseases. The Cantonal Govt. has allotted a yearly subsidy of 500,000 francs and maintains over 250 beds for patients suffering from consumption.

During the last year more than 4,400 free consultations have been given costing the Authorities 63,000 francs. In addition to the official government support, numerous private institutions are actively at work to fight this devastating disease. It is reckoned that the total costs involved for this purpose are well over 1 million francs annually.

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7 h.—Service du soir avec Communion.—M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme.

Lundi 9 Juin 10 h.—Rendez-vous devant Quai No. 4, Waterloo Station, pour promenade à Oxshott.

MARIAGES.

OSCAR LUTERBACHER, de Lohn (Soleure) et CONSTANCE MAUD EMERSON, de Londres—le 31 Mai.
THOMAS EDWARD DAUBENEY, de Cirencester (Glos.) et LINE PIU née Fader, de Bâle—le 2 Juin.

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DAISY KILCHENMANN, fille de Charles et de Rachel, née Bergor de Herzogenbuchsee (Berne).
OLGA MEYER, fille d'Oscar et d'Elise née Schwizgebél de Wandornried (Berne).
LILIANE RICKLI, fille d'Ernest et d'Ida, née Bleiker de Thunstetten (Berne).
BERTHE WEIDELI, fille d'Oscar et de Berthe, née Brunner de Frauenfeld (Thurgovie).

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7 Uhr abends.: Gottesdienst und Heilg. Abendmahl.

Pfingstmontag, den 9. Juni 1930.

Ausflug in die "Chiltern Hills." Thee in Chalfont-St. Giles. Treffpunkt: Baker Street Metropolitan Station 10.30, Abfahrt 10.55 Uhr. Proviant mitnehmen. Cheap Walking Ticket to Rickmansworth return from Chorley Wood.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, June 11th at 7 p.m.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Committee Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Wednesday, June 11th at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House.

Saturday, June 14th, at 2.45 p.m.—SWISS BANK CLUB: Gymkhana and Sports Meeting on the Club Ground, Preston Road.

Sunday, June 15th.—A.O.F.B.—"SWISS VAT." Outing from Swiss Hotel, 53, Old Compton Street, W.1., at 10 a.m.

Thursday, June 19th, at 7 p.m.—FETE SUISSE at Central Hall, Westminster, S.W.1.

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