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En somme, cette année, au dire de bien des gens, la fête a été un succès indiscutable qui l'a emporté sur tous les précédents, tant par le nombre des assistants que par le programme. Aussi voulons-nous profiter de l'occasion pour remercier une fois encore et très sincèrement, tous les artistes qui ont si généreusement contribué à cette réussite. Ajoutons aussi que nous avons été particulièrement heureux de voir parmi nous les cent étudiants de l'école de la Swiss Mercantile Society. Puissent-ils garder un bon souvenir de leur soirée au sein de la famille suisse de Londres!

La seule ombre au tableau, à part les torrents d'eau dont le ciel nous gratifia ce soir-là, ce fut l'absence bien involontaire de notre ministre. Jusqu'à la dernière minute il avait espéré pouvoir venir, mais il a dû s'incliner devant un cas de force majeure. Nous l'avons regretté comme lui et lui disons au revoir, à l'an prochain, à une date plus favorable. R. H. V.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

In connection with the scholastic programme the following lectures were given by the students during last week:—

Miss Mary Schmid, Lucerne: "Harmony in the Home." Dr. Max Keller, Basle: "About Mountain Climbing." Mr. Georg Goldschmidt, Winterthur: "Tea." Mr. Otto Martin, Zurich: "The Development of our Means of Communication." Mr. Otto Wengen, Freienstein: "Heroism." Miss Elsy Pfendler, Romanshorn: "A Year in French Switzerland." Mr. Fritz Bigler, Berne: "Inflation." Mr. Rudolf Büttikofer, Burgdorf: "Holland." Mr. Martin Schlatter, St. Gallen: "Swiss Authors and the Demand for their Works." Miss Rosa Neuen-schwander, Berne: "Visit to the British Museum." Miss Frieda Rihs, Biel: "Harvest Day in Switzerland." Mr. Emile Siegfried, Küsnacht: "Stock Exchange of Zurich."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Was Art 200 years ago superior to our present Art?" Proposer: Miss Marie Ant. Joris, Sion; Opposer: Mr. Walter Stehle, St. Croix. "Has the Freedom of the Press been beneficial to the nations?" Proposer: Mr. Ludwig Hardmeyer, Zurich; Opposer: Mr. R. R. Riethmann, Zurich. "Has the absolute Liberty of the Press been beneficial to the country?" Proposer: Mr. Paul Zulauf, Biel; Opposer: Mr. Joseph Eng, Olten.

On Tuesday, June 15th, an excursion took place to Margate.

NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE. GROUPE LONDONIEN.

The last Monthly Meeting of the London Group of the N.S.H. until after the holidays took place on Wednesday, June 16th, at the Secretariat, 28, Red Lion Square.

The Treasurer's report was satisfactory, and he had neither admissions nor resignations to report this month.

The President read letters from the Swiss Institute, the Swiss Mercantile Society, and the Swiss Y.M.C.A. which he had received in reply to our circular, suggesting a lecture by Dr. H. Egli next autumn on the subject of the Revision of the Federal Legislation on Alcohol. All these societies have kindly agreed to give us their support in this connection. It was agreed that Dr. Egli's lecture should be held on October 29th in the Ashburton Hall, 28, Red Lion Square.

The President then read Circulars 64 and 65 which we had received from the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad, and also brought the official invitation to the "Day for the Swiss Abroad" (15th September) to the notice of the meeting. This invitation has been circulated amongst all the Swiss Societies in London, and we have also done our utmost in other ways to endeavour to organise a party to go to Lausanne for the "Day," but, unfortunately, without any success so far.

Other communications brought to the notice of the Council were a letter from Monsieur R. Hoffmann, President of the Commission des Suisses à l'étranger, and a circular from the Swiss Rifle Association. Monsieur Hoffmann expressed his appreciation of the fact that we are studying the question of the Revision of the Federal Legislation on Alcohol, and hoped we would also discuss the Monopoly on Corn. The view was expressed that the latter had not the same national importance as the former, but that it might, nevertheless, be a good thing to get some material on the subject from the S.S.E.

The circular from the Swiss Rifle Association asked us to appoint two delegates to take part at a meeting of representatives of all the other London Swiss Societies for the purpose of discussing the proposal to celebrate the National Fête by an "Open-Air Meeting" of patriotic and partly religious character on Sunday, August 1st. Mr. C. Campart, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. A. F. Suter, Hon. Treasurer, kindly agreed to attend this meeting as delegates of the London Group.

The next Monthly Meeting of the London Group will be held on October 22nd.

PERSONAL.

The name of Field-Art. Lieut. Edwin Ziegler appears in the latest list of those who have obtained the diploma of civil engineer at the Federal Polytechnic in Zurich. He is a son of Mr. Emile Ziegler, who for many years was a member of a prominent City firm, and always took a keen interest in the activities of the Swiss Colony; he is now living in Geneva, where, we believe, he devotes his time to the study of Oriental languages. "Teddy" Ziegler was born in London and educated at the Merchant Taylors' School, Charterhouse Square, E.C., and at the Guildhall School of Music, of which latter he was one of the most successful pupils; in fact, just before leaving London, he took charge of the entire programme of a Sunday afternoon concert at the Steinway Hall. Young Ziegler is now continuing his technical education at the Chemistry School in Geneva.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

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WILLIAM RAPPARD †

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Rappard, who passed away, after a prolonged illness, at the age of 73, last Friday, the 18th inst., at his residence, "The Orchard," The Mount, Sydenham, S.E.26. He was buried last Wednesday in the family grave in Norwood Cemetery; in addition to the members of the family and intimate friends, there were present Monsieur Paravicini, the Swiss Minister, and Mr. M. Gerig, the secretary of the City Swiss Club.

The late Mr. W. Rappard, who received his early education in Berne, commenced business life in a Bank in Basle in 1871, but he soon afterwards came to London, where, in 1885, he took over the firm of C. Hoffmann & Co., ship and insurance brokers, which business he carried on successfully in times both good and bad until his death.

He became a member of the Baltic Shipping Exchange in 1893, and at the time of his death he was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, shipbrokers in London. Before the war he was the London broker for all Russian, German and Dutch sailing vessels, and was an authority on the Portuguese, North African, West Indian and South American trades, and since the war he has interested himself in the newly-formed Republics of Latvia and Estonia, where he had many business friends who esteemed his friendship and advice.

He was not one to go very much into society outside his own intimate circle, but he was a member of the Swiss Alpine Club, and he had been a member of the City Swiss Club since 1875 and was elected an honorary member of the latter club in 1925.

The last few years of his life were unfortunately overshadowed by family bereavements, he having lost his wife, three daughters and a brother almost within a decade, but he bore it all with a firmness that was characteristic of him all through his life. He had a large number of old friends in Basle, most of whom, however, have passed away during the last few years, and although the greater part of his life was spent in London, he was very fond of his native Switzerland, particularly of the Bernese Oberland and the Engadine, where he invariably spent a few weeks out of the year. It is common knowledge, but nevertheless well worth mentioning, that Professor Rappard, of Geneva, who has been very active in connection with the League of Nations and who was a personal friend of the late President Wilson, is a nephew of the late Mr. W. Rappard.

Such men as Mr. W. Rappard are not met with every day, and when they pass away, leaving only memories, their place cannot be filled, but those who were intimately connected with him can only feel relief that, after a long life devoted to work, but marred in the end by loss of family and personal suffering, he is at last at rest.

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CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que la prochaine

Assemblée Mensuelle

aura lieu le MARDI 6 JUILLET au Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon. Cette assemblée sera précédée d'un souper familial à 7 h. précises (7/6 par couvert) et suivi d'une danse.

Pour faciliter les arrangements, le Comité recommande aux participants de s'annoncer au plus tôt à M. P. F. Boehringer, 23, Leonard St. E.C.2. (Téléphone: Clerkenwell 9595).

Ordre du Jour:

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Divine Services.

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

Dimanche, 27 Juin.—Hospital Sunday.

11h.—M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme. (2 Rois V.)—Collecte en faveur des hôpitaux.

6.30.—Service liturgique et musical: "Heureux les miséricordieux."

7.30.—Réunion de prières.

Dimanche, 4 Juillet.—Ste. Cène matin et soir.

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

(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

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

Sonntag, 27. Juni.—Hospital Sunday.

11 Uhr vorm.—Predigt. Pfr. Hahn.

Dienstag, 29. Juni, 3 Uhr nachm.—"Näheverein" im "Foyer Suisse."

Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12—1 in der Kirche.

Mittwoch 3—5 im "Foyer Suisse."

Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen etc. an Pfr. C. Th. Hahn, 8, Chiswick Lane, W.4.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Thursday, July 1st, at 8 p.m.—SWISS SPORTS: Delegates' Meeting at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Tuesday, July 6th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at the Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon.

SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.—Rehearsals every Friday evening. Every Swiss heartily invited to attend. Particulars from the Hon. Secretary, Swiss Choral Society, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—Every Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting) Shooting Practice at the Range, Hendon (opposite Old Welsh Harp). Lunch provided on Sundays.

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