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COMPLETION OF THE AMALGAMATION OF THE SICK SOCIETY "SCHWEIZERBUND" WITH THE SECOURS MUTUELS DES SUISSES A LONDRES.

Undoubtedly, one of the most historic meetings, that will be long remembered in the history of the Society, took place on Saturday, the 7th of February, 1942, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1, the premises of the Swiss Club "Schweizerbund." Many years have passed, since an ordinary monthly meeting was attended with such enthusiasm, this being due to the explanation given to the Colony, in one of the recent issues of this paper.

The dissolution of the sixty year old Sick Society "Schweizerbund" was carried through at the unanimous request of its existing members, as new and young members were not forthcoming, which was undoubtedly due to existing conditions. Meanwhile this dissolution has been completed and the late members of the S.S.S., who were not already members of the S.M., were accepted en bloc in the latter named Society at the beginning of this year. It is needless to go into details, but it can be said, that the acceptance was a unanimous and complete success on the part of both Societies.

The February meeting was the first opportunity for the newly joined members to be officially introduced. The meeting was opened as usual by the President sharp at 3 p.m. in the presence of about thirty members. Attention was paid to the regular business matters and to the members greatest surprise, the President announced that a certain "Wellwisher" of the Society had made a considerable contribution to our funds, which was gratefully accepted by all, especially by the Treasurer, Mr. A. C. Kunzli, to whom the donation came as a windfall.

It is believed, that quite a number of our compatriots do not yet know the purpose of the S.M. and here it must be mentioned that this Society is the oldest in the Swiss Colony, having been founded about 240 years ago. Their membership has now been increased to 117.

Mr. E. A. Nussle, the Secretary of the former S.S.S. introduced the new members individually. The President, Mr. C. Campart and the Vice-President, Mr. A. Martin, in the name of the Society, greeted the new members and in thanking the originators, especially Mr. Hagenbuch, of the idea in collaborating with the S.M., he expressed the hope that the new members would be very active for the Society, its work being no doubt something quite new to them. They would also find a fine comradeship existing among the members.

It was also mentioned, that the many members who are serving with the forces, have all written their thanks for the Society's Christmas parcels, which seem to have been very welcome, thanks for which go to the hard-working Secretary, Mr. W. B. Kilchenmann. The various letters were put at the disposal of the members, as due to lack of time they could not all be read out.

Afterwards, refreshments were served and our member Mr. A. J. Gandon entertained the party with his Accordeon. Many patriotic Swiss songs gave the meeting a happy and memorable ending.

The Society has still ample room for many more members and it is up to all our "Wellwishers" who have passed the age limit, to ask their sons and friends in the Colony to join us. The Committee is gladly at the disposal of anyone who would like to have particulars. Apply to 74, Charlotte Street, London, W.1.

H. HUMBEL.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

The monthly Meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on Saturday, February 7th, at Brown's Hotel.

A large number of members and guests attended the Luncheon and Meeting, amongst them the Swiss Minister, Monsieur W. Thurnheer.

On the conclusion of the official part of the Meeting, the President, M. Louis Chapuis, extended heartiest congratulations to Major Schlegel, Military Attaché at the Swiss Legation on his recent promotion.

Major Schlegel gave the gathering a very interesting exposé of his recent journey to Switzerland and of the conditions prevailing in our home-land.

Meeting closed at 4 p.m.

Our next issue will appear on March 28th.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, March 7th, 1942, at 1 o'clock — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting — at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. (See Advert.).

Saturday, March 14th, 1942, at 2.30 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Saturday, March 21st, 1942, at 2 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting, to be followed by Mr. Keller's "Comments on Current Events," at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

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