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the Provinces they reach a total of over 1,000 members. It was also said that one yearly budget showed an expenditure of £2,200,00 whilst the receipts for that particular year were £1,800,00. Mr. Wuthrich was especially mentioned as the man who untiringly worked to get the necessary Funds together.

The discussion about the proposed increase and extension of the Military tax was dispensed with, as in the meantime the authorities in Switzerland had withdrawn their proposal, and thus undoubtedly some excitement and outbursts were prevented. A neighbour of mine had been itching to relieve his mind on that subject, which I understand he had thoroughly studied, still he had a little drink instead, and I am sure this was more beneficial to him.

Before closing the Meeting, M. Suter informed the gathering that the "Auslandschweizertag" was being held this year at Montreux, on the 12th-13th September, and that he would represent again the London Group.

And thus ended a happy birthday party: having been present when the Society was founded I am glad to see that this institution is still alive and kicking, and I hope that the "slimming" process of the "young lady" is now over, and that she gets once again round and bonny.

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#### ARRIVAL OF THE F. C. ZURICH "RUDERKLUB" TEAM.

The F.C. Ruderklub Zurich, consisting of 10 members, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dreyfus and Mr. Schöchlin, a former noted oarsman in Switzerland, arrived on Monday afternoon at Croydon. They travelled in a specially chartered "Swissair" Douglas machine piloted by Flight-captain W. Ackermann.

They were received at the Airport by M. P. Hilliker, representing the Swiss Minister and Mr. A. Stauffer, Editor of the Swiss Observer.

The team, which had made a good crossing, in spite of heavy winds and stormy weather conditions, was in excellent spirits. They left soon after their arrival, by special coach for Henley, where they stay until Monday next at the Five Horse Shoes Hotel.

#### THE SYMPHONIC SOCIAL CHOIR.

On Thursday June 18th, the Schweizerbund was visited by the Sängervereinigung St. Goar as the guests of the Symphonic Social Choir. The number of the German singers from the Rhine was 39, the majority of whom came from St. Goar and the remainder from Koblenz.

In the early part of the evening a Reception and Dinner took place during which the visitors were heartily welcomed by the President of the Symphonic Social Choir in the following words:—

"Als Präsident des Symphonic Social Choir und in Namen des Komites und der Mitglieder des Chors entbiete ich Ihnen ein herzlich willkommen in England. Wir hoffen, dass Ihr kurzer Aufenthalt hierzulande als unsere Gäste ein genussreicher und gemütlicher sein werde. Unsererseits soll nichts unterlassen werden, um diese Hoffnung zu verwirklichen.

Seitdem Ihre Englandreise erstmals in einem Gespräch im Juli 1935 im Café Hauser, an der ich teilnahm, erwähnt wurde, hatten Herr Neuss und ich viele Hindernisse zu bewältigen, und, nun da Sie glücklich hier angelangt sind, fühlen wir wir uns recht dankbar und, wenn ich sagen darf, auch stolz. In meiner Tätigkeit hier, die genannten Schwierigkeiten zu überwinden, bin ich vielen Leuten für deren Hilfe zu Dank verpflichtet, einschliesslich Herrn Bene, Herrn Pfarrer Schoenberger und verschiedene Mitglieder des N.S.D.A.P. und auch Herrn Suchy, der als Dolmetscher zwischen Herrn Neuss und mir amte. Es scheint mir, dass Herr Suchy alle Qualitäten eines Dolmetschers besitzt.

Das Programm, welches für Ihren Aufenthalt in England ausgearbeitet wurde, wird Ihnen bekannt gemacht. Vor allem aus Wunsch mein Chor, dass Sie sich hier behaglich und zuhause fühlen, und dass Sie nach St. Goar mit süßen Erinnerungen zurückkehren mögen; Erinnerungen, die für alle Zeiten mit Ihnen sein werden.

Zum Schlusse möchte ich noch sagen, dass ich am 1. Juli in St. Goar sein werde und hoffe das Vergnügen zu haben, Sie alle wiederzusehen."

A suitable reply was given by the President of the Sängervereinigung St. Goar, Herr Neuss, during which he presented the Symphonic Social Choir with a framed picture depicting Rhine scenery. He also presented Mr. Swan, the President of the Symphonic Social Choir, with a similar picture and also with an illuminated Address making that gentleman an Hon. member of the Sängervereinigung St. Goar.

Later in the evening both Choirs sang songs during intervals of the Dancing and these were most enthusiastically received by the large number present. A Tombola was also conducted, the value of the prizes presented being in the neighbourhood of £20. 0. 0.

The dancing continued until 12.30 a.m. next morning and it can be truly said that "Ein lustigen Rheinischen Abend" had been enjoyed by all.



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