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much fun. A singular opportunity for students! Dancing followed in the flashlights, it was a merry-go-round and many a student must have wished the mistletoe custom to be transferred to Switzerland. A balloon dance and spot dances added to the merriment. As a novel introduction the dancing was varied by a play entitled "The Bishop's Candlesticks," an incident from "Les Misérables," which was very successfully acted by the students. The excellent English as well as the splendid acting, speak highly of the dramatic talents of the students as well as of Mrs. Paull, a member of the teaching staff, who supervised the play. The actors received great applause. Dancing went on till two o'clock which came too soon for the untiring dancers and brought to end a memorable evening.

W.B.

**SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.**

A very happy little gathering took place at the Swiss Hotel, 53, Old Compton Street, W.1, on Thursday, 18th December, when about 40 members and friends sat down to a "Blut & Leberwurst" dinner. Although the menu sounded quite unpretentious in comparison to the many elaborate ones which were dished up at the various recent Swiss dinners, the simple but excellent fare was none the less greatly enjoyed by all those present.

Mr. F. Conrad, the vivacious President of the Society, welcomed the company with a few words to which Mr. A. Stahelin, late President of the Swiss Mercantile Society, replied. The speeches took exactly seven minutes, a fact well worth emphasising in view of the wave of oratorial efforts which nearly swamped the patient listeners at recent Swiss festivities. The host, Mr. A. Wyss, who is a honorary member of the Swiss Choral Society, made a witty speech in replying to a vote of thanks for looking so well after the culinary welfare of the company.

The choir delighted their friends and guests with few songs, admirably rendered, and tales, some good and some less good, were told. Solos, duets and quartets followed each other in rapid succession and all too soon the parting hour struck. To all who had the pleasure of attending this informal gathering, it will remain a genial evening spent amongst happy company.

**Recette pour faire un bon soulier.**

Il faut d'après un dicton normand, prendre le gosier d'un bœuf et la langue d'une femme. Car le premier ne prend pas l'eau et l'autre ne s'use jamais.

**RUSSIAN SONG LEARNED BY 'PHONE**

Sophie Wyss, our compatriot with what the *Daily Telegraph* has described as a "delightful, full and supple voice," surprised us by including a Russian song in her Christmas Eve broadcast from the National station which she called "Children's Christmas Songs from Moscow to Bordeaux." Many Swiss singers can easily give a programme, as she did, in German, French, English and even Italian, but Russian is naturally more unusual. Miss Wyss learned the song, Rimski-Korsakow's "Angel" from the Russian wife of Arnold Haskell, the well-known ballet impresario, who engaged her in the summer to sing in his production with Karsavina, the great dancer. Miss Wyss set out for a rehearsal with her Russian mentor, but fog held her up, and made the meeting impossible. So she rang up Mrs. Haskell on the telephone and went over the whole of it like that!

**PERSONAL.**

We deeply regret to inform our readers of the sudden death of M. A. P. Rosselet-Droux, a very popular member of the Swiss colony. An obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

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The many friends of Mr. John Gerber, Hon. Secretary of the Swiss Choral Society, will be sympathising with him in his bereavement, Mr. Gerber's father having died at Brugg.

Madame A. P. ROSENLET-DROUX et Mademoiselle ALICE THOMAS ont la douleur de faire partie à leurs amis et connaissances de la grande perte qu'elles viennent d'éprouver en la personne de Monsieur

**Armand Paul Rosselet-Droux**

leur cher mari et beau-frère, décédé subitement dans sa quarante et unième année.

Le service religieux aura lieu à l'Eglise suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, à une heure précise, dimanche 4 janvier.

Les funérailles ayant lieu à Chatelrault, Vienne, France, on est prié de ne pas envoyer de fleurs.

Londres, 4, Patten Road,  
le 31 Déc. 1930. Wandsworth Common, S.W.18.

**Home News—(Continued)****APPENZELL.**

At the general Meeting of the Société du Chemin de Fer du Saentis the shareholders decided by 225 votes against 47 to discontinue the scheme of building the line from Wasseranen to the top of the Saentis. The amount for completion, amounting to 25,000 francs, could not be raised and the project, therefore, had to be abandoned.

N.Z.

A party of skiers were overwhelmed by an avalanche on Saturday last in the neighbourhood of the Saentis. The party, consisting of seven Swiss, had set out and were about 7,000 feet up when the avalanche descended on them. They were completely buried, but four managed to struggle out and their calls for help were heard by other groups of skiers who worked feverishly to save the two men and the woman buried under the snow. But when reached they were dead. The names of the dead are: Miss Rosa Zubler from Krummenau, Messrs. G. Peter and G. Herten, both from Wülfingen.

C.N.

**VALAIS.**

The funeral took place on the 19th of December of M. Remy Berra, manager of the branch of the cantonal bank at Monthey, who was foully murdered. Apart from a great part of the population of Monthey, high officials of the cantonal bank and superior army officers, amongst them Colonel Grosselin, Division commander, followed the coffin. The murdered man held the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the army. The murderer, who, as reported in our last issue, was arrested, still refuses to divulge the name of his accomplice.

CHUR T.G.

The doyen of the Swiss Episcopate, Mgr. Georgius Schmid von Gruneck, Bishop of Chur, last week celebrated his eightieth birthday in youthful spirits, on which occasion he received hearty congratulations from all parts and classes of catholic Switzerland.

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**LE LOCLE.**

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