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SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.
Celebration of our Swiss National Day,
1st August, 1949.

1st August! What does not this day bring forth to all Swiss, overseas and in the Motherland. It acts like a magnet, a star of great magnificence and significance. And Manchester Swiss were not slow to respond.

In private coaches and cars a party of 62 left for Chester, through 35 miles of the well-known beautiful Cheshire plains to spend a few happy hours in that old Cathedral City, with its Roman walls and buildings linking it with the middle ages, and its River Dee, second only to the Thames.

An excellent high-tea was served at the Quaintways Café, during the course of which Mr. J. J. Huber, our Consul gave a most appropriate and warmly applauded address. He also read a message from the President of the Confederation, Federal Councillor E. Nobs, from which it is gratifying to know that the Swiss abroad are not forgotten by their Countrymen at home.

The return journey to Manchester was made with everybody in high spirits and giving expression to their feelings by a hearty rendering of many well-known Swiss songs.

Special thanks are to be extended to Mr. H. Monney for all the trouble he took to make arrangements perfect for the day, which indeed they were, and also to the Management of the Quaintways Café.

R.T.G.

SWISS CATHOLICS 1st OF AUGUST SERVICE.

To celebrate this year's National Day the Swiss Catholics, in the presence of the Swiss Minister and Madame de Torrenté, assembled at St. Peters and St. Edwards Church Westminster on Sunday, July 31st.

The Chaplain, Fr. A. Lanfranchi, assisted by Deacon and Sub-Deacon (the latter an Anglo-Swiss Student just ordained as Sub-Deacon) sung solemn High Mass, the mixed choir, augmented by members of the Choir from Corpus Christi Church, singing the "Sacré Cœur" mass. In his sermon the Chaplain preached on the text "Unless you build your house in the name of God your labours will be in vain." It was in the name of God the Almighty and with the invocation of His blessing that the Swiss Confederation was founded, built up and carried on during the last 658 years, Christian doctrines, Faith, Hope and Charity always predominating. In this spirit and tradition we must all carry on to-day asking the Almighty for His blessings for Home and Country and begging "Our Lady of Einsiedeln" and St. Niklaus von Flue to be our sponsors in our supplications.

The solemn ritual of the High Mass, the beautiful singing and the homely sermon were all edifying and appropriate to the occasion.

In the evening the "Alpenrosen Club" arranged a special social evening at St. Peters Hall, Westminster, for the younger generation and a few happy

hours were spent in a homely atmosphere in preparation and anticipation of the entire Swiss Colony's big festival at Herne Hill on August 1st.

The next special religious service will be held at St. Peters Church, Palace Street, S.W.1, on Sunday, September 18th, at 12 o'clock, being the Swiss National Bettag.

Newcomers to London should send their name and address to the Chaplain, Fr. A. Lanfranchi, 58, Queen's Gate, Kensington, London, S.W.7.

J.J.B.

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