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# SWISS SPORTS, 1921.

Through the kindness of the Editor of The Swiss Observer we avail ourselves of his offer to give you an account of our Swiss Sports, which were held at Herne Hill Recreation Grounds on the 28th May, 1921.

You will see by the balance sheet that it realised a profit of £35 6s. 4d., out of which the members of the Committee have voted the sum of £25 to our Swiss Benevolent Society, or the Fonds de Secours aux Suisse Pauvres à Londres.

We take this opportunity to thank all our compatriots for the great help they gave us in subscribing to these Sports. We are glad to say that it was better patronised than on previous occasions, and had the weather not been doubtful in the morning, we might have had a much larger attendance. We think everybody was pleased, as we gave a great many prizes.

We again thank all the subscribers and all the donors of special prizes. We have mentioned the names of all the individual subscribers, so that everyone may see that the donation he gave was duly passed into the hands of our Treasurer.

We also thank the gentleman who bought four silk foulards on the ground as prizes. Unfortunately, our Presi-dent, Mr. Dimier, does not recollect his name; but we wish to thank him for his gift.

We trust that all our subscribers will give us the same support next year.

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### LA NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE

One of the happiest little Swiss din-ners I have attended of late years took, place last Friday, the 11th inst., at the Schweizerbund, 74, Charlotte St., W.1. The Society's intention in giving the din-ner was the desire to bring the members into more intimate touch with each other, and the experiment was certainly suc-cessful. There was an air of camaraderie and good feeling all the evening: the members were allowed to group them-selves just as they pleased, on the sole condition that they would make friends with somebody they had not previously known.

The fare was plain, wholesome and plentiful, and good Swiss wines were in demand. The happy idea of providing amusements as far as possible with talent from its own circle bore fruit libe-rally, but great credit is due to the splendid performance of the Swiss Choral spiendid performance of the Swiss Choral Society under the leadership of Mr. Pestou. The three songs they rendered undoubtedly contributed largely to the success of the evening. A proof of the good intentions of the Society in this direction was the very humorous reci-tation of the genial president lui-même. A niano quartete played new Swiss A piano quartette played new Swiss music very creditably, and there were songs and recitations of the right sort, with plenty of good piano solos. The speeches were correct in spirit and length.

As a member, I congratulate the pro-moters of the dinner on the success of their experiment, and I hope that more such events may be arranged by the Society, and that—as was hinted by the president—next time the ladies of the members may be admitted. A SATISFIED PARTICIPANT.

#### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY (Communicated.)

The first dance of the season has exceeded all expectations regarding attenceeded all expectations regarding atten-dance, 140 members and friends being present at this joyful gathering. After the pleasant outings to Stammore we expected to find the Dancing Section in great form, and we are glad to state that last Saturday's performance has not disappointed us disappointed us.

Mr. Freeman's band has once again scored a big success; no one could resist their tempting tunes. A compliment is due to the M.C's,

who have done their very best to provide partners for everyone—even the bar being raided occasionally. It is hardly necessary to point out that the great success was principally

due to the numerous attendance of so many sweet ladies; it was a treat to glance into the ballroom, which reminded one almost of a flower garden.

The catering arrangements were quite satisfactory, although the service was rather slow; but we are sure the Enter-tainment Committee will find a remedy

tainment Committee will find a remedy for that. The above mentioned Committee, un-der the very able leadership of Mr. Pfaendler, has shown great activity of late, and we sincerely wish them a large attendance at their gatherings, which are always so well organised.

Their last Smoking Concert and Dinner held at the Union Helvetia on Oct. 26th showed rather a poor attendance. only 60 members being present, which is all the more regrettable as the pro-gramme as well as the dinner were excellent.

These concerts are principally ar-ranged for non-dancing members, and we hope that the thoughtfulness of the Committee to cater for all tastes will find its due appreciation in the future. The Entertainment Committee of the Swiss Mercantile Society has been able to book the Hall at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, for Dances every first Saturday in the month from December until April.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor "The Swiss Observer." Sir,-In the last issue of your esteemed paper the A.O.D. The Helvetia Lodge No. 621" publishes an appeal to the members of the Swiss Colony, soliciting funds for the purpose of placing a wreath at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day, in order to pay tribute to the unknown Swiss Soldiers who fell in the Great War whilst serving with the Allied Armies.

The 11th of November is passed, and I do hope that the above mentioned unknown warriors received a wreath-it is right that we should all be honoured with flowers after having struggled through life. But, was there really any-reason to pay a special tribute to these men ? I know that unfortunately several I know that unfortunately several men? Swiss fought on opposite sides of the Swiss fought on opposite sides of the battle front, some, perhaps, to foster "Kultur," others to save "Civilisation." Now, whatever their reasons, all must have heard the call of their Country and their duty was clear! If they did not follow it, that was their affair, but the mere fact that they now get honoured by some of their countrymen shows. in my opinion, a deplorable state shows, in my opinion, a deplorable state of mentality of the latter. Let us remember that the object of

the Cenotaph is to glorify for ever those who died doing their duty for their Country !

enclose my card November 12th, 1921.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- Sunday, Nov. 20. at 3.15 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Sunday Afternoon Con-cert at the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, W.1.
- Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 7.30 p.m.-Association of British Members of the SWISS ALPINE CLUB: Annual Win-ter Dinner at the Adelaide Galleries, Gatti's Restaurant, 436, Strand, W.C.
- Friday, Nov. 25.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual Banquet and Ball at Prince's Restaurant.
- Thursday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m.—UNIONE TICINESE: Concert and Dance in aid of the Soc. for the Relief of Swiss Poor in London and the Ospedale Bleniese, Ticino, at the Schweizer-bund, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.