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PERSONAL PARS.

We regret to report the death of Mr. E. Huber-Bell, of 136, Warwick Street, W.1, a member of the City Swiss Club since 1918. Mr. Huber had been staying at Ramsgate to regain his health after his having been ailing for some time, when he unexpectedly but peacefully passed away last Tuesday. The interment took place on Thursday, the 1st instant, at the Ramsgate Cemetery.

SWISS SPORTS.

HERNE HILL ATHLETIC GROUNDS.

"The end of a perfect day" was the verdict uttered by a good many as the evening of Saturday, May 27th, drew to a close. This opinion was undoubtedly general among the leisured spectators, the busy officials and, last but not least, the sporting competitors, on whom devolved the duty of interesting and entertaining the representative, though not overcrowded, gathering and incidentally the pleasure of sweeping the table of its load of handsome and valuable prizes.

The donors of these were:—The Swiss Minister, Mr. C. R. Paravicini, who presented the Challenge Cup for the Veterans' Walking Handicap; "The Swiss Observer," Challenge Cup for Tug-of-War; G. Dimier, Esq., Watches and Clocks; A. Barbezat, Esq., Three Cups; H. Hoesli, Esq., Sets of Brushes and Mirrors; C. A. Aeschimann, Esq., Cigarette Holders.

Twenty-seven events were crowded into the afternoon's sport, providing plenty of fun and excitement for the spectators, and though no world's records were broken, it is satisfactory to record that no necks, limbs or bones were broken either, although one competitor in the Sack Race had the misfortune to come a 'bad cropper', needing for some little time the attention of the ever watchful staff of the St. John's Ambulance.

The classical events, such as the 100 and 220 yards flat, the 120 yards hurdles and the 1 mile flat handicap, introduced some new blood which promises well for the future.

The Swiss Bank Tug-of-War "A" team's appetite for Cups is as keen as ever, for they again won in the contest against the Swiss Mercantile Society's team, and are consequently the holders of "The Swiss Observer" Challenge Cup until the next competition comes round again.

There is no doubt that the Swiss Bank "A" team require some "stout" opponents to beat them, particularly if the luck of the toss also favours them and decrees that they shall meet their "relatives," the Swiss Bank "B" team, in the first bout, as was the case this time. However, it is to be hoped that the Swiss Mercantile Society team, who had the beating of the "Schweizerbund" team and then had to meet the Swiss Bank "A" lions of the rope, will continue undauntedly to prepare for the next battle; as far as physique is concerned, there is little to choose between the two teams, and victory in the all-important second round next year should, with diligent training and practice of technique, not lie beyond the reach of the Swiss Mercantile Society team.

Mr. Chas. Mottu secured final possession of the Swiss Minister's Challenge Cup for the Veterans' Walking Handicap, winning this event for the fourth year in succession; the gentleman being in his 76th year, he may well be called "The Grand Old Man" of the Swiss Sports. Mr. Georges Dimier finished a good second, and Mr. F. Riederer third. As usual, this competition attracted keen attention, and hearty applause greeted the victor and the runners-up.

The 1 Mile Relay Race between teams of the Swiss Mercantile Society and the "Schweizerbund" was also keenly contested, resulting in victory for the Swiss Mercantile Society team.

Bumper fields turned out for the Ladies', the Girls' and the Boys' races, and it is a pleasant feature that the juveniles are assembling in greater numbers every year. Perhaps the organising committee will cater a little more lavishly in future for the rising generation—not with regard to prizes, for they are always plentiful and tempting, but by arranging one or two more events for them and by