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SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.

The members and friends of the Swiss Choral Society assembled on Friday, February 6th, at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1, for the Annual Dinner and Ball, Monsieur W. A. De Bourg, First Secretary of the Swiss Legation, being in the Chair.

The large hall was tastefully ornamented with cantonal flags and escutcheons and presented an admirable milieu for a Swiss gathering. About a hundred diners sat down to a well-prepared repast, and after the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. W. Peter, the Hon. Secretary of the Society, rose to propose "Switzerland." He referred to the charitable and accommodating spirit which our country had displayed during the war in caring for the wounded, thus enabling thousands to return to a useful life.

Mr. F. Eggenberger, the President, in proposing the further prosperity of his Society, expressed his satisfaction at the gratifying response that had followed the invitation to their annual dinner. It gave him great pleasure to welcome Monsieur De Bourg, who in the unavoidable absence of Monsieur Paravicini was representing the Swiss Legation. Mr. Eggenberger reviewed the development of his Society; he thought he was voicing the opinion of all those interested in stating that the ideals and objects which favoured and encouraged a fusion between the two choral sections of the Union Helvétia and the Schweizerbund had been realised. This was in the first instance due to the unceasing efforts and personal influence of his predecessor, Mr. J. Manzoni. He also thanked the members of the Swiss Mercantile Society for their active co-operation in joining the choir. They were extremely fortunate in having in Monsieur R. Gaillard an able conductor, under whose guidance the choir had made great progress. He (Mr. Eggenberger) did not want to take upon himself the rôle of a recruiting sergeant, but he felt sure that after the evening's entertainment all those present would come to the conclusion that his Society was worthy of their heartiest support.

Monsieur De Bourg rose to present the apologies of the Minister for being prevented from attending; he had, however, his promise that he would not fail to be present at next year's gathering. M. De Bourg, though not very long in London, was yet well aware of the success of the Swiss Choral Society; they had done a great deal in familiarising people over here with some of our folk-songs, in fact, when recently attending an English party as a guest, he was asked by the hostess to sing a "yodel." He did not disclose how his performance was received, but he assured the audience that from henceforth he would be a staunch supporter of the Swiss Choral Society.

Mr. W. Fischer, Hon. Treasurer, proposed the health of the official guests who were representing sister Societies in our colony. They were: Mr. Rosset (Secours Mutuels), Mr. Despond (City Swiss Club), Mr. Jenny (Union Helvétia), Mr. Forster (Schweizerbund), Mr. Notari (Unione Ticinese), Mr. Bretscher (Swiss Mercantile), Mr. Dick (Swiss Institute), Mr. Burger (Swiss Rifle Assoc.), Mr. Boy (West London Male Choir), and Mr. Boehringer ("Swiss Observer"); the latter suitably responded on behalf of the visitors.

The last toast, the one to "The Ladies," was in charge of Mr. A. Wyss, who protested that he had no intention of emulating the performance of the well-known gentleman who for ever remained identified with this toast. Mr. Wyss related a few appropriate tales from the South Sea Islands, which were much enjoyed and kept his audience laughing with laughter.

The official part of the evening terminated at an early hour, allowing the followers of Terpsichore ample time to indulge in their art. What gave the gathering a specially Swiss *cachet* were the many intermezzos given by Mr. Gaillard personally, a double quartette, and the whole of the choir. The last trains had no lure for the revelers, who all stayed till the early hours of the morning.

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Friday, Feb. 20th, at 8 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE: Annual Meeting at 28, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.

Saturday, Feb. 21st, at 6.30.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Cinderella Dance at Gatti's Restaurant, 436, Strand, W.C.1.

Thursday, Feb. 26th at 8 p.m.—SCHWEIZERBUND: Fancy Dress Ball at 74, Charlotte Street W.1.

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