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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING March 15, 1922.

The Committee deemed it necessary to convene a General Meeting to submit various important recommendations made by the Special Commission which was elected two months ago under the presidency of Mr. C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister.

It is regrettable that this very interesting and important meeting could not draw more than 85 members (out of 500) to the U.H.

Mr. H. Martin, Councillor of Legation, who took a very active part in the Special Commission, was present, a fact which was noticed with general satisfaction.

The meeting was preceded by a dinner which was, as usual, excellent.

The president, Mr. E. Werner, gave an exposé of the position. He particularly pointed out that in order to get financial help within the Swiss Colony for the Education Department, which has been for years the pride of the S.M.S., the Society, i.e., the members, should commence to show their willingness to support this branch of activities.

Mr. J. Pfaendler read out the Report of the Special Commission, and after a lengthy and thorough discussion the following recommendations of the above-mentioned body were accepted by a large majority:—(1) All yearly subscriptions and donations of the contributing "passive" members shall go exclusively to the Education Department; (2) Increase of annual contribution for "active" members from 12s. to 18s., and "passive" members' subscriptions from 10s. to £1 1s.; (3) Fees for lessons to be increased approximately by one-third.

We can but congratulate the S.M.S. for showing their willingness to take on their own shoulders a considerable part of the heavy expenses which the new scheme involves, and we trust that this fact will be duly remembered by all contributors on the occasion of the coming yearly financial campaign.

The Society has decidedly gone a step farther towards realizing an aim which has been dear to so many supporters, namely, to provide our young compatriots with the means of getting first-class lessons at favourable terms in comfortable quarters.

The meeting closed at 11.45. In spite of the advanced hour the popular S.M.S. string quartette played a few Swiss airs, which were highly appreciated, and we hope to have an early opportunity to hear them at a more suitable hour. A. S.

SWISS INSTITUTE.

Devant salle comble, Monsieur E. Cammaerts fit vendredi dernier une conférence hautement intéressante sur la "Littérature et les Relations Internationales." D'une façon très vivifiante l'éminent conférencier démontra ce que les écoles, la presse, les sociétés et enfin la littérature pouvaient faire pour favoriser l'amélioration des rapports entre Nations.

En présence de la crise actuelle, le sujet n'aurait pu être mieux choisi et la visite de Monsieur E. Cammaerts laissera le souvenir d'une soirée agréable et instructive.

SWISS BANK FOOTBALL CLUB.

SWISS BANK 2nd XI v. OLD PARKONIANS.

This fixture was played on the Bank's ground at Preston Road under ideal weather conditions. The Bank lost the toss and kicked off, but soon found that the opposition was not to be trifled with. Old Parkonians rallied, and the home goal was soon in danger, Floyd being forced to concede a corner, which, however, went behind. The Bank returned to the attack, and Dr. Rufer put them one goal up. However, Old Parkonians soon equalised, and half-time arrived with the score standing at 1 all. Twelve minutes after resumption of play, Way, in characteristic style, managed to get through on his own and registered goal No. 2. This, however, only served to stiffen the opponents, who then slightly rearranged their team. They maintained a steady pressure for some time, and a couple of corners in quick succession caused some exciting moments in front of the home goal. Then Herzog got his foot in the way of a shot and had the chagrin of seeing the ball travel through his own goal, well out of Floyd's reach. Steiner managed to score the third goal in the last few moments before the final whistle went, thus bringing to an end a very pleasant and evenly contested game.

Result: Swiss Bank 3, Old Parkonians 2.

Swiss Bank team: Floyd; Schwendener, Zurlinden; Herzog; Way, Casle; Kurz, Steiner, Dr. Rufer, Picard, G. Weber.

SWISS BANK 3rd XI v. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

The 3rd XI played their return match at Preston Road on March 18th. The Swiss won the toss and played with a strong wind behind them. The Bank made several attacks, but owing to the opponents' very strong defence were unable to score. At half-time neither side had scored. After the restart the Customs played very desperately, and after ten minutes scored with a very hard shot. Our defence worked very hard, but again their forwards proved the better shots near goal and scored a second time. The Swiss now did most of the attacking and about five minutes before the end Howell, the inside left, scored for the Bank with a well-placed shot. Customs won on their merits, and but for the display of Grob, the Bank's goalie the score might have been heavier.

Result: Customs and Excise 2, Swiss Bank 1.

Swiss Bank team: Grob; Luscher, Peter; Hillebrandt, Bonjour, Gerber; Schaub, Howell, Lichtensteiger, Wyss Gautschi.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY FOOTBALL CLUB

S.M.S. 1st XI (RED) v. S.M.S. 2nd XI (WHITE).

The two teams had a keen and evenly contested game last Saturday on their ground at Perivale which was thoroughly enjoyed by all players. Unfortunately, neither team was at full strength, the Reds being without five of their "regulars," taking the field with 10 men only, and the Whites were weakened by the unavoidable absence of their useful centre forward.

Play started at a brisk pace, and soon the Reds made a dangerous raid on Stauffer's goal, who, in order to save a low shot by Meyer, dived headlong only to concede a corner, which was beautifully placed by Schoenholzer and neatly headed and netted by Kent. After this early reverse, but nothing daunted, the Whites settled down to serious work, and it was soon apparent that the Reds were not going to have it all their own way. The equaliser came quickly from a corner kick by Haag, the ball glancing off Senn's fists into the net. After 20 minutes' play Merkli, scoring with a fast shot from four yards' range, gave the Whites the lead, which was, however, not maintained for long, Blanc making the score even once again. Half-time arrived with the Whites leading 3—2. Merkli again having been responsible for this.

After change of ends play restarted with renewed energy on both sides, the Whites having the better of the exchanges for some time and were ever threatening, but the Reds in turn, to avoid defeat, made strenuous efforts and pressed hard to get on terms. The good defence of both sides, however, prevailed, and it was only close on time that a penalty for an unfortunate "hands" brought the teams level again. The result 3—3, was a fitting finish to a match of very keen and sporty rivalry.

Reds: Senn; Schoenholzer, Gerber; Jacot, Kent, Weibel; Chappuis, Blanc, Meyer, Wyss.

Whites: Stauffer; Keller, Heizmann; Zimmermann, Bachofen, Bollag; Tschuy, Read, Merkli, Merminod, Haag.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont informés que

L'Assemblée Générale Annuelle

aura lieu le MARDI 4 AVRIL, au restaurant Gatti, et sera précédée d'un souper familial à 6.30 heures (sh. 5/6 par couvert).

Cet avis, en raison des décisions prises lors de la dernière assemblée remplace les circulaires de convocation, et tous ceux désirant participer à cette réunion sont invités à s'annoncer en temps utile au Trésorier, M. G. Dimier, 46, Cannon Street, E.C.4 (Téléphone: Central 1321).

Ordre du Jour.

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