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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

(At Swiss House, February 26th, 1930.)

The Annual General Meeting always attracts many Members and a gathering of nearly seventy was present when Mr. Paschoud, President of the Swiss Mercantile Society, declared the Meeting open. He read out the Annual Report summarising the activities of the various branches of the S.M.S. during the past year. In conclusion he read out a letter received from Federal Councillor Motta, expressing his thanks for the nice reception accorded him at Swiss House when he visited the school and affirming his willingness for help, should ever the Society require it.

The reports bearing on the Education Department, Evening Classes and House-Committee were read out and agreed to with applause. The various accounts of the Society which had been passed by the Auditors were approved and a vote of thanks was passed to the Treasurers and Auditors for their untiring efforts. Referring to the forthcoming General Meeting of Members and Delegates of the Swiss Mercantile Society in Zurich on May 10th and 11th, Mr. Paschoud expressed his hopes that our Society would be strongly represented as the business to be dealt with will be of the utmost importance. This will be a great gathering of all Members in Switzerland and abroad.

Scrutineers were elected and the election took place. The outgoing Committees were thanked for their past services. Mr. P. F. Böhringer was elected temporary chairman and once more proved his qualifications for this office. It was impossible to re-appoint the Committees en bloc as various Officers did not seek re-election.

Mr. Paschoud, who has held the dual position of President of the Society and Chairman of the Education Committee, felt that the work entailed was too much for one man. He did an enormous amount of work during the past year and safely guided the ship S.M.S. round the dangerous cliffs. The Meeting heartily applauded a vote of thanks for his invaluable services and expressed its delight at his willingness to carry on the Presidency of the S.M.S. Mr. W. Deutsch, who was elected a member of the Education Committee last October, was elected as Chairman of that Committee.

The Meeting was unable to fill the offices of the Chairman and Secretary of the House-Committee. Thanks are due to Messrs. G. Jenne and J. Boos for their unselfish and untiring work they rendered on that Committee which involved a heavy task especially during the past year on account of the building alterations at Swiss House.

The Acting-Secretaryship of the Society (paid) had also to be left in abeyance, this office being combined with the Secretarship of the School which is at present vacant. It will be the first important task of the newly elected Committee to appoint a Secretary to the Society. It was also suggested that the Secretarship of the House-Committee should be combined with that of the Acting-Secretary.

The President reported that the Education Committee had been obliged to expel one of the students who had created a lot of trouble in the school and submitted a proposal by the out-going joint Committees that he should be expelled also from the Society as he was a member of the London Section. The Meeting after a short discussion unanimously adopted the proposal and the student in question was requested to leave the premises as he was no longer a member.

Whilst the scrutineers were busy counting the votes, our Hon. Member and late President, Mr. A. C. Stahelin, gave a report on the work of the Select Committee which was brought into existence at the preceding Annual General Meeting for the purpose of studying the advisability of transforming the Society into a registered Company. Mr. Stahelin, Chairman of that Committee, was pleased to inform the Members that the work is progressing and that Registration might be possible within a few months. Advice had been given with regard to Income Tax, which is the most important factor. Apart from that under the present system the Society has no legal standing whatsoever, the Committee Members are personally liable for six years, a position which cannot be expected to continue as the activities of the Society increase from year to year.

The following motion, moved by Mr. J. J. Boos and seconded by Mr. Paschoud was carried:

"It is resolved that this Annual General Meeting after having heard Mr. Stahelin's report on the progress made by the Select Committee appointed at the last Annual General Meeting to study the advisability of the formation and registration of the Society as a registered Company re-affirms the present members of the said Committee and begs of them to carry on their work with a view to submitting a report to a special General Meeting of the Society at the earliest possible moment."

It was also agreed that any professional and legal expenditure incurred by the said Committee

for purposes of its deliberations be paid for by the Education Department.

Mr. Stahelin pointed out that the credit of £20 granted by the last Annual General Meeting was by no means sufficient to cover the cost for legal advice and registration and that these are more likely to be £200.

The various Committees and Officials were appointed as follows:—

General Committee: Hon. President, Mr. M. Paschoud; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. Deutsch and W. L. Kruecker; Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Haberstich; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. O. Grob; Hon. Asst. Secretary, Mr. A. Steimann; Hon. Asst. Treasurers, Messrs. W. Burren and P. W. Schoop; Secretary (paid) not filled.

Education Committee: Chairman, Mr. W. Deutsch; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Pfaender; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Attinger; Hon. Chef de Cours, Mr. H. H. Baumann; Hon. Asst. Chef de Cours, Messrs. E. Hardmeier and R. Weist.

House Committee: Chairman, not filled; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, not filled; Asst. Secretary, Mr. W. Burren; Members, Mrs. Langhi-Rezzonico and Mr. J. Trachsel.

Entertainment Committee: Chairman, Mr. W. L. Kruecker; Members, Messrs. P. Mathys, W. Lehmann, E. Ulmann, F. Streit.

Auditors: Messrs. R. Schweizer, A. Rosset-Droux and P. Mathys.

Press Reporter: Mr. W. Burren.

Delegate on the Advisory Board of the Employment Department: Mr. C. Chapuis.

Delegates on the Swiss Sports Committee: Messrs. W. L. Kruecker, Ch. Sträbin and R. Chapuis.

Delegate to the Nouvelle Société Helvétique: Mr. W. Beckmann.

The proceedings of the Annual General Meeting were finished by 11.30 p.m. and, after a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded to the temporary Chairman and scrutineers, it was followed by the ordinary Monthly Meeting.

W.B.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Mr. R. Maurer, Uster: "Satire about good manners," Mr. F. Roos, Escholzmatz: "The English and the metric system," Mr. W. Huerlimann, Baretswil: "Disarmament in Europe," Miss H. Baumann, Zurich: "Spring."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Should persons of different nationalities marry," Proposer: Mr. R. Bischoff. Opposer: Miss I. Hasler.

"That the modern girl is a good house-keeper," Affirmative: Miss E. Bringolf. Negative: Dr. R. Reinacher.

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Monday, March 10th.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY, Education Department: Fancy Dress Ball at Lever House, Blackfriars, from 7.30 to 11.30.

Tuesday, March 11th—UNIONE TICINESE: Annual Banquet, Ball and Cabaret at The Monico Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, W.1.

Wednesday, March 12th, at 7 p.m.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Wednesday, March 19th, at 7.45 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE: Monthly Meeting of the London Group, followed by a causerie by Mr. P. LIECHTI, on "My Experiences in Japan," at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1. All members cordially invited.

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