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SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER

Our traditional Choucroute lunch took place this year on Saturday, 8th February, at the Midland Hotel. After apéritifs in the lounge, members and their friends, over sixty in all, moved into the Grill Room for an excellent lunch. Mr. B. Simon occupied the seat of honour for the last time — for the present at any rate. He had served as President for three consecutive years and, according to the rules of the Club, would have to stand down. We are all very grateful to Mr. Simon for the great amount of work he has done for the Club during his term of office.

The Choucroute lunch was followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Club, at which forty-eight members were present.

The following Committee was elected:—

President:	Mr. E. Berner
Vice-President:	Dr. A. U. Obrist
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs. H. Monney
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. J. Sohm
Hon. Assistant Secretary:	Miss A. Rietmann
Members:	Mrs. L. Themans Mr. J. Scheiwiller T.C.

HOW TO JOIN A SWISS SOCIETY

The Editor is occasionally asked by newcomers to the Swiss Community in Great Britain why the "Swiss Observer" does not carry a list of all the Swiss Societies and their activities. Seeing that there are two score and more, it is not possible to include such a list in the limited space available. Anybody interested should apply to the Editor who will be happy to give the necessary information.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be published on Thursday, 26th March, the customary fourth Friday of the month falling on Good Friday this year. We shall be grateful therefore, to receive reports and contributions by the first post on Tuesday, 17th March, a day earlier than usual. Only short news items can be accepted later.



SCHWEIZERBUND (SWISS CLUB)

When I mentioned to a Swiss friend that I was going to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Schweizerbund he was surprised and told me he thought it had been dissolved years ago.

But the Swiss Club is still very much alive, although, since it had to give up the premises in Charlotte Street, its activities have been on a much reduced scale. Nevertheless, its membership still stands at over sixty. Not quite half of these attended the Annual Dinner at the Glendower Hotel on 28th February. The Annual General Meeting preceded it. The President, Mr. V. Berti, was in the chair. He, Mr. R. Asch (Honorary Treasurer) and Mr. J. Schmid (Honorary Secretary) were re-elected and thanked for the good work they were doing. The Vice-President, Mr. E. Burgaezzi, was replaced by Mr. A. Burkhalter. In view of the more active and important part the Club may be called upon to play in connection with the Swiss Centre, the three Trustees of the Club, Messrs. Delaloye, Nuessle and Gandon, were asked to attend committee meetings, and a further member was elected in the person of Miss E. Branch.

The dinner was a very friendly affair. It was followed by a sing-song, and many happy reminiscences and not a few funny stories made the round. There certainly was nothing moribund about the Club's spirit and all who were present are looking forward to the next gathering.

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