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ever the necessity arise, and they were consequently all unanimously re-elected by the meeting.

9. Mr. Baer read circulars from the Secrétariat des Suisses à l'étranger with regard to what had been done concerning the Military Tax. The information in these communications appeared of such interest to the Councillors that they expressed the wish that they should be forwarded to the Editor of *The Swiss Observer*, with the request that he would be good enough to make their contents known to his readers.

10. The attention of the meeting was drawn by Mr. A. F. Suter to an article which appeared in the *Gazette de Lausanne* of March 8th. From this it seemed as if the Nouvelle Société Helvétique had been instrumental in calling together a meeting at St. Gall in connection with the Initiative Rothenberger. It would, said Mr. Suter, be greatly to be deplored if the N.S.H. had really had anything to do with this, for the Society was understood to be first and foremost a non-political one. The Councillors were very grateful to Mr. Suter for having drawn their attention to this article, which Mr. Baer read aloud to the meeting, and it was decided that we should write to Switzerland in order to find out what truth there was in the statement. SECRETARIAT.

**GYMNASTIC & ATHLETIC SOCIETY "HELVETIA."**

The gymnastic section of the Union Helvetia gave their last separate display last Sunday afternoon at No. 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. The programme contained, apart from the classic events, a number of humorous songs, which afforded the gymnasts a welcome interval for resting and getting ready for subsequent events. The horizontal and parallel bar exercises showed without a doubt the society at its best, and were it not for the old time-honoured custom, we should like to do justice to some of the individual performances. The acrobatic feats in their dexterity and diversity equalled similar turns on the music-hall stage, where their execution is not subjected to the difficulties created by the limitations of a miniature stage. The variety of the pyramids was much admired, and a new feature was presented in the *poses plastiques* which exhibited the correct attitudes to be followed in some of the athletic sports.

At the close of the programme, Mr. J. Sermier, the president, mentioned that this was his last function in that capacity, as his section had now joined hands with their compatriots at the Schweizerbund; he expressed thanks to the members and friends of the Union Helvetia, who had always willingly and liberally supported their efforts. Mr. E. Block, the president of the recently formed Swiss Gymnastic Society, paid a tribute to Mr. Sermier and his committee for the high standard in the field of athletics which his society had attained; he hoped that the accomplishments of the new combined society would secure for it from the old friends the necessary support, both moral and material. They had some strenuous work in front of them, as they were preparing a team to compete at the next Federal Gymnastic Festival, to be held in June in Geneva.

The usual dance concluded a very successful and enjoyable evening.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

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To the Editor of *The Swiss Observer*.

Sir,—I noticed with a great deal of misgivings that there were last Saturday no less than four important events in the Swiss Colony, viz., City Swiss Club Cinderella; Concert of the Swiss Choral Society; Constitutional Meeting of the Swiss Gymnastic Societies; Social Entertainment at Swiss House. It must have been a very difficult choice for my compatriots as to where to attend, and it is easy to imagine that every one of these functions must have suffered by the simultaneous occurrence of the other three.

May I be permitted to remind the various Societies of the Colony of the proposition recently brought forward by the N.S.H. The intention of the N.S.H. is to save time and expenses, to study the convenience of the Colony, and to prevent overlapping or simultaneous occurrence of such functions by their scheme of keeping the Societies advised of forthcoming events. This can only be done if the Secretariat is fully kept up to date by the various Societies as to their functions. Last Saturday is a case in point, and in proof of the usefulness of such co-ordination.

I therefore appeal to the Colony to give this system a chance. Naturally some functions held in the Colony are more difficult to arrange than others, especially where big halls have to be booked far in advance, but I feel convinced that the Secretariat is capable of preventing such serious overlapping as happened last Saturday, and is in the position to arrange such occasions to the satisfaction of all Societies and to the greater benefit of the Colony at large.

Yours faithfully,

A. FRED. SUTER.

**CITY SWISS CLUB.**

Le Comité tient à attirer l'attention toute spéciale de Messieurs les membres et amis sur le fait que l'Assemblée Générale Annuelle, fixée pour le 7 avril prochain, aura lieu chez Pagani's, 42, Great Portland Street, ce choix s'est imposé à la suite de l'impossibilité dans laquelle se trouvent nos restaurateurs habituels, MM. Gatti, de nous réserver une salle pour l'occasion. Le Souper sera servi à 7 h. précises (voir l'annonce).

**SWISS INSTITUTE.**

We wish to draw the attention of our London readers to the very interesting and instructive lecture which is being delivered on Friday, April 3rd, at the Swiss Institute (28, Red Lion Square, W.C.1) on "European Affairs": Mr. F. P. Gooch, M.A., is one of the greatest English authorities on this subject.

**PERSONAL.**

Mr. J. Geilinger writes to inform us of the death of Mr. Adolf Linder on February 21st last, in Basle, at the age of 87. Mr. Linder, who at the time was in the colonial produce business, was one of the original fourteen members who joined and "rejuvenated" the City Swiss Club in 1866.

**Swiss Mercantile Society**

Patrons, members and friends of the Society are reminded that the

**ANNUAL BANQUET & BALL**

will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 4th,**

at the **MIDLAND HOTEL, ST. PANCRAS STATION, N.W.**

Reception at 7. Dancing from 9 till 1.

Ladies' Tickets at 10/6 and Gent's at 12/6 may be obtained (not later than April 1st), from any Member of the Committee; at 24, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.4 (Phone: City 7719), or at 1-2, Henrietta Street, W.C.2 (Phone: Regent 3425).

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**CITY SWISS CLUB.**

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que l'Assemblée Générale Annuelle aura lieu le MARDI, 7 AVRIL au Restaurant PAGANI, 42, Great Portland Street, et sera précédée d'un souper familial à 7 h (5/6 par couvert).

Pour faciliter les arrangements, le Comité recommande aux participants de s'annoncer au plus tôt à M. P. F. Boehringer, 21, Garlick Hill, E.C. 4. (Téléphone: City 4603).

**Ordre du Jour.**

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**Divine Services.**

**EGLISE SUISSE (1762), 79, Endell St., W.C.2** (Langue française.)

Dimanche, 29 Mars, 11h.—M. le Pasteur Paul Barnaud, Directeur Adjoint de la Société des Missions de Paris. (Collecte en faveur de la Mission.) 6.30.—Culte spécial de prière.

Dimanche, 5 Avr'l (Jour des Rameaux).—Services de Ste. Cène.

**BAPTEME.**

Reymond Edouard KOHLER, né le 12 Fév. 1924, fils d'Edouard et de Maria née Gestel, de Neuchâtel—le 22 Mars 1925.

Pour tous renseignements concernant actes pastoraux, etc., prière de s'adresser à M. R. Hoffmann de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6. (Téléphone: Mountview 1798.) Heure de réception à l'Eglise: Mercredi 10.30 à 12h.

**SCHWEIZERKIRCHE**

(Deutsch-Schweizerische Gemeinde)

St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

Sonntag, 29. März, 11 Uhr vorm.—Gottesdienst.

Pfr. Carl Th. Hahn.

12 Uhr.—Chorprobe, zu der Sängerinnen herzlich eingeladen sind.

Pfr. Carl Th. Hahn.

Wegen Amtshandlungen bitte sich zu wenden an den Pfarrer, Carl Th. Hahn, Foyer Suisse, 12, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1.—Sprechstunde im "Foyer Suisse": Mittwochs 2—4 nachm.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS.**

Wednesday, April 1, at 8.30.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Debating Evening. Subject: "State Schools are preferable to Private Schools." at No. 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Friday, April 3rd, at 8 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture by G. P. Gooch, M.A., Esq., on "European Affairs."

Saturday, Apr. 4.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Annual Banquet at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.

Tuesday, April 7th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual General Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at Pagani's, 42, Great Portland Street, W. (See adv.)

Wednesday, April 8, at 8.30.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Monthly Meeting, preceded by a "Souper Choucroute," at No. 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Saturday, May 23rd, at 2.30 p.m.—SWISS SPORTS at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds.

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