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tinues to grow, and they appear to be at least as hungry for authentic information as the men are.

During the year the Group has held ten meetings, of which two were council meetings, and eight monthly members' meetings, usually at Swiss House on the third Saturday. All except one were addressed by Mr. Keller, while at the February meeting the President presented a report on his visit to the Manchester Group. The average number of audience was seventy. It was found advisable to suspend the monthly meetings during the three summer months owing to the increased aerial attacks on the Metropolis.

On February 5th we held a film show at Conway Hall, presenting the Red Cross film "Flag of Mercy" to an almost exclusively British audience connected with the British Red Cross Associations and at which a sum of over £20 was collected. This film then went on tour to the various Swiss colonies in England and Scotland, and was also shown to a number of British Societies; at the moment it is in charge of the Swiss Legation at Dublin and will be shown in Southern Ireland until next summer, always earning good money for the Red Cross.

As you all know, the Fête Suisse in June and the Premier Août celebration were both abandoned last year for the same reason as I have stated before. We must not in any circumstances expose such a valuable community as the Swiss colony is to more danger than is absolutely unavoidable. We do trust, however, that 1945 will bring back to us these fine festivals

My own lengthy absence from London has, of course, thrown the bulk of my work on to other shoulders, but it has always been a joy to me to undertake the journey from South Wales to be present at each monthly meeting since last May, and to find that the work has been done so conscientiously and well by my collaborators on the council.

As in former years we have been very fortunate in the friendship and ready assistance of our Legation, our sister societies, our churches and the Swiss press, as well as in the esteem and sympathy shown to us by the British authorities and the Red Cross Associations. You will therefore be with me when I express the most sincere thanks of the Group to Monsieur le Ministre and the other members of the Legation present, as well as to our other guests representing Swiss bodies in London.

A. FRED. SUTER, President.

#### ERRATA.

We wish to apologise for several misprints in our last issue, which have escaped our reader. They are all self-evident with the exception of the paragraph referring to the late Dr. Henry Dreyfus where the transposition of a full-stop has altered the sense of the remark. The full-stop should have appeared after "hautefinance" and deleted after "cosmopolitan" thereby making one sentence instead of two



## SCHWEIZERBUND (SWISS CLUB). 116th Half Yearly General Meeting.

The above held on Saturday, February 3rd, was attended by a full bevy of Swiss members. The Balance Sheet for the half-year ended 31st December, 1944, required little discussion, and the members present congratulated the Committee on its excellent result.

The ensuing elections occupied considerably more of the members' time and, may I say, patience. Various candidates were proposed for the leading offices, and after careful consideration of their respective merits, the following Committee was duly elected for 1945:—

Mr. H. Müller, President; Mr. P. Stoeri, Vice-President; Messrs. W. Hausermann and F. Studer, Treasurers; Mr. P. E. Imhof, Secretary; Messrs. A. Bossert, W. Eichenberger, W. Glauser, A. Greder, C. Hermann, H. Kaegi, E. Rickli, and P. Riktsinis, Committee.

The retiring President, Mr. J. Ellenberger, was warmly congratulated on his six years of leadership, a task which was rendered especially difficult by the war. Changes in the Club became unavoidable owing to so many Swiss members returning to Switzerland at the outbreak of the war. Nevertheless he succeeded in keeping the old Schweizerbund going. Likewise a vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Vice-President, Mr. H. Caluori, who too did all in his power for the welfare of the Club.

The new Committee pledged itself to the members to work hard in its endeavour to restore the old Schweizerbund atmosphere, and to add considerably to the present number of Swiss members. This task will by no means be an easy one. Severe rationing of refreshments of all kinds does not tend to make it easier, but the Club is now in the fortunate position to have the services of a competent and active Swiss Steward who manages to serve excellent meals, comprising some of our national dishes.

In conclusion, the new Committee extended a hearty welcome to all Swiss who like the company of compatriots and national games, such as the good old "Kaffeejass" (minus Kirsch, however, as not obtainable at present).

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# CITY SWISS CLUB

# THÉ DANSANT

at the

DORCHESTER HOTEL, PARK LANE, W.1. SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1945,

at 3 p.m. for 3.30 p.m.

Tickets at 6/-, inclusive gratuities can be had from any Committee Member or the Secretary upon written application, but the list will be closed on Thursday, 1st March, 1945. Kindly send remittance with application. Tables for 10 and 12 persons will be arranged, so kindly make up your party.

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