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does not grow on brains does it and then and then . . . . . ck woke up to find that the President was proposing the health of Mr. Neuschwander and was affectionately calling him "Papa Neuschwander" and was telling us that the next day he would be celebrating his 85th birthday. Mr. Neuschwander's health was then drunk with the greatest enthusiasm and in his reply he told us how he had been connected with the Charing Cross Hotel for 52 years and then proceeded to tell us about some of his experiences.

When Mr. Neuschwander first went to the Hotel, there was no such thing as the Embankment and London was a very different place to what it is in these days.

They must have been great days nevertheless as apparently after a banquet they used to find the waiters under the table drinking champagne but whether they got under the table in order to drink the champagne or whether it was the result of having done so I do not know.

Mr. Neuschwander's remarks were received with great applause and I think younger speakers might take a lesson from him with advantage as he could be heard distinctly at the end of the room.

The Cinderellas were definitely fixed for next Saturday January 17th and for February 21st. There will not be a Cinderella in March. The Committee hopes that members will make every effort to attend on these two nights and bring as many guests as possible so that the dances may be a great success. I am sure Mr. Chapuis has several surprises in store for us.

The President announced that 279 persons were present at the Annual Dinner as against 250 in 1929. Thus the City Swiss Club continues to flourish and I think it is to be congratulated especially in these hard times. Moreover I understand there was practically no deficit and this has not happened for many years.

During the evening Miss Merrydew sang some typical English humorous songs with that energy and enthusiasm which are characteristic of youth.

Two new members were elected and there was one resignation namely that of Mr. Despond who has left this country to take up a situation at Roubaix. It was with great regret that we heard this news as Mr. Despond was one of the most popular members in the Club and we all wished him every success in his new post.

There were not quite as many members present as usual and for once the left was in the minority but no doubt the weather is chiefly to be blamed for the relatively small attendance.

#### SWISS INSTITUTE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

It is some time since the Swiss Institute Orchestra ventured to bring itself to the special notice of its patrons and supporters among the Swiss Community, but it should not be supposed that this indicates a cessation of the Orchestra's activities.

On the contrary, the playing members of the Orchestra have been working harder than ever, with a very special objective before them. It will be remembered that in February of last year the Orchestra gave a concert in the Conway Hall. That concert was organised with the primary object of securing dependable and regular support in the shape of "patrons" who would be prepared to offer a regular annual subscription, in order to ensure that the Orchestra might be able to continue not merely in the same way as during the past, but with a more progressive programme and extended scope. We feel sure that readers who attended the Concert will agree that it marked a very considerable advance on anything previously attempted by the Orchestra, but, unfortunately, the response to the appeal for regular "patrons" was not so readily met as had been hoped.

A second Concert will be given in the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.6, on Thursday, February 19th, when it is hoped to present a programme which will possess quite as much appeal as that provided last year. The Orchestra has been working hard on its portion of the programme, and in addition two well-known soloists have been engaged. Readers who come to the Conway Hall on February 19th can be sure of an enjoyable evening's music. We are confident that we can rely on receiving further offers from members of the Swiss Community to become "patrons" of the Orchestra, by the payment of a regular annual subscription of 10/6, which entitles the "patrons" to two tickets for each concert.

The Orchestra is an old-established section of the Swiss Community in London, and we are sure that readers will be ready to lend their support to ensure that its activities shall continue.

Please make a special note of the date of the next Concert—Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.6 Thursday, February 19th.

#### PERSONAL.

The many friends of Monsieur Clemente Rezzonico, Secretary of Legation, will be pleased to hear that the Federal Council has promoted him to the rank of 1st Secretary.

#### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Mr. P. Bertschmann, Basle: "Travelling," Mr. A. Kilcher, Rheinfelden: "Coffee," Mr. A. Kilcher, Rheinfelden: "Possible Solutions of Unemployment," Mr. P. Bertschmann, Basle: "All quiet on the Western Front," Mr. E. Witschard, Lausanne: "Reason of War," Mr. A. Keller, Lausanne: "Spanish Dictatorship," Mr. E. Horrer, Zurich: "Russia and the 5 years plan," Mr. F. Dick: "A journey round England," Mr. A. Isotta, Lugano: "Translations of Dante Alighieri's "Divina Comedia."

On Friday, January 9th, we were honoured by a visit of Sir Wilfred Sudgen, who delivered a lecture on "Parliamentary Procedure" to our students which was very highly appreciated. In a racy speech Sir Wilfred told us of his experiences as a candidate for Parliament and of his experiences in the House of Commons. By a coincidence our students had arranged to visit the Houses of Parliament next day, so that the lecture was appropriate. Though the lecturer was unable to finish his discourse until a late hour the audience was so spellbound that time seemed to fly on wings. It is to be hoped that we may see Sir Wilfred in our midst again before long. The lecture was followed by musical items.

On Saturday, the 10th January last, approximately 70 students conducted by Mr. R. S. Thompson, visited the Houses of Parliament and, having some time still left, proceeded to Westminster Abbey. The weather was cold and foggy but once inside the magnificent Palace of Westminster, outside conditions were quickly forgotten and the various sections of the building teemed with interest for all those who attended. The pictures and portraits were greatly admired and the House of Lords was voted a very comfortable place. Westminster Hall was cold but interesting as was also the Crypt Chapel. Westminster Abbey proved very popular and here the services of one of the ushers were requisitioned. Under his skilful guidance, we saw many interesting features of the Abbey and the visit concluded with an inspection of the Chapter House and the chapel of the Pyx.

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#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, January 17th.—CITY SWISS CLUB: First Cinderella at the May Fair Hotel, Berkeley Square, W.1.

Wednesday, January 21st, at 7.45 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVETIQUE: Monthly Meeting of the London Group, followed by a short address by Dr. Walter E. R. Mons on "The Psychology of Cancer in the Light of the latest Research," at the "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Friday, January 30th at 8 p.m.—SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY: Social Evening and Tombola at the Union Helvétique Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Saturday, January 31st.—SWISS BANK CLUB: Dinner and Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.

Wednesday, February 4th, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIÉTÉ DES SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, February 7th, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Annual Banquet and Ball, at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.1.

Thursday, February 19th.—SWISS INSTITUTE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY: Concert at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.6.

Wednesday, February 25th, at 8 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Annual General Meeting at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

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