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SWISS CLUB BALLOCH.

The Loch Lomond Hotel, Balloch, was the gathering place for the members of the Swiss Club Balloch, when the guests of honour were the new consul, Mr. Buchi, accompanied by Mme. Buchi.

The excellent dinner, preceded by a cocktail party, was very well arranged by the Honorary President, Mr. E. Hofstetter. After dinner, when everyone was well fortified, the President, Mr. H. Berli, welcomed the consul and Mme. Buchi to Balloch and expressed the wish that they should feel at home in the small circle of Swiss present. Once more it had been proved how important such a visit was in maintaining good relationship. The President also thanked Mr. Buchi for coming north to make contact with his compatriots on the "bonny banks of Loch Lomond".

Mr. Buchi replied with well chosen words and expressed how pleased he was that everyone, despite their 20 years of living abroad, remained loyal Swiss.

Mr. Hofstetter had also a few words of welcome to express, and spoke on behalf of everyone present when he said that it had been a very enjoyable evening. After that a few more tried their skill at speech-making, and all too soon the happy evening came to an end. The President wished everyone a safe journey home.

CITY NEWS.

Our compatriots working in the banks, merchant houses, etc., of the City of London will welcome the decision of the Consistoire of the Swiss Church to arrange weekly lunch-hour services for them, especially those who, for one reason or another, find it impossible or inconvenient to worship on Sundays at Endell Street or at St. Mary Woolnoth. This last-mentioned Church, in Lombard Street, — the very heart of the City — has very kindly been put at our disposal for this purpose, and short addresses (alternately in French and in German) will be given every Friday, beginning on 21st September, between 12.25 and 12.55 p.m.

Full details will be given in handbills, to be distributed shortly, as well as in "The Swiss Observer" under "Forthcoming Events" when the time comes, and it is hoped that our compatriots in the City will turn up in full numbers to support this new venture of the Swiss Church.

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