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## THE "SWISS OBSERVER" TWENTY-THREE YEARS AGO.

We give below a summary of some of the events which have taken place in the Swiss Colony twenty-three years ago. (January to December, 1923.)

*January, 1923:* Death is reported of Mr. Edward Degen, who resided in London for some 40 years. He was an eminent naturalist and explorer; his book on "Ecdysis" (moulting of birds) was officially published by the Royal Geographical Society as a standard study on this subject. Mr. Degen was a honorary life member of the Zoological Society.

Annual General Meeting of the Union Helvetia; Mr. F. H. Rohr, President, is presented, on relinquishing the chairmanship, with an illuminated address in recognition of his long and faithful services to the Society. Mr. A. Indermaur is elected President of the Union Helvetia.

Dr. F. Zschokke, Professor of Zoology at Basle University, has arrived in London; he is going as first Exchange Professor to Christ College, Cambridge.

*February, 1923:* Death of Mr. Albert Matthey at the age of 78; he was a teacher of languages for 40 years and was affectionately called "Papa Matthey" by his many friends in the Colony.

Pianoforte recital by Mme Alice Landolt (Zofingen) at Wigmore Hall.

Unione Ticinese, Annual General Meeting; Mr. W. Notari is re-elected President.

Annual Dinner and Ball of the Swiss Choral Society at the Union Helvetia, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1, under the Presidency of Mr. J. Manzoni. Guests of Honour: the Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini.

*March, 1923:* Professor Zschokke, head of the Faculty of Zoology and former rector of the University of Basle, has started a course of lectures at Cambridge University on "The Mid-European Fauna, its Constitution, Origin and Evolution."

Seventh Annual General Meeting of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. Mr. J. Baer is re-elected President.

Swiss Institute, Lecture on the "European Situation" by Mr. G. P. Gooch.

Gymnastic Society "Schweizerbund" Gymnastic Display at 74, Charlotte Street, under the leadership of Mr. W. Ehrler.

Annual Dinner of the Swiss Club "Schweizerbund" at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Principal guest: Monsieur Henri Martin, Counsellor of Legation. (President Mr. F. Riederer.)

*April, 1923:* Lecture-demonstration of Eurythmics at Queen's Hall, by M. Jaques Dalcroze.

Annual Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Mercantile Society at the Midland Hotel. In the Chair: Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister. (President, Mr. G. E. De Brunner.)

Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club; Mr. A. Rueff is elected President.

Unione Ticinese. Banquet and Ball at Royal Adelaide Gallery, Strand. In the Chair: the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President: Mr. W. Notari.)

*May, 1923:* Piano Recital of Mlle. Juliette Wihl (Zurich) at the Æolion Hall.

Annual Dinner and Ball of the Union Helvetia Club at Gerrards Place, W.1, under the Chairmanship of Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister. (President: A. Indermaur.)

Swiss Sports held at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds, under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. Dimier, and in the presence of Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, the Swiss Minister.

*June, 1923:* 54th Fête Suisse celebration at Caxton Hall, in the presence of the Swiss Minister.

Inauguration of the "Foyer Suisse" at 12-13, Upper Bedford Place, Russel Square, W.C., in the presence of the Swiss Minister and representatives of the Swiss Societies.

Death of Mr. Anton Nanzer at the age of 44. Mr. Nanzer was a member of the Union Helvetia for twenty years.

*July, 1923:* 10th Anniversary dinner to celebrate the stewardship of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wyss at the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Mercantile Society; Mr. G. E. De Brunner is re-elected President.

Dr. Paul Lang, Secretary of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, is giving a series of lectures on "Contemporary Swiss Literature" at the University of London.

Mr. J. Geilinger, the Doyen of the Swiss Colony in London, is celebrating his eightieth birthday.

Mr. R. Gaillard is appointed conductor of the Swiss Choral Society in succession to Mr. Meyrowitz.

*August, 1923:* 1st of August Celebration at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, under the Presidency of Mr. H. Joss. Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, the Swiss Minister, is addressing the patriotic gathering.

*September, 1923:* Farewell sermon of Pastor U. Wildbolz, Pastor of the Eglise Suisse.

Robert Roth, the Swiss wrestling champion, is knocked out in the 3rd round by Albert Lloyd at the Olympia.

Death of Mr. Albert Ehinger, a member of the "Commission Suisse pour l'étude de questions économique et commerciales" in London.

Foundation of the Swiss Rifle Association; Mr. G. E. De Brunner is elected President.

*November, 1923:* Charity Concert in aid of the funds of the Swiss Benevolent Society, by the Swiss Institute orchestra, Swiss Choral Society and Swiss Church Choir, at Caxton Hall.

Death of Mr. Armand Guggenheim, Swiss Consul in Manchester; he was appointed Swiss Consul in 1917. Mr. Guggenheim, who had travelled extensively in Europe and the Near East, was very highly respected by all with whom he came in contact.

*December, 1923:* City Swiss Club celebrates 67th Annual Banquet and Ball at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, W.C. The Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, is in the Chair. (President: Mr. A. Rueff.)

L'Escalade celebration at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, under the Presidency of Colonel E. Borel.

Death of Mr. Charles E. Seiffert, a member of the Swiss Colony for 21 years.