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Unione Ticinese, already the name sounds like the first sign of Spring, in these days of ice and storm.

Speaking of good spirits, a well-known Swiss Doctor told me recently: "One used to be told in the old days that a good health creates a happy mind." Science has changed everything and now he says that it is a good humour and a cheerful character which produce physical health and comfort. Certainly the Unione Ticinese has found out the right way.

Chers compatriotes, permettez-moi de continuer en français. J'ai évoqué tout à l'heure la nécessité de conserver une vision d'un état de choses meilleur que nous devons tous contribuer à créer. Cette création collective n'est-elle pas une des raisons pour lesquelles nous sommes fiers d'être Suisses, une des caractéristiques de notre pays quelle que soit notre langue ou religion? Nous avons l'idée que tous nous contribuons à établir les conditions dans lesquelles nous vivons, c'est-à-dire que nous ne remettons pas à un dictateur ou à un potentat éloigné des masses, à quelques grands hommes d'affaires, le soin de décider de notre vie. Non, il est bon de le rappeler, chez nous, le souverain c'est le peuple. Ce n'est point une vague formule. Nous voulons chez nous qu'il y ait place pour tout le monde, que chacun ait une instruction, une éducation et des moyens suffisants pour lui permettre de jouir des œuvres de la Nature et des bienfaits de la civilisation. Nous voulons que chaque maison, si modestes soit-elle, puisse abriter décemment ses habitants. Il est important d'aider aux élites à se créer et se développer, mais nous n'admettons pas, chez nous, que tous les biens et privilèges soient réservés à une seule petite groupe, alors qu'une grande masse vit dans l'ignorance et l'indigence. Ce sont là nos caractéristiques dont nous sommes fiers et qui nous différencient d'autres pays. Apprécions les avantages des grands Etats, admirons leurs proportions majestueuses, leur force; n'oublions pas ce qui fait notre force, notre idéal.

Signor Presidente,

Mi è gradita questa occasione di dirle la mia convinzione che questo nostro ideale comune, questa fede di solidarietà in nessuna parte è più viva e ardente che nel Cantone Ticino. Bevo alla salute dell'Unione Ticinese, Viva il Ticino, Viva la Svizzera.

As no Banquet of the Unione Ticinese would be complete without at least a few words from our Hon. Vice-President, yielding to insistent calls, Mr. Meschini concluded the formal part of the evening with a brilliant and witty speech which was loudly applauded.

He said that at the next Meeting of the Society he intended to propose that Mr. W. Notari be made President for life. He paid a compliment to Messrs. Monico for the excellent arrangements made and thanked his many friends, who year after year support this annual festival. He also thanked Mr. Notari for the nice things he had said about him and assured him of his continued wholehearted support.

Sweet music during the dinner only completed the warm and friendly atmosphere and our good friend Mr. G. Marchand did not fail to enliven the interest of the fair sex by presenting a ladies gold wristlet watch, which was drawn and won by a charming lady. The ladies really did deserve some special recompense because they were in such a beautiful array and contributed so much to make the evening truly wonderful.

The banquet over, Mancini's Orchestra delighted the dancers with really excellent music and kept them eager to the very last moment, while Murray Ashford's Entertainers provided a fine and splendid diversion for the less athletically minded section of the gathering. The superb singing of our compatriot Miss Eva Cattaneo certainly delighted everyone who heard her.

The Ticinese again very much appreciated the personal presence of Messrs. Monico and the generous way in which they treat the society, as well as the presence of various parties from the provinces, like Torriani's from Margate, Ferrari's from Southsea, Albrecht-Menegelli's from West-cliff, Veglio's from Maidstone, and others whom we hope to see again on future occasions.

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MARRIAGES.
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Sunday, March 22nd, at 3.45 p.m.—Swiss Gymnastic Society, Grand Display at the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.

Wednesday, March 25th, at 8 p.m.—Chamber Music Concert given at the Hall of the Art Worker's Guild at No. 6, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, W.C., by Arnold Dolmetsch and his collaborators.

Friday, March 27, at 8—1 a.m.—Union Helvetia Students supper and dance at the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard place. W.1.

Wednesday, April 1st, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Annual General Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Monday, April 13, at 9—2 a.m.—Union Helvetia Grand Ball to commemorate the acceptance of affiliated members into the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

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