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A DOG(S) TAIL.

The presence of mind of the Deputy Assistant Sub-Editor of *The Swiss Observer* narrowly averted what might otherwise easily have been a "painful" incident. The new President of the S.M.S., making his round of calls on the press organs of this metropolis, also wished to pay his respects to the Editor of the "S.O." (Happily not yet "S.O.S."—*Ed.*) Upon the announcement going forth that "the Praeses of the Mercantile wishes to leave a 'few words' with the Editor," distinct subterranean rumblings could be heard, but believing this uncanny noise to emanate from one of the printing machines that possibly required oiling, the visitor boldly advanced towards the Editor's sanctum, when to his dismay a fair-sized mongrel with an enormously long tail made sudden and frantic efforts to get hold of the Presidential trousers and the contents thereof. Fortunately a stentorian voice: "Chum herre du chaib, mer send nued i Klei-Huenige!" called off the infuriated beast. It was thereupon explained, for the defence, that ever since "Schnauzi" became aware of the leader of the S.M.S. having trod upon his tail of unblemished reputation, thereby throwing asparagus (asper-sions?—*Ed.*) upon his pedigree, the dog had been utterly dejected, with his tail merely oscillating between "indignation"—when seeing S.M.S. "copy" being set up in print—and "storm"—when coming across some other "rubbish heap." It would appear that "Schnauzi," after a "run of fame" at "Klei-Huenige" (where his tail served as a much appreciated skipping rope to the local Society "Pro Juventute") has passed into the hands of the Editor in part settlement of a printing bill only equalled in length by Schnauzi's tail.—The opinion seems to be held in certain quarters that the attacks upon Schnauzi's credentials, at a public meeting, should be speedily righted, so as to prevent the dog's wrath becoming one of the inheritances of the S.M.S. presidential chair. A movement has, therefore, been started for a suitable collection to make amends (Note: The Chairmanship of this Committee will be raffled for, price 1s. "per chance," in favour of Mr. Dimier's fund), and the married members of the S.M.S. will be asked to contribute nothing short of a "marrow bone," while the contribution of the younger members is rigorously limited to a lump of sugar that can easily be purloined from the breakfast table. The presentation of prizes will take place on the first fine Saturday afternoon in the Editor's farm yard, whence "Schnauzi" ever since June 14th has drawn the daintiest morsels to mitigate his melancholy.

DE BR.

(Our readers will recognize the above as being a skit on the feuilleton which appeared in our issues Nos. 32, 33, 34 and 36.—*Ed.* "S.O.")

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SWISS SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING.

(Communicated).

On Tuesday night, by kind permission of the City Swiss Club, the Committee of the Swiss Sports, with the representatives of the other Swiss Societies, met in the Club Room of the City Swiss Club.

The Chairman, Mr. Georges Dimier, opened the meeting by asking the members to pay their respects to the memory of our late Minister, Mr. G. Carlin, who had always shown much interest in the Swiss Colony during his 17 years' stay in London.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting, the Treasurer, Mr. J. Oltramare, submitted the accounts of the last Swiss Sports, which had been duly verified by Messrs. P. de Wolff and H. Senn.

This year's Sports Meeting shows a profit of £31 6s. 1d. Mr. De Wolff proposed, and Mr. Senn seconded, that out of these profits the sum of £10 should be handed over to the Swiss Benevolent Society. This proposition was adopted, and the balance of £21 6s. 1d. will be carried to our capital account.

The Chairman then read a letter which he had received from our Minister, Mr. C. R. Paravicini, in which he informed him that, as the Cup for the Veterans' Race had been finally won by Mr. Charles Mottu of Geneva, he would be very pleased to offer another Cup for the same race next year. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed, and the Secretary was requested to write to our Minister, thanking him for the interest he was continually showing to our Swiss Sports Committee and the Swiss Colony.

The Chairman then asked the Committee members present to pass a vote of thanks to all the gentlemen of the Swiss Colony and to the members of the various Swiss Societies for the handsome subscriptions offered for our Swiss Sports. He would further ask "The Swiss Observer" to publish a vote of thanks to all of them, and the subscribers to kindly accept these thanks expressed publicly, instead of by way of individual letters from the Committee.

The year of office of the Committee having terminated, it was proposed by Mr. Senn, and seconded by Mr. de Wolff, that the whole Committee be re-elected for the ensuing year, which was unanimously carried. The Chairman thanked them for the confidence they had reposed in this Committee, and promised that they would do their very best next year and go on improving the arrangements in conducting the Swiss Sports Meeting.

The Secretary was then requested to send a letter during February next to the Presidents of all the Swiss Societies in London, informing them of the date fixed for the next Sports Meeting in 1923, and at the same time asking the President of every Society to send the names of the four representatives who would work with our permanent Committee. We would be grateful if in the meantime any of the Societies could furnish us with the names of their prospective representatives, which would make matters easier for next year. We would also request every Society to appoint representatives who would really come, as we require a great many on the field to carry on the work.

There was a slight complaint about the prizes for the Relay Race not being quite good enough, and after a little discussion Mr. A. Isler, of the "Schweizerbund," very gallantly came forward and informed us that he would give us a Challenge Cup for this Relay Race, which would be an inducement to Swiss Societies to enter teams to compete for this prize.

It was also decided that we should give for this Relay Race as a first prize a Gold Medal, and as a second prize a Silver Medal, providing there were at least three competing teams.

For the Ladies' Race over 16 years of age it was arranged that it should be divided into two sections, one for young ladies in street dress, and the other for ladies in sporting costumes, the latter having to fill in entry forms, so as to be properly handicapped by the A.A.A.

It was further decided that there shall be only one professional photographer allowed on the ground, and a conspicuous announcement shall appear on next year's programme, indicating that a dance will follow the distribution of the prizes.

We have every reason to be thankful to the Swiss Colony for the manner in which they patronize our Swiss Sports, and we trust that next year we shall have even a larger assembly.

As the names of the donors who kindly gave individual prizes have already been published in the report of "The Swiss Observer" of June 3rd, we refrain from mentioning them again.

(We regret that owing to lack of space we must hold over for the next issue publication of Balance Sheet and lists of Subscribers.—*Ed.*)