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the Schweizerbund was unequalled. Though a belated and disastrous game of cards was apt to ruffle a man's spirits he was always received at home with open arms and more often than not a most instructive lecture was thrown in, and he remembered a recent case of a member who was permitted to postpone his wedding day so as to enable him to participate in the Club's billiard handicap fixed for that particular date.

Mr. E. Delaloye, the youngest of the "Old Bones," expressed his appreciation of the untiring efforts of the Committee, under most trying conditions. He had only one regret to-night and that was not being a bookmaker, as he felt sure he could have done a roaring trade amongst the audience; the Swiss Minister had revealed himself to be the possessor of that dry humour proverbially the asset of the Scotch because it was a gift. Mr. Delaloye strongly supported the appeal for new members previously made by the President, adding that if the Swiss Minister found himself at home in their company it should be good enough for any Swiss.

In response to a general desire Mr. W. Notari also suitably acknowledged the hospitality enjoyed by the many visitors.

The traditional ball terminated this most successful evening, which was characterised by an air of homeliness; in fact, no more fitting slogan could be applied than "A home from home."

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

Education Department.

In connection with the scholastic programme the following lectures were given by the students during last week:—

Mr. C. Kunz, Zurich: "The Crocuses are Out!" Mr. Emil Schubiger, Solothurn: "About Modern Architecture." Mr. P. Stöcklin, Schaffhausen: "Mohammedanism." Miss T. Singer, Basel: "Light." Mr. H. Leu, Zurich: "Count Leo Tolstoy." Miss Rosy Peyer, Wald./Zch.: "Alcohol." Miss Martha Siegenthaler, Zug: "Poultry." Mr. A. Strasser, Zurich: "What Price Glory." Mr. Eugene Walder, Lucerne: "Money and Money-Makers." Miss Andrée Montandon, Neuchâtel: "A Few Impressions on Jacques Copeau." Mr. H. Büchli, Basle: "The Youth of Nowadays." Mr. Hans Bracher, Burgdorf: "New Zealand." Mr. Jakob Bachmann, Tägerwilen: "Nervousness." Mr. Emil Bucher: "Useless Observations."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Which is the best for children: a boarding-school education or a day-school education?" Proposer for Boarding-School, Mr. August Reimann, Winterthur; Proposer for Day-School, Miss E. Keller, Winterthur.

"Has the French Revolution been beneficial to human society?" Proposer, Mr. H. Büchli, Basel; Opposer, Mr. A. Bosshardt, Zurich.

On Friday evening, under the auspices of the Swiss Institute, a Lecture was given by M. le Pasteur Hoffmann on "John Wesley," followed by a Social Evening of the two Societies.

CHURCH MATTERS.

(Communicated.)

The Consistoire of the Swiss Church (Communauté de langue français) held an Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday the 23rd inst., at 79, Endell Street.

Among other items, the urgency of undertaking considerable repairs to the structure of the building engaged the attention of the meeting for some time.

Although the said repairs will involve a large sum of money (over £300) the Consistoire, in view of the great urgency of the matter, reluctantly decided that the work should be proceeded with at once. A Special Commission was nominated and entrusted with full powers to carry on.

M. Hoffmann-de Visme then informed the Consistoire that he had recently received pressing appeals from two different sources to transfer his activities to the Continent.

Anxious to serve his Master wherever he feels himself called upon to do so, M. Hoffmann asked the Consistoire to kindly give him their views, as a guide for the momentous decision he was to take.

After a brief deliberation in private, the Consistoire unanimously came to the conclusion that the Swiss Church, the Sunday School, and many other institutions in London, could not possibly be deprived of the devoted services of both Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann. It was resolved, therefore, that he should earnestly be urged to remain at his post.

This resolution having been conveyed to M. Hoffmann he stated, to the great relief of all present, that such a unanimous expression of appreciation removed all further hesitation from his mind and that he was both willing and happy to continue, with renewed courage and energy, the work he had begun nearly seventeen years ago.

The numerous members of the Colony who have had occasion to appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann-de Visme's invaluable activities will, we feel sure, rejoice at this decision and take it to heart to assist them in their great task.

SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Swiss Benevolent Society wish to acknowledge, with many thanks, receipt of a cheque for £5, representing 50% of the proceeds of a Froth Blowers' dinner and concert held on Wednesday, March 16th, at the Swiss Hotel, Old Compton Street, W.1.

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