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W. BURREN, President

LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society, held at Swiss House, Fitzroy Square, W.1, on 2nd February 1962. Mr. W. Burren (formerly Vice-President) was elected as President in the place of Mr. F. Streit (who has resigned from that office after being President no less than eighteen times since the founding of the Society in 1943). Mr. E. M. Huber was elected Vice-President. As it was felt by some members that Meetings had been starting too late, it was decided that future Meetings should be called for 7 o'clock and business to commence at 7.15 p.m. sharp, on the last Friday of each month. On 17th February the Annual Luncheon took place at the Glendower Hotel, South Kensington, with Monsieur G. Berlemont (the distinguished philatelist who has already displayed six parts of his very extensive collection of "France" at the Society's Meetings) and Madame Berlemont as guests. As usual this was a very successful and enjoyable function, and during the proceedings a cigarette lighter was presented by the new President to Mr. Streit, as a token of the regard of members and in appreciation of the work he has put in for the Society. The customary tombola was held for the benefit of the Society's funds, and an auction of stamps was held on behalf of charity. It was announced by Mr. Burren that since 1943 the "London Swiss" had been able to contribute more than £287 to the Swiss Benevolent Society from money raised at these Annual Luncheons. Mrs. Schmid was called upon to present the Challenge Cup to the 1961 winner — Mr. W. R. Thompson — and a replica to the 1960 winner — Mr. H. C. Gay.



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