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the Directorship of an important company in the City, and he was also invited to serve on the committee of one of the great Trade Associations in the City of London.

J. Schad is a happily married man and father of two sons and a daughter; his eldest son is a B.A. of Oxford University, an old "blue" and officer in the Royal Air Force. The younger boy gained a State scholarship and is an undergraduate at Christ Church, Oxford, and his daughter has just brilliantly passed her matriculation, indeed a proud family record, which should gladden any father's heart.

Though a successful business man, J.J.F.S. is also an intellectual, widely read, with a predilection for history and the classics. Poetry too appeals strongly to him as can be perceived by his many translations into English verse of most of the well-known Swiss folk songs. Some real gems of his own verse, sonnets, essays and literary reviews have appeared in our paper during the last twenty years.

This prolific output has been achieved in his spare time and at odd moments; by his pen he has given readers of the "Swiss Observer" untold pleasure and if this publication, has, in spite of some set backs, achieved, in my humble opinion, a certain popularity in the Swiss Colony in Great Britain, it is, in no small measure, due to J. Schad and I gladly take this opportunity to thank him for his ever ready help, his sincere friendship and for the joy he has given me in reading his clever contributions.

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SWISS CLUB — DUNFERMLINE.

The first social gathering of our Winter programme was held on Friday, 2nd December, in Canmore Works Canteen.

After a short address by our President, we were able to refresh our happy memories of this year's 1st of August Celebrations, in a Film made and produced by our Hon. Member, Mr. W. O. Bosshardt.

By the kind assistance of the Swiss Tourist Office in London, he also showed us the 3-reel film:— "The Bernese Oberland."

Also this lovely coloured film, showing the beautiful mountains and valleys of our Homeland was praised unanimously.

A pleasant surprise for the youngsters was given by Mr. Bosshardt when he presented a short additional film entitled:— "Laurel & Hardy."

While tea was prepared, the Company was entertained with a few Swiss Songs.

Another happy evening came to an end all too soon and Mr. Frick, in wishing everyone a good journey home, closed the official part of the function with:—

"Rufst Du mein Vaterland."

B.

SWISS MALE CHOIR.

(Annual General Meeting.)

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Male Choir took place on Friday, November 25th, 1949, at the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club), 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Mr. F. G. Sommer was in the Chair, and there were thirty-one active, 1 passive and one life-member present. After the President's and the Treasurer's reports had been read, the elections for the new Committee took place, and the following were elected for the new year of office: Messrs. F. G. Sommer, *President*, L. Jobin, *Vice-Président*, A. Jaccard, *Hon. Secretary*, E. Ritzmann, *Hon. Treasurer*, W. Anguish, *Librarian*, E. P. Dick, *Associate Member*.

After careful consideration it was decided to enter the Wembley Music Festival which will take place on March 20th-25th, 1950.

Close of the Meeting 9.30 p.m.

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