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THE SWISS OBSERVER.



#### LA NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE.

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

on Wednesday, September 19th, 1923,

at 74, Charlotte Street, W. 1.

1. There were no admissions, and seven resigna-tions. We lost one member by death. We have to-day a total of 402 members.

2. The Treasurer reported on the financial situa-tion, which is favourable. A number of members who have not yet paid for 1922 will be circularised for the last time.

for the last time. 3. The President read two letters from the Groups at the Hague and Belfort. He also read certain reports on the Conference for the Economic Expansion of Switzerland, which took place at Lausanne on September 12th, and at which Dr. *A. Krafft*, second secretary to the Secrétariat des Suisses à l'Etranger, presented a paper on "The activity of the Swiss abroad and the S.S.E., what they do and what they could do for the economic expansion of Switzerland." A resolution was adopted at the Conference, expressing the strong wish that at the Conference, expressing the strong wish that all organisations working abroad for Switzerland should co-operate intimately with the Ausland-schweizerorganisation of the Nouvelle Société Hel-vétique, and especially in all instances dealing with economic expansion.

4. The last copy of the Bulletin of the N.S.H. Group of Rio de la Plata has been received. It contains the wording of the proposed *Military Tax Bill*, showing that also in South America interest in this question, which affects the Swiss abroad so acutely, is rampant.

A report of the Entr'Aide Committee was 5. read. A comprehensive guide for young Swiss, who have recently come over here, has been com-piled by this Committee and will shortly be sent out to the Swiss Societies, and in a number of copies to those Swiss institutions of London which come into frequent contact with new arrivals from Switzerland.

6. Delegates to the Swiss Sports Committee will be nominated at the next meeting of the Council.

The Programme for 1923-24 was accepted. It is as follows

September 29th, Lecture: Dr. Paul Lang, "La Littérature contemporaine de la Suisse Française et de la Suisse Italienne." At 28, Red Lion

Square. October 31st, Charity Concert: With the assistance of the Swiss Institute Orchestra, the Choral Society, and the Church Choir. At Caxton Hall, Westminster.

November 13th, Dinner: Intermediate report l the President. Entertainment Programme.

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  December 14th, Lecture: O. Braga, "The People of the Tessin; Its Ideals and Aspirations." At 28, Red Lion Square, W.C. 1.
  January 18th (3rd Friday), Lecture: An economical subject (Emigration or Economic Re-orientation of Switzerland, for instance) by ? or Dr. Paul Lang, "The Swiss Drama and Theatre."
  February 15th (3rd Friday), Annual Meeting: At 28, Red Lion Square, W.C. 1.
  March 21st (3rd Friday), Lecture: Dr. Weibel on "Ferdinand Hodler" (with lantern slides).
  April 17th (3rd Thursday), Dinner: With a topical causerie (to be fixed later) and an entertainment programme. At Pagani's.
  May 16th (3rd Friday), Decure: By the new Secretary.

tary, June 13th (2nd Friday), Public Propaganda Concert: If possible, with the assistance of the Swiss Institute Orchestra and an Address by the new Secretary.

The following arrangements have been made for *Informal Gatherings* until the end of the year:

for Informal Galherings until the end of the year: Tuesday, October 16th, 8 p.m.: Dr. Lang will treat "Some Aspects of Modern Swiss Literature." Monday, November 26th 8 p.m.: Chamber Music Concert, Violin-Piano Selections from contem-porary Swiss Music by Andreae, Huber, Martin, Schoeck, Schulthess, and others. Mr. and Mrs. George Woodhouse and friends have kindly con-verted to give these calculations.

sented to give these selections. Tuesday, December 11th, 8 p.m.: Dr. Lang will speak on "The Library of the N.S.H. and its Treasures."

The Secretary gave some information on his 8. The Secretary gave some information on his work: (a) Several recent copies of the *Echo Suisse* contained articles on the Swiss Colony in London and its doings; (b) all the information available on the regulations concerning the acquisition of British nationhood and the relinquishing of Swiss nationality and certain clashing of British and Swiss law in this respect has been extracted by the Secretary. *Copies are at the disposal of mem*-

WATCHES were placed top at the last official British Observatory watch tests, being awarded 96.8 points —only one-tenth of one point below the world's record. The series prize for the six best Deck and Pocket Chronometers at the last official test at Neuchatel was also awarded to Zenith watches. Sold by leading Jewellers everywhere.

> bers interested; (c) the Helvetic Bibliography was sent out during the holidays to 3,000 people in the United Kingdom and America; different news-papers have reported favourably on the venture, and a number of letters, making suggestions for a reprint and enquiries concerning things Swiss, have been received, also certain orders from book-sellers; (d) the costumed Swiss Singers' and Dan-cers' Group at the League of Nations Union Garden Party was a great success. About twenty Swiss girls and boys, all in pretty costumes, gave four performances, under the able leadership of Miss F. Dorio. Photographs appeared in the "Daily Graphic" and the "Schweizer Illustrierte Zeitung," articles in "The Swiss Observer" and the "Zeue Zürcher Zeitung"; (e) the Secretary is continuing his campaign in order to have Swiss books published in English. He has got into per-sonal touch with certain British firms and is pur-suing the scheme in different directions. 9. Instructions re the Dinner on November 13th bers interested; (c) the Helvetic Bibliography was

9. Instructions re the Dinner on November 13th were drafted for the Entertainment Committee. The Dinner will be held on the same lines as the last, prominence being given to the intermediate report of the President. Dr. PAUL LANG, Secretary.

### SWISS BANK FOOTBALL CLUB.

SWISS BANK FOOTBALL CLOB. SWISS BANK TOTBALL CLOB. SWISS BANK 1st XI (3) v. ANGLO-SOUTH AMERICAN BANK (4). (L.B.F.A. Senior "B" Division.) On Saturday the Swiss Bank visited Hampton Wick, and a fast and interesting game was witnessed; but although they played up well and at times introduced plenty of dash and determination, they eventually lost bv 4 goals to 3. The Swiss had most of the play and should have gained an easy victory. Time after time, in the first half, they had scoring chances, which their forwards failed to put to account. This was the great weak spot in their game—the shooting; otherwise their play was generally good.

half, they had scoring chances, which their forwards failed to put to account. This was the great weak spot in their game—the shooting; otherwise their play was generally good. Of course, I don't know whether the Anglo-Ameri-can's goalkeeper possessed the famous hypnotic eye, or a concealed magnet, which compels the ball to come to him; but the fact remains that nearly every shot came straight to him. Hochuli played a very pretty game between the sticks, and the goals scored against him he had no possible chance of saving. Herzog played his usual persevering game, and Schwendener, who substituted for Kurz at left back, was uncommonly good. Both backs were well occu-pied in the second half, owing to the inconsistency of the halves. Way was not in his usual good form, and Bernand met with an early injury, which handicapped him throughout the game. Steiner worked hard, but wants to pay more attention to his placing and position. The Doctor—with his "Godness gwacious! "-was always a polished player and had very hard luck in not scoring a treble. Gourbach, moving more quickly than his apparent laziness would suggest, was the best inside. Quaife's great pace at outside right, combined with a beautiful balance on his feet, gave the defence au unhappy time. His centre when he should have attempted to play down the wing first before passing. For the Bank, Gourbach scored two goals (one a penalty), and Ruefer scored the third. Next Saturday the Swiss Bank Ist XI are playing Cook's 2nd XI.

Cook's 2nd XI. CRITIC. SWISS BANK 2nd XI v. LONDON ASSURANCE 2nd XI. The opponents of the Swiss Bank 2nd XI on Saturday last were the London Assurance 2nd XI, and an interesting game at Preston Road was seen. There were various changes in the Bank's team, which rather unsettled their play, and again their defeat (by the odd goal in five' must be attributed to the inability of the forward string to net the ball. Individually the forward string to net the the closing stages being exciting, inasmuch as the Bank equalised the score in the last minute but one; their opponents, however, immediately after swept down from the centre with great determination, and just succeeded in scoring the winning goal before the whistle blew. Result: London Assurance 3, Swiss Bank 2.

### ALBERT EHINGER. †

ALDENT LETHINGLY, Y Albert Ehinger was born in Basle on De-cember 6th, 1884, as son of the late banker, M. Alphonse Ehinger. Having left his native town in 1905, he lived for some years in Paris, London and New York, and settled down definitely in London at the beginning of the war. Here he was chiefly interested in Eastern produce, and took part very actively in supplying Switzerland with all kinds of foodstuffs. He had not here in good health for sweard

Ho supplying ownershale with the link link with the foodstuffs. He had not been in good health for several years, and in 1921 he was compelled to start a long cure in Switzerland. After a sudden relapse, he died in Geneva on the 30th August, and was buried in Basle on the 1st September, 1923. M. Albert Ehinger was a member of the Commission Suisse pour l'étude de questions économiques et commerciales in London since its creation on June 11th, 1918.

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