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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE UNIONE TICINESE, SEZIONE FEMMINILE.

Twenty-three Members were present at the Annual General Meeting of the Unione Ticinese, Sezione Femminile, which took place at "Swiss House" on Sunday, 12th February. The absence of the remaining circa 20 Members was keenly felt and the President, Mrs. Carlo Berti, appealed to all to support the Committee in their work by making every effort to attend General Meetings.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, as also the Auditors' report, and Mrs. Berti expressed satisfaction with the financial progress achieved during the year.

Three new Members were nominated and approved — Miss Agostina Martinoli, of Marolta (whom we welcome here on her visit from the Ticino), Miss Alda Pedrazzi, of Ascona, and Miss Dorothy Pianca, of Bosco.

During the year, two Tea-Dances had been held at the Dorchester in conjunction with the Sezione Maschile, and the Society could be proud of the testimony of appreciation received from the latter for its small contribution to the overwhelming success of the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of the Unione Ticinese.

Also as co-partners with the men, the Society had arranged a very enjoyable summer outing to Margate.

One great loss had been sustained during the year by the sudden death of our Vice-President, Mrs. Caterina Abate — well-known and dearly beloved both for her keen and active interest as a Member and for her kind and generous friendship outside the Society.

Under the interim Chairmanship of Mrs. Rina Eusebio, who proposed a very warmly applauded vote of thanks to the retiring President, Mrs. Carlo Berti, and to the Secretary, Miss Irma Abate and Treasurer, Miss Silvia Morosi, Members proceeded to the election of the new Committee for 1950. The result was as follows:—

President: Mrs. Carlo Berti. *Vice-President:* Mrs. Rina Eusebio. *Secretary:* Miss Irma Abate. *Vice-Secretary:* Mrs. Freda McKenna. *Treasurer:* Miss Silvia Morosi. *Committee Members:* Mrs. Linda Berti, Miss L. Bonetti, Mrs. L. Bruni, Mrs. Peter De Maria.

The Catering Department was again entrusted to the very able hands of Mrs. L. Bruni, with the valiant assistance of Mrs. Allegranza and Mrs. Bassi, and the Society committed the responsibility for the solemn

business of its Entertainment into the safe-keeping of Mrs. Linda Berti, Miss Lucy Bonetti and Miss Silvia Morosi.

After a slight delay of some two hours or so (do we exaggerate?), while the gentlemen of the Unione Ticinese finished discussing their naturally far weightier affairs of state, the Catering Department really came into its own and took the field.

In conclusion, we should like to express our warm pleasure at meeting Mr. Guido Lepori, newly appointed to the Legation, and to wish him well in his new sphere of action.

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