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SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.

At the Annual General Meeting held at The Midland Hotel Manchester on Saturday 16th February 1957, the Committee for the year 1957 has been elected as follows:

President : Mr. H. Monney.
 Vice-President : Dr. H. R. Bolliger.
 Hon. Secretary : Mr. J. Scheiwiller.
 Hon. Treasurer : Mr. J. Sohm.
 Librarian : Mrs. L. Themans.
 and TWO members : Mr. E. Berner & Miss Alice Rietmann.

As mentioned already in the report published last November on the Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Club Manchester, the membership is now open to both sexes. A resolution to enlarge the Committee by the addition of two members without definite function has been approved unanimously. Another change voted at the General Meeting is that, should the President have held office for three consecutive years he shall not be eligible for immediate re-election.

Two ladies, Mrs. L. Themans, who has done valuable work for many years in connection with the Swiss young ladies in and around Manchester, and Miss Alice Rietmann, from the Swiss Consulate, who bears the brunt of quite a lot of our secretarial work, are particularly welcomed on the Committee.

AN INTERESTING BOOK TO REMEMBER AN EXCELLENT LECTURE.

Many are the topics on which the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique arrange lectures during a year. Often we wish it were possible to have a tangible souvenir which would bring back to our minds some of the interesting facts and pictures absorbed in an evening, but forgotten again in the course of time. For once our wish has been granted. On Tuesday, February 26th, Monsieur André Guex, professor of French literature in Lausanne, gave an interesting talk on "The human and social aspects of the phenomenal development of hydro-electric power in Switzerland." The lecture was delivered in French and elucidated with a series of excellent slides. He told us not only of the changes which are brought about in our mountain valleys, and the material problems of the vast water power schemes but he showed us the actual construction of two plants in the Valais, and it was evident that the lecturer knew his subject extremely well.

And now we have an opportunity of refreshing our memories by purchasing Monsieur Guex's book "Barrages". It is in French and deals with the whole subject from every point of view. The book is most beautifully and richly illustrated with photographs most of which were shown at the lecture. The price is 30/-, and Mr. P. Bessire, 66, Victoria Street, S.W.1, will be very pleased to take orders. I should like to add that Monsieur Guex has kindly reduced the price of the book which is published in Switzerland at a much higher amount. Incidentally two of his works "Forerunners to Everest" and "Geiger the Glacier Pilot" have been published in English.

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REGINALD BISHOP FUND.

Some time ago an Appeal was made by the Swiss Legation, for the above Fund, which was published in our issue of January 25th. Our readers will be interested to hear that the Swiss collection amounted to the very satisfactory total of £481.18.2.

Besides a gift of £100 from the "Chaine du Bonheur", Radio Lausanne, and the generous personal contributions from many members of the Colony, a considerable number of anonymous gifts had been received.

H.E. the Swiss Minister, who was accompanied by Madame Daeniker, and Mr. F. Kung, Managing Director of the Dudley Hotel, on Saturday, March 2nd, handed to the Mayor of Hove (Ald. C. A. Clarke) the sum collected.

The Minister said "We were all greatly moved when we heard that Reginald Bishop had lost his life in trying to rescue one of our compatriots, and that unfortunately both were drowned.

"When we heard of the plight of Mrs. Bishop, we at once decided to show our appreciation of her husband by doing something to help her."

The Mayor expressed the grateful thanks of the people of Hove for this "really magnificent" tribute from the Swiss residents, which brought the total to date to between £1,600 and £1,700.

The Swiss Minister wishes to thank once more all the donors most sincerely for their contributions.



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