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o'clock we took our seats and, I think, everybody did full justice to the fine dinner prepared under the supervision of our worthy member Mr. Fred Beer, the Chef de Cuisine, to whom we offer our hearty thanks.

Mr. F. Brun, the President, proposed the loyal toasts to "The King" and "Switzerland." Mr. H. Gattiker, our Secretary, welcomed the guests and friends of the Club, while regretting the unavoidable absence of our Minister in London, Monsieur Paravicini.

Mr. Montag replied on behalf of the guests in his usual good humour and later on he amused everyone with a story about an African Chieftain who after meeting a Swiss in his native land, did not want to appear ignorant about our country and said, "Oh, Yes! Switzerland, this is the country where the inhabitants do not drink any milk." "How is that?" was the surprised question of our compatriot. "Well," was the answer "Don't they send all their milk in small tins to London?"

Mr. J. H. Brunner greeted the ladies with some humorously flattering remarks. Mrs. Reinhart very charmingly responded.

Mr. E. Brunner in proposing the health of the Club, gave details as to its history and I think the younger generation was surprised when our grand old man, Mr. F. O. Egger, who had honoured us with his presence, informed the company that he founded the Club 56 years ago.

A very able speech was delivered by our energetic president, Mr. Brun, who always has an eye to business. The particular business of his was to enrol new members. His methods were overwhelming. For instance, he proposed our host, Mr. Edward Cornacchia, Manager of the Grand Hotel, an honorary member. Then followed the prosaic request, "That will be a guinea!" What can one do but pay up? We must pay our president the highest tribute for the untiring work and energy he expends in the interest of our compatriots. The flattering compliments of our guests, Messrs. Thommen and Steiner, endeared the two compatriots to us all.

With dancing and singing the hours rolled by all too quickly. Like all good things the end had to come, but once more we rallied and we sang "Lasst hören aus alter Zeit" and other songs. A fitting end to a perfect evening!

As usual, our president had a surprise up his sleeve. He announced at the finish, that Mr. C. Künzle invited everyone present who wished to visit his factory the following morning, to do so. This generous offer was accepted with great interest by quite a large number of us. Messrs. E. Brunner, F. Mühlemann and J. H. Brunner conducted the party over the works, to the writer this was a revelation.

The automatic telephone exchange was shown and explained to us, then we were taken through the various departments, offices, storerooms, despatch, bakehouses, etc. Mr. E. Brunner explained the working of the machine which drops the cream centres for chocolates, another machine which coats the centres and then conveys the covered article through a cooling plant into another room where machines were wrapping the goods in aluminium foil ready for packing. We saw beautifully decorated Easter eggs and Wedding cakes. On our departure we were presented one and all with a box of finest dessert chocolates. One could not help feeling proud of the fact that such an imposing business was established by one of our compatriots. Everywhere you went, there was perfect cleanliness.

On returning to the Grand Hotel an excellent lunch was waiting for us. We were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Cornacchia, our incomparable hosts. We fully appreciate the excellent arrangements which were made by our president and secretary and Mr. E. Brunner in conjunction with the management of the Grand Hotel.

We all separated with a hearty "Au Revoir." H.G.

The Editor regrets that on account of pressure on our space in last week's issue, due to the visit to London of Mr. Motta, the above two articles were unavoidably held over.

#### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Mr. E. Moser, Berne: "Reflections." Mr. E. Frohlich, Luzern: "Business of a travel Office." Dr. Walter Koller, Wettingen: "The process of nutrition." Miss H. Luetli, Bienne: "London Warehouse and Docks." Mr. H. Buser, Laufenburg: "Journey to Cuzco." Mr. J. Henner, Winterthur: "Gossip from the Screen." Mr. H. Lehmann, Soleure: "The white Death." Mr. O. Frohlich, Zurich: "Swiss physicians in England." Mr. P. Renz, Basle: "Russia." Mr. R. Bischoff, Basle: "Brunssels." Miss E. Bringolf, Rorschach: "Swiss Hotels." Mr. A. Schwingruber, Luzern: "A Journey with a commercial Traveller." Mr. H. Muehlethaler, Wangen: "Tate Gallery and The National Gallery."

Mr. J. Beckner, Emmenda: "South Tyrolian Impressions." Mr. A. Wildbolz, Berne: "The Development of Scouting." Mr. J. Fischer, St. Gall: "History of Aviation." Mr. W. Hurlimann, Bâretswil: "Conversation with a Cookery Teacher." Mr. Marguerat, Lausanne: "Causes of the Great War, 1914-1918." Mr. G. Heimberg, Langenthal: "Economy." Mr. L. Thomann, Genève: "The Zoological Gardens." Mr. G. Fischer, Uster: "Thoughts during my journey to London." Mr. E. Moser, Berne: "Thirteen." Mr. S. Deutsch, Romanshorn: "A journey in the Tyrolean Mountains." Mr. F. Schmed, Zurich: "The Salvation Army." Mr. P. Bindschedler, Uetikon: "Some Ideas about Modern Science." Farewell Speech by Mr. S. Deutsch.

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"That we should keep a Diary." Affirmative: Mr. W. Hurlimann. Negative: Miss H. Baumann.

"That a Yellow Peril exists." Affirmative: Mr. G. Du Bois. Negative: Mr. J. Menoud.

"That the influence of the father is more important than that of the mother in the education of a child." Affirmative: Mr. R. Koenig. Negative: Miss T. Frölicher.

"Is life worth living." Proposer: Mr. Fatton. Opposer: Mr. Bindschedler.

A Lantern Lecture was given on Friday 14th February by W. W. Page, Esq., on "East African Memories." The lecturer mentioned some of his interesting experiences whilst he had travelled through that part of the great continent. The Students highly appreciated the lecture.

On Saturday, 15th February, the Students visited the Kenwood Art Collection accompanied by W. J. Klein, Esq.

On Friday, February 21st, 1930, Dr. Pinard delivered a deeply interesting lecture on "Psychology." His clear and graphic exposition of his difficult subject awakened great interest and a warm debate followed. Mr. B. Davis, B.A., presided and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. W. Klein, B.A.

#### LE 'CITY SWISS CLUB' DINE ET DANSE AU MAY FAIR HOTEL.

C'est samedi soir 22 février que le 'City Swiss Club' a donné au May Fair Hotel sa seconde soirée dansante de cet hiver; l'on peut dire de suite et sans contredit qu'elle a eu un succès énorme, au-delà des espérances les plus optimistes du Comité. Peu s'en fallut qu'on eût dû renvoyer du monde.

Le nom du May Fair avait-il produit un effet magique? Il est certain du moins que personne ne fut déçu: le goût raffiné jusque dans les moindres détails de la décoration du 'Jardin' devait plaire à première vue et cette première impression devait à son tour créer l'atmosphère enthousiaste immédiate, garantie infaillible de la plus complète réussite. Mais j'ai hâte d'ajouter que c'est grâce à la collaboration fort sympathique de la Direction de l'hôtel, en particulier de notre ami M. Devegnay, grâce aussi aux excellentes productions du virtuose du violon qu'est Signor Emilio Colombo, qui charma notre ouïe au point que l'on eût oublié la danse, grâce enfin et surtout à la gaieté, la joie et que sais-je des cent quarante participants que votre rapporteur est en mesure de signaler ce résultat réjouissant que vient d'enregistrer le 'City Swiss Club.'

Les mérites de l'orchestre Colombo ne se disent plus et pourtant il semblait que samedi dernier ses musiciens se surpassaient encore. Le fait est qu'à minuit sonné personne ne voulait s'en aller. L'orchestre joua pour terminer 'Auld lang sine,' chanté 'con gusto' par toute l'assemblée selon l'usage traditionnel et après avoir écouté avec respect le 'God Save the King,' l'on se dit au revoir au 22 mars.

Ajoutons, pour compléter ces notes, que le dîner fut excellent à tous points de vue, le service impeccable. La Direction de l'hôtel nous fit encore la surprise de nous envoyer le célèbre prestidigitateur De Biere qui, pendant quelques minutes, captiva l'auditoire par un ou deux tours magiques.

N.B. Le Comité a le plaisir de rappeler que sa troisième et dernière soirée dansante de la saison aura lieu samedi le 22 mars. A ce propos, il espère pouvoir annoncer une nouvelle intéressante et agréable dans un des prochains numéros du 'Swiss Observer' ainsi que par la circulaire habituelle aux membres du Club. J.Z.

#### PERSONAL.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mr. François-Henri Besson (known to all his friends as "Bessie") who only a few weeks after his departure from London as a very sick man died at his mother's home in Berne on the 18th inst. in his 48th year. Mr. Besson had been associated with the Swiss Bank Corporation for nearly 25 years and his good-natured personality will be much missed by a large circle of friends.

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which is situated next door to that of the Swiss Federal Railways.

#### L. SACCANI

Late Manager of Gennaro's Restaurant wishes to inform his many Swiss friends that he has taken over the management of

#### TONY RESTAURANT

58, New Compton Street, London, W.C.1

#### CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que la prochaine

#### ASSEMBLEE MENSUELLE

aura lieu le MARDI 4 MARS au Restaurant PAGANI, 42, St. Portland Street, W.1 et sera précédée d'un souper à 7 h. (prix 6/6).

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 9585).

#### ORDRE DU JOUR:

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| Procès-verbal. | Démotions.     |
| Admissions.    | Banquet Annuel |
|                | Divers.        |

#### Divine Services.

#### EGLISE SUISSE (1762),

(Langue française.)

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Dimanche 2 Mars 11h.—M. René Hoffman-de Visme  
Luc 14/28 "Bâtir une tour."—Sainte-Cène.  
6.30h.—M. R. Hoffman-de Visme.—Sainte Cène.  
7.30h.—Répétition du Choeur.

#### SERVICE FUNEBRE.

Vendredi 21 Février, au Crématorium de Golders Green. Francisca-Theresia ROHNER-SCHMID, née le 29 Mai, 1896, décédée à l'Hôpital Français le 15 Février, 1930.

#### MARIAGE.

Carl Alfred WERNER, Allemand, et Vera Louise Charlotte INSBOURG, Danoise, le 24 Février, 1930.

Pour tous renseignements concernant actes pastoraux, etc., prière de s'adresser à M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6 (Téléphone: Archway 1798).

Heure de réception à l'église: le mercredi de 10.30 h à midi.

#### SCHWEIZERKIRCHE

(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

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

(near General Post Office.)

Sonntag, den 2. März 1930.

11 Uhr vorm.: Gottesdienst und Sonntagschule.  
7 Uhr abends: Gottesdienst und Chorpöbe.  
Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12-1 Uhr in der Kirche.  
Mittwoch 5-6 Uhr im "Foyer Suisse."

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, March 1st, at 7 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at the Midland Grand Hotel.

Tuesday, March 4th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting at Pagani's (see advert.).

Wednesday, March 5th, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

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 Monaco Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, W.1.

Wednesday, March 12th, at 7 p.m.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Committee 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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