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## SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY LTD.

The Swiss Mercantile Society held an Extraordinary General Meeting on Thursday, April 30th, 1931, at Swiss House. There were 50 Members present and Mr. M. Paschoud, President, was in the chair. The Swiss Mercantile Society was registered on April 9th, 1931, as a Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed. A motion was moved that the assets and liabilities of the unincorporated Society known as the Swiss Mercantile Society be transferred to the new Limited Company. The resolution was adopted unanimously. Mr. J. J. Boos proposed that a special record be made in the minutes mentioning the invaluable work and outstanding services rendered by Messrs. J. J. Pfändler, M. Paschoud and A. C. Stahelin during the last twenty-five, twenty and ten years respectively. This motion was passed with acclamation.

Four applications for Membership and one resignation were accepted. This concluded the Meeting and the Swiss Mercantile Society thus wound up its many sided activities of nearly fifty years standing. It was followed immediately by the first Extraordinary Meeting of the Swiss Mercantile Society Limited. The Secretary read out the notice convening the Meeting. This was followed by the auditor's report bearing on the activities of the first three months 1931. The period under review showed a considerable underbalance due to the economically unfavourable period in Switzerland and the changed policy of the Education Department, viz. smaller classes and additional staff. Mr. Percy H. Green, F.C.A. ably summed up his report by giving a concise statement of accounts. The President pointed out that the question of subsidy from the Swiss Government was pending and would be gone into at the Delegates Meeting at Thonon on May 16th. Should our hopes not be materialized, a change of policy would naturally have to be made as otherwise the year would show a heavy deficit.

A resolution "That the Company take over the whole of the Assets and Liabilities including the real and personal property of an unincorporated Society known as the Swiss Mercantile Society and indemnify such Society from all claims in respect of same," was duly proposed and seconded and passed without discussion. The election of the Council now followed. Mr. Cl. Rezzonico, who by his presence once more asserted the interest the Legation is taking in the activities of the S.M.S., was elected Chairman pro tem.

The 14 signatories of the Memorandum and Articles of Association formed the first Council. However Messrs. Eichenberger, Barbezat and Meili dissented to serve on the Council although the former two will still carry on in their office as Trustees. This reduced the Council to eleven Members, all of whom were willing to serve subject to being elected.

It was now for the Meeting to decide on the number of Members who should form the Council. A proposal of 9 Members was defeated by an amendment of 11 Members. Messrs. Beckmann and Schoop were elected scrutineers and the vote was taken by poll.

Whilst the scrutineers were busy, a lengthy discussion on the question of the proposed increase of the contribution to the Central Society ensued. It was decided to give the Delegates a free hand to act to the best interest of the Society. The election showed the following result: Council for 1931/32:

Chairman and President, Mr. M. Paschoud; Vice-Chairman and Vice-President, Mr. A. C. Stahelin; Vice-President, Mr. W. L. Krucker; Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Haberstich; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. O. Grob. Messrs. J. J. Boos, W. Deutsch, G. Jenne and J. J. Pfändler. Messrs. C. A. Schupbach and G. E. De Brunner, the two Trustees who have consented to serve, are Council Members by virtue of their office.

The Council will carry on the work of collaboration with the existing Committees. The new Committees cannot be elected until the Bye Laws have been passed and a resolution authorising the Council to delegate their power to the existing Committees and to co-opt any Members necessary to form these Committees was also agreed to.

On the recommendation of the Council it was proposed and seconded that the sum of £100 be paid from the Section's funds to the Swiss Benevolent Society for the erection of a Home for aged Swiss in London and so redeem a pledge previously given.

A resolution was moved by the Council that the Honorary Members of the old Society be admitted as such by the new Society which was passed unanimously.

On the Treasurer's proposal a credit of two Guineas was voted out of the Section's funds for the Annual Swiss Sports Meeting.

Mr. Percy H. Green, F.C.A. was elected as the Company's Auditor.

It may also be mentioned that Mr. J. Woodhouse, the Company's solicitor was present. The Meeting came to a close shortly before 11 o'clock. WB.

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## SCHWEIZERKIRCHE

(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.  
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Sonntag, den 10 Mai, 1931.

11 Uhr. morgens, Gottesdienst und Sonntagsschule.

7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr, Chorpöbe.

Mittwoch, den 13. Mai 1931

6.30 abends, Wochenabendgottesdienst.

Mittwoch, den 20. Mai 1931

6.30 abends, Jährliche Ordentliche Gemeindeversammlung im "Foyer Suisse," 15, Upper Bedford Place, Russell Square, W.C.1. Alle Gemeindeglieder sind dazu herzlich eingeladen.

Nach der Behandlung der Traktanden hält der Gemeindepfarrer einen Vortrag über: "Die Einheit der Kirche nach den Beratungen der Lambeth-Conferenz des Jahres 1930."

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Thursday, May 14th, at 8 p.m.—A Concert of classical music. (Sophie Wyss, Franz Walter and Spencer Shaw) at Swiss Church, Endell Street, W.C.2.

Tuesday, May 19th, 1931, at 3 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital by Mlle. Lina Pugni, at Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W.1.

Wednesday, May 20th, at 7.45 p.m.—Nouvelle Société Helvétique—Monthly Meeting—followed by a causerie by Louis H. Micheli, First Secretary of Swiss Legation on "Some aspects of political actualities with regard to Switzerland," at Swiss House, 34/35 Fitzroy Square, W.1. Members and friends are very cordially invited.

Saturday, May 30th, at 2.30 p.m.—Swiss Sports at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds.

Thursday, June 25th, from 6-10.30 p.m.—62nd "Fête Suisse" at Central Hall, Westminster.

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