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Soc. Helvétique), Mr. G. E. DeBrunner (Swiss Rifle Association), Mr. E. Block (Swiss Gymnastic Society) and Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Boehringer ("Swiss Observer"). Mr. Forster also read out telegrams of felicitations received from Mr. F. Burgin (Glasgow), the late secretary, and from the Swiss Club in Manchester.

Mr. G. E. DeBrunner, in responding to this toast, said that up till now he had been passing the evening in a state of agony and had been consulting his encyclopedias in order to find words which could do justice to the occasion. All the same, he had enjoyed the excellent dinner, the menu of which he had already decided to reprint in the next standard work which his firm was about to publish. He admired, and was always ready to profit by, the keen competition in the field of the culinary art which was indulged in by this club and their sister society, the Union Helvetia. The Schweizerbund was justly renowned for their "*chouroute garni*," whilst the Union Helvetia had, since the installation of the new steward, acquired a unique reputation for their "*Hasenpfeffer und Nudeln*." He was creditably informed that the residents in the neighbourhood of that club were now enjoying unheard-of peace and repose, as the nocturnal minstrels had gradually vanished from their roofs.

Monsieur Paravicini also rose and said that, although he did not think he could improve upon the oration of the previous speaker, he felt he could not silently accept the hospitality and courteous reception he had experienced at the club. If the pills referred to by the President were anything like what they partook of that night, he could well understand that they swallowed them with smiling faces. He could not discover any traces of the strenuous times they affected to have been subjected to. He, of course, recognized that the club must suffer from the present restrictions which prevented our young compatriots from settling in this country. He assured the audience that this thorny question was receiving the constant attention of the Legation, and that he had justifiable hopes that in the near future a mutually satisfactory solution could be looked forward to. He regretted that a diplomatic engagement imposed upon him the necessity of vacating the chair. Before doing so, the Minister presented personally, with cordial congratulations, certificates of honorary membership to the following veterans of the club: Messrs. Rud. Keller, Eug. Lutz, Fr. Winkelmann, and F. Delalay.

"The Ladies" were proposed by Mr. L. Pache, the Vice-President, who thought that their presence was essential to the success of the evening. He had recently attended a dinner of a local fire brigade, when the brave fireman who was in charge of this toast stated that the ladies were responsible for the only fire against which their skill and engines were utterly hopeless.

The usual dance, agreeably relieved by a few songs from Mrs. Aebersoll and Mr. Duthaler, followed the banquet. Though official mention was omitted, we should like to pay a tribute to Mr. and Mr. Christen, the stewards of the club, for the perfection of the catering arrangements under what seemed very trying conditions; also to the Committee, especially Mr. E. Forster, who spared no efforts to administer to everybody's comfort.

#### SWISS GYMNASTIC SOCIETY.

The constituent assembly of this society, which is an amalgamation of the former gymnastic societies "Schweizerbund" and "Union Helvetia" and to which, it is hoped, all Swiss gymnasts in London will belong ere long, took place on Saturday, March 21st, at 10.30 p.m., in the large hall of the Swiss Club "Schweizerbund" at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

About 45 gentlemen were present. At the outset, the chairman of the organising committee, Mr. E. Block, extended a hearty welcome to all present, especially to the honorary members, and outlined the events which led up to the foundation of the new society, in order to send a strong and well-trained team to the contest in Geneva in July next of the Swiss Federal Gymnastic Association (Concours Fédéral de Gymnastique).

Messrs. J. Sermier and A. Lampert, the presidents of the amalgamating societies, in very appropriate and hearty terms addressed the meeting; both emphasised the point that they were happy, after many futile attempts at amalgamation in the past, to see at last this problem solved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Chairman thanked in warm terms, both the unsuccessful negotiators of the past and the successful deputations of to-day, for their great share in a very fine achievement, considering the great difficulties that were always in the way.

After passing a motion that all present be entitled to vote, the assembly proceeded to appoint the officials for the present term.

The Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, having kindly consented to accept the honorary Presidency of the society, the announcement of which was received with acclamation and gratitude, the First Secretary of the Legation, Monsieur Walter De Bourg, was elected honorary Vice-President, also with acclamation. The following officials

were all unanimously elected:—Leader, Mr. W. Ehrler; Vice-Leaders, Messrs. W. Schneeberger and Weidmann; Wrestling Instructor, Mr. R. Jaquenoud; President, Mr. E. Block; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Sermier and A. Lampert; Treasurer, Mr. J. Born; Secretary, Mr. E. A. Missle; Guards of Implements, Messrs. A. Brunner (for 74, Charlotte Street) and Schlappe (for 1, Gerrard Place); Assessor, Mr. J. Gallo; Auditors, Messrs. Forster and Manzoni.

The assembly then agreed, with very few alterations, to the rules proposed by the organising committee.

The Swiss Federal Gymnastic Association has nominated the new society an honorary section and will follow with great interest developments of Swiss gymnastics in London.

The society will have an active members' section, divided into squads, a veterans' section for Swedish drill and free exercises, and a juniors' section for preliminary training—application of prospective members to be made to the honorary Secretary, Swiss Gymnastic Society, London, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1, and 1, Gerrard Place, W.1, where exercises and practice will take place on Wednesday afternoons and evenings, as well as on Friday evenings respectively, also on Sunday mornings in the open air.

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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).

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Dimanche, 5 Avril (Rameaux) 11h. et 6.30.—M. Hoffmann-de Visme. (Ste. Cène matin et soir.)

Vendredi Saint, 11h.—Service Spécial avec Communion. Pâques.—Cultes de Ste. Cène.

Lundi de Pâques.—Promenade traditionnelle. Rendez-vous: Marylebone (Gt. Central) 9.45. Billet 3/11. Invitation à chacun.

#### MARIAGE.

Albert GERBER, de Schangnau (Berne), et Emma Bertha GEERING, de Zurich—le 30 Mars 1925.

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#### SCHWEIZERKIRCHE (Deutsch-Schweizerische Gemeinde)

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

Sonntag, 5. April, 11 Uhr vorm.—Gottesdienst.

Pfr. Carl Th. Hahn.

12 Uhr.—Chorprobe, zu der Sänger und Sänginnen herzlich eingeladen sind.

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#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

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 Chouroute," at No. 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Friday, April 17th, at 8 p.m.—CHARITY CONCERT in aid of the Swiss Benevolent Society, at Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W.1.

Friday, May 15th, at 8 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE: Reading and discussion of a Lecture by Monsieur Ed. Recordon on "La N.S.H. et le problème de l'éducation nationale" at 28, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.

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