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SWISS YOUTH CLUB.

What a tonic it is to meet from time to time the younger generation of our Colony.

Fulfilling a rather overdue promise, I visited on Saturday, January 26th, one of the "socials" of the Swiss Youth Club, which are held every Saturday, at 86, Duke Street, W.1.

For those, who are not conversant with the aims of this Club, I might mention, that these evenings are held for the benefit of our young compatriots of both sexes, to give them an opportunity of spending a few hours in congenial company, and where they can make new friends and indulge in dancing.

This Club was started a few years ago by Mr. and Mrs. P. Isacco, and was carried on with great efficiency and tact, and has enabled many a young girl or boy, who had felt lonely in this great Metropolis to forget their loneliness and home-sickness.

When Mr. and Mrs. Isacco left this country to settle down in Switzerland, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bachofen unselfishly stepped into the breach, and carried on the good work; they deserve the grateful thanks of the Colony for the really fine work they are doing. It is not an easy undertaking, and it requires a great deal of patience and tact and furthermore by attending every Saturday, throughout the year, they are depriving themselves of many a restful week-end.

The spacious rooms at 86, Duke Street, were decorated with flags, posters of Swiss views, balloons and gay bunting, thus creating a homely atmosphere. A very vigorous band played fox trots, tangos, slow and quick waltzes, the cango, paso double, etc., etc., and the gay laughter of the dancers was proof enough

how much they were enjoying themselves. To ensure, that nobody oversteps the mark, there is a Master of Ceremony, in the person of "George" who good humouredly does the announcing and "marshalling" and over all the benevolent eyes of Mr. and Mrs. Bachofen watch to see that everything is conducted in an orderly manner.

In the entrance hall a buffet is installed where sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee are served at reasonable prices.

Yes, indeed, it is a great job they are doing, and they fully deserve every support the Colony can give them, by their sacrifices they give to many of our youngsters untold pleasure, and what is most important, they keep them away from the dangers of getting into wrong company.

I wish the Swiss Youth Club every success it so richly deserves.

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MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC EVENING.

The "Jeunesse" of the Eglise Suisse de Londres is arranging a programme of musical and dramatic items on Friday FEBRUARY 22nd, 1952, at 7 p.m. at The Kingsway Hall, Kingsway, W.C.2. Programmes at the door — silver collection. All are cordially invited.

A CORRECTION.

In our last issue we referred to the new Swiss loan to South Africa, the figure of 300 million francs given, was unfortunately incorrect, the total of the loan is 60 million francs.

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