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EGLISE SUISSE.

79, Endell Street, W.C.2.

25 Mars 11h.—Service du Vendredi Saint
—M. Hoffmann-de Visme.27 Mars 11h. & 6.30.—Jour de Pâques.
—M. Hoffmann-de Visme.— Cultes de Cène, en français, matin
et soir.

3 Avril, 11h.—M. Boissonnas.

— 6.30.—Gottesdienst in "Schwyzer-
dötsch."—M. Bertschinger.

NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE.

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL,
MARCH 16TH.1. Four candidates are admitted
notice is taken of one resignation.2. A Press Commission is to be
appointed. The Secretary is charged
with inviting Swiss journalists resident
in London to a constitutional meeting.3. Resolved: All communications to
members, issued by the London Group,
shall henceforth be published in English.4. Mr. de Traz reports on the
question of the vote by Swiss citizens
living abroad. The Council requests him
to press the C.C. to continue the study of
the question.5. Mr. de Traz reports on the recent
activity of the C.C.: Reconstruction of
the Ticino Group, question of the re-
cruiting-examinations, affair Moersen,
question of water-ways and its submis-
sion to a Court of Arbitration, problem of
naturalisation.6. Mr. Sécrétan is elected delegate
to the Comité de la Fête Suisse.7. Resolved: The Council will take
notice of such proposals only as are
forwarded to the Committee in writing.GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 18TH,
STEINWAY HALL.

Mr. Robert de Traz, Chef du Secré-
tariat des Suisses à l'Étranger, gave a
substantial lecture on "Les activités du
Secrétaire des Suisses à l'Étranger." The
Secretariat is actually corresponding with
35 foreign groups; their number has
more than tripled within the past
eighteen months. They are, of course,
very different in size and resources, but
all are animated by the same ardent zeal,
the group of Beira with its 15 members,
of whom 8 belong to the Committee,
not less than the very rich group of
Alexandria. The interesting lecture
brought about an exhaustive discussion.
The lecturer did his best to answer
the manifold questions. Everybody felt
extremely satisfied with the meeting.

On March 17th Mr. de Traz delivered
at East End College a lecture, which
he will repeat at University College on
March 22nd, on "Le Rôle des Petites
Nations." He endeavoured to make
clear to the English public that small
nations, though they may be treated
nowadays too often as "quantité négligeable," especially on account of their in-

significant military or economic power,
none the less have many achievements
to their credit in the realms of Culture.
Aeschylus, Dante, Michel Angelo, Rubens,
Rousseau and Spitteler were citizens
of small nations, and Nietzsche, son
of a big nation, found a haven in a
small one, and created there his wonder-
ful works, a proof that these surround-
ings were at least not fatal for his
genius. But still greater are the merits
of small nations in the promotion of
humanitarian matters. The International
Court of Arbitration is located in a
small country; the Red Cross is a crea-
tion of a small nation. Mr. de Traz's
lecture aroused great interest at East
London College, where Mrs. Perry wel-
comed our guest and Sir Sidney Lee
was in the Chair.

Dr. PAUL LANG,
Secretary.SMOKING CONCERT OF THE
SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The social gatherings, organised by
the S.M.S., maintain their old reputa-
tion as extremely enjoyable functions,
always marked by a spirit of good com-
radeship and the zest with which all
present take part in the programme.

The Smoking Concert held on Wed-
nesday, 16th inst., in the large hall
at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1, was a com-
plete success. The Committee of the
S.M.S. had provided the maximum of
entertainment of a simple and national
character to the members, friends and
sympathisers, of which about 120 were
present. Our Minister, M. Ch. R. Para-
vicini, was among the guests, as well
as the following gentlemen: Col. Eug.
Borel, President of the Mixed Arbitral
Tribunals, Mr. A. Palliser, formerly Di-
rector of the London office of the S.S.S.,
Mr. H. Martin, Attaché Commercial,
Messrs. Geo. Dimier, Ch. A. Barbezat,
Alex. Baume, F. Haegler, A. Duruz,
J. Schad, F. Zogg, J. G. Hasler, J. C.
Rathgeb, W. Tanner.

On the top table, in front of the
President, Mr. Ern. Werner, was a huge
basket of red and white flowers, to
symbolise the national colours of Swit-
zerland. When everyone had enjoyed
a splendid supper, Mr. Werner welcomed
the guests, and pointed out the vital
importance of our diplomatic repres-
entation in Great Britain, and that the
welfare of our country depended now
at least as much on London as on Paris
and Rome, which seats of Legations
were considered to be of utmost im-
portance in pre-war days. "Every Swiss
abroad," he said, "even the youngest
and humblest, is a kind of representa-
tive of his country, who in his sphere
of activity, whatever it may be, can
assist, or do harm, to our cause. He
can, even in his small circle, through
his personal conduct in this hospitable
country, either facilitate, or render more
difficult, the strenuous task of our Mi-
nister and of the gentlemen who assist
him." Mr. J. Pfaendler then proposed
a toast to Switzerland, the country of
our constant thoughts. Our Minister,
M. Ch. R. Paravicini, expressed his re-
grets for not having been able to attend
the Dinner arranged in his honour by
the S.M.S. a few months ago, as an

important engagement had prevented his
presence on that occasion. It was a
special pleasure for him to state that
he had attended the functions of the
S.M.S. as long as a generation ago, as
an official of the Swiss Legation in Great
Britain, and that he was proud now in
his capacity of Minister to be again
amongst the members of this very pros-
perous and active Society. Other very
splendid speeches were delivered by Col.
Borel, Mr. A. Palliser and Mr. H.
Martin. The latter praised the Com-
mittee, particularly Mr. F. Eggenberger,
Chef de Cours, on their record success
this year in organising and carrying out
classes for 200 pupils for English,
French, Spanish, Italian and Russian.
Later in the evening a dear old friend
of the S.M.S., Mr. Geo. Dimier, ad-
dressed to his countrymen a few words
on his recent sporting holiday in the
beautiful Engadine. All the speeches
were of a very appreciative fervour, and
were received with enthusiastic accla-
mations by all.

The musical part of the evening was
also a real treat indeed, and a full
success. The principal organiser, Mr.
C. Kiefer, had secured great talents
amongst the Swiss Colony in London
to play and sing on this occasion, and
his own "Schnitzelbank" proved that he
is a perfect entertainer as well as a
most appreciable member of the S.M.S.
The playing of Mr. Raym. Chappuis of
"Marche des vieux Camarades" and
"Campane a Sera" was received with
great ovation. Mr. A. Pressia, with
his violin, delighted the audience, as
everyone had to admit he is a very
gifted youth. Mlle. Chevallay was in
splendid form. Her mezzo-soprano was
heard to great effect, and received well
merited encores. An item that caused
much pleasure was the "Jodeling" of
Mr. W. Roos, accompanied on the
"Handorgel" by Mr. Ch. Aeschimann.
The Swiss Choral Society, composed of
members of the "Union Helvetia,"
"Schweizerbund" and the "Swiss Mer-
cantile Society," reflected great credit
on their conductor, Mr. M. Pestou.

At the close of this very pleasant
evening, Mr. E. Werner expressed the
thanks of the S.M.S. to all the artistes
who had so admirably contributed to
the enjoyment of all present, as well
as to Mr. Aug. Wyss for his catering,
which left nothing to be desired. The
evening terminated with the singing of
the National Anthem by the whole
audience.

M. A. B.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Tuesday, April 5th.—CITY SWISS
CLUB.—Annual General Meeting and
Supper at 6.30.

Saturday, April 9th, 6.30 p.m.—Swiss
Mercantile Society.—CINDERELLA at
the Midland Grand Hotel, N.W.1 (post-
poned from March 26th).

Saturday, April 23rd, 7.30 p.m., Annual
Dinner of the Schweizerbund, 74,
Charlotte Street, W.1.