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THE SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting of the Swiss Benevolent Society was held at the Swiss Home, 31, Conway Street, W.1, on Monday, 12th November, 1945. The President was in the chair. The usual routine matters were first dealt with and the Hon. Treasurer then presented the accounts made up to the end of September. An unusually large amount had been spent on casual relief, but this was only to be expected after the end of the war. The weekly allowances were increased and the fuel allowances had to be paid for a full month longer than most years owing to the cold spring. The Hon. Treasurer pointed out that one of the reasons why the Society was short of cash at the end of the first nine months of the year was that so many of the annual subscriptions were still outstanding.

Several repatriations have taken place and three pensioners have died. Two new people were elected in their place, one a woman of 86. The Committee accepted with regret the resignation of Mme. Chatelain, who had permanently returned to Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Bachofen were proposed as new members of the Committee and duly elected.

In his report the Secretary mentioned that eight Swiss, former members of a Swiss firm at Singapore, who had suffered under the Japanese, arrived in London recently en route to Switzerland. Accommodation had to be found for them, by no means an easy task these days. Fortunately, members of the Swiss colony

kindly offered their hospitality, although these refugees had no ration cards.

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The Swiss Benevolent Society and the Swiss Churches in London appeal once again to their compatriots for their kind contributions in kind or cash, in order to provide a little extra cheer for Christmas to our Swiss in need. All kind of wearing apparel and household goods would be much appreciated and gratefully received. Please send parcels if possible by December 10th, 1945, to:

31, Conway Street, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

CASH REMITTANCES to:

Swiss Benevolent Society,

31, Conway Street, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

The Revd. M. Pradervand, 77, Wood Lane, N.10.

Mr. F. G. Sommer, Hepple Lodge, Holly Park, N.4.

The Revd. Father Lanfranchi, 51, South Street, W.1.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

(Monthly Meeting.)

The usual Monthly Meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on Monday, November 5th, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

Mr. A. Bon, who was in the Chair, extended a hearty welcome to the many distinguished guests who were present. Amongst them were Sir Arthur E. Morgan, Kt., Professor Keller, head of the Swiss Economic Mission at present in this country, Mr. Geoffrey Crowther, Editor of the "Economist" and a member of the Brains Trust, Dr. Escher, Counsellor of Legation, etc., etc.

Sir Arthur Morgan addressed the Meeting on "The British Empire and European Economic Federation," a subject which he handled with remarkable skill, and which was followed with the greatest interest by the company. Mr. Geoffrey Crowther, in a competent and witty manner, took up some points in Sir Arthur's *exposé* in the discussion which followed.

Dr. Escher, Counsellor of the Swiss Legation, expressed his regrets that the Swiss Minister was unable to attend, owing to his absence in Switzerland. He thanked the guest of honour for his very lucid interpretation of a highly controversial subject.

The President, in closing the Meeting, thanked the members for having assembled in such large numbers.

Close of the Meeting 9.15 p.m.

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Thé Dansant.

About 150 members and friends attended the Thé Dansant which took place on Saturday, November 24th, at the Dorchester Hotel. The presence of the Swiss Minister and Madame Ruegger was greatly appreciated by the company.

This party was especially arranged for the Ladies, as a little thanks-offering for the many weary hours they have had to spend in queues waiting to obtain the goods which keep their husbands content and happy.

The excellent Dorchester band and an equally excellent Tea added greatly to the success of the afternoon.

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