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CITY SWISS CLUB. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club, one of the last of the many annual meetings recently held, took place on Tuesday, April 26th, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, and was preceded by dinner.

Mr. R. Pfenninger was in the Chair, and there were about 50 members present. In opening the meeting the President welcomed Dr. Miesch, and Major Weber of the Swiss Legation, he then proposed that the new Swiss Minister, Monsieur A. Daeniker, be elected Honorary President of the Club, this was passed with acclamation. Two new members were elected, and there were three resignations.

The President passed in review some of the activities of the Club during the last twelve months, saying that it was gratifying to note that throughout the year a very cordial spirit prevailed amongst the members. During 1953/54, seven new members were admitted and four resignations were received. In conclusion Mr. Pfenninger expressed thanks to the former Swiss Minister, Monsieur Henry de Torrenté (now at Washington), for the great interest he had taken in the Club whilst *en poste* in London.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. X. Speckert then presented the accounts which show a substantial cash balance, and after a short discussion these were accepted with thanks to the Treasurer for his painstaking work.

The accounts of the "Club House Fund" which are kept separately, close with a balance of £5,109.2.10. (1954: £4,887.4.8.). These too were accepted.

The elections for the new Committee for 1955/56 then took place under the Presidency *pro tem* of Mr. R. Dupraz, a former President of the Club. The latter, on behalf of the members present, thanked the out-going Committee, and especially the former President, Mr. R. Pfenninger, for the services they had so well rendered. Mr. Dupraz then announced that the following had been duly elected: President, Chas. Gysin; Vice-President, Robert J. Keller; Hon. Secretary, Louis R. Chapuis (jun.); Hon. Treasurer, X. Speckert; Assistant Secretary, T. von Speyr, Assistant Treasurer, G. A. Ronus; Librarian, Lucien Jobin.

Auditors: M. Gedet, M. Merian. Trustees of the "Club House Fund": R. de Cintra, E. Luterbacher and C. Mayr. Press Reporter: A. Stauffer.

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Mr. R. Dupraz congratulated the new President, Mr. Chas. Gysin, on behalf of the members, who in his turn thanked the company for the confidence they had shown in electing him.

Close of the Meeting, 10.30 p.m.

Press Reporter.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.

On April 25th, the Rev. Claude Reverdin, Pastor of the "Eglise Suisse" in London, visited our club. A short religious service, the theme of which was "L'Amour de son prochain", was followed by a lecture on Dr. Albert Schweitzer. As this was spoken in French the attendance was unfortunately restricted to only 30.

It was refreshing to hear of this great contemporary, his life and work, the whole illustrated by many anecdotes from one or other of his biographies. M. Reverdin touched on all aspects of Albert Schweitzer's activities. We followed him — starting in his native village in Alsace — in his studies and successes in Theology, Music, Philosophy and finally Medicine. We were told of his writings and lectures on the interpretation of the music of Bach and of his world renowned organ recitals. Finally we were taken to his hospital at Lambarene, one of the most unhealthy parts of French Equatorial Africa.

The lecture, coming from M. Reverdin, impressed on us the Christianity and Humanity of Albert Schweitzer, and was no doubt, intended as a living illustration of the sermon of an hour earlier on "Love thy neighbour".

The talk was greatly appreciated as was shown by Mr. E. Kuebler who proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Kuebler had met Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Manchester some 20 years ago and recalled a discussion he had with him on Goethe.

We expressed our thanks to M. Reverdin for the opportunity he has given us of meeting him again and for a fascinating and instructive evening.

H.M.

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