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LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY ANNUAL LUNCHEON.

This enterprising Society, which was founded in 1943, and numbering to-day nearly 100 members, held its traditional annual luncheon on Saturday, February 4th, 1956, at the Glendower Hotel, Glendower Place, S.W.7; it is an event to which all its members look forward to with pleasant anticipation, as it is usually a very jolly affair. This year was no exception, and all those who had the privilege of attending spent a few happy hours in good and congenial company.

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At the Annual General Meeting, which took place a few days previous to the luncheon, M. F. Streit, resigned from the office of President, which he had very successfully held for the last 12 years, and on this occasion, a warm tribute was paid to him for the part he had played — often under difficult circumstances. In recognition for the great services rendered to the Society he was unanimously elected a Patron, and we hope that the London Swiss Philatelic Society will continue to flourish under his patronage.

Mr. W. Burren, Vice-President, and Mr. E. M. Huber, Hon. Packet Superintendent, were elected, with acclamation, Hon. Life members, in acknowledgement of their untiring work for the Society.

Mr. M. Uehlinger was elected President of the Society in succession to Mr. Streit.

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The luncheon provided by the Family Schmid, was, as usual, excellent and much enjoyed, surely no better place could be found for such an occasion.

Towards the end of this fine repast, Mr. Uehlinger, who was presiding, extended a hearty welcome to the following official guests: Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, late Curator of the British Museum stamp collection, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Stauffer, Editor of the "Swiss Observer". He also referred to his predecessor, thanking him for all he had done for the London Swiss Philatelic Society during the

many years he had been in the Chair (Applause). Mr. Streit suitably replied. Before terminating his address Mr. Uehlinger thanked Mr. and Mrs. Schmid (both members of the Society) for having so well looked after the material needs of the members.

Mr. Holmes in a very witty speech thanked the President, on behalf of the guests, for having been bidden to their table.

The President then called upon Mr. Holmes, who had judged the entries for the last cup competition, to present the silver cup to the winner, Mrs. Gwen Uehlinger, a replica of it was presented to last year's winner, Miss A. Grünberg. Both the recipients expressed thanks for the presentation.

Then took place the usual auction of stamps, the proceeds going towards the funds of the Society for covering last year's deficit. This auction was in the capable hands of Mr. Uehlinger, and was most successful from a financial point of view.

That the members of the London Swiss Philatelic Society are of a generous disposition was proved, when a tombola followed for the benefit of the Swiss Benevolent Society, which provided a nice little amount. During the tombola a sumptuous tea was served.

May I repeat what I wrote on a previous occasion: "If anyone wants good comradeship, a fine annual luncheon and a hearty laugh, then I would advise our compatriots to join, without delay, the:

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