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SWISS OBSERVER TWENTY YEARS AGO.

We give below a summary of the events which have taken place in the Swiss Colony twenty years ago. (January-December 1927).

January, 1927 :

The United Grand Lodge of England has granted the Swiss Freemasons, resident in London, a warrant to meet and hold a lodge under the title "Helvetica Lodge No. 4894."

Mr. Theophile Schaerer, a well-known Swiss architect in London has won the first prize for his design (House that can be erected for £850) in the Ideal Home Competition arranged by the *Daily Mail*.

Farewell Dinner offered by the Swiss Club, Liverpool to Mr. A. J. Fontannaz, Swiss Consul in Liverpool from 1916-1926.

February, 1927 :

Resignation of Mr. Xavier Castelli, Managing-Director of the London Office of the Swiss Bank Corporation, for reasons of health.

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

The death is reported of Mr. Gustave Ch. Aguet, C.B.E., Chairman of the Board of the Nestlé & Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., at the age of 75.

Mr. Aguet took a great interest in the Swiss Colony. He was for many years a member of the City Swiss Club.

March, 1927 :

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Choral Society at the 1st Avenue Hotel. Principal guest: Monsieur W. A. de Bourg, 1st Secretary of Legation. (President: Mr. J. Manzoni.)

Lecture of Dr. E. Schwegler of Zurich on the Swiss poet, Bernhard Moser, at the Union Selvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

"Festa Sociale" of the Unione Ticinese at the Restaurant Monico. Principal guests: Messieurs De Bourg and Rezzonico of the Swiss Legation. (President: W. Notari.)

Arthur Honegger Concert at the Albert Hall.

April, 1927 :

49th Annual Dinner of the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1, in the presence of

the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President: Mr. J. Tresch.)

Lecture-Demonstration by M. Jaques-Dalcroze at the Scala Theatre, presided over by Sir Henry Wood.

The death occurs of Mr. Charles Haag, at the age of 74. Mr. Haag, who was one of the oldest Swiss residents (over 50 years in London) was a member of several Swiss Societies and Clubs.

Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club at Pagani's Restaurant. Mr. L. Jobin is elected President.

May, 1927 :

First Dinner and Dance of the newly formed Association of Grisons. (Graubündnerverein). President: Mr. J. Manzoni.

June, 1927 :

Swiss Sports at Herne Hill Sports Ground in the presence of Monsieur and Madame Paravicini, and under the Direction of Mr. Ch. Barbezat.

"Fête Suisse" celebration at Caxton Hall in the presence of the Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini.

July, 1927 :

The City Swiss Club entertains the Swiss oarsmen who took part in the Henley Regatta, at Pagani's Restaurant. (The Swiss crew was compelled to give up the race owing to the sudden collapse of one of the members of the crew.)

Annual Meeting of the Foyer Suisse at 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.1, under the Chairmanship of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President: Pasteur R. Hoffmann-de Visme.)

Mr. J. Geilinger, the doyen of the London Colony celebrates his 83rd birthday.

August, 1927 :

1st of August celebration under the auspices of the "Swiss Institute."

September, 1927 :

The death is reported of Mr. Giuseppe Cusi at the age of 72; the deceased was a veteran of the Unione Ticinese and at one time President (1880).

October, 1927 :

George Dimier Fund Concert given by the Swiss Choral Society and the Swiss Institute Orchestra at Wigmore Hall, W.1.

November, 1927 :

Miss Sophie Wyss is giving a recital at Æolian Hall, of works by Jaques Dalcroze, Othmar Schoeck, Gustave Doret, Pierre Maurice and Arthur Honegger.

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Rifle Association at the Union Helvetia Club. Principal guest: the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President: Mr. Chas. Strubin.)

71st Annual Banquet and Ball of the City Swiss Club at the Victoria Hotel. In the Chair: Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. Swiss Minister. (President: Mr. L. Jobin.)

Unione Ticinese, Annual Concert in aid of the Swiss Benevolent Society.

Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Choral Society, at Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Mr. J. Manzoni is re-elected President.

Lantern slide lecture by Monsieur Henri Martin, Swiss Chargé d'Affaires in Turkey on: From Geneva to Angora, is given at Swiss House, under the auspices of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

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