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dovere di ticinesi e svizzeri di destare nella gente della Nazione che ci ospita interesse nella nostra Patria, eterno monumento di concordia sociale e che è perciò brillante esempio come tale contrasto può essere, se non interamente abolito, almeno attutito.

Dopo la lettura e l'approvazione del verbale dell'ultima assemblea generale, il Socio Benemerito, Sig. Oscar Gambazzi, fa da relatore per la Commissione della Revisione Conti, in sostituzione del Socio Giuseppe Delmuè, presente ma ancora convalescente da seria malattia. Mentre le uscite mostrano una certa regolarità da qualche anno in qua, le entrate sono in costante diminuzione e l'anno scorso più che mai; per di più oltre il cinquanta per cento dei soci attivi è caduto in arretrato per la quota 1939. Il relatore pertanto esorta tutti i presenti a voler far opera di persuasione presso i loro amici al fine di regolarizzare la posizione di questi soci, come detto, purtroppo numerosi.

Lo stesso chiodo viene pure battuto dal Segretario, Socio Pietro De Maria, nella sua eccellente rassegna dell'operato della Direzione nel corso del 1939. Il conto finanziario ha chiuso con un deficit e se tale fatto per se stesso non deve destare inquietudine, data la solida posizione finanziaria raggiunta negli scorsi anni, ciò non vuol dire che non si debba correre ai ripari. Dopo aver alluso alla difficoltà di trovare nuove fonti d'introiti, il Sig. De Maria osservò che se il risultato della sottoscrizione, organizzata a favore della Società Svizzera di Beneficienza, non è stato malvagio, lo stesso aveva tuttavia rivelato che soltanto un terzo dei Soci vi aveva preso parte. Circostanza questa poco rassicurante, specialmente in vista del fatto che la citata Società soccorre un buon numero dei nostri conterranei. Di ben quaranta sterline inferiore a quello dell'anno precedente risultò il profitto del banchetto annuale, organizzato come sempre col valido concorso della Casa Pagani.

Alla rinnovazione dei poteri per l'anno in corso, la Direzione rimase pressochè inalterata, come segue:

Presidente:	Giuseppe Eusebio.
Vice Presidente:	Cesare Ferrari.
Segretario:	Pietro De Maria.
Vice Segretario:	Bruno Veglio.
Cassiere:	Carlo Berti.
Esattore:	Arrigo Moresi.

Membri (5):

Elvezio Albertolli,
Pietro Bassi,
Giacinto Camozzi,
Ernesto Ferroli,
Plinio Morosi.

Venne lasciata indefinita la questione di una Festa Sociale per quest'anno, per dar modo alla Direzione di approfittare di qualsiasi occasione propizia. Fu deciso di lasciare inalterati gli ammontari del sussidio ai Soci ammalati ed alle opere di beneficenza da noi appoggiate.

Dietro proposta del Sig. O. Gambazzi, il Presidente promise che la direzione, nel corso dell'anno, cercherà con ogni mezzo di riattivare la vita sociale, con piccoli trattenimenti, conferenze, ed assemblee straordinarie.

Prima di procedere all'elezione della nuova direzione, il Sig. Gambazzi, nella sua qualità di Presidente 'ad interim,' offerse una magnifica scatola di posateria, accompagnandola con una arguta allocuzione, al Presidente uscente e poi rieleto, Sig. Giuseppe Eusebio, in occasione del suo prossimo matrimonio con la Signorina Rina Lunghi. Ringraziò commosso il Sig. Eusebio, osservando che non era degno d'esser fatto segno da tanta generosità da parte della Società, visto che quel poco che aveva fatto era nell'intento di giovare soltanto la causa dei Ticinesi in Gran Bretagna, fine che perseguirà anche per l'avvenire.

*"v'un da nun."***CITY SWISS CLUB.**

On the recommendation of some friends who were under the impression that too much publicity was being made for the City Swiss Club meetings, the January meeting was allowed to take its old-fashioned course, with the result that only a handful of members turned up. The quantity was not there, but the quality I must say was good.

There was little to discuss at the meeting except a very important point in connection with the investments of the Club, and the discussion has been postponed to a further meeting when we hope to have a more representative gathering.

The dinner was a jolly affair, thanks to Pagani's, who went out of their way to re-start well by giving us a first-class meal, and to our friend, Gandon, who had brought along his accordions and filled the audience with harmony. Everybody joined in patriotic songs and the evening in the end proved one of the most pleasant ever spent at the monthly meetings.

I must admit that since January I have been inundated by complaints from members asking whether the interesting talks and entertainments would cease in 1940. It is a pleasure to be able to reassure everyone that we hope to be able to produce a new surprise for the forthcoming meeting which is to take place on the 6th proximo.

I hope that every member will turn up to give some encouragement to the Committee to continue on the go-ahead policy which has been established for some time. The attendance will give us an opportunity to see whether it is the wish of the Club that the meetings should go on being rendered attractive and interesting, or whether the established activity should once more cease.

For the convenience of members it has been decided that we should revert to the pre-war time-table, and dine before the meeting. It is therefore hoped that members will make a point of being there punctually at 6.30 p.m. so that dinner may be served at 6.45.

As stated above, negotiations are well enough advanced for me to be able to assure members that there will be another first-class evening, so please do not fail to reserve Tuesday, the 6th February.

Bee.

NEW SWISS MINISTER'S WELCOME.

As most of our readers must be aware, plans have been on foot for some little time to organise a reunion of all Swiss to welcome our new Minister. We would like to give some definite information on the subject, but we are afraid it has not yet been possible for the new Minister to deal with this matter, and therefore, apart from informing our readers that the suggestion is to have a Tea-party which would take place at the Dorchester, nothing else can be said for the moment.

We hope, however, to be able to give definite information on this all-important subject in our next week's issue.

Bee.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

We regret that a report on a lecture given at the Monthly Meeting of January 13th, is unavoidably held over for the next issue.

EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

20th January, 1940.

The Editor,
Swiss Observer,
London, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for forwarding to us the letter from one of your subscribers in Birmingham enclosing a cheque for £10.— in favour of our Society.

We presume this is a result of the letter which has appeared in one of the recent issues of the "Swiss Observer." It is very gratifying to find that the publication has aroused interest among our countrymen in the work of our Society and we are very appreciative of your having given space to the letter in your journal. We hope it will bring forth further donations, which, as you know, are greatly needed by the Society in the present circumstances.

With renewed thanks,
believe us, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,

PERSONAL.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. Joseph Eusebio, the president of the Unione Ticinese, and Miss Rina Lunghi, whose marriage takes place to-day at the Church of the Holy Name, Esher (Surrey).

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que

L'ASSEMBLEE MENSUELLE

aura lieu Mardi le 6 Février à 5.30 h. précises au Restaurant PAGANI 42, Great Portland Street, W.1.

ORDRE DU JOUR:

Procès-verbal.	Démissions.
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A requiem Mass for the rest of the soul of the late

Dr. Giuseppe Motta, Federal Councillor,

will take place on Thursday, February 1st, at 8.30 in the morning at Westminster Cathedral (Holy Soul Chapel) and will be read by the Rev. A. Lanfranchi. All members of the Colony are invited to attend.

Divine Services.

Dimanche 28 janvier 1940: à **Eglise Suisse**, 79, Endell Street, E.C.2.

11h. Culte. M. M. Pradervand.

11h. Ecole du dimanche.

5h. Culte en allemand au Foyer Suisse.

Samedi 3 février, à 2h.30, au Foyer Suisse, séance mensuelle de l'Edelweiss, Jeunesse de l'Eglise Suisse.

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Sonntag, den 28. Januar 1940: in der **Schweizerkirche**, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

11 Uhr. Gottesdienst.

5 Uhr. Gottesdienst im Foyer Suisse, 15 Bedford Way, W.C.1.

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