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and saying "abracadabra!". Using his craft in another field, the magician knotted two handkerchiefs together and gave them to a lady, who presently stored them in her bosom. After some garrulity, he ripped the handkerchiefs from the neck-line and pulled the lady's brassiere, knotted between the handkerchief, and almost hauled other things as well! There followed a number of card tricks, where the magician and his magic mind were always able to tell which cards had been picked from the pack by a voluntary collaborator. There were telepathy tricks as well: the magician asked a lady to write down the name of the town in which she would like to spend her holiday, he then played a song called "Sorrento" on his tape recorder, and this, sure enough, had been the city written down by the lady.

Wizard no. 2 didn't perform from a platform but visited each table separately. "Will somebody give me a white gentleman's handkerchief, sorry, I mean a gentleman's white handkerchief" was the joke with which he introduced his illusory gags at every table. One of his tricks, a rather neat visual one, consisted in making chalk markings on a piece of slate appear and disappear.

The City Swiss Club family began to depart at about 10 o'clock, dazed with magic and not knowing whether the world wouldn't suddenly change into a pumpkin, but completely happy over the evening that had just been spent.

(PMB)

### THE ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY

104 Anglo-Swiss peers were present at the Dorchester on 2nd March, to listen to Monsieur Pierre Boissier, Head of the Henry Dunant Institute in Geneva. His speech was on two remarkable persons with two unique but converging vocations, Florence Nightingale and Henry Dunant. His story was so interesting that I hope to be able to retell it in some later issue.

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### EASTER FIXTURES BY THE SWISS CHURCHES

The German-Swiss Protestant Church will be having a special service on Good Friday at 10 o'clock. There won't be any service in the evening. On Sunday, morning service at 10 a.m. at Endell St. and evening service at 7.30 p.m. at St. Ann's. The French-speaking Protestant Church will be having a Communion-service on Good Friday at 11.15 a.m., a Communion and Confirmation service at 11.15 a.m. on Easter Sunday. There will probably be three catechumens to be confirmed and to take communion for the first time.

The Swiss Catholic Mission at St. Ann's, Abbey Orchard Street, will be commemorating the last supper of our Lord at 8 p.m. on the Thursday preceding Good Friday, and will be com-

memorating the death of our Lord on Good Friday at 3 p.m. Mass will as usual be celebrated at 6.30 p.m. on Easter Sunday.

A splendid example of ecumenicity, the German-speaking Protestant and Catholic Swiss churches get together every Saturday at 6.30 p.m. for an *ecumenical service*. One week the Sermon is "Catholic" and Communion "Protestant", the next week, it's the other way round. These services have only begun recently and four of them have been celebrated to date.

### OBITUARY

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Miss Bertha Köcher on 9th January at her Wimbledon home. She was 86.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### MARCH

Friday 13th. Swiss Rifle Association, Annual General Meeting at 6.30 p.m., Glendower Hotel, followed by a dinner.

Tuesday 24th. City Swiss Club monthly meeting, Dr. T. F. Gaskell will speak on "Pollution".

Tuesday 31st. Swiss Club Edinburgh, sing-song and Wurst-Abig at 187 Canongate. 8 p.m.

#### APRIL

Every Thursday from 6 to 7.30 p.m.—Discussion Circle in English. Young men specially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss YMCA Building, Great Russel Street, W.C.1.

Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres. Monthly Meetings every first Wednesday of the month at 34 Fitzroy Square, W.1. at 7 p.m.

Friday 3rd. Swiss Church Endell St. 18th Century music for strings and harpsichord by the Frenkendorf Ensemble, under the patronage of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

Wednesday 8th. Swiss Mercantile Society monthly meeting, 35 Fitzroy Sq., W.1. Talk on the "History of the Thames" accompanied with slides.

Sunday 12th. Annual General Meeting of the Committee of Swiss Catholics at 48 Gt. Peter St., S.W.1., at 7.30 p.m. Before this, at 6.30 p.m., there will be a traditional Easter Service at the same address.

Tuesday 14th. Swiss Club Edinburgh, 7.25 at 187 Canongate or 7.30 at Sheep's Head Inn, Duddington, for the Skittle Evening and the Edinburgh-Dunfermline match.

#### MAY

Sunday 3rd. 4.30 to 11 p.m. UNIONE TICINESE DANSE, Dorchester Hotel. Harry Vardon's Band. Tickets (inclusive of tea) 25s. obtainable from the Secretary, E. P. Morganti, 10 Newport Buildings, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.2.

### SWISS CHURCH

**SERVICES EN FRANÇAIS:** à l'Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, tous les dimanches à 11h15 et 19h00.

**SAINTE-CENE:** le premier et troisième dimanche du mois, matin et soir.

**PERMANENCE:** chaque jeudi de 15h00 à 18h00.

**REUNION DE QUARTIER:** huit veillées en automne et au printemps; voir "Le Messager"

**CLUB DES JEUNES:** tous les dimanches de 12h00 à 22h30, tous les jeudis de 15h00 à 22h30.

**REUNION DE COUTURE:** le 2<sup>e</sup> mardi du mois.

**LUNCH:** tous les dimanches à 13h00.

**VISITES:** sur demande.

**PASTEUR:** A. Nicod, 7 Park View Road, London N.3. Téléphone 01-346 5281.

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**SERVICES IN GERMAN:** at Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, at 10 a.m. At St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1. at 7.30 p.m.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** every first Sunday of the month at evening service only. On major feasts at morning and evening services.

**CONSULTATIONS:** every Wednesday 4-6 p.m. at Eglise Suisse.

**DISTRICT GROUPS (W.4 and S.E.21) and SERVICES OUTSIDE LONDON:** see "Gemeindebote".

**SERVICES IN ENGLISH:** every fourth Sunday at 7.30 p.m.

"KONTAKT" (Youth Group): every Wednesday 4-10 p.m. at Eglise Suisse. Supper at 6.30 p.m. Programme at 8 p.m.

**SWISS Y.M.C.A.:** see Forthcoming Events.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE:** every first Tuesday of the Month.

**MOTHERS' REUNION:** 1st Wednesday in the Month, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**VISITS:** by request.

**MINISTER:** Pfr. M. Dietler, 1. Womersley Road, N.8. Telephone 01-340 6018.

### SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION

**CHURCH and SERVICE:** St. Ann's Catholic Church, Abbey Orchard Street (off No. 25 Victoria Street), S.W.1.

**SUNDAYS:** Holy Mass at 9 and 11 a.m. in English. At 6.30 p.m. for the Swiss community with regard to the different language groups.

**HOLIDAYS of obligation:** Holy Mass at 7.30 and 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5.45 p.m.

**WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS:** Holy Mass at 1 p.m. afterwards time for consultations.

**CONFESSIONS:** German, French, Italian and English:

Sundays: one hour before Evening Mass.

Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. or by appointment.

**SWISS CATHOLIC YOUTH CLUB** — Meeting every Sunday after Evening Mass (8-11 p.m.) at Westminster Ball Room, 30 Stratton Ground, S.W.1.

**CHAPLAIN:** Paul Bossard, St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1. Tel.: 01-222 2895.