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ors book and watch the Mounting of the Guard. They returned to Mansion House and prepared for a "Spital Luncheon". They left Mansion House for St. Lawrence Jewry to attend a Spital Service. At 4 p.m. they visited the Barbican Site and, to cap the day, they were the guests of honour at an Easter Banquet given by the Lord Mayor at Mansion House. The mayor (or rather Stadtpräsident) of Lucerne recalled in his speech that Lucerne's famous wooden bridge owed its continued existence to British residents in the town. The demolition of this bridge had been planned when three hundred British residents, who, true to their background, loved ancient things, campaigned against this decision and won their case.

The next morning, the Stadtpräsident and his party left at 9.20 a.m. for a visit of the Tower of London. He met the deputy keeper of the Tower, Mr. McCartney, and the Lord Mayor's Yeomen. He returned for a Buffet Luncheon at Mansion House at noon. Then ladies and gentlemen parted to leave for the Guildhall separately. A few minutes later, they were all seated and ready to attend the Court of Common Council, which the Stadtpräsident addressed.

The ceremony at Guildhall lasted no longer than an hour and was followed by a short visit of St. Paul's Cathedral. They returned to Mansion House to leave at 5.55 p.m. for the P&O Building, Leadenhall Street, in order to attend the Reception for the Canberra Award Dinner. The closing function was a second "Dinner for Stadtpräsident" in Mansion House.

The mayor of Lucerne, the Councillor and their ladies took off from London Airport the next day at 10 a.m. It can hardly be said that they had a good glimpse of "Swinging London". They saw more pomp, more aldermen, swordbearers, yeomen and pageantry in those three crowded days than most of us can hope to see in all our lives.

(PMB)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday from 6 to 7.30 p.m. Discussion Circle in English. Young men especially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss YMCA Building, Gt. Russell Street, W.C.1.

Secours Mutuels des Suisse de Londres. Monthly Meetings every first Wednesday of the month at 34 Fitzroy Sq., W.1. 7 p.m.

APRIL

Sunday 26th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the "Siberia" range at Bisley. Swiss Rifle Association.

Tuesday 28th. City Swiss Club AGM. 6.30 for 7.00 p.m. at the Stanhope Suite, Dorchester Hotel.

Wednesday, 29th April. "Music without distraction" presentation at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Works by Pergolesi, Strauss, Wagner and Haydn. 8 p.m. Entrance fee. MAY

Friday 8th. 6.00 for 6.30 p.m. at the Ambassador's Residence. Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the U.K.

Wednesday 13th. Swiss Mercantile Society monthly meeting.

Sunday 24th. Landsgemeinde.

Tuesday 26th. City Swiss Club card evening.

Sunday 31st. Annual Church Assembly of the Swiss Church at Endel St., W.C.2.

Please note that the ASSEMBLY OF THE SWISS ABROAD will be held at Zofingen between 28th and 30th August.

MUSICAL EVENTS

Here are two performances with Swiss artistes:

Sunday 17th May at 3 p.m. Recital by the distinguished Swiss duo (one piano, four hands) Isabel and Jürg Von Vintschger at the Wigmore Hall.

Thursday 21st May. Recital by the Swiss pianist Jürg Von Vintschger at the Queen Elizabeth Hall at 7.45 p.m. Works by Schumann, Debussy and Schubert.

CELEBRATIONS

We have pleasure in announcing and congratulating some of our readers for their birthdays. Dr. William Preiswerk was 77 on April 13th and so was Mr. Louis Portmann. Dr. Hans Gysin, from Basle, was 57 on April 16th. Mrs. Wera Schedler's 60th birthday fell on April 20th. Mr. B. Kaluza had his birthday on April 21st (but his exact age has been refused to the Swiss Observer's Intelligence Department), Mr. E. Zwicky was 73 on the 22nd, Mr. J. B. Brutsch was 81 and Mr. Gottfried Keller 65 on April 23rd. Mr. and Mrs. George Bouverat celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on that same day. Mr. Léon Jos Faivre was 77 on Friday 24th.

AN ANGLO-SWISS ITEM

(This letter was sent to us from Geneva recently).

Dear Sirs,

On January 9 you published an item concerning the centenary of the English church in Zermatt. As a follow-up to this item it might interest you to know that as a result of reading this piece the choir of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Geneva volunteered its services to sing mattins on the occasion of the centenary on August 9, services which were kindly accepted by the Bishop of Leicester who will be taking charge of the church during August.

The Geneva English-church choir is about 25-strong and is virtually the

only, if not the only, English church choir left in Switzerland and in consequence is also sometimes called upon to sing in the English churches in Lausanne and Vevey and frequently sings in ecumenical services with the churches of the Swiss and international communities in Geneva and environs.

This will not be the choir's first visit to Zermatt. Their first visit was last summer in July when they also sang mattins in the English church there.

I trust that this information may be of some use to you.

Yours faithfully,

Marion B. Bywater,
Choir Secretary.

JOSEPH GUGGENHEIM

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Guggenheim, of 71 Hamilton Terrace, N.W.8, on Tuesday 7th April at the age of 90. A summary of his career was printed in these columns no later than this Christmas. We shall be including a detailed account of his life in the next issue.

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