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great pleasure to present to you, Gentlemen, as the Trustees of the Foyer Suisse the report of the doings of your Council of Management and the progress of the Trust during the year 1928-29. This report, however, must concentrate on the most important facts and happenings of the year and you are invited to bring us your criticisms or commendations if any. The Council has met four times during the year, to receive the reports of the House Committee and to manage the affairs in general.

Business Section: Our business has been quite good during the past year. The call upon our domiciliary accommodation is so great that quite a lot of people cannot find room at the Foyer Suisse. Since we have fitted the best part of our concern with hot and cold water in every room our institution is full up all the year round. Our income is actually somewhat higher than the previous year. Our statistics show that the total number of visitors has been 1,003 during the 12 months and of these 689 were of Swiss nationality. The Foyer is keeping in constant touch with the Swiss Mercantile Society both here and in Switzerland. The number of young men of the commercial class making use of the institution as Absteigequartier is very satisfactory indeed. On the other hand we cannot find quarters for large numbers of young Swiss girls coming to this country. Many of these find a good home at the International headquarters of the Y.W.C.A., 24, Upper Bedford Place. It was this fact which prompted your Council to vote a donation of £100 in reply to the Swiss Minister's appeal for funds for the new building of that organisation now in course of erection in Tottenham Court Road. For the information of all our countrymen I would like, however, to mention here, that no Swiss girl applying for rooms is ever turned into the streets. Our manager has definite instructions to find a home for them either at the Y.W.C.A., or then with our late member of the Trust Mr. Ochsenbein at 1-3, Upper Bedford Place. Besides the donation already mentioned, the following institutions in London have received financial contributions during the past year: The Swiss Church of London, The Swiss Benevolent Society, The French Hospital in London, The German Hospital in London, the total amount being £260.

Loss of Member of the Trust: Through the removal of the late president of the Consistoire of the Eglise Suisse from London to Geneva, the Foyer has lost one more of its founders in the person of M. Jean Bauer. His loss is greatly deplored by all.

Special thanks are due to Mr. R. J. Dixon our accountant and Mr. F. Neichen who assists him in that department.

Social Section: While the affairs of Nos. 12, 13 and 14 are directly under the control of the Council of Management the social work carried on in No. 15, Upper Bedford Place consists of four if not five different branches, all of them separate organisations. This fact while it proves the many sided usefulness of the Foyer Suisse on the one side, carries with it its peculiar difficulty for co-operation and unity as a moral force in the life of the Swiss colony. However the opportunities for social service offered by the Trust under the original provisions made in the Statutes are simply abounding. The Council is also determined to render every assistance to all compatriots who are willing to give their services for the good of our young Swiss people.

The most flourishing of all the Social services are the feminine sections. Their meetings always show good numbers and the general atmosphere is excellent.

First to be mentioned is the good work of our president Pasteur R. Hoffmann and Madame Hoffmann.

Réunion de jeunes filles every Thursday afternoon. Ecole du Dimanche et Anciens chatéclumènes every month.

Then the activities of Pfarrer C. T. Hahn and Madame Hahn:

Schwyzerkraenzli every Wednesday afternoon, Sunday social every month.

Since the beginning of January this year an "At Home" every Sunday afternoon has been held in the hall, to provide a social hour and tea to all girls of the two congregations of the Swiss Church. These gatherings were taken charge of by your secretary. Further we have the valuable work of the "Union chrétienne de langue française" and the "Christlicher Verein Junger Maenner" both tenants of the Foyer Suisse at a low nominal rental. These activities are also greatly appreciated but unfortunately on account of the prevailing passport and labour restrictions, the numbers of young men in both groups are small.

The "Réunion de Couture" and the "Naelverein" have regular monthly meetings at the Foyer. A great quantity of useful garments are being made for poor Swiss families in London. Both these groups are self-supporting and deserve our special mention and appreciation.

In terminating allow me to mention only one more social experiment of the Trust, which was

tried on the 21st December last in the dining hall of No. 12, Upper Bedford Place, i.e., The Old Folks Christmas Luncheon. We were honoured in having the Swiss Minister M. C. R. Paravicini presiding over the gathering, and about thirty old people, over 60 years of age, had accepted the invitation. The occasion proved a great success and all those present must have spent one of the happiest hours of their lives that afternoon.

For the Foyer Suisse,
C. Bertschinger, Hon. Secretary.

OBITUARY.



ADOLPH MEISTER

from a snapshot taken in the garden of 33, Kingscote Road, Croydon, the day before his tragic death in the Aeroplane disaster of the 17th June, 1929.

La conclusion de la tragédie de lundi dernier tout au moins en ce qui concerne Mr. Adolph Meister s'est déroulée aujourd'hui (Vendredi, 28 juin, 1929), dans l'impressionnante Chapelle du Crématoire de Golders Green.

Au son des belles orgues de l'endroit, la famille en deuil et quelques amis se réunirent devant la bière chargée de fleurs et de couronnes superbes aux couleurs de Zurich et de la Suisse.

Et ce fut alors le simple service, porteur du message éternel d'espérance et de foi quand même! Malgré la brutalité de la catastrophe que réduisit à néant l'espoir du défunt de s'envoler jusque dans son ancienne et terrestre patrie, cette Suisse aimée et jamais oubliée, qu'il n'avait pas revue depuis cinquante ans n'y a-t-il pas eu pour lui un autre envol vers une autre et meilleure patrie, celle où il n'y aura plus ni pleurs, ni deuil, ni tristesse?

Telle fut la note profonde de cette cérémonie si poignante que l'orgue accompagna de ses accents tour à tour douloureux et pénétrants de douceur et en un glissement insensible, tandis que la musique résonnait suave et que retentissaient les paroles solennelles du "Committal Service."

"— In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change the body of our humiliation into the body of His Glory."

la bière disparaissant emportant cette dépouille si douloureuse à sa dernière destinée:

"Dust to dust—Ashes to ashes."

A tous les siens qui l'ont connu, aimé et qui le pleurent maintenant, notre bien vive sympathie une fois plus encore. R.H.V.

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Pour faciliter les arrangements, le Comité recommande aux participants de s'annoncer au plus tôt à M. P. F. Boehringer, 23, Leonard St. E.C.2 (Téléphone: Clerkenwell 9595).

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Dimanche, 30. Juin 11h. et 7h.: M. G. Isely, de l'Armée du Salut.

Dimanche 7. Juillet: M. R. Hoffmann -de Visme—Ste. Cène, matin et soir.

SERVICES FUNEBRES
M. Carl Vogt, de Franchfurt s/Main.—Décédé le 10. juin, dans sa 75e année—au Crématoire de Golders Green le 14. juin.
M. Adolph MEISTER, de Zurich, décédé accidentellement le 17. juin, 1929—dans sa 74e année—au Crématoire de Golders Green, le 21. juin.

Pour tous renseignements concernant actes pastoraux, etc., prière de s'adresser à M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6 (Téléphone: Mountview 1795).
Heure de réception à l'Eglise: Mercredi 10.30 à 12h.

SCHWEIZERKIRCHE
(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)
St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.
(near General Post Office.)

Sonntag, den 30. Juni, 1929.—11 Uhr vorm.: Gottesdienst und Sonntagschule.
7 Uhr abends: Gottesdienst.

Während der Ferien des Pfarrers wird Herr Pfarrer Paul Zundel von Zürich ihn in Predigt und Amt vertreten. Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen sind an den Präsidenten der Kirchenpflege Herrn A. Steiger, 44, Scarsdale Villas, Kensington, W.8 oder an Herrn Pfarrer Paul Zundel, "Foyer Suisse," 12, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1 erbeten.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sunday, June 30th.—UNIONE TICINESE: Annual Outing and Sports, King's Oak Hotel, High Beech, Epping.

Tuesday, July 2nd, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting at the Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon. (See Advert.)

Wednesday, July 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Thursday, August 1st, from 3 to 9 p.m.—FIRST OF AUGUST CELEBRATION, at the Rifle Range, Hendon. (See Advert.)

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