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SWISS GYMNASTIC SOCIETY.

At the Wrestling Competition at the Holborn Stadium Club on Tuesday, 17th November, the S.G.S.L. was represented by two of its members, both winning the first prize in their respective competitions:—

G. Estelles the English Heavy-weight Amateur Wrestling Championship, and
F. G. Rohner the first prize of the 10 st. 8 lbs. Novices Competition,

the latter easily beating all his opponents.

The Society has now two English Championship holders for 1925, viz. G. Estelles and W. Schneeberger, amongst its members, and hopes to have more by the end of the year.

SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society was held on Saturday, the 21st November, at the Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

The Chairman, Mr. F. Eggenberger, in opening the meeting, passed a short review of the Society's activities during the past year. He expressed his satisfaction, from an artistic point of view, with the progress which the Society had made. The Choir had given, during the period under review, the Annual Concert at St. George's Hall. Furthermore, they had assisted at the following functions: Charity Concert at the Caxton Hall, organised by the N.S.H.; Charity Concert at the Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

To his regret he was, however, compelled to say anew that the support from the Swiss Colony which was so essential to the welfare of the Swiss Choral Society and would, no doubt, encourage to further good work, was still very unsatisfactory. The Concert at St. George's Hall, for instance, would have deserved a much better patronage than was actually the case. What the Choir really wanted was a sure and certain support in the form of passive memberships on which they could count for financial help. The Society had worked hard for that aim, but, so far, the response to their repeated appeals had been too small to be of great utility. As the annual contribution for passive members was 8s. only, the Chairman thought that amount would be within the means of every and all Swiss in the colony. Once they could reckon with a steady support from that source, nothing could prevent the further progress of the Society.

Another difficulty which the Choir had encountered in the past was the enrolment of an increased number of active members; tenors especially were badly wanted. Considering the fact that the Swiss people were generally very fond of good folk songs, one would be inclined to think that it would not be difficult to draw a sufficient number of singers from the Swiss Colony. Unfortunately, this had not been the case, and the Chairman once more extended a special appeal to all members of the Swiss Colony who are fond of our Swiss folk songs to join the ranks of the Swiss Choral Society.

In concluding his report, the Chairman expressed the hope that in future it should not be necessary for him to make any more complaints of that nature, and that a larger circle of the colony would recognise the good services which the Swiss Choral Society had rendered, in the past, in the cause of Charity, and accordingly would give its support.

The Committee for the forthcoming business year was constituted as follows:—President, F. Eggenberger; Vice-President, J. Manzoni; Hon. Secretary, E. Bommer; Hon. Asst. Sec., E. Weber; Hon. Treasurer, E. Ritzmann; Hon. Asst. Treas., W. Fischer; Hon. Storekeeper, O. Michel; Associate, E. Broglie. E. B.

SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.

I had a most pleasant surprise when visiting the Union Helvetia Club, on Sunday last, to find that the Swiss Choral Society were entertaining the members and friends of that Club by rendering a few of their songs, given by the well-trained full choir and the double-quartette.

Everyone present seemed to thoroughly enjoy the effort of the choir to give of their best, and the enjoyment was complete when their conductor, Mr. Gaillard, obliged a delightful audience by singing the Prologue from Pagliacci, followed by C. Rosa's Vado ben spesso. Mr. Gaillard was wonderful and rightly evoked great enthusiasm on the part of his audience.

I had a chat with the re-elected president of the choir, Mr. Eggenberger, whose choir well deserves the support of the Swiss Colony at large, and he explained to me his committee's difficulties in persuading a larger number of members of the Swiss Colony to join the ranks of our co-patriot singers.

I am undoubtedly only one of many who adhere to the idea of the Swiss Colony being incomplete without having in our midst a flourishing "Männerchor," and I take this opportunity of giving expression to my hope that many more of my countrymen may join the Swiss Choral Society as active members.

An Old Member of the Swiss Colony.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

En raison du deuil national, le Comité a décidé de renvoyer au Vendredi, 4 Décembre prochain, le Banquet Annuel suivi d'un Bal, qui devait avoir lieu le 27 courant.

Les arrangements prévus restent les mêmes. L'Assemblée mensuelle aura lieu comme de coutume au local du Club, mardi 1er Décembre, et les membres sont avisés que le souper sera servi à 7 heures très précises, étant donné que le Comité doit avoir une séance après l'Assemblée pour terminer les arrangements du Banquet Annuel.

PERSONAL.

Monsieur Emile Stutz, Secretary of the Swiss Legation in London, has been appointed to a similar position at the Paris Legation; Monsieur Gaston Jaccard, from Ste. Croix and at present at the Swiss Legation in Belgrade, will take his place. The departure from London of Monsieur Stutz, who during his seven years' stay has endeared himself to a large circle of friends, will be sincerely regretted in our Colony.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of *The Swiss Observer*.

Sir,—It did not surprise me at all to see how Mr. G. Cusi viewed your innocent paragraph of the 14th inst., under "Home News," from the narrow-minded standpoint of political partisanship, but frankly I would have expected better, even of him. Most Ticinesi are no doubt glad that the S.O. contains, from time to time, jottings of events in the Ticino, and even the staunch Catholic-Conservatives could have found no fault with the paragraph in question, as it merely reported the facts as they stood at the time. The bulk of your readers will have been able to gather from the second part of his letter that he does not see events in their true perspective and even does not take a set-back to his pet political organ with the tolerance of a man of the 20th century.

The true inwardness of his letter is, that he is apparently lacking in consideration for the spirit which prevails among the Ticinesi in London, where advanced Radicals and Clerical-Conservatives meet and discuss and work for the common good, without political allegiance causing the least ripple on the smooth surface. We do not want the political feuds of our Canton, which are now generations old, to filter through here, as these were eradicated from the Ticinese Colony in London many years ago. Yours faithfully, W. NOTARI.

GOTTFRIED LUTHY †.

In the name of all the relations of our late husband, father, son and brother, I wish to tender sincerest thanks for the many tokens of sympathy shown by his friends and the various Swiss Clubs and Societies in London. OTTO LUTHY.

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CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que la prochaine

Assemblée Mensuelle

aura lieu le MARDI, 1 DECEMBRE au Restaurant PAGANI, 42, Gt. Portland Street, W.1 et sera précédée d'un souper à 7 h. (prix 5/6).

Pour faciliter les arrangements, le Comité recommande aux participants de s'annoncer au plus tôt à M. P. F. Boehringer, 25, Leonard St. E.C.2. (Téléphone: Clerkenwell 9595).

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Dimanche, 29 Nov., 11h.—M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme. "Qui nous fera voir le bonheur"—1er sermon d'Advent.
6.30.—Philippiens 1, 27—30.

MARIAGE.

Willy SCHINDLER, de Mollis (Glaris), et Dorly STRAUB, d'Amriswil (Thurgovie)—le 22 Nov. 1925.

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SCHWEIZERKIRCHE

(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

Sonntag, 29. November: 1. Advent.
11 Uhr vorm.—Gottesdienst—Kirchenmusik.
6.30 abends.—Gesangsgottesdienst.

Samstag, 28. Nov., um 5.30 abends.—Familienabend und Thee. 7 Uhr: Vortrag über "Einiges über den Islam."

Dienstag, 1. Dez.—Nähverein im Foyer Suisse.

Mittwoch, 2. Dez.—"Schwyzerchränzli": Die Entstehung des Liedes "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht."

Sprechstunden: Dienstag, 12—1, St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

Mittwoch, 12—2, Foyer Suisse, 12, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1 (am Wohnort des Pfarrers). Pfr. C. Th. Hahn.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sunday, Nov. 29th, at 3.15.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Concert at St. Marylebone Hall, 181, Marylebone Road, N.W.1. (See adv.)

Tuesday, Dec. 1st, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at Pagani's Restaurant, W.1.

Thursday, Dec. 3rd, at 8 p.m.—NOUV. SOC. HELVETIQUE: Causerie by Dr. C. Rezzonico, entitled "De la Nationalité Suisse," at the Secretariat, 28, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.

Friday, Dec. 4th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual Banquet and Ball at the Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, W.C. (Postponed from Nov. 27th.)

Friday, Dec. 4th, at 8.30.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture by J. Englehart Wear, Esq., assisted by Victor Nicholls, Esq., entitled "An Evening, Grave and Gay," at 28, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.

Saturday, Dec. 5th, at 6.30.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.

Sunday, Dec. 6th, at 3 p.m.—SWISS GYMNASTIC SOCIETY: Gymnastic Display at No. 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Wednesday, Dec. 9th.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOC.: Monthly Meeting at No. 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Saturday, Jan. 2nd, at 6.30.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Fancy Dress Ball at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.

SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.—Rehearsals every Friday evening. Every Swiss heartily invited to attend. Particulars from the Hon. Secretary at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.