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UNIONE TICINESE.

The Annual General Meeting of the Unione Ticinese took place at the Schweizerbund on Sunday, 10th February. About fifty members were present to hear the President, Mr. Peter Jacomelli, open the proceedings by welcoming Dr. Albertini, First Secretary at the Swiss Legation. The Committee's Report for 1956 was then presented by the Secretary and this showed that, despite the many activities and functions run during the year, the Society was in a very sound financial position. The chief item of expenditure, not in the normal course of events, was the visit of the Concordia Giubiasco for the 1st August Celebrations — an expense that was felt to have been very popular and worthwhile by all who saw the show at Battersea Town Hall. A duplicator had been purchased which enabled the Committee to contact the members more speedily and at lower cost. The Report was accepted unanimously by the members. Mr. Jacomelli thanked the outgoing Committee for all its hard work during the year, a year that had seen quite a few changes, not the least being the change of meeting place to the Schweizerbund.

Dr. Albertini then took the Chair for the election of the new Committee and Mr. Peter Jacomelli was re-elected President with acclamation.

The rest of the Committee was elected as follows:— Vice-Presidents: Mrs. A. Berti & Mr. C. Berti; Secretary: Mr. F. A. de Maria; Assistant Secretary: Miss A. Bozzini; Treasurer: Mr. V. Berti; Collector: Mr. F. Bassi; Members: Miss C. Polti, Mrs. I. Milli, Miss Y. Anghileri, Mr. J. Diviani, Mr. G. Eusebio, Mr. L. Bruni, Mr. G. Milli, Mr. J. De Maria.

The President thanked the meeting for the confidence placed in him and looked forward to the following year as one that promised to be a very busy one now that we were settling into our new home where there was more scope than ever before for our various activities. He looked forward to the next function of the Society, a Tea Dance at the Dorchester, where the Corale would appear for the first time in the authentic costumes of the Ticino which had recently arrived from Giornico. After a lean spell, the Corale was now greatly reinforced in numbers, and he hoped that it would become once again one of the chief attractions of the colony.

A pleasant feature of the meeting was the number of applications for membership, and the following were unanimously elected:—

Life Member: Mr. C. De Maria; Active Members: Mrs. L. Bozzini, Mrs. P. Pedretti, Miss G. De Maria, Mr. A. Rigiani, Miss J. Gianella, Miss E. Ferrari, Mr. E. Valli, Miss R. Locatelli, Miss M. Berti; Contributory Members: Mr. G. De Maria, Mr. S. Ferrari, Mr. C. Togin, Mr. C. Genoni, Mr. G. Campi, Miss G. Gratarola.

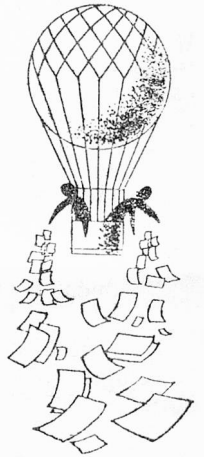
After time had been given for refreshments, a talk was given by Dr. Albertini on the history and the geography of the Ticino. The talk was amply illustrated by slides which showed the colour and beauty of our homeland from the heights of the Gotthard to the border of the Ticino at Chiasso. Our thanks are due to Dr. Albertini for sparing the time to be among us, and giving us a talk that was most informative on a subject that is very dear to us.

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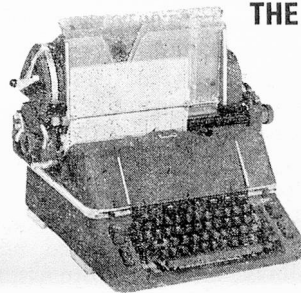
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