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ciated, the Editor of the "Swiss Observer", Monsieur le Pasteur and Madame Nicod, Father P. Bossard, three Honorary Members (the Secretary and two former Presidents Messrs. R. Chappuis and O. Grob, K.S.G., and their wives), the latest veteran of 50 years' membership Mr. F. Streit, and a recent octogenarian Mr. H. H. Baumann, the above-mentioned heads of the teaching and secretarial staffs and their wives, even the two young assistants at the Secretariat Miss Vogel and Miss Frauenfelder, and finally, a group of college students and his colleagues on Council and Committees. The President not only regretted the absence of the Ambassador and Madame Long, but also of the Rev. U. Stefan (prevented by influenza), Mr. J. J. Boos, K.S.G. (who had sent greetings) and Mr. L. W. Krucker, Trustee and Honorary Member. The latter had been expected but been unable to attend at the last minute. It had not prevented him, however, from generously donating some lovely leathersgoods which were offered in a free raffle, and which delighted the winners. Having expressed a few nice sentiments regarding the individual guests, Mr. Jaccard still had eloquent words about the ladies: *"It has been said by a wag, no doubt, that but for their women-folk, men would not amount to much. They bully us most of the time and often use means to attain their ends, which may transcend the masculine code, but we must accept that whatever they attempt, is done mostly for our own good, and many of us have to recognise, grudgingly perhaps, that what we are, we owe in a generous measure to our 'better halves'"*.

The high quality of the speeches set the right social temperature for the second part of the evening, which was given over to dancing. There cannot have been many, if any at all, who were not sorry when the last waltz was over and the two National Anthems brought the event to a close, however not before the promise of continued friendship and attachment of the S.M.S. was confirmed in "Auld Lang Syne" and the affection and respect for the President and his devoted wife expressed in "For they are jolly good fellows".

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WELFARE WORK AT THE PORTS

London Group of the N.S.H.

On Thursday, 22nd February, Mrs. M. H. Ellis, M.B.E., will give a talk to the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. Mrs. Ellis is the President of the Welfare Office for Swiss Girls and has great experience with young Swiss girls who come to this country often ill prepared. Her particular interest has been concerned with welfare work at the ports, and it is on this subject that she will address the N.S.H.

The talk will be of great interest to a large number of people, and all Swiss and their friends are welcome to this Open Meeting at the Swiss Hostel for Girls at 9/11 Belsize Grove, Hampstead, N.W.3 (7.45 p.m.).

NEUCHATELOIS

Comme les années précédentes, le dîner pour célébrer la République Neuchâteloise aura lieu le 1er mars, au Montana Hotel, 67 Gloucester Road, S.W.7, à 18h30 pour 19h. Les Neuchâtelois qui désirent participer à ce dîner, sont priés de s'adresser à Mr. R. VERMOT, Swiss Bank Corporation, 99 Gresham Street, London E.C.2 (tel. 606 4000).

NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE

Annual Film Show

The latest Open Meeting of the Society took place at the Swiss Hostel for Girls on 18th January, when selections from Swiss newsreels of 1967 were shown by courtesy of the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad in Berne. After the 45-minute newsreels, two new films were presented by courtesy of the Swiss National Tourist Office: "Valais — Hot Summers and Fast Pistes", a 20-minute film in superb colour on climbing and summer ski-ing, and the amusing colour film "Do you like Snow?" (12 minutes), shot at St. Moritz and showing the many aspects of life and entertainment in a Swiss winter sports resort. The high attendance by members and friends of the N.S.H. proves that this Annual Film Show enjoys an ever-increasing popularity.

J.S.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We send best wishes to Mr. A. Bleiker, now living in Spain, who will be 71 on 11th February, and to Mr. and Mrs. G. Friberg who will be celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary on 13th February. Many happy returns to them and any other readers who have birthdays within the next fortnight.

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