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our friend, and we are not far wrong if we attribute his youthfulness to the happy family life which he is privileged to enjoy. If life has brought him success, he is undoubtedly greatly indebted to his faithful partner in life, Mrs. Pfaendler, who has shared not only joy, but also sorrow with him. She has by her brightness and cheerfulness made many a dark day look sunnier; and many a burden lighter, and when we, to-day send our friend a hearty "ad multos annos" we include his wife. May both be able to enjoy many happy years in the small circle of their family, and in the wider one of their friends amongst whom is

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### UNIONE TICINESE.

#### "La Festa Familiare."

Autumn brings into contrast the feelings of town-dweller and farmer; for the latter the third season of the year is one of satisfaction, whereas for the former it is one of expectation. A bountiful harvest is the farmer's recompense for incessant toil under the relentless August sun; the same sun that has tanned the complexions of numberless townsmen and townswomen resting of the beach, scouring the countryside or climbing mountain peaks in search of Nature's freedom after eleven months of strenuous, exacting work in the nerve centres of the nation. Relaxation over, these town-dwellers start business routine anew, exuberant vigour generating great expectations.

Such hopeful atmosphere pervaded the successful "Festa Familiare" of the UNIONE TICINESE, held at Pagani's Tuesday evening, October 8th. Needless to say, there was but one general topic of conversation. Holidays. Not unlike men, holidays, so it seems, possess complexes. Good or bad — thrilling or unexciting — peaceful or noisy, to mention just a few. In one instance an atrocious cuisine had dispelled the dream of the perfect holiday by the sea (One good reason this, why Pagani's should have wings). Again, persistent mists had wantonly denied one daring climber of all but one thrill. An ageing acquaintance instead had tumbled on the ideal leisurely vacation — a village inn by the roadside, the perfect taste of the local wine, and the ready flattery of almost forgotten friends nearly proved too strong when he was about to leave the native village in the Alps at the end of a prolonged visit after an absence of nigh thirty years.

The utmost informality marked the proceedings of the evening, and, as we are wont to expect from Messrs. Pagani, the supper was excellent although participants hailing from the Locarnese might perhaps complain of neglect, none of their "dishes" having found inclusion in the menu.

Speeches, as befits a "festa familiare," were short and to the point. Mr. Oscar Gambazzi, President of the Society started the exchanges, and extended a hearty welcome to Signor Clemente Rezzonico, who after an absence of four years in "la capitale del mondo" is back at the London Legation, we hope, for good. He then greeted the large parties of Leventinesi and Semionesi (these having motored up from Portsmouth and Southsea) present, and went on to stress the deep loyalty with which all "Ticinesi" are attached to "Mother Helvetia," whilst condemning the ill-advised propaganda that had as its sequel the recently formulated high-treason charges, as well as the suppression of the notorious paper "L'Adula." Finally, with a few apt words, Mr. Gambazzi presented the ex-President, Mr. Willie Notari, with a finely decorated vellum, which records Mr. Notari's nomination as a "Socio Benemerito" of the Unione Ticinese, in recognition of his invaluable services during his sixteen years of leadership.

Mr. Notari was visibly moved by the tribute as he rose to reply. Among the outstanding achievements during his presidentship, he liked to recall, the unprecedented impetus that a chance idea of his had given to the Fund in aid of the Home for aged Swiss poor in London; this Home, as every reader knows, is now a reality. He had a few compliments for youth, though he himself is no veteran.

Wittily enumerating a few misfortunes that may befall unawares the cautious man, Mr. Stähelin, too, paid a fine tribute to Mr. Notari, and was followed by Mr. Elvezio Albertoli, who did likewise on behalf of the "Ticinesi" in the Provinces.

Uncertain in the beginning the dance soon got into full swing so that the misfortune of the appointed hour befell it only too soon. In a break of the dance, Miss Eva Cattaneo, soprano, pleasantly surprised the revellers with two songs, which — one need hardly mention — were sandwiched between thunderous ovations. By the way, can grandma 85 years young, dance? She certainly can, and did.

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8 Uhr, Chorprobe.

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