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troviamo inglesi, giapponesi, germanici, francesi, svizzeri tedeschi e francesi, e tutti sono entusiasti delle bellezze di questa romantica valle e del trattamento dell'albergo Efra. La sera, per rallegrare i villeggianti ci si raduna nel locale Bar, e fra suoni e canti diretti da un vecchio cliente luganese, passano le ore in buona armonia e allegramente, benchè fra razze e lingue diverse tutti si comprendono e si senta di vivere nella vera democrazia svizzera.

Poncione di Vespero.

THE SWISS CLUB, DUNFERMLINE

On Sunday morning, the 17th August, about 30 members and their families gathered at the main Bus Stance for an outing. The beautiful summer morning put all present in the best of moods from the very start. Our President, Mr. Frick, reminded us at the outset that this gathering was arranged in place of the 1st August celebrations, since local holidays prevented us having a meeting on our National Day. In just over two hours, the bus passed through the various towns and villages and along Loch Lomond and from there over the hills to Helensburgh and Craighendran, where the Paddle Steamer "Jeannie Deans" was waiting to take us round the Island of Bute. Blessed with glorious sunshine and a mild breeze, "Jeannie" sailed down the Clyde to Dunoon and Rothesay and from there through the Sound of Bute, where the mountains of Arran were a glorious sight. As we sailed through the Kyles of Bute, we admired the peaceful villages and hamlets and the sheep grazing on the hills behind. Just over six hours later we arrived back at Craighendran and were taken to Balloch, where we stopped for a time to watch the comings and goings on Loch Lomond — or to take some well earned refreshment. Shortly after 10 p.m. we arrived back in our Home Town. All were most satisfied with their trip and look forward to a similar tour.

On behalf of all members we wish to thank our Entertainments Committee and especially Mr. Vogel for all the trouble they have taken to make the arrangements. All day, we were at Mr. Vogel's "mercy". He told us when to eat and when to drink. He even got us out of bed an hour too early!! Never mind, it was very well done, Ernest.

Nouvelle Société Helvétique

(LONDON GROUP)

NEXT MEETING

September 23rd, 1958,

at

Swiss Hostel for Girls Ltd.,
9, Belsize Grove, N.W.3.

Causerie given by
SIR SEYMOUR HOWARD, Bart.

Full particulars to be published later.

GUSTI WYSS †.

With deep regret we announce the passing away on 18th August of Mr. August Wyss, of 33, Duverton Mansions, W.C.1, affectionately known to his large circle of friends as "Gusti", at the age of 77.

He died at the University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C., after having undergone several serious operations. To the older generation of the Colony he has been a well-known personality, especially during the time when he occupied the post as steward at the Union Helvetia Club during the first World War.

Many of the Swiss Societies, such as the Swiss Mercantile Society, the Swiss Male Choir, Swiss Rifle Association, etc., made their headquarters at that time at 1 Gerrard Place, W.1, and many will remember the numerous Swiss functions which were held there under his efficient stewardship.

Our departed friend was an ardent patriot and often visited our country, to which he remained faithful in spite of having been a resident in Great Britain for over half a century.

Gusti Wyss was born at Zofingen (Ct. Aargau) in 1881, where he received his education and made his apprenticeship as *chef de cuisine*. He came to this country at the beginning of this century, and occupied various posts as a *chef* in several hotels in England and Scotland.

As mentioned above, he was appointed steward at the Union Helvetia Club, a position which he held for several years, and it is safe to say that this Club never had a more popular caterer. Later on — together with his wife — he took over the managership of the Swiss Hotel, Old Compton Street, and afterwards became proprietor of the Lucullus Club in the same neighbourhood. Owing to ill health, he disposed of this business some two years ago.

The deceased was for many years a member of the Union Helvetia, the "Schweizerbund" and the Swiss Male Choir. He was also a Past Master of the Lucullus Lodge.

During recent years Providence has not treated our friend too kindly. He lost his wife early in the last war, and married again. In his second wife he found a devoted companion.

Post-war conditions made business in the catering trade difficult, and with advancing age he had a hard struggle. Yet, in spite of adverse circumstances he never lost his good humour which made him always such a pleasant companion. Even, when he was stricken with a serious disease, necessitating several operations, causing much suffering, he never lost his cheerfulness and hope and bore his lot courageously.

We would have wished Gusti Wyss a more pleasant and more carefree eventide of his life; he was steadfast in friendship in good and bad times, and all those who have known him will keep him in affectionate remembrance.

To his wife and his sister we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

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