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UNIONE TICINESE.

That a Thé Dansant organised by the Unione Ticinese is always a popular event was again proved on Sunday, 11th May, when over 400 Members and their Friends attended the dance in aid of the Society's Benevolent Fund at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

A feature of the function was the re-union of some of the oldest members of the Society who had been invited by the President Mr. Carlo Berti to be his guests, at the first Dance organised under his Presidency. Unfortunately a few of the old members could not attend owing to age or ill-health, but in his speech of welcome to the "old stagers" who were present the President asked the members, to spare a kind thought for the old friends who had been keen supporters of the Society in their younger and more active days, but were unable to come along. Mr. Berti also thanked all the supporters of the Society for their response to the appeal of the Organising Committee.

During the interval entertainment was provided by the Cabaret. Victor Barrett and Doreen Williams, exhibition dancers and winners of many championships made a welcome re-appearance. The enthusiastic applause which greeted their final bow, showed how much the company appreciated their delightful dancing.

Next Luigi Bruni a member of the Corale played a selection of tunes on the accordeon and showed us

what a fine artist he is. We wish him every success. Then we were entertained by Mr. Finlay Dunn, humorist at the piano who proved that there are more ways than one of playing the piano and his parody of a great pianist giving a recital, had the whole audience roaring with laughter.

The Cabaret was concluded by the Corale of the Unione Ticinese with their gay "Canzonette." They introduced two new numbers both composed by their conductor Mr. Carlo Valchera. The first a comedy song "Birichina" and the other a gipsy song "La zingarella." They well deserved the prolonged applause of the audience.

Dancing continued until 10 o'clock to the music of Harry Vardon's band.

During a second brief interval Madame Papacini delighted the audience with "Only a Rose" and "Un bel di . . ." from Madame Butterfly. She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Jo Bass.

The End came all too soon and as members and friends said good-bye the unanimous final greeting was "See you again at the next Dance. . . ."

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"CANZONETTA TICINESE."

E proprio il caso di cantare il ritornello ticinese del "Cacciatore del bosco, incontrò una Signorina; tanto cara e graziosina, che il cacciatore se ne innamorò" e la nostra amata segretaria della "Unione Ticinese" femminile, signorina Rita Abate, sposa il "cacciatore" al 31 di questo mese.

Mentre auguriamo a lei tutto il bene che merita in un roseo avvenire, là, nel nostro beato paese, da lei sempre amato, ammirato e cantato, non possiamo fare a meno di dirle quanto, quanto ci rincresce di perdere lei non solo come segretaria provetta della nostra Società, ma come carattere gentile, intelligente e pronta sempre ad indefesso lavoro con abnegazione.

Tutti i nostri migliori auguri ti seguono, Rita!

T.L.R.

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