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IN MEMORIAM.

After a very long illness AGOSTINO DE MARIA passed away at his home on Sunday, 8th July, aged 75 years. The son of a well-known "Ticinense" restaurateur the deceased will best be remembered by the London Colony as the proprietor and manager of the renowned Kensington Restaurant at Church Street, Kensington. For a great number of years Agostino De Maria had been an active member of the Union Ticinese, in whose activities he took a keen interest. The funeral took place on Thursday, 12th July, from the Franciscan Church, Peckham, the interment following at the family grave at Mortlake Cemetery. We grieve at the loss of a faithful friend, and extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and four daughters.

J.E.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN.**The Little Tin Soldiers Come to Life.**

London is to see a real live Parade of the Little Tin Soldiers for the first time at the end of July.

The famous Tivoli Guard, a boy's musical organisation, run in connection with the Tivoli Gardens at Copenhagen, will arrive by boat on July 28th, and will appear from July 30th to August 4th, daily, at the Festival Pleasure Gardens in Battersea Park.

This is the Guard's first trip outside Scandinavia since its formation a hundred and seven years ago. Their uniforms of bearskin, red tunic and white trousers, are modelled on that worn by the Danish Royal Life Guard and greatly resemble the traditional dress of Hans Anderson's famous fairy story.

The Guard number 105, mainly from 11 to 15 years of age. Of these, 37 are the actual Guards carrying the colours, 17 form a fife and drum band, and 52 are traditional musicians. Members are recruited through Danish schools with the assistance of the music teachers, and qualify for an annual audition, after which those successful are trained for eighteen months before they enter the orchestra. The boys receive no salary, but at the end of the season receive a pocket money bonus of about 2/- per performance.

During the season at Festival Gardens they will be housed at the Clapham deep shelter.

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At the last Monthly Meeting of the Swiss Club Manchester, it was decided to form a "Manchester Swiss Rifle Association".

This Association will be under the wing of the Swiss Club, Manchester, and will be affiliated to the Manchester Rifle Club; English service rifles will be used at the present.

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