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which we have to carry on have become still more adverse by reasons of the constantly growing economic depression and in face of which even the very best Administrators are often powerless to avert final disaster, more especially so if a certain "element" would perhaps welcome such an ending, as being synonymous to a highly interesting financial gain upon realising our Club property, the value of which is anything from £20,000 to £25,000 whereas our Cash indebtedness to Headquarters is merely in the neighbourhood of £4,000. The "partnership" interest of our Lucerne friends is represented by a shareholding of £3,600. There does not seem to be a particularly grave reason to worry over the "security" aspect, though, of course, it is a matter of general regret that under present day trade and financial conditions the Union Helvetia Club London does not appear to be able to "make ends meet."

Your article in the S.O. must have created the impression in the minds of those "who are not in the know" that the men at the helm of affairs in London are either "manacled" or incapable of properly conducting the society's affairs, but let me assure you and your Readers that the London Administration is very progressive and that everything reposes in good and trusty hands.

Apart from the "old debts" redemption which is in itself a strain on our resources, we have nevertheless voted the sum of £100 to the "Georges Dimier Fund" and a further gift of £100 has also been made to the Clubhouse Fund. That actions of this sort often give rise to severe criticism owing to lack of proper understanding as to "why and wherefore," we fully appreciate.

Furthermore be it stated that of recent years the demands on our Benevolent Fund have been particularly heavy and during the last 6 months no less than £250 have had to be paid out as Sick benefits. But even under this great strain the Sick Fund still presents a healthy aspect.

Owing to new Labour Exchange activities in our own sphere it is but natural that the Union Helvetia Registry Office has "felt the draught," but a marked improvement has set in since Easter last and we entertain hopes that during the coming Winter months the records of the last 4 years may be beaten, in spite of the most regrettable and for our Institution particularly harmful fact, that nowadays few, if any, young Swiss Hotel employees are permitted to enter this country in search of work. The services rendered by our staff under very trying conditions are much appreciated.

Our Language School has proved a conspicuous success and a new course will open in September next. We are aware that in certain "official quarters" there are pangs of jealousy over our scholastic achievements and we are more than ever bent upon continuing these useful activities in favour of our young colleagues of both sexes.

I trust that after placing the above remarks to the "credit side" of the Union Helvetia London account, the decidedly harmful effect of your last Saturday's article in the "S.O." will be duly "offset" and the "balance" of service and usefulness of our Club to the Colony will become more apparent to the discriminating Reader.

I am, Sir,

Yours very truly:

A. Indermaur,
Président, Administration Territoriale
de l'Union Helvetia.

(We very much regret if the article referred to has given offence to our friends in the Union Helvetia. The original was sent to us by a member and we convinced ourselves that same was a reprint from a communication contained in the official organ of the U. H. and presumably published at the request or with the approval of the interested parties. We gladly publish the above rejoinder. *Ed. S. O.*)

CITY SWISS CLUB.

L'assemblée mensuelle aura lieu comme d'habitude mardi 4 août au local du Club (voir annonce).

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

We wish to remind our readers that the Swiss Rifle Association have made special arrangements to celebrate the First of August on their ground at Hendon. Apart from shooting competitions for non-members there will be a number of other attractions.

A "PICNIC" BY CAR.

It has been suggested amongst some members of the City Swiss Club who are the fortunate owners of cars to join in a common excursion to the South Coast (a run of about 60 miles). This would take place on Sunday August 9th, and likely participants are requested to communicate with Mr. P. F. Boehringer (Tel: Clerkenwell 9595), for further particulars.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, August 1st. Swiss Rifle Association: First of August Celebration on Shooting Ground at Hendon.

Tuesday, August 4th at 8.30 p.m.—City Swiss Club: Monthly Meeting at Pagani's Restaurant, preceded at 7 p.m. by the usual dinner (see Advert).

Wednesday, August 5th, at 7.30 p.m.—Société de Secours Mutuels: Monthly Meeting—at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

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