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## "THE OLD FRIENDS" EVENING.

At the  
Union Helvetia Club,  
on Thursday, November 24th, 1938.

In these times of strife and misunderstandings amongst nations and races, it is good to know, that there are still people about who are anxious and eager to cultivate friendship.

Although my engagement list has been a heavy one of late, I made it a point to attend the above mentioned gathering, because I knew I would find in these hospitable quarters many old friends.

A further inducement not to miss this friendly gathering, was the fact, that my old and good friend Alfred Schmid was in the Chair, his smiling face and good humour is an asset to any company.

I understand that the "Old friends" of this well-known Club, have foregathered for the last nineteen years at this Club, in order to spend a few happy hours in congenial company.

The prettily decorated dining hall was practically full, which goes to prove that this annual gathering has lost none of its attraction.

A simple, but very well served dinner proceeded the official part of the evening, and Mr. A. Boog, the efficient steward of the Union Helvetia, well deserved the praise which was, later on, bestowed on him, for the capable way in which he had looked after the "material" welfare of everyone present.

There is no need to make long speeches amongst friends, and I am glad to say, that the various speakers were "short and sweet."

Mr. Alfred Schmid, who was in the Chair, proposed shortly before the conclusion of the dinner, the toast to H. M. the King and to Switzerland.

The toast to the "Old friends" was entrusted to Mr. A. Wyss, one of the founders of this yearly re-union, the speaker gave a short *resumé* of the history of these gatherings, emphasizing that it was now more than ever necessary to stick together.

Mr. A. Indermaur, President of the "Landesverwaltung" paid a high tribute to the Chairman, who, apart from being an honorary member, had, for the last twenty-eight years rendered great and valuable services to the Society. "He has," said the speaker, "been true to the Swiss flag and to the banner of the Union Helvetia, and we are proud of calling him one of us."

Mr. Indermaur then informed the gathering that the following official guests were present:

Pastor C. Th. Hahn, M. G. E. DE Brunner, Mr. A. Stauffer, Editor of the Swiss Observer, Mlle. D. Du Bois, London correspondent of the Geneva paper "La Suisse," Mr. Kummer, President of the Soc. Culinnaire Suisse, Mr. L. Rey, President of the London Section of the Union Helvetia, Mr. P. Brun, President of the Swiss Club Birmingham, Mr. and Mme. Delaloye, a former Chairman of the Union Helvetia Club. He paid a special tribute to the Rev. Hahn, saying that his departure was greatly regretted by the members. He also eulogised the Ladies.

Mr. A. Schmid then addressed the gathering, thanking Mr. Wyss for having for so many years taken a leading part in organising with great success these dinners, "we pity the person," he said, "who has no friends."

Pastor C. Th. Hahn shortly thanked Mr. Indermaur for the kind words he had spoken saying that in helping, wherever it was necessary, he had only done his duty.

Mrs. M. Kummer, shortly and in a very humorous way, replied on behalf of the Ladies and guests.

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