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FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SWISS MINISTER.

By JOHN HENRY.

The other day I had the opportunity of having a talk with the Swiss Minister, Monsieur Paravicini, about his personal contact with the different fractions of the Swiss Colony and other circles concerned with the relations between our Home-Country and Great Britain.

The winter season lends itself more than any other time of the year for the Minister to come into personal contact with the various centres of activity in the Colony, particularly so with those of a social nature. It was pointed out to me that November and December are the principal months for the banqueting season, while many other functions such as are connected with educational and other work are also fixed preferably for some date within the winter months.

Thus the Minister has been present on the 19th October at the installation of the new Headmaster at the Day School of the Swiss Mercantile Society. The same day he addressed an assembly of compatriots at St. George's Hall, under the auspices of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, when the Swiss film "A Travers la Suisse" was exhibited.

An important function, at which the Minister was accompanied by Madame Paravicini, was a dinner of the French speaking circle of the Forum Club. There the Representative of Switzerland in Great Britain was given a most cordial reception and he reaped a warm applause with his speech in which he gave a short synopsis of the history of Anglo-Swiss relations. On that occasion two other members of the Swiss Colony, Mr. M. Golay and Dr. Rast, also addressed the company and their speeches were much appreciated.

On November 16th our Minister paid a visit to the Swiss Colony in Manchester where he was the guest of the Swiss Club at their Grütlifeier at the Midland Hotel. I have been informed from other quarters that his visit was very much appreciated. An account of the annual banquet of the Union Helvetia on Monday last, is given in another column. Now we are looking forward to the City Swiss Club banquet where Monsieur and Madame Paravicini will again be present. The banquet of the City Swiss Club is an annually recurring function which the Minister has never missed since his arrival in London in 1920.

Within the next few weeks other societies will have the honour of entertaining their Minister. I was informed that he had promised to be present at the Winter Dinners of the "Swiss Rifle Association," the "Association of the British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club," and at the "Fahnenweihe" of the "Swiss Gymnastic Society." He will also, so I was told, within the next week or so, be a guest of the "British Ski Club," of the "Bonfrères Club," of the "Alpine Club," of the "Lyceum Club" and others.

I was marveling at the fact that Monsieur Paravicini was able to get through this immense list and yet attend to the other, not quite so social but even more immense part of his engagements. But I was told that, like the Prime Minister, Monsieur Paravicini is a great believer in personal contact. There is no doubt that the results of his intercourse with his compatriots as well as with British "milieux" of the most varied kind are of real profit to the general relations between Switzerland and England.

Some days ago Monsieur W. A. De Bourg, First Secretary of the Swiss Legation, following an invitation from the "Croydon Rotary Club" attended one of their monthly Luncheons where he spoke on "Switzerland and the Swiss," this speech being warmly applauded.

THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents and cannot publish anonymous articles, unless accompanied by the writer's name and address, as evidence of good faith.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am afraid your correspondent misread me completely. I took it for granted that everyone had heard the old joke that a jawbone perhaps formed the basis of Eve, since it is considered to be her most formidable weapon. I thought I had made it clear that it was a Biblical discrepancy. It is one, however, which seldom fails to evoke a smile, especially among the married section of the community, who, through experience, can possibly better appreciate the logic in the suggestion.

"N" certainly allowed his imagination to run riot. Were he to indulge in a little psychoanalysis, he would follow his association of ideas thus:—jawbone, ass, Samson-man. However that is his trend of thought and most certainly not mine. To me jaw suggests character, determination, Napoleon, genius man—quite a different line. (I hope "N" will not doubt the veracity of this confession!)

Apart from this however, after reading recent criticisms in the S.O., I have come to the conclusion there must be a sad lack of humour among some of the readers. Evidently while some of us are chuckling over "ck's" subtle wit,

for instance, others are fuming at what they consider a deep insult.

As children we all have a great sense of fun. Some never lose it, others apparently stifle it as being undignified to age, little knowing how much they are missing in life.

The fault lies entirely in ourselves. We are such egoists that we are blind to any other point of view but our own. Naturally the result is *misconstruction*. If only we attempted to foster a little mutual understanding, at the same time endeavouring to retain some of that joyous, fresh outlook of childhood, how much happier the world would be!

(Miss) G. A. NOTARI.

PERSONAL.

We wish to extend, on behalf of the members of the Colony, to the Rev. Hoffmann-de Visme sincere sympathy in the great anxiety caused by the severe illness of Madame Hoffmann; we trust that the operation which has been performed yesterday will prove a lasting success and will enable our distinguished compatriote to resume her unselfish activities in our Colony.

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We regret to state that Mr. H. Schmid, who used to live at 56, Heathfield Road, Acton, W.3, died on the 10th inst. at Gais, Kt. Appenzell, after several years of severe suffering.

Before and during the war Mr. Schmid was an active member of the Swiss colony. He leaves a widow and a daughter to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

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The members and friends of the Society are reminded that our

Next Cinderella Dance

will take place on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 1929,

at the

Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Str., N.W.

from 6.45 for 7.0 to 11.45 p.m.

TICKETS at 8s. 6d. (incl. Supper during the interval) may be obtained from Mr. J. C. Nussle, 8, Cross Lane, E.C.3 (Tel. Royal 8934), Mr. R. Champuis, 31, Crockerston Rd., Upper Tooting, S.W.11, at Swiss House, 34-36, Fitzroy Square, W.1 (Tel. Museum 6683) and from Employment Department, 24, Queen Victoria St., E.C.4 (Tel. City 7119). THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que la prochaine

ASSEMBLEE MENSUELLE

aura lieu le MARDI 3 DÉCEMBRE au Restaurant PAGANI, 42, St. Portland Street, W.1 et sera précédée d'un souper à 7 h. (prix 6/6).

Pour faciliter les arrangements, le Comité recommande aux participants de s'annoncer au plus tôt à M. P. F. Boehringer, 23, Leonard St. E.C.2 (Téléphone: Clerkenwell 9595).

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Swiss Rifle Association

Headquarters: 1, Gerrard Place, W.1

THE

Annual Dinner & Ball

at the

Union Helvetia Club
1, Gerrard Place, W.1

will be held on

Friday, November 29th at 7.30 p.m.

Divine Services.

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79, Endell Street, near New Oxford St., W.C.1.

Dimanche, 24 Novembre 11h.: Mr. le Pasteur F.

CHRISTOL de Soho,—par échange.

3h —Club missionnaire des Enfants, au Foyer.

6h30—2c Service liturgique mensuel:

"Ton règne vienne, Ta volonté soit faite!"

7h30—Répétition du Choeur.

Pour tous renseignements concernant actes pastoraux, etc., prière de s'adresser à M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6 (Téléphone: Archway 1798). Heure de réception à l'Eglise: Mercredi 10.30 à 12h.

SCHWEIZERKIRCHE

(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2

(near General Post Office.)

Sonntag, den 24. November 1929.—11 Uhr. vorm.

Gottesdienst und Sonntagsschule.

7 Uhr abends Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr abends Chorprobe.

Mittwoch den 27. November—6.30, Abendgottesdienst.

GETAUFT wurden am 17. Nov. Johannes

BRENNECKE geb. 14. Jan. 1927, und Peter Michael

BARENCKE geb. 6. Sept. 1929, Söhne des Paul Arnold

Brennecke von Zwillüttschinen (Bern)—und der Elise

geb. Schneeberger von Aarwangen (Bern).

GESTORBEN am 13. Nov. Frances KERN, 76 Jahre

alt, Frau des Jacob Kern von Buchberg (Schaffhausen).

Abdankung am 18. Nov.

Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen und Religions-

unterricht sind erbeten an Pfr. C. Th. Hahn, 8, Chiswick

Lane, W.4. Telefon: Chiswick 4156.

Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12-1 Uhr in der Kirche.

Mittwoch 5-6 Uhr im "Foyer Suisse."

DEUTSCHE KATHOLISCHE KIRCHE,

47, Adler Street, Commercial Rd., E.1.

Sonntag, den 24. November morgens hl.—Messen um 9

Uhr, 10 Uhr und 11 Uhr.

Deutsche Predigt um 9 Uhr und 11 Uhr.

Abendgottesdienst um 7 Uhr mit deutscher Predigt.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Thursday, November 28th.—UNIONE TICINESE—

Concert and Dance in aid of the Fonds de

Secours at the Schweizerbund.

Friday, November 29th.—SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Annual Dinner at the Union Helvetia.

Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS

CLUB Monthly Meeting at Pagan's Restau-

rant (See advt.).

Wednesday, December 4th, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIETE

DE SECOURS MUTUELS. Monthly Meeting at 74,

Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, December 7th, at 7 p.m.—SWISS

MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at the

Midland Grand Hotel. (See advertisement.)

Wednesday, December 11th, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS

MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Monthly Meeting at

Swiss House.