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multiplication of Juvenile Red Cross Societies. By concentration upon these three branches, the League will address itself to the preservation of public health, a field which the experience, gathered in and since the war, has shown that Red Cross aspirations may profitably be called on to cover at present.

The League of Red Cross Societies, which was at first a creation of the victorious Powers and their associates in the last war, will henceforth assume the characteristics of internationality and universality, and perhaps become a candidate for neutralisation under the League of Nations. The transfer of its seat from neutral Switzerland to Paris goes hand in hand with an invitation to join, addressed to the German Red Cross. Hungary has done so already. The obstacles which hitherto prevented the League of Red Cross Societies from enjoying cognizance by the *Comité international de Genève* as its genuine offspring are partly removed in that way. But the difference subsists that, while the Geneva committee is autonomous, the League is organised on the basis of representation on federal lines. No surer evidence could be given that the animus of war is gradually abating.

The General Council, the Medical Advisory Board and the Council of Governors have now retired from the scene, leaving to the secretariat the elaboration of their future tasks. The impression which those parleyings, the spirit shown, and the decisions taken have left with onlookers and debaters alike, justifies one in staking the highest hopes upon the new period of life which the secretariat of the League is entering with its staff of some 60 members, now standing under the general direction of Sir Claude Hill.

It is an aftermath of war—and a most happy one—that there should be made visible on all sides how very great is the increase in influence falling to the lot of Britain and America on the European and near-Asian continent. The leadership of the fresh and buoyant Anglo-Saxon race is vitalising Red Cross initiative everywhere. The American Red Cross is making good, by immense grants of money, material, knowledge and men, the Wilsonian offer to rescue the whole world by non-political, philanthropic and charitable effort. The League of Red Cross Societies was financed hitherto almost exclusively by American grants, and these have been extended over a period of another two years, so as to cover the second experimental stage in the history of the League—namely, that to be entered upon forthwith in Paris by the secretarial staff for the overtaking of its world-wide and benevolent work.

THE UNION HELVETIA.

A Benefit Concert for various hospitals, to be held at the Club, has been arranged by the Administrative Committee of the Union Helvetia for Sunday, 30th April, 1922, at 3.30 p.m. A special programme has been arranged, to be followed by a Ball at 8 p.m. with select music and a Jazz Band. Entrance fee, 2s. for Concert and 2s. for Ball.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Swiss Travel Almanac—Summer 1922, edited by the Swiss Tourist Information Office.—Many new features have been added to the present issue, thus making it an indispensable book of reference. Apart from statistical information a long list of forthcoming events sets out the attractions in the different fields of sport, such as golf, lawn tennis, hockey, swimming, wrestling and athletics. Lavishly illustrated, the almanac contains original articles by distinguished English and Swiss writers.

The World's Health, published at Geneva by the League of Red Cross Societies, gives in its March number the origin, growth and programme of the Polish Red Cross. An interesting article entitled "The House Which Kills" deals with the unhygienic conditions of both old and modern dwellings; the writer says: "Economy in housing reform is, even at the present time, false economy. . . ." "Bad housing is quite literally responsible for several

"million deaths a year; it kills by overcrowding, which facilitates contagion and spreads disease; it kills by degradation, both physical and moral; it is an ever present enemy, and, both in country and town, has resisted successfully the assaults of preventive medicine all over the world."

Schweizer Mustermesse, Basle.—The third number of the official bulletin contains the programme of the meetings and demonstrations which take place from April 22nd to April 30th, as also particulars of the theatre and other entertainments which have been specially arranged.

The Anglo-Swiss Review for April is full of instructive articles. The editor comments on the surprising divergence of opinion exhibited in the many letters published in the English press from medical experts on the subject of the treatment of tuberculosis under Alpine conditions as compared with British sanatorium treatment.—The fact that English shilling magazines cannot be obtained in Switzerland at a lower figure than Fr. 2.25 comes in for severe criticism.—Special articles deal with tuberculosis and the Montana health station; the removal from Geneva to Paris of the headquarters of the Red Cross League (not to be confounded with the International Red Cross Committee); the military neutrality of Savoy; ski-ing in the High Alps (continued from previous numbers), etc.

SWISS BANK FOOTBALL CLUB.

SWISS BANK 2nd XI v. OLD HABERDASHERS.

This match was played on Saturday, April 8th, at Preston Road and resulted in a win for the Haberdashers by 5 goals to 2. The first half was slightly in favour of the Swiss Bank, who scored after 15 minutes and added another goal 10 minutes later. In a rally the Haberdashers scored a good goal just before the interval. On resumption, the Haberdashers attacked very fiercely and soon got on level terms. The Swiss Bank were very unfortunate in having their inside left injured; he resumed at outside left, but was a passenger for the rest of the game. The Haberdashers had most of the play after this and scored three more goals. The Swiss Bank had several scoring chances, but failed to add to their score. The final whistle went, with the Swiss Bank attacking. The game throughout was played in a fine sporting spirit and very clean.

Swiss Bank team: Floyd; Schwendener, Kronauer; Lloyd. Steiner (capt.), Lichtensteiger; Quaipe. G. Weber, Sherlock. Smith, Picard.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini entertained at dinner, on April 12th, Countess Hochberg, Lord and Lady Askwith, Admiral the Hon. Victor Stanley and Mrs. Stanley, Lady Lister-Kaye, Lieutenant-General Sir John Hanbury-Williams, Lieutenant-General Sir Cecil Lowther, M.P., and Lady Lowther, Colonel Burn, M.P., and the Hon. Mrs. Burn, Colonel Geoffrey Glyn, Mlle. de Pourtalès, Mr. and Mrs. Fortescue, Captain Part, Major de Watteville.

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The Secretary of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, Dr. P. Lang, is at present in Rome and will return to London on May 2nd.

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We gather from the *Hull Daily Mail* of April 4th:—

The Hull Cercle Français held an informal gathering at Jefferson's Café on Monday afternoon, the occasion being a presentation to Dr. W. Thévenaz, Swiss Consul at Hull, and an active member of the Cercle Français, on his recent marriage with Miss Wilson.

Among those present were the president (Mr. R. S. Cathelin) and Madame Cathelin, Mr. T. E. Cassels (hon.

secretary), M. Arriger (deputy-Swiss Consul), Mr. D. M. Crickmay, and Mr. G. H. Sowards.

Dr. and Mrs. Thévenaz were the recipients of a solid silver three-stemmed flower vase, suitably inscribed in French. M. Cathelin made the presentation in the absence of Mr. Law, the Hull French Consul, who was away, on consular business, and mentioned that Dr. Thévenaz had been a member of the Cercle for 20 years, and had been in office most of that time.

Dr. Thévenaz suitably responded.

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