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LA NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE.

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL on March 21st, 1923.

1. The Swiss Minister has kindly consented to take the Chair at the forthcoming lecture by Prof. Zschokke on "The Swiss National Park" in King George's Hall.

2. Two members were admitted, and there were two resignations. The total number of members is now 426.

3. Mr. Theo. Schaerer was appointed delegate to the Day for Swiss Abroad of the Basle Samples' Fair. Some recent information about the programme for that day was given.

4. On June 1st we shall have a lecture in German on "Die Landerziehungsheime" by Director Tobler at 28, Red Lion Square, and on October 19th one in French by Dr. Paul Lang on "La Littérature contemporaine de la Suisse romande."

5. A letter from the Hon. Assistant Secretary of the Swiss Sports Committee was received, asking us to broadcast the desire of this Committee to have as many societies participating in the teams as possible this year. The invitations will be sent out for the Swiss Sports together with those for the June lecture.

6. The Secretary made a few communications with regard to his activity:—(a) A circular letter was read and will be sent to prominent English publishers, with a view to interesting them in contemporary Swiss fiction. The circular will be accompanied by a list, containing information on about 30 of the best books of Swiss fiction which have appeared since 1900; (b) The Groups of Bradford, Manchester and the Schweizerklub of Liverpool will be offered lectures by the Secretary for April 25th to April 29th; (c) An article was sent to the "Yorkshire Post," rectifying a statement re compulsory domestic service in Switzerland and one on the National Park to "The Swiss Observer"; (d) The Secretary is helping the National Union of Students of England and that of Switzerland with regard to the organisation of the exchange of students in summer. He is also gathering some new information for the Swiss Central Office for University Information, which is about to prepare a booklet on Swiss university conditions for the use of English students. He will give every possible help to members of the staff of the Swiss Federal Railways who will come to England with a view to improving their knowledge of the language.

7. Two members were elected to the Entertainment Committee. It was decided that the dinner will be definitely arranged for May 18th.

8. The President read a causerie by President Vogel, of the Florence Group, on the question of the Military Tax Bill and the Resolution adopted by this Group. The members of the Council, having received a copy of this Bill beforehand, an exhaustive debate took place. All the different aspects of the Bill were carefully studied. Finally the meeting voted on a general principle and four specific claims, which should be embodied in a Resolution. A committee of three was elected which will draft a Resolution and submit it to the Council at its next meeting for ratification.

Dr. PAUL LANG, Secretary.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

Social Function of the Education Department
on March 17th.

We are now in a period when people are constantly trying "something new." The Swiss Mercantile Society (London Section) have also done "something new," but different from all other "something new," because all pronounced it an undoubted success.

It was a happy thought which enabled the students of the Education Department of the Swiss Mercantile Society to meet on Saturday evening, March 17th, at the Union Helvetia to make the acquaintance of each other during the course of a pleasant evening. The function was started by a dinner over which Mr. B. Bretscher (Chef de Cours) presided, supported by Mr. De Brunner (President of the S.M.S.), Mr. Pfändler and several of the Professors. At the end of an excellent repast, Mr. Bretscher welcomed the large number of students present and proposed the toast of the S.M.S., to which Mr. De Brunner very ably responded. The Professor of English replied to the toast of the Professors. Among the remarks of the speeches it was said the initial letters S.M.S. have serious meanings. The Education Committee interpret them as "Send More Students," and the Professors as "Study Means Success."

A musical evening and dance followed. Thanks are due to those students who contributed the musical items. Mr. Bressier (accompanied by Mr. Chappuis) played some violin solos; Mr. E. Guggenheim gave selections on the piano; Miss M. Schweitzer and Mr. L. Sordet recited; Mr. R. Kamber gave some comical readings; Miss M. Dunner, Miss F. Haegi, Mr. O. Dunner and Mr. C. Krebs formed an excellent quartette. As is usual with Swiss gatherings, all joined in a number of Swiss choruses.

All present left with thanks to the Chef de Cours, who organised the very pleasant function.

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Saturday, April 7th, at 7 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Banquet and Ball at Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N. 1.

Tuesday, April 10th, at 6.45.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual General Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at Gatti's Restaurant.

Friday, April 13th, at 8 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE: Lecture by the Rev. R. Hoffmann-de Vismé on "Le Major Davel," at 28, Red Lion Square, W.C. 1.

Saturday, April 14th, at 11 a.m.—"Basle Fair Party" leaves Victoria Station for Switzerland.

Saturday, April 14th, at 7.30.—UNION HELVETIA: Grand Benefit Concert in Aid of London Hospitals at Wigmore Hall (tickets 3s. and 5s.).

Thursday, April 19th.—UNIONE TICINESE: Annual Banquet and Ball at Gatti's Restaurant, Strand, W.C.

Sunday, April 29th, at 3 p.m.—SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY: Grand Afternoon Concert at Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, W.

Friday, May 4th, at 8 p.m.—UNION HELVETIA: Annual Dinner and Ball.

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