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LECTURE OF DR. H. CLAVADETSCHER.

If ever a forthcoming event inside the Swiss Colony has deserved some advance publicity, it undoubtedly is the Lecture, which Dr. H. Clavadetscher will give at the lecture hall of the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, Adelphi, on Wednesday, October 18th, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Clavadetscher, who hails from the Grisons and makes his living as a medical practitioner at Le Locle, is perhaps one of the finest alpinists as well as nature lovers at present active in Switzerland. There is hardly a "Fourthousander", i.e. a peak over 4,000 metres high, which Dr. Clavadetscher has not climbed. There is hardly an alpine flower or animal, which he does not know intimately and which he has not studied. During 15 years of his wanderings and meanderings across the mountains and through the valleys of our native country, he has photographed nature and people at various angles. His collection of beautifully coloured lantern slides, which he will show in London, is easily one of the finest that can be seen anywhere.

I have seen and heard Dr. Clavadetscher more than once while on holidays in the Engadine. I would not describe his slides in such glowing terms if such a description were not fully deserved.

It is often said, and rightly said, that a lecturer is a man who gets up to say that he does not intend to keep the audience for long. He then produces a manuscript about as thick as a London telephone directory and proceeds to read therefrom until the last member of the audience has either left, or gone asleep or has developed cramp from yawning. I can assure all readers of this little note that Dr. Clavadetscher is not that type of lecturer at all and that a real treat is in store for all members of the N.S.H., the Anglo-Swiss Society or the Colony at large who care to turn up at John Adam Street on Wednesday, October 18th.

Gottfried Keller.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday October 13th, 1950.

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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

Annual Dinner and Dance.

The autumn social season of the Swiss Colony is about to start after a short summer respite. Various Societies have, or are fixing their winter programme.

First in the field is, this year, the Swiss Mercantile Society, which has announced its 62nd Annual Dinner and Dance to take place on Friday, October 6th, 1950, at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, W.1.

Functions of this very enterprising Society have in the past enjoyed a great reputation due principally to the absence of any formality and to the carefree and homely atmosphere which has always prevailed.

We are informed that, as on former occasions, speeches will be drastically curtailed so that there should be plenty of time available for dancing.

To enable as many as possible to attend this function, the price of tickets have been kept at a reasonable level (25/- including service and refreshments during dancing) and furthermore evening dress will be optional which should be an additional inducement to attend this dinner and dance.

The Society is extending a cordial invitation to all members of the Swiss Colony, and especially to the older generation of the S.M.S., at they feel, that this would be a splendid opportunity to re-new old friendships.

Owing to the absence in Switzerland, of the Swiss Minister and Mme de Torrenté, Monsieur F. Rothenbühler, the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires, will be the principal guest.

We sincerely hope that a great number of our compatriots will give themselves rendez-vous at the Trocadero Restaurant on Friday next.

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