# To increase the "Fonds Dimier"

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THE SWISS OBSERVER.

The Society's Headquarters are at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W. 1., where the Day School and Evening Classes are also being conducted.

Its Employment Department is being carried on at 24, Queen Victoria Street, E.C. 4. The Secretaries at the above addresses will be pleased to answer enquiries.

NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE.

The Nouvelle Societé Helvétique, which has changed its Headquarters some years ago to the Swiss House, Fitzroy Square, W. 1., remains true to its old traditions : to develop the national spirit; to keep in close touch with the homeland and make known at home the activities of the Swiss Colony in London; to exercise on public opinion both in Switzerland and in the U.K., an influence for the amelioration of the relations be-tween the two countries. tween the two countries.

tween the two countries. The Society holds monthly meetings, the chief attraction of which is usually a causerie on some important subject by an expert from home or from the Colony. Although since the War the set

Although since the War the activity of the Society has been somewhat curtailed, a great deal of unobtrusive work is being done in many directions.

#### SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. The Swiss Benevolent Society of Swiss House, 84, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1., was founded in 1870, for the relief of needy Swiss, irrespective of sex, language, or religious belief. Originally confined to London, it now extends its beneficial influence also to some of the provinces in the Southern part of England. Applicants must pro-duce proof of their Swiss Nationality. A special committee meets at the above address on Monday evenings to consider all applications with great care. Wherever possible the unfortunate coun-trymen are helped to become self supporting again or then they are paid their journey back to Switz-erland. A visiting lady, employed by the Com-mittee is in attendance every weekday, between 2 and 4 p.m. The General Committee, composed of the Presidents of all Swiss Societies of the Metro-polis and a number of Swiss residents who take an interest in the work, meet every three months to pass the accounts and to discuss the most impor-tant cases. All members of the board give their work

All members of the board give their work free of charge, which makes it possible to devote the greatest part of the funds to the poor them-selves. The annual expenditure now reaches  $\pounds_{3,000}$  and it is no small task to find this large sum All countrymen are therefore earnestly requested to contribute towards the aims of the Society, by sending either funds or clothing or boots, to 34, Fitzroy Square.

#### SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.

Male voice choir singing is one of the charac-teristics of the Swiss, and it is the aim of the Swiss Choral Society to uphold this national art

Swiss Choral Society to uphold this national art in our Colony. Unfortunately in recent years the Choir has to a great extent been handicapped by the immi-gration restrictions in force in this country, and we should, therefore, be particularly pleased to see those of our compatriots join the Choir who are permanently resident here. After all a large Colony such as ours should be able to produce a much stronger choir than exists at present, and we make a special appeal to every Swiss in London, who is a lover of our beautiful folk songs, to join the Swiss Choral Society. Apart from concerts, the Society arranges social gatherings for their active and contributing members and friends. Rehearsals of the Choir take place every Friday evening.

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#### SWISS GYMNASTIC SOCIETY. MEN, BOYS, LADIES.

The Society (Schweizerturnverein London-Société Suisse de Gymnastique Londres) carries on Gymnastics (Kunstturnen) and Wrestling (Nationalturnen) on Swiss lines at their head-quareres in the Union Helvetia Club, I, Gerrard Place, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.1. Work is being done by the section and individually at all the ap-paratus used at home, namely Horizontal Bar, Parallel Bars, Pomelled Horse, Rings, Free Ex-ercises, etc., whilst wrestling in Catch-as-Catch-can and Swiss style is being practised. Gymnasts compete in the English Championships and in the Gymnastic Festivals in Switzerland (laurels were won in 1925 and 1928), whilst Wrestlers compete in the English Championships and held the Des-borough Cup in 1920 and 1925.--

#### PRACTICE NIGHTS:

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All Swiss and those born of Swiss Parents are heartily welcome.

TO INCREASE THE "FONDS DIMIER."

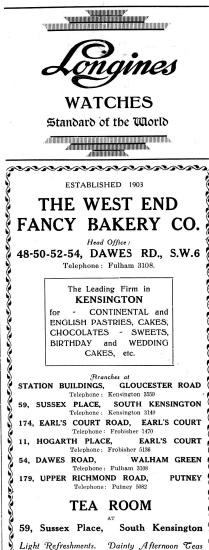
"I read in the last report of the Swiss Ben-evolent Society that they have 43 old Pensioners who have to find their own miserable lodgings and this emphasises the very urgent need of build-ing the long hoped for institution which is, as is well known, the aim of the Fonds Dimier." I feel that it is the Colony's duty to do all in their power to enable the Committee of the Swiss Benevolent Society to carry out the dearest wish of their regretted late president and may I offer the following suggestion which has been found very useful recently by a British charitable institution. institution.

Most ladies (and gentlemen) of the Swiss Colony have in their jewel boxes trinkets of which they have no present use and if they were to send them to the fund to be disposed of for that purpose, I am sure that quite a substantial sum could be obtained in that way. The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Gamper, 33, Kingscote Road, Croydon, or any other member of the Com-mittee would be only too glad to receive them and as there are on that Committee several members who are more or less in that line of business they will have no difficulty in obtaining the best value for those articles. To start the ball rolling I am sending a small parcel to-day. A Lady friend of the Swiss Benevolent Society.

#### PERSONAL.

We regret to announce the death of Prof. Dr. Paul Boehringer in Basle, the father of the founder and publisher of the *Swiss Observer*, Mr. P. F. Boehringer. The deceased was for many years Minister at the St. Peter's Church in Basle, and for the last ten years a professor of theology at the University of that town.

THE SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY THE SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY inform us that they would like to find a better position for the daughter of an Italian Swiss, 17 years of age, of good appearance, who is at present employed as assistant sales woman in a fancy goods shop at 15/- a week. Speaks English only. Please address communications to the Swiss Ben-evolent Society, 34, Fitzroy Square.



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