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The Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini held a further reception of members of our Colony on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. The large gathering was subsequently entertained to a concert, contributed to by well-known Swiss artists.

Mme. Landolt (Zofingen) delighted the audience with her performance of Beethoven's Sonate op. 78 and especially with the same composer's "Ecosaisac," which she played with a keen sense of rhythm and a clarity and balance which suited them exactly. She played also Chopin's Fantasia in F minor with musical feeling and Liszt's Rigoletto with brilliance and fluency.

The spontaneous singing of Mademoiselle Testuz (Geneva) and the pleasing quality of her voice made her interpretation of Scarlatti's 'Son tutta duolo' and 'Cia in sole del Gange' full of charm. She gave a selection of Orphée and Saint-Saëns's 'Samson and Dalila' with much feeling.

Mr. R. Gaillard gave an especially well-chosen selection of songs with splendid diction in French, Italian, German and English. Every song was a contrast to the other, and his creation of the atmosphere proper to each was perfect. His beautiful singing of Schubert's 'Am Meer' and 'Der Musensohn' should be especially mentioned, also Rhéné-Baton's 'Bruit de rames' and 'Sérénade Mélancolique.' He wound up the programme with Quilter's 'It was a lover and his lass,' which ended a very enjoyable evening.

Excellent ensemble, clear technique and beautiful, well-graded tone was displayed by Miss Meyrick, who accompanied Mademoiselle Testuz and Mr. Gaillard.

Magnificent bouquets of flowers were presented by the Swiss Minister to Mme. Landolt and Mlle. Testuz. o. s.

At the reception of Feb. 3rd, at 21, Bryanston Square, a dark-green leather case of eyeglasses had been left behind; same will be returned to the owner by post, if asked for by post-card addressed to Swiss Legation, 32, Queen Anne Street, W. 1.

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At the monthly meeting of the City Swiss Club, held on Feb. 6th, a telegram of felicitation was sent to Mr. Georges Dimier on the occasion of his 69th birthday anniversary (Feb. 2nd), and these kindly feelings were further expressed by a silver collection, made amongst those present, in favour of the Swiss Benevolent Society, of which the veteran is the devoted president.

UNION HELVETIA.

(Communicated.)

The monthly meeting of the London branch, held last Tuesday at the Club, was marked by two pleasant surprises. The first was the unexpected appearance of the Choral Society, who gave two songs which were highly appreciated and applauded. The second was the presentation of a clock with inscription to the much esteemed President of the Territorial Administration, Mr. J. Emmenegger, for his great services for many years, and especially his untiring efforts in the last two years to bring to a satisfactory issue the serious differences that had arisen at headquarters. The Union Helvetia stands to-day again strong and united, with branches in every part of the world, and London members are proud to know that their leader is responsible to such a large extent for this success. Mr. Emmenegger was asked to accept this small token as an expression of gratitude from the London branch, to which he replied with touching words of thanks.

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Dimanche, 11 Fév., 11h.—M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 6.30.—Pfr. U. Wildbolz.
BAPTEME.

Ernest STUTZ, né le 13 Déc. 1921, fils de Ernest Jakob et de Elspeth Ann, née Main, de Seen (Zurich)—le 4 Fév. 1923.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, Feb. 14th, at 9 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Monthly Meeting at 1, Gerrard Place, W. 1.

Friday, Feb. 16th, at 8 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE: Annual Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W. 1.

Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 6.30 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Cinderella Dance at Gatti's Restaurant.

Sunday, Feb. 18th, at 3 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Concert at Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, W. 1 (see adv.).

Friday, Feb. 23rd, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: "An Evening with Brontë," by J. Carroll, Esq.

Friday, March 2nd, at 8 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture by G. P. Gooch, Esq., M.A. In the Chair: The Swiss Minister.

Saturday, March 3rd, at 6.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at the Midland Hotel.

The date of the Annual Swiss Sports has been fixed for the last Saturday in May, i.e., May 26th.

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