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SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY

We would direct the attention of our readers to the announcement appearing elsewhere in our columns regarding the Grand Evening Concert (Conductor: Mr. L. Pestou) in aid of London Hospitals, to be held in King George's Hall, Tottenham Court Road, W.1, on Friday, the 28th inst., at 7.45 p.m. A most attractive programme has been arranged, which should afford a real treat to all music lovers. The excellence alike of the entertainment and the object to which the proceeds will be devoted should ensure a bumper attendance.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY

The football section of the above Society opened their season on Saturday, October 1st, with a match against the Abercorn Athletic F.C. (Crowe & Co., Ltd.) played on their ground at Perivale.

Soon after the kick-off at 3.25 a goal was scored against the S.M.S. by Cole (centre-forward), captain of the visitors; within five minutes this was equalised from a corner shot. Play went on without much excitement, and although the ball for most of the time tossed in front of the Abercorn goal, the S.M.S. were unable to stop some rushes resulting in two goals being registered by Cole and Palmer (outside right). After the interval the home team showed much better form, two goals being secured in quick succession by Wintsch (inside left) and later on a third one, the ball bouncing off into easy conversion from the head of Wyss (outside left). Just before the finish a corner by Benstead (outside left) brought the two teams even, the final result being a draw, i.e., 4 to 4.

The S.M.S. had some good players in the attack—Ruefli, Wintsch and Wyss—who, however, through the absence of combination, mostly failed to follow up their assault. As the centre-half, Muller managed the ball cleverly, whilst the goal-keeper, Stauffer, stopped several deadly shots. In the second half the Abercorn goal was several times in danger, but by displaying the off-side trick the defenders frustrated the attacks.

Mr. Paschoud acted as referee to the general satisfaction.

SWISS GYMNASTIC AND ATHLETIC SOCIETY WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Swiss Gymnastic Society were deputed this year to make the necessary arrangements for the annual competition for the Amateur Wrestling Championships, and the competition took place on Friday, September 30th, at the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.

We wish to congratulate our compatriots upon the honour of having been chosen by the British Association, as it is the first time that a foreign Society has been invited to undertake this task.

There were many well-known names amongst the competitors, such as R. Jaquenoud (Featherweight Champion 1920), G. Mackenzie (Featherweight Champion 1921), P. Tordera (Holder), T. Davis (Middleweight Champion), and G. Molinaris.

Some very good wrestling took place, and what impressed us most was the fine spirit of real sportsmanship both amongst the competitors and the onlookers. We have seldom met a better behaved audience and there was no party spirit, the best man on either side being heartily cheered.

The referee, Mr. Longhurst, and the judges, Messrs. Wheeldon, Knight, Mason and Maeder, as well as the timekeeper, Mr. Taylor, were fair and square in their decisions.

The Swiss Gymnastic Society, under the very able leadership of Mr. Sermier, may well be proud of their achievements, and we wish them many such days as Sept. 30th. We hope that they may ever maintain that fine spirit of sportsmanship which made it a treat to watch them. The various Press representatives were well looked after by the Secretary, Mr. A. Boog.

After a brief address the President announced the results of the competition.

Heavyweight Championship.

1st prize: T. Davis (Ashdown A.C.)
2nd prize: G.W. Wilson (Ashdown A.C.)

8¹₂st. Championship.

1st prize: P. Tordera (Swiss G.S.)
2nd prize: T. Pierce (Ashdown A.C.)

10¹₂st. Championship.

1st prize: G. Mackenzie (Ashdown A.C.)
2nd prize: G. Molinaris (Swiss G.S.)

9¹₂st. Championship.

1st prize: R. Jaquenoud (Swiss G.S.)
2nd prize: P. Ferrari (Swiss G.S.)

LA NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE

(Communicated.)

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

September 21st, 1921,

at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

1. Four candidates were admitted; notice was taken of one resignation. The Group has lost one member by death.

2. A big scheme has been started in Switzerland to put the activity of the Secrétariat pour les Suisses à l'Etranger on a new financial basis. The initiators expect to raise 100,000 francs.

3. It was agreed that the Secretary should take up relations again with the "Anglo-Swiss Review."

4. Mr. Duruz, manager of the Swiss Federal Railways Agency, gave an extensive report on the Passport and Visa problem, which threw light on the various aspects of this question. After a lively discussion the following resolution was adopted and eventually forwarded to the S.S.E.:—"The Council of the London Group of the N.S.H. expresses its gratification at the intention of the Federal Authorities to abolish the visa of passports for the subjects of certain countries granting reciprocal treatment to Swiss citizens, and trusts that such an arrangement will shortly be concluded between Switzerland and Great Britain. The Council hopes, however, that no complicated system of Cantonal Control necessitating repeated registration of foreign tourists in Switzerland will be substituted for the present Federal control."

5. A Propaganda Committee, con-

sisting of five members, and an Entertainment Committee, consisting of three, was elected. The former will consider ways and means to increase the membership; the latter will arrange an informal dinner for October. Two supplementary members were elected to the Entr'Aide Committee.

6. The Monthly Report of the Treasurer was agreed to.

7. The Secretary gave a preliminary report on the Naturalisation Question. An interesting discussion ensued, which there will be an opportunity to continue after Colonel Borel's lecture to the Group on this subject on November 18.

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LECTURE ON "SOCIAL REFORMS OF RECENT DATE IN SWITZERLAND—ACHIEVEMENTS AND SCHEMES."

September 23rd, 1921,
at the Steinway Hall, W.1.

The subject seemed to evoke interest and caused at any rate some quite important contributions on the part of members present. It was particularly emphasized more than once that the social problems in Switzerland are intimately connected with the foreigners question. A natural link is thus given between this lecture and the one which Professor Borel will give the Group in November, when all the manifold sides of this latter problem will be dealt with. The forthcoming lecture, however, will be of quite a different character. The Rev. Hoffmann-de Visme will reveal to us in a causerie and by means of selected quotations from the "Journal Intime" the strange personality of Henri Frédéric Amiel, the author of "Roulez tambours," whose centenary Switzerland celebrated on September 28th.

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The name of this author and lover of books leads quite naturally to our library. The Secretary wonders whether all the members of the N.S.H. know that we now possess 682 books and pamphlets at the Secrétariat, which he is anxious to circulate amongst the members.

Up to now the Secretary has given three lectures, our pastor will give the next, and a distinguished visitor, Prof. Borel, will give the one in November. And the members? Are there none willing to address the Group on a suitable subject? The Secretary is anxious to have offers of this kind for the remaining monthly meetings of this season.

Dr. P. LANG.

INDUCTION OF PF. WILDBOLZ AT THE SWISS CHURCH.

As had been announced, Pfarrer Ulrich Wildbolz was inducted last Sunday night in his new charge as assistant minister to Rev. Hoffmann-de Visme, to relieve him as far as possible of some of his many duties and at the same time cater more especially for the religious and moral needs of our Alemannic compatriots.

It was an impressive ceremony in its simplicity, and the large audience that gathered that night in our church—so cosy when all lit up—certainly felt the importance of that moment. A strong current of warm sympathy was flowing