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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

Monthly Meeting, held on April 11th at
Union, Helvetia, Gerrard Place.

The meeting was declared open at 9 p.m. promptly
by the President, 31 members being present.

There were 16 new members for election, and
all were unanimously accepted. Three resignations
were to hand, all having left England, and, their
liabilities having been met, were accepted by the
meeting.

The President read out various correspondence,
received in connection with the Banquet and Ball,
which took place on the Saturday previous. The
Chairman also thanked the numerous members who
helped to the success of the gathering, and in
return a vote of thanks was given to him and also
to the President of the Entertainment Committee,
Mr. E. J. Veil.

A discussion was held in connection with the
scheme of a Jubilee Collection, as published in
the Society's journal in Switzerland, and after
numerous questions, which were found of first-class
importance before a ruling could be taken, it was
decided to propose that the President, who ex-
pected to go to Switzerland within the next few
days, should obtain further details of the matter
on the spot, so that further discussion could be
held at the next meeting.

The Chairman then referred to the still excessive
proportion of old outstanding contributions
and the heavy tasks of the Asst. Treasurers to get
these funds in. He put it to the meeting whether
or not it would be to advantage to offer a com-
pensation for their labours, by fixing a remuneration
on results obtained. Numerous views of members
present were obtained, and it was finally agreed
upon that it would be preferable to make arrange-
ments to devide the duties of the Asst. Treasurers
amongst four members instead of two only, thus
reducing the work. The Chairman took this op-
portunity to inform the meeting that he would not
be present at the next meeting, owing to his absence
on the Continent, and therefore wished to inform
the members that the Committee would
tender their definite resignation, so that the needful
steps could be taken and new arrangements
made for the General Meeting, which would take
place probably on the 2nd Wednesday in June.
By doing so, he expressed his view that, although
an "old hand" in the Society's matters, he felt
that a younger member ought to have greater facili-
ties than himself of keeping in close relation with
the members of the Society, which, in the majority,
is composed of younger men than himself.

After some discussion it was decided to hold
the usual Monthly Meeting in May, in accordance
with the majority of votes obtained on this issue.

The meeting was closed at 14 o'clock.

UNION HELVETIA CLUB.

The Union Helvetic Swiss Hotel Employees'
Society held its Delegate Meeting of the English
branches on Sunday last, 14th April, chiefly to
bring the Society's Rules into line with various
decisions and changes, made at the General Dele-
gate Meeting of October last at the Society's head-
quarters in Lucerne, and to elect the territorial
Administrative Committee for a new term of office.

Mr. Emmenegger, President of the Administra-
tion, in opening the meeting, welcomed the dele-
gates and expressed regret that several of the exist-
ing country branches had been unable to send a
delegate. The following delegates, all of the Lon-
don branch, were then elected to conduct the day's
business:—President, F. H. Rohr; Vice-President,
F. Maeder; Scrutators, A. Schmid and J. Sermier;
Secretary, A. Haller (*ex officio*). Mr. Rohr, in
resuming the Chair, thanked the delegates for this
mark of confidence and expressed the hope that
much good work would be done in the course of
the day. He extended a very hearty welcome to
Mr. Nanzer, member of the Administration, whom
all were glad to see back in our midst after his
long illness.

Mr. Emmenegger reported on the activities of
the Administration since their election in 1920,
enumerating the many difficulties with which they
were faced, which had stood in the way of making
much-hoped-for and desirable progress. The financial
report, which was a credit to the Administra-
tion, was passed after a short series of questions
had been satisfactorily answered.

The President, in passing a hearty vote of thanks
to the Administration, expressed the hope that all
the present members would again accept office for
a further period, knowing how well they could
rely on the support of the generality of the mem-
bers. Mr. Emmenegger then tendered the formal
resignation of the Administration, and it needed
a good deal of persuasion on the part of the dele-

gates to induce him to remain; happily, he gave in
and was unanimously re-elected; similar sentences
befell his colleagues, Messrs. Nanzer, Kipfer, Ros-
sier and Affolter.

After this happy event the meeting adjourned
for lunch, which did not fall short of expectations,
our manager, Mr. Wyss, being fully aware of the
importance of this part of the proceedings.

After 1½ hour's interval, business was proceeded
with. The Rules were brought into line, and new
suggestions were received and considered, the prin-
cipal ones relating to attendance at meetings of
the London branch and the finding of means to
re-establish the "Branche Culinaire," which during
the years 1916-20 proved such a strong link between
the members of that branch.

At 6 o'clock the agenda was exhausted, and with
hearty wishes for a pleasant and successful period
of office to the Administration and thanks to the
delegates for their thoroughness in the deliberations
the meeting was closed.

F. H. R.

Ostermäntig uf em Colley Hill.

Es het am Ostermäntig uf der Charing Cross
Station so um die elfen un ne bsundere Lärm gäh
Nid nume wägeln Bankholiday — es het da gwält-
schlet, bärneret, zürcheret und g'ostschwytzeret und
es ufgreets Völkli isch von eim Perron zum andere
gsprunge. Allmächtig het me dä Schwarw gesh
verschwinde imme Zug ut der Platform No. 1.
Der Lärm isch aber nid verschwunde, im Gägeteil
es het gsuumet wie imene Byjhuis. Uebermütig
Glächer het sech mit übersünnige Melodie gmisch
— churzum, en ächt-eidgenössische Betrieb i gut-
änglicher Umgäbung. D'Schwyzerchilec het näm-
lich ihren Usflug ghah und iheri Schäfli uf d'Veid
führt in Surrey. Mir sy ally gueter Luun gsy und
dä Luun het amene-n-Ort ustümiesse. E Pfifl, no
chly meh Lärme — und der Zug isch zu däm
Rauchloch us, hällere Gägete zue. — Ja, häll
isch es gsy da usse. Chuum es Wüllki an Himmel
und grünet het's a allne Egge. Wär hätt da no
welle lose, wones z'Kingswood gheisse, het mer
sölle de zäsmelby und laufe und nid blybe stah!
— Ja, scha chly, we me dä Läbe i allne Glider-
gsprütt. Ds Laufe über e Common und dur di
Wälldli isch en Gnuss gsy. Mir sy uf däm Colley
Hill gsi, mer hei nid gwüst wie. Uf dä Mal
isch men us de Böume use cho und het i nes tiefes
Tal abe und über ne prächtigi, sunnigi Hügelland-
schaft us gesh. E Schwyzerherr isch so fründlech
gsi und het is sys Guet zur Verfüggig gestellt für
use Lunch im Freie. "Wo isch jitz da der Neue-
burgersee?" het mi eis gfragt und en andere:
"Geht men ächtvo do o Meer?" Ja, wyt het
me gesh, wenn o nid grad bis i Seeland!"
Aber üsi Gedanke sy sicher so wyt gange, zu user
liebe Heimat. Das het me möge useghore us dene
paar Lieder, wo mer üsem Gastgäber zum Dank
gsunge hei. Druf abe het's no ne fasch zweit-
ständige Marsch gäh de Prymeli, den Anemone und
de Mandelblüet nah nach Headley. D'Wermi isch
du schier sümmerlech und d'Bei derby schwär
worde. Es het is aber glych alli great, wo mer
gag di Sachse wieder i Zug hei müsse z'Tadworth.
Fröhlech sy mer heigfahre und fröhlech und gueter
Luune hei mer is trennt.

Chömmet Der o mit, ds nächst Mal?

U. W.

[Pressure of space compelled us to hold this
article over—ED.]

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and from the members of the Society.

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ILLER, Vivianne, née le 26 Janv. 1923, fille de
Gottlieb et Emma Iller-Guez—le 15 Avril 1923.

BRENNCKE, Henry Paul, né le 16 Janv. 1921,
et George Vincent, né le 15 Déc. 1922, fils de Arnold
et d'Elise Brennecke-Schneeberger—le 18 Avril 1923.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sunday, April 29th, at 3 p.m.—SWISS CHORAL
SOCIETY: Grand Afternoon Concert at Steinway
Hall, Lower Seymour Street, W.1

Tuesday, May 1st, at 6.45.—CITY SWISS CLUB:
Monthly Meeting preceded by a Supper, at Gatti's
Restaurant.

Friday, May 4th, at 8 p.m.—UNION HELVETIA:
Annual Dinner and Ball.

Tuesday, May 8th, at 8 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE
HELVIQUE: Informal Gathering at 28, Red
Lion Square, W.C.1.

Tuesday, May 15, at 8 p.m.—SWISS SPORTS COM-
MITTEE: Important Delegates' Meeting at Gatti's
Restaurant.

Wednesday, May 16, at 7.30.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE
HELVIQUE: Council Meeting at 74, Charlotte
Street, W.1 (restricted to members).

Friday, May 18th, at 7 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE
HELVIQUE: Dinner, with causerie and enter-
taining programme, at Pagani's, 42-48, Great Port-
land Street, W.1.

Saturday, May 26, at 2.30 p.m.—SWISS SPORTS at
Herne Hill Athletic Grounds.