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damaging her flute shortly before the concert.

The programme was most varied, beginning with church music by Hammerschmidt ("*Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, Herr*") and Staden's *Cantate Domino* Motette. Then followed De Fesch's Sonata in B flat major for flute and piano.

Michael Haydn's Kyrie gave the young singers much scope to show their skill, and it was performed most impressively. Two compositions by Mozart (*Sub tuum praesidium* and his Andante in C major for flute and piano) followed. Dvorak's "Trois" made great demands on the Choir, but they gave of their best living up to an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. Three songs, Werner's "Heidenröslein", Brahms' "*In stiller Nacht*" and Mendelssohn's "*Maiglöckchen und die Blümelein*" ended the first part of the concert.

The second half was devoted to Swiss composers. To a London audience, this meant hearing works rarely, if ever, performed in Britain, whilst to Swiss nationals present it also brought greetings from their homeland, tinged with a touch of nostalgia.

Bachofen's "*Viele verachten die edele Musik*" and three songs by Schoeck came first. The latter proved at times rather difficult for the young singers, but they sustained a reasonably high standard throughout. Mueller's "Four Miniatures for Piano" followed. Next came Klug's "*Zuspruch*" (1974), a small Cantata for choir and instruments.

The last part of the programme was given over to songs in Swiss, German, Italian, Romanch and French, and here the young voices sang with spirited abandon and joy.

On the whole it was a splendid evening, and the Choir and soloists, accompanists and conductor well deserved the eager applause the audience accorded them.

M.G.

#### City Swiss Club

The cost of tickets to the City Swiss Club 109th Annual Dinner and Ball was inadvertently advertised as £6.00 in our last issue whereas it was in fact £6.50. We wish to apologize to the organisers and to those readers who were misled by that incorrect announcement.

#### Our next issue

Our next issue is scheduled to be the 4th Special Issue of 1974 to go out to all the resident Swiss of this country. As these issues take longer to produce because of the longer run, we shall be postponing our date of publication by one week. The next issue will thus be dated 29th November and reach its readers in early December. The following issue will be our double-Christmas issue and will be the only one published in December.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE:** Open Meeting on Thursday, 21st November at 7 p.m. at the Swiss Hostel for Girls, 9 Belsize Grove, N.W.3. Prof. W. J. Hollenweger will give a talk in English on *Co-decision in industry*.

**ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY,** Stationers' Hall, Ludgate Hill, E.C.4. Wednesday, 11th December at 6 p.m. Mr. W. A. de Vigier, Chairman of Acrow (Engineers) Ltd. will give a lecture entitled *Experiences in Modern Management*. There will be an opportunity for discussion followed by a buffet supper. Members may bring guests. Charge inclusive of wine is £4.50 a head.

**SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION:** Annual Dinner to be held on Friday, 29th November at 6.30 for 7.30 p.m. at the Glendower Hotel, Kensington. Dress informal. Charge £3.50.

**SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER:** Saturday, 14th December, Christmas Party at Ciba Geigy (UK) Ltd. Heald Green. Thursday, 30th January, 1975, Raclette Party at the Cottons Hotel, near Knutsford.

**SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY:** Wednesday, 27th November, Swiss House. Monthly meeting and display.

**CITY SWISS CLUB:** Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, 17th December, 6.30 for 7 p.m. at the Dorchester.

**SWISS CLUB EDINBURGH.** AGM on Tuesday, 26th November, 8 p.m. at 64 Polwarth Gardens. Samichlaus-Abig on Friday, 6th December, 8 p.m. at 112 Hanover Street.

**CERCLE GENEVOIS:** Escalade Meeting at Watford on Friday, 13th December. Numbers limited. Will all those desiring details on transport (or who can offer transport) please write to Michael Metford-Sewell, 386 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5TH. Tel (evenings) 01-948 2425.

**SCHWEIZERBUND (SWISS CLUB)** 31st December, 20.30 for 21.00. Dinner at Bertorelli's Restaurant, 19 Charlotte Street (1st floor) London W.1.

**CHURCHES-NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE:** Wednesday, 4th December, Swiss Church 7.30 p.m. An evening of *Advent music* organised and performed by young members of the Youth Group in conjunction with the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. The concert will be in aid of the Swiss Churches in London. Some light refreshments will be available from 6 o'clock onward. Please advise 624 5360 in order to facilitate arrangements.

**CHURCHES CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME:** *French-speaking Parish.* Souper des Doyens on Saturday, 7th December from 5 p.m. Sunday, 15th December: Fête de Noël. Christmas Day: Service at 11.15 a.m. *German-speaking Protestant and Catholic parishes:* Sunday, 22nd December, 4 p.m.: Ecumenical Family Christmas Gathering at the Eglise Suisse. Tuesday, 24th December, 18.30 p.m.: Ecumenical Christmas Celebration at the John Southworth Centre. Midnight Mass with English local residents. Possibility to stay in premises overnight. 31st December, 18.30: Ecumenical Service at the John Southworth Centre. New Year's Eve vigil.

**COLONY CHILDREN FETE:** Saturday, 4th January, 1975. 2 p.m. at St. Mary Hall, YMCA Central Club. 16-22 Gt. Russell Street, London WC1. All children in the Colony welcome. Parents who are not on the mailing list please contact the organiser, Miss Elizabeth Hoffmann de Visme. Tel: 01-348 1156.

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