

## Among the 23rd June celebrations

We are beginning to receive news items from all over the world on the various ceremonies organised for the 80th anniversary of the renovation of the Olympic Games and the creation of the International Olympic Committee. We have chosen two which seem to give a good picture of these events.

### At Mirville...

Pierre de Coubertin spent a large part of his childhood at his parents' castle in this small village in Normandy near Le Havre. Later, every time he needed to reflect or take stock of the situation, he liked to steep himself in the atmosphere of the family home.

Thanks to the French National Olympic and Sports Committee and the generosity of Mr. Geoffroy de Navacelle, great-nephew of Baron de Coubertin, and his wife, present owners of the castle, Pierre de Coubertin was with us again for one evening on 23rd June; by the magic of a marvellous son et lumière spectacle his life and work, owing to which Olympism has spread over the five continents, were faithfully represented.

Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, was represented at this celebration as he was visiting Rumania for the NOC's anniversary, and he sent a telegram of congratulations. A large audience, estimated at 300 or 400 persons, applauded the spectacle which was unfortunately somewhat disturbed by torrential rain. A special train had brought the participants of the meeting of the European

NOCs, held in Paris at the same date, to Mirville.

### ... and in Lausanne

On the morning of Sunday 23rd, a ceremony in commemoration of this glorious anniversary was held in Lausanne. Mr. Hodler, IOC member for Switzerland, in the company of representatives of the Swiss Olympic Committee and the Château de Vidy, placed a wreath on Coubertin's grave on behalf of Lord Killanin and the International Olympic Committee, followed shortly after by the representative of the Swiss Olympic Committee.

Finally, several telegrams from National Olympic Committees bore witness to the interest throughout the world in the Olympic movement and its creator.

*Drawing of Mirville in 1890  
by Pierre de Coubertin.*

