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Such a complete and permanent guide to our Colony should prove of great interest to all its existing members as well as the new arrivals. It is therefore thought that the societies might like to acquire copies for distribution among members, while individuals also could purchase copies, say at 6d each.

Suggestions for inclusion in the guide or the list of firms should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, N.S.H., 18, Montagu Place, W.1.

#### SWISS CLUB BIRMINGHAM.

The Swiss Club Birmingham had the honour of entertaining M. and Mme Schärer — from the Liverpool Consulate — at a dinner held in the White Horse Hotel, on Monday, December 8th.

There was a record attendance amongst whom were twelve young Swiss Ladies who are here to learn English and two young men students.

They presented Mme Schärer with a Bouquet and M. Schärer with a button-hole as a small token of their appreciation of their help in bringing them together. (They meet twice monthly at the home of Mr. Otto Wüest the President of the Swiss Club.)

After toasts to the King and the Swiss Confederation the President spoke of the great pleasure it gave the Club to welcome M. and Mme Schärer. This being Mme Schärer's first visit to Birmingham made it a special honour.

M. Schärer expressed his great happiness at being once again in Birmingham. He congratulated the Club on its numerical strength and wished it success. He welcomed the young Swiss and thanked them for their presentation. He then gave details of the Old Age Insurance Scheme which the Swiss in Britain are eligible to join.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the President to Mr. Foster, the Host, and Mr. Höfliger, Chef, for the excellent dinner and appointments.

Mr. Hans Brunner, at the piano, accompanied the guests while they lustily rendered Swiss songs old and new, and a selection of English popular Airs was played by a young English visitor. An illusionist added to the entertainment by baffling the audience by his amazing skill. A most enjoyable evening — would there were more like it.

L.M.L.

#### RUTLI LADIES' CLUB.

On Thursday, 11th December, the Rutli Ladies' Club held a Dance at Victoria Hall, Bloomsbury. Although it was due to commence at 7 o'clock, many guests did not arrive until an hour later and the festivities were consequently late in warming-up. After a Paul Jones, however, with the excellent orchestra playing every conceivable dance, things really went with a swing. The popular quick waltzes were interspersed with slow "spot" waltzes in which the ladies received hand-painted novelties and the gentlemen, cigarettes.

Next dance to be held, Friday, 20th February, 1947, at Seymour Hall, Bryanston Square, W.

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