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WELCOME TO THE SWISS MINISTER.

In response to the general and very keen desire of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain to have an opportunity to meet and welcome our new Minister, Monsieur Walter Thurnheer, Ministre Plenipotentiaire et Envoyé Extraordinaire, and Madame Thurnheer, arrangements have been made for an "Afternoon Tea," to take place on Saturday, March 2nd, from 3.30 p.m. till 6 p.m., at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London, W.1. Music by the Dorchester Orchestra.

It is confidently expected that every Swiss will endeavour to participate in this patriotic demonstration, to rally round our Minister and give him a welcome worthy of our Colony.

Although the price of the ticket for the Tea is only 2/6, the Management of the Dorchester Hotel have generously offered to give the greater part of that amount to the Swiss Benevolent Society, for the relief of our poor compatriots.

The full amount of any ticket not being used will be handed over to the Swiss Benevolent Society.

Tickets obtainable in advance from *Members of the Committee*: Louis Chapuis, 72/82, Rosebery Avenue, London, E.C.1, 'Phone: Terminus 1686; A. F. Suter, 133, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3, 'Phone: Mansion House 0347; Anton Bon, Dorchester Hotel, W.1, 'Phone: Mayfair 8888; P. Dick, Swiss Bank Corporation, 99, Gresham Street, E.C., 'Phone: National 1200; H. Binguely, Bulle House, 167, Clapham Road, London, S.W.9, 'Phone: Reliance 4150. *All Swiss Societies.* Also: M. Pasteur Pradervand, 65, Mount View Road, London, N.4, 'Phone: Mountview 5003; Herr Pfarrer Stutz, 23, Womersley Road, London, N.8, 'Phone: Mountview 4649; the "Swiss Observer," 23, Leonard Street, E.C.2, 'Phone: Clerkenwell 2321.

There is a big demand for tickets and applications should be made without delay. Please enclose remittance, also stamped and addressed envelope for reply.

MADAME THURNHEER AND THE HOME FOR AGED SWISS.

In connection with Madame Thurnheer's visit to the Home for Aged Swiss on February 3rd (as reported in the Swiss Observer last Week), it is now learned that on that occasion Madame Thurnheer also kindly

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accepted to be Patron of the Home, in the place of Madame Paravicini who has returned to Switzerland.

It may be recalled here that the Home was officially opened almost exactly four years ago, on February 22nd, 1936, when our then Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, presided at the inaugural ceremony. Madame Mimier was then elected Honorary President in grateful remembrance of her husband, the late George Dimier, through whose generous legacy was created the nucleus of the fund for the establishment of the Home; the added means required towards the realisation of this provident scheme being afforded some years later through the initiative and magnificent lead of the Unione Ticinese and the splendid response of the other Swiss societies and members of the Colony. Madame Paravicini became the first Patron of the Home.

To-day, this very worthy Institution, which in comfortable conditions and under a very efficient management houses some twelve compatriots over 70 years of age, stands out as a monument of true Swiss practical sympathy and goodwill towards less fortunate fellow-citizens.

Madame Thurnheer's kind action in giving her patronage to the Home will be particularly welcome to and appreciated by the whole Colony.

J. Z.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, February 17th, 1940 — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting, at 2 o'clock sharp, at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Saturday, March 2nd, 1940, at 3.30 p.m. — Swiss Minister's Reception, and Afternoon Tea — at Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

Divine Services.

Dimanche 18 février 1940: à **Eglise Suisse**, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2.

11h. Culte M. M. Pradervand.

11h. Ecole du Dimanche.

5h. Culte au Foyer Suisse, 15 Bedford Way, W.C.1.

Pour tout ce qui concerne le ministère pastoral, prière de s'adresser à Monsieur le pasteur Marcel Pradervand, 65, Mount View Road, N.4. (Téléphone Mountview 5003). Heure de réception à l'église le mercredi de 11-12h.30.

Sonntag, den 18. Februar 1940: in der **Schweizerkirche**, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

11 Uhr. Gottesdienst. Text, II Mos. 20 & Mark. 2:37.

5 Uhr. Gottesdienst in Französisch im Foyer Suisse.

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