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SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The first annual general meeting of the S.R.A. took place on Friday, February 27th, at No. 1, Gerrard Place, W.1, about 30 members attending.

The President, Mr. G. E. DeBrunner, read out an interesting report which he had prepared, and which dealt with the development and activities of the Association during the first year of its existence. He expressed thanks to the members of the two committees, who, by their disinterested work and devotion, had made it possible to successfully carry out the heavy programme entailed in arranging and supervising shooting practice on our range at Hendon. The accounts presented by Mr. F. H. Rohr, the Hon. Treasurer, were passed without any discussion. They show that the whole of the expenditure of over £300, necessitated by the installation on the Hendon ground, had been met and paid from members' subscriptions and the profit realised from the sale of ammunition and refreshments. The financial year closes with a small debit balance of £11 Os. 1d.

During the elections of a new Committee, Dr. P. de Wolff, at the suggestion of the retiring president, occupied the Chair. With one or two exceptions, the whole Committee was re-elected; in place of Mr. P. F. Boehringer, who was unable to continue his secretaryship, Mr. G. Burger took on this important office. His place as a vice-president was filled by Mr. P. de Vincent, as a compliment to the strong contingent of Ticinesi who joined the ranks of the S.R.A. The election of range officers presented some difficulties, two of the old members, who had rendered great services, declining to serve any more in that capacity. It was not quite clear on what grounds they objected, but it seems to us that the duties devolving upon these important officials are not fully appreciated. Their attendance on the ground every Saturday and Sunday is absolutely essential, and a tremendous amount of time has been sacrificed by some of them, during week-days as well, in repairing the installation and keeping it fool-proof. They are the ones who have to do what is commonly called the "dirty work," whilst the credit is reaped in another quarter, and on the spirit in which they tackle their important task depends the success of the shooting sport, which is fraught with a good many dangers.

The terms of the tenancy under which the range is held at Hendon gave rise to a lengthy, and at times heated, discussion. In view of the heavy capital expenditure which is still necessary, the Committee endeavoured to obtain a lease, but the rental suggested is about three times what is being paid at present under a yearly tenancy agreement. To most of the members the figure seemed excessive and beyond the means and income which could be reckoned upon under present conditions. A few were inclined to be ultra-optimistic and condemned a short-sighted hand-to-mouth policy. The members, however, decided to go slowly and not enter into heavy commitments. The ground has been secured for two more years at an increased rent, and it was decided to remain satisfied with the upkeep of the present installation, adding four movable card targets to the 100-metre range. The future of the S.R.A. is, of course, a matter of finance, and it must be gratifying for the Committee to know that the necessary financial support can be found amongst the members. The shooting range at Hendon cannot compare yet with any of our grounds in Switzerland, and the sooner we can approach our ideals, the greater will be the chance of securing outside support, perhaps from some of our home authorities. It is for this reason that we should have liked to see some test made of the statements regarding the readiness of the members to raise about £300 forthwith before deciding on the policy to be followed in the immediate future.

Fonds G. Dimier and the City Swiss Club.

At its recent monthly meeting the City Swiss Club decided to contribute a sum of 100 guineas to the "Fonds G. Dimier." This Fund has been created by the Swiss Benevolent Society of London, following the generous gift made in his will by the late Georges Dimier to this Society. By this contribution the members of the above Club have given a renewed and tangible proof of the interest they take in the work of the Swiss Benevolent Society for our compatriots in need.

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Requests for Pastor's visits, Baptisms, Weddings, etc., can be made on Sunday morning after the service, or to the Treasurer, C. Bertschinger, 114, Fore St., London, E.C.2.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, March 7th, at 6.30.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.

Tuesday, March 10th, at 8 p.m.—Delegates Meeting of the SWISS SPORTS at the "Schweizerbund," 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Friday, March 13th, at 8 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture by Henry Stone, Esq., on "Some Leading Ideas in Shaw's 'Back to Methuselah,'" at 28, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.

Saturday, March 14, at 5.30 p.m.—SWISS Y.M.C.A.: Lecture on "Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi," preceded by a Tea, at the "Foyer Suisse," 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1.

Tuesday, March 17th.—UNIONE TICINESE: Annual Banquet, Ball and Cabaret at Monico's Restaurant.

Saturday, March 21, at 6.30.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Cinderella Dance at Gatti's Restaurant, 436, Strand, W.C.

Saturday, March 21st, at 8.15.—SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY: Grand Annual Concert at King George's Hall, Y.M.C.A., Caroline Street, W.C.2.

Thursday, March 26, at 8 p.m.—SCHWEIZERBUND: Annual Dinner and Ball at 74, Charlotte St., W.1.

Friday, March 27, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture by Lieut.-Col. J. Atkinson, D.S.O., O.B.E., on "The Humours of the Great War," at 28, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.

Saturday, Apr. 4.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Annual Banquet at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.

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