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The Chairman thanked the Chaplain, the officers and members of the Committee for their loyal support during the past year. He especially mentioned the good work rendered by our Hon. Treasurer Mrs. K. A. Grob, who acted as the Promoter of our very successful Christmas Draw.

As all the retiring members of the Committee had offered themselves for re-election, the meeting elected them unanimously for the ensuing year. Furthermore Mr. G. Bazzani was proposed as a Committee member and Madame J. D. Grandjean as a member of the Ladies Committee and both were duly elected.

The final composition of the Committee for 1967 is as follows: Chaplain: The Rev. Father Joseph Scherer; Chairman: Oscar Grob, K.S.G.; Vice-Chairman: Mr. E. Bonvin; Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. K. A. Grob; Hon. Secretary: Mr. E. P. Siegfried; Members: Miss C. Affentranger, Miss L. Bonetti, Mrs. F. McKenna, Messrs. L. F. Ackermann, G. Bartholdi, G. Bazzani, J. J. Boos, K.S.G., I. R. Daetwiler, F. de Maria, E. Eha, E. Frey, J. R. Gächter, C. Gallo, J. D. Grandjean, R. E. Gut, P. Jacomelli, E. Käufeler, L. W. Krucker, M. Schneebeli and R. Voegtli.

The Ladies Committee consists of Mrs. E. Bonvin, Chairman; Miss C. Affentranger, Miss L. Bonetti, Mrs. C. T. O. Clarke, Mrs. G. Gallo, Mrs. J. D. Grandjean, Mrs. K. A. Grob, Mrs. E. Käufeler and Mrs. F. McKenna.

It was decided to hold a Christmas Draw again in 1967 instead of a Bazaar.

On 25th January 1967 AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY was held at our Church, together with our Brethren of the Reformed Swiss Church (French and German speaking Communities). This unique Service, which must be the first of its kind in the Swiss Colony, was simple but impressive and was well attended by members of both denominations. Both the Consistoire of the Swiss Church and our Committee, as well the Embassy, were represented.

Finally the Chaplain thanked Mr. Grob for conducting the meeting which was followed by the Easter Service at St. Ann's Church and a social gathering afterwards at the Westminster Ballroom.

E.S.

## SWISS ARTISTS IN LONDON

**Hans-Martin Linde**, an excellent recorder player from Switzerland, gave a Recital at the Purcell Room on Saturday, 18th March. He played one of his own compositions "Phantasien und Scherzi" (1963) for solo recorder. He was accompanied on the harpsichord by Walter Bergmann.

**Heinz-Roland Schneeberger**, well-known Swiss organist, gave an Organ Recital at the Church of St. Mary Le Bow in Cheapside on 3rd April.

**Albert Ferber**, our eminent compatriot resident in London, gave a most successful concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Tuesday, 2nd May. The large hall was well-filled, and the audience applauded Mr. Ferber's performance as enthusiastically as the critics received it, especially his Debussy, Poulenc and Frank Martin — "a convinced and convincing interpretation". "The Times" wrote: "By and large this century's music seemed to mean much more to him. Three pieces from *Images* delicately evoked Debussy's world of halflights and undefined mystery, and here Mr. Ferber's expositive skill matched the composer's especially in the aquatic ripples of the far from metallic *Poissons d'Or*."

## CITY SWISS CLUB NEWS

The City Swiss Club in London held its Annual General Meeting at the Dorchester on 25th April. Edgar Bonvin, the retiring President welcomed the guests and especially our new Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Monsieur Olivier Long.

Edgar Bonvin thanked the members for the splendid turn-out on his departure. This will be a great loss to us all as we always enjoyed his jovial and efficient direction of the affairs of the Club. We should all like to thank him very much for the enormous care with which he presided over the Club in the past year and for the many hours he spent on conducting our meetings and social events.

During his address, Mr. Bonvin mentioned that the annual Summer Evening of the Club would take place on 30th June at "Monkey Island" near Bray and he expressed his confidence that all the members would give this event their wholehearted support by being there. Details will be sent out in the near future to all members with particulars of how to reach this delightful Thames-side place.

Mr. A. Kuhn, our Honorary Treasurer, read out the financial report for the year ending 31st March 1967. During his speech he mentioned that the Club House Funds had remained remarkably stable in spite of the strain through which some of our private investments must have gone during this difficult year.

After that, our new President, Mr. C. Nater, addressed the meeting. We all wish him a happy year in office. Donations and Subscriptions were voted for, by which the Club contributed to the French and German Protestant Churches and the Catholic Church in London, as well as the Swiss Benevolent Society.

Looking forward to the meetings in the coming year, the President mentioned that the next meeting in May would be a Card Meeting and that we were also looking forward very much to seeing H.E. The Swiss Ambassador and Madame Long at our *Soirée Familiale*. One of the members mentioned that it would be very useful to all of us to have a list of members available for reference. The President agreed to such a proposal and he asked the support of the members of the club.

To achieve this it will be necessary for the members to fill in the address cards correctly and fully when they are sent to them. May we count here on the fullest support from our members.

R.M.

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