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CITY SWISS CLUB.**Monthly Meeting.**

The Monthly Meeting of the City Swiss Club was held on Wednesday, January 10th, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1., and was preceded by a dinner, which was attended by 105 members and friends.

The President, Mr. A. Bon, opened the Meeting by welcoming the guest of honour, Sir William Jowitt, P.C., K.C., Minister of National Insurance, expressing to him the appreciation of the members for having kindly consented to address the Meeting. He also extended a hearty welcome to Monsieur Ruegger, the Swiss Minister and the other guests present.

Sir William in his introduction paid a warm tribute to our country for its humanitarian work, saying that Switzerland will, at the conclusion of this war, occupy a high place in the Roll of Honour, a remark which was highly appreciated, coming, as it did, from one of H.M.'s Ministers.

The speaker then gave a concise and most interesting *exposé* in relation to the Government's plans for National Insurance, based on the Beveridge report. It is to be regretted, that certain rulings do not allow me to report fully on this vast and important subject, which will come before parliament in the near future.

Sir William received a hearty ovation on concluding his address, which was followed by a keen discussion in which Messrs. Ritter, Baume, Jobin, Bircher, Boos and Egli took part.

Monsieur Ruegger, the Swiss Minister, expressed his appreciation to the speaker for the masterful way in which he spoke on a subject of world wide interest, acquainting him with some of the steps which the federal and cantonal authorities in Switzerland have undertaken, both in the past and present, in the sphere of National Insurance.

The President associated himself with the words spoken by the Minister, expressing, at the same time his admiration for the present head of H.M.'s Government, and for the great efforts made, especially in the realm of social insurance, in this country.

Before closing the Meeting, Mr. Bon informed the members of the promotion of Dr. Kessler and M. Aubaret to first Secretaries of Legation and M. Hunziker to second Secretary of Legation, extending to them, on behalf of the members, his sincere congratulations.

Close of the Meeting 9 p.m.

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SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Swiss Benevolent Society, jointly with the Swiss Church, was again able to make a goodly number of Christmas Parcels for our less fortunate compatriots, quite irrespective of their creed or language. Thanks to clothing received from various sources and a large number of new undergarments, supplied and made by the Sewing Meetings of the Swiss Church and by the Schwyzerchränzli, really fine and useful presents could be made. As records of the measurements of the various members of each family are kept, garments were suitably allotted. Groceries, some bought, others presented by Messrs. O. Bartholdi, Hayes Cocoa Co. Ltd., Marber & Co., L. Schobinger and A. Wander Ltd., helped to make the parcels still more festive.

Hearty thanks are due to all who so generously contributed to this work and particularly to the kind helpers who made and packed the parcels, namely Mesdames E. Bachofen, E. Chabloz, E. S. Favre, G. Jenne, G. Keller and T. Ritter.

The Swiss Benevolent Society's Annual Meeting will be held on February 24th, at 4 p.m. followed by a simple meal to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Society and the 40 year Jubilee of the Secretary. Committee Members will be convened. Subscribers and friends are welcome and can obtain particulars from 31, Conway Street, W.1.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

We hope to go to press again on February 23rd, and we take this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging the many expressions of goodwill and support so lavishly bestowed upon the Editor during the festive season. Moreover we are indebted to the following subscribers who have added substantial amounts to their ordinary subscription rates:

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