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sahen sie einander strahlend in die Augen: "Auf morgen denn, Liebste," flüsterte Doctor Keller beim letzten innigen Händedruck.—

Mit einer Unmutfalte auf der Stirne sass die Mutter beim Frühstück, scheinbar in die eingelaufenen Postsachen vertieft.

"Bist du mir böse, Mutter?" fragte Lilly, sie um die Schultern nehmend. "Sieh, dein sogenannter humaner Plan, Schnauzi zu beseitigen, hat mich geradezu empört. 'Der Hund verdient ein besseres Ende,' sagte ich mir, und nachdem ich mir alles gehörig überlegt, habe ich als tapfere Tochter meiner energischen Mutter gehandelt. Der Stein des Anstosses, unser guter Schnauzi, ist aus dem Weg geräumt—statt dessen bringe ich dir aber etwas anderes ins Haus," setzte sie schalkhaft hinzu. "Kannst du wohl erraten, was es ist?"

"Ums Himmelswillen, doch nicht etwa einen neuen Hund?" fiel ihr die Mutter ins Wort.

"Nein, nein, beste Mutter, weit gefehlt"—und ein helles Lachen klingelte durch die Stube—"etwas viel Gewichtigeres: denke dir—einen Schwiegersohn, Doktor Keller, der mich zufällig in meinem Hundeleid antraf, hat um mich angehalten, und ich habe ihm mein Jawort gegeben."

"Auf offener Strasse und ohne Wissen deiner Eltern?" rief Frau Schneider entrüstet.

"O Mutter, habe ich heute nicht den Beweis meiner Reife abgelegt? Nach dieser gut bestandenen Prüfung und auf Grund der modernen Erziehung, die du stets befürwortest, habe ich es freilich gewagt, diesen wichtigen Schritt selbständig und auf eigene Verantwortung zu tun." Und lachend fiel Lilly ihrer bestürzten Mutter um den Hals.

Und so wurde an Schnauzis Todestag der Grund gelegt zu einem schönen, reichen Liebesglück.

LA NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE

Communications of the Secretary.

1. Swiss living in London, who have young relatives bound to do their military duty in the forthcoming recruiting schools, are reminded that the S.S.E. (14, Rue du Mont Blanc, Geneva) will do their best to bring these young people into touch with suitable families in the town in which they have to have their first experience of drill. This is, of course intended in the first place for those who would feel very lonely otherwise.

2. Members are very heartily invited to communicate with the Secretary or any members of the Committee if they have any suggestions to make regarding lectures, or if they would like to offer to give one themselves on a subject likely to interest our usual audience. We have had unusually few offers from members so far. As the new budget will probably contain no credit for bringing over lecturers from abroad, members should endeavour to some extent to let us have the benefit of their experience and knowledge. Every lecture which the Secretary has to prepare takes up many days which he could use for the fostering of friendly relations between the two countries by means of articles and interviews.

3. The "Echo Suisse" can be consulted at the Secretary's office, as well as the other Swiss reviews and papers to which we subscribe. The library, to which a certain number of very interesting books have been added recently, could also be better used than it is just now. A price list of Swiss books in four languages on literary, economical, political historical and miscellaneous subjects will be sent out free to all those who apply for it.

SWISS INSTITUTE.

On Friday last we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. J. F. Green, M.P., who gave us a charming lecture on Dr. Johnson.

Mr. Green made us familiar with this typical Englishman's life, his great intellect, his good heart, and his deep influence upon his time. His writings do not make good reading now, but the lecturer would strongly encourage us to study the masterly biography of Dr. Johnson by Boswell. The latter was an old personal friend and admirer, who records numerous highly clever and humorous arguments with the doctor. Another

friend of his, Sir Joshua Reynolds, has left us in the National Portrait Gallery a large portrait, showing the great man at his writing-table, just posing a minute to answer with his customary wit some argument of a casual visitor.

Heartly applause showed our old friend, Mr. Green, how much we appreciated his interesting lecture, and we hope to hear him again on some future occasion. He also offered to act as guide over the Houses of Parliament, whenever we should arrange such a visit. F. Z.

SWISS BANK FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Secretary reports as follows about the two matches played on Saturday last, the 4th instant:—

SWISS BANK 2nd XI versus YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK 1st XI.

Our 2nd XI were visitors at Lower Sydenham, opposed by the Yokohama Specie Bank's 1st XI, on their ground. Both teams took the field at 2.30 (Swiss with only 10 men) under snow and rain. The result was an indication of the play, for while the visitors obtained a number of scoring chances, Smith, who was in scoring form, succeeded only once to beat the Yokohama goalie. In the second half the home team had the better of the play and managed to put the ball twice into the visitors' net. Result: Yokohama 2, Swiss 1.

Swiss team: Grob, Kurz, Zurlinden, Schranz, Keibel, Schwendener, Goubach, Steiner, Smith, Picard.

SWISS BANK 3rd XI versus SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE COMPANY.

This match was played under wretched conditions, and had to be abandoned after 45 minutes. South British commenced at a very fast pace and came very near to scoring in the first minute, a surprise shot being turned behind for a corner. They quickly took the lead owing to the Bank's goalie miskicking. The Bank's men pulled themselves together after this reverse and subjected the South British goal to a fierce bombardment. They met with their reward when Hildebrand scored with a fine shot. After this the game was fought out at a great pace, but both defences prevailed.

Result: Swiss 1, South British Insurance Co. 1.

Swiss team: Higgins, Scherz, Luescher, Gerber, Peter, Hildebrand, Bonjour, Wyss, Reeson, Schaub, Guy.

SWISS CLUB (Schweizerbund).

The 70th Half-yearly General Meeting of the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club) was held at the Club, 74, Charlotte Str., on Monday, January 30th. The President, Mr. F. Delaloye, opened the meeting in the presence of 53 members, amongst them a good number of members of many years' standing. The principal items on the agenda were the balance sheet and the election of a new Committee. The balance sheet, showing a profit in spite of the decrease of business owing to the prevailing conditions, was unanimously accepted without discussion. In place of the President, Mr. F. Delaloye, and the Vice-President, Mr. Th. Nanzer, who resigned, Mr. F. Riederer was elected President, and Mr. M. Knopf accepted the Vice-Presidency. Messrs. W. Schoeneberger and A. Ribaux were re-elected as Treasurers, and Mr. F. Burgin retained the post of Secretary. Messrs. H. Berni, G. Bertschinger, F. Delaloye, M. Girard, E. Klingele, E. Lang, Th. Nanzer, P. Schneeberger, W. Tschuy and F. Winkelmann secured election as members of the Committee. The meeting was conspicuous by the absence of lengthy discussions. With a vote of thanks to the Committee the meeting was closed.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

Dances of the S.M.S. have always been well frequented, but the attendance at the last one has certainly marked a record, as well over 200 tickets were sold.

The arrangements were as usual excellent, and in spite of the large gathering there was no hitch. The M.C's, Messrs. Pfaendler, C. Chapuis, Veil and Senn, had a hard task before them, but needless to say, they performed their duties to everyone's satisfaction.

It is interesting to follow the upward scale of attendances: November, 140; December, 170; January, 180; February, 220. This, of course, proves the great popularity of these dances, and although it is very gratifying to have such support, the present accommodation, being somewhat limited, calls either for a more spacious hall, or a more limited sale of tickets.

The refreshments as well as the service were excellent and everyone left the Midland Hotel highly satisfied. A. S.

(For Forthcoming Events and Eglise Suisse see following page.)