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**SWISS OBSERVER SIXTEEN YEARS AGO.**

We give below a summary of the events which have taken place in the Swiss Colony sixteen years ago. (January — December 1931.)

**January, 1931 :**

Students' Xmas Banquet and Ball, of the Swiss Mercantile Society College, at the 1st Avenue Hotel, Holborn. In the Chair: Mr. M. Paschoud. Principal guest: Monsieur C. Rezzonico, 2nd Secretary at Swiss Legation.

Social gathering of the Swiss Choral Society at the Swiss Hotel, 53, Old Compton Street, W.1. (In the Chair: Mr. J. Conrad, President.)

The death is reported of Mr. Armand Paul Rosselet-Droux, who was for many years Chef-de-cours of the S.M.S. evening and day classes, and a member of various Swiss Societies.

Mr. Xavier Castelli, from 1905 to 1926 Manager of the Swiss Bank Corporation, London Office, died in London at the age of 68.

Monsieur Clemente Rezzonico is promoted to the rank of 1st Secretary of Legation.

M. Jean Piaget, Professor at the University of Geneva and Director of the "Institut J. J. Rousseau" gives two lectures on "Psychology of children and the new methods of education," at the University of London.

**February, 1931 :**

Swiss Choral Society is holding a "Social Evening," at the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. (In the Chair: Mr. F. Conrad, President.)

E. Neuschwander, from 1885 until 1922, Manager of the Charing Cross Hotel, celebrates his 85th birthday anniversary. He joined the staff of the Charing Cross Hotel in the year 1870.

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Mercantile Society, at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras. Principal guest: Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, the Swiss Minister. (In the Chair: Mr. M. Paschoud, President.)

The Paris "Salon" has accepted several pieces of sculpture for exhibition from Mme. Henri Binguely.

Annual Banquet of the Swiss Club Birmingham, at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham. (In the Chair: Mr. P. Brun.)

Nouvelle Société Helvétique, Annual General Meeting, Mr. A. F. Suter is re-elected President.

**March, 1931 :**

Swiss Mercantile Society, Annual General Meeting. Mr. M. Paschoud is re-elected President.

Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Benevolent Society. Mr. R. Dupraz is re-elected President.

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Club, Liverpool, at Bear's Paw Restaurant. Amongst the guests are: The Swiss Consuls in Liverpool and Manchester. The London Colony is represented by Pasteur Hoffmann-de-Visme and Mr. Ch. Chapuis, President of the City Swiss Club. (In the Chair: Mr. L. J. Faivre, President Swiss Club, Liverpool.)

Professor Dr. Emil Brunner, the well-known theologian of the Zurich University, gives a course of five lectures at the King's College, London.

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Unions Ticinese, at Monico's Restaurant, W. 1. The President hands

over to the President of the Swiss Benevolent Society, Mr. R. Dupraz, a cheque of £1,000 as a donation. Principal guest: Monsieur Micheli, 1st Secretary of Legation. (In the Chair: Mr. W. Notari, President.)

52nd Annual Dinner and Ball of the Swiss Club "Schweizerbund", at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. In the Chair: Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, the Swiss Minister. (President: J. Christen.)

**April, 1931 :**

Students supper and dance of the Union Helvetia, at 1, Gerrard Place. In the Chair: Mr. A. L. Lenegre, head of the Pulteney Institute. Principal guest: Councillor Girling, Mayor of Shoreditch.

Swiss Gymnastic Society, Display given at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1, under the leadership of Mr. Gysi.

The death is reported from Basle, where he was on holiday, of Mr. C. E. Schneider-Hall, Managing-Director of the European and General Express Co., Ltd. The deceased was for many years a resident in London and a member of the City Swiss Club.

Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club, M. M. Golay is elected President.

**May, 1931 :**

Concert of the Swiss Choral Society, at Conway Hall, W.C. Soloists: Miss Eva Cattaneo and Mr. Conrad. The Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini attends the concert. (Conductor: Mr. E. A. Seymour.)

The death occurs of Rudolf Oberholzer, a resident

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in this country for 47 years, at the age of 72, and a well-known personality both in Swiss and English Gymnastic circles. The deceased was one of the founders of Swiss Gymnastic Society.

Annual Meeting of the Foyer Suisse, at No. 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1. In the Chair: Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister. Pasteur R. Hoffmann-de Visme is re-elected President.

Swiss Sports at Herne Hill, under the Presidency of Mr. R. de Cintra and in the presence of the Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini.

#### June, 1931:

Unione Ticinese, "Festa Familiare," at Pagani's Restaurant, W.1. Mr. A. Meschini and Mr. O. Gambazzi are nominated Honorary Members of the Unione Ticinese for their untiring and devoted efforts for the prosperity of the Society. (In the Chair: Mr. W. Notari, President.)

The death is reported from Switzerland of Captain Spelterini, the well-known pioneer of the "ballon libre."

Captain Spelterini was born in 1853 at Kirchberg (St. Gall) and his original name was Eduard Schweizer. He was well-known in British aeronautic circles.

M. Paul Kipfer, from Bienne, who, with Professor Piccard, made the record-breaking balloon ascent to a height of nearly ten miles (16,000 metres), arrives in London on a visit.

62nd Fête Suisse held at Central Hall, Westminster, in the presence of the Swiss Minister, C. R. Paravicini.

#### July, 1931:

Social Evening of the Swiss Mercantile Society, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Mr. J. Pfaendler, who after 25 years faithful and unselfish services is retiring from the committee, is presented with a gold watch.

The "Basler Jodler" Group arrives in London, during their short stay, they sang in the Studio of the B.B.C. and at a party given by Madame Paravicini, at Bryanston Square. They were also the guests of the City Swiss Club and the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund).

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#### August 1931:

1st of August Celebration at Hendon.

The City Swiss Club arranged a picnic by car to Saltdean (Sussex).

A contingent of some 60 members of the "Schweiz. Kaufm. Verein" arrive in London and are entertained by the Swiss Mercantile Society, at the Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon. Mr. A. C. Stahelin welcomes the visitors and informs Mr. Lutz, President of the Central Committee, that the Society has decided to make him an honorary member. The Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, is present.

#### September, 1931:

Dr. C. Rezzonico, 1st Secretary of Legation, in charge of commercial affairs, has been appointed to a similar position in Rome. His place is taken by Dr. Rüfenacht from the political department in Berne.

The death is reported of Ch. Emile Kuderli, at the age of 47, founder of the Transoceanic Forwarding Co., Ltd. He was a member of the City Swiss Club for 21 years.

#### October, 1931:

From Switzerland comes the news of the death of Dr. Th. von Sonnenberg, at the age of 47. The deceased held the post of Councillor of Legation, at the Swiss Legation in London from 1929-1931.

General Meeting, Swiss Rifle Association, at Union Helvetia, 1 Gerard Place, W.1. Mr. G. E. De Brunner is re-elected President.

The death occurs of Charles Haller, who was engaged in the Coffee and Tea trade for 32 years.

M. Louis Micheli, 1st Secretary of the Swiss Legation in London, has been promoted to Counsellor of Legation and transferred to the Swiss Legation at Washington.

M. M. Pradervand is ordained to the Ministry in the Lausanne Cathedral.

#### November, 1931:

Swiss Choral Society, Annual General Meeting, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Mr. J. Gerber is elected President.

Monsieur Ch. de Jenner, Counsellor of Legation, has been appointed successor to the late Dr. Th. von Sonnenberg.

Monsieur M. Micheli gives a "Farewell" lecture at the N.S.H. on "Switzerland and the World Crisis."

75th Anniversary Banquet and Ball of the City Swiss Club, at the May Fair Hotel, Berkeley Square, W.1. In the Chair: Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, the Swiss Minister. (President: M. Golay.)

#### December, 1931:

8th Annual Prize Distribution of the Swiss Rifle Association, at Unione Helvetia, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. (In the Chair: Mr. G. E. De Brunner.)

Maurice Golay, Manager of the London Office of the Swiss Bank Corporation, is appointed General Manager of the Head Office in Basle.

The City Swiss Club offers a Farewell Dinner to Monsieur Golay, President of the Club, on his departure for Basle.

Annual Dinner of the Union Helvetia, at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. (In the Chair: M. A. Indermaur.)

Mr. A. Ch. Nussbaumer is appointed Manager of the London Office of the Swiss Bank Corporation.

Students Xmas Dinner, Swiss Mercantile Society College, at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, W.C.