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## SWISS CATHOLICS IN LONDON.

The Bazaar on Saturday, October 29th, at Westminster Cathedral Hall was highly successful, and resulted in obtaining approximately £250.0.0. towards the costs of the Presbytery Buildings at St. Ann's Church for the Swiss chaplain Fr. A. Lanfranchi.

A preview of the Hall showed the various stalls prepared in a very attractive and expert manner. The "Food" stall with much home made goods, Swiss specialities by Ovaltine, Nestlé's, Bartholdi, etc. displayed was in charge of Mrs. J. Huber; the "Fancy and Jewellery" stall, neatly arranged included some Swiss watches, and was in the charge of Madame R. Faessler and Madame A. Albertini, the "Joy" stall, very tempting for Xmas presents, was in the charge of Miss Affentranger, the "Book" stall with books in all languages was in the charge of Mrs. O. Grob, the "Stationery" stall, with lovely Xmas cards and novelties, was in the charge of Miss Bonetti, whilst other stalls such as Linen, Crockery, and a well stocked "Jumble" stall was cared for by Parishioners of St. Ann.

In addition there were tables with presents for raffles and lucky wheel.

Soon after 2 o'clock Mgr. Canon Gordon-Wheeler, Administrator of Westminster Cathedral opened the proceedings by prayer and blessing, and Madame A. Daeniker, wife of the Swiss Minister (who was also present) in a fine speech, declared the Bazaar open.

Madame Daeniker thanked all those who had contributed in kind and cash for the various stalls, Swiss firms and individuals, and above all the committee and the various stall holders, and asked all present to spend their monies freely for the good cause.

Mr. J. Boos, the Chairman of the Swiss Catholics in London thanked Mgr. Gordon-Wheeler and Madame Daeniker for their presence, good wishes and support. He assured the Cathedral Administrator of the loyal Swiss co-operation in the affairs of St. Ann's Church. He also thanked the Swiss Minister for his presence and the great interest he has shown, ever since his arrival, in our mission.

A steady and continuous throng of people soon filled the Hall, and by 6.30 p.m. there was little left for late arrivals. The "Jumble" stall, although well stocked was soon cleared of all bargains, so were the "Food" and "Fancy" stalls, whilst the sale of raffle tickets brought joy to the successful "gamblers", and disappointments to others.

All the time the "Refreshment" side was not overlooked. Busy hands in the kitchen saw to it that teas, cakes, etc., were available at reasonable charges till the very end. During the evening Mr. A. L. Gandon gave a recital on his accordeon, and his son, the "youngest Swiss Yodler in London", gave of his best.

To round off the evening the "Corale" of the Union Ticinese, in their charming costumes, entertained the party with songs and music.

The whole Bazaar was well organised and great credit and thanks are due to the Bazaar Committee, its Chairman, Mr. A. L. Gandon, and all members.

Many thanks to all those who by their contributions in cash and kind, and to those who by their attendance at the Bazaar have helped to make the affair a full success.

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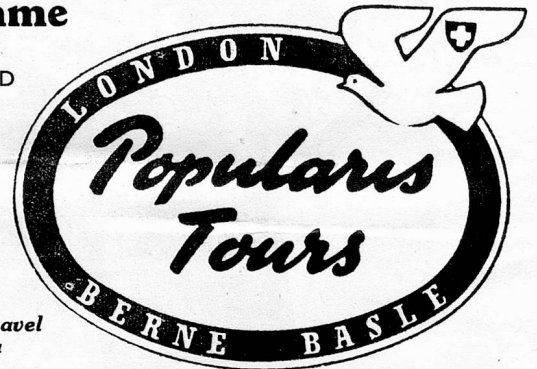
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