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LECTURE OF DR. H. CLAVADETSCHER.

All those who were lucky enough to procure a seat at the Lantern Slide Lecture, which was given by Dr. H. Clavadetscher, of Le Locle, under the auspices of the Anglo-Swiss Society, the City Swiss Club and the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, on Wednesday, October 18th, at the beautiful Lecture Hall of the Society of Arts, 6, John Adam Street, Adelphi, W.C.2, will, no doubt, agree, that they spent a most delightful evening.

Not a seat was available by the time the lecture was announced to take place, which is no mean achievement, considering that the Hall can accommodate nearly 250 persons. Unfortunately quite a number of members had to be turned away for lack of seating space, which proves, that the old adage: "The early bird catches the worm", is no mere saying.

Colonel Stuart Townend, Director of the Anglo-Swiss Society, who was in the Chair, assisted by Dr. H. W. Egli, President of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, introduced the lecturer to the audience, bidding him a hearty welcome, he also greeted the representative of the Swiss Minister, absent in Switzerland, Dr. E. M. Bircher.

The subject of the Lecture was "The Valais", and the collection of beautifully coloured lantern slides thrown on the screen, was almost beyond description. Never before — and I have seen a good many lantern slide displays — have I seen such lovely photographs of serene beauty, depicting the splendour of the alpine regions, of one of our most picturesque cantons.

Unfortunately, the accompanying explanations, were almost inaudible in certain parts of the Hall, due to a breakdown of the microphone. This instrument is to many speakers a constant nightmare, either is bellows forth like thunder, or it simply refuses to perform its duties, the latter was the case in this instance.

Although it somewhat spoiled the excellent performance, the audience was richly compensated by the views of innumerable peaks, alpine fauna and animals of all kinds, which live in these mountain regions.

Lovely too, were the photographs depicting the men and women of the canton of Valais in their becoming native costumes.

Many amongst the company present, had at one time or another, like the lecturer, climbed some of the mountains shown, and to them it must have recalled unforgettable memories.

Dr. Clavadetscher, at the conclusion of his lecture, received a thunderous and well merited applause, and the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Egli, President of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, was heartily supported by a grateful and enthusiastic audience.

Thanks for this enjoyable evening are due, in the first instance to the lecturer, a truly great artist, who, in spite of his heavy engagements as a medical practitioner, has found time to make this journey to supply the Colony and their English friends with a first class entertainment. Equally entitled to the gratitude of the audience is my colleague, Mr. Gottfried Keller, who "enticed" Dr. Clavadetscher to come over here, and the three Societies, who were responsible for covering the expenses.

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