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SWISS MALE CHOIR. Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Male Choir, took place on Friday, December 1st, 1950, at the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club), 74, Charlotte Street, W.1, in the presence of about fifty active and passive members.

The Meeting was preceded by an excellent dinner for which the efficient steward, Mr. Portmann, is heartily to be congratulated upon.

Mr. F. G. Sommer, who was in the Chair, extended a hearty welcome to the members present, mentioning that the Choir has now been in existence for thirty years. This announcement was loudly cheered, and forthwith the Choir burst into song, by rendering Attenhofer's "Sängergruss", after which the Meeting began.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Jaccard, read out the Minutes of the last General Meeting which were duly accepted.

Mr. Ritzmann, who is in charge of the "purse", went through the accounts, which, this year, show a small deficit.

Then following the reading of the President's report, Mr. F. G. Sommer stated that the Choir numbers forty active and sixty-four passive members. He related that the attendance at the rehearsals showed an improvement on last year's figures, the average attendance being twenty-eight instead of twenty-six.

He acquainted the members with the news, that Mr. Ritzmann, one of the oldest members of the Choir and for many years Hon. Treasurer, has tendered his resignation, owing to the fact that he will shortly leave this country to take up an appointment in Switzerland.

The President warmly thanked Mr. Ritzmann, for the long and faithful service he had rendered to the Society, wishing him the best of luck in his new position.

Mr. Sommer informed the Meeting that the Choir, during the last year had participated at various public performances with great success, and concluded his report by thanking Mr. E. P. Dick, the Conductor of the Choir for his efficient leadership, and his colleagues of the Committee for the help they had given him during his year of office.

Mr. Alfred Schmid, a life member of the Choir, was then proposed and elected President *pro tem*

during the election of the new Committee for the ensuing year.

He heartily thanked the President and the Committee for the work they had rendered, complimenting the members on their fine spirit which had so happily prevailed during the last twelve months.

The new Committee was then elected, comprising the following members: F. G. Sommer (President), Messrs. Jaccard (Hon. Secretary), Mock (Hon. Treasurer), L. Jobin (Vice-President), Dick and Anguish.

Mr. Sommer, on re-occupying the Chair, thanked Mr. Schmid for having presided over the election, and the members for having shown their confidence in him, and his colleagues of the Committee.

Mr. Jobin, on behalf of the members paid a sincere tribute to the President for his fine leadership, Mr. Dick for his enthusiastic conductorship, and Mrs. Ritzmann for the great services he had rendered to the Choir.

Mr. E. P. Dick passed in review some of the performances, giving his advice where, in his opinion, improvements could be made.

The Choir then rendered a further song, this time in French, and before the meeting came to its conclusion, a member of the Choir, Mr. Weiss played, very efficiently, a few tunes on his Zither.

Thus a very pleasant evening in the "Sängergemeinde" of our Colony came to its end, an evening rich in good fellowship, and there remains nothing else to say, than to wish the Swiss Male Choir, a further fruitful future.

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