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CITY SWISS CLUB.

Monthly Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on Tuesday, June 1st, at Brown's Hotel, and was preceded by the customary dinner. One hundred and eighteen members and guests were present. Monsieur W. Thurnheer, the Swiss Minister, was in the Chair.

Mr. Wickham Steed, the eminent journalist and former Editor of the *Times* and the *Review of Reviews*, gave an interesting talk on Switzerland which was greatly appreciated by all those present.

The Swiss Minister warmly thanked the speaker for his very able *exposé*, and the President Monsieur A. Bon, joined Monsieur Thurnheer in expressing his gratitude to Mr. Wickham Steed.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FELLOWSHIP.

The International Sports Fellowship, which was founded in London last year, for promoting goodwill and a better understanding amongst all Nations, comprises Founders and Members from Great Britain, the British Dominions, all Allied and some of the neutral countries. Their aim is to set the necessary machinery for attaining their object in motion, without waiting for the cessation of hostilities, after which, however, activities should become still more all-embracing, so that, through the medium of sport and sportsmanship, true friendship and co-operation might be established and cemented.

The I.S.F. holds its monthly meetings at The Polytechnic, Regent Street, W.1, and at the last of these meetings, our Compatriot and Founder Member, Mr. F. M. Gamper, gave a most interesting and stimulating talk on "Sports in Switzerland." He was introduced to the audience by Mr. R. B. Alaway, Hon. Sec., the well-known sportsman and Footballer, as being the true representative of sport in Switzerland and the lecturer, whose popularity was evident, received a most cordial reception.

Mr. Gamper traced the development of Swiss sports in broad outline and pointed out that its inception was as old as our History and closely bound up with its development. He also emphasised how many of the sports served as the natural training ground for the efficiency of Swiss citizens serving in the Army and had no difficulty in showing how, in some of them, such as shooting, ski-ing and gymnastics, our country had always been in the forefront. The lecturer mentioned that, owing to existing conditions, it had not been possible for him to collect all the latest data on Swiss sports activities and records, but he managed just the same to give his hearers a very comprehensive picture of the position and was able to prove that Switzerland occupies, also in this respect, a worthy place amongst the countries on the Continent of Europe.

In the discussion which followed, members from various countries thanked Mr. Gamper warmly for his interesting and informative talk and expressed their appreciation to the lecturer for his subject and for the able manner in which he had dealt with the same. In a brief reply Mr. Gamper returned thanks and said he was particularly pleased that some of his compatriots headed by Mr. R. Hunziker, First Secretary of Legation and himself a sportsman of distinction, had supported him by their presence. The considerable applause, however, at the end of the lecture amply proved that all those present considered themselves well rewarded by the knowledge gained.

At the close of the meeting, it was announced that, on Saturday, July 3rd, a United Nations Swimming Gala and on Sunday, August 8th, a Cricket Match, both under the auspices of the I.S.F., would take place and any of our readers, who may be interested in these activities and in the Fellowship in general, will be able to obtain further information from Mr. F. M. Gamper or through The Polytechnic, Regent Street, W.1.

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LETTER BOX.

Ch. F. — Many thanks for subscription and extra which will take you to issue No.1038.

J. H. U. — The Editor still manages to keep his independance but a fiver now and then is certainly a wonderful tonic; we are looking forward to see you when the coast is clear again. In the meantime all the best.

E. H. — You are quite right; your present subscription will take you to our issue No. 1019.

N. V. S. — We are not aware that William Tell celebrations were recently held in the Lucerne district; you probably refer to the "Altdorf Tellspiele" which the war has interrupted. Many thanks for Subscription.

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