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assistance to the circulation of news from here and from home throughout the Swiss Colony in London.

As further representatives of the Press we have here to-night Mr. Halperin, London Correspondent of the "N.Z.Z."

The various Societies in our Colony are represented as follows: *The City Swiss Club*, Mr. Jules Zimmermann, accompanied by Miss Smith; *Swiss Mercantile Society*, Mr. Staehelin, accompanied by Mrs. Staehelin; *Swiss Club*, Mr. L. Pache (President) and Mr. Riederer; *Unione Ticinese*, Mr. C. Moresi; *Union Helvetia Club*, Mr. Haller; *Swiss Rifle Association*, Mr. Strubin, accompanied by Mrs. Strubin; *Swiss Gymnastic Society*, Mr. Honegger; *Swiss Institute Orchestra*, Mr. Dick, accompanied by Mrs. Dick.

We also have amongst us Mr. Wagner, representing the West London Male Choir.

On behalf of the Swiss Choral Society I wish all our Guests a most enjoyable evening.

In conclusion he paid a number of subtle compliments to the Ladies and called upon the representatives of the stronger sex to drink their health.

Mr. A. C. Staehelin, in replying on behalf of the visitors, was pleased to express sincere thanks for the splendid hospitality. The Swiss Choral Society could always count upon the support of the other Societies in the Colony which looked upon their achievements with some measure of envy, as the Swiss Choral Society gave expression to that noble gift which brings sunshine to a soul burdened with sorrow and new hope to a body racked with pain.

The dancing which followed the official part of the evening was agreeably interrupted by the rendering of a number of songs, which showed the choir in good form, thanks to the excellent acoustics of the hall.

The following were also present, apart from those already mentioned:

Miss Andersen; Mr. K. Ayer; Mr. E. Ayer; Mr. J. J. Boos; Miss Bernhard; Mr. and Mrs. Burckhalter; Mr. and Mrs. G. Brüscheiler; Mr. and Mrs. W. Beckman; Mrs. M. Brenner; Mr. A. Bindschedler; Mr. P. Conrad; Mr. J. Christen; Mr. F. Conrad; Mr. F. Dora; Mr. and Mrs. Dübelsch; Mr. and Mrs. Dick; Mr. N. Frederick; Miss Gaze; Mr. and Mrs. Gysi; Mr. and Mrs. Hafter; Mrs. E. Heuer; Mr. W. Helmerking; Mr. W. Jent; Mr. T. Kellenberger; Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann; Miss C. Locke; Miss Luddy; Mr. C. Mayer; Mr. and Mrs. J. Nanzer; Mr. and Mrs. Nachbur; Mrs. E. Ogier; Mr. A. S. Paye; Mrs. A. Rossier; Mr. R. Schaffner; Mr. P. Stori; Mr. A. A. Schutz; Mr. and Mrs. C. Sykora; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. and Miss Searle; Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Sommer; Mr. and Mrs. Schlupbach; Mr. H. Senn; Mr. F. Suter; Mr. F. Seiz; Miss Thacker; Mrs. Unden; Miss J. Valerani; Mr. C. Walther; Mr. C. Weber; Mr. and Mrs. W. Wyss; Miss N. Walker; Mr. W. Wagner; Mr. and Mrs. W. Welter.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

On Wednesday evening, February 13th, a lecture was given by Major Nathan, of the firm of Herbert Oppenheimer, Nathan and Vandyk, legal advisers to the Legation, our Hon. President and Minister, Monsieur Paravicini, having kindly consented to take the chair.

In the opening speech by the Minister he mentioned that we were indeed privileged to hear an authority like Major Nathan on a most interesting and vital subject, namely "Great Britain's Industrial Future." Major Nathan had some considerable experience in public affairs, and was very much interested in international relations, political as well as economic. Major Nathan is a Liberal candidate for the next election, and, according to the career he has to his credit, the Minister said, he believed in his full success.

Major Nathan then took the word and mentioned that, after the introductory remarks by His Excellency, he found it difficult to approach his lecture with the usual coolness of mind which is essential in dealing with a subject of this importance. He also hoped that, although he was a Liberal candidate, he could cast aside any partisan attitude and treat the various points untinged by any political colouring. The space at our disposal does not allow us to give a full account of the lecture; however, those present had an opportunity of obtaining an insight into the industrial future of this country. Major Nathan was not afraid to touch some sore points, and had quite an open and frank mind concerning the present-day failings as far as commercial relations were concerned. His outline for improvement of the industrial prosperity of the country, and how to regain for Great Britain her former world markets and high prestige of the past, referring especially to manufacturing and export, was excellent. He considered it would take a long time to bring back the "good old times" existing before the war. He could not deny, however, a certain lack of "push"—if it may be expressed thus—on the part of many industrial concerns. The lecturer mentioned the words of H.M. King George when returning from an extensive tour in the Dominions some years

ago: "Wake up, England!" There would be many points well worth adding; suffice it to say "Wake up, England!" is not enough, but "Wake up, all of us!"

Major Nathan then replied to some questions in a most convincing manner, and when Monsieur Paravicini offered a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Paschoud, the enthusiasm of the assembly. I hope, convinced Major Nathan that his lecture was highly appreciated. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Staehelin, which was passed with acclamation.

A.A.S.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

W. Jeangros, Berne: "The Most Precious Pictures in the World." F. Voser, Wohlen-Aargau: "Bull-fights" and "Verdun." J. Kuratle, Zurich: "Vivisection" and "It's Only a Sheet of Paper." M. Kissling, Olten: "The Electrification of the Swiss Federal Railways." H. Amsler, Morcote-Ticino: "Two Hundred Years of Cinema History." C. Hassler, Milan: "The Culture of Rice in Northern Italy." Miss E. Gaehtler, Herisau: "Week-ends." Miss T. Fasnacht, Zurich: "Women's Role in Modern Life." F. Friedli, Thörigen: "History." M. Tinner, Zurich: "Monte Carlo and the Principality of Monaco."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"That the influence of the father is more important than that of the mother in the training of a child." Proposer, W. Ehrsam. Opposer, Miss C. Haselbach.

"Is it better for a Swiss student to go to a purely English school rather than to the Swiss Mercantile Society?" Proposer, F. Hafter. Opposer, M. Kissling.

Friday: A very interesting and instructive lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, was given by E. B. Cannell, Esq., on "The Isle of Man." Saturday: Visit to the Tate Gallery.

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Tuesday, March 5th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting at Pagani's, 42, Gt. Portland Street, W.1.

Tuesday, March 12th.—UNIONE TICINESE: Annual Banquet, Ball and Cabaret at Monaco's.

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