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#### SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS DES SUISES A LONDRES.

##### Annual Dinner.

The oldest Swiss Society in London, which was founded over 200 years ago and devotes itself to the beneficial task of securing its members against the common vicissitudes of sickness, old age and death, held the Annual Dinner at its headquarters, the Swiss Club in Charlotte Street, on Friday, March 29th, in the usual jolly spirit of comradeship and friendliness. Nearly three quarters of the one hundred and odd members were present and a round ten invited guests besides, including Monsieur de Bourg, Counsellor of Legation, Pasteur Hoffmann-de Visme, Mr. George Marchand for the City Swiss Club, Messrs. Gambazzi and Hauswirth for the Unione Ticinese, Mr. Steinmann as president of the Swiss Mercantile Society, Mr. R. Dupraz as president of the Fonds de Secours, Mr. Röthlisberger for the New Helvetic Society, Mr. Hediger as president of the Schweizer Bund and Dr. H. W. Egli for the "Swiss Observer." The club management, Mr. and Mrs. Rossier, did their very best to provide the company an excellent meal which, with the addition of wine and cigars, did not fail to stimulate a highly convivial atmosphere, despite the entire absence of the fair sex.

Under the honorary presidency of Monsieur de Bourg, the evening was passed in a very agreeable manner with a few short speeches, some patriotic songs, plenty of neighbourly talk and an amusing half hour of comic entertainment. The eldest son of Mr. Bosshard, caretaker of the Swiss Mercantile School, who is a very good musician marked the orchestra at the piano during the evening.

Monsieur de Bourg conveyed the compliments and good wishes of our Minister and the Legation for the prosperity and useful function of the society. Mr. Campart spoke with gratification of the continued support the society enjoys amongst its members. He read out greetings from various members and friends who were unable to be present themselves and he dispatched messages of remembrance to some of them. Pasteur Hoffmann spoke vividly about his experiences amongst the Swiss in Naples. Mr. Dupraz congratulated the Société de Secours Mutuels for its highly satisfactory state of affairs,

which society he described as a welcome competitor for his own organisation, the Fonds de Secours, the competition being of such a kind that, contrary to commercial practice, the Fonds de Secours is the more pleased, the more "business" the Secours Mutuels succeeds in taking away from it.

Dr. E.

#### STEFI GEYER — RECITAL.

Following the concert of the Contemporary Music Centre at our Legation and the performance at our Minister's reception at Grosvenor House, about both which events the "Swiss Observer" published reports in the last issue, Mme. Stefi Geyer, the famous violinist from Zürich, gave a recital of her own on Thursday, 28th March, at the Aeolian Hall. Madame Stefi Geyer has been playing in London before King Edward some thirty years ago as a Hungarian "enfant prodige." During the war she has settled down in Zürich, married the composer and musician Schulthess, a nephew of the Federal Counsellor, and has for many years acted as the principal violin teacher at the Konservatorium of Zürich.

Madame Geyer's international reputation brought a considerable audience to the concert-hall, including several critics who reported very favourably on her performance. Apart from a number of lighter compositions by Elgar, Scott, Dvorak, Brahms and Bartok, the artist played with great virtuosity a violin solo Partita in D minor by Bach and an Adagio and a Rondo by Mozart, accompanied on the piano by Gerald Moore. The wonderfully powerful, yet sweet and sensitive tone of Madame Geyers playing and her spirited interpretation of those great masters carried the audience to rousing applause.

Dr. E.

#### ICE-HOCKEY.

##### Davos 7 : Wembley Canadians 7.

The Ice-Hockey Match between Davos and the Wembley Canadians was played on Saturday last at the Wembley Stadium and ended with a draw.

A large contingent of our countrymen, amongst them the Swiss Minister, were present, and when the Davos team entered the rink they were accorded a rousing reception, hundreds of Swiss flags were enthusiastically waved.

Previous to the match M. Meikeler and Mlle. Meerkamper gave an exhibition of free skating, their graceful movements were greatly admired and earned warm applause.

The Swiss team which included several internationals, were leading almost to the last moment, but it was obvious that in the 3rd period they were tired out, no doubt due to conditions to which they were not accustomed to.

On the whole the teams were fairly evenly matched and when, during the last quarter of an hour, the Wembley Canadians made strenuous efforts to even up the score, one felt that the resulting draw was in accordance with the style of play.

The match was played in a true sportsman spirit and both teams received a great ovation at the finish from the large audience numbering several thousands.

#### PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mlle. Nellie Meyrat, (professionally known as Nellie Palliser, the singer) on her engagement to Mr. Harry Bryan.

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