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CITY SWISS CLUB.

December 4th, 1934.

Thirty members and guests were present at the December meeting, our genial President, Mr. Henry Senn being in the Chair.

The December meeting is always a cheerful one. Christmas casts its coming shadow. Even the most ardent of our Interpellists and Contraversallists temper their gibes and like young lambs gambolling on the turf on a spring morning, play mildly with the opportunities given to them by other speakers.

As usual at the December meeting, after one new member had been elected, and the Secretary had announced that no one had decided to sever his connection with the Club, either by his departure from these hospitable shores or for any other reason, an autopsy of the Annual Banquet took place.

Perhaps for the reasons stated above, or because there really was nothing to say, there were practically no complaints this year. It is also true that as the City Swiss Club has held about 76 Banquets, by this time, the Committee should have obtained sufficient experience to enable them to organise a Banquet to perfection.

But as perfection is not of this world and no doubt, out of kindness of heart, in order to provide members with something about which they may grumble, occasionally, very occasionally they allow some little slip to be made.

As regards the recent Banquet, it would appear that some of those present considered that the dances lasted far too long a time so that they were prevented from inhibiting that amount of nourishing fluid which such violent exercise made almost a necessity.

It would appear that someone had actually timed the dances with a stop watch, and that his observations led him to draw the conclusion that to the nth part of a split second the dances did not last longer than six minutes.

After these momentous matters had been thoroughly discussed and the President had rapped on the table repeatedly with his hammer or one of Mr. Pagani's best spoons, an appeal was made for contributions towards the Christmas Tree for the children of the Swiss Colony. It is sincerely to be hoped that this function will be as great a success as in past years and will bring as much as ever to the little ones.

It only remains for the Official Reporter to state that Mr. Pagani provided the proverbial forecast of Christmas in the guise of Dindonneau and Plum Pudding and for *ek* to wish all his readers a Happy Christmas.

FOOTBALL.

9th December, 1934.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Young Fellows	.....1	Basel	.....9
Nordstern	.....2	Lugano	.....4
Carouge	.....0	Lausanne	.....4
Bern	.....2	Servette	.....2
Locarno	.....1	Grasshoppers	.....1
Biel	.....3	Young Boys	.....1
Chaux-de-Fonds	.....4	Concordia	.....2

Poor Young Fellows! In nine games they conceded but twelve goals and in the tenth a whole bagfull. Their defence cracked badly and even the goalie, Schlegel, who by the way was generally looked upon as the obvious successor to Séchehaye in the national team, was not entirely blameless. Lausanne have now established a clear lead of two points, Basel and Servette ranking next with 16 points each, then Lugano and Bern, 13 points. Biel gained three places by their win over the Young Boys. It was rather a tough match, ending in Biel's outside left being sent off the field. The Y.B. did not come up to expectations and they never will, if all they know is, how to set the offside trap. Biel lacked imagination to overcome that sort of crudeness; some other team would have reaped a rare harvest of goals! And what is the matter with Grasshoppers? Just imagine. They have, in ten games, won twice, drawn five and lost three times, goals for 10, against 13. There is only one other club, the wooden spoonist, Carouge, who has scored less often, viz. 4 times, but they are without a hope anyhow. But the great Zurich club, after ten games to be placed tenth out of fourteen, is a sad disappointment, to say the least.

To give you some news of the doings in the First League. In group "East" we find Luzern on top, two points ahead of St. Gall and Brühl, the last named having played one game more. Look for the promotion candidate amongst these three. F.C. Aarau has a clear lead of two points and two games in hand in Group "West" over Olten, a commanding position. It would be nice to see this old favourite back amongst the elite.

M.G.

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Monday, December 17th, at 1.30 p.m. — Old Folks Christmas Luncheon, at 15, Upper Bedford Place, Russell Square, W.C.1.

Tuesday, December 18th, at 8 o'clock — "Festa Familiare," Annual Concert and Dance, in Aid of the Fonds-de-Secours, at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W.

Wednesday, December 19th, at 7.45 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Wednesday, December 26th — Helvetia Society — Grand Ball — at 1, Gerrard Place, W. Extension. Tickets 2/6.

Monday, December 31st — Helvetia Society — New Year's eve Ball — at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. Extension.

Tuesday, January 8th, 1935 — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting, preceded by dinner (7.15 sharp) at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W.

Tuesday, January 29th, 1935 — from 8 p.m. to midnight — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Dance at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, Russell Square, W.C.1.

Saturday, February 16th, 1935 — City Swiss Club — Dinner and Dance at the May Fair Hotel, Berkeley Square, W.1.

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7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr, Chorprobe.

Sonntag, den 23. Dezember 1934. IV. ADVENT.
Weihnachtsfeier in der Kirche um 4 Uhr nachmittags, zu der jedermann herzlich eingeladen ist.

Der Morgengottesdienst fällt am 23. Dezember aus.

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