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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING

February 14th, 1923.

(Communicated.)

The meeting was opened by Mr. de Brunner, president, at 9.10 p.m., and he expressed his regret for not having been able to attend at the last meeting owing to illness.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and adopted. The minutes of the November and December meetings, not having been passed, as they were not written in the minute book, were read again and duly accepted. The hon. Secretary offered his apologies for these discrepancies and assured the meeting that everything would be kept in order henceforward.

Two applicants had handed their forms at this meeting, and it was proposed to elect them forthwith, as they were introduced by well-known members. This was agreed to, and the following applicants were unanimously elected as active members: Messrs. J. Wigger, H. Streuli, W. Wohlgemuth, A. Scharli, E. Muller, E. Poget, O. Dunner, W. Kirchmeier, N. Jeanneret, C. Krebs, F. Haller, L. Durgnat, A. Steinmann, M. Wylder, A. Pignat.

The following members had tendered their resignations, which were accepted subject to their financial obligations to the Society being in order: C. Goetschi, E. Scherz, G. Weber, C. Tribelhorn, H. Muller, R. Kammer.

Notice was given that several letters of request for paying due subscriptions had been returned or ignored. The Secretary was asked to follow them up and to report the results.

Correspondence.—A letter from Mr. H. Martin was read in which he expressed his thanks to the Society for their vote of appreciation.—Dr. Lang, Secretary of the N.S.H., requested the S.M.S. to send all the documents available, such as charts, reports, etc., to be exhibited at the Basle Samples Fair, showing the activities of the Swiss abroad. Unfortunately, our Society will not be able to send much, but care will be taken to supply all particulars, especially those concerning the Educational Department.

It was brought to the notice of the members that the Bulletin of the Comptoir de Lausanne had reprinted in full, thanks to Mr. Martin, the appeal for the Educational Fund.

A communication had been received from the Central Secretariat, concerning an annual subscription to the Invaliditäts- und Altersfürsorge. This was left to the Committee.

Divers.—The President announced that the supply of the Rules of the Society had come to an end, and, before printing a new edition, suggested to have them revised in accordance with actual requirements. Members were requested to prepare suggestions for the next meeting, and it was decided to appoint a Revision Committee of three members. Messrs. Paschoud, Werner and Braga were elected to act as such.

The President invited members to make suggestions for a Social Gathering, to be held in March or April, at which delegates from the other Swiss Societies would be entertained. After a short discussion it was unanimously decided to hold a banquet, followed by a dance, which would take place at the Midland Hotel, if satisfactory arrangements can be made. It was proposed that the eventual loss sustained should be made good by the annual credit, set aside for entertaining guests, and by the profit made on the dances. It was agreed to leave matters in the hands of the Committee, who will make the necessary arrangements in conjunction with Mr. Veil, president of the Entertainment Committee.

Swiss Observer.—The President, having been privately approached by the Swiss Minister, suggested to consider the use of the S.O. as a means of circularising the members of the S.M.S. for meetings and communications. For the non-subscribers a copy of the paper, containing such announcements, could be mailed under a special wrapper. A great saving could thus be effected against the usual sending of circulars. The President asked to hear the views of the members. Mr. Chapuis strongly recommended to go into the matter. He would like to see more reports of the Society in the S.O. and asked why we were not using the columns of this valuable organ. It was explained that a press reporter had been appointed, but he never appeared at the meetings. Mr. P. F. Boehringer, the Editor of the S.O., expressed his thanks and urged that all Swiss

Societies should make much greater use of the columns of his paper, as it would bring all the members of the Swiss Colony into closer touch. The question was put to the vote, and it was unanimously decided to enter into the matter.

Messrs. Strubin and Senn were appointed as delegates of the S.M.S. to the Swiss Sports Committee.

Mr. Chapuis, member of the Employment Board, gave the following figures relating to his department for the past year, and expressed his thanks to Mr. Pfandler for his untiring efforts:—Registrations, 1,093; Vacancies notified, 934; Vacancies filled, 667; Members S.M.S. placed, 181; Other Swiss placed, 153; British subjects placed, 182; Other nationalities placed, 151.

The business of this meeting being over, it was closed at 11.15.

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REVALU CONCERTS.

Miss Felia Dorio, in conjunction with Miss Elena Formichi, a talented Italian pianist, is giving a series of five concerts at St. Matthew's Hall, Warwick Road, Upper Clapton Road, E. 5. Beginning next Wednesday, the 28th inst., at 7.30, the series will be continued on the following Wednesdays, ending March the 28th. On the programme appear Chopin, Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Beethoven, Liszt, Grieg, Attenuhofer, and Swiss folk songs. Miss Felia Dorio, who we are pleased to note, is advertised as a "Swiss" mezzo-soprano, is already well known in our Colony, and music-lovers will be delighted by the opportunity to hear her again, especially as the price of admission is extremely attractive. Tickets at 2/4 and 1/3 may be obtained on the respective evenings at the doors, or in advance from her concert agent, Mr. John R. Wildman, 158, Fleet Street, E.C. 4.

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Ordre du Jour.

Procès-verbal.

Admissions.

Démotions.

Divers.

Organisation du

Banquet Annuel.

EGLISE SUISSE, 79, Endell St., W.C. 2.

Dimanche, 25 Fév., 11h.—M. le Pasteur Tron. (Collecte en faveur de l'Eglise Vaudoise du Piémont.)

4.30.—Répétition du Choeur.

6.30.—Pfarrer U. Wildbolz.

Dimanche, 4 Mars.—Services de Cène.

MARIAGE.

Charles Louis COULET, de Savagnin (Neuchâtel) et Régine Emy NICOLIN, du Locle (Neuchâtel)—le 17 Fév. 1923.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, March 2nd, at 8 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture by G. P. Gooch, Esq., M.A. In the Chair: The Swiss Minister.

Saturday, March 3rd, at 6.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at the Midland Hotel.

Tuesday, March 6th, at 6.45.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper (see adv.).

Friday, March 9, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture by M. Emile Cammaerts on "La Belgique Moderne."

Thursday, April 19th.—UNIONE TICINESE: Annual Banquet and Ball at Gatti's Restaurant, Strand, W.C.

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