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SOLOTHURNER ABROAD

The Stadtmusik from Solothurn is looking forward to playing in the Central Hall, Westminster, on 13th June.

There is little need to remind our Swiss readers that the Band can look back to a long and active past. It was formed in 1845 with a membership of sixteen and has become a recognised and welcome feature of Swiss musical life during the long period of its continuance. The First Prize Award it won at the Federal Musical Festival in Zurich in 1957 is a recent achievement which still remains in the memories of its supporters.

This London visit has a treble significance: it is a return visit, for the Band played in London last in 1951;

its aim is to help charity in this country, the Greater London Fund for the Blind, the Musicians' Social and Benevolent Council, and the Swiss Benevolent Society; and its invitation to London represents in effect a birthday present by Mr. W. A. de Vigier, Chairman and Managing Director of Acrow (Engineers) Ltd., to his father, Dr. W. de Vigier, of Solothurn, on his eightieth anniversary. Dr. de Vigier has for many years been Honorary President of the Stadtmusik.

The concert at the Central Hall will provide a happy and tuneful occasion for the Swiss Colony to forgather, and a musical attraction for the many band "followers" in this country.



STADTMUSIK SOLOTHURN