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It is by no means a matter of course that such a celebration should be staged year after year, and success cannot be achieved without jolly hard work. There is room for a few more of our compatriots to serve on committees and in societies engaged in activities in the interest of the Swiss community. A reader recently wrote:

Patriotic feelings are no longer what they were on 1st August 1914, either in Switzerland or amongst our compatriots here. Solidarity is sadly lacking. Is there still justice and mutual trust? If that is missing, the First of August is useless — it would be like a church without faith.

Had I read this last year, I should have been inclined to agree with it, however regretfully. But now having been at this year's National Day Celebrations, I cannot but feel more optimistic. Did I detect a change in the air, ever so slight, but noticeable all the same? And I recall a few words seen somewhere at the EXPO and fleetingly, but none the less impressively repeated in the EXPO film: "AUF DICH KOMMT ES AN" (It is up to you). Much has been said and written, and much more will be heard this summer of the "Image of Switzerland in the World". We were reminded of our privileges and our duties at the EXPO, and we certainly all — at home and abroad — have our chance to help affirm or possibly re-create the image of Switzerland. Perhaps quite a few left Wimbledon Town Hall on 31st July reflecting on the message AUF DICH KOMMT ES AN. This as much today as when General Guisan appealed to the Swiss nation twenty-five years ago.

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FAREWELL SERVICE FOR MONSIEUR JACOT

On Sunday, 18th July, the French-speaking community of the Swiss Church in London bade farewell to Monsieur le Pasteur and Madame Jacot who will be settling in their new parish of Fleurier (Neuchâtel) at the end of this summer. In his Communion Service sermon, Monsieur Jacot reminded the congregation of the unity of the Church and of the joy felt by the Church at being united together in a visible community. Subsequently, Monsieur O. Béguin, President of the Consistoire, expressed the gratitude of parishioners for the work of their pastor in London and presented him with a tangible souvenir of his stay among this community as a token of their thanks. After the service, those who wished to do so had the opportunity of having lunch with Monsieur and Madame Jacot — and their little daughter — and thus spending a few moments longer with them to say good-bye and to express best wishes for their future.

R.A.E.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Every Sunday 8 to 11 p.m. — The Swiss Catholic Youth Club — Social at Westminster Ball Room, 30 Strutton Ground, S.W.1.

Every Thursday, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. — Discussion Circle in English — Young men specially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss Y.M.C.A., London Central Y.M.C.A. Building, Great Russell Street, W.C.1.

Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres -- no meetings until first Wednesday in October.

Every last Thursday of the Month — Swiss Club Manchester — Ordinary Monthly Meeting from 6 p.m. at the Midland Hotel, Manchester.

AUGUST:

Sunday, 15th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING at Bisley (Siberia Range).

Sunday, 22nd — Swiss Club Manchester — RAMBLE.

Thursday, 26th — Swiss Club Manchester — MONTHLY MEETING. (Jass Competition.)

27th — 29th — ASSEMBLY OF THE SWISS ABROAD — Solothurn.

SEPTEMBER:

Wednesday, 9th — Swiss Mercantile Society — MONTHLY MEETING.

Sunday, 12th — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING at Bisley (Siberia Range).

Thursday, 16th — Swiss Club Manchester — LECTURE (Film Show).

Tuesday, 21st, 6.30 for 7 p.m. — City Swiss Club — MONTHLY MEETING — Guest: H.E. the Turkish Ambassador — Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

OCTOBER:

Sunday, 3rd — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING at Bisley (Siberia Range) — Handicap Competition and "Grümpelschiessen".

NOVEMBER:

Saturday, 13th — Swiss Club Manchester — ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL.

Friday, 19th — City Swiss Club — 100th BANQUET AND BALL — Dorchester Hotel, London W.1.

SWISS CHURCH

SERVICES EN FRANÇAIS: à l'Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, tous les *dimanches* à 11h00 et 19h00.

L'Eglise est ouverte le dimanche: pour le lunch l'après-midi et le soir; le *jeudi*: dès 15h00 et le soir.

PASTEUR: F. Jacot, 7 Park View Road, London N.3. Telephone: FIN 5281.

SERVICES IN GERMAN: At St. Mary Woolnoth Church, Lombard Street, Bank, E.C.3, every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

PFARRER: M. Dietler, 1, Womersley Road, N.8. Telephone: MOU 6018.

SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION

CHURCH and SERVICE: St. ANN's Catholic Church, Abbey Orchard Street (off Victoria Street), S.W.1.

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Every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month from 3 to 6 p.m.

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 3 to 6 p.m.

At any other time by appointment.

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